

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

Army Store in France Sells Goods to Soldiers Below Retail Prices.

Prices quoted for June on merchandise in the huge general stores operated by the Quartermaster Corps in France show that members of the Expeditionary Forces may secure goods at prices lower than retail prices in effect in this country.

June quotations are: Half-pound package chocolate, 11 cents; can of

cherries, 24 cents; can of cocoa, 14 cents; pocket combs, 6 cents; can of corn, 10 cents; shaving brushes, 15 cents; tooth brushes, 12 cents; can stringless beans, 10 cents; bottle ginger ale, 9 cents; can plum pudding, 32 cents; standard \$5 safety razors, \$1.75; pair shoe laces, 3 cents; can talcum powder, 5 cents; pound cut loaf sugar, 10 cents; spool cotton thread, 4 cents; 2-ounce package smoking tobacco, 7 cents; hand soap, 1 cent; can lobsters, 25 cents; shaving soap, 4 cents; bottle Worcestershire sauce, 20 cents; linen handkerchiefs, 14 cents; pint bottle olives, 23 cents; can green peas, 10 cents; shoe

polish, 9 cents.

Although the men are issued ample rations, the quartermaster stores are opened to the enlisted men for the purpose of permitting them to add to their menu or to satisfy individual desires for dainties or delicacies. The highest grade of merchandise only is carried in stock so that the men may be sure of having the best, whether in rations or extra supplies.

Meats, groceries, fish, vegetables, notions, toilet articles, smokers' articles, and scores of miscellaneous items are included in the published price lists. These lists are made available to each company and purchases may be made either for cash or on credit.

Among the staples to be found in the chain stores are: Fresh beef, ham, bacon, turkey, potatoes, rice, mince, beans, onions, coffee, tea, sugar, cheese, cocoa, butter, and evaporated fruits. The canned fruits and vegetables include: Apples, peaches, apricots, pears, cherries, currants, pineapples, prunes, asparagus, sweet corn, tomatoes, mushrooms, sweet potatoes, spinach, squash, turnips and beans. Included in the list of canned meats and fish are: Lobsters, oysters, salmon, mackerel, cod, sardines, shrimps, herring, deviled crabs, sausages, tongue, turkey, deviled ham, corned beef, corned beef hash, roast beef, and mince meat.

For the man with a sweet tooth there are: Jams, jellies, preserves, raisins, apple butter, maple sirup, molasses, cranberry sauce, citron, nuts, candy, etc. The smoker may purchase smoking and chewing tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, cigarette papers and matches. The incidental needs of all the men are supplied with razors, combs, brushes for all purposes, buttons, soap, shaving sticks, shaving mugs, mirrors, razor strops, shoe polish, shoe laces, toilet water, talcum powder, tooth powder, witch hazel, towels, handkerchiefs, pocketknives, needles, thread, candles, and playing cards.

Emergency Building to Provide for Soldiers Costs \$1,170,619,000.

The total cost for National Army cantonments was \$140,726,473, according to a statement by the War Department. The National Guard camps cost \$38,375,272.

Emergency work to provide for soldiers in this country and to provide buildings for the manufacture and storage of material both here and abroad undertaken by the construction division of the Army, which has been executed or is under way and in prospect up to June 1, will cost about \$1,170,619,000. This total is exclusive of three operations costing \$106,000,000, under the direct control of the Ordnance Department.

Up to June 1 the construction division had completed 53 jobs, at a total cost of \$202,250,000. It has 244 operations under way, which when finished will cost about \$270,369,000. Preparations are being made to start work on 117 new operations which are expected to cost \$700,000,000.

Tests For Awarding Medal of Honor Named By Gen. Pershing.

These tests are applied to cases recommended for the medal of honor, according to instructions issued as a guide to officers by Gen. Pershing:

Men who have performed in action deeds of most distinguished personal bravery and self-sacrifice above and beyond all call of duty; so conspicuous as clearly to distinguish them for gallantry and intrepidity above their comrades; which involve risk of life or the performance of more than ordinarily hazardous service, the omission of which would not justly subject the person to censure for shortcoming or failure in the performance of his duty.

The distinguished service cross is awarded for gallantry in action to anyone who may distinguish himself in action by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy under circumstances, which do not justify the award of the medal of honor.

The distinguished service medal is awarded for exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in connection with operations against an armed enemy.

General Pershing Insists that Letters be Written Home.

"Duty to one's country does not end on the parade ground, nor even on the battle field, but consists in doing everything in one's power to help win the war," says an order issued by Gen. Pershing, a copy of which has been received by the War Department.

"To write home frequently and regularly to keep in constant touch with family and friends is one of the soldier's most important duties. Mothers and fathers will suffer if they do not hear often from sons fighting in France. In the present large companies it is not possible for officers to write letters for their men, and

SUGAR FOR CANNING LIMITED TO 25 LBS.

Portland, Ore., June 24.—In announcing the recent Food Administration rule that, until further notice, no family in Oregon be allowed to purchase more than 25 pounds of sugar for canning purposes, instead of the 100 pounds heretofore permitted, Assistant Federal Food Administrator W. K. Newell explained that this new restriction is not due to any actual shortage of sugar or of sugar-refining capacity but that it is made necessary because of the lack of shipping facilities.

"There is ample raw sugar in the West Indies, Hawaii, the Philippines, and other sugar-producing countries," said Mr. Newell, "and there is ample sugar-refining capacity here in the United States. It is all a question of ships in which to bring the raw sugar to this country. Every foot of shipping space is in demand for overseas export, and we must get along with as little transportation as possible for the needs of our own country. The previous allowance of 100 pounds of sugar for canning was very liberal, much more liberal than in many other states. Those who secured 100 pound sacks have probably supplied their canning needs for the season, but those who have not as yet bought their canning supplies must get their sugar as they need it, purchasing not more than 25 pounds at a time. It should be clearly understood, too, that where it is not absolutely essential to a family to have the full 25 pounds, a lesser amount should be purchased, in order that no more sugar than necessary be drawn out of the general supply until the accumulation is sufficient to permit more liberal drafts for domestic purposes. This will not work a hardship on any one, as sugar will not be drawn out of the nation's supply so rapidly and the distribution will be more equitable. The new restriction does not have any application to sugar purchased for general household use, which is to be purchased only two pounds at a time in towns and cities, and five pounds to rural consumers.

ACCIDENTS ON INCREASE

Total of 20,709 Persons Hurt in Year in Oregon.

SALEM, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—In a statement issued today by the Industrial Accident Commission covering its business for the year ending May 31, a great increase in work for the period is pointed out, owing to the fact, the commission states, that a much larger number of arms have been advantage of the workmen's compensation act and greater activity caused by war conditions.

In the statement the commission says:

"During the year ending May 31, 1917, 11,761 accidents were reported to the commission, of which 83 were fatal, while during the past year 20,769 accidents were reported, 169 of these being fatal.

"Employers contributed to the insurance fund during the past year \$1,573,590.32, while in the preceding year the total was only \$832,175.59. The payments made by workmen during the same periods were \$106,400.44 and \$145,561.89, respectively.

"There was paid out in compensation benefits during the past year \$1,266,642.74, and for the preceding year the total was \$884,942.22.

"During the year ending May 31, 1917, the cost of administration was about 7.68 per cent of the total receipts, while for the last 12 months the ratio was lowered to 5.17 per cent. Out of all moneys sent by the commission for every purpose since the law became effective, injured workmen have received in compensation benefits 91.7 per cent of the total expenditures."

"Every man must do it for himself."

Oddly Shaped Feet Now Get Fitted in Army Shoes.

Two out of every 1,000 men in the Army have to have their shoes made to order. In several camps entire regiments have had their feet measured, and hundreds of drawings were made of odd shapes and sizes. At the present time the Army uses between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 pairs of shoes a month.

Facts brought out in tests seem to prove that men in the present Army are larger than those serving in previous wars. Not only is this shown by the larger sizes of shoes called for, but by the larger sizes of outer clothing that is being required. Records in the Quartermaster Corps show that a size larger, on the average, is being demanded in blouses, shirts, and breeches than have ever before been used.

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