

Why Meat Prices Vary in Different Stores

Prime steers.....	\$19.90@20.25
Good to choice steers.....	15.50@16.50
Common to medium steers.....	13.75@14.75
Yearlings, fair to fancy.....	10.00@11.00
Fat cows and heifers.....	8.50@9.50
Canning cows and heifers.....	7.50@8.50
Bulls, plain to best.....	6.50@7.50
Yearling calves.....	6.75@7.75
Western range steers.....	12.50@13.50

These newspaper quotations represent live cattle prices in Chicago on December 30th, 1918.

The list shows price ranges on nine general classified groups with a spread of \$13.85 per cwt.—the lowest at \$6.50 and the highest at \$20.35.

Why this variation in price?

Because the meat from different animals varies greatly in quality and weight.

Although the quotations shown are in nine divisions, Swift & Company grades cattle into 34 general classes, and each class into a variety of weights and qualities.

As a result of these differences in cattle prices, (due to differences in weights and meat qualities), there is a range of 15 cents in Swift & Company's selling prices of beef carcasses.

These facts explain:

- 1—Why retail prices vary in different stores.
- 2—Why it would be difficult to regulate prices of cattle or beef.
- 3—Why it requires experts to judge cattle and to sell meat, so as to yield the profit of only a fraction of a cent a pound—a profit too small to affect prices.

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GERMANY MUST PAY

Nation Will Never Be Able to Make Amends for Damage.

FERTILE SOIL IS DESTROYED

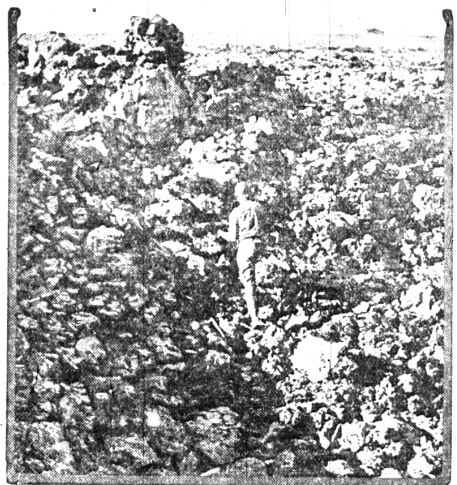
Innumerable Unexploded Shells Will Make Cultivation Precarious—Doubtful if Land Can Be Reclaimed.

By WRIGHT A. PATTERSON.

What must Germany pay for? That question can be adequately answered only when it is remembered that Germany started the terrible conflict in Europe for no reason other than that of conquest and loot; started it only to satisfy the selfish ambitions of a selfish people for world domination. That is being admitted today by what is left of the German nation; it is admitted by those who were directly responsible for the war. And it is because Germany started this conflict for no reason other than that of conquest and loot that Germany owes to the world full payment for all the devastation which the war has brought, not only in so far as she can pay now, but in so far as she can pay for generations yet to come. Among the many, many sections of Belgium and northern France that I personally covered, following closely on the heels of the retreating Hun army, was that which lies between what were the cities of Ypres and Menin, approximately 20 miles apart. Here, before the coming of the invading Boches, was what was considered the most productive soil of the world, and the most intensely cultivated. Here in a number of farm villages lived the Belgian peasant families, happy, thrifty people, each family cultivating the small fields which it owned. No fences separated these fields, no hedges cut them off from the

road, and Menin, on both sides of that long, straight road, I am sure I did not see one square foot of soil that was not a part of a shell crater. What had once been the richest soil of the world is today but a waste, made so by the shells that fell upon it because Germany sought world domination. This soil has been destroyed by countless thousands of shells falling actually one upon another, each digging deeper into the earth until the very subsoil has been turned over and the land made worthless for cultivation for years to come, if indeed it can ever be reclaimed.

Unexploded Shells Buried in Soil. There lie today on the surface of this land many thousands of unexploded shells, and there are buried in the soil many, many thousands more, each one of them a menace to any farmer who attempts to put a plow into the soil in an effort to reclaim it. And this land is destroyed, because the homes were destroyed, because of German ambition, of German cruelty, of German lust, of German wantonness and German brutality. Who is to pay for it? Who is to risk destruction that it may again be put into condition for cultivation, that it may serve the purposes of the human race? Shall the peaceful Belgian peasants, who had no part in the starting of this conflict, suffer their loss without compensation? Shall these peasants who have endured more than four long years of homeless agonies, who have suffered not alone the loss of homes and land but the loss of relatives and friends as well, be the ones to risk destruction in the effort to again bring these lands back to a condition where cultivation is possible? Shall they be blown to bits by the bursting of these shells, hidden as they are beneath the surface of the ground, when fair plow strikes and explodes them? If unexploded, these shells continue to be a menace for years to come, but who are to risk their lives in removing them? Could the American people generally, and especially the American farmers, have seen the sights I have seen



Ground Pulverized by Bursting of Big Shells.

along this long, straight road between Ypres and Menin, they would say, "I say it is the German who must pay; it is the German who must risk destruction in the effort to put this land again into condition for cultivation. I believe that one condition of the peace treaty should be that Germany, either as one nation or as property from the several small nations that she can tear out of the German empire, should call its military classes to the colors each year as it has done in the past, but in place of putting arms into the hands of these men and training them for the purposes of war—a war of conquest that it should put these men into the trenches she has decorated, to risk for the soil and to rebuild the villages of the towns and cities the Huns have destroyed. Let these Germans, under guard of Belgian troops, take the risk of destruction for them, guide the plow that may strike the unexploded shell, and let Germany pay them the meager wages of the German soldier while they are doing this.

I have seen old men and women, worried by four long years of exile, stand beside this road and gaze longingly over the devastated landscape in an effort to locate some familiar object that would remind them of their spot they had known all their lives, and then turn away with tears on their cheeks because they could not find even the small object that would tell them of the homes, the only homes, they had known.

It was German ambition, German cruelty, German lust, German wantonness, German brutality, that were the cause of the destruction of these homes, of the agonies of a peaceful, thrifty people. What can possibly compensate these people for their loss, for the misery they have suffered, for the most still suffer, for the homes and the associations that are gone forever? No, Germany can never pay in full, but she can continue to pay and pay until there has been no part of the German people that desire for war, that love of conquest, that brutality, that it has taken centuries, almost, to breed into them, and which has resulted in laying a whole world waste.

In all that 20 miles between Ypres

and Menin, on both sides of that long, straight road, I am sure I did not see one square foot of soil that was not a part of a shell crater. What had once been the richest soil of the world is today but a waste, made so by the shells that fell upon it because Germany sought world domination. This soil has been destroyed by countless thousands of shells falling actually one upon another, each digging deeper into the earth until the very subsoil has been turned over and the land made worthless for cultivation for years to come, if indeed it can ever be reclaimed.

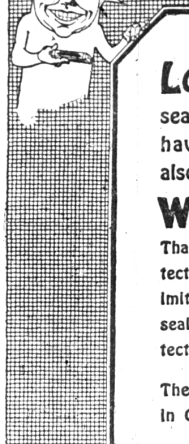
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Should Pay and Pay and Pay.

That would be the nearest thing to an accounting that Germany can render to the world, but she should pay all that it is humanly possible for a people to pay who have so ruthlessly despoiled the world. Her people should pay, and pay, and pay, until they have learned beyond the shadow of a doubt that war for the purpose of conquest, for the purpose of loot, for the gratification of selfish ambitions is the most unprofitable business they could possibly engage in.

And remember that the devastation to be seen along the road from Ypres to Menin is but an example of all the terrible destruction to be found throughout Belgium and northern France and Serbia and other countries that have been overrun by the conquest-seeking armies of the Boche. And remember, too, that it is not alone the devastation that is to be paid for, but it is the work and the tears and the economic loss of every nation that was called into the struggle to defeat the selfish purposes of a selfish people, that the world might be a decent place in which free men might live.

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It's a good thing to have opinions and it's a better thing to keep the lid on them sometimes.

Don't wear your bathing suit to a New Year's party just to show that you have one.

WEAK KIDNEYS MEAN A WEAK BODY

When you're fifty, your body begins to break a little at the hinges. Motion is more slow and delicate. "Not so young as I was," "Stuck that," etc. etc. are all excuses for all the diseases of the kidneys, liver, stomach and allied organs which good health and a good appetite so much depend on, and which the weak and elderly are generally the sufferers. Unpleasant symptoms show themselves. Fatigue and aching, weight gain in other organs trouble. This is particularly true with the delicate people. If you don't know how, this trouble can be obviated.

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The Stomach Begins

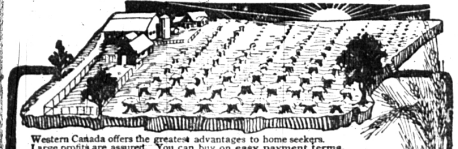
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Small Poem. He—I put all my brains into it that just poem of mine. She—Four-liner, wasn't it? Knew Human Nature. The old lady who declared it to be possible to please some people certainly said something.

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