

PUBLIC NEED NOT FEAR SALMON IN CANS IS TAINTED

Washington, May 11.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Off hand reading of the reports of the investigation of the army salmon contracts of 1918 and the rejection of upwards of 100,000 cases by the bureau of chemistry after the resale of the pack of that year to the canners, tends to give the first thought a more unfavorable view from the consumer's standpoint than is justified by explanations which should go with it.

It has been the view of some that the developments in the investigation might discourage the consumer of canned salmon under the fear that he might buy spoiled salmon and suffer ill effects. Statements made by Dr. Carl L. Alsberg, chief of the United States bureau of chemistry, in the course of his examination, dispel the idea that any such view is justified.

CANNERS ARE DISADVANTAGED
In 1918, under war pressure, Dr. Alsberg explained, the canneries were operated under disadvantages. Skilled help was scarce. The season was unusually warm, particularly in Alaska, where it appears most of the bad pack came from. This caused quick deterioration, a fact which did not excuse the canners for putting up tainted fish, but did account for an unusual rush during certain days, when fish were carried over that should have received prompt attention.

Another factor reassuring to the public is that improved methods have been ordered in all the northern canneries, so that different catches as they are received at the canneries will be kept separate and thus can be inspected and watched.

NEW METHOD SUPERIOR
The old method, or lack of method, was to pile one catch on top of another on the cannery floor, so at the end of

the day, if any fish were left over, they were always of the oldest catch.
Dr. Alsberg said that in a visit to Alaska last summer he gave attention to these matters. Some canneries were then being operated as they should be, and others were not. He gave instructions so that all would follow more sanitary practices.

Then, he explained, the consumer is in little danger of eating bad fish, for if the can is bad, it is quickly detected from the smell, the taste or the appearance.

Dangers of poisoning are not present as in the case of vegetables and many other products, he stated, because one principle of salmon canning is to cook the fish under pressure at such great heat that all dangers from lack of sterilization are avoided. This thorough cooking is necessary to make the bones brittle so they may be eaten, and the bones cannot be made edible without the presence of heat that insures sterilization.

The trouble with the pack of 1918, as given by Dr. Alsberg, was in the large quota of fish canned when it was tainted. When so tainted the cans do not "swell" and there is no way to detect them from outward appearance. That this is a fact has been determined not only from previous observation but from chemical and bacteriological tests made by Drs. Hunter and Houghton of the bureau of chemistry, who followed the fish from the river to the can last season and conducted tests at all stages.

The 100,000 cases, in round numbers, condemned, represent about 10 per cent of the 1918 pack. The method of inspection was to take sample cans from different cases as they stood in the warehouse and open these cans. If 10 per cent of these samples were tainted the lot was rejected.

BUREAU IS VIGILANT
Tests are still being conducted by the bureau to determine the keeping qualities of salmon. Recently an examination was made of salmon canned in 1912 and it was found in perfectly good condition.

Concerning disposition of the goods returned to the packers which were declared unfit, Dr. Alsberg said care was taken to see that the bad salmon did not reach the consumer. It was placed in storage with constant access by officials of the bureau and was watched until finally destroyed or else reconditioned by the packer. The latter process was undertaken where the packer found it worth while, upon close inspection, to go through the lot, test each can separately by puncturing it, and resealing with solder and relabeling when found in good condition.

Dr. Alsberg's testimony indicates that

no one need fear ill effects from canned salmon, as high temperature cooking makes it one of the safest canned foods. If the fish is spoiled the smell or taste will at once betray it.

Superintendent Must Explain Why Funds Should Not Be Paid

Salem, May 11.—An original proceeding in mandamus was filed in the supreme court here Monday by School district number 24, Marion county, against W. M. Smith as county school superintendent, to compel the payment of \$3392 alleged to be due the district as its proportionate share of the county school fund. The fund was included in the \$48,000 excess levy made by the Marion county court, which the Marion county circuit court recently declared illegal, as exceeding the 6 per cent limitation, and ordered rebated. Smith must show cause why the money should not be paid by May 18.

Safe in Huntington Robbed, Loss Small

Baker, May 11.—Officials throughout Baker and Malheur counties are searching for robbers who are reported to have blown the safe in the Huntington Mercantile company's store at Huntington. The thieves used nitro-glycerin and tools that had been stolen from the O.W. R. & N. blacksmith shop three days before. They secured \$30.

GINGHAM APRONS AT COMMENCEMENT

Baker, May 11.—Schools in Baker will all close May 21, and 52 high school seniors will be graduated on the evening of Thursday, May 20. Bert Prescott of the University of Oregon, department of public speaking, will give the commencement address. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. E. T. Starkey, pastor of the Baptist church in Baker, at the auditorium, Sunday, May 16.

The annual junior promenade was held last Saturday evening, and plans announced by the alumni for their part in the occasion include a banquet, dance and initiatory ceremony Wednesday, May 19, at the Elks hall.

On this occasion all members of the high school graduating class will wear overalls or gingham aprons. Miss Neva Service is the valedictorian and Miss Lena Steiger the salutatorian of the class, of which Floyd Bates is president, Aubrey O'Bryant vice president and Miss Service secretary treasurer.

The graduates are as follows: Fred Baird, Floyd Bates, Mildred Bennett, Florence Bishop, Lois Bailey, Mary Byram, Lyleth Casebeer, Dell Christy, Nell Colton, Marie Courtney, Barbara Crabb, Leo Crawford, Desmond Cundiff, Knapp Dooley, Isabella Dunstan, Lucile

Finch, Margaret Fitzsimmons, Dorothy Freeman, George Gardiner, Irene Gast, Hazel Gaylord, Otto Geddes, Wilma Geddes, Mitchell Gilliam, Florence Grant, Victor Hart, Eugene Humble, Allene Kempf, Wilda Lemmon, Evelyn Lilley, Bertha MacDougall, Myrtle Morris, Aubrey O'Bryant, Lyle Palmer, Grace Patterson, Clifford Perkins, Nora Reider, Marvella Reynolds, Theima Riley, Lella Robinson, Noble Rodman, Jack Rogers, Neva Service, Lena Steiger, Ben Tanner, Alice Tuthill, Fern Wickham, Vada Morfitt, Ollie Manary, Vivian Harding, Velma Jackson and Vessie Jones.

Those graduating with Magna Cum Laude honors are: Neva Service, Lena Steiger and Eugene Humble; with Summa Cum Laude honors, Barbara Crabb, Isabella Dunstan, Lella Robinson, Clifford Perkins, Irene Gast, Vivian Harding and Theima Riley.

Louisiana Suffrage Fight Begins May 17

Barton Rouge, La., May 11.—(U. P.)—Announcement was made here today by the supporters of the ratification of the federal woman suffrage amendment that they would not start their fight before May 17.

Shipping Board Is Barred From Sale Of German Vessels

Washington, May 11.—(I. N. S.)—A decree perpetually enjoining the shipping board from disposing at auction of the 29 German vessels confiscated by the United States during the war was signed by Justice Bailey of the supreme court of the District of Columbia today. The decree is the result of a suit by William Randolph Hearst against the

shipping board to prevent the sale of the ships and their passing into the possession of other than American interests.

Victim of Seattle Fire Is Identified

(By United News)
Seattle, Wash., May 11.—She charred body of the fifth victim of the Lincoln hotel fire of April 7 was identified as being that of Martin Nielson, 21, a railroad bookkeeper of Berkeley, Cal., late this afternoon by A. J. Nielson, the dead man's brother.

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There lies the cause of most tooth troubles. That is why so many brushed teeth discolor and decay. Tooth troubles are constantly increasing, and the reason lies in film.

Their Greatest Enemy

Film is what discolors—not the teeth. It is the basis of tartar. It holds food substance which ferments and forms acid. It holds the acid in contact with the teeth to cause decay.

Millions of germs breed in it. They, with tartar, are the chief cause of pyorrhea. Thus night and day, while you feel that teeth are kept clean, that film may be doing ceaseless, fearful damage.

These facts have long been known. Dental science has for years sought a way to fight film. But periodic cleaning in the dentist's chair seemed the only real remover.

Now science has discovered an efficient film combatant—one for daily use. Able

authorities have proved it by convincing tests. Leading dentists all over America are now urging its adoption.

Now the method is embodied in a dentifrice called Pepsodent—a modern, scientific tooth paste. Its use has spread until millions of teeth show its benefits. And a 10-Day Tube, for home test, is being sent to anyone who asks.

We Apply a Digestant

Pepsodent is based on pepsin, the digestant of albumin. The film is albuminous matter. The object of Pepsodent is to dissolve it, then to day by day combat it.

Pepsin long seemed impossible. It must be activated, and the usual agent is an acid harmful to the teeth. But science has found, after years of research, a harmless activating method. And now this efficient film combatant can be every day applied.

Quick, Visible Results

The results of Pepsodent are quick and apparent. You can see them in the mirror, you can feel them with your tongue.

Millions have already made this test. Now you owe it to yourself and yours. Compare the new way with the old ways. Judge between them by the visible results. Then say which method your home should employ.

This ten-day test is a pleasant lesson which one never can forget.

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A 10-Day Tube of Pepsodent. Send the coupon. Make this test for your teeth's sake, then see for yourself what it does.

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We urge you to make this ten-day test. Millions have done it already.

On every hand you see today the glistening teeth which Pepsodent can bring. Make your own teeth like them, then decide if you always want them.

Send the coupon for a 10-Day Tube. Note how clean the teeth feel after using. Mark the absence of the slimy film. See how the teeth whiten as the fixed film disappears.

This test will be a revelation. It will show you the folly of cleaning teeth in inefficient ways.

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