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**OUR "FAIR FOOD LIST."**

The fair price list promulgated by the price commit-  
tee of the local food administration, appears upon in-  
vestigation, to be largely a bluff. Only one grocery in  
town is living up to it, and by living up to it, we mean,  
charging as much in all cases as it provides for, and  
never less nor more. That is Muesels, Miller & Currey  
are above it on five items and below it on one; Ferndell  
is above it in three instances and sells for more in one;  
the Brotherhood buys for less in one, sells for more  
in one, and for less in five, and the O. K. sells for  
more on two items and for less on 11.

This may mean much or it may mean little. As prices  
have not changed materially under the price-fixing,  
however, it is plain that the "fair list" is more of a  
confirmation of old prices, and excusing them, rather  
than of any particular benefit to the consumer. It  
merely makes it to appear that a price-fixing com-  
mittee appointed by the food administration has in-  
vestigated and found that the prices charged by the  
retailers are fair prices, and that in a number of in-  
stances they might charge more without being unfair.

And it was about as was to be expected. Grocers,  
butchers, wholesalers, etc., with one exception, consti-  
tute the committee. They have it to their credit that  
they haven't tried the fixing of a minimum price, as  
was attempted in the matter of milk, at least. They  
have been generous in that, but it is quite what a  
norganized public, at the mercy of a food administra-  
tor whose mind runs all to profits, might expect. The  
recent food administrator in South Bend has about as  
much feeling for, and about as much conception of,  
the rights of the common man—well, as the Hun  
has for international law.

And so you are—probably—stung again, Mr. Uti-  
mate Consumer; taxed, in a sense, without repre-  
sentation as usual. To check profiteering they called in  
the profiteers, it seems, and virtually said: "Now here  
is the official machinery. Go ahead and legalize your  
profits in an ostensible 'fair price' list, and give it offi-  
cial sanction."

**GERMANY'S PEACE OFFENSIVE PURELY  
A MILITARY MANEUVER.**

Too much cannot be said to impress upon the public  
the danger of giving any acceptable credence to the  
latest German peace offensive. Kaiser Wilhelm made  
his purpose plain in his address to the German army  
and navy Sunday. He will afford the allies an oppor-  
tunity to negotiate with his government for what he  
terms "an honorable peace,"—and we all know what  
that means; something like was offered Russia. He  
will find that he is not dealing with the bolsheviks,  
Lenine and Trotsky, as he well knows, when dealing  
with Pres't Wilson, and Premiers Lloyd George, Cle-  
menceau and Orlando.

The purpose of the kaiser is to break down the Ameri-  
can, British, French and Italian morale, by getting us  
to talking peace instead of war. He thinks he is  
smooth enough to beguile the people of these countries  
into again believing in his sincerity, despite his past  
crookedness, and thereupon take to urging upon the  
allied governments, acceptance of his negotiation plans.  
In his super-egoism, naturally he does not regard him-  
self the beast that he is, nor is he able to conceive of  
anyone else regarding him in that true light. Our  
homely philosophy that forbids our ever negotiating  
for peace with a mad dog or a mad bull, a highway-  
man or a homicide, is as high above him "as the  
heavens are high above the earth."

So this latest peace offensive of the kaiser must be  
taken as all previous offensives; military in purpose,  
calculated to throw the allies off their guard and afford  
the central powers opportunity to recuperate. If we  
believe not, you may look out for another big attempt  
at a real military offensive on the western front with-  
in a fortnight. It is a breathing spell that is wanted,  
not peace. It is hoped this peace maneuver will per-  
meate the army and disarm it in degree, quite as a  
similar peace drive semi-disarmed Italy at its retreat  
of a year ago.

It is the peace offensive that we have long been  
warned against. Readers of the Frank H. Simonds  
articles as they have appeared in this paper, have had  
this warning placed before them incessantly. Other  
writers have been just as insistent. Every public speak-  
er here during the summer at the chautauque, and  
during the Liberty loan drive, et cetera, have told us to  
beware of Germany's peace maneuvers, and never per-  
mit it to break down our determination, not to negoti-  
ate with autocracy, but to annihilate it.

We must get rid of the beast in order to get rid of  
his beastliness. His power, and all opportunity of  
recuperation must be wiped out. The world cannot  
be safe for democracy, or anything else human, until  
this is done. Stick to the supreme test, which is "un-  
conditional surrender." Let no vain offers of peace  
deceive you.

**TWO HEROES.**

Where so many generals are winning glory, it may  
seem an invidious distinction to pick out any for signal  
honors. Two men, however, by common consent stand  
out above all others, save Foch himself, in the recent  
achievements of allied arms. They are, of course, Gen.  
Allenby and Gen. d'Esperey.

Allenby's defeat of the Turks in Palestine is down

as the cleanest job anybody has yet accomplished in  
this war. He has succeeded in absolutely destroying  
all the Turkish armies in that war theater.

Franchet d'Esperey's victory over the Bulgarians is if  
possible still more brilliant, because of the amazingly  
short time in which it was accomplished and the vast  
results immediately following it. When he started his  
drive, Bulgaria was still regarded by many critics as  
impregnable. She had won all her war objectives, and  
held them firmly for more than three years. Campaign  
after campaign had brought the allies scarcely any  
appreciable gains. Yet in 12 days from the start of  
his offensive, this hitherto obscure French general had  
wiped out the Bulgarian and Austrian armies on a wide  
front, opened an unobstructed passage into Bulgaria  
and compelled that country to lay down its arms and  
submit unconditionally to the terms of the allies.

It should be remembered that both Allenby and  
d'Esperey won these triumphs with forces little if any  
superior numerically to their enemies. They were sheer  
victories of brains, courage and indomitable energy.  
One followed so closely upon the other that they were  
virtually contemporaneous, and they were closely link-  
ed in strategic and political effect.

History will doubtless assign each of the victors a  
high place of honor in the big war. Both generals now  
stand in the world's estimation next to Marshal Foch  
—the supreme military genius the war has produced.

One Michigan candidate for the United States senate  
admits having spent \$176,000 in his primary campaign.  
His rival says he didn't spend a dollar on the primaries,  
and he won't spend a cent to be elected. The result on  
Nov. 5 ought to afford a pretty good criterion as to  
whether it pays to spend money in politics.

Speaking of taking candy from children, how about  
Allenby robbing Allah's little ones of their Turkish  
delight?

"Be hard!" Hindenburg advises the Germans. They'll  
have to be, to stand what they're going to get from  
now on.

**Other Editors Than Ours**

TRYING TO SQUARE ITSELF.  
By Walter S. Chambers.

Desperate efforts are being made by the republic-  
an organization to correct the blunders made in  
Indiana early in the campaign. It is an uphill job, but  
Will Hays is working at it.

He came from Washington City to Louisville, Ky.,  
last week to meet the republican state committee, and  
while there gave out an interview that the sole business  
of the republican party now was to sell Liberty bonds.  
The Star played this up on the first page, not for the  
purpose of selling bonds, but in the effort to square  
the G. O. P. organization for the fool things it did  
early in the campaign. In this connection it is inter-  
esting to note that after his Fort Wayne speech Sen.  
Watson was called on the carpet and told that the  
surest way to lead the G. O. P. this fall was to make  
speeches like that. Since that date he has not ad-  
dressed any German audiences and told them we were  
not in the war to take Alsace from Germany or to  
interfere with the kind of government Germany has  
in the future.

Early in the campaign it was found that it would  
never do to let Sen. New go on the stump, either in the  
campaign or the Liberty loan. His wild utterances at  
the republican state convention almost put the party  
on the hummer in Indiana and has kept the other  
managers busy getting things squared around. He was  
told either to get right with the war issue or keep  
off the stump. Since then nobody has heard of New  
making any public addresses in Indiana.

No grand jury and no indictments could have dam-  
aged the republican prospects in Marion county so  
much as the action of Judge Collins in dismissing the  
grand jury just when it was to start investigating elec-  
tion frauds a week ago Monday. All kinds of reports  
are circulated. One of these is that a number of indict-  
ments would have been returned inside 48 hours and  
against men in Indianapolis that would have as-  
tounded the public. It is reported that the grand jury  
was made up of exceptionally strong and honest men  
who could not be swayed or unduly influenced, and  
would have found according to the facts. In the mean-  
time Bernard O'Connor, who the News said is one of  
the most reputable men in Indianapolis, keeps on  
publishing affidavits showing where republican candi-  
dates lost more votes in some precincts than there  
were republicans participating in the election. Nobody  
is disputing these statements and they are taken  
at face value by republicans and democrats alike.  
The situation has come to the point where no news-  
paper and no good citizen has dared to defend the  
rotten republican primaries of last spring.

A very prominent republican in Indianapolis remark-  
ed a few days ago: "Admitting that all the charges  
made against the Bell-Perrot crowd were true, they  
were made at the time it came to election frauds. The  
worse they could do was to be charged with clubbing  
a few Niggers, while the republicans took the smoother  
method of using the pen instead of a club. They wrote  
the names of dead men and those not in the precinct  
and counted them as voting."

And so it would seem when we read how the republic-  
an good government and pure politics crowd stole  
the primaries last spring from the anti-organization  
crowd and from the Shank forces which would have  
probably swept the platform if they could have had a  
fair deal. But election frauds are not all the republic-  
an ring is accused of, as they have many other charges  
to answer. And where there is so much smoke there  
is usually some fire.

Republicans are considerably worried about the reg-  
istration of voters in some of their strongholds. The  
worst place in the state is Marion county, where 30,000  
of the 80,000 total vote are not registered. Another  
10 or 15 thousand will be registered, but the vote will  
be light. And this is in the face of an immense cam-  
paign fund and the employment of two men to go to  
every county and stay for a month. These men were  
paid good salaries and given all the money needed  
to hire helpers. A few weeks ago, when the republican  
finance committee met, it was told to raise \$100,000  
in the state and that Will Hays would supply the  
balance, which indicates that the same tactics would  
be employed as two years ago when more than 10,000  
votes were bought in Indiana under the guise of em-  
ploying messengers at \$2 each. In Indianapolis 3,500  
of these messengers were employed on election day,  
or an average of 25 to the precinct. This money was  
paid by the "pure politics" crowd—God save the mark  
—and is a matter of public record.

Republicans have made a big effort to show that  
farmers were dissatisfied because the price of wheat  
was not raised from \$2.26 to \$2.40 per bushel, and cite  
the fact that the price of cotton is not fixed. The ap-  
pointment of a committee by the president last week  
to fix the price of cotton has put an end to that argu-  
ment. And the further fact that at \$2.26 wheat is as  
high in proportion as any other staple farm product,  
has kept this argument from having any effect. Republi-  
can politicians seem to think that 14 cents on the  
bushel of wheat will buy a farmer's vote. Inasmuch as  
the farmer is making more money now than ever be-  
fore, he is not likely to cast aside a good administra-  
tion for empty promises. In short, the farmer does not  
propose to kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

**THE MELTING POT**  
"Come Take Pot Luck With Us"

SHAKESPEARE WAS RIGHT.  
By James J. Montague.

I know that Shakespeare used to make  
His kings eternally complain,  
And, to be vulgar, belly-ache,  
About how tough it was to reign.  
I thought he overdid the thing,  
Perhaps to kid along the mob.  
I couldn't see why any king  
Should not be tickled with his job.

And yet here's old King Ferdinand,  
Who cannot tranquilly be calm,  
Among the people of his land  
For fear they'll bean him with a bomb,  
Who cannot trust his kith or kin,  
And knows that almost any night  
Some loving subject may drop in  
And blow him up with dynamite.

And here's the Sultan of the Turks,  
Who has to shudder when he thinks  
That maybe prussic acid lurks  
In everything he eats or drinks;  
Who, though he loudly thunders "Bah!"  
And wears a scowl that's dark and grim,  
Is wondering when some pasha  
Will put a typhus bug on him.

And here is worried Kaiser Bill,  
Who sees his people getting sore,  
And knows that pretty soon they will  
Discover that he's started war.  
Who dare not stick and dare not flee,  
And constantly becomes more sick  
And full of frightful thoughts when he  
Remembers what they did to Nick.

Three kings, and every one a bust:  
Three kings with but a single thought,  
And that is of the fate they must  
Stand up and face when they are caught.  
I'll read this Shakespeare stuff again,  
He must have studied hard and long  
About the ways of kings and men,  
Because he never got off wrong!



**The Strange Freaks of Tornadoes**  
BY GARRETT P. SERVISS.

"I read of a cyclone over Lake  
Winnebago which formed a funnel-  
shaped cloud, which drew up im-  
mense quantities of water that were  
later discharged from the cloud like  
a cloud-burst. Kindly explain how a  
cloud forms in a funnel shape, and  
how it is powerful enough to draw  
up water.—D. A. F. C., Brooklyn.

The correct name of the kind of  
storm that you speak of is not cy-  
clone but tornado. By cyclones  
meteorologists mean general storms,  
accompanied by rain, or snow, often  
a thousand miles in diameter, which  
extend over the whole country and  
whose winds have a combined mo-  
tion of rotation around a center,  
which gradually moves eastward or  
northward. But they give the name  
tornado to local whirling storms  
of great violence, which destroy  
houses, crops, trees and sometimes  
take a large toll of human life.

It is for refuge from these tornadoes  
that the so-called "cyclone cellars"  
are built. A funnel-shaped  
cloud is characteristic of tornadoes,  
and of their meteorological relatives,  
sometimes encountered at sea—"wa-  
ter spouts." Its formation is due to  
the whirling of the air that occurs  
when atmospheric currents of wide-  
ly different temperature encounter,  
and the warmer air rises rapidly,  
causing currents to flow in from all  
sides to take its place.

Thus the rising air at the center  
assumes a motion somewhat like  
that of water pouring through an  
inverted funnel, the motion being  
upward instead of downward, and  
it whirls with a screw-like move-  
ment, just as water does when pour-  
ed through a spout. When the dis-  
turbance of the air is on a small  
scale, and near the ground, a little  
"dust whirl" will be formed; but if  
the disturbance originates overhead,  
at a considerable elevation, where  
large air currents encounter, the  
whirling action appears to bore its  
way downward until it encounters

the earth's surface, and then the  
form of the disturbed portion of the  
air is brought into view, as a funnel-  
shaped cloud, by the condensation  
of the atmospheric moisture.

You can make an imitation of  
the form of such a cloud by setting  
the water in a glass, in swift rota-  
tion, with a spoon or stick. A hollow  
whirling core will form, boring its  
way downward, the water being  
driven from the central space by the  
centrifugal force.

At the center of the whirling  
cloud of a tornado there is an up-  
ward motion due to the constant  
rising of the air through the axis  
of the funnel and to the tendency  
for a vacuum to form there.

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**REGISTER**  
FOR THE  
**ELECTION NOV. 5th**  
Your registration for the army does not qualify you to vote. Some voters have made the mistake of getting mixed on this. That only qualifies you to fight. It was a military duty. Registering to vote is a civil duty. Don't wait until the last minute and lose out—  
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