

# DIE AT WORK FROM BAD FOOD

**Underfeeding in Germany is  
Producing Fatal Disease  
Among People**

**NO REVOLT LIKELY**

**Population in Labor Centres  
is Too Apathetic to Resist  
Oppressors**

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The Hague, June 20.—“The mysterious sickness now prevalent in Spain comes from Germany, and will doubtless soon reach other countries,” so a Dutch tailor, who recently returned from Germany owing to the terrible living conditions, informed your correspondent.

“Conditions among the civil population,” the tailor continued, “are terrible; no one knows how terrible. Workmen die at their work from lack of nourishment. If a workman cuts or wounds himself he rarely recovers, as the wound gets inflamed and swells up to an enormous size, and water accumulates, and then spreads all over the body, until he dies. This water is supposed to be due to under-nourishment, and to come from the enormous quantities of turnips now eaten by Germans of all classes.

## **Dying at Essen.**

“I, my wife and three children once had nothing to eat but boiled turnips, with no fat, for three days, and yet I had other than ordinary means of getting food, and was getting good wages. Especially the workmen at Essen are dying by the hundreds, although no one hears of it. The people are, of course, earning tremendous wages, and are able to save, and this is a compensation, but there will not be much to be done in Germany after the war, and I, for one, will not return. Living will be impossible there owing to tremendous taxes, and everything will be ersatz substitute for a long time. Even at present it is impossible to get cotton underwear, except made of paper. The Government is clever in constantly reminding the people that Germany was attacked, and that England wants to shatter the German Empire, and this to the workman means taking away his bread.

## **Held From Revolt.**

This is a fallacy which people of all classes firmly believe in, and the fact that the people are powerless under the iron heel and the tyranny of militarism, which increases rather than decreases, has kept the people from revolt. Besides, people are so apathetic from lack of nourishment that there will never be a revolution. Soldiers at the front are still well fed, much better fed than those in barracks, but even the latter are better fed than civilians.

“Believe me, we are badly off in Holland, but it is a paradise compared to conditions in Germany. People do not realize, outside of Germany, what this slavery to militarism is, and how powerless the people are. ‘A man only becomes a human being when he becomes an officer.’ Thus a German Lieutenant said, and this is the spirit in Germany at present. The German people will, however, carry on the war, because they are powerless to resist the military, and because they believe they have been attacked.”