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Washington, D. C.—Controversies over the cost of living, and particularly the sugar shortage, have disclosed that there might have been an actual sugar famine several weeks ago but for the War Department, which has released more than 50,000,000 pounds of this commodity for sale to the public during the past few months. As a result, the army now has a reserve of less than two and one-half months' supply and every soldier from the chief of staff to the buck private is having his sugar supply rationed.

The ordinary sugar reserve of the army is at least three months' supply and usually nearer six months' supply, but the War Department has reduced this to meet the civil demands.

Anticipating a recurrence of a sugar shortage in the early fall at the end of the preserving season, Secretary of War Baker had a special survey of the army supply made last summer and determined that about 500,000 tons of the army reserve could be released in an emergency. Large lots of this sugar were distributed, as demands Equalization Board, notwithstanding the anxieties expressed by many army officers. But for the release of the army's stock, it is declared the public would have felt the shortage much sooner and much more acutely than is the case.

This development is regarded as important here in view of the recent attempts to lay on the shoulders of the War Department the blame for the present high cost of living. The House of Representatives' "investigating" committee it has been charged that the Secretary of War and the selling force of the War Department had deliberately connived to boost the living cost.

Information from the office of the director of army sales in France were on a purely commercial basis, and with the purpose of driving the best bargain possible in getting rid of the surplus that could not have been practically brought back to this country.

The sales department has, to date disposed of approximately a billion dollars' worth of surplus material that the army could not have used under ordinary circumstances. On these sales it has realized a recovery of about 75 per cent of the original cost. This is conceded to be an extremely high percentage of recovery. The Hare Commission, which also has been the subject of partisan attack, went to France and has thus far succeeded in making some excellent arrangements for the sale of surplus war materials for which there was no market on this side. This commission has been engaged principally in finding a market in Europe for materials chiefly of an industrial character, such as cotton lint, machine tools and other articles which had been produced in this country. With this country reverting to a peace-time industrial basis it was found that the American industrial plants were already overstocked with the equipment authorized for sale abroad. This commission was specifically instructed not to sell any staples that could be used in the United States as a help toward driving down the cost of living.

The Parker Commission in Paris, under the direction of Judge Alton B. Parker, was assigned to dispose of the docks, manufactories, storage plants and equipment and supplies of the American army in Europe. It is estimated that about \$150,000,000 worth of materials was disposed of in smaller lots. Belgium bought about \$50,000,000 worth of surplus

plies stored in that country. An arrangement was made with the French Government for the sale of the remaining stocks in a bulk lot at a price of \$400,000,000. It was required by the French interests that all remaining supplies be included in this sale, so that it was impracticable to take out the small quantities of staples that might at that time have been brought back to the United States. There was objection on the part of the French to purchasing our supplies at all. An internal commercial fight was made in France against the purchase of these supplies.

There remains in the army surplus approximately a billion dollars worth of material and equipment of various characters, a great quantity of which is raw material that will have to go through production before it is ready for use or consumption. Through the release of this material and through disposal abroad of material for which there was no market in the United States, production has been stimulated in this country. The result has been a firmer labor market and the avoidance of an era of unemployment, predicted as an accompaniment of demobilization.

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NOVEMBER WEATHER.

Here is What Hicks, of St. Louis Says We Will Have This Month.

The first reactionary storm period for November runs from the 3rd through the 5th. Moon and Uranus are in conjunction the 2nd; Moon on the equator the 3rd; Full Moon the 7th; a quadrature of Neptune the 4th; a quadrature of Jupiter the 10th; Moon in partial eclipse the 7th; the Jupiter influence continues.

Although the only storm brace within this period in the chart is the Jupiter, there are several important planetary configurations to be reckoned with, which will be heard from in or near the period. Warm days for the time of year will usher in this period, first in the west, and progressively across the country eastward. Rains in middle and southern sections and snow in northern parts will touch most localities during the passage of the period. Indications do not at this distance indicate excessive precipitation, but such is possible in some parts. Snow flurries to northward are probable, and possibly some sleet may appear. Various electrical phenomena, such as halos, sun-dogs, auroras, disturbance of wired systems, lightning, etc., will be experienced at this time. The period will wind up with colder winds from the northwest, with frosts or freezing in many parts well to the south.

A regular storm period runs from the 8th through the 11th, but existing conditions may cause it to include the 7th. A Vulcan center must be cited as the cause for the reactionary period just past; also Moon will be north of the equator and at her nearest approach to Earth for the month.

Moon's Full and perigee within 24 hours of each other on the 7th and 8th, make a strong pull for storminess early in this period. Normally this is the point of highest temperature for the month, and with Moon north and the central day of the period, a warm wave for the time of year will most likely usher in the period, and rain be the predominating precipitation. Considerable bluster shifting winds and electrical displays are likely for this time. Either severe storms will develop in sections or earthquakes that will make those who experience them also quake, will appear in regions of their normal activity.

The second reactionary storm period runs through the 14th, 15th and 16th. Moon is in conjunction with Neptune the 13th, with Jupiter the 14th, with Saturn the 16th. Moon's last quadrature on the 11th; we are midway between two quadratures of major planets east and one for the 20th and are near a Mercury center; Moon will be eclipsed the 22nd.

This period is so situated that continued unsettled weather may fill up the normal gap between the last period and this. As the areas pass eastward, rain turning to sleet or snow will be experienced in northern sections, with cold drizzling rains to southward. Much cloudiness and fog, with abnormal shifting winds will no doubt be part of the program winding up the period with blizzarding winds from the northwest and gales on the great lakes. Mariners of Gulf or lakes should watch their barometers when contemplating a cruise at this and the previous period. A rather cold snap should cover much of the country by the 17th to 18th, in contrast with temperatures prevailing at the beginning of this storm period.

The second regular storm period runs from the 19th through the 22nd. A Mercury influence is in full force; a Vulcan center falls on the 20th; a quadrature of Uranus the 20th; an annular eclipse of the Sun the 22nd; Mercury and Moon in conjunction the 22nd; Moon at south declination the 23rd, following her apogee the 22nd.

There are good reasons for expecting cold weather storms for this period and a cold wave following. By cold storms we do not mean of necessity blizzards or zero weather, but rains, the development will usually be cool, disagreeable and in northern parts turning to sleet or snow flurries. Ice storms will most likely sweep over the great lakes at this time. Electrical displays are likely near the last sections of storms if not early in storm developments. Auroras, halos and disturbance of wired systems will appear in many sections. Don't look for all the things we mention in any one section—we can only forecast general conditions which are governed by planetary configurations—it is up to readers to know something of weather habits in their own localities and with the in-

formation regarding general conditions, deduct for themselves what is likely in their own dooryard. A man in Texas would not look for the same developments that a man in Minnesota would expect—not if he had sense. Apply this rule, learn from the forecasts when storminess is likely, then look for what is most likely for your locality. This period will close with a cold snap, reaching well to southward. Saturday and Sunday the 22nd and 23rd are days of greatest danger of severe storm development in sections over which areas of low pressure are passing on those dates.

A reactionary storm period runs through the 25th, 26th and 27th.

Storm producing causes are conspicuous for their absence for this period. Hence whatever storminess does appear will be largely "reactionary." Should storminess develop in the period just passed, some of it may hold over into this period. We believe, however, that weather conditions will be practically normal for this time, partaking of neither extreme. Storm areas will pass across the country with some real storminess in sections, but probably not developing anything severe, except possibly in isolated sections if at all. Temperatures will be low over much of the country, with pretty well defined winter conditions in evidence. One thing may militate against this latter—Moon is on the 22nd and at south declination the 23rd, both calling for cold. Sometimes, by some as yet undiscovered rule, two configurations, both calling for cold or warm when coming near together seem to neutralize each other and temperatures remain in normal in spite of them. It is possible that this may be the case at this time, and temperatures remain normal, running to neither extreme. However, we look for temperatures that will make overcoats popular at least.

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