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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ottawa, May 15th.—Refining costs of the Canadian sugar refineries were placed before the special agriculture committee of the house sitting in Camera this afternoon, by representatives of the refiners, who had been summoned to give evidence. These representatives demurred against giving costs publicly, stating as their reasons, that such information would be detrimental to their business and would assist their competitors in the United States, British and other markets. The committee therefore decided to take the evidence, as to refining costs, in Camera, reserving the right to issue whatever statements it saw fit at the close of this examination. That advance in the price of sugar were due to the increased price of the raw product and that the Canadian sugar refiners were to be thanked for absorbing a portion of this increase, rather than to be blamed for increases, was the claim of Mr. Drummond, President of the Canadian sugar refining company of Montreal, who appeared before the special House of Commons committee on agriculture this morning. Mr. Drummond declared that raw sugar had risen \$3.25 per hundred pounds since January last, while the price charged by the Canadian refiners had been advanced only \$2.64. The witness referred to the clause in the budget, which removes the dumping duty after sugar is increased over eight cents a pound, as a "staggering blow to the refiners". He wished the investigation into the refineries had been started earlier, so that the finance minister would

have had the information before introducing such a measure. The effect of this clause might prove extremely grave to Canadian refiners. Mr. Drummond strongly objected to submitting figures of the cost of production by his company. It would give United States competitors an unfair advantage, he continued. "Your view is that you and the public are victims of circumstances over which you have no control", asked Chairman Mac Master. "Absolutely the refiners are hit worse replied the witness. Asked if there was a real scarcity of sugar in the world, Mr. Drummond replied that if he was to say so the inevitable result would be a further increase in the price of sugar. Pressed for the facts, he said he was informed that the crop of Cuba last year was about four million tons and this year it was ten per cent less. Mr. Drummond went on to declare that Canadian refiners had sustained a loss of more than 19,000,000 in 1920, when the industry was under Government control. The industry, through no fault of its own, and under Government control, was saddled with a loss from which it may never recover he declared.

Peking, May 16th.—Banditry in six provinces, anti-Japanese riots in one province, Japanese boycotts in several, piracy on the southern coast and up the southern rivers, war in three provinces and warlike preparations in a fourth, are outstanding problems of the past few weeks confronting the Chinese Government. At the head of the list, owing to the international complications involved, stands the Suchow outrages, in which bandits from Shantung and Honan pro-

vinces raided the Peking to Shanghai express on May sixth and kidnapped a number of foreigners, who still are prisoners. At Takghen, in Chili province, on Sunday, Chinese troops mutinied and attempted to loot a native bank. Fearing damage to the railway, which it is their duty to guard, United States troops at Tientsin were ordered out. Outside of Hankow in Hupe province, one thousand human bandits are encamped, demanding a heavy cash payment and gifts of ammunition from the Chinese authorities as the price of their departure. On May 13th, near Shao-wa, two United States Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Christian, were robbed by bandits of everything they possessed. Away to the South in Kwang Tung where Sun Yat Sen holds sway, bandits near Pakho captured Mr. Rowson of the British American Tobacco Co. on April 27th and demanded \$30,000 ransom. After being bound and imprisoned in a cave, with his arms bound in a cask for six days, Mr. Rowson regained his freedom, when Chinese troops attacked the bandits, who fled.

Leeds, May 16th.—Joe Kirkwood gave a magnificent performance today in the qualifying round for the professional golf tournament. He made a new record for the Headingley course by turning in a score of 67, which made his total 139 for the 36 holes, the first 18 of which was played on Tuesday. Walter Hagen with 147 and Gene Sarazen with 150, also have qualified. The sensation of today was the first failure of Ted Ray in 25 years to survive the qualifying round. The Frenchman Arnaud Massey also failed to get in.

ST. MARY'S MOVIES

Tuesday, May 22, 1923 8.15 P. M.

COURTENAY FOOTE

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"The Bronze Bell"

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