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SUGAR NOTES.

The latest report has it that the Danish government will take over the sugar factories for 22,540,000 kronen. Rumours have been afloat for some time that the government would take over the industry because it has exercised a very high control of the situation for a number of years. The Danish people do things, however, very much on the communal order and have the finest system of co-operation of any European country and it is believed that there will be distinct advantages when this monopoly so to speak shall come into power.—*Louisiana Planter.*

The leaders in the beet industry in Czecho-Slovakia are planning to pay 30 kronen per quintal for sugar beets of which 4 kronen shall be retained to be used as fertilizer to be returned to the soil. This is a new wrinkle in the economic way of handling a situation and has not come to our attention before. This plan prevents robbing the soil and has in it the old element of the tithe practiced by the Hebrew people who after a given period of years had to fallow their land to insure better crops.—*Ibid.*

PALM SUGAR IN BRAZIL.

In common with many other palms, writes the United States Consul at Rio de Janeiro, *Nipah fructificans* contains sugar in quantity sufficient to make its extraction a commercial success. It is estimated that at least 12 per cent of sugar could be recovered from the sap, and that an average annual yield of 4,000 gallons of sap per acre would yield 4,000

lbs of sugar. This palm is found in great numbers in Borneo. In Brazil, in the Amazon basin, the Indians prepare for their feasts and powwows a beverage from the sap of a great number of palms but it is not known to what species these palms belong, or if any experiments were made to determine their sugar content. Rubber cutters and travelers agree that "palm wine" is very refreshing as long as too strong a fermentation has not set in.—from *The Journal of the Royal Society of Arts.*

NOBODY WANTS KAISER'S AUTO.

LONDON THEATRICAL PRODUCER CAN'T SELL ORNATE VEHICLE ABROAD.

LONDON.—Ballet girls of London's biggest musical success are riding home on cushions meant for the ex-imperial limbs of the ex-Kaiser. The most sumptuous car in the world, seized as Hohenzollern property by the British Government at the outbreak of the war is now owned by Gladys Dillon, revue producer.

Miss Dillon has owned the car for a year, but wouldn't have had it a week if she could have sold it. It came to her from a Norwegian, together with a yacht once raced by the Emperor Wilhelm. Both were bought by the Norwegian at public auction. After trying to pay their unkeep for three years he presented them to Miss Dillon.

NOBODY WILL BUY IT

The car is so magnificent that nobody will buy it. It seats 10 people and can hold 15. It has combined dinner and card table in the rear, with seats for seven arranged around it. In the back is a cellerette and an installation whereby lunches can be cooked at a short order. The carriage, including the driver's seat, which accommodates three, is in mahogany four inches thick, inlaid with silver in oriental design. Sunken opaque lights supply the illumination. The floor is parquet oak. Silken curtains conceal the windows, which are protected by sheet glass an inch thick. The engine of the car is 70 horsepower.

IS MOST LUXURIOUS

On armistice night Miss Dillon ventured to appear in the car at the Criterion restaurant. Hooligans from the east end surrounded it and made such a disturbance that a policeman turned in a riot call, and an armed squad had to escort the car back to its garage. Since then the only use to which it has been

put has been to convey members of Dillon's theatre to their homes at night.—*Barbados Globe, 10th May.*

Executive Order No. 10 1920.

1. Executive Order No. 14-1918 is hereby revoked.

2. In the future all prisoners discharged from Richmond Penitentiary, who have served for a period of six months or more shall be furnished with:

1 plain suit of clothes.

1 shirt and one cap or hat.

1 pair of socks and one pair of shoes.

3. Prisoners discharged from Richmond Penitentiary who have served therein one year or more shall hereafter also receive twenty five francs in cash for each year or portion of a year over six months that they were incarcerated in said penitentiary.

4. Prisoners discharged from Richmond Penitentiary who have served therein for a period of less than one year shall hereafter also receive such sum in cash as may be ordered by the Director of Police, but not to exceed francs twenty five.

5. The expenses incurred by virtue of paragraphs 2, 3, and 4, hereof shall be paid from "Maintenance of Police Department".

6. Such cash payment shall be made by check from the Despatching Secretary's office upon voucher signed by the prisoner being discharged, and approved by the Director of Police.

J. W. OMANN,
Governor.

St. Thomas, V. I. U. S. May 28, 1920.

NOTICE.

PARTIES indebted to W. T. Horton for books purchased are requested to pay the instalments due to the undersigned without delay, as otherwise legal steps will be taken for enforcing payment.

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