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Army Store in France Sells Goods to Soldiers Below Retail Prices

Prices quoted for June on merchandise in the huge general stores operated by the Quartermaster Corps in France show that members of the Expeditionary Forces may secure goods at prices lower than retail prices in effect in this country.

June quotations are: Hops, 11 cents; cherries, 24 cents; can of cocoa, 14 cents; pocket combs, 6 cents; can of corn, 10 cents; shaving brushes, 15 cents; tooth brushes, 12 cents; can of stringless beans, 10 cents; bottle of ginger ale, 9 cents; can plum pudding, 32 cents; standard \$5 safety razors, \$1.75; pair shoe laces, 3 cents; can talcum powder, 5 cents; pound loaf sugar, 10 cents; can of spot cotton thread, 4 cents; 2-ounce package smoking tobacco, 7 cents; hand soap, 1 cent; can lobsters, 25 cents; shaving soap, 4 cents; bottle Worcestershire sauce, 2 cents; can of condensed milk, 16 cents; pint bottle olives, 23 cents; can green peas, 10 cents; shoe polish, 9 cents.

Although the men are issued ample rations, the Quartermaster Corps has opened to the enlisted men for the purpose of permitting them to add to their menu or to satisfy individual desires for dainties or delicacies. The highest grade of merchandise is carried in stock so that the men may be sure of having the best, whether in rations or extra supplies.

Meats, groceries, fish, vegetables, notions, toilet articles, smokers' articles, and scores of miscellaneous items are included in the published price lists. These lists are made available to each company and purchases may be made either for cash or on credit.

Among the staples to be found in these chain stores are: Fresh beef, ham, bacon, turkey, potatoes, rice, hominy, beans, onions, coffee, tea, sugar, cheese, cocoa, butter, and evaporated fruits. The canned fruits and vegetables include: Apples, peaches, apricots, pears, cherries, currants, pineapples, prunes, asparagus, sweet corn, tomatoes, mushrooms, sweet potatoes, spinach, squash, turnips, and beans. Included in the list of canned meats and fish are: Lobsters, oysters, salmon, mackerel, cod, sardines, shrimps, herring, deviled crabs, sausages, tongue, turkey, deviled ham, corned beef, corned beef hash, roast beef and mince meat.

For the man with a sweet tooth there are: Jams, jellies, preserves, raisins, apple butter, maple sirup, molasses, cranberry sauce, citron, nuts, candy, etc. The smoker may purchase smoking pipes, cigars, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, cigarette papers and matches. The incidental needs of all the men are supplied with razors, combs, brushes for all purposes, tooth powder, shaving sticks, shaving mugs, mirrors, razor straps, shoe polish, shoe laces, toilet water, talcum powder, tooth powder, witch-hazel, towels, handkerchiefs, neckties, neckties, neckties, thread, candles and playing cards.

Oddy Shaped Feet Now Get Fitted in Army Shoes

Two out of every 1,000 men in the Army have to have their shoes made to order. In several camps entire regiments have had their feet measured, and hundreds of drawings were made of odd shapes and sizes. At the present time the Army uses between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 pairs of shoes a month.

Facts brought out in tests seem to prove that men in the present Army are larger than those serving in previous wars. Not only is this shown by the larger sizes of shoes called for, but by the larger sizes of outer clothing that is being required. Records in the Quartermaster Corps show that a size larger, on the average, is being demanded in blouses, shirts and breeches than have ever before been used.

Tests for Awarding Medal of Honor Named by Gen. Pershing

These tests are applied to cases recommended for the medal of honor, according to instructions issued as a guide to officers by Gen. Pershing. Men who have performed in action deeds of most distinguished personal bravery and self-sacrifice above and beyond all call of duty; so conspicuous as clearly to distinguish them for gallantry and intrepidity above their comrades; which involve risk of life or the performance of more than ordinary hazardous service; the omission of which would not justly subject the person to censure for shortcoming or failure in the performance of his duty.

The distinguished service cross is awarded for gallantry in action to anyone who may distinguish himself in action by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, under circumstances which do not justify the award of the medal of honor.

The distinguished service medal is awarded for exceptional meritorious service to the Government in connection with operations against an armed enemy.

Emergency Building to Provide for Soldiers Costs \$1,170,619,000

The total cost for National Army cantonments was \$1,170,619,000, according to a statement by the War Department. The National Guard camps cost \$38,375,272. Emergency work to provide for soldiers in this country and to provide buildings for the manufacture and storage of material both here and abroad undertaken by the construction division of the Army, which has been executed or is under way and in prospect up to June 1, will cost about \$1,170,619,000. This total is exclusive of three operations costing \$106,000,000, under the direct control of the Ordnance Department. Up to June 1 the construction division had completed 53 jobs, at a total cost of \$292,250,000. It has 244 operations under way, which when finished will cost about \$270,369,000. Preparations are being made to start work on 117 new operations which are expected to cost \$700,000,000.

General Pershing Insists that Letters be Written Home

"Duty to one's country does not end on the parade ground, nor even on the battle field, but consists in doing everything in one's power to help win the war," says an order issued by Gen. Pershing, a copy of which has been received by the War Department.

To write home frequently and regularly to keep in constant touch with family and friends is one of the soldier's most important duties.

Mothers and fathers will suffer if they do not hear often from sons fighting in France. In the present large companies it is not possible for officers to write letters for their men and every man must do it for himself.

Government Powder Plants Planned in January Now in Operation

Operation has begun in two Government powder plants two months ahead of schedule. When the task of building the plants was considered by the War Department in January it was predicted that the production of powder might begin in August, barring unforeseen delays. The \$120,000,000 allotted for the plants is expected to give the Government a smokeless powder production plant equal to all other American plants combined. In construction of the plants it was found necessary to build a new town on each site to house the employees, and approximately 10,000 buildings were erected. Streets were put down and sewered, power plants constructed, and stores and hospitals built. Approximately 35,000 men worked on construction and about 30,000 will eventually be engaged in the actual production of powder.

New "Over-seas Cap" Added to Equipment of American Troops

The "over-seas cap" now being issued to soldiers in the Expeditionary Forces matches the uniform in color and has a very low crown, and has no brim or peak. It is so made that it may be folded and carried in a pocket. When American forces entered the trenches it was found that the brims of their campaign hats interfered with sighting through trench periscopes and that in the cases of tall men the high crowns could be seen above the parapets. The new cap is so made that it may be worn with practically the same freedom as when they are hatless. The trench helmet can be worn over it.

Only soldiers who have been with the Expeditionary Forces wear the cap. According to reports from France new regulations provide that officers shall wear their insignia of rank on the cap, and enlisted men shall wear the cap prescribed to be worn on the left side of the collar of the service coat.

The three new national forests recently established in the East include approximately 638,000 acres. There are about 5,000 Germans interned in the United States.

In one Army camp there are 55 battalion baseball teams, beside the Engineers, staff, brigade and division teams. Standard safety razors are now being issued to men in the expeditionary forces. In addition each man is issued a toothbrush, comb, hairbrush, soap and towels.

More than 700,000 tons of cereal foodstuffs were shipped to the allies from North America during May, according to the Food Administration. April shipments were more than 800,000 tons.

More than 69,000 masters, officers and seamen on American merchant vessels traveling and chewing have been insured by the United States Government. This insurance totals more than \$115,000,000. Claims under the insurance are so far a little more than \$100,000.

The new collar insignia for the Army Air Service consists of a pair of horizontal bronze wings, with a silver two-bladed propeller placed vertically on the center. It is worn by officers and enlisted men of the Department of Military Aeronautics and the Bureau of Aircraft Production. The hat cord for enlisted men will be green and black.

The military postal express service established for the Expeditionary Forces has charge of the collection, dispatch, and delivery of all mail emanating from and destined to the American forces in France. It also will receive, dispatch and deliver the express arising, or arriving in France for the American forces, and will deliver express bound for the United States to the proper express company.

Applicants for commissions as first lieutenants in the Engineer Corps, according to a statement by the War Department, should be between 22 and 36 years of age and for commissions as captains between 36 and 42. The Engineer Corps is conducting a campaign for 2,000 more commissions at camp cantonments and board making a tour of the principal cities of the country to make examination readily available for applicants. Construction of additions and improvements to the hospital establishment of the Army in this country during the past six months has been undertaken by the Construction Division of the Army at an estimated cost of \$25,174,415.55. The new buildings consist of hospitals, convalescent barracks, infirmaries, and nurses' quarters. The figure represents work finished and in the course of completion both within and outside the camps and cantonments.

Thousands of women are employed in the United States gas-mask plant. They are inspectors and are engaged throughout the entire process of manufacture, according to a statement from the Gas Defense Service. Hundreds of girls have been maintained in the special art of sewing the face pieces. Each separate step in the assembling of the mask is done by women workers, until the mask is completed, the last inspection is made and the final product is ready for shipment overseas.

More than 800 penalties for violation of rules and regulations governing licensed dealers in foodstuffs have been imposed during the past 10 months by the Food Administration. About 150 companies and individuals have been ordered to quit business in licensed commodities for a limited or unlimited period and over 500 have voluntarily made a money payment, usually to the Red Cross, or have temporarily abstained from doing business rather than risk calling down more drastic penalties. As a result of the studies at the front, methods have been developed whereby more than 80 per cent of the wounded who originally remained at the military hospitals for months, are now cured and returned to the forces in three or four weeks. In order that Army surgeons stationed at camp cantonments and other military hospitals in this country may thoroughly understand the latest treatment of war wounds, the Army Medical Department has had established special classes of instruction to which are sent selected officers who, upon completion of their courses, return to their own hospitals and instruct other surgeons in these methods.

Change at Elizabethtown College. Prof. D. C. Reber, president of Elizabethtown College for the past sixteen years, resigned his position to accept a principalship in the college at North Manchester, Ind., and left this week with his family to enter upon his new duties. The vacancy will be filled by Prof. H. K. Ober.

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The Tale of a Mad German Bull on an Irish Farm

Quarryville's boss story teller, George W. Hensel, who runs a country store and a farm, and helps to run one section of the Democratic party and is quite capable too of managing the other (and perhaps a couple of other parties at the same time), says that Joe Roop, who farms along the Octoraro, is the owner of a bull with a bad disposition, as a result of which the animal was imprisoned during the winter at separate and solitary confinement, and made his debut this spring with a big copper ring in his nose. As a rule the decoration sweetens the disposition and softens the temper of a bull, but this particular one continued to exhibit deep-seated evidence of Hunlike treachery.

Dogs gave him a wide berth, neighbors' bulls ignored his bellowing defiance, and women and children on the farm relied on barbed wire fences to keep him in the safety zone, and the men in dealing with him used forks occasionally to enforce discipline while they kept watch on movements he made. Every place and every animal about the place was suspicious of him, and then the time came when the crops were to be put in and chickens brought out. The fences were made substantial to restrain him from roaming in the gloaming, and he had to be content with the general supervision of the barn yard, and access to the meadows, where old hens were mothering big families, goslings were taking lessons in swimming, ducks were quacking like specialists, gobblers were muckraking while crows with propensities to steal and hawks with a fondness for chicken were indifferent to the presence of his bullship.

In due season Mrs. Roop was compelled to erect the season's scarecrow to protect her varied flocks. Scarecrows are generally fashioned after the man, but with a surplus of ladies' apparel, and in shorter time than Eve was created, a woman of mature years appeared in the midst of the meadows; her headgear was not of the style worn in North Queen by young ladies between the hours of 9 P. M. and 19 years, but her dress was gorgeous and as brilliant as Jacob's coat; vermillion preeminent; it caused a panic among the cows, and the hawks were not willing to take a chance on being swept to death with the broom she carried in her arms.

In the building of the scarecrow the bull had not been consulted nor even considered. No deliberate effort had been made to placate or infuriate him, but after a careful survey, and minute observation of the strange woman, her dress and audacity in defying him, he began to back slowly toward Kirkwood, dropping his head toward the ground until his mind was lower than a German submarine captain's. He pawed the earth with his right foot to throw dirt in the direction of the Union and with his left he shelled Bartville, and then with Hindenburg's savagery he charged upon the defenseless lady to hurl her high in the air. At the height of sixteen feet she lost two petticoats, and ten feet higher her left limb, she landed on her face with every rib misplaced and her hat a total loss.

The bull returned to her prostrate form and bellowed o'er his victory as the crown prince of Germany does every time his old man confers iron crosses on murderers and ravishers while the whole Roop family hugely enjoyed the ludicrous dilemma of the bull, and the dignified gander hissed at his victory. Another link will be put in his nose to concentrate his mind on more pleasing things, and if he remains grouchy the third link will be added, to make him an odd fellow among bulls, and humiliate him in his tyranny.

A suggestion that the bull be loaned to the Allies for use as a tank has been turned down because it is feared that he would desert in order to fight on the side of his prototype, the Kaiser—Lancaster Inquirer.



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