

HUNGER REAL CAUSE OF GERMAN ILLNESS

THOUSANDS IN FOE'S INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS ARE SUFFERING FROM IT.

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Amsterdam, July 14.—The illness from which thousands of persons in German industrial districts are suffering, and which has been described as Spanish influenza, is really an illness due to hunger and consequent exhaustion. The Telegraaf says it has learned.

In various industrial towns in Westphalia and the Rhine provinces, the newspaper reports, many deaths are occurring daily, and the hospitals are full of patients suffering with this malady.

The German potato ration, the newspaper adds, has been reduced to between one and one-half and two kilograms weekly per person, and the new potato crop has not yet been distributed.

As the result of the situation brought about by under-nourishment and sickness, it is stated, various branches of German industry are being considerably hampered in the work.