

# THE SUGAR MARKET IS NOW IN A CHAOTIC CONDITION

The Shortage was Manipulated by Speculators and Profiteers—  
The Price to the Consumer was More Than Double What  
it Should Have Been—Prohibition was Blamed for the Short-  
age—Not Dropping Very Much Yet.

(Boston Transcript)

Never has the sugar market been in such chaotic condition as at present. Caused by acts of commission or omission on the part of the present Administration, a state of affairs came about which enabled speculators and profiteers to manufacture a "shortage" of the commodity and to raise prices to the consumer to more than double the proper or reasonable figure. That unreasonable rise in cost to the American people undoubtedly runs above \$1,000,000,000, and probably approaches \$2,000,000,000. That there was no real shortage is proved by the fact that when the price was sky-rocketed sufficiently, plenty of sugar was available. It came from many sources—some of it sailed overseas twice—and the total to August 24th, 1920, far exceeded the total for the same period in 1919, and even now is approaching the total for the entire year 1919.

It was heralded when first the "shortage" propaganda was being put forth, that the consumption of sugar in the United States was being vastly increased by prohibition. On tenet was that the confirmed toper, deprived of his whiskey was turning to candy, letting his digestive apparatus distill the alcohol his system craved. That delusion gained great credence for a time, but it is now evident that there was no material increase in consumption of sugar from that cause. In fact, it is extremely doubtful if there has been any great increase in the consumption of sugar—sugar actually eaten or drunk—in the United States the present year. There was, early in the year, a decided increase in the amount of sugar bought by candy and soft drink manufacturers for a demand that did not materialize. Much of that sugar has been placed upon the market in many instances giving big profit at the inflated price obtained for it.

But what of present conditions? Refiners of one set, who have made profits far beyond their dreams through the sky-rocketing process they were allowed to engineer are holding their

prices for the standard granulated sugar of the table at around 22 cents a pound, while raw sugars are selling under 10 cents. They are not disposing of much sugar at their top-notch prices, except to such of their customers as are tied by iron-clad contracts. Immense stocks of raw and refined sugars are accumulating and they are said to be able to hold large amounts for a long time. Refiners of another class have cut net price for granulated sugar below 16 cents a pound. In New York sugar is being hawked on the streets at two pounds for 35 cents, or more than six cents a pound below the price maintained at refineries of the class mentioned first above. Boston is particularly unfortunate in that the prices do not drop here as in other large cities.

Unquestionably there has been a decrease in the world production of sugar since 1914. Unquestionably, also, there has been a marked reduction in the world consumption, due to war causes. It probably is true that the reduction in ability to consume sugar because of the date World War is greater than the decreased world production of sugar. In the United States there has been an increase in consumption since 1914. But how about Europe? Supposing each of the 35,820,000 men, women and children who have been obliterated by the war had been allowed to live and that each should consume the modest allotment of fifty pounds of sugar this year the total would be \$83,000 short tons. Poverty, famine and other after the war conditions fairly can be said to have reduced the sugar consumption by those who remain alive in Europe four times as much more. The survivors cannot buy because dire economic conditions prevent. So it is fair to assume that the world sugar demand has decreased because of the World War even more than has the world production.

There is much justice in the plea of many honest retailers who have been held to Government restrictions allowing them a very moderate pro-

## IF OURS ARE BAD TRY LONDON'S

New York Sun  
"You think the New York telephone service is bad, do you?" said the representative of a big New York advertising firm, as he disembarked from the Adriatic after two months in London. "Well, you ought to try the phones in London."

"They're slower," said he, "and besides the English speak a different language. The words they use are never the ones an American would have picked. And when you speak American they don't understand you."

"For instance, I wanted to find out the phone number of a friend whose address I had. Did I ask for information? I did not. I had already learned on the Liverpool dock and the London train that the British short cut for everything is different from ours. So I carefully explained what I wanted at great length. As it was going by the operator for the fourth time she caught it. 'Oh, oh!' she said, 'you want Inquiry Directory.' Oh, oh! I'll put you through."

"Putting one through," explained the traveller, "means connecting you."

"However," he continued, "I misused once even on this simple call. I asked for 'Directory Inquiry.' I was sure I had it right; but it drew a blank. She couldn't understand me. Again I put it across, accenting a different syllable each time to help her out. 'Oh-h-h-h!' she cried at last, turning the two words about. 'You want Inquiry Directory. Oh-h-h-h!'

"And I said 'Oh-h-h-h! Tommyrot!' but she didn't understand."

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fit on their sales, and who now are likely to suffer loss from a rapidly falling market. These retailers are not the ones who have been profiteering under Federal encouragement and arg. They now have to sue while the speculative middlemen the real profiteers both in raw and refined sugar seemed to have stepped aside. The retailers and the consumers in the homes are the real victims.

There remains nothing but to allow the forced exorbitant prices to drop of their own weight, as they have been dropping, despite the most desperate efforts of inflationists and profiteers who benefitted by the great sugar scare of 1920.

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## FARMERS HEAR MORE OF THE POLITICIANS

Toronto, Aug. 30.—A series of political picnics have been held throughout the summer in Ontario, under the auspices of the United Farmers of Ontario, at which prominent speakers of the party have laid the case before the hard-handed men of the soil themselves. The idea is something new in Canadian politics, at least in recent years, and marks a reversal of policy on the part of the men in power. For many years past the members of Parliament in the old parties have really met the people only at election time, and as a rule have studiously avoided meetings at all other seasons. This practice of neglect contributed to the estrangement between the politics and the farmers, and the new procedure of the U. F. O. is deliberately adopted as a matter of tactics as well as duty.

Premier Drury has met many audiences during the summer and presented his brief record as head of the Government and impressed the people with his earnest desire to serve them honorably. The most frequently heard speaker, however, has been J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U. F. O., who has been on tour all summer, often addressing three meetings a day. Mr. Morrison is a sort of David Harum on the platform, with a homely, droll style and a good deal of political sagacity. At the same time his tendency to criticize the Premier has led to criticism of himself in turn, as one whose ks to be a political dictator. There are some fears that the secret rivalry which appears to lie behind this tour many in the end work injury to the U. F. O. While Mr. Drury takes a broad stand and appeals to all classes, Mr. Morrison appeals more to the class spirit of farmers, and to that extent his utterances are resented by urban residents.

While Federal politics have quieted down since the change in the Premiership, except for a few speeches by leaders, the United Farmers of Ontario have been busily engaged in selecting candidates for the next Dominion election. The most significant feature of these nominations is the broadening of the range of selections for the candidates. Those who were nominated for the Ontario election last year were avowedly prominent in U. F. O. circles and with no standing, at least recently, in either of the old parties. It is stated that the new nominations for the Dominion House by the U. F. O. have been drawn from the old parties in many cases, though of course the candidates are now allied with the U. F. O. officially or by sentiment. The change is one of importance, as apparently indicating a further weakness in old party lines and a strengthening of the U. F. O. on the affections of the people as a whole.

## NO TRACE YET OF SMALL

Toronto, Sept. 1.—The offer of a reward of \$50,000 for information as to the whereabouts of Ambrose J. Small, the millionaire theatre owner, who disappeared from this city on December 2 last and has not since been seen or heard from, expires automatically today, also the offer of a reward of \$15,000 for the recovery of Small's body, if found dead.

Dr. G. B. Connolly, president and managing director of the Capital Trust Company, trustees of Mr. Small's estate said that he did not know whether the offers would be renewed or not.

There is a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of John Doughy, Mr. Small's private secretary, who disappeared on December 28, 1919, and warrants are out for his arrest on a charge of kidnapping his former employer.

Miss Mabel Leamon has returned after a pleasant two week's vacation spent in St. John.

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## JUST SEE WHAT MEN FALL FOR!

New York, Sept. 2.—When Alice Joe, age 29, was arraigned in the court of general sessions on a charge of bigamy, she said she could not read nor write, but could get all the husbands she wanted.

Many girls now think (yoglasses so nifty looking that they can't resist the temptation to have weak eyes.

## TO ENCOURAGE BIRTH RATE

(Special to the London Daily Mail and the Daily Mail.)

Paris, Sept. 2.—To encourage the birth rate, the authorities in one district have decided to pay the mothers \$200 for each child over the first three.

Mrs. Fulton of St. John is visiting Mrs. Jas. Doyle, 687 King Street, Fredericton.

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