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### Sugar Market is Demoralized.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—President Hugh Blain at the opening of the Wholesale Grocers' Convention at the King Edward Hotel to-day, said that since the war confusion had been worse confounded than ever. Everywhere there was a wall of distress "even in our land where plenty abounds."

"We are pursuing a course of extravagance and thriftlessness. The shock of the war seemed to have distorted the moral and industrial fibre of the world."

"The high cost of living—the result of these conditions—has been largely attributed to the distributor, the so-called 'middlemen' while as a matter of fact the responsibility rests with the producer," said Mr. Blain.

"In my experience, the distributor actually made a lower percentage of profit on his turnover during the war than he did previously."

Over 125 wholesale grocers from all parts of Canada were present when the address of welcome was given by the Lieutenant-Governor.

Aarmand Chaput, of Montreal, replying to His Honor, pleaded for more unity between Ontario and Quebec.

"By her position, Quebec holds the gate of the federation and I may say the key that opens the gate that will lead to the midst of our great country," he said.

"We in Quebec enjoy more liberties, less labor troubles and more freedom of language and religion than anywhere else in the Dominion. We are all here for a sole object, of uniting forces to battle in the life of business and fair play for all."

A telegraphic message was received from J. H. McLaurin, President of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association of the United States, dated at New York, expressing regret that he could not attend the convention in Toronto, owing to "the extremely critical condition of the sugar market of the United States." Mr. McLaurin stated in his message, that the sugar market was demoralized, and many wholesale grocers throughout the country were threatened with financial ruin. He stated that he was being deluged with letters and telegrams in consequence.

President Hugh Blain stated that the sugar business in the United States was ten times worse than in Canada.

In a discussion of "the uniformity owing to charging sales tax," J. W. Charles, of Niagara Falls, Ontario, claimed that the manufacturer should make an allowance of one per cent. discount to the wholesaler all along the line. He declared that it was the average retailer and not the public, who was made "the goat" throughout the country.

"It would be easy if price lists were adhered to by the wholesaler," remarked Mr. McIntosh, of the Toasted Corn Flakes Co., London, Ont., "but price lists are not being adhered to."

Sir Edmund Walker, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who addressed the convention this afternoon, stated his belief that high prices, as compared with prices before the war, would last for another generation, though he thought they would not continue as high as they have been. "The price of all commodities and all services," Sir Edmund said "will have to be high until we have broken the back of the war debt."

### Neither Steamer to Blame for Collision.

Montreal, Aug. 27.—Dominion Wreck Commissioners this morning handed down their decision that neither vessel was to blame for the collision which took place about eighty miles below Quebec between the C.P.S. Tunisian and the freighter Manchester Division, Captain Philip Linton, of the latter vessel, and commended his prompt action which probably averted a serious accident.

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### An Example of Plain Living.

(From the Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.)

Governor Coolidge was not like Abraham Lincoln, born in a log cabin, but he lives as modestly as a book-keeper or a mechanic, as all descriptions of his home and his habits show. He has not, apparently, devoted his thought and equipment to making money. He has been otherwise interested. Yet who would say that he has not made a success of his life in an age, and in a country, in which success commonly is declared to be always measured in money. There are millions of plain men who enjoy life a good deal without making money, and without becoming governors. There are so many, if the truth were told, that if they were counted perhaps there would be a reversal of the judgment that America is a country in which every one lives to get rich, where every one means "money" when the word "success" is used, and where every one strives for money until stricken by paralysis or heart failure, and dies unrepentant, unshriven, as a result of having neglected body and soul in quest of gain.

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### Attempted to Swim Channel.

Halifax, Aug. 28.—Henry Sullivan, of Lowell, Mass., who failed in an attempt to swim the English channel from Dover to Calais, Thursday, being taken from the water ten miles off the French coast, is a nephew of Wm. Connolly, of Sydney. This was the first attempt since the outbreak of the war to swim the channel. Sullivan is regarded as one of the best long distance swimmers in the United States and has frequently swum out to the Boston Lightship and returned, a distance of sixteen miles. On August 21, 1915, he swam thirty three miles in fourteen hours.

### Ponzi Jaunty as of Yore.

Boston, Aug. 28.—Charles Ponzi, on leave of absence from the East Cambridge Jail, to-day revisited places familiar to him in the palmy days of his career as a popular financier. His tour was in connection with the effort of his receivers to round up what remains of his property for the benefit of creditors.

As jaunty in demeanor as in the heyday of his popularity, Ponzi again to-day attracted crowds in the business district, and policemen mounted and on foot patrolled Newspaper Row while the throngs sought a glimpse of him.

### Why Be Seasick?

Perhaps there is no complaint for which more different remedies have been suggested than for that distressing malady sea-sickness. But in this particular form of illness what is one man's meat is only too often another's poison.

For instance, in some cases a small dose of opium acts like magic, curing at once all that horrible dizziness. In others this drug is quite useless.

Dr. Dubois, a distinguished French physician, has laid it down that the very best preventive is to inhale pure oxygen gas. The amount he recommends is from thirty to forty pints. Oxygen relieves the strain on the breathing mechanism, and gives the lungs a rest. He has found this treatment excellent if the gas is used before starting or before the patient begins to suffer.

A treatment which the contributor has personally tried and found extremely useful is an eminently simple one. Get a flannel bandage twelve feet long and about six inches wide, and wind it firmly around the whole of the abdomen. It seems to steady one's inside.

Some people swear by a similar but lighter bandage wound around the forehead.

But perhaps the best preventive of all is to lie down flat before one begins to feel "swimmy," and to keep quiet for the first twenty-four hours at sea. That and fresh air and a little starving work wonders.

### Atlantic Adventure.

Three Men's Voyage in a Five-Ton Yacht.

Three intrepid gentlemen have just crossed the Atlantic in a five-ton ketch, the Typhoon, which is only 37 feet long on the water line. They came from Baddeck, Nova Scotia, expressly to see the international motor-boat racing, and were only three weeks on the voyage. "We just jumped into a boat, and without any trial trip headed from Nova Scotia for Cowes," declared Mr. Washburn Nutting, one of the party. "Our best record on the passage was from Cape Race to Bishop's Rock, Scilly Islands. In one week we did 1,033 miles. From Cape Race to Bishop's Rock took 15 days 9 hours 25 minutes. Experience proves that the passage can be made comfortably and safely in a properly-designed boat, regardless of her size. I hope to return to New York by the same boat. We shall go back along the French coast and then via Lisbon and Bermuda, which, I think, is about 4,000 miles." Mr. Nutting, who is managing editor of the Motor Boat Publishing Company, reported to Mr. Garfield Wood, vice-commander of the Motor Boat Club of America, who warmly congratulated him and his two companions, Mr. F. W. Baldwin, of Toronto, and Mr. Jim Dorsett, of Washington, Columbia, on the completion of their adventure. "It is a case of 'Three Men in a Boat' without the dog," he added.—Ex.

Collars are high and often close at the throat.

### Mainly About People.

Mr. Philip Sassoon, needing a polo pony for a game to be started in mid-afternoon of his estate at Lymington, telegraphed to London to have one sent by airplane, and the animal arrived in time.

William R. Dodge, of Milford, has an exact account of every cent he has earned and spent for personal or family expenses for the last year. It shows these minimums: In 1889, butter 30 cents a pound; in 1890, sugar, 4 cents a pound; in 1891, eggs, 15 cents a dozen; in 1892, coal, \$5.50 a ton; in 1893, potatoes, 50 cents a bushel.

The Soviet government of Russia is in quest of a pretender to the throne of the czars, says a writer in the Albany Times-Union. An individual claiming to be Czar Nicholas is said to be in Siberia, where he is said to be himself a large

following which he may use in an endeavor to enforce his claims to the sceptre of all the Russias. He alleges that his existence is due to the sacrifice of a faithful servant, who was killed in his place by the Bolsheviks at Ekaterinburg over two years ago. That the Soviet government view him as a dangerous rival to its rule may be gleaned from the fact that it has offered a reward of 2,000,000 rubles for his apprehension.

Max Henry Newman, writing in the Jewish Advocate, says: "There is always something worth knowing, so here is something. It relates to Ernest Nathan, who for seven years was Mayor of Rome. His father was an English Jew and his mother an Italian woman. He lived in England until he was 13 years of age. Mr. Nathan was very prominent in Rome as an editor, author, lecturer, social reformer and political leader. He opened debating rooms for young men and was foremost in the movement for the public schools, a well-paid staff of teachers, fresh air and playgrounds. He proved to be a valuable city official."

### JEFF'S LUCKY HE ISN'T IN THE HORSE-SHOEING BUSINESS.

By Bud Fisher.

