

### PALMER CONTROL OF SUGAR IS ATTACKED

\$900,000,000 Added to Living Cost by His Mismanagement, Is Charge.

### HOUSE INQUIRY ASKED

President Also Is Blamed for an Era of "Atrocious Profiteering."

Special to The Sun and New York Herald. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Charges that the Department of Justice "by gross mismanagement of the sugar problem alone" has caused an annual increase of \$900,000,000 in the cost of living were made in the House today by Representative Tinkham (Mass.) in asking for a complete investigation by the House Judiciary Committee of Attorney-General Palmer's exercise of the powers formerly held by the Food Administration.

Mr. Tinkham charged that sugar is now selling at retail from 18 to 22 cents a pound, whereas a year ago the average price to the consumer was between 10 and 11 cents. The President and Attorney-General Palmer, he holds, are responsible for this increase, the former by refusing to buy the Cuban crop at 6 1/2 cents a pound for distribution by the Sugar Equalization Board and the latter by giving tacit approval to a price of 18 cents for Louisiana sugar. Government sanction back of the Louisiana price has forced the price of all other sugars up. Mr. Tinkham said: "The utter incompetence, inefficiency and criminal disregard of the interests of the people of the United States by the present Administration and its agents can find no better illustration than in its management of the American sugar problem during the last six months."

The gross mismanagement of the sugar problem alone has led to an increase in the cost of living to the American people for the ensuing year of between \$750,000,000 and \$900,000,000, and has been accompanied by the most atrocious and most shameless profiteering known in this era of extortionate oppression. "Sugar was sold uniformly at retail during 1919 at the price of 10 cents and 11 cents per pound. It is now being sold at retail at from 18 cents to 22 cents per pound and some in excess of this figure. As every 2 cent per pound is an increase in cost to the American people of \$150,000,000 per annum, an increase of 10 cents is an increase of \$900,000,000 per year. Most of this increase in price of this necessity and the resulting increase in the cost of living to the American people is chargeable entirely to the President of the United States and to his agent, the Attorney-General.

"The executive presidential department cannot be investigated by Congress, but the conduct of the Attorney-General can be and should be investigated at once as to his indefensible action in relation to this question, and I urge filed today an order of investigation."

"During 1915 the Sugar Equalization Board of which George Zebekie was head and of which corruption in the President of the United States held the stock, purchased the Cuban crop with the consent of the President, for 6 1/2 cents per pound, and as a result the cost of sugar at retail in the United States was 10 cents and 11 cents a pound—for the price of the Cuban crop from the price of sugar in the United States. Last August and September, in two communications, the Sugar Equalization Board warned the President of a great shortage in sugar for 1920 and a great increase in the price of sugar if he did not assent to the purchase of the 1920 Cuban crop, which the Equalization Board said could be purchased at 4 1/2 cents because of an offer by the Cuban Government. The President refused his permission. The Attorney-General on November 8 last, when sugar was selling at between 11 cents and 12 cents a pound at retail by his own admission, agreed with the Louisiana sugar producers to allow them to charge 17 cents and 18 cents for their sugar at the plantation. The Attorney-General, if he had made no agreement with the Louisiana sugar producers, would have kept the price of the Cuban crop at a reasonable figure, whereas by his action, which was entirely illegal by his own admissions, the Cuban crop has advanced to unheard of prices from 6 1/2 cents a pound to 11 1/2 and 12 1/2 cents a pound at the plantation."

### LINCOLN SLAYERS' EXECUTIONER DIES

Col. Rath, Civil War Veteran, Succumbs in Michigan.

JACKSON, Mich., Feb. 14.—Lieut.-Col. Christian Rath, veteran of the civil war and executioner of the conspirators involved in the assassination of President Lincoln, died here today. At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted as a private in the Seventeenth Michigan Infantry. In 1865 he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel by President Andrew Johnson for "special and efficient services during the confinement, trial and execution of Lincoln's conspirators." He was provost of the old penitentiary at Washington and there had in charge Mrs. Mary Surratt, whose home was a rendezvous for the conspirators. There was also Herold, a companion of John Wilkes Booth; Atzerodt and Payne, all of whom were hanged. Col. Rath often told how, when it came to carrying out the death sentence on his prisoners, he was beset by volunteers who regarded it an honor to serve in any capacity in avenging the death of Lincoln. After the execution, Col. Rath was ordered to take care of Booth's body, which was supposed to have been thrown in the Potomac River, but which he said he secretly buried under the Arsenal at Washington.

### House Passes Agricultural Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Before passing the \$30,000,000 agricultural appropriation bill the House reduced today by \$10,000 the \$40,000,000 for combating hog cholera, refused to grant \$200,000 to fight the European corn borer, and voted \$190,000 for maintaining the Government keep plant at Sumnerland, Cal. The measure now goes to the Senate.

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### ALMIRAL REFUSES TO TALK

Reveals Letter Denying Any Section on Governor.

Raymond F. Almiral, foreman of the Extraordinary Grand Jury, when seen at his home, 18 East Fifty-third street, declined to comment upon the letter addressed to him by the Governor. In view of its publication, however, Mr. Almiral said he had decided to make public the letter which he, as foreman of the Grand Jury, sent to Gov. Smith on January 22. In that communication Mr. Almiral acknowledges receipt of a letter from the Governor and says: "Through your Excellency and the Grand Jury may honestly differ in the interpretation of the law the Grand Jury recognizes the need of action rather than of discussion. Nothing is further removed from its thought than to have reflected on the Governor of the State."

### F. D. ROOSEVELT IN NAVY CLUB

Becomes Honorary President of Manhattan Organization.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, has accepted the honorary presidency of the Manhattan Navy Club, 13 and 15 East Forty-first street. In a letter to J. Frederick Talbot Mr. Roosevelt wrote: "I will probably soon be back in civil life and I want to do everything I can to keep up my Navy connection." The honorary vice-presidents of the club are Rear Admirals John D. Macdonald and J. H. Glennon. Capt. G. L. P. Stone, W. H. Franklin and O. P. Jackson, and W. Butler Duncan. The club is seeking an endowment of \$700,000 so as to provide suitable comforts for the men in the Navy and the Marine Corps.

### DE WAL, AGITATOR, FREE

Held Here for Year, Is Seeking Health in New Hampshire.

Martin De Wal, the I. W. W. agitator who has been held at Ellis Island for a year and not deported because he was literally a "man without a country," has been released and is now in New Hampshire seeking to recover his health broken by his long imprisonment. This fact became known yesterday when Miss Rose Welas of the law office of Charles Recht, 47 West Forty-second street, appeared at the resumption of the trials of aliens detained at Ellis Island. Miss Welas said De Wal wished to disappear and live as a recluse for a while. He was arrested two years ago for I. W. W. activities in Seattle and spent a year in prison there. De Wal

### REED EXECUTORS DISAGREE

At Odds Over Erecting Home Provided For in Will.

BREWSTER, Feb. 14.—Executors of the estate of Mrs. Arletta Crane Reed, widow of William Reed, New York banker, are at odds, it was learned today, over the procedure to take to erect the home for aged women in Brewster provided for in the will. Mrs. Reed left an estate said to be worth more than \$1,000,000. The executors were unable to agree as to just how to incorporate the proposed home and, it is understood, plan to take the matter to the Surrogate's Court to reach a solution.

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- \$850 Genuine Beaver Coat.....\$595 (30 inch length)
- \$850 Smart Nutria Wrap.....\$595
- \$850 Hudson Seal Wrap.....\$650 (Gray Squirrel trimming)
- \$295 Black Russian Pony Coat.....\$195 (Hudson Seal collar and cuffs)
- \$850 Hudson Seal Coat.....\$595 (Beaver collar and cuffs)
- \$1250 Hudson Seal Cape Wrap.....\$750
- \$1250 Nutria & Hudson Seal Wrap.....\$795
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