

BUTTER DEALERS ARE PUT UNDER NEW REGULATIONS

Food Administrations Act to Conserve Butter and Cheese for Public.

REASONABLE PRICES MUST RULE SALES

What Reasonable Prices Are Subject to Definition As Given Out.

Hartford, Oct. 25—New license regulations important to every butter and cheese dealer and of considerable interest to the public, have been promulgated by the Food Administration. The recent rise in the price of butter has been incorrectly thought to be due to the amount of butter purchased by the government. Out of an estimated storage stock of 100,000,000 pounds, the government has taken 25,000,000 pounds. The Food Administration has been apprehensive that the high price might stifle the consumption of dairy butter, increase the consumption of oleomargarine and cause a general slump in butter prices, which would be disastrous to the original producer. The price of feeds has not increased, but there have been material advances in wages paid by the dairy industries.

The new license regulations are the result of a recent inquiry into the abnormally high prices of butter and cheese and the new rules are for the guidance not only of dealers who hold food administration licenses, but for those who are dependent upon such licenses for their retail supplies.

Because of the great demands made by the Army and Navy, there is something of a shortage of American or Cheddar Cheese, and the food administration is asking the patriotic public for more intensive conservation of cheese.

Prices are Defined

In insisting that butter be defined at a reasonable advance over the cost, the food administration details "cost" for the purpose of this rule to include: 1. Purchase price; 2. Transportation charges, if any; 3. Storage charges actually incurred on cold storage butter; 4. Insurance charges actually incurred on cold storage butter; 5. Interest on money invested at the current rate while butter is in cold storage; 6. Actual cost of printing, if the butter is put in print form from tubs or cubs. Cost shall not include any allowance for shrinkage in weight, commissions or expenses other than those herein listed. Maximum margins permitted in any sale except by manufacturer or retailer shall be limited as follows: 1 cent per pound on car lot sales; 1.1-2 cents per pound on 7,000 pounds; 2 cents on 3,500 pounds; 2.1-2 cents on 700 pounds; 3 cents on 100 pounds and 3.1-4 cents on less than 100 pounds. Additions for cold storage charges are limited to 1 cent per pound for one month and not more than 1-4 cent per pound for succeeding months up to a maximum of 2 cents.

For cheese the first five cost items are the same as for butter and the sixth permits of additions covering the cost of paraffining not to exceed 1-4

cent per pound. Sales except by manufacturers and retailers are subject to the following limitations: On car lots 3-4 cents per pound; 7,000 pounds 1.1-4 cents per pound; 500 pounds 1.1-4 cents per pound; and less than 500 pounds 3 cents per pound.

Will Enforce Rules.

The food administration is directing its enforcement machinery against dealers who are attempting to reap large profits in the rising butter market. Under the food administration regulations, butter, both storage and fresh, must be sold at a price not to exceed a stipulated margin over cost and dealers are not allowed to profit by abnormal advances in the market quotations. The retailers' margin of profit on butter shall not exceed 5 cents per pound at cash and carry stores and 6 cents per pound at credit and delivery stores.

According to the new cheese regulations, retailers may not sell American or Cheddar cheese at any advance in excess of six or seven cents over cost. The six cent per pound profit represents the maximum margin of profit for stores conducted on the cash carry or no service plan, while seven cents per pound is the maximum for the extra service stores extending credit and delivery.

Dealers whose delivered store-door cost is figured in fractions may have the benefit of such fractional cost. For example, cheese costing at store-door 26 1-4 cents per pound would carry a maximum margin of 6 3-4 cents per pound for the cash carry and no service stores, and 7 3-4 cents per pound for the extra service or credit and delivery stores.

In determining margins at 6 and 7 cents per pound on cheese with the fractional cost in dealers' favor, the United States food administration has given due consideration to the rising costs of operation, which must be met by the dealer. This maximum margin will, no doubt, exceed in some instances normal pre-war margins.

In addition to the foregoing margin, a retailer who carries American or Cheddar Cheese in a warehouse for more than 30 days, may add not to exceed 1-8 cent per pound per month for each and every month after the 30 day period, during which the cheese is held in the warehouse by him, but in no case shall the amount added exceed 1 cent per pound, and no further amount shall be added by the dealer after 9 months from the date of original storage.

Dealers should understand that if they average costs, they must average the cost of each grade and style separately.

Civil Service Exam For Clerk, Nov. 7

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for clerks, for both men and women, on November 7 and December 7, 1918, to be held in Bridgeport. Vacancies in the Departmental Service, Washington, D. C., will be filled from this examination.

The usual entrance salary for this position is \$909 a year, but the War Department has adopted for use during the continuance of the war \$1,000 a year as the entrance rate of pay for clerks, and states that it will increase this salary to \$1,200 a year to all clerks who after three months of service are reported by bureau chiefs as being well qualified and in every way worthy of the promotion.

All applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday on the date of the examination. Applications may be mailed to Wallace E. Smith, Custom office.

China's 600,000 pound 8 per cent. loan was subscribed.

AMERICAN AIRMEN STIR ENTHUSIASM DURING FLIGHTS

With American Aviators in France, Oct. 25—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The start of an American bombing squadron on a raid into German territory is a spectacle to stir the enthusiasm of an American and inspire him with an appreciation of America's growing strength in the air.

The squadron already had been over the German lines twice that day with fair success and the aviators lounged in shady spots, jibing one another or idly commenting upon the evolutions of practice airplanes overhead, when the correspondent of The Associated Press visited the flying field.

Out of a concealed and camouflaged office but there stepped suddenly the flight leader, Lieut. Gunderlach, who already has been named in the official American communication for prowess in the air.

The aviators sprang to their feet and gathered around their leader for the final instructions. He had not been at all satisfied with the two performances of the day. They had shown a tendency to straggle overmuch and had not kept sufficiently "bunched."

Hot criticism poured from his lips and the youngsters were silent in embarrassment. The leader did not spare them, but iterated and reiterated that "the formation is the thing, the squadron is the thing," and, finally, "God help a straggler."

Then, the ordeal over, the aviators went silently to their quarters for their great, heavy, Arctic clothing. In the turn of a hand they were back on the field, swathing and swaddling themselves to the eyes, tucking chocolate into their pockets (for they get hungry up in the air) or breaking open fresh packages of chewing gum, which helps to alleviate nervousness and has a steadying effect.

The last machine gun has been tested, the last propeller had been twirled until it revolved at lightning speed. The commander gave an almost imperceptible wave of his hand.

Airplane number one, bearing the flight leader, threw off its restraining mechanics and swept in a big curve across the field, with its weight of bombs, to a position from which it could rise at the head of the group.

One by one the others followed suit, taking up position just behind and to the right and left of the leader until they were spread out like a huge covey of unaimed but marvelously colored birds. As they waited they tossed out rockets which, despite the brilliant sunlight, flared a blinding red and white. The test was complete. They were ready for the start.

Again the commander gave a signal. The noise of the motors rose to deafening proportions. The great covey began to move, gained speed as they sped northward across the field, then one after another "took off" the ground. All the clumsiness of the "taxi-ing" was gone. The machines had become graceful birds in fact.

Swiftly they rose, while still within sight, to a great height, looking for all the world like a flock of geese with the leader at the neck of the formation. Later on, when about to cross the line, they would draw closer together into a compact, tight-knit group, but always following, whether to left or right, the two little white

pennants streaming out from the leader's machine.

WOMAN TRIES TO AROUSE RUSSIANS

Archangel, Oct. 25—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Maria Butchkareff, organizer of the famous Russian Woman's Battalion, is here aiding the organization of a Russo-Allied army. She has caused the following proclamation to be posted in village squares and in the country churches.

"I am a Russian peasant and a soldier. At the request of the soldiers and peasants I went to America and Great Britain in order to request these countries for military help for Russia. The allies understand our own misfortunes and I return with the allied armies which came only for the purpose of helping to chase our deadly enemies, the Germans, and not to interfere with our internal affairs. After the war is over the allied troops will leave Russian soil. "I, on my own part, request all

loyal free sons of Russia, without reference to party to come together, acting as one with the allied forces, who, under the Russian flag have come to free Russia from the German yoke and in order to help the new free Russian army with all forces, including Russian, to beat the enemy.

War Work Council In the Argentine

Buenos Aires, Oct. 5—South America is to be organized for Y. M. C. A. war work along the same lines as the European countries. The War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association in New York has appointed Jay C. Field of the Buenos Aires Y. M. C. A. to act as First Secretary in South America in which capacity he will look after the entertainment of United States sailors whenever they land at any South

American port.

It is proposed to have permanent organizations in all the South American ports, under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. Fleet Secretary, which can on a moment's notice prepare themselves to entertain any number of sailors who may be sent ashore on leave.

One night recently when an American cruiser was in the port of Buenos Aires, the Y. M. C. A. arranged for the entertainment of 120 sailors in the homes of American and English families.

As Buenos Aires has the only Y. M. C. A. building in South America large enough to look after a large number of sailors, the first work of the Y. M. C. A. committees will be to provide buildings in each port which will be turned into permanent homes for American sailors during their shore leave. American families will be called upon to entertain large numbers of them at their homes.

A resolution was passed by the Senate authorizing an investigation of the Mosgan, N. J., munition explosion.

STRANGE APPEALS TO RED CROSS

Vladivostok, Oct. 25—Some Russians have a strange conception of the functions of the Red Cross. The apparently intelligent matron of Vladivostok home for orphans recently proposed that the Red Cross take over management of all orphan's homes throughout Russia. She thought this could be started with an expenditure of not more than 60,000,000 rubles.

Another modest request from another source was that the Red Cross undertake the rehabilitation and repair of all towns throughout Russia which have suffered from Russia's civil war.

The matron also asked the Red Cross to make the nurses and instructors in her institution behave. She complained that since the Bolshevik reign in Vladivostok all sense of discipline had vanished and the young men and women were carrying on high jinks to the detriment of the orphans' welfare.

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