

# DIE IN BERLIN FROM EPIDEMIC

## Underfeeding Makes Spanish Sickness Fatal in German Capital

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The Hague, Aug. 2.—The following information has reached me from a correspondent: "Spanish sickness in Berlin is chiefly among the troops, and has a very fatal character. In the reserve divisions of the Guards the deaths the week before last amounted to ten in one company and twelve in another, and from five to six in several. Underfeeding has made fatal an epidemic which otherwise might have no very serious effect.

"As far as ascertainable every man who can be spared is now summoned to the colors. Of Krupp's two hundred thousand workers, between thirty and forty thousand have been called to the front, and the conscription elsewhere is even more rigorous.

"Food conditions, instead of getting better, are, in many places, worse than ever. Well-to-do families in some places have Swede soup three times a day.

### Down in the Mouth.

"Almost everywhere you may note that the people are really down in the mouth for the first time, because the offensive which was to bring peace has obviously failed. It is no longer uncommon for men, and especially for women, to grumble 'We have been deceived,' and always they tack together Ukrainian corn and American troops.

"Three weeks ago officers in Berlin roundly asserted that the war would be over in three months, when the Germans took Paris. Now they say the war must end this year, because though Germany cannot go longer, neither can the Entente. They admit that sickness and disease are steadily undermining the efficiency of the army, though they continue to assert that the allied armies are suffering equally.

"At Berlin in some circles you hear appalling stories of the havoc wrought by allied airmen along the Rhine. The Mannheim people in particular are in an overwrought state, which has resulted in several suicides. Alarms are frequent, and often needless. Often in the middle of the night everyone has to scuttle to cellars and wait there, and then find it was a false alarm."