

BUSINESS CONDITIONS.
(New York Letter.)

The tendency of prices to fall would indicate that the readjustment of industry to a peace basis is proceeding somewhat more rapidly than the more conservative prophets of two months ago would have admitted was possible. This tendency has spread out from the basic industries and is now being felt in the textile markets. Such reductions were inevitable. Their immediate effect is to curtail the orders of those who hope for still lower levels soon and to stimulate the efforts of those who have large stocks on hand to dispose of them in foreign

markets. Examples of heroic treatment of the situation are not wanting and many producers and merchants are scaling down their inventories and pocketing their losses, hoping to offset them somewhat through a resulting earlier revival of business. There is considerable idleness throughout the country, especially in the industrial states, where cancellation of war contracts and the return of soldiers is creating a serious situation.

Admiral Mayo, U. S. navy: "I have thought that for some time before we entered the great war our people were losing much of the patriotic spirit that inspired our fathers in the Revolution."

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**DISTILLERS WANT TO
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Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The Canadian distillers have entered the prohibition fight with an alternative proposal. During the period of the war they contend that they have opposed no serious objections to the war measures of the government in connection with restriction of the liquor traffic. Now with the prospect of permanent and complete prohibition staring them in the face they have entered the arena. Their representative, Robert T. Ferguson, of Winnipeg, has come east and will remain in the east during the "critical" period when the question of the validation of existing orders-in-council passed under the war measures act is being discussed.

The Canadian distillers are absolutely opposed to the re-opening of the bars. In their own language they are "opposed to any legislation which has for its object directly or indirectly the re-establishment of the public drinking bar."

In fine they propose that each province be divided into "zones," that at the head of each zone there be appointed a government "factor" and that under his supervision distillers and agents of distillers be licensed to sell liquor. An applicant for liquor must apply in his own zone, else he will not get it. His order will be placed with the firm or agent manufacturing the liquor required, and that order will be sent to him without recourse to the middleman. Any man who abuses the use of the beverage may be blacklisted and cut off from supply in the particular zone in which he resides and he cannot get it from any other zone, so that he is entirely cut off. The advantages claimed by the distillers for this system are as follows:

1. By dealing, direct with, the consumer would get exactly what he ordered without danger of adulteration.
2. By the elimination of the middle-

man and by the inevitable competition the prices would be kept at a low and reasonable figure.

3. Bootleggers would become a past art as there would be no longer any incentive to buy or sell by this method.
4. The law would receive the respect of all.
5. The control of the consumption of liquor would be effective and abuses would be eliminated.
6. The essential features of the temperance acts would be preserved and strengthened.

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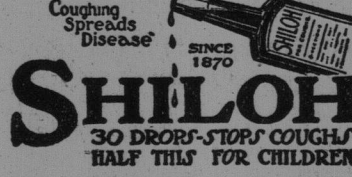
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**ITALY AND JAGO-SLAVICS
NEARING AN AGREEMENT**

Paris, Feb. 7.—As the result of direct exchanges between Premier Orlando of Italy and Premier Protitch of Jugo-Slavia, it was announced today that the differences between the two countries regarding the boundaries of their re-

spective territories which have been acute problem will probably be amicably adjusted.

Paris, Feb. 6 (Thursday)—A delegation from the Aeolian Islands today conferred with Premier Orlando, of Italy concerning their claim for annexation to Italy's support.



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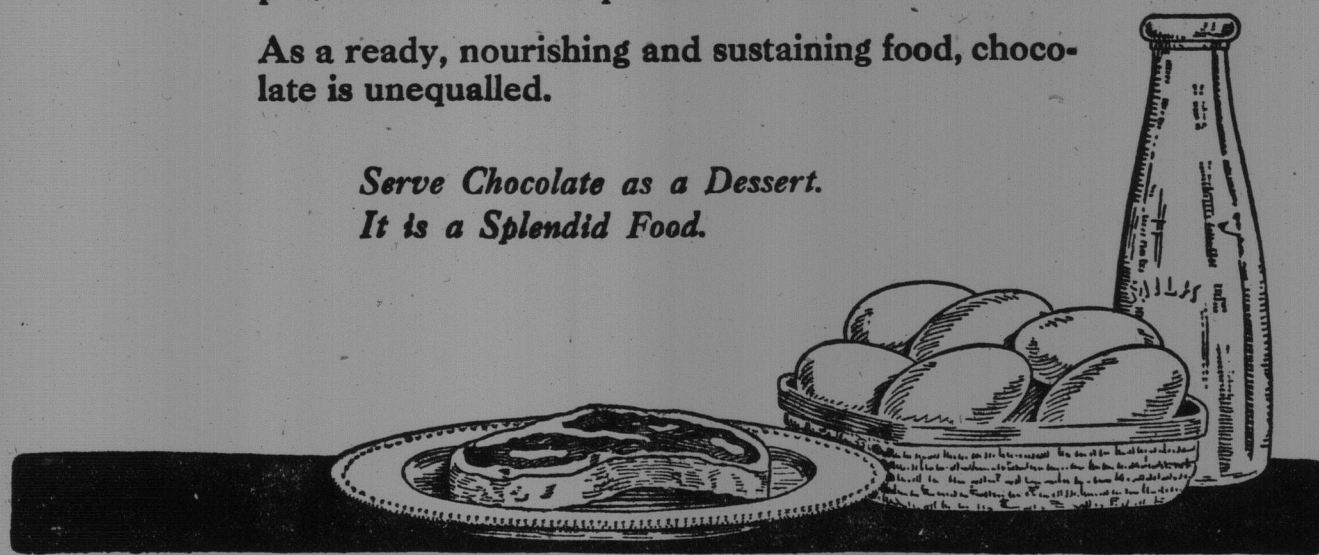
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