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OFFICIAL FOOD NEWS

By Dr. Harry E. Barnard, Federal Food Administrator for Indiana.

Beginning July 1, Indiana goes on a strict sugar ration. In addition to statements of quantities of sugar on hand, dealers and manufacturers using or handling this commodity, will be required to give detailed information concerning their requirements, and subject themselves to still further radical restrictions in the consumption of sugar for the months of July, August and September.

To expedite the distribution of sugar, all of which under the new regulations comes under the jurisdiction of the federal food administrator, J. E. Langer, head of the sugar division, in the office of Dr. Harry E. Barnard, federal food administrator for Indiana, has prepared a classification supplementing that effective heretofore, and will require all distribution hereafter (except that for household consumption) to be on a certificate basis. The classification is as follows:

A. Candy makers, soft drinks, soda fountains, chewing gum, chocolate and cocoa manufacturers, tobacco manufacturers, flavoring extracts, invert sugar, syrups, sweet pickles, wines, etc.

These must show the amount of sugar used during the months of July, August and September, 1917, and certificates issued to them, if the statements are found correct, will be based upon 50 per cent. of such average use. Ice cream makers will be entitled to 75 per cent. Certificates will be issued separately for each month's supply.

B. Commercial canners.

These will be given certificates for their necessary requirements, but any resale of sugar by them except under the express direction of the local food administrator, will constitute a violation of the regulations, and subject them to closing of business for the period of the war. Any sugar on hand at the end of the season must be placed at the disposal of the food administrator. A special appeal is made to this group to economize in every possible direction.

C. Hotels, restaurants, public eating houses (serving twenty-five or more persons).

These will receive certificates on the basis of three pounds for each ninety meals served.

D. Bakers.

These will receive certificates for 70 per cent. of the average amount used during July, August and September, 1917, or alternatively, 70 per cent. of that used during June, 1918.

E. Retail Stores.

These will receive for July purchases, certificates based upon the average of sugar sold during the combined three months of April, May and June, 1918. Retailers must not sell sugar to any of the other groups; that is, to none except householders, with out taking up the certificates of such purchases. Sales to town customers are limited to 2 pounds, and country customers to 5 pounds. The retailer is admonished not to sell more than 3 pounds per person per month to householders, whose co-operation with the retailer is earnestly sought.

Retailers may, at present, sell 25 pounds of sugar to any one household for home canning, upon the household certificate, if he has not bought elsewhere and his present return any balance not used for canning purposes. Householders, on certificate, may obtain more than 25 pounds; for home canning where need is shown, but in no instance will a sale of more than 100 pounds for home canning purpose be permitted without the approval of the local food administrator.

No wholesaler or retailer will be permitted to sell any sugar whatsoever except on the certificate basis. Any person in any of the above five groups, who does not file his statement promptly, will not be permitted to buy sugar for the period of the war, and action will at once be taken against any sugar he may have on hand in excess of 30 days' supply, and he will be charged with hoarding.

No firm will be permitted a stock in excess of a 3 months' supply on the basis outlined above. Any stock in excess of 28 days' supply, but less than 90 days' supply must be held subject to the local food administrator, for distribution if necessary, depending on the remoteness from the source of supply. The food administrator will construe any attempts by dealers and manufacturers to lay up a supply, as hoarding, and upon conviction, this offense is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

"While in law the same rule might be applied to householders, the food administrator proposes to rest upon the honor and co-operation of the householder not to hold more than a 30 days' supply, upon the basis of 3 pounds per person in the household," said Dr. Barnard.

In explanation of the more stringent regulations of the sugar supply and its distribution, Dr. Barnard said: "A number of causes have conspired to make our sugar position more difficult than we could have anticipated at the beginning of the year. The increased shipping needed by our growing army in France has necessitated the curtailment of sugar transportation, particularly from the longer voyage, and has thus reduced supplies both to the allies and ourselves from remote markets. Some of the accessible sugar producing areas have proved a less yield than was anticipated, such as certain West Indian islands. The domestic beet and Louisiana crops have fallen below anticipation. There has been some destruction of beet sugar factories in the battle area of France and Italy. We have lost considerable sugar by submarines.

"As close an estimate as we can make, indicates a reasonable expectation from all sources of about 1,600,000 tons of sugar for United States consumption during the last half of the present year. This is based upon the maintenance of the present rationed supply. An improvement in shipping conditions would, of course, relieve this situation, a quantities of sugar are in unavailable markets. We must, however, base the distribution of sugar during the next six months, upon the above footing. After that period, the new West Indian crop will be available.

"This supply of 1,600,000 tons necessitates a considerable reduction in our consumption. To provide three pounds of sugar per month per person for household use, to take care of our army and navy, and to provide for the necessary preservation of fruit, milk, etc., will require about 1,500,000 tons of sugar for the six months. A household consumption of a pound per month per person, together with the special allowance for home canning, means a reduction of some 25 per cent. in these branches of consumption from normal, but it is still nearly double the ration in the allied countries and is ample for every economical use."

LETTER A FAKE

Red Cross Organization
Has Never Sanctioned
Any Chain Letter.

NEW ONE BOBS UP

A Hearty Disapproval is
Voiced by the American Red Cross.

Indianapolis, July 5—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Inquiries regarding the authenticity of the latest chain letter fake are being received by the Indiana State Council of Defense. This is signed by "P. L. Hopkins of New York," and solicits funds for the founding of a special hospital in France for the treatment of wounds of the face and jaw, and states that "for every \$16,000 raised by the American committee, the American Red Cross will give \$2,000 in cash, for which one hundred beds will be established and maintained." The money is to be sent to Mr. Horrittes, French consul, P. O. Box 1571, Seattle, Wash.

Inquiry was made of the Red Cross headquarters, and D. C. Dougherty, director of publicity for the Lake Division, replied as follows: "I hasten to take this opportunity of requesting you to do all possible to wipe out this particular chain letter, or any other chain letter which uses the name of the American Red Cross. For seven months now the American Red Cross and the French consul at Seattle, have been doing everything possible to break every link of this chain. At one time we thought this pest had been put out of the way, but within the last month the thing has broken out again. This week's issue of the Lake Division News contains a little story on 'chain letters,' which distinctly outlines the position of the Red Cross in this matter, and which might be of some service to you in breaking some of the links in Indiana. Believe me when I say that anything you may do to stop this letter will be thoroughly appreciated, not only by the division office, but by the national headquarters as well."

The chain letter story in the "News" referred to by Mr. Dougherty follows: "The American Red Cross has never sanctioned the chain letter, and, according to a recent letter on this subject from national headquarters, it is apparent that the Red Cross never will sanction the chain letter. In fact, one chain letter which has again gotten into circulation, at the request of the American Red Cross was at one time investigated and followed up by the department of justice."

"It is the request of the division headquarters that all Lake Division chapter publicity chairmen issue, through the medium of every newspaper in their respective jurisdiction, a statement that the Red Cross heartily disapproves of the chain letter, and that persons receiving chain letters which mention the name of the Red Cross, immediately destroy such letters and so break many links in the chain."

GREATEST CIRCUS
IS COMING SOON
Barnum & Bailey Show Will Exhibit
in this Vicinity.

There is to be a real circus day this year—a Barnum & Bailey circus day. Advance guards of the greatest show on earth announce that this season's route carries it close enough to be visited by everybody in this vicinity. Thirty acres of tents will be set, and the big show will be exhibited in Fort Wayne on July 11.

A wonderful new program is promised, and it is claimed that this season the monster entertainment has more and better things to show than ever before. Starting with a magnificent pageant entitled, "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," the circus will occupy three hours or more with events in air, on platform, and rings, and in the huge hippodrome surrounding. Not one moment will be lost in all of the spaces of the vast enclosure.

The opening feature is the first attempt at Chinese pagentry in the history of American circuses, and it has been described as the most gorgeous presentation ever attempted. The story of the genie slave of the magic lamp is too well known to need description here. However, it may be well to call attention to the possibilities for display in coloring and magnificent settings in the Chinese locale, and to the fact that Barnum & Bailey have spent \$1,000,000 to reproduce all of its glorious possibilities.

The circus program, which follows the pageant, is made up almost entirely of names and acts new to the American public, the cream of all con-

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