'SUN' TOBACCO FUND PASSES $350,000

Gratitude of Soldiers Inspires Donors to Even Greater Efforts.

BASEBALL SERIES TO HELP

Many Artists Will Be on Bill at Benefit on Waldorf Roof Saturday.

The first idea was to creep over the $350,000 eminence without making any noise. Then this idea was discarded, because it didn't seem the proper way to treat the donors of THE SUN Tobacco Fund. The fund is too proud of its noble and persistent work not to take every opportunity to exploit its results. And is not the result revealed by these figures worthy of pride and even in a degree of exultation?

Last July the fund was one year old. It was a healthy yearling then. It's fourteen months old now and see how it has kept on growing! It has done more, for it has kept on working, too.

Every day of every month it works to carry the comfort and solace of tobacco to the unrivalled fighting force America has sent abroad "to make the world safe for democracy." In truth its life is work toward but one aim, and when it stops, as now, for a moment's breathing it does not wish to signalize the pause by bragging, but by pointing out to the contributors of the fund how wonderful is the task they have given it power to perform, how splendid is the work it has done because of them, and how vast is the work that still remains for it to do.

The tremendous growth of the American army abroad measures the limits of its task. Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars is a lot of money to pay out for tobacco. That none of it has been wasted, that all of it has gone where it was intended to go and where the individuals, units, clubs, societies, hamlets and towns who have contributed to it meant it to go, the millions of postal cards received as a total of the constantly arriving soldiers' mail show.

THE SUN has been obliged to limit its quotations from these postal cards from fear of swamping the columns of the paper, but all over the length and breadth of this great country these expressions of gratitude from the soldiers are being treasured as the most precious of war souvenirs.

The Fund's Great Task.

Manifestly it is unnecessary to spur the owners of these precious cards to renewed effort. They know by a personal message what tobacco means to the soldier and every one of them is saving, sacrificing, may be, in order to add to their gift already so gratefully acknowledged. Without this sure conviction in the loyalty of its donors THE SUN Tobacco Fund would look with some dismay on what lies before it to accomplish—no less than the almost superhuman undertaking to give every American soldier serving his country on the battlefields of Europe American tobacco. But THE SUN Tobacco Fund will not falter because its donors will not!

Onward, upward to another height, the $375,000 peak! And take the fund's word for it that will be reached and passed before it is time to start the furnace!

There could be no better strophe to this paean than a few words from the soldiers themselves. Here they are:

Sergeant J. C. Seigle, Company E, Seventh Infantry: "Tobacco is everything to us over here, especially in our dugouts."

Corporal E. H. Wode, Company C, Sixty-first Infantry: "Rest assured your donations are thankfully and gratefully appreciated by all members of this organization."

Private J. M. Wright, Thirty-eighth Infantry: "I am sure you would be proud of your gifts if you knew just what the great work our friends back there are doing means to us boys at the front."

Private George Fine, Sixth Infantry: "I am sure I do not know what the boys would do if they didn't get their tobacco through THE SUN fund."

Lieut. J. A. Stealy, Thirty-eighth Infantry: "Fine work. Keep it up. We appreciate your kind of gift."

"Next to a Letter From Home."

Supply Sergeant J. A. Adams, Ambulance Company 139: "Next to a letter from home American smoking tobacco is the most appreciated thing that is received by us."

Sergeant Frank H. Knutts, Company C, Sixth Infantry: "The boys in the front-line trenches are thanking their thoughtful friends for the tobacco, which was a godsend, for we sure did need it."

"Songs and smokes are the things our soldiers in France want most," John Steel, the young American tenor, who is just back from Flanders, said yesterday. "It was my privilege to supply some of the melody in the course of more than 300 concerts, during which I must have sung to 600,000 soldiers of all nationalities. Wherever I went I was impressed by the effective way in which THE SUN Tobacco Fund is meeting the second need, the need of smokes.

"Over there I met Alfred Wiederholt, the barytone, and also a lot of game girls, who took the same chances that we did to entertain the boys in the trenches. Elsie Janis is the idol of the fighters of all the Allies. The French and British claim her as 'our Elsie' equally with the Americans. Also I met Jane Sperry of 'Oh, Lady, Lady!' singing as well as she did at the Princess Theatre. Jim Europe, the colored song writer, who belongs to the 'Fighting Fifteenth,' is directing a forty-two piece military band, but he finds time to play the piano for the general singing and even to tour the trenches giving 'sing songs.'"

"As soon as I get fattened up a bit I shall go across to sing for the boys again," said Steel, who has signed for a role in "The Maid of the Mountains." "In the meantime I hope that THE SUN fund will continue to send plenty of cigarettes to the soldiers. They simply cannot smoke the French or cheap English brands."

Baseball Games for Fund.

As this year's world's series is not for New Yorkers, baseball fans will turn their attention to the best possible substitute, the series of three games to be played by the Holy Names and the Macomb A. C's. The first of these takes place at the Polo Grounds next Sunday, and a collection will be taken for THE SUN Tobacco Fund. The teams are evenly matched, and the result of the three contests not only will decide the Catholic championship of the city, but will come near to settling the question of supremacy in the local semi-professional world.

The series will be played under the direction of George Halpin, who is well known in amateur sporting circles and has promoted several championship games. Halpin expects to enter professional baseball as manager of a minor league team at the close of the war. He has the indorsement of Connie Mack, leader of the Philadelphia Athletics; Charles A. Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox, and other magnates.

Signor and Signora Caruso, who had intended to dine on the Waldorf roof next Saturday night and to remain for THE SUN fund party to be given there, have been obliged to cancel their engagement. Caruso, however, is sending his latest record, issued yesterday, "Over There," with his autographed sentence "Success to THE SUN Tobacco Fund," to be auctioned for the benefit of the fund.

Every sign points to an entertainment for the soldiers' smokes donated by Mr. Boomer of the Waldorf which it will be difficult for its successors to equal. The donations, which are to be sold on that night for the fund, are rare and valuable financially and in other ways; the artists from the opera, concert, dramatic and vaudeville stages are the most popular now before the public, and society is taking an absorbing interest in the event.

These Will Be Heard.

Let us run over briefly the celebrated names of volunteers who will be heard in their "bit" for the soldiers. As they have already been announced, this hasty summary will not seem too casual a treatment: Miss Blanche Duffield, Miss Patricia Ryan, Miss Blanche Ring, Miss Stella Mayhew, Miss Peggy Shaw, Gitz-Rice, George White, Corporal Redfern Allen, Capt. Stanley G. Sadlmier, John Steel, who will sing in uniform the songs he has lately been singing in the Y. M. C. A. huts abroad, and Miss Minerva Sewell, who will lead a bevy of pretty society girls in the selling match of flowers and cigarettes.

The party is to be in two parts, during the dinner hour, and at 9:30 the second half will begin. Mrs. Hazel Warner, who is an inspired war speaker, will make short addresses at both. Miss Margaret Weaver, a well known concert contralto, is to sing in the first half a group of songs by Dvorak, Bohm, Harriet Ware and Clutsam. At the supper party she will sing "Mon Cœur s'ouvre a ta Voix," from "Samson and Delilah," and "Song of the Heart" and "Since You Went Away," by Johnstone, and "When the Boys Come Home," by Oley Speaks.

There is simply no limit to the patriotism in Eldert street, Brooklyn. The Eldert Service Association has given two successful block parties for the fund between Broadway and Bushwick avenue, and now comes the Eldert Street Neighbors Service Association, which is arranging a party for the block between Bushwick and Evergreen avenues, to take place the night of September 21.

Alderman Louis J. Zettler will unfurl a service flag and make a patriotic address and the Forty-seventh Regiment Band will play. The officers of the association are: President, Mr. Myer; vice-president, Mr. Reis; secretary, A. G. Grossmann, and treasurer, Mr. Roff. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be given for soldiers' smokes.

Block Party Nets $132.28.

At the block party and flag raising celebration held a few nights ago in 114th street, between Third and Lexington avenues, $132.28 was collected for the fund. A costume parade preceded the unfurling of the flag, on which forty-four stars were displayed. Mrs. Mary McGrath, who has two sons in the service, and Francis Freundenvoll raised the banner into place. Mrs. Helen Wolfson, a Red Cross nurse, had charge of the children's costume parade, and Joseph Sampson, secretary of the committee on arrangements, introduced the several speakers.

A block party, which is to be held in the very shadow of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, or, to be explicit, on Waverly avenue, between Park and Myrtle avenues, next Saturday night, ought to be interesting. There will be a flag raising also, showing forty-five stars, and signal flags to honor the occasion have been donated by the commandant of the yard. The raising is to take place between 7.30 and 8 o'clock, and just before the children of the block, dressed in the national colors, will parade. A war speaker will be present to address them. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Walsh and the Misses Ruth Patten, Mabel Delaney, Mary McIntyre and Edna Fitzgerald.

The following ladies will preside at tables in the block: Mrs. Niddrie, lemonade and cake; Mrs. Rowan, variety; Mrs. Toohey, rolls and Liberty sausages; Mrs. Johnson, notions, and Mr. Annis, orangeade. A number of donations have been sent in by Mr. Ruppert, Mr. Kuchler, Mr. Patten, the Drake Cake Company and Mrs. Toohey.

As the people enter the block on the night of the party each one is to be given a patriotic button. The party is being advertised in all the neighborhood moving picture houses, and a success is assured already. All the proceeds are for THE SUN Tobacco Fund.

A box full of tobacco coupons of the United Cigar Stores was received yesterday from Mrs. J. M. Porter of Easton, Pa., and a quantity from A. F. Adams of 314 West 104th street, this city. These will go to carry smokes to the soldiers, as will all coupons put in the boxes of the United and Schulte stores.

How the Fund Stands To-day.

THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN	$4,000.00
United Cigar Stores boxes, including special 5 per cent. of gross sales day	61,866.41
Otherwise acknowledged	352,519.54
New contributions	664.00
Total	$318,744.47
Shipped and paid for.....$295,182.08	
Cash balance.....23,562.29	
Received through the Schulte cigar stores	33,234.05
Grand total	$350,978.52
New contributions are:	
Beatrice Jones, River Side, Conn.	$1.00
Louisa Van Wezel, 2120 Broadway	5.00
Lan Keever, Wood, Harmon & Co., 261 Broadway	5.00
John B. Taylor, Watertown, N. Y.	25.00
Mrs. Jay C. Morse, 12726 Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland	60.00
Officers and members of Hook and Ladder Company No. 11, 742 East Fifth st.	2.50
Mabel Depue, Stirling, N. J.	2.00
Question Club's Tobacco Fund Handicap at Atlantic City (partial)	550.00
William Ellison Proctor Ellison Company, 12 South st., Boston	5.00
S. N. Maroney, 212 Washington st., Susquehanna, Pa.	1.00
Dr. William S. Stone, Sunset Hill House, Sugar Hill, N. H.	4.00
A Canadian	1.00
Lewis A. Miller, Meriden, Conn.	10.00

Lansing Receives British Mission.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Sir Maurice de Bunsen, head of the British commission which recently visited Latin American countries, and six members of the commission were presented to-day to Secretary Lansing at the State Department.

DIED.

HIDDEN.—Suddenly, at Watch Hill, R. I., Tuesday, September 3, Thomas B. Hidden.

Funeral services Friday, September 6, on arrival of 8:55 train from New York.

JEFFREY.—Suddenly, at his summer home, Mount Kisco, N. Y., September 1, 1918, Alexander MacLean Jeffrey, M. D., in his 59th year.

Funeral services at the Presbyterian Church, Mount Kisco, N. Y., on Thursday, September 5, 1918, at 1 P. M. Automobiles will meet train leaving Grand Central Terminal 11:00 A. M. Interment in Kensico Cemetery.

PETERS.—At Newark, N. J., at his home, 117 Clinton avenue, on Monday, September 2, 1918, Clarence Peters, son of Sarah and the late George Peters.

Funeral private.

SCOTT.—Suddenly, on Tuesday, September 3, Cora Martin, widow of John B. Scott, in her 81st year.

Funeral services at her late home, 316 West 88th st., Friday, September 6, at 2 P. M. Interment at convenience of the family.

SPRAGUE.—At Huntington, L. I., on September 4, Irvin Auchincloss Sprague, son of the late Anna Auchincloss and Edward Dowse Sprague, in the 44th year of his age.

Funeral private. Please omit flowers.

TEA AT NEWPORT FOR GARDEN CLUB

Miss Wetmore, Head of Garden Association, Acts as Hostess.

LARGE LUNCHEON FIRST

R. C. Vanderbilt Will Be Judge at the Rochester Horse Show.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 4.—Miss Wetmore, president of the Newport Garden Association, acted as hostess to the members of the association and their friends at a tea on the association grounds this afternoon. The attendance was large. Tea was poured by Mrs. Arthur Curtiss James, Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, Mrs. Walker Smith, Mrs. Harford W. H. Powel and Miss Fowler.

Prior to the reception Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss entertained a large luncheon party at her home, Hammersmith Farm.

Reginald C. Vanderbilt has consented to be one of the judges at the Rochester horse show.

Mrs. Vanderbilt has decided to remain at the Breakers until late in the fall before returning to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. McFadden have returned from Philadelphia.

Capt. and Mrs. Perry Belmont are to keep Belcourt open for some time, having decided to spend the fall season in Newport before returning to Washington.

Registered at the Casino yesterday were Mrs. Richard Stevens, James P. McCarthy of Northampton, Mass.; F. Murray Forbes of Boston, Edw. C. McKeag of New Brunswick, N. J., and Grosvenor Atterbury of New York.

Col. Arthur Pakenham of the British Embassy is the guest of Capt. Perry Belmont.

The Rev. and Mrs. James P. Conover have leased for the winter season the Satterlee cottage on Ayrault street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon King have gone to Lenox.

Mr. and Mrs. William Goadby Loew will go to Roslyn the latter part of September.

TULCHAN COTTAGE SOLD.

Fairfax Property in Berkshires Passes to B. F. Gilmore.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

LENOX, Mass., Sept. 4.—Bradford Lindsay Fairfax, who has gone to Camp Devens, has sold Tulchan Cottage, his property on the Pittsfield road, to B. F. Gilmore.

Mrs. Giraud Foster was a luncheon hostess at Bellefontaine to-day. The Rev. Thomas F. Davies will start tomorrow for an Atlantic port, whence he will sail for France.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lummis of New York have arrived at the Maplewood, Pittsfield, for September.

Alfred D. Maclay is visiting his mother, Mrs. Robert Maclay, at the Curtis Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blair Mitchell have left Stoneover Farm for Bernardston. Chandler Robbins has returned to the Curtis Hotel from a month at Bar Harbor. Miss G. W. Sargent, who had been touring, has arrived at Twin Elms.

Prof. and Mrs. Henry W. Farnum will close their country place in Stockbridge to-morrow and go to New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Morris Robbins returned to New York to-day.

Mrs. George Griswold and Miss Mary C. Case were luncheon guests at the Hotel Aspinwall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Herzog went to New York after two months at the Curtis Hotel.

Mrs. Elliot Danforth of New York and Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Hart of Boston arived at Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge.

Mrs. William B. Miller, Miss L. L. Miller, Mrs. Charles Thornley, Mrs. J. Franklin Kehoe, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Farnsworth of New York and the Misses Ethel and Helen Cameron King of Newport arrived at the Curtis Hotel.

Mrs. Henry S. Dudley is entertaining her sister, Mrs. H. S. Johnson of Anderson, Md., at the Hotel Aspinwall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kellogg of Zurich, Switzerland, and Mrs. W. G. Fleming of New York arrived at the Hotel Aspinwall.

HONOR BRITISH WAR MISSION.

Secretary Lansing and Diplomatists Guests at Dinner.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Secretary of State Lansing and French Ambassador Jusserand and the representatives of the South and Central American countries were among the guests at the dinner to-night given by the Second Counsellor of the British Embassy, Thomas B. Bohler, at the Metropolitan Club in honor of Sir Maurice De Bunsen and the members of the visiting British War Mission.

The Cuban Minister and Madame De Cespedes will leave here the end of this week for Atlantic City. Countess Rina Castelle came to Washington to-day from New York. She will accompany the Minister and Mme. De Cespedes to the seashore.

Senora De Zaldivaro, wife of the Minister from Salvador, returned to this city yesterday from the north. The Minister, who has spent the summer in his own country, will return to Washington later.

The Belgian Minister, E. de Cartier de Marchienne, returned to-day from Chicago, where he was the guest of Chicago labor for the Labor Day celebration.

The Archbishop of Athens, Meledios Medazakis, and N. G. Kryiadkides, a member of the Greek Government, will be received by the President to-morrow. He will be accompanied by the Greek Minister Georges and the Secretary of the Legation, Spero X. Constantinidi.

SOJOURNERS AID SOLDIERS.

Bretton Woods Colonists Make 30,686 Comfort Articles.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

MOUNT PLEASANT, BRETTON WOODS, N. H., Sept. 4.—Mrs. E. G. Stoddard, chairman of the War Relief Society at the Mount Washington, Bretton Woods, has announced that in July and August, the colony, including guests of the Mt. Washington and Pleasant, made and delivered for men at the front 30,686 articles, including 200 filled comfort bags, 91 pairs of socks, 55 sweaters, 2 scarfs, 2 helmets, 6 wristlets, 6 knitted caps, washcloths and surgical dressings.

Mrs. William Graham Fleming of New York is at the Balsams for a short stay before going to Briar Cliff Manor. Frederick Everett Thompson and Randall Powers Barron are joining Mrs. Thompson at the Crawford House this week end for a fortnight's stay.

Louis Tiffany and party, who motored from New York to spend Labor Day at Maplewood, are touring the resorts in the mountains. Mr. and Mrs. George Armour of Princeton have ended their tour of the resorts and will return by way of the Berkshires.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gummere and Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Morris of New York, who have been at the Mount Washington Hotel, will go to Dixville Notch and Poland Springs. Miss Lonnie Moore is leaving the Mt. Pleasant tomorrow for New York, where she will do canteen work for the Y. M. C. A. during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Warren of New York are at the Mt. Pleasant.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD

At Wood Manse, the country place of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Packard in Greenwich, Conn., will be produced tomorrow evening an Oriental pageant and Eastern legend entitled "East of the Sun." It will be given in the Japanese gardens of the estate and the proceeds will be devoted to the fatherless children of France.

Much interest is being shown in the entertainment, which marks the birthday of Lafayette and the anniversary of the battle of the Marne. Among the girls who will take part are the Misses Katherine Fitch, Elizabeth and Hester Hyde, Helen and Marjorie Eastwicke, Lydia Look, Dorothy Quinn, Isabelle Rockefeller, Violet Twachtman, Janet Chase, Barbara Hatch, Janet Shearson, Dorothy Rossiter, Mary and Hope Lincoln, Beatrice Underhill, Harriet Bruce and Elsie Moore. Dancing will follow the performance.

Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, who has been at her home, 1 East Fifty-seventh street, for a brief stay, returned yesterday to Roseclff, her Newport villa.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, who have been in Murray Bay for the greater part of the summer, are with his mother at Naumkeag, in Stockbridge, Mass.

Col. Robert M. Thompson has gone from Southampton to the Pavilion, Fort Ticonderoga, N. Y., to be with his daughter, Mrs. Stephen H. P. Pell.

Mrs. W. Rathbone Bacon has returned to 247 Fifth avenue from Bar Harbor. She will go to Southampton this week to visit her cousin, Mrs. E. Tiffany Dyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Kaufman, who have been living in Cleveland since their marriage, have had a place in Great Neck, L. I., for the summer. They will pass the winter in New York. Mrs. Kaufman was Miss Hope Hamilton.

Mrs. Henry Appleton Knowles of Boston, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harper Benedict in Huntington, L. I., has returned to the St. Regis.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler and Miss Sarah Schuyler Butler have returned from Poland Springs, Me., and are at the St. Regis, where also are Mrs. W. Goadby Loew, Mrs. Lewis Nixon and Mrs. Stanhope Nixon.

Mrs. Henry Clews has come from the Rocks, Newport, to the Plaza. Later she will go to White Sulphur Springs.

TROOPS GUESTS AT SPRINGS.

Canteen Service at White Sulphur Greets Trains.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Sept. 4.—The busiest time in the canteen service came to-day, when the workers had ideal weather in which to serve hundreds of soldiers with sandwiches, coffee and ice cream. Every member of the colony was at the station to watch for troop trains and cheer the boys on their way.

Mrs. William H. Lewis has been appointed First Lieutenant to succeed Mrs. George E. Davis, who has returned to Louisville. Mrs. William Gibbs McAdoo was among the canteen workers.

A "bury the Kaiser" tournament is announced for Saturday, and the putting on the eighteenth hole will be accompanied by funeral dirges played by the orchestra. Prizes will be awarded to the first four players.

Mrs. Walter P. Close of New York had over thirty friends at tea this afternoon at the Casino. Mrs. Oscar L. Richard has issued invitations for a luncheon to be given there on Saturday. Mrs. William Sinclair of New York had sixteen guests at a luncheon in the Greenbrier to-day.

G. O. P. WOMEN PICK ANOTHER PRESIDENT

They Don't Know Who He Is, but He Isn't Wilson—Tanner Their Orator.

Forty women who attended the first meeting of the season of the Women's Republican Club at 50 West Fortieth street yesterday heard Frederick C. Tanner, candidate for the House of Representatives, tell why his party should control Congress next session. Mrs. James G. Wentz, president of the club, talked on the same theme. The first aim of that meeting, she said, was to see that Republicans were elected this fall.

"The next aim," she said, "is to secure a Republican administration. Our party has the brains of the country, but at present our hands are more or less tied. We must get in power.

"President Wilson has turned down many Republican suggestions, only to adopt them later on."

Mr. Tanner was the only man present. He said he was going out to get the Democratic vote and that he proposed to show the men and women of his district that the Republicans had supported President Wilson in his war measures and that the Democrats had fallen down on the job.

Miss Elsie Hill, leader of the propicket woman's party, came over from a Washington jail, to which she was sentenced for holding a suffrage meeting opposite the White House and from which she was just released, to ask Republican women to aid Miss Alice Paul and her followers in making life unhappy for President Wilson and Democratic Senators. Mrs. Wentz responded that they dealt only with Republican Senators. An excited woman hissed Miss Hill, but Mrs. Olive Scott Gabriel frowned the hisser down.

NOTES OF THE THEATRES.

Walker Whiteside will play the part of a Jewish rabbi in "The Little Brother," a drama that the Shuberts have imported from London where it ran for twenty weeks last year.

John Charles Thomas, who plays the leading role in "Maytime" at the Lyric Theatre, will enter an aviation school next week.

The opening date of "Over Here," a new play by Oliver D. Bailey, has been postponed to Tuesday evening, September 10, at the Fulton.

Beginning September 15, the Shuberts will hold a series of Sunday night concerts at the New Central Theatre, Forty-seventh street and Broadway, similar to those at the Winter Garden.

"Your Boy and My Boy" is a new official Liberty Bond song. Although it will not be released until September 28, Al Jolson, by special permission, introduced it at the Century Theatre last night, and will retain it as one of his numbers.

The first concert of the season at the Hippodrome will be given next Sunday night. The soloists will be Eugen Yeaye, Belgian violinist, and Anna Fitziu, soprano.

Marcus Loew will open his Seventh Avenue Theatre for the season on Monday, September 9, with "The Man Who Stayed at Home." He will again continue the policy of last season of offering Broadway productions at popular prices.

FOOD BOARD MAY HIT RESTAURANT PRICES

Steps Taken in Childs Company's Case Regarded as Significant.

WILL ACT ON COMPLAINTS

Housewives Assured of Ample Supply of Sugar for Canning Purposes.

The action of the Federal Food Board in bringing about a reduction in the price of milk sold in glasses by the Childs Company to its restaurant patrons has led to the belief that the local Food Administration intends to exercise its influence in preventing exorbitant retail charges for other foodstuffs as well as milk.

Inquiries were made yesterday at the Federal Food Board headquarters as to the plans for putting the soft pedal on exorbitant charges for food. John Mitchell, the chairman, and Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator for this city, were in Washington attending a conference with Mr. Hoover, and none of their subordinates would venture a guess as to what the future would bring forth.

It was said yesterday that if any person felt that he had a just cause for complaining against exorbitant prices for a beefsteak or a plate of hash in a hotel or a restaurant the bureau of complaints will be glad to make an investigation and call upon the management to present data in justification of its prices. If the bureau of complaints finds that the charges are not within reason the complaint, it is said, would be passed along to the bureau of enforcements.

The Federal Food Board again called the attention of housewives yesterday to the fact that while the general supply of sugar is limited, there is plenty for all canning purposes. "There are large crops of fruits and vegetables," the board said in a statement, "and unless the housewives act promptly and can a goodly supply much food which will be invaluable next winter will be lost. The board wishes to encourage canning in every way possible.

"Grocers will furnish housewives with canning certificates which when signed entitle the bearer to twenty-five pounds of sugar for canning. After the twenty-five pounds are used more sugar can be obtained for this purpose if needed. Any housewife in New York city who has difficulty in getting sugar for canning from her grocer should communicate at once with the sugar division of the Federal Food Board at 6 West Fifty-seventh street, and steps will be taken to see that her needs are supplied."

BILL AIMED AT RENT SHARKS.

Law Would Enable Government to Commandeer Houses.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The Government has resolved to get after landlords who are making unwarranted rent increases in many industrial centres, thereby interfering with production of war supplies.

If legislation just introduced in Congress by the Labor Department is approved the President will be empowered in case the rent charge is deemed excessive to requisition the house or apartment until after the war, leaving it to the landlord to sue the Government if he is not satisfied with the compensation offered. In such an instance the landlord would be paid three-fourths of the amount until the courts passed on his claim.

This would include all districts where war work is carried on.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED.

Mrs. Arthur Lewis Moore of Radlet, Herts, England, formerly of this city, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Louisa Moore, to Harold Wilberforce Lionel Brown of the British consular service, son of George Brown, who is in the British consular service in China. Both Miss Moore and her fiance are now in the British Government service in Scotland. The marriage will take place shortly in London.

Announcement was made yesterday of the engagement of Miss Dorothea Camp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McKesson Camp of Fairlawn, Morris Heights, this city, to Andrew Fletcher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fletcher of this city and Glen Cove, L. I. Miss Camp was introduced to society three years ago and is a member of the Junior League. Mr. Fletcher was graduated from Yale in 1916 and is a member of the Engineers and Nassau County clubs. His father is president of the American Locomotive Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Riley of Larchmont and Central Valley, N. Y., announced yesterday the engagement of their daughter, Miss Etelka Berrien Riley, to Julius Lynch Piland, son of David Winfield Piland of Beaumont, Tex. Miss Riley is a granddaughter of F. F. Proctor and of the late William H. Riley. Mr. Piland is a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

TOURING BY AUTOMOBILE.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

MANCHESTER, Vt., Sept. 4.—Arrivals by automobile at the Equinox House include Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Van Lear, Miss Van Lear, Wilmington (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. C. Larus Munson, Williamsport (Pierce); Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Candee, Miss Candee, William S. Candee, Wilmington (Peerless); Miss C. H. Bovey, Minneapolis; Miss Y. A. Shaw, New York (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Warriles, Buffalo (Pierce); Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Campbell, New York (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thorne, Mrs. William H. Davo, New York (Pierce); Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Erdman, New York (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Pitney, Miss Beatrice L. Pitney, Washington (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. George Washington, Miss Louise Washington, Miss Irene Washington, George Washington, Jr., Robert Washington, Miss Beatrice Nelson, New York (Packard and Hudson); Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hotchkiss, Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Root, Harriet and Phebe Root, New York (Packard).

COOPERSTOWN, Sept. 4.—Arrivals by automobile at the O-te-se-ga to-day were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper, Schenectady; Miss Mary Porter, Cleveland, Ohio; W. A. Furman, Schenectady (Buick); Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Mrs. F. C. Whitney, Miss Whitney, Miss Huss, Cleveland, Ohio (Packard); Miss L. S. Tuckerman, Mrs. Richardson, Nahant, Mass. (Hudson); Mr. and Mrs. George A. Harder, New York (Packard); S. Sidney Whitan, George J. Whitan, New York (Pierce); Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wheaton, Mrs. A. M. Duney, E. Weymouth, Mass. (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. E. Hansen, New York; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Mrs. E. W. Matison, Cleveland (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. Simon Miller, Master Bernard Miller, West End, N. J. (Packard); Mrs. O. C. Stevens, Brooklyn; Mrs. S. C. Millard, Mrs. N. B. Millard, Binghamton (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. George I. Vail, Cleveland, Ohio (Pierce); Harry Barth and party, New York city (Buick); Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Meston, A. W. Meston, St. Louis (Owen); Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Vanhusan, Mrs. F. B. Coleman, Detroit (Cadillac); T. N. Crooks, Miss M. B. Crooks, Pittsburg (Cadillac); George F. Peterson, H. H. Collier, F. M. Hara, St. Catharines, Ontario (Cadillac); Bertram Birch, Freehold, N. J.; H. R. Cremer, New York (Hudson); Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Neuhaus, New York (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Trible, Miss Perew, Buffalo (Franklin); Mrs. B. L. River, Mrs. L. W. Emerick, Fulton, N. Y. (Pierce).

27,000 NURSES SIGN FOR ARMY SERVICE

Surgeon-General's Request Exceeded by 2,000.

There need be no fear on the part of the public that the American army, soon to number 5,000,000, will lack adequate nursing, according to Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, chairman of the committee on nursing of the Council of National Defence. In a statement given out yesterday Miss Nutting says that all of the needs of the present have been provided for and that the outlook for the future is satisfactory.

Surgeon-General Gorgas's demand for 25,000 graduate nurses to be enrolled by January 1, 1919, has already been exceeded by nearly 2,000, Miss Nutting states, while there are more than 1,000 student nurses who will be fit for service in France as soon as they are needed there. These student nurses have been recruited for the Army School and will be assigned for training in ten army camps east of the Mississippi River.

"Far from being serious, the nursing situation is very good indeed," Miss Nutting said yesterday. "No other country has ever been so well equipped to send immediately into the field an ample body of thoroughly trained nurses. A survey of the country's nursing strength shows an available reserve of about 100,000 graduate nurses. From this figure allowance is made for a depreciation of about 25 per cent. on account of age, marriage, disability and other causes. In addition, however, there were graduated from the training schools of the country this year about 14,000 nurses—these from civil hospital schools; and the yearly increment may be expected to be greater as the war proceeds.

"In response to the Surgeon-General's request nearly 27,000 graduate nurses are already enrolled in the United States by the Red Cross, and of these 16,000 are already in military service.

SEMBRICH PUPIL IN OPERATIC DEBUT

Queena Mario Sings "Olympia" in "Tales of Hoffmann" Here.

"The Tales of Hoffmann" was heard by a moderately large audience when it was given at the Shubert Theatre yesterday afternoon by the San Carlo Opera Company. At this time one not too much enraged at the image of a Teutonic thing can still experience a mild pleasure at the doings of the German students, of beer drinking in a cellar and even listen to the lugubrious droning of the sentimental male chorus without exasperation.

The most ambitious creation of Offenbach was sung partly in French and partly in Italian. Queena Mario, who represented *Olympia* and *Antonia*, together with Joseph Royer, the barytone, used the original text, while the others employed Italian in several dialects.

Miss Mario made her operatic debut. She is a young and unfinished pupil of Mme. Sembrich, to whom she should return at the earliest practicable moment in order that her now deficient vocal technic may be corrected. She has a voice of pretty quality and showed some knowledge of style. Furthermore, she was at ease on the stage and managed the "business" of the part smoothly. She had many friends, was cordially applauded and loaded with flowers.

In other details yesterday's performance was much like that offered by the same company last autumn. Giuseppe Agostini was the *Hoffmann* and Stella Demette the generous *Giulietta*. It cannot be said that there was distinction of any kind in the presentation. It was crude and unpolished throughout, but it served to entertain an audience of comfortable disposition.

OBITUARIES.

IRVIN AUCHINCLOSS SPRAGUE.

Irvin Auchincloss Sprague, senior partner in the firm of Sprague & Rhodes, commission merchants in coffee, died yesterday morning at his country home in Huntington, L. I. He was in his sixty-fourth year, having been born in New York on January 13, 1855. Edward Dowse Sprague and Anna Auchincloss Sprague were his parents.

He was graduated from Columbia University in 1876, and his college career had been distinguished for athletic prominence as well as scholarship. He was a member of the varsity crew for two years. He won the key of Phi Beta Kappa. He was a member of the Delta Psi Fraternity. Later he became a member of the Seventh Regiment, Company K. He was a member of the St. Anthony Club. Besides his wife, Julia M. Sprague, he is survived by two sons, Carl B. M. and Irvin Auchincloss Sprague, Jr., both of whom are in the service.

JULIUS PHILIP CAHEN.

Julius Philip Cahen, 75, president of J. P. Cahen & Bro., Inc., 372 Broadway, died suddenly in his place of business Tuesday. Mr. Cahen lived at 354 Central Park West. He was born in Westphalia. In 1862 he joined the United States Navy and was serving on the gunboat Curituck when that craft took part in the historic convoy of the Monitor to Hampton Roads to attack the Confederate ironclad Merrimac.

Mr. Cahen was a director and secretary of the West Side Dispensary and Hospital for a number of years, a member of Doric Lodge 280, F. and A. M., Farragut Post 516, G. A. R., the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Zoological Society. He is survived by Mrs. Cahen and two children, Harold A. and Edith B.

BARON FORREST.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 4.—Baron Forrest, three times Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia, has died at sea when on a voyage from Australia to England.

Baron Forrest was born in Western Australia in 1847. Between 1869 and 1874 he commanded several exploring expeditions into the interior of Australia and received the thanks of the Government.

In 1890 Baron Forrest was the first Premier and Treasurer of Western Australia. Subsequently he held several positions in the Australian Federal Government.

HENRY HAMILTON.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Henry Hamilton, the dramatic author, died to-day at the Haven, his home in Sandgate.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Hunhead, Surrey. He made his first appearance on the stage in 1873 in the Royal Theatre, Edinburgh, but appeared later on the London stage in the Lyceum Theatre and subsequently in the Drury Lane. He retired in 1886, and afterward wrote many plays.

Policeman's Wife Kills Herself.

Mrs. Helen Trendley, wife of William Trendley, a policeman of Traffic Squad D, shot and killed herself yesterday morning in her home, 102 Washington avenue, Brooklyn. The act was committed with the policeman's revolver. He insisted it was an accident.

U.S. SHIPPING OUTPUT SETS WORLD RECORD

August Production of 66 Vessels, Aggregating 340,145 Tons, Reported.

44 CRAFT ARE OF STEEL

Increased Deliveries Put Construction Well Ahead of U-Boat Destruction.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Delivery of merchant ships by American shipyards in August exceeded all previous records for this country, Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board was so advised today by Charles M. Schwab, Director-General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Sixty-six ships, aggregating 340,145 deadweight tons, were turned out. Forty-four of the ships of an aggregate deadweight tonnage of 260,645 were steel and the remaining twenty-two were wooden or composite.

August production of American yards was a world record, Shipping Board officials said, the previous monthly record of 295,911 deadweight tons having been made by British yards last June.

Completion of the sixty-six ships, it was said, will permit the return to the coastwise and South American trades of some of the fast vessels that recently were transfer