

**USELESS GOODS SOLD TO ARMY BY 'FAVORITES'**

Persons With Pull Help to Overflow Warehouses Already Bulging.

NAILS TO DO FOR YEARS

Handkerchiefs Bought Despite Disposal in 'Army Sales' Stores.

AMAZING PRICES PAID

Men Ordering Materials Have to Admit Inability to Buy Them From U. S.

Huge purchases by the War Department of goods which already were lying in stock in great quantities, and which had in many instances been declared surplus, and evidence of grossly exorbitant payments for materials of various kinds are revealed in masses of receipts and memorandum slips relating to transactions between the Government and private contractors in and about this city.

In many cases these slips bear the names of large retail stores here and show that the Federal Government made huge purchases from those establishments, paying a good retail price for what it got, instead of obtaining its goods through manufacturers. In one instance during last summer more than \$1,000,000 appears to have been invested in an assortment of stationery supplies, although at the time the purchase was made a great amount of space in army warehouses was being taken up by the same type of stationery supplies, for which the Government appeared to have no use.

From the nature of some of the purchases it would seem that goods are being shipped out of one door of the army storerooms as surplus while goods of the same kind are being carried in through another door as urgent necessities.

Thus, while anyone can see large quantities of surplus army handkerchiefs on sale in the numerous private army supply stores which have sprung up everywhere, the War Department appears to have purchased 2,200 dozen handkerchiefs from the Automatic Lace and Embroidery Company on September 27, 1920, and to have purchased 1,690 dozen from the Embroidery Works one week previously. It also appears to have purchased 25,000 yards of flannel from H. Kohnstamm & Co. on June 14, 1920, at \$1.24 a yard, and 4,250 yards from the same concern on July 28, 1920, at \$1.65 a yard despite the fact that large quantities of this material were being disposed of.

The Navy has been informed that in some instances the Government inspectors complained about the price being paid for the goods and frankly expressed their opinion that the Government was being "fleece," and that these inspectors were informed curtly that the price did not concern them, and that they would do well to "mind their own business."

For the most part the inspectors seemed not only to realize that the Government was being "stung" but to resent this as something to be corrected. They also seemed to feel that the men who were reaping the richest harvests from the sales were possessed of plenty of influence and buying power, and that it would be useless to complain against them.

During war days several hundred thousand "housewives" were purchased by the government from a Broadway concern at 42 1/2 cents each, although they were not worth half that sum at retail, and after being purchased they were being sold in large warehouses. What has become of these is a mystery. Even the army surplus broker can have little use for them while he is surrounded with opportunities to glean fortunes in the army stock market.

In those same days the Government was buying varnish in large quantities in two ounce bottles at a rate of \$10.84 a gallon, or many times the rate for which the varnish could have been purchased if bought by the can. It was paying \$1.42 each for cotton pillows which could be bought at retail for 75 cents. It was buying thousands of spoons of red tape in order that it might rot and become unfit for use.

An investigator recently set out to ascertain the present retail price of dough scrapers for which the Government had paid \$2.10 a dozen, and he found that they could be purchased in any 5 and 10 cent store for 10 cents each. He found that the open top tinners which the War Department paid \$5.50 a gross, were being sold by other concerns at the same time for \$4.50 a gross.

With kegs of nails of every size standing in the army supply base in Brooklyn, the War Department made large additional purchases in this line on August 20, 1920, and on October 4 and 12. It bought 250 metal baking pans from the Continental Metal Company on August 5, 1920, although the closing down of various posts with the demobilization of the army has left the War Department supplied with enough cooking utensils to last it for years to come.

The fact that large quantities of fly paper were being permitted to dry up and harden in warehouses on Governors Island and elsewhere did not deter the War Department from purchasing 675 cases of this commodity on August 3, 1920. Neither did the possession of a surplus supply of brooms hinder the purchase of \$0,000 more, a carload of which is at the army supply base in Brooklyn on October 12.

In each case where such additional purchases are made the person through whom the goods are ordered is obliged to put his signature to a certificate reading, "I hereby certify that upon due inquiry made it was found that the articles enumerated hereon could not be purchased from any other branch of the Government."

The prices paid by the War Department for many articles are amazing, and in many instances private investigators have discovered that an individual purchaser could get better results over the retail counter than the War Department seemed able to get through purchases of large quantities.

Among persons whose business it has been to handle goods for the Government it has been common gossip regarding the manner in which the United States Government was being gouged. In the offices of concerns that were doing the gouging the situation was the cause of much hilarious amusement and the attitude of corporation officers and heads of departments toward the War

Department was that of a green goods man toward a susceptible gentleman from the rural districts.

The investigator found that the War Department had paid one dealer in this city \$7.50 a dozen for five white burlap bags on March 22, 1918, while another local dealer on the following day re-

ceived only \$2.50 a dozen on a similar sale. Stryck Jugs for the army cost the Government \$2.50 each in a store on Fourth avenue. Pepper and salt shakers, such as may be purchased in any 10 cent store for five cents, cost the Government 25 cents each. Cheesecloth was bought at 4 1/2 cents a yard.

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**MOROSCOTHE BAT** 45th St. & Broadway. Eve. 8:30. Mat. To-day & Sat. 2:30.

**CASINO** 39th & W. 4th St. Eve. at 8:30. Mat. To-day & Sat. 2:30. **ZIMBALIST'S** Play with Music **HONEYDEW** PRINCESS 39th, near W. 4th St. Eve. 8:30. Mat. To-day & Sat. 2:30. **Ernst Truex in Blue Bonnet**

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Safes, Filing Cabinets, Adding Machines, &c. Three Upright Pianos.

**SALE TODAY 2 P. M.**  
Also Tomorrow, Friday & Saturday at the Galleries of  
**FIFTH AVENUE AUCTION ROOMS**  
Artistic and Valuable  
Property removed from several apartments on  
Riverside Drive and West End Av. and from the  
Manhattan Storage Warehouse  
consisting of  
Louis XV. Bedroom Suite in Walnut,  
Louis XV. Commode, Massive Ormolu Mounts,  
Hepplwhite Dining Room Suite,  
Drawing Room and Library Suite and Odd Pieces, Chinese Teakwood Sofas, Chaise and Table,  
Steinway Baby Grand and Upright Pianos  
Seymour Dresden, Goussin and Royal Worcester Porcelains,  
Marble Bust by Hiram Powers,  
Clock Sets, Mantel Carvatures, Bronzes, Etchings, Engravings, Memorabilia, Etc.  
OIL PAINTINGS  
by European and American Artists.  
Persian Rugs and Carpets  
in fine weave and colorings. Hangings and Draperies, Soft Silver, Books, Etc.  
A Collection  
of Staffordshire China  
in rich dark blue, mostly English views.  
ON VIEW UNTIL HOUR OF SALE.  
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James P. Silo & Son, Auctioneers  
Will Sell at Public Auction A LARGE COLLECTION MODERN & ANTIQUE FURNITURE, Etc.  
Comprising English, Italian and Early American Tables, Chairs, etc., Bohemian Glass of many colors, Over-stuffed Chaises and Living Room Suits, also complete furnishings for the Bedroom and Dining Room, Etc.  
ALSO BY ORDER OF THE CENTRAL UNION TRUST CO., EXECUTORS,  
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Antique Marble Mantels  
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Tomorrow, October 21st AT 11 A. M.  
All the Surplus  
Furnishings and Restaurant Equipment  
ON THE PREMISES OF  
**REISENWEBER'S**  
58th St. and 8th Av.,  
Part of their building having been leased.  
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