

Some of the reasons why the high cost of living keeps on being high

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The shipment of foodstuffs to Europe has so congested the docks that truckmen are forced to discharge their loads in the street along the East River front. Long lines of wagons often wait hours to unload.

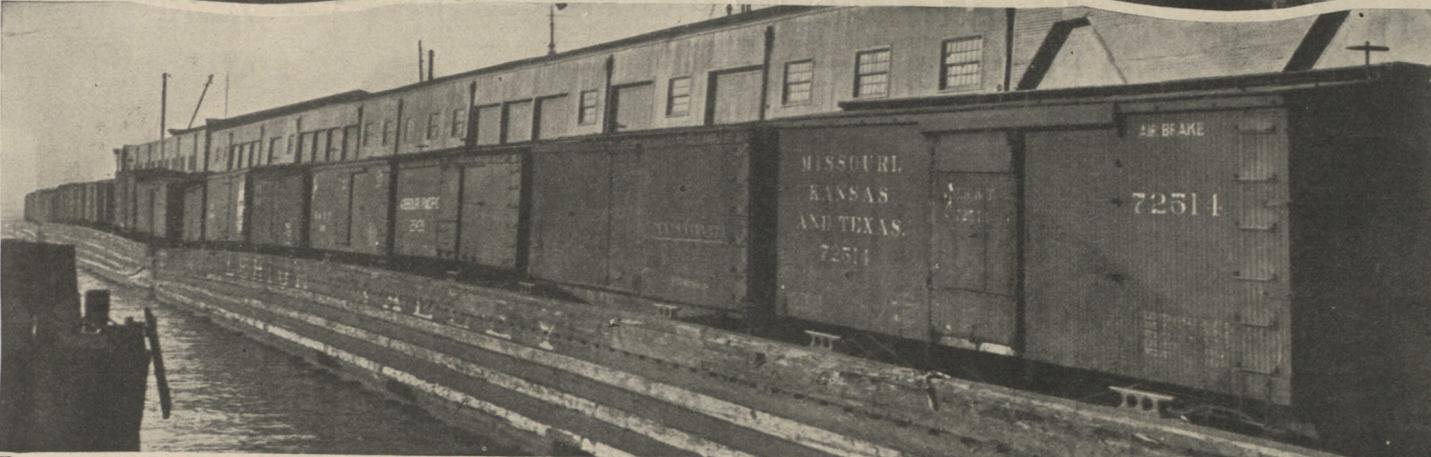
More than 159,000,000 eggs were exported last year. In these truck loads, valued at \$7,200 each, are 12,000 dozen storage eggs, destined for the breakfast tables of England.



Four hundred bags of flour, worth \$1,200, are loaded on a barge and sent down the bay to be transferred to a freighter. Insufficient dock room makes this necessary. Last year Europe bought \$33,000,000 worth of our flour.



Sugar, potatoes, meats and condiments are stacked up on barges for the preliminary run down the bay. Six hundred million pounds of sugar, valued at \$28,000,000, were shipped to Europe as prices climbed last year.



Shortage of dock and storage space has necessitated the use of old freight cars. They are run in strings onto long barges alongside the docks and stored with foodstuffs to await room on European bound ships.



Four hundred pounds of fresh pork is contained in each of the hundreds of hogsheads rolled along South Street every day. More than six million pounds of pork went to Europe last year.



Flour, cocoa, apples, sugar, canned vegetables and pickled meats piled high on a pier to await an empty steamer. Some of the packages have been held while four or five freighters have arrived and departed, gorged with foodstuffs which in ordinary times are consumed in this country.