

**WAR PRICES**

The World War has been both the direct cause and also the occasion of putting up prices, and perhaps more the occasion than the cause. Men saw the tunity to get rich quickly and the temptation proved too much for their moral equilibrium. The result on prices was, of course, the same as in all other cases of war, but with this difference, that the prices did not fall when the war closed, but rather kept on increasing for at least more than a year afterwards. And indeed after a period of more than two years and a half there has been only an inconsequential drop on a comparatively few articles, foods not included; and they by far the most important of the whole category. There can be but little doubt that organized plotting has kept up food values because the various raw materials incident to food preparation have gone down in price everywhere. Yet the ordinary citizen is given no relief in the matter of consumers prices. The American Civil War was a parallel in general to the World War as far as prices were concerned. The cost of every thing went up while the struggle was in progress. Then when it ended prices immediately fell, but not to pre-war figures. At first the fall was rapid, then a slower decline set in, and it was only at the end of twelve or thirteen years, the pre-war figures again prevailed. Of course the war was confined to one country, and it was only the American stocks that were depleted during its progress, and at the end of the fighting the rest of the world in general having ample supplies on all hands ready to sell on this side as soon as the nation wished for them. It may be that prices will never again become as low as in the decade before the war, but nothing is so sure as that prices must come down very far below the present measure, prices which are only serving to enrich the few at the expense of the masses and to the ruin of many. It is likewise also a fact that the remarkable outbreak of crime of recent years is the result to a great extent of sheer desperation of a life that has become overburdened with the almost unreachible cost of everything which enters into life.

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