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HOUSEHOLD

BAKED BEAN SANDWICHES

Mash a cupful of baked beans, add a teaspoonful of chopped parsley, a teaspoonful of onion juice and a little prepared mustard. Season to taste with salt and white pepper. Butter white bread on the loaf, cut into thin slices and spread with the filling. Trim off the crusts and cut into shapes.

GINGER AND NUT SANDWICHES

Cut up very fine one part of preserved ginger to two parts of nuts, moisten with syrup of the ginger or with thick cream and spread between slices of white bread.

BACON SANDWICHES.

Mince fine some cold bacon and a hard boiled egg, having just bacon enough to flavor egg nicely. Mix with a little chow chow or Chili sauce. Use with brown or whole wheat bread, or white bread.

DATE SANDWICHES.

Clean the dates, stone and chop fine. Sprinkle with a very little lemon juice. Use bread made of entire wheat flour.

FIG SANDWICHES.

To one cupful of finely chopped figs, add one-half of a cupful of hot water and cook to a paste, and set away until cold. Either of these sandwiches may be improved by sprinkling finely chopped nuts on the filling after spreading it on the bread.

Vodka Will Never Return To Russia

The prohibition of vodka in Russia has caused a great deal of discussion in the Duma, which is the Russian Parliament. It has been debated whether it ought to be done with the big stock of 260,000,000 gallons now stored in Government warehouses. Among the suggestions made were the denaturing of the stuff, and the utilization of it for industrial purposes, such as the operation of motor cars. During the debate, the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Peter L. Bark, said:

"I deem it necessary to declare categorically, that all suggestions attributing to the government any intention of resuming the state sale of liquors are unfounded. I declare categorically that the government will encourage temperance after the war, also, and that any return to the old state of affairs is impossible. Proof of this intention is the fact that the government is now engaged in drawing up a bill, on lines suggested by 45 members of the Duma, for the maintenance of temperance for all time. This bill already has met with the sympathy of the entire Council of Ministers, and vodka, in accordance with the Czar's wish as expressed to me, will be totally prohibited forever. For this reason I am entirely in favor of denaturing the existing stock of vodka."

How Germans Reason

There is something remarkable about the imperviousness of the German press to moral ideas.

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More than one paper expresses inability to understand President Wilson's demand that the practice of sinking ships unwarned be abandoned, except on the, to them, strange theory that he has got it into his head that England is going to be the Victor, and that he wants to strike in on the winning side. The implication is that if the President expected Germany to win, he would of course be an abettor of sea-murder. How, with all Germany's successes, he could have been brought to think she could possibly lose, is beyond the Cologne People's Gazette ("Kölnische Volks-Zeitung") to understand. With the other German papers it regards the armistice war as a tremendous arm—"Germany's sharpest weapon," the "Kreuz-Zeitung" calls it. These great newspapers seem to have as much to learn as the German officer who, when taken prisoner, asked where he was going to be taken, and was told England. How, how can that be when you cannot cross the Channel? The German papers find complete evidence of the deadly nature of this mode of warfare in England's assumed desperate exertions to rob Germany of it, the theory being that the United States would not make even the stand she did without being hounded on by England. It was counted a very clever trick of the German Lie-Office to proclaim to the people of Belgium, the people of France, the people of Russia, and the people of Italy, that they were all mere puppets worked by England, who was not herself doing any fighting. They naturally did not convince these peoples that they were England's puppets. It is not a notion easily swallowed. But they did manage to convince themselves and their whole press, and now they would like to convince the Americans that they are being worked by Sir Edward Grey, such being the only conceivable reason why they should object to Germany's sinking passenger ships unwarned. There always will be people, like our correspondent Blank, who can believe anything. The German press unanimously says Germany will not sacrifice her sharpest weapon, just as the American press kept insisting to the last moment that Germany would have to disavow the "Lusitania" act and admit its illegality. But the German Government has promised to provide for the safety of passengers, though refusing to admit illegality, which is the crux of the submarine question, and the American Government has expressed itself satisfied without the fulfillment of her dimmendo demands.

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Financial Germany Is Urging Peace

New York, Feb. 8.—Gordon Gordon Smith, special correspondent of the Tribune, cables from Lugano, Switzerland, as follows:

"I have good reason to believe that high financial circles in Germany, which fear a financial catastrophe in a few months' time if the war continues, are exercising pressure on the government to conclude peace. Germany, it is understood, would renounce all projected annexations in Belgium, France and the Balkans, while Poland would be given autonomy under German suzerainty."

"Berlin banks and not the German government inspired the recent articles entitled 'Peace Projects,' which was published by the Neue Zürcher Zeitung, and which was recently intended as a peace-feeler. There is reason to believe that the Imperial Chancellor is not disinclined to accept this programme the steps will be taken to make this known to the governments of the Allies."

"If they are rejected Germany will declare that she will make the war more terrible by means which are still kept secret."

"There is reason to believe that Colonel House, President Wilson's personal envoy was informed of this situation during his recent visit to Berlin."

In connection with the foregoing, the Tribune prints the following despatch from its London Correspondent:

"The Switzerland story of Germany's financial position and desire for an early peace is considered here as undoubtedly not far from the truth. Recent private information from Berlin showed bankers using desperate means to bolster up the crumbling foreign exchange, which still drops despite their strenuous efforts."

"But to Great Britain her financial strength is only second to her navy as a fighting arm, and that Germany, after a year and a half of war, is now beginning to feel the might is a cause of satisfaction. It is thought here that it is probably true that German financiers are ready to quit, but not the German government and the former will be unable to control the latter until the pinch comes harder."

"Although reported peace overtures are more favorable than anything heretofore, the question is asked how the Germans expected England and France to consider any terms so long as she refuses to fight fairly, bombing civilians without hope of doing any military damage, and embittering and enraging the whole public."

"The opinion here is that the Allied governments will not consider peace until Germany is made to feel that the age of barbarism has passed."

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11. [via London].—A despatch from Ghent to the Echo Belge says on the Belgian front, between Ypres and Armentieres, a vio-

lent artillery battle has been in progress for ten days. The Germans are very busy strengthening their lines, but the opinion prevails that they have postponed the large offensive movement until the weather is more favorable. Allied airmen are developing unprecedented activity and constantly shelling camps, artillery parks and military buildings in the hands of the Germans. Camp Houthulst, the despatch says, finally, was visited during the last week by 47 raiding aviators, who did considerable damage to German military property.

What Colonel House Learned

London, Feb. 8.—The 'Morning Post's' Washington correspondent says he has received information from an important source that Colonel House learned that Germany willing to consider the discussion of terms of peace, but the Allies positively refuse to consider peace under any form at the present time. There is reason to believe, says the correspondent, that Germany is anxious to end the war, but only on the basis of the status quo existing on August 1, 1914.

Even The Germans Limit The Liquor

A despatch from Berlin, Germany, states that additional measures aimed at German beer drinking are in prospect. A Bunderstrassen order is expected to be issued this limiting the production of breweries to 45 percent of the quantity produced in peace times. Limitation to 60 percent of the peace production has been in force almost a year, 40 percent of this amount being reserved for the use of our armies in the field, and the recommendations of waiters that lemonade or other non-alcoholic drinks be ordered instead of the German national beverage have long since lost their novelty.