

**STORE ENCOURAGED COMBINATION SALES**

Food Administration, However, Won't Revoke License of Greenhut Company.

**LET OFF WITH WARNING**

Just Post Sign Showing Purchase of Other Goods Not Necessary to Get Sugar.

Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator for this city, announced yesterday his decision in the case of Greenhut Company, Incorporated, against which complaints were made of practicing combination sales in connection with sales of sugar in the concern's grocery department. The decision, based on testimony taken at a hearing in which investigators employed by the board were witnesses, took the form of a letter to the corporation in which Mr. Williams said:

"Your grocery manager in his morning lectures to salespeople impressed upon them strongly that they were to attempt to sell other groceries with sugar. He did tell them that in case the customer refused to buy other groceries she must not be refused sugar, but urged a vigorous attempt to sell other groceries with the sugar. It also appeared from your manager's testimony that it was to the advantage of a saleswoman to show substantial sales of the goods at her counter.

"The result of the above instructions and conditions has caused a common practice in your store of saleswomen

generally stating to customers that the purchases of other groceries would be required in connection with the purchases of sugar, and even when they did not so state in specific terms gave the customer to understand that other purchases were expected if the customer wanted sugar. It was also specifically stated that although the average customer was allowed to purchase two pounds of sugar only, nevertheless if a customer bought a good bill of goods, of say, \$10, the clerk would ask your floor manager and from him receive authority to sell that customer larger amounts of sugar.

**Resulted in "Combination Sales."**

"From the evidence introduced, it is clear that the practices above described were not the result of orders from the heads of your grocery department. It is also true, however, that the way in which your instructions were given, or perhaps the lack of adequate instructions, have resulted in what seems to have been a general practice in your store of what the Food Administration terms 'combination sales,' or requirement that other goods be bought with all purchases of sugar.

"This board will not recommend the suspension or revocation of your license to do business in foodstuffs for the reason that there is no evidence that the officers of your firm or the head of your grocery department instructed the employees to require such combination sales, but this board does feel your representative has been negligent in failing to give such instructions to your willing forces as would have precluded the violation by your saleswomen of the Federal regulations. We request that you be posted in your grocery department in conspicuous places reading as follows:

"This store does not require purchases of sugar to buy other groceries in order to obtain sugar."

The Federal Food Board announced yesterday that Herbert Pratt, a valuable member of the Food Administration staff, has resigned to take charge of canteen work in France for the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Pratt's special work was with the Council of Farms and Markets, to which he was appointed by Gov. Whitman. John Mitchell, as president of the

State Food Commission, has authorized the establishment of separate headquarters in each borough for the Food Council. These headquarters, which are now open, are situated as follows: Manhattan, room 390 1 Madison Avenue; Brooklyn, room 374, Eagle Building, Washington street; Bronx, 406 East 149th street; Queens, 64 Main street, Flushing, L. I.; Richmond, 115 Davis avenue, West Brighton, Staten Island. They will be in charge of representatives working under Dr. Frederick E. Drethut, director of food conservation. David Nochinson, a wholesale grocer, 27 Washington street, Paterson, N. J., has lost his Federal license for one month on the recommendation of ex-Gov. James F. Fielder, Federal Food Administrator for New Jersey. He was accused of selling 400 pounds of sugar to the manager of a theatre to be used for advertising purposes, in violation of a special ruling of the Food Administration.

**TO FORCE FOOD SAVING.**

**Law May Be Enacted to Compel Wheatless and Meatless Days.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Legislation to extend further the President's powers to enforce the conservation of food was considered at a lengthy conference today among Senator Pomeroy, Representative Lever and Food Administrator Hoover.

Among the subjects discussed was legislation to compel public eating houses to observe wheatless and meatless days. Measures to compel conservation of food to meet the requirements of the Food Administration also are under consideration.

**Philippine Federal Road Pays.**

MANILA, Jan. 12.—Manuel Queson, President of the Senate, today was elected president of the Government owned Manila railway, succeeding Eugene E. Reed. E. J. Esterhouse, director of Public Works, was appointed general manager. The report of President Reed shows profits of \$400,000 for the first year of Government ownership of the road.

**ASKS \$212,488,000 FOR NAVY INCREASE**

New Bill Provides \$94,000,000 for Aviation, but It May Be Made More.

**GUNS TO GET \$28,309,523**

Ship Programme of 1916 to Be Continued in Addition to Emergency Work.

**Special Despatch to THE SUN.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—No new vessels are provided for in the naval bill for this year, the first draft of which has been completed. Continuation of the three year programme started in 1916 is taken care of through adequate appropriations. No money is needed for the additional destroyer programme after providing for 150 vessels for which an emergency appropriation was made during the last session of Congress.

The bill is able to present these additional details of the naval bill:

For aviation \$94,000,000 is provided. Last year the total of the regular appropriation bill and two emergency appropriations ran up to \$61,151,000. In spite of this increase some members of the Naval Affairs Committee are determined to try to increase this provision this year by several million dollars.

The navy has increased its personnel so largely that \$9,975,000 is provided for outfit for men entering first enlistments. Last year \$2,350,290 was provided, but an emergency appropriation of \$7,778,000 was necessary.

For equipping and arming the naval militia and the naval reserve force \$1,157,617 is provided. This is identical with last year's measure.

For provisioning and handling ordnance, armament of ships and target practice the bill provides \$24,194,045, as against \$4,483,323 in the bill last year.

For new gun batteries for naval vessels auxiliaries, patrol boats, aircraft, naval stations and merchant vessels the bill provides \$28,309,523. Last year the regular appropriation for this purpose was \$2,201,000, but the entrance of the United States into the war resulted in two emergency appropriations for \$27,107,523.

Of the amount provided in the bill this year, \$25,252,234 is for obligations authorized last October.

For ammunition for naval vessels of all sorts, \$22,636,120 is provided. Specific amounts for use at various navy yards are included in the bill having to do with special work under way there. The figures for some yards are given here:

Portsmouth, \$489,000; Boston, \$75,000; New York, \$1,600,000; Philadelphia, \$2,600,000; Washington, \$40,000; Norfolk, \$3,450,000; Charleston, \$1,400,000; Mare Island, \$1,200,000; Virgin Islands Naval Station, \$2,600,000.

**\$4,000,000 for Naval Bases.**

Toward establishment of a Marine Corps base at San Diego \$1,500,000 is provided, with \$2,500,000 for expenditure on the naval operating base at Hampton Roads.

For engines and boilers for vessels \$10,000,000 is provided this year.

Following are some of the other big appropriations:

For the Marine Corps for all purposes, \$61,111,912.

For hulls and outfits of vessels, \$28,091,000.

For submarines specially authorized heretofore \$22,557,000.

For armament for vessels already authorized \$20,000,000.

Ammunition for vessels already authorized, in addition to any other ammunition provided in the bill, \$1,000,000.

**RUSSIAN OFFICERS CAN'T AID PERSHING**

Citizenship Law Barrier to Services of Men in France.

**By the Associated Press.**

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 12.—Because of the law that does not permit other than citizens of the United States to become officers in the American army, it has become necessary to refuse the offer of a Russian officer, representing a large number of brother Russian officers in France, to place a group of officers at the disposal of Gen. Pershing to be used as he might see fit. The decision also affects the plan of the United States army to take over the Russian army in France to be utilized as a labor army at the same rate of pay as the American labor battalions.

Many of the Russian officers would have proved of great value to the American forces as instructors, aviators and interpreters. When their representative was informed by the American officials

that it would be impossible to grant the request of himself and his comrades he exclaimed:

"I had hoped to be able to fight for Russian liberty under the Stars and Stripes" and would gladly become a citizen of the United States for the privilege of serving her armies. I am now a man without a country, but if I am unable to fight I shall offer my services to the Red Cross or the Young Men's Christian Association and endeavor to be of assistance to the men who are fighting."

**EXTOLS PERSHING'S MEN.**

**British Labor Leader Found American Modest But Determined.**

LONDON, Jan. 12.—W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of Trades Unions, writing in the federation organ, makes an appreciative reference to the Americans whom he saw during a recent visit to France.

"I saw everywhere," he says, "samples of the American armies that we are expecting will enable the Allies to clear France of the Germans. Most of the men are fine specimens of humanity and those with whom I spoke showed no signs of bragadocho, too frequently attributed to America. They were quiet, well-spoken fellows, fully alive to the seriousness of the task they have undertaken, and they apparently have but

one regret—that they had not come into the war soon enough.

"It was pleasant to talk to these fellows, and derive encouragement from their quiet, unobtrusive strength."

**ADMIRALTY POLICY UPHOLD.**

**New Board Composed Largely of Former Members.**

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The new Admiralty Board is announced officially. Only one naval member of the board was not serving at the Admiralty when Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe was the head. He is Rear Admiral Sydney R. Fremantle, who becomes deputy chief of staff to Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, the new First Sea Lord.

Archibald S. Hurd, the naval critic in commenting on the new board, says it is apparent that no revolutionary disturbance of the main lines of naval policy is indicated. He adds that behind the new board is the reorganization staff, for which some of the most brilliant younger officers have been chosen.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Stern Brothers**

West Forty-second Street

West Forty-third Street

**Clearance Reductions—Monday**

**Women's Suits, Dresses and Skirts**

Seasonable garments at extremely low prices.

Tailored Suits at \$13.50 to 45.00  
Formerly sold up to \$75.00

Attractive Dresses, \$12.00 to 39.50  
Formerly sold up to \$65.00

Spring Apparel for wear in Southland is now being displayed, at moderate prices.

**A Highly Important Sale, Monday,**

**Advance Styles in Misses' Smart Afternoon and Street Dresses**

Many distinctive models specially made up for this occasion

at \$18.50

Suitable for matinee, dinner and general wear; developed in superior quality taffeta, Georgettes and crepe de Chines, many combined with Georgettes; also serges combined with foulard silk; in attractive Spring colorings.

Worth up to \$27.50

**A Special Offering of**

**Women's Crystal Cloth and Fur Fabric Coats**

Several fashionable models

at \$25.00 and 38.00

The coats were specially made up for the occasion, in full swagger and belted models; many trimmed with fashionable furs; fancy silk linings and warm interlinings; in desirable colors.

Worth up to \$65.00

**Women's Smart Neckwear**

Remarkable values will be available in this offering of sample lines of several manufacturers.

At 50 per cent. less than regular prices

**Attractive Collars**

In an excellent variety of styles and materials, at the following prices:

45c, 75c, 1.00, 1.55

**Guimpes and Vestees**

In a desirable group of fashionable models, at

89c, 1.35 and 2.25

**Also a Group of Women's High Cost Neckwear**

Hand-embroidered and real lace trimmed, at corresponding reductions.

**A Special Purchase of Women's Tub Dresses**

Will be offered on the Second Floor To-morrow

at \$1.95, 2.90 to 4.50

Effective simple styles with long and short sleeves, made up in percales, chambrays, piques and pin check materials.

These are exceptional values.

**Cotton and Linen Dress Materials**

Foreign and domestic novelties are now being displayed, representing the newest creations in weaves and color combinations.

Special on the MAIN FLOOR

**Novelty Printed Voiles**

38 inches wide, in desirable designs and color combinations,

at 22c yd.

**Crepe de Chine**

Silk and Cotton, double width; new shades, including black and white,

at 39c yd.

Semi-made Skirts at \$2.45, 2.95, 3.50 and 4.50

New stylish models of Linen, Pique, Gabardines, Corduroys and Novelty Fabrics.

**Women's Crepe de Chine Underwear**

Presenting several large and advantageous purchases. MONDAY AND TUESDAY

At remarkably low prices

Crepe de Chine Night Gowns, - - \$3.95 and 4.95  
Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemises, \$1.90 and 2.85  
Washable Silk Underbodices, trimmed, \$1.39 and 1.85

**Philippine Hand-made Lingerie**

In elaborately hand-embroidered models,

At Less Than Wholesale Cost

Night Gowns, at \$2.65, 2.95 | Combinations at \$2.25, 2.95  
Straight Chemises, \$2.25, 2.75 | Drawers . . . at \$1.85, 1.75  
Envelope Chemises at \$1.95 and 2.90

**4000 Pairs of Women's Real French Kidskin Gloves**

Will be offered, Monday.

at \$1.35 pr.

Values \$2.50, 3.00, 3.50 and 4.50

8, 12, 16 and 20 button length; all white.

New, clean goods just received from one of the most celebrated makers of French Gloves.

**Dress Silks for Early Spring**

On the Second Floor, including Printed Georgettes, Voiles, Chiffons and Foulards, Sport Silks and Satins, Pongees, Silk Gingham and Striped Shirtings.

The following provides exceptional price advantages:

**Crepe de Chine**

40 ins. wide, in street and evening shades, including black and white,

Regularly \$1.75 a yard, at \$1.35

**Crepe Georgette**

40 inches wide, in light and dark shades; also white and black.

Regularly \$2.00 a yard at \$1.38

Satin Royal, 40 ins. wide, at \$1.58 yard

in the new street shades, also black; soft lustrous finish.

Regularly \$3.00 a yard