

TIT-BITS OF FOOD CONTROL.

The price of sugar in Petrograd last July ranged from \$3.31 to \$3.55 per pound.

German estimates say the use of all drying apparatus in that country would dehydrate about 184,000,000 bushels of potatoes.

Winter and summer wheat, rye, winter and summer barley, rape seed, linseed, oats, beans, peas, buckwheat and seeds have been requisitioned in Holland.

The United States breadstuffs export programme for the coming year will aggregate 409,320,000 bushels, more than 60 bushels for every farm in the United States.

By the display of fair-price certificates in the windows of loyal retail grocers the public in the United States will be able to determine what stores are co-operating in the food-saving programme.

Forty-five per cent of California's pack of canned tomatoes, which represents about 30,000,000 cans, has been reserved for government uses, while the entire output of solid pack tomatoes will be taken.

The city of Paris has arranged to open a series of public restaurants for the supply of food at cost price. These restaurants will be modelled on the British national restaurants.

The Food Administration has no intention either of moving its headquarters to New York or of transferring to Washington any of its offices now located outside that city. This announcement is made in view of many rumours.

With "Admission 200 Peach Stones," an Indiana moving picture theatre at an afternoon performance took in four barrels of pits—enough to make many a gas mask. Two hundred pits or seven pounds of nut shells yield enough charcoal for one mask.

With the closing of breweries in the United States after December 1, any temporary dislocation in the barley market should cause producers little concern. Barley formerly used for brewing will, it is hoped there, result in increased amounts of milk, meats, flour, poultry products and other foods.

Manufacturers of condensed milk have been ordered by the Food Board to limit their use of sugar in the making of condensed milk for the domestic trade during the remainder of the present month, or any month hereafter, to no more than that used in corresponding months of 1917, except under special permit.

Practically the entire crop of California prunes will be taken for army, navy and marine corps requirements.

Two new ships have been added to the service between Argentine and Brazil, so that flour can be exported from the former country.

There is famine in the Portuguese Indian Colonies. The Colonial Minister ordered ships returning from the Colonies to reserve space for foodstuffs.

The Government of Peru is acquiring wheat from Australia and other countries. Sugar is to be exported. The Government has forbidden the export of cattle.

The Canada Food Board has no intention of interfering with dealers who legitimately store potatoes, apples and vegetables for the requirements of their trade.

There is much dissatisfaction at general conditions and prices in Greece, especially at Athens. The vegetable market is erratic and unsettled, and potatoes were completely absent for a week.

Federal Food Administrators in all American states have been advised that sugar allotments for household use will be held rigidly to two pounds per person per month, and announcing further restrictions for manufacturers.

The latest Norwegian harvest reports are on the whole fair. The production of fish meal fodder is to be greatly increased. Maximum prices have been fixed for Icelandic mutton, and the price of Danish meat has been increased.

Violation of sugar regulations and falsification of reports by a company, which operates sixty retail stores in and near Boston, Massachusetts, has resulted in a contribution of \$20,000 being paid to the United War Fund Work Campaign.

A summary of the nation's oatmeal industry lately announced by the United States shows the increasing extent to which oats are being used as a human food. Practically the entire output of oatmeal and rolled oats in the United States is produced by 17 mills.

Canadian consumption of butter could profitably be reduced by 25 per cent, according to a Canadian authority. If such measures were adopted it would release for export 56,000,000 pounds per year. Another technical advisor states that national consumption averages 28 pounds a head per year.