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SUGAR SITUATION IN THE DOMINION

Reports by Canadian Press Correspondents.

Highest Price is in Quebec City - Hint That There May Be Another Raise in Price After January 1.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—On the basis of the wide variations in the high cost of sugar, the Christmas dinner, frolics and entertainments will cost the industrial households of Manitoba and lower Saskatchewan far more than their sisters in other parts of the dominion. Moreover the ultimate consumer of the Christmas pudding, cake and mince meat, if he resides in the domain, will have to pay a price for the sugar which is a less sugary variety than his sweet toothed fellows in other parts of Canada. According to figures gathered by Canadian Press correspondents simultaneously during the week end, in many cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the cheapest white sugar in the country is obtainable at Vancouver, at twelve and a half cents a pound, with the brown variety half a cent lower. In Winnipeg, where they have to pay fifteen and a half cents a pound for the white, and the colored variety, one cent less for the colored variety, are the high spots in the Canadian retail sugar market. In all these points, however, the amount of white sugar available is limited. In Regina and Winnipeg there is no limit placed on the size on one purchase of brown sugar, but in Vancouver there is. Halifax is on a par with Vancouver in the price of brown sugar at twelve cents. While western Canada furnishes the extreme in the price of sugar, it is worthy of note that the sugar price in lower Ontario and east, show little variation, except in Quebec city, where the figures make a bold bid for the highest in the country. Outside of Quebec city, however, so far as eastern Canada is concerned, the price at all points runs from thirteen to fourteen for the white and generally one half a cent or one cent less for the brown.

ONTARIO MAY NOT SEEK PLEBISCITE

Instead May Limit Amount of Liquor a Citizen May Import.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Instead of asking the dominion government to submit a plebiscite to the people of Ontario on the question of the importation of liquor into this province from outside places, it is regarded as probable that the Ontario government may amend the C. T. A. so as to limit the quantity of liquor a citizen of Ontario may keep in his cellar. Apparently the provincial government intends to limit the advantage a rich man may have over a man of moderate means when it comes to stocking up on liquor and give all equal chances.

POINT TO FATE OF FOUR HUNDRED

Parts of Spanish Steamer Lost in September Found Off Florida Coast.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—Traces of the Spanish steamer Valbanera, which was believed to have sunk in quicksands off the Florida coast during a gulf hurricane last September and carried down the 400 passengers and crew, were found off Grand Isle by Lieut. J. J. Wilkinson, U. S. N., who returned yesterday after a salvaging expedition. He reported that he had found a board bearing the letters "Valbanera," a piece of mahogany stairs and a key of a vessel under water but that it disappeared in the sand before any bodies

Divided Views On Home Rule Bill

Opinions of London and Irish Papers, Sir Edward Carson and Labor M. P. on Lloyd George's Offer.

London, Dec. 22.—(Associated Press)—Aside from one or two irreconcilable anti-home rule journals, London newspapers this morning give, on the whole, a favorable reception to the government's new scheme for Irish self-government. None, however, express genuine expectation of the success of the plan. While it is recognized that such a bill as the premier outlined yesterday—the fourth home rule measure to be presented to parliament—will be absolutely rejected by a large section of the Irish people and regarded with suspicion and distrust by others, it is contended that it deserves to be ably considered and tried. The Daily News, perhaps the most thorough champion of home rule of the London newspapers, has a severe critic of Premier Lloyd George and the coalition government, says: "The government bill gives Ireland a greater degree of autonomy since it sets up an Irish parliament, and it manifestly contemplates the probability of a state situation in which Ireland now stands this offer, so far as Englishmen can judge, should not be rejected out of hand, assuming it to be honestly put forward."

Gov. Coolidge ON BOLSHEVISM

Calls Massachusetts People to Form Big Vigilance Committee

Then Would Have Them Deported - The Case of Mary Peabody Who Wants a Soviet Government.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Governor Coolidge, in a speech to the legislature, called for the formation of a vigilance committee to watch for the activities of communists and Bolsheviks. He said that the bill offers the only possible way out of the Irish tangle is expressed by the Liberal Chronicle, which says that on the whole the measure appears generous. Foreseeing that the plan will be opposed nearly everywhere in Ireland largely because of the contending factions is really willing to be fair to any of the others," the newspaper says. "The government, the British people and the British parliament must recognize and discount those oppositions which are based on a single way or change which is either just or workable scheme than any previous government has produced and an honest and advanced only in such a way as to minister to the good of Ireland while maintaining the unity of the British Empire."

BOSTON PROUD OF ITS BIG DRY DOCK

(Special to Times)—Boston, Dec. 22.—Boston has the largest dry dock in the world, and yesterday it was the scene of the crowing of the prows of the battleship Virginia crossed its sill. It is 1,200 feet long by 114 feet wide in granite and concrete and cost more than \$3,000,000. The dock holds 35,000,000 gallons of water and was emptied by the pumps in two hours, some months ago Secretary of the Navy Daniels signed an agreement with Chairman John N. Cole of the city government to buy the dock for \$4,000,000. Included in the price named was some land taken in connection with the dock.

BLOCKED THE TRACK

The C. N. R. trains were all late getting into the city this morning on account of a slight derailment at Quispamsis. A car on a west bound freight was derailed near the east end of the siding at Quispamsis early this morning, and the line was not cleared until 9:30.

LAVA RUNS OUT OF KAU DESERT

Hilo, Hawaii, Dec. 22.—(Associated Press)—Lava today broke out of Kau Desert, a vast lava field six miles from the crater of Kilauea volcano on the lower slope of Mauna Loa in the southwest part of the island.

GONZALES TO RUN FOR PLACE OF PRESIDENT

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 22.—President Carranza has accepted the resignation of General Gonzales, of the Mexican federal army so that he may be permitted to conduct for the presidency according to despatches from the capital.

As Hiram Sees It

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam strolled into the room where the telegraph operators were evening papers was pounding away on a typewriter.

NEED HELP OF UNITED STATES

British Commons Hears of Question of Assistance by Allies to Austria.

London, Dec. 22.—Replying to a question by Viscount Bryce in the House of Commons yesterday concerning assistance to Austria, Lord Curzon, the foreign secretary, declared that no great scheme was possible without the aid of the United States. Great Britain and France had proposed, and the United States had agreed, that they retain Austrian securities for purchases of food for Austria, he said, and America was to have the greatest man in the world are found engaged in this work.

WANT "THE TIGER" FOR PRESIDENT

Paris, Dec. 22.—That Georges Clemenceau may be the next president of the French republic is the consensus of opinion in the chamber of deputies. Despite the premier's veto upon his candidacy, several members of the chamber are reported to place his name to the fore, and a representative says they can count upon the support of 400 members of the chamber and 150 senators.

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Tragic Death Of Priest On Quebec Mission Work

Father Petel and Boy, With Dog-Sled, Break Through Ice—Get Out, But Priest Dies From Exposure.

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SECRET DEAL IN SETTLEMENT?

Senator Suggests This in Coal Strike Controversy.

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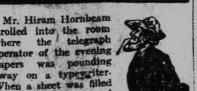
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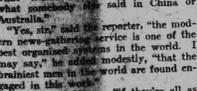
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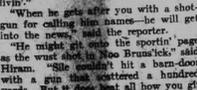
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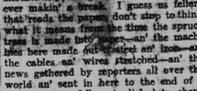
Father Petel and boy, with dog-sled, break through ice—get out, but priest dies from exposure.



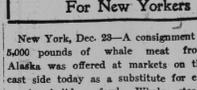
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