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TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

It is not so easy as the allied and associated powers at first imagined it would be to put Germany's alleged war criminals on trial for the offences laid to their charge. No sooner was the treaty signed than German ministers started a struggle to free themselves from the obligation for the delivery of the former Emperor, Crown Prince, army commanders and other officers, numbering about 800 persons, wanted by the allies. The German government declared that it was not in its power to discover and surrender all the men named in the long list, and also protested against the unfairness of their being accused, prosecuted, judged and sentenced by their enemies. This was a well grounded plea. When the allied members of the supreme council accepted it there was rejoicing at Berlin. But that is now seen to have been premature.

The council has lifted an embarrassing burden from its own shoulders and laid it gently on the shoulders of the German government. Germany had an immense supply of war machinery, but her store of judicial machinery is inadequate and antiquated. She finds that when she pleaded for a chance to try her war criminals she had not the means for the accomplishment of the task. Her supreme court is unfit to undertake it. The national Assembly may be asked to create a special court, but it could be only a stop-gap affair in which there could be no confidence. And upon the German mind, assisted by allied suggestion,

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RETAIL PRICES

Cornmeal.....	0 9c.	per pound
Flour.....	12c.	" "
Raw Sugar.....	14c.	" "
H ke.....	22c.	" "
Pollock.....	24c.	" "
Rice-Good Quality.....	22c.	" "
Rice-Medium.....	18c.	" "
Cooking Butter.....	50c.	" "
Mess pork.....	50c.	" "
Lard (con pound).....	48c.	" "
Water Bread.....	14c.	" "
Milk Sweet.....	13c.	" quart
".....	07c.	" pint
" Skimmed.....	0.6c.	" "
" Sweet.....	10c.	" bottle
".....	0.5c.	" 1/2 "
Live Cattle Young.....	0.9c.	" pound
Live Cattle Old.....	7 1/2c.	" "
Live Hogs.....	10c.	" "
Live Sheep.....	12c.	" "
Chickens.....	25c.	" "
Eggs.....	06c.	Each.
Mutton.....	27c.	per pound
Veal.....	24c.	" "
Beef.....	22c.	" "
Pork.....	22c.	" "
Sweet potatoes-Hucksters price.....	04c.	per pound.
Fresh Fish-Boiling.....	14c.	" "
" Frying.....	12c.	" "
" Hucksters.....	10c.	" "

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Christiansted St. Croix, the 24' March 1920.

Signed D. C. CANEGATA,
Chairman.

there dawns the conviction that a trial of the alleged criminals by their friends and defenders can be no fairer than a trial by their enemies and accusers, though the results in either case might be the opposite of the results in the other. Choose trial either by friends or by foes, and probably it would be a sorry farce.

If it were possible to form a tribunal composed of the ablest and worthiest judges in the service of neutral nations, that would be the ideal court for the trial of the men who made a criminal record during the war. But those nations are not powerful, and they may fear to imperil their future. We watch to see if Ger-

many will really try to perform, seriously and honestly, the colossal task she has assumed. Who knows? Dr. Schiffer the minister of justice, is reported to have said that the government regarded as "an affair of honor to punish those really guilty." Would we not all wish to believe this and to see Germany rise to the se se, the acceptance and the administration of justice? She has the opportunity. If she can nominate just judges, who in her name will deliver just judges, just judgment, she will take a considerable step toward retrieval of the moral losses which were infinitely greater than the material losses that she suffered in the war.—Boston Herald.