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## WHAT IS DOING?

Are there some wily gentlemen who are not only trying to manipulate prices of sugar and other necessities, but who are actually attempting to make the newspapers of Canada a party to the scheme? There is a despatch in today's Times which should be read in connection with another on the same subject printed last Saturday in all of the papers taking Canadian Press service. These despatches should be the subject of investigation by the directors of Canadian Press, Limited, and, if necessary, by the Dominion government.

The Canadian Press service on Saturday last carried to all the evening newspapers of Canada an Ottawa despatch saying that wholesale grocers, in convention at the Chateau Laurier on Friday night, "predicted that sugar would soar to twenty cents a pound before the present shortage is relieved. They declared a real famine would result before supplies in Canada have caught up, and they place the blame chiefly on the seamen's strike in New York." Further along, the report of their meeting contained the statement that a committee of the wholesale grocers which had been appointed to report on the sugar shortage could give no hope of relief inside the next month. It was said, also, that the decision to buy the fifty carloads of sugar available was arrived at without hesitation, and in the next sentence it was said that when the sugar became available (it evidently was not available at the time) it would be distributed among wholesalers throughout the country.

Conditions in Canada relative to sugar and other necessities were already panicky enough, and the effect of publishing the statements made by the wholesale grocers in convention at Ottawa was to cause a rush to buy sugar by the public, the ordinary consumer and the ordinary grocer attempting to secure all they could in preparation against the tremendous advance of which intimation was given in the wholesale grocers' statement. It should be said in passing that men in St. John in a position to know have assured The Evening Times that there was no justification whatever for the statement issued by the meeting of grocers at Ottawa, and that the news which journals in every city in Canada accepted in good faith was a direct injury to the public interest and an additional cause of unrest and uneasiness greatly to be regretted under present unsettled conditions. As to that, more anon.

In today's Times there is printed a Canadian Press despatch from Montreal saying that leading members of the Wholesale Grocers' Guild issued on Monday evening a warning that the threat of an advance in the price of sugar to twenty cents a pound was incalculable and "altogether outside the bounds of possibility." The despatch says, further, that the worst that could happen would be a possibly a rise of a cent a pound for a time, "with a likelihood that, with careful conservation, this increase might later on be found unnecessary." The despatch says further that the wholesale grocers, through officers of their guild, have now issued a warning that people should not become excited over the threatened increase of prices of sugar and start hoarding sugar "as such a course, with the present shortage would simply intensify the difficulty and force prices to much higher levels than the market really demands."

The management of Canadian Press, Limited, should now inquire as to the circumstances under which the despatch of last Saturday from Ottawa originated, and satisfy themselves whether or not an attempt was made (and successfully) to make use of the Canadian newspapers through their news organization in order to scare the public into panic buying to the temporary financial advantage of certain men who desired to unload. The warning from the Wholesale Grocers' Guild is, unhappily, a case of locking the door after the horse was stolen; for much of the harm has been done, and it has been done undoubtedly in every city and town in Canada where there is a newspaper carrying the service of Canadian Press, Limited.

It goes without saying that if the newspapers of this country believe there is any evidence of a deliberate plan to play upon them, and upon the public through them, in this fashion, the results will be worth watching. The Federal government has machinery which could be well employed to sift matters of this kind to the bottom, and it is clearly in the public interest, and in the interest of the newspapers which are determined to present a reliable and impartial news service, that this matter be cleared up definitely and with noteworthy resolution and despatch. Under present conditions in this country we cannot afford to encourage, or to tolerate, any discoverable form of manipulation in addition to the existing combines in restraint of trade and the various other methods of modifying or suffocating competition which the government appears either helpless or lacking the courage to prevent.

## WAGES IN THE UNITED STATES

Despatches yesterday predicted announcement, before night, of the administration's decision on the demands of the railway shompen in the United States for a 25 per cent increase in wages. They also expressed the belief that an increase would be granted the men but no guess as to the amount of the increase was ventured. The prediction proved correct in regard to the announcement and today's telegrams show the wisdom of the omission of surmise as to the amount of the expected raise. Practically the men get four cents an hour more. They asked for seventeen.

Mr. Wilson, through the director-general of the railways, Mr. Hines, made an important pronouncement which applies not only to the thousands of shompen affected but was designed to embrace other organizations whose members look to Washington for remuneration for their work, and indeed, all labor organizations. By inference he says that to grant the demands of the shompen would mean that the rates charged the public for freight transport on the railways of the country would have to be increased, and he declares that that is neither wise nor feasible just now when the country's greatest problem is to bring about a return to the normal price level. He suggests that all such questions as that raised by the shompen's requests be put aside until there is opportunity to arrive at a proper reading of the relations between men's earnings and what it costs to live, and he makes a wide appeal to all citizens to support him in calling for a truce along these lines.

There probably was no expectation of this pronouncement from the president, and the men's decision—acceptance of Mr. Wilson's view of the situation on the one hand, or a great strike on the other—will be awaited with interest and a large measure of anxiety in the United States and Canada.

Hon. Robert Rogers of Winnipeg springs nimbly into the news today. He is seeking for the Liberal-Conservative party. Perhaps if he searched Ottawa he might find it, partly hidden, it may be, but not beyond the powers of a parliamentarian like Honorable Robert to uncover. Having found it, perchance he would like to be its leader. There is nothing of shrinking shyness about the man from Winnipeg.

Though the daily routine in city after city must be becoming a bit monotonous for him, the Prince of Wales is evidently looking at the matter of demonstrations and receptions from the viewpoint of those who seek to do him honor. And he smiles through it all and continues to win the people wherever he goes.

Regarding cabinet making at Ottawa, the Montreal Gazette says: "There will be no surprise if further adjustments in the cabinet are allowed to stand until after the impending session."

A Welshman sued a fellow-countryman for a sum of money owing to him, but though the debtor repeatedly offered to work off the debt, this did not appeal at all to the creditor.

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## KILLED MAN WHO ANNOYED HIS WIFE

John Quinn Shot Roch Samson Dead in Montreal Street

Montreal, Aug. 26.—In broad daylight and in the centre of the city, a man was shot dead yesterday afternoon, and as a result John Quinn, fifty years of age, of 514 Church street, Verdun, is under arrest charged with the murder of Roch Samson of St. Margaret street, St. Henry.

Mrs. Quinn, wife of the man under arrest, had appealed to her husband for protection against Samson, who, she said, had annoyed her for some time by his attentions. Mrs. Quinn, twenty years old, was taken by her husband yesterday afternoon to a boarding house at 25 St. Alexander street. As they came out of the house Samson drove up in his automobile, and is alleged to have cried out: "You can't hide here; I know where she is," at the same time making as though he would alight from the car.

"Don't you get out of your car," was the answer of Quinn, but as this warn-

\$103,500 Stolen  
Boston, Aug. 25.—The theft of \$100,000 in Liberty bonds and \$3,500 in cash

from a vault in the office of the paymaster of the Boston and Albany railroad, at the South Station, was discovered today. Police officials and railroad authorities said they had no clue to the robbery.

G. W. V. A. MEETING  
The G. W. V. A. fair committee met last night in the Veterans' hall, in Wellington row. The accounts connected

with the fair were inspected and referred to the audit committee. The final report on the results of the fair was not read but was deferred until next week when the committee expect that all accounts, etc., will be wound up.

Leo Duffy, the New Brunswick member of the dominion executive of the G. W. V. A., leaves today to attend a conference of the dominion executive at Ottawa to be held this week.

Our points on the condition of the bank after use show superiority on the point for your note as compared with others, although the conditions are such that no actual comparative figure may be had. We shall be glad to explain any points not quite clear.

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