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FOOD MORE URGENT THAN NITRATE.

Though there is a big demand throughout the country for nitrate for fertilizing purposes, owing to the lack of sufficient tonnage there is little prospect that any large amount of the material will be imported for months to come. The need of foodstuffs is more imperative, authorities declare, and every available ship will be used in carrying food supplies. This decision was reached in the face of the fact that considerable British capital is invested in the nitrate business in Chile where large quantities of the material are now awaiting shipment. *Pathfinder.*

NOISELESS GASOLINE TURBINE.

German manufacturers claim to have produced a successful gasoline turbine. Airplanes equipped with such engines, it is declared, will be practically noiseless.—*Ibid.*

SUGAR NOTES.

An American consul reports that there has been a phenomenal rise in sugar prices in the Far East because of the expected sugar shortage, the supplies being directed into other channels on the way to Europe. The refiners who were in the current of things at Hongkong have been benefited by this trade situation. They happened to get in on the raw sugars at a time that they were low; they purchased large quantities and two-thirds of their product has gone to European markets, only one-third staying at home. This is disturbing the general situation

in China and more so because even Java, that has had a surplus, is going to divert it to European ports. In India, too, the reports say that there will be a shortage of 900,000 tons. Formosa, that has always brought up the rear somewhere in the Far East, is reporting a crop below normal. Japan reports that the refined exports to China are decreasing and the good Chinese are in a maze of doubt as to what their sugar chances will be this fall and winter.—*Ibid.*

The wave of profiteering, the aftermath of the war, nearly swamped Samuel Van Weger, who was arrested in a hotel in New York where he was charged with an attempt to sell 100 tons of sugar to a French purchaser at a price concession. He had received \$1,000 on the deal and was to receive \$15,000 additional, but had no sugar on hand and the Frenchman, who was buying for his government, was nearly carried away had it not been for the timely interference of the authorities.—*Ibid.*

SUGAR IN LONDON.

After a short interval of quiet, owing partly to the French markets being closed, there has been a renewed demand for export, and firm prices have again been paid for all grades of West Indian and other cane descriptions. There has also been a steady enquiry for sugar from the home manufacturers at fully previous rates, but the assortment of cane actually available has been much reduced, and there is no improvement in the rate of discharging the steamers in the docks. In other countries, beyond the reported shipment of some German sugar from Hamburg to France, and a further sharp decline in the f. o. b. value of some kinds of Java, there is nothing fresh to report.

The refined market continues steady. The quantity of sugar distributed by the Royal Commission and the home refiners has been relatively small and allotment against the voucher claims for the current period is well below the usual average. This is chiefly due to the difficulty of berthing vessels when they arrive, and to the even greater difficulty of discharging and clearing cargoes at the docks. The situation is still further aggravated by the inability of the railway and carting services to provide rapid collection and dispatch of goods. Some help in this last respect is expected from the Government's decision to

subside and re-establish the coasting steamer traffic, which during the war has been largely thrown upon the railways. A good deal of the sugar disposed of during the week has been for the purpose of autumn domestic jam preserving, with some of good grocery granulated; and the usual grades of British Cubes, granulated and pieces for ordinary allotment.—*Louisiana Planter, Sept. 20th.*

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