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EDITORIAL NOTES

After the Agrarian party had succeeded in passing a bill at the last session of the Reichstag, practically prohibiting the importation of our corned beef, canned meats and sausages, it introduced another bill to raise the import duties on cereals. The proposed duty on wheat, for example is 44 cents a bushel. The bill will come up for action this winter and Consul Diederich writes from Bremen that it will, in all probability, become a law.

Germany's ability to feed itself is growing less every year. Her population is increasing at the rate of 600,000 per annum, and there is no possibility that agricultural production can be increased in the same proportion. Agriculture is nowhere more highly developed than in Germany. The farm and grazing lands are scientifically treated. The limit of production has not been reached but it cannot be far off.

Germany gets hundreds of thousands of new mouths to be filled with bread every year and yet the tendency among farmers for the past decade has been to decrease the acreage in cereals and give more attention to other crops. Germany raises far more sugar beet, tobacco and hops than France produces and as large a quantity of the oil grains and textile plants. The main reason why these products have been cultivated at the expense of cereals is because it is becoming cheaper for the people to import breadstuffs than to raise them; and this condition is being more and more emphasized every year because more and more of the farming class are leaving the rural districts and finding employment in the city factories.

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HINTS FOR THE FARMER.

THE VALUE OF RIPE WOOD. The killing back of the shoots of many fruit trees in severe winters has led to much discussion as to the cause, or at least as to what should be done to lessen the evil, says Mr. F. H. Sweet. The first idea occurring to most everyone is that trees should be planted where the wood will have every chance of becoming well ripened.

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WHY FACTORY MILK IS OFTEN POOR.

One reason why factory milk is often delivered in poor condition is that farmers do not take good care of their cans. They sometimes wash them out with dirty water, then put on the covers without thoroughly rinsing and do not let in the air. The only way to remedy this is to wash the cans thoroughly and allow them to drain and stand in the sun as much as possible.

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LORD MAYOR'S SECRETARY

A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE WORLD'S METROPOLIS. W. J. Soulsby, Private Secretary to Lord Mayor of London for a Quarter of a Century-Reminiscences During These Years. For twenty-five years now has the same private secretary mothered, as it were, twenty-five Lord Mayors. Upon him they have all more or less depended. He is Mr. W. J. Soulsby, who now celebrates his "silver" jubilee as secretary, and who has seen more and knows more of the inner workings of the mayoral machine than any other living man.

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other foreign potatoes. Of course, the Queen of England has been to the Mansion House, and the private secretary, in looking back, remembers no more interesting event than when, in 1887, after opening the People's Palace in the East end, her Majesty came to the city's headquarters and took tea with the then Lord Mayor, Sir Reginald Hanson, and the Lady Mayores. A tapestry commemorating the event now hangs in the Mansion House where the reception took place. London has tendered Mr. Soulsby its best thanks. He is C. B. and has the Jubilee medal and clasp, and the Court of Aldermen made him a unanimous presentation of silver and of an address, and so, too, the Court of Common Council. And abroad they have honoured him. He is a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour of France, and there have been bestowed upon him also the Orders of Francis Joseph of Austria, of the Redeemer of Greece, of the Takovo of Serbia, of the St. Sava, also of Serbia, of the Rising Sun of Japan, of the Immaculate Conception of Portugal, of the Leopold of Belgium, and of the Humane Republic of Liberia.

NEW BRITISH ARTILLERY. Orders given for War Material Exceeding \$50,000,000 in Value. The rearming of the British artillery and the replenishing of the stores of ammunition and other war material will, it is stated, necessitate a vote at the next session of the British Parliament of from forty to sixty millions of dollars. A good deal of this money has been already spent or anticipated, the Krupp works in Germany being employed on an order for fifteen batteries of quick fired, and large orders having been placed in the hands of Messrs. Vickers, Sons & Maxim in England for guns and mountings. One order is for forty-two of the 4.7-inch guns that are reported to have proved very serviceable in the South African war, and another is for thirty-five howitzer batteries with the wagons, limbers and carriages. The same firm is also at work on the mountings for twenty-seven 6-inch 18-pounder guns of the Vickers type, one of the most powerful and destructive weapons in either the British land or sea service.

As the order for these armaments were given without reference to Parliament, the necessity for them must be very urgent. The despatch of arms and ammunition to India for the rearming of the British garrisons there and the transfer of the discarded rifles to the native regiments proceeds as rapidly as the arms arrive. Arrangements for making smokeless powder, and other war materials have also been made, the establishments being located in central India. WORK AHEAD. Bunko Bill-Do you know that there are 76,000,000 people in this country? Green Goods George-I do, and at least 75,000,000 of them are waiting to be fooled in some way. Come on, let's not stand talking here.

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