SUDDEN DISPOSITION OF SUGAR ORDERS IS CREATING SUSPICION

Rapidity of Govt. and Docilit y of Refiners Leaves Suspicion That Some Other "H elp" Is Under Way in Form of Loans or Rebate of Import Duties.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Oct. 20.—The remarkable rapidity with which the Government has disposed of the sugar order of the board of commerce and the unexpected docility with which the sugar refiners have accepted the Government's ruling as to the board's functions, have left the capital in a condition of gasping wonderment.

That wonderment, be it said, is tempered with the "sneaking suspicion" that there is a nigger in the woodpile, and the way is simply being prepared for a more direct and efficacious method of granting relief to the suppliants. The right of the board of commerce to restrict methods of purchase and sale has been challenged by the Government, and the challenge, unexpectedly enough, was backed by the refiners, who admitted at the conclusion of a well-prepared brief that there was no warrant in law for such restrictions. But the function of price fixing has not yet been taken from the board. That function may be exercised. But that is a minor consideration

Public Hearing.

The fact remains that at the "public" hearing of the sugar situation held by the Government, the only persons heard were the refiners, and that they saw the Government before the public was admitted. They presented a carefully prepared memorial, at the conclusion of which they admitted that the board had been wrong and the Government right so far as the strict legal functions of the board were concerned, and then they commended their case to the mercy of the Government and the people and expressed absolute confidence that justice would be done.

Their case, it may be said, was based absolutely and utterly upon alleged unnatural restrictions by the former Board of Commerce and upon alleged mistaken orders by the Canadian Trade Commission. The former Board of Commerce had restricted prices on the promise that the refiners would be protected on a falling market. The trade commission had ordered the laying in of large supplies of raw sugar at a time when raw was selling high. Both are Government commissions.

O'Connor With Refiners.

Unfortunately, probably, for the public, W. F. O'Connor, former head of the Board of Commerce, is now, directly or indirectly in the employ of the refiners. Unfortunately also, Rhys Fairbairn, formerly of the Trade Board, appears to be in a similar position, for he was here today intent, if necessary, upon speaking on their behalf. What is left of the Trade Commission, however, declines to accept the responsibility laid upon it by the refiners. Questioned as to the charge today, J. H. Wilkie declared that: "In as far as the commission is concerned we decline to be made the scapegoat."

The commision declares that "never at any time did it direct the refiners to purchase various quantities of sugar, as stated. The only communication forwarded to the refiners in regard to sugar was one by Mr. Fairbairn, and which cannot by any stretch of imagination be construed as an order to buy raw sugar. "In any case," the commission points out, "the Canadian refiners knew perfectly well that the powers of the Canadian Trade Commission were limited to the granting of export and import licenses, and it appears ridiculous to say that their policy of buying should have been dictated to them by Mr. Fairbairn. It certainly does not seem likely that the refiners who have had long experience in the business should accept without demur any order issued by one who was entirely ignorant of the sugar business."

Simply Suggested.

The letter from Mr. Fairbairn referred to simply suggested that the refiners be prepared to make certain deliveries for the home market. If there were any objections or criticism to offer the refiners were invited to submit them. None were offered.

So that there is a distinct difference of opinion on the question.

In any case delegations of governmental functions to more or less irresponsible bodies, commissions, or boards such as have been carried to excess during the past few years, appears to have proven to be a farcical failure, resulting only in the training of special counsel for the interests, the curbing of which these bodies were ostensibly created to carry out.

The refiners expressed confidence that they would secure justice from the Government. What line that "justice" will take is conjectural. By some it is predicted that it will take the form of a loan to the refiners to help them meet their liabilities to the banks. Others predict that it will be in the form of a rebate of duty on raw sugar imported. It remains to be seen.

SUGAR WILL SELL AT 16 CENTS NEXT WEEK, IS PREDICTION

MONTREAL, Oct. 20.—The news that the order of the Board of Commerce concerning the sugar trade had been permanently suspended by the Government was enthusiastically received by a number of local wholesalers and brokers this morning.

S G. Bendon, a local broker, stated that, in his opinion, the effect of the Government's decision would mean that sugar could be imported from the United States on the New York basis, which would result in a considerable saving to the Canadian people. Refined sugar, he stated, is selling at 12½ cents per pound in New York today, an increase of a cent over the price of the last few days.

This would mean sugar at 17½ cents per pound for the Canadian consumer. The result will be that the refiners here will have to drop their prices to correspond with the American product, and, in the opinion of Mr. Bendon, there is little danger of the refiners going out of business as a result of the loss thus incurred.

COMMERCE BOARD MAKES NO COMMENT

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 20.—(By Canadian Press.)—Members of the Board of Commerce had no comment to make this afternoon when the cabinet's decision on the sugar situation was announced. Captain W. White, chairman of the Board of Commerce, declined to say anything on the matter for publication.

DRANK 232 BOTTLES OF REAL BEER DAILY FOR SIXTY DAYS

Claim of Two Violators of O. T. A. in Windsor Court.

28,000 BOTTLES VANISH

Fined $2,000 Each and One Month in Sandwich Jail.

WINDSOR, Oct. 20.—All previous records have been broken by John Mauransky and Frank Panther, residents of Sandwich West Township, according to their sworn testimony today, when they claimed to have drank 28,000 bottles of real beer within the past 60 days. The men appeared to answer charges of breaches of the Ontario temperance act, and each claimed that he and his wife had consumed 14,000 bottles.

The court figured it out that this represented approximately 116 bottles daily, or $40 worth each of amber fluid, and declined to believe them. The magistrate sentenced them to pay fines of $2,000 each, together with one month in Sandwich jail, or six months in default of payment.

The previous record claim for drinking made in Windsor police court was made by a women defendant recently, when she boasted of consuming five quarts of whiskey daily. She was convicted in the local court, but her story carried acquittal on appeal.

VETERAN TEACHER DIES IN HARNESS

Death Came Very Suddenly To Miss M. F. McCowell At Galt.

GALT, Oct. 20.—To die in the performance of her duty was the destiny of Miss M. F. McCowell, head teacher of St. Mary's separate school, who died very suddenly this afternoon. Miss McCowell was teaching her class as usual when she was suddenly taken ill and asked the school nurse, who was making her annual visit, to take her class while she took a rest. A few minutes later the nurse went to the rest room and found the veteran teacher dead, sitting in a chair.

Miss McCowell was a native of Hamilton, and had been head teacher of the local school for over 40 years, during which time she had won an enviable reputation as a teacher, her record in the entrance examinations being an exceptionally fine one, and she was admired by her students.

It is understood a brother and sister in Hamilton, survive, and until they could be communicated with no arrangements had been made for the funeral.

LYNX VISITS HEN HOUSE IN SYDENHAM TOWNSHIP

Farmers Are Anxious To Hear of the Brute's Death.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

OWEN SOUND, Oct. 20.—A large lynx has been seen at Silcotte, Sydenham Township, and local hunters are preparing to give it a warm reception the next time it is located. The last recorded view of the animal took place on Sunday night, when Newton Johnstone encountered it when he went to close the door of his henhouse. Assuring himself that the ugly-looking brute which faced him in the doorway was a lynx, Mr. Johnstone slammed the door to before it could spring, and, believing he had made it a prisoner, went to call a neighbor to come and shoot it, but on their return to the henhouse the animal had disappeared, apparently having escaped by a rear door.

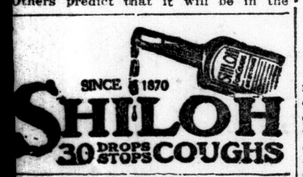
Lynx, or wild cats, as they are popularly called, are quite rare in this section of the country, though one was recently heard of in Bruce County, and the farmers are anxious to hear of the death of the marauder before their henhouses receive a visit

FARMER CHOSEN AS FEDERAL CANDIDATE IN LAMBTON COUNTY

BRIGDEN, Oct. 20.—At the joint convention of the Lambton U. F. O. and Labor party, held there this evening, Robert J. White of Moore Township was elected as candidate for the Federal elections by a majority of 12 over his nearest opponent, Mr. Crawford of Sarnia, labor candidate in the last provincial elections.

There was a large attendance at the meeting and 20 names were placed in nomination, the vote for Mr. White and his runner-up being 98 and 86, respectively.

Mr. Moore has been a member of the Moore Township Council for fifteen years and reeve by acclamation for the last seven years.



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Breakfast Cocoa

4 tablespoons cocoa
3 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
2 cups boiling water
2 cups milk
Few grains salt

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NEW UNDER SECRETARY'S APPOINTMENT A BAR TO PEACE IN IRELAND

Nationalists Claim It an Indication of Government's Determined Policy.

DUBLIN, Oct. 15.—The appointment of Sir Ernest Clarke as a new under-secretary in Ireland, especially for the northeast area, is regarded here as showing the intention of the government to proceed with its home rule bill. The essential feature of that bill is the provision of two parliaments in Ireland; and so long as the coalition government lasts it is expected to insist on preserving the separate treatment of Northeast Ulster. Since it is contemplated to have a parliament in working order in Belfast early next year, whatever the rest of Ireland does, it is obviously convenient to have during the interval an official administration which will lead up to the change.

The plan of enrolling "well-disposed citizens in Belfast to assist the authorities," which means the recognition in some form of the Ulster Unionist organization and its Volunteers, is looked at here from the same point of view. It is vigorously denounced by the Nationalists throughout Ireland as a yielding by the government to Sir Edward Carson. In the view of the government it is merely an anticipation by a few months of the powers which the Belfast government will have when the home rule bill comes into operation. The belief is that the recognized existence of such a force would tend to check the rioting of irresponsible people. Though the government decisions will be agreeable to Unionist Belfast, they have disheartened southern Unionists, who see that they point to partition.

The Irish Times says: "So long as it is possible to assume that the appointment of an assistant under-secretary for Northeast Ulster implies the passage and enforcement of the partition bill, that appointment will be an obstacle in the path of peace."

The same paper objects also to the recognition of the Ulster Volunteers. It says:

"The Ulster Volunteers are well drilled and organized. Many of them are men of substance and education, accustomed to the exercise of large responsibilities. Our fear is, however, that the official recognition of the Northern Volunteers, or of any large number of them, would complete the unhappy marshaling of Ireland into two armed camps. If the northern forces are taken into the service of the crown, the republican armies will accept the challenge, and the stage will be set for a tragedy of civil war that, perhaps provoked by some trivial incident, may drown the last hopes of Irish settlement in a sea of blood."

DAIL EIREAN FAILS TO STOP EMIGRATION

DUBLIN, Oct. 20.—The proclamation of Dail Eireann prohibiting emigration has only had a slight effect, and the American consulate is daily dealing with applications for passports. On a landing of the consul's office the Dail decree is displayed forbidding the emigration of Irishmen of military age, and of all citizens of the Irish Republic without the written consent of Dail Eireann.

Intending emigrants are supposed to apply to the local Sinn Fein justices, giving their reasons for leaving Ireland, and full explanations must be forwarded to the republican minister for home affairs. Nevertheless, the applications to the American consul continue, most of them, however, from women. From 100 to 150 is the daily average. Third class pasages to New York are said to be booked for months ahead.

HAS BRIGHT FUTURE.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 20.—Harvard College gained a genius at studies and a potential batsman for its baseball nine when Frederick Santoo of Wapwallopen, Pa., 13 years of age, registered as a member of this year's freshman class. He has mastered five languages and works problems in calculus with facility. He is also reputed to be a budding Babe Ruth.

Toronto May Secede

TORONTO, Oct. 20.—Denouncing the royal commission which is investigating the radial railway schemes of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission because "all the books and the private information of the hydro movement had been revealed in the witness-box," Mayor T. L. Church today declared that this sort of thing would "strangle and throttle the whole scheme," and he intimated further that if it went much further he would move that the city have an accounting with the province and secede from the province on hydro matters.

In this way, the mayor said, Toronto could handle its own light and power schemes, with Sir Adam Beck as trustee. He states that Toronto held 50 per cent of all hydro interests.

CONVICTS HAVE TELEGRAPHIC CODE FOR COMMUNICATING FROM CELL TO CELL, CLAIM

Kingston Prisoners Were Able To Stage Demonstration by Keeping in Touch With One Another in This Manner by Tapping On Walls.

KINGSTON, Oct. 20.—It was learned today that convicts at the Portsmouth Penitentiary have a complete system of tapping or "telegraphy." Through it they carry on conversation from one cell to another, and that this has been the means through which they have combined their forces to create a disturbance by hooting and calling.

The tapping, it is stated, has been done on the walls of the cells, and at times on their drinking cups. People have been wondering how they could carry out their schemes with such great success, but it is stated that for some time the prisoners have had this system of telegraphy in their cells, and that as a result many a scheme has been hatched in this way.

It is stated on good authority that several years ago many of the convicts were allowed to have white mice as pets, and that they were used to carry messages around among the convicts. There are no white mice in the pen today.

It is believed that the disturbance was staged for the benefit of the investigators now working under Col. Biggar of Ottawa, the convicts taking this means of showing their disapproval of certain rules and regulations which have been put into effect since the new warden, J. C. Ponsford, took over the duties as head of the institution.

HOUSE-CLEANING IS NEEDED AT PRISON

KINGSTON, Oct. 20.—Referring to the "strike" in the Portsmouth penitentiary where a number of convicts refused to work and created considerable disturbances by loud and continuous shouting for a day or two, the Standard today stated that it was probable the strike was nearly over, and that the strikers would shortly return to work, as the offenders seemed more reasonable and were quieter today than on any previous day since the strike began.

So well planned was the strike and so far-reaching were its ramifications in the big prison, according to the Standard today, that the warden found it necessary to place in solitary confinement twelve or fifteen of the strikers.

The jail delivery plot is being investigated, the Standard says, and all implicated in it will be brought to justice.

In an editorial on the Portsmouth penitentiary, the Standard says that what is needed is a thorough housecleaning to the end that the smuggling, the illegal trafficking, and the vicious practices and rascalities which have prevailed in the penitentiary for months should be ended. It credits Warden Ponsford and "his trusted associates" with endeavoring to stamp out these evils.

CONVICTS MAKE BIGGAR'S JOB HARD

KINGSTON, Oct. 20. — Lieut.-Col. Biggar of Ottawa has completed his investigation for the department of justice at Ottawa into charges made by former officials of the Portsmouth Penitentiary of having been wrongfully dismissed. All day yesterday, while he was holding the investigation in the big prison, convicts who had been confined to their cells kept up an incessant shouting and yelling, so that it was with difficulty that Colonel Biggar and those assisting him in the investigation could carry on their work. Colonel Biggar declined to make a statement as to the result of his inquiry at the penitentiary.

FOREST PATROLS DO WORK BY AEROPLANE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Aeroplane forest patrols in California were able recently to reach the scene of a fire 45 hours sooner than had they proceeded by train and pack-mule, a report to the army service shows. An aerial observer spotted the blaze in Lassen forest while all foresters were engaged in fighting another fire in the Merced forest. Planes picked up the firefighters in the Merced and rushed them to the Lassen fire.

"In three hours," says the report, "the fire-fighting personnel was on the job fighting the flames, whereas had they proceeded by train and pack-mule 48 hours would have been consumed.

"The day will come when men and equipment will be carried by airships to the scene of fire, both men and equipment dropped by parachute, while the airship will rain down fire-extinguishing chemicals from above."

SEEK SITE FOR POLICE OFFICE.

WINDSOR, Oct. 20.—Members of Windsor City Council on Thursday afternoon will conduct a tour of inspection of the city's properties with a view to selecting a suitable site for the location of the proposed new police department headquarters. Vigorous objection was raised by Acting Mayor Jackson today to the proposal to acquire by purchase a site near the present city hall, was responsible for a change in plans.

GIN COST HIM DEAR.

GUELPH, Oct. 20.—David Edwards, who says he has only been a resident of Guelph for about a month, this morning pleaded guilty in police court to the offence of being drunk, and was fined $10 and costs. A second charge of having liquor in his possession in other than his private dwelling was laid against him, and he also pleaded guilty to this and was fined $200 and costs. He swore that he obtained the liquor from a stranger, paying $6 a bottle for two bottles of gin, making the total cost a bottle over $135.

DON'T CROWD, GIRLS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 20.—The following advertisement appeared in the "Help Wanted" column of an afternoon newspaper here:

"Housemaid with good appetite, food mostly rich fruit, steaks and chicken; perfumed bath and all toilet articles provided; every night off; limousine and amusement tickets provided; wages $35 weekly."

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