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AN ACUTE SHORTAGE IN THE SUPPLY OF RAW SUGAR

Looks as if the World Had Gone on a Sugar Spree—Great Increase in the Consumption of Sweets in Both Canada and the United States—Production of Beet Sugar Has Sadly Dropped Off in Germany, Austria and Russia — Cuba the Hope of Canada and the United States.

While the recent scare over the production of 20 cent sugar would appear to have been somewhat exaggerated, there is no doubt that there exists an acute situation all over the world in regard to supplies of raw sugar, and a stiffening of prices of the refined are almost unavoidable. The present difficulties are due not only to a serious lessening of the production of beet sugar, but to what has been termed most aptly the "sugar spree" that has been indulged in by the people of the United States and to almost as great an extent the Canadians, for in four years Canada's consumption rose from

590,000,000 to 734,000,000 pounds. When the per capita consumption in the States, which, by the way calls for one-fourth of the world's production, rises from 33 pounds per annum in 1890 to 83 pounds at the present time, and when the total consumption doubles since 1900, while the population went up less than one-third, the partial cause for present shortage is evident.

So far, however, as production is concerned, cane sugar responded to the increased demand, but beet sugar dropped sadly behind. Germany, Austria and Russia are the three great producers of beet sugar, the three in 1913-14 producing over six million tons, about the same quantity as the cane sugar crop. But the past year this total was cut nearly in two, and although cane sugar increased to 8,370,000 tons, there was a falling off of over 1,000,000 tons in the total.

Where then, can Canada hope to secure the raw sugar for her 90 pounds per capita of consumption? Where will the United States get its 9,000,000,000 pounds, and how can the rest of the world receive a fair quota?

With Cuba alone, it seems, rests the answer. India and Java between them last year produced about 5,000,000 tons, but India will need not only all her own supply, but will have to call upon Java for anywhere from half a million to one million tons.

Cuba, it is estimated, will produce about 4,300,000 tons next year, valued at \$685,000,000, and in the ability of Sugar Island to increase steadily its production rests the hope of a sugar hungry world.

Naturally, under these conditions the price of raws is advancing. The average pre-war price was \$2.25 a Canada; in 1917 it was \$5.25 per cwt;

BIG PRICES FOR FURNITURE OF PRINCESS

Paris, Jan. 13.—The sale of the furniture of the late Princess Vera Lobanoff de Rostoff continues to arouse such interest that one day the police were called in to keep back the crowds. An Empire bedroom suite of finest workmanship brought 400,000 francs, and a White and Erard piano with painted case, 12,200 francs. A sunshade with jeweled handle brought 5,000 francs, and a lace flounce 8,000 francs. The total for the three days' sale amounted to 500,000 francs. The Princess' jewels will be sold next week.

LOOKED LIKE INTENDED SUICIDE

The citizen who was brandishing a fierce looking razor says it wasn't suicide but corns he was thinking about. Needless to say his wife bought him Putnam's Corn Extractor and hid the razor—very wise, because Putnam's cures in 24 hours; try it, 25c.

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today it is over \$8.12 per cwt., and in view of the huge demand and relative shortage, higher rather than lower prices may be expected in the next year or two.

For the heavy Canadian investments in Cuba this situation will be most encouraging for by far the largest portion of Cuba's exports consist of its national crop—raw sugar cane. For this the island is particularly well situated, both from the point of view of geography and climate. In "freight time" it is nearer its great receiving market, New York, than Winnipeg is from Montreal. In contrast to many other sugar districts, the land requires little fertilizing or replanting this applying particularly to Oriente, one of its chief sugar provinces.

American capitalists have recognized the large possibilities in the Cuban sugar industry, and the five companies controlled in the United States will produce this year more than one-fourth of the total cane sugar.

To those interested in stock market movements as an index of values, it may be mentioned that one of these, Punta Alegre, rose from 51 in April to above 80, and another Cuban-American made a still more significant record, advancing from 150 at the beginning of the year to over 400 at the present time.

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LABOR SEEMS ANXIOUS TO GET RID OF THE UNION GOVERNMENT

Halifax, Jan. 13.—Taking a leaf from the gathering of the farmers in Winnipeg, local labor men are advocating the calling of public mass meetings in all the larger industrial centres of the Dominion to pass resolutions calling for the resignation from office of the Federal Union Government. It is the desire of those advocating this course to avoid the suggestion of it being a class movement. The plan is to make the mass meetings representative of all classes of the community.

The movement is prompted by the intimation from Ottawa that the administration proposes to "hang on" till 1923. It is believed by many that a series of representative public meetings in all parts of the country calling for its resignation would have a pronounced psychological effect and also help to convince the government that it has already overstayed its welcome.

PRES. WILSON TO CALL THE FIRST MEETING OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Wilson is expected to sign the call for the first meeting of the League of Nations Council immediately after receiving notice from Ambassador Wallace that the first session has been fixed for Friday. The United States, however, will not be represented at the meeting a the treaty has not yet been ratified by the Senate.

Provision for the residPent to issue the call for the initial meeting of the Council is made in the Peace Treaty, and officials explained that in signing the call Mr. Wilson would not be acting in his capacity as President of the United States.

OLD MAIDS OF 25 PRESENTED WITH BOUQUETS

Paris, Jan. 12.—Such a commotion was raised by the midinettes, as the girl milliners of Paris are called, about the large department stores that passers by had the impressin that another

strike was in progress.

It developed, however, that the girls were merely besieging the flower sellers and purchasing bouquets of orange blossoms to offer their fellow workers who had reached the age of 25.

On St. Catherine's day the midinettes who have arrived at the quarter century mark without finding a husband are decorated by their younger sisters in honor of St. Catherine, the patroness of "old maids."

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