

RATION SYSTEM PROVED SUCCESS

Lord Rhondda Satisfied With Result of Week's Experience
PUBLIC'S GOOD WILL Plan to be Put into Effect Over Whole of Great Britain

WHAT "MEAT" MEANS

Includes Poultry, Bacon, All Forms of Pork, Rabbits and Game

London, March 5.—Interviewed by The Mail and Empire correspondent today Lord Rhondda said: "I never like to shout before I am out of the woods and it is early yet to express a definite opinion about the success of our experiment in compulsory rationing of meat, butter and margarine over an area containing about a quarter of the population of England. However, I can say that the first week encourages me to hope that by the 25th we shall have devised a plan that will work satisfactorily over the entire country."

"The public certainly exhibited the utmost good-will and desire to co-operate with the Government despite the drastic reduction of the meat ration to approximately one and a quarter pounds a week.

"It might be well for me to point out that the word 'meat' as supplied to the ration includes bacon, all forms of pork, including sausages, poultry, rabbits and every kind of game, so practically the only substitutes for the supplementary rations are fish and eggs.

"The recent congestion of American railways naturally upset all our estimates. Unless the situation had been critical we should not have resorted to compulsory rationing, the success of which both now and in the future depends to a great extent upon the regularity with which we receive the maximum amount of cereals, meats and fats America can save.

Must be Elastic
"We have made several concessions, such as temporarily extending in certain cases the availability of ration coupons from one week into the next, and facilitating the sale of poultry. These concessions are not due to any popular clamor, but to a desire to enable the public to purchase food. Meat, otherwise, might be wasted. I realize that even compulsory rationing must be elastic, and at an early date probably we will have to provide supplementary rations for the hard workers in munition centres.

"No compulsory scheme can be flawless or without inconveniences, but it certainly looks as if the present plan will effectually abolish food lines and provide free low supplies. Even though the individual ration is small, I am convinced, and I did not need this week's experience to enable me to say this, that the people of this country, providing they believe a particular system is fair to all classes, will cheerfully meet all food restrictions, and will carry on with the same spirit of dogged determination they have shown during the three and a half years of war.

"It is necessary that people in the allied countries should be well fed, and that any future modification in the distribution of supplies should be arranged on psychological lines," said Prof. Chittenden, U.S. member of the Inter-Allied Commission of Rationing to a Daily News representative today.

He expressed the opinion that the rationing system in England was on the whole wise and well adapted to meet the needs of the people. It was, he said, only a matter of time before some form of compulsory rationing would be necessary in America.

TAKE OVER WHARVES
By Courier Leased Wire
Washington, March 6.—President Wilson intends to take over the Hambro-American and North German Lloyd Steamship Companies wharves and docks at Hoboken, N. J. He arranged today with Senator Martin, Democratic leader, for an amendment to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill giving him such authority.

CITY OF GUELPH WOULD RUN ALL ITS UTILITIES

Appeals For Legislation Facilitating Continuity of Administration.

By Courier Leased Wire
Toronto, March 5.—Continuity of administration of public utilities was the result which Sam Carter, M.P.P., claimed in the private bill committee this morning, would result to the City of Guelph by the passage of his bill, providing for the absorption of the powers of the board of light and heat commissioners, board of park management, board of sewers and public works commissioners and the board of directors of the Guelph radial railway company of that city by the city council. The board also provides for six of the city council to be elected for a three year, six for two year term, and six for one year term, and the mayor to be elected by the council.

His arguments and those of Hon. Hugh Guthrie, solicitor-general of Canada, convinced the committee, and they decided unanimously to report the bill. It has been proved said Mr. Carter, that business could not be done with those utilities without provision for continuity.

There was confusion in banking under the commission. The city had to pay six per cent to the bank for money to hand over to the commissions, and all the banks would allow them was three per cent.

It was also in the interests of continuity of administration he said, that they should have the right to elect the mayor in the council. This was the general practice in England. As the council, under the bill was to be elected by a general vote and not on the ward system, it gave every elector a share in the choice of the mayor.

The people of Guelph, said Hon. Mr. Guthrie, were two to one in favor of the bill. It was supported by the Trades and Labor Council, which opposed it last year. It would have the effect of abolishing the commissions and taking all powers back into the council. They did not seek to interfere with the Hyatt Commission's act, except by allowing the council to appoint two of its members, the mayor to be the third.

Where some of the council were to be elected for three years it would be difficult to elect the mayor by a direct vote of the people. By the proposed plan they expected to get the best man in the council as mayor, who, he stated, in answer to a question by a member of the committee, would be elected annually.

The people felt that things were getting worse under the present system. It was hard to get men to run for council.

Another feature of the bill, which was referred to by both Mr. Carter and Mr. Guthrie, was the provision allowing the council to assess four mills on the dollar for patriotic purposes, until the end of the war, instead of coming to the legislature annually for this privilege.

William Proudfoot, leader of the Opposition, thought that as the City of Guelph was prepared to accept the responsibility for the change in the system of voting, for council and election of the mayor, as he thought it would not affect any other municipality, they might let them try the experiment. It was a success other municipalities might want to follow their example.

NEXT U. S. DRAFT NEAR
By Courier Leased Wire
Washington, March 6.—Announcement of the date of the next draft is imminent. The provost marshal general's office has prepared an important announcement, which is believed to fix with the time and method of summoning the second levy. The best opinion is that the first of the men will move to camp in April. Preparations have been made for summoning the remaining negroes certified under the first draft. Between 70,000 and 80,000 of these were called, but only half went as they have been sent to the training camps. The inadvisability of centralizing these troops in Southern camps, and the fact that the army medical authorities do not believe it safe to transfer them to colder northern camps during the winter, are given as the principal reasons for the delay.

SIDE TALKS

VITALITY EXTRAVAGANCE.
Are you one of those people who commit vitality extravagances? There are a great many kinds of extravagances in this world besides the prodigality of money, which is the first thought to come to one's mind at the call of that word.

And one of the worst is the vitality extravagance—the overspending of one's strength income.

He is Successful and—
We were talking the other day about a man who died at fifty-one. He had spent a tremendously strenuous life, he was financially successful—and dead. I asked a man who knew him well if it was some inherited disease, "Not at all," he said, "he had just been over-drawing on his strength and he was called to account, that's all. I know plenty of men like him who've gone bankrupt at forty-five or fifty just that way."

I cannot say that I know many men in that class intimately, but I do know quite a few people who are doing that sort of thing in one way or another.

She Crams Things Into Her Life.
For instance, I am thinking of a woman at this moment who is fairly cramming pleasures and work

and motherhood into her life. When people tell her she ought not to do so much, she says she is just as well as other people. Perhaps she is, now, but I can tell by her voice and by her manner that she is doing these things not on her natural strength, but on her nerve. And when one does that, one is borrowing strength from the future. Incidentally it is like borrowing without good security. Nature permits you to do it, but she charges a very heavy rate of interest and exacts the last ounce of her due.

Nature is a User.
I have seen it myself with short time loans. Sometimes I borrow from Nature by crowding more into a day or two, than any day or two was ever meant to hold. I go from one thing to another in feverish haste, and then I spend a week (or more) paying up.

All of which is not saying that there are not times and causes (with both a little and big C) that it is worth while being extravagant for. Or perhaps I should say, for which it is impossible to be extravagant. Since an expenditure can not be extravagant if what one gets is well worth what one paid for it.

CALL FOR NATION WIDE PROHIBITION
National Committee in Convention at Chicago Voices Strong Demand

By Courier Leased Wire
Chicago, March 5.—A demand for immediate, nation-wide prohibition as a war measure, was voiced by Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the prohibition national committee in an address opening the thirteenth national convention of that party in Chicago today. One thousand delegates from all parts of the United States were in attendance. In part Mr. Hinshaw said:

"All the prohibition forces of this country will pull together, we can secure war prohibition within ninety days. We want prohibition for the period of the war, but we also want it permanently. We want it in the future as a permanent prohibition. Continuing Mr. Hinshaw said, the issue is, will ratification of the prohibition constitutional amendment be secured within twelve months, or will the matter be allowed to be deferred for three or five or seven years."

"The difference between national prohibition in twelve months and in three years means a waste of at least twelve billion dollars," he said. "Also, it will mean the loss of a couple hundred thousand lives. It will mean a decrease in the cost output of fifteen per cent. It will mean the waste of enough grain to feed any army of five million soldiers."

"Germany has gone so far as to prohibit the use of grains for the manufacture of beer. This is the greatest single attack she could have made against the armies of the allies. Also, it will mean a counter-attack by restricting war prohibition within ninety days and national constitutional prohibition within twelve months."

VANCOUVER WINNER
By Courier Leased Wire
Vancouver, B.C., March 6.—After playing on an even basis through the first period, the Vancouver Millionaires obtained a substantial lead over the Portland Rosebuds in the second period last night, the score standing 4 to 2, finally emerging from the struggle the victors with the long end of an 8 to 4 score. At the end of the first period the score was tied, each team having scored two goals, but the second period was all Vancouver, so far as scoring was concerned. In the third period the Buds made a valiant effort to offset the handicap after Vancouver had again scored twice, Barbour scoring the two remaining goals for the victors in less than 10 minutes. The Millionaires immediately came back with two more goals.

For the losers, Barbour, playing rover, was responsible for all four goals.

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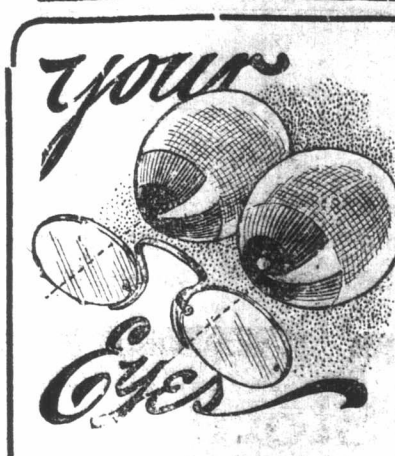
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PERSIAN CABINET QUILTS. By Courier Leased Wire

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The Mistake was all pa's ---By Wellington

Comical cartoon strip titled 'The Mistake was all pa's' showing a man and a woman in a room with various humorous dialogue bubbles.