

PRUNES FOR POOR IS DAY'S SLOGAN

Markets Commissioner Orders Case Sales Restricted to Bar Wholesalers. ARMY FOOD GOES FAST Receipts From School Stores Here Totalled \$51,000 on Friday.

Boarding house mistresses may as well make up their minds right now that they cannot get together a winter board of surplus army prunes from the supplies now being sold through the schools under the direction of the Department of Public Markets. This applies also to restaurant keepers eager to add to the money making power of their menus by gobbling up bargain in these highly prized, nutritious and municipally supplied Prunes domestica.

"We are anxious that the poor of the city shall get these prunes, or as many of them as they want," Dr. Day said. "If boarding houses and restaurants were permitted to buy several cases at a time there wouldn't be enough to go around."

One Case to a Purchaser.

Special instructions have been sent to the selling forces of the seventy school stores not to sell more than one case of goods to a purchaser unless they are satisfied beyond question that the buyer doesn't intend to resell the goods at an increased price. Several storekeepers have been under suspicion of trying to get possession of supplies in the schools in order to stock up their shelves. At least one complaint was made that a wholesaler attempted to get a lot of stuff, but the department investigators were unable to get the goods on him. A business is particularly brisk these days at School 151, Ludlow and Delancey street, where the total sales on Friday amounted to \$4,000. When this store was stocked with butter, canned pork and beans and other things the patronage was terribly discouraging. Housewives in the neighborhood explained that they couldn't get excited about buying things cheap for the reason that they had religious scruples against eating bacon or other food that once was a part of the pig. Now that prunes, canned vegetables, exported fruits and other commodities not associated with the pork family, are to be found in stock everything is different. It was thought during the first few days of the sale that it would have to be necessary to close this East Side school store, but now Dr. Day looks upon it as one of the most flourishing and useful stores in his entire chain. The returns at Public School 148 in East Fourth street, another lively selling centre, amounted to \$3,000 Friday. The total receipts of all the schools for the first five days of the sale, leading with \$17,000 and The Bronx having \$14,000. Brooklyn was third with \$11,000, Queens fourth with \$8,000 and Richmond last with \$1,000.

Stores to Be Continued.

The fall session of school will start at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, but the reopening will not interfere seriously with the stores. No store will be abandoned except where the sales are being conducted in space used as playgrounds. In these cases the store will be closed to make way for the playground. The new substitute store will be established in another school building in the neighborhood. New hours have been fixed for sales in the schools as follows: 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., and from 11 P. M. to 4 P. M.

It is believed that sales will increase on school days because the children will be asked to buy foodstuffs for their mothers after school is out.

PATERSON DYERS' STRIKE NEAR END

Workers at Biggest Plant to Return To-morrow.

PATERSON, Sept. 6.—It is expected that the strike of the 4,500 silk dyers and dyers helpers in this city, who have been out three weeks, seriously impairing production in a majority of the silk manufacturing plants here, will end to-day, when a large number of the men employed in the Weidmann Silk Dyeing Company's plant, probably the largest in the city, will return to work. The Weidmann dyers have invited all others to join with them in the return to the tubs, declaring they could see no use in remaining idle until October 10. They had made deals with the immediate operators of the forty-four hour week, as against a forty-eight hour week. The dyeing firms some time ago agreed to concede the forty-four hour week October 10, but the Amalgamated Textile Workers of America, a radical labor organization, won over a number of dyers and their helpers to a more militant demanding immediate operation of the shorter work week.

The Amalgamated Textile Workers to-day made plans to prevent the return of the dyers and helpers to the mills Monday.

Chief of Police John Tracy said to-day that he had completed the arrangements to give ample protection to all workmen desirous of returning to their places.

NO GUARANTY GIVEN BELGIUM.

State Department Denies Fact to Protect Kingdom From Attack.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Acting Secretary of State Phillips said to-day in response to an inquiry that he had no knowledge of any agreement between the United States and Great Britain designed to guarantee Belgium from future attack.

A London newspaper was quoted in yesterday's despatches as authority for the statement that such an arrangement had been made.

SOFT COAL PROFIT 34c. TO 58c. NOW Cost of Production \$2.06 to \$2.43, Says Report.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Reports on the cost of producing bituminous coal in Pennsylvania, made public to-day by the Federal Trade Commission, said operators made a margin of 58 cents a ton in the southwestern fields in 1918, and 34 cents in the central fields.

In the southwestern fields the cost of production was placed at an average of \$1.92 a ton, this including labor, supplies and general expenses, and the selling price was given at an average of \$2.50 a ton at the mine. In the central fields the cost was given as \$2.31 a ton and the selling price as \$3.05.

The commission said the cost of production at this time was generally about equal to that of the last quarter of 1918, that is, \$2.06 in the southwestern fields and \$2.43 in the central fields. Present prices were not given, but on the basis of the price for the last quarter of 1918 the margin of profit in the southwestern fields would be 34 cents and in the central fields 60 cents.

Costs in 1918 increased in the last quarter after showing decreases before, but prices decreased, the margin in the southwestern fields being \$2.73 for the first quarter and \$2.49 for the last quarter. In the central fields the difference was not so great, the sales realization in the first quarter being \$3.04 and in the last quarter \$3.03.

The report was based on an investigation made for the Federal Fuel Administration and reports covering other fields over the country will be issued later. The report was based on regulation of the coal industry during the war, the commission said.

"What regulation of prices really did was first to check an abnormal rise in prices, due to frantic bidding by the consumer, for a supply insufficient to meet the demand, and second, to establish prices and maintain conditions, which would allow the operators a materially lower margin, yet were ample to secure the increased output which was vitally necessary to win the war."

KIN FIGHT OVER WIDOW'S HEIRLOOMS

Court Orders That Alice Jeffery Must Stay in City.

Disputes over the possession of heirlooms are alleged in affidavits filed yesterday in the Supreme Court to be behind the application made before Justice Guy for the appointment of a committee of the person and property of Mrs. Alice Jeffery, aged 68 years, a wealthy widow who lives in the Hotel Ansonia.

The petition is signed by John J. W. Stone, brother of Mrs. Jeffery, who lives at 445 East Fifth street, Plainfield, and mentions in the petition another sister, Mrs. Sarah J. Bartindale, who lives at 605 West 113th street, this city.

According to his affidavit Mrs. Jeffery was stricken with apoplexy in January and has since then been confined to her apartments in the Ansonia and has suffered from loss of memory and shown other signs of mental decay. He alleges Mrs. Jeffery has been long estranged from her sister and that she has been in the habit of breaking and unavailing. Despite the coldness between the two sisters, he states, a daughter of Mrs. Bartindale has been a daily visitor in the apartment of her aunt.

This daughter has succeeded in obtaining from her the power of attorney, Stone alleges, and has succeeded in receiving the bulk of the estate, to the extent of some \$4,000 in a few months, as well as obtaining from Mrs. Jeffery a number of valuable pieces of jewelry which have been in the family for a number of years and which Stone says rightfully belong to him.

Justice Hendrick, upon representations by counsel for Stone, signed an order recently restraining any and all persons from removing Mrs. Jeffery from the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court pending the outcome of proceedings now pending. Stone alleges he was informed and believes that a plan was under way by which Mrs. Jeffery was to be removed to the home of a son of Mrs. Jeffery's deceased husband in Ottawa, Canada.

Justices Guy appointed James E. Donegan as commissioner for the court in the matter of investigating the alleged incompetency of Mrs. Jeffery and financial status with instructions to bring the matter before a sheriff's jury for final determination should the circumstances warrant. Mrs. Jeffery owns considerable Manhattan realty, also several mortgages for large amounts on New York hotels, in addition to bank accounts.

CLAIMS 25,000 MEMBERS.

Vaccarelli, Head of New Longshoremen's Union, Assails Rival.

More than 25,000 members are claimed by the River Front and Marine Workers Association, the rival of the I. L. A., the old longshoremen's union. In a statement issued yesterday defining the attitude of this faction, Paul A. Vaccarelli, president, said that his men had long felt that the old organization did not represent their interests. He said that his party would not oppose the workers now affiliated with the I. L. A., but would continue its fight against the officers and interests allied with them.

"In an effort to obtain equal opportunity," he said, "we have been met by threats that our men would not be permitted to work and an attempt has been made to intimidate our men by threats of bodily harm. These threats have had no effect upon our men, who have continued to work as heretofore."

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WILLIAMS ASSURES STORES OF SUGAR

Ready to Help Any Retailer Who Is Unable to Get a Supply.

PROFITEERS REPORTED

One Man Calls 17 Cent Charge for Lemonade Little Short of Robbery.

A wall has gone up all over the country that owing to the shortage of refined sugar in retail grocery stores housewives have been unable to get sufficient quantities for their home-canning operations. The wall was accompanied by the complaint that as far as the ordinary person could observe there has been no noticeable curtailment of operations in commercial canneries or in candy factories, indicating that somebody at least has been able to lay in goodly supplies of the sugar that the housewives haven't been able to get for love or money.

"Visions of being compelled to let fruit and berries go to waste for want of sugar for home canning and being obliged to buy the products of the commercial canner next winter at much higher than would be the cost of home made jams and preserved fruits have irritated many housewives who learned the art of home canning from Government literature when it was fashionable to encourage conservation of foodstuffs.

Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator, said yesterday that if any grocer or other retailer who hasn't any sugar will write to the wholesaler's subcommittee of the Fair Price Committee or to Mr. Williams himself the wholesaler's committee will make an effort to get the sugar for him. A letter addressed to "Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator, New York city," right away may reach him before the canning season closes.

The wholesaler's committee consists of Philip C. Stahl, Howard L. Sils, A. F. Williams and Charles H. Vogel.

The Federal Food Administrator has received 208 complaints of alleged profiteering, unfair practices, etc., since the campaign to pare down living costs started. Forty-nine were received on Friday and six yesterday. Mr. Williams said he believes about one-half the complaints outline conditions where relief can be given.

The following complaint from a moderate up-to-date drinker came in Mr. Williams' mail yesterday: "A few days ago on Broad street, Newark, N. J., I ordered a plain lemonade (in an ice cream and soda water place). It was made from: 1/2 lemon, costing \$.0012 1/2 spoonful sugar \$.0010 1/2 water \$.0010 1/2 Water from hydrant \$.0012 Total \$.0044 I received a check: 1/2 lemonade \$.15 1/2 War tax \$.11 I had a similar experience in New York on Fulton street, east of Broadway. This is profiteering bordering on robbery and should be regulated."

GALLI-CURCI DIVORCE CASE.

Depositions to Be Returned Here for Attestation.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Judge Sabath in the Superior Court to-day ruled that the depositions of a number of witnesses in the divorce suit of Mrs. M. Galli-Curci, the opera singer, taken in New York, must be returned to New York to have the signatures attested by Commissioner J. L. Keator before whom the affidavits were made.

The court will listen to arguments September 16 on the motion of counsel to have the depositions of Melina Brown and Mrs. Rinaldi, with whom the husband of the singer, is alleged to have been intimate, declared incompetent testimony.

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HOOVER SAILS, WORK IN EUROPE FINISHED

Says U. S. Sent \$3,000,000,000 Worth of Foodstuffs to Needy Countries.

DONATIONS OF \$10,000,000

Food Administrator Will Go to California—Has No Political Ambitions.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun and the Public Ledger.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—Herbert Hoover, his work in Europe completed, sailed for the United States to-day with his strong right arm commander, George Barr Baker of the American Navy. Mr. Hoover is accompanied by his wife and son Allen, who says he came over "to fetch father home" and Lieut. Robert Taft, son of ex-President Taft, who has been the treasurer and financial adviser of the American Relief Association.

"Pat" Moore, the boxer, came up and offered his services upon the voyage in exercising the tired Food Administrator, Dick Bernard, actor; Laurette Taylor, actress and her husband, Hartley Taylor, are among the passengers.

Asked to sum up the American food work in Europe, Mr. Hoover said: "In the last twelve months the United States has shipped to Europe 17,500,000 tons of foodstuffs, which is three times our pre-war export. At the same time there remain larger stocks of foodstuffs in America than ever before at this time of the year. This is the visible result of our stimulated production and economy in consumption. What came overseas represents the margin which has saved Europe from total chaos."

Quoted as to the cash value of American stocks sent to stranded countries, Mr. Hoover replied: "In round numbers, about \$3,000,000,000 worth altogether. Our foodstuffs were distributed in three ways: First, on the credit of foreign Governments; second, for cash, and, third, in pure charity."

Only \$10,000,000 in Charity.

With relation to the \$10,000,000 fund which he administered Mr. Hoover said: "Our accounts are made up in full and you may state that less than \$10,000,000 worth of it was distributed upon an absolute charity basis. When there was credit or funds to pay it was obtained to benefit the America people. When not, and applicants were worthy of charity, it was extended, to the everlasting glory of our folks at home."

Before his departure Premier Lloyd George sent a message to Mr. Hoover as follows: "At the moment you are relinquishing your official duties and returning to the United States I wish to express to you in behalf of the British Government warm thanks and great appreciation for the work you have done for the allied and associated Powers. The fidelity and energy you have shown in directing the economic relief of the populations stricken by the war has been of inestimable value and has earned for you the lasting gratitude of the peoples of Europe."

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Appreciation was shown for American aid in parades of school children during the recent visit of Mr. Hoover to Warsaw, Prague, Cracow and Lemberg.

Outlook for New Countries.

Concerning the outlook for the new countries of Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia Mr. Hoover said: "Of the sixteen new Governments that have emerged from the war there are four of peculiar interest to America. First, because they patterned themselves after the United States, and second, because they have large numbers of the race settled in America, and are therefore in close touch with our people. Their whole future is dependent upon how far we are going to support them for the next twelve months. They greatly need our material and moral assistance."

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THIS LANDLORD NO PROFITEER.

Twenty-six Years Standing.

BOSTON, Sept. 6.—Advancing rents will not disturb Victor Cote at a time when landlords are under inquiry by State and city for raising rents and raising repairs. F. T. Fuller of Worcester, owner of the house in the Dorchester district which Cote occupies, has made him a present of it. For twenty-six years Cote, a barber, has lived in the house.

The landlord, in acknowledging payment of rent this month, wrote the barber an appreciation of their relations and with it sent a deed, free and clear, to the house.

Since all have harvests and for immediate requirements can take care of themselves, but they desire the wise guidance of the very best men that America, along with the Allies can send to them as ambassadors.

Mr. Hoover goes direct to California to rest in the shadow of Leland Stanford University, of which he is a trustee, after having made his way through that college a quarter of a century ago upon funds earned with pick and shovel as a common miner. He received ominously at the suggestion that he might become a Presidential candidate. It is almost safe to predict that Mr. Hoover will decline political preference of any kind.

His last night in London was spent among a small gathering, principally of British labor leaders, at a private dinner given to him by Sir Cecil Harcourt, Under Secretary of the British Foreign Office.

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BUY HAMMERSTEIN'S OLD OPERA SCENERY

Star Company to Use It in German Works.

The Star Opera Company, which is to open a season of German opera in the Lexington Theatre October 28, yesterday bought from Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein all the scenery, properties and electrical effects owned by her late husband, also taking over the Hammerstein storehouse, 411 East Nineteenth street.

The property purchased was used at the London Opera House during Mr. Hammerstein's productions there and was shipped here when he intended producing grand opera at the Lexington, but was prevented from doing so by his agreement with the Metropolitan Opera Company. George Blumenthal, who was formerly Mr. Hammerstein's manager, is serving in a similar capacity for the Star Opera Company.

Mrs. Hammerstein said last night that she had received a number of offers for the property, but preferred to have it used only for opera in accordance with her husband's wishes.

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