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MILLION OR MORE IN P. O. ROBBERY

Rich Pouches Picked Out of Lot in New York.

Police Believe There was an Inside Confederate of Those Who Staged Mail Truck Robbery—Reward of Five Thousand Dollars.

New York, Oct. 26—Belief that the loot in Monday night's daring mail truck hold up would exceed $1,000,000 was indicated by post office authorities today following a partial check of the contents of five stolen pouches, while from other sources it was learned that the total might exceed $2,000,000.

Officials of one Wall street firm not yet listed as among those affected by the robbery, said that firm had sent $1,000,000 in securities by registered mail on Monday night, but that they had been unable to locate it yet.

The three men who staged the hold up were being sought by a large force of Federal agents and city detectives today.

A reward of $5,000 for each of the robbers, dead or alive, offered by Postmaster-general Hays, intensified interest in the man hunt.

Post office inspectors also worked inside of the city postal station, whence the stolen pouches emanated, in an effort to determine whether the robbers had an "inside" confederate. The fact that the robbers picked with unerring hand from twenty-eight pouches, five which were richly laden, was taken as an indication that they had as confederate an employe inside the station.

MORE PRIZES THAN CUPS AND CASH

Farewell Dinner to Skippers and Crews of Bluenose and Elsie.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 26.—Farewell was said last night by the skippers and crews of the Bluenose and Elsie at a banquet given them and members of the American and Canadian race committees by the Halifax Herald. The honors of the contest were presented. Captain Angus Walters of the Bluenose received for safekeeping for the coming year the international trophy and winner's prize money of $4,000. Captain Marty Welch of the Elsie received $1,000.

Captain Welch received a personal souvenir from the staff of the Halifax Herald. Both skippers received binoculars from a firm in Christiania, Norway, while Captain Walters received an additional pair from a Halifax dealer. A pair of rubber boots each was presented to the members of the Bluenose crew from a Montreal firm.

William Duff, M. P., referring to the fishing industry of Lunenburg, said that Smith & Rhuland, builders of the Bluenose, had built 120 vessels in twenty years.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 26—Elsie, the Gloucester schooner which was defeated by the Bluenose in the international fishermen's races off this port will sail for her home port this afternoon.

New York, Oct. 26—(Canadian Press)—"More power to the Bluenose. May her years be long and may she never know a water haul or a day's ill-luck," is the wish the Tribune this morning expresses for the winner of the international fishermen's trophy races. The paper declares that all U. S. sportsmen will concur in wishing the best to this year's winner, adding:

"The Canadian schooner is a true banker, and defeated our little Elsie handily, and in a way that leaves a good taste in the mouth of everybody who participated in the contests off Halifax."

STREET WORK.

An unlooked for interruption in the supply of granite blocks may hold up the paving of the track section in Prince Edward street for four or five days, so Commissioner said this morning. About 400 yards will be affected. The city can proceed, however, with the surfacing of the eastern side of the street, which is expected to be completed by Saturday night. It has now been completed as far as Richmond street.

This morning the department started the grading for the sidewalk on the western side of the street, which will take at least two weeks to complete.

In the Marsh road, grading has been finished on all of one side and the asphalt surface laid from Cooper's corner as far as the McAvity plant.

J. W. Nelson, of Ottawa, has submitted to the public works department designs for patented ice and snow remover for use on city sidewalks. He has offered the city the right to manufacture and use the apparatus, which he says has been adopted by the Ottawa street departmennt. The tool is a long handle with a broad steel blade on one end and a narrow slicer on the other.

TRIDUUM ENDED.

A triduum in honor of St. Joseph was brought to a close in St. Peter's church last evening. Rev. J. McCandlish, C. SS. R. delivered an eloquent sermon dealing with the life of Saint Joseph, after which he imparted to all present the Papal blessing. Solemn benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament then took place, Rev. Father McCandlish officiating and assisted by Rev. James Woods, C. SS. R., as deacon; Rev. George Coffin, C. SS. R., as sub-deacon, and Rev. Denis Coll, C. SS. R., as master of ceremonies.

Prince Away on Tour Of India and Japan

Off for Portsmouth to Sail in the Renown.

Great Crowds at Victoria Station Farewell Heir to the British Throne—The Royal Family Bids Him Touching Farewell.

London, Oct. 26—(Canadian Press Cable)—The people of Great Britain, forgetting for the moment the many problems which confront them centered their interest today upon the departure of the Prince of Wales for his visit to India and united in wishing the popular young prince bon voyage.

The battle cruiser Renown, on which the prince made his voyage to New Zealand and Australia last year, was waiting at Portsmouth for the royal passenger to arrive from London. Plans formulated for the departure of the prince from this city contemplated the presence of only members of the royal family at the station, but throngs gathered about the building cheered him and wished him "godsped."

The Renown will land the Prince of Wales at Bombay, in which city will begin a series of formal functions arranged in every city he will visit.

Following his progress through India, the prince will go to Japan, where he will return a visit of Crown Prince Hirohito, who returned to Tokio recently after a journey that took him to London, Paris and Rome.

Anxiety over the prince's journey has been caused by the troubled political conditions in India. The possibility of an attack on him is minimized here, but it is feared the Indian Nationalists, led by Mahalma Ghandi, may possibly attempt to carry out their threat to call strikes in each city visited by the prince and party.

Prince Charles, second son of King Albert of Belgium, was last month appointed a midshipman on board the Renown during the voyage to the Orient.

The Prince of Wales left the Victoria station at noon today for Portsmouth to embark on the battle cruiser Renown. Great crowds outside the station gave Britain's heir apparent an enthusiastic send-off while on the platform were King George, Queen Mary, Princess Mary, Premier Lloyd George, several members of the British cabinet, U. S. Ambassador Harvey, Japanese Ambassador Hayashi and other distinguished personages.

The leave taking of the royal family presented a touching scene. All of them were deeply moved, Princess Mary weeping quietly while the king, with his arm over the prince's shoulder, was talking earnestly with him. After the prince left, the other members of the royal family remained on the platform for a few minutes.

CHARLES SAID TO HAVE ACCEPTED

Goes to Benedictine Abbey for the Present.

Leader of Royalist Troops Supporting Former Emperor Commits Suicide—Carlist Deputies All Arrested Except One.

Vienna, Oct. 26—It is reported that former King Charles yesterday accepted unconditionally terms offered him by Admiral Horthy, the regent, and that he has been assigned to the Benediction Abbey of Tihany, on Platten Lake, where he will make his residence until further orders.

The abbey of Tihany was founded in the year 1050. It is situated about fifty miles southwest of Budapest. Platten Lake is the largest body of water in Hungary.

Budapest, Oct. 26—Major Oestenburg, leader of the Royalist troops, who were supporting former Emperor Charles, committed suicide when the government forces overtook him at Komorn. All the Carlist deputies were arrested except M. Sorecianyi, who jumped from a window when the police arrived.

Youths yesterday used hand grenades and destroyed the offices of the Uszag, owned by Count Andressy, one of Charles' cabinet members.

Budapest Oct. 26—The Hungarian government today formally asked former Emperor Charles to abdicate and to recognize the complete cessation of his dynastic rights. He was ordered to surrender himself to British authorities and was told that an answer to these demands was expected today.

Hail, Snow, Rain.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 26.—Following a hail storm on Tuesday, considerable snow fell in Cape Breton during the night and the early part of the day, changing to rain at 10 a. m.

UNION CHIEFS AND EXECUTIVES MEET

New Effort Today to Avert Railway Strike.

Suspension of Work by Six Unions on Next Sunday if Settlement Not Reached—Brotherhood Said to Have Fixed Thursday Night as Limit.

Chicago, Oct. 26—Leaders of the six railroad unions which have called a strike for October 30, were brought face to face with the railroad executives today by the railroad labor board for a public hearing in an effort to achieve a peaceful settlement.

The board announced that the brotherhood's complaints, largely over rules and working conditions, must be settled before the additional ten per cent. wage cut proposed by the roads could be considered. Union leaders have asserted that this further reduction bulked largely in their grievances.

At the same time a committee of the Association of Railway Executives reiterated its intention of applying for further reductions in wages in order that they might further reduce rates.

Roll call of the 600 general chairmen of the brotherhoods was planned by the board as the opening action of the conference today, and then Chairman Barton was to read a statement outlining the questions to be considered. The remainder of the sessions will be arranged according to developments.

The conference may be closed tonight. It was rumored that the brotherhood chiefs, unless a satisfactory settlement was reached by Thursday night, will bolt the conference, so that their general chairmen might return to their homes to take charge of the strike situation next Sunday morning.

General chairmen of the engineers will not be present at the conference, it was said, since the power to revoke the strike call rests with the executive committee.

U. S. Exports Lower.

Washington, Oct. 26—United States exports to Europe during September fell off by about $81,000,000 as compared with August while imports increased by approximately $4,000,000, according to foreign trade figure issued today by the commerce department.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The depressions mentioned yesterday morning have not changed their positions much and they have diminished somewhat in energy, while pressure continues to increase from Ontario to the maritime provinces. Rain has fallen locally in British Columbia and southern Manitoba, and a few light scattered showers have occurred in the maritime provinces.

Fair and Cool.

Maritime—Fresh northwest to north winds, fair and cool today and on Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh winds, fine today and on Thursday, not much change in temperature.

Washington, Oct. 26—Forecast: New England, fair tonight and Thursday; slightly rising temperature; fresh to strong northeast winds.

Toronto, Oct. 26—Temperatures:

	8 a.m.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Prince Rupert	46	46	46
Victoria	46	50	46
Kamloops	50	54	48
Calgary	24	54	22
Edmonton	32	54	32
Prince Albert	26	..	24
Winnipeg	44	46	42
White River	32	46	24
Sault Ste. Marie	40	46	38
Toronto	40	50	37
Kingston	40	46	30
Ottawa	28	46	24
Montreal	32	44	30
Quebec	30	40	26
St. John, N. B.	28	40	24
Halifax	32	44	30
St. Johns, Nfld.	34	42	32
Detroit	42	52	40
New York	38	56	36

JEALOUSY LEADS TO THREE DEATHS IN NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 26—Jealousy is said by the police to have led to three deaths and two probably mortal injuries by shooting early today.

Julius Planovzsky, aged thirty-three, shot and killed his wife, Myrtle, and his five year old son, Julius, in their apartment, after a quarrel. He then ended his own life.

Patrick J. Lovett of Brooklyn, the police say, shot Miss Dorothy Reed twice through the body and fired a bullet into his own mouth, when she refused longer to receive his attentions. Both are in a critical condition.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "did you know that we own a thousand miles of railway, or thereabouts, in the United States?"

"Who—you an' me?" said Hiram.

"You and me," said the reporter, "and the other citizens of Canada."

"How did we git it?" asked Hiram.

"We bought it with the Grand Trunk," said the reporter, "also some grain elevators and other terminals. Oh, we have quite a stake in Uncle Sam's territory now. We are annexing the United States. Do you see how cunningly we have gone about it?"

"Is them railroads payin'?" queried Hiram.

"Not yet," said the reporter. "But we have hopes of being able to feed them and their elevators and make them pay."

"What about our own railroads here in Canady?" queried Hiram.

"They can wait," said the reporter.

"Good Lord!" said Hiram.

"Amen!" said the reporter.

NO MEETING RE IRELAND TODAY

Government Busy as Prince of Wales Leaves.

Newspapers View Situation as Doubtful, But Some Think There is Improvement—Ulster Question is Prominent.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

London, Oct. 26.—Announcement that no meeting of the Irish conference or of the committee trying to find a formula by which the negotiations may continue, would be held today, was made here a little before noon.

At the Dail Eireann headquarters it was declared the announcement had no significance relative to the continuance of the conference as the representatives of the British government were extremely busy in connection with the departure of the Prince of Wales for India.

The committee, consisting of Premier Lloyd George and Austen Chamberlain for the British government, and Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins for the Dail Eireann, discussed the matter for two hours yesterday, but failed to arrive at any definite solution of the question. This morning's newspapers plainly viewed the situation as perilous, but some appeared to believe the chance of success had improved during the last day.

Ulster Question.

It was said that further pressure was being brought to bear upon the government to adopt legislation that would enable the Ulster government to establish its administration in Northern Ireland. It was recently pointed out that the powers of the Ulster cabinet were merely nominal until a government was established in southern Ireland. In some quarters the suggestion that administrative powers be conferred upon the Belfast ministry was viewed with anxiety, for although the government was so far given no sign of yielding to pressure, it was asserted this morning the Sinn Fein delegates had made known their determination immediately to withdraw from the conference should such a measure in favor of Ulster be introduced in parliament.

Sympathy among Unionists for Ulster and indignation resulting from De Valera's telegram to the Pope appeared today to be shaking the allegiance of some coalition Unionists to the government. It was believed that very little was needed to swell considerably the number of malcontents in political circles.

The London Times said today it was the common view among the government supporters that the "Irish negotiations cannot survive the blow given them by Mr. De Valera."

This view did not appear to be held in ministerial quarters, where there seemed to be hopeful expectation that a bridge could be constructed over the chasm in the path of the negotiations.

Letters from readers, published by many newspapers here today took diverse views of the situation, but the public attitude might be summed up in the words of one writer, who said: "It is touch and go, and nobody is really wiser than his neighbor."

It was not Zionist members of parliament who moved a resolution on the Irish question, but Unionist members.

The Sinn Fein headquarters had received no notification at noon today from the government as to when either the committee or the conference would reassemble. The government had not intended to issue a communication last night, but the Sinn Fein delegates pressed for a public announcement, explaining that otherwise the meetings of Michael Collins and Arthur Griffiths with Premier Lloyd George and Austen Chamberlain might be represented as informal pourparlors.

Tonight the Dail delegates are to attend a reception to be given by Sinn Fein followers in London at Albert Hall, but in response to a protest against the use of the hall by "rebels" the lessers of the hall explained that there would be no speeches.

London, Oct. 26.—Addressing a political meeting in Westminster last night Viscount Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor, dealing with the Irish negotiations, said: "The conference has continued for many days with some vicissitudes. It still continues and will not be abandoned unless and until it is realized that it is impossible for either side to continue."

N. S. Schooner Wreck And Seven of Crew Missing

The Henry F. Kreger on Pollock Rip Shoals.

Captain and Mate Stuck to Vessel and are Saved—Seven Men Leave in Boat in Heavy Sea and are Not Heard From.

Chatham, Mass., Oct. 26.—The four-masted schooner Henry F. Kreger was a wreck on Pollock Rips Shoals today and seven of her crew, adrift in a small boat, were missing.

The schooner, bound from Walton, N. S., for New York, stranded on the shoals in the early morning, pounded so heavily that she was abandoned by all but her captain and mate, and broke in two after the latter were taken off by coast guards.

Capt. Edward Joyce of Medford said the seven men who left the vessel did so against his orders, and that Mate Edward W. Perry of Sanwich alone stood by him. Those who went off in the small boat, torn away from the schooner's side by heavy seas before they could get their dunnage aboard, were: Wm. Scott, Eastport, Maine, the cook, and Louis P. Lime, Rufus O. Lopez, Manuel S. Messo, Michael L. Brett, Arthur Santos and Clarence Corbin, the six latter negroes whose homes were unknown to the skipper. He said their boat was last seen going over the shoals.

Chatham, Mass., Oct. 26—The Henry F. Krager, carrying a cargo of plaster rock, had been coasting down the Cape shore in the early morning hours when Capt. Joyce sighted the lightship on the shoals. He turned it successfully after a tussle with the increasing northwest wind and tumbling seas, and then ordered the smaller sails up again. It was while he was watching the setting of sails, he said, that the schooner, caught by the contrary currents that cross the Rips, was forced aground.

The skipper tried to work her off, but the tide jammed her on the more, backed by the heavy seas, and the Kreger began to break up.

The crew became alarmed and talked of quitting the ship. Captain Joyce was able to calm them for a time but when they felt the vessel's bottom giving way they would not be denied. The boat was broken out on the leeward side, lowered with a hasty tossing in of biscuits and water, and the men began to pile in.

Capt. Joyce said he urged the men to reconsider, saying they could not know where they would end up, but his arguments were ended by a big sea which washed the boat away from the schooner.

Signals of distress had been hoisted and Captain Joyce and his mate stood by awaiting assistance from the coast guards. The Monomoy Point crew went out as soon as was possible, took off the two men and landed them ashore safely. Soon after they left their ship she broke in two.

The Henry F. Kreger hailed from New York, was built at Bath, Me., in 1903 and registered gross 1,250 tons and 911 tons net.

NEW COMPANIES IN PROVINCE

Three of the Four are in St. John.

Bus Company Capitalization $85,000—Several Applications for Vendorships—Thanksgiving Day Proclamation.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 26—The Union Bus Company Limited is incorporated with a capital stock of $85,000 and head office in St. John. Those incorporated are; Frederick A. Campbell, motorman, Horace McFarlane, electrician, Otty Lingly, chauffeur, John Williamson, motorman and James Pitt, chauffeur. The company is authorized to carry on a general transfer and delivery business by motor vehicles of any and all descriptions.

E. A. Flewelling, lumberman, of Perrys' Point, G. H. Flewelling, lumberman and E. Flewwelling, clerk of Hampton, have been incorporated as E. A. Flewelling and Son, Limited. Head offices is at Hampton, and capital stock is $40,000. The company is authorized to purchase and take over the lumbering businesses carried on by E. A. Flewwelling under the name of E. A. Flewelling and Son, and to conduct a general lumbering business.

J. F. Dwyer, master baker, John Dwyer, master baker, and S. J. Downing book-keeper, all of St. John, have been incorporated as Dwyer Bros, Ltd., with head office in St. John. The capital stock is $99,000. The company is authorized to take over and carry on the business carried on under the name of Dwyer Brothers.

Robert W. Tilton, Frank S. Tilton, and John F. Tilton, of St. John, have been incorporated as J. A. Tilton, Limited, with head office in St. John, and total capital stock of $25,000. The company is authorized to take over and carry on the business recently conducted, in St. John by the late Joseph A. Tilton as merchandise broker.

Monday, November 7 is gazetted as Thanksgiving Day. The suggestion that on Friday, November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the ammistice, there be a suspension of business for two minutes, after 11 a.m., also is gazetted.

Mrs. Emily R. Brown, widow of Chas. F. Brown of St. John, has taken over the retail crockery and hardware business formerly carried on by her husband and will continue the business under the name of Chas. F. Brown.

The following are applying for vendors' licenses, under the intoxicating liquor act; Felix Ultican, Jacquet River; William A. Flowers, Shediac; Lawrence M. White, McAdam; J. Chesley Stevens, Centreville.

Miss Annie Myrtle Gullison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gullison of Williamsburg, York county, and Walter Ross Humble, of Maple Grove, York county, were married in the Brunswick street Baptist parsonage, Rev. G. C. Warren officiating. They were unattended. They will make their home in Williamsburg, where the groom is a prosperous farmer.

LEAVE LONDON FOR CONFERENCE

Advance Party of British Delegation to Washington.

London, Oct. 26.—Lord and Lady Lee of Fareham, with an advance party of the British delegation to the Washington conference, including Admiral Chatfield and other naval officers, and Srinawasa Sastri, Indian delegate, left Waterloo station this morning for Southampton to sail for the U. S. on the S. S. Olympic.

A large party of friends were at the station to bid them farewell. These included George Harvey, the U. S. ambassador; J. Wilson Taylor and other representatives of the British foreign office.

Wellington Kee, Chinese delegate, with his wife and a staff of Japanese military representatives, also will travel to the U. S. on the Olympic.

"I'm going to Washington in a spirit of confidence. I'm not prepared to contemplate failure." He added that the premier certainly would attend the conference unless the Irish situation prevented him from leaving England.

KILLS MAIL CLERK AND STEALS SACK

San Francisco, Oct. 26—Frank B. Adams, mail clerk and guard, was shot and killed by a masked bandit who entered the Perry post office today and escaped with a sack of registered mail.

The value of the loot has not yet been determined.

ROBBED AND LOCKED IN REFRIGERATOR

Montreal Butcher, Victim of Bandits, Nearly Frozen to Death When Rescued.

Montreal, Oct. 26—While Aime La Boussiere, butcher of Mount Royal Ave. was talking on the telephone in his store this morning two bandits entered, ordered him to throw up his hands at the point of a revolver, stole $790 from his pockets and then threw him into the refrigerator. He was rescued almost frozen to death some hours afterwards.

INDICTMENT DISMISSED IN THE CONNOLLY CASE

Death of Contractor, Known in St. John, Responsible For Court Action.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 26—An indictment against Wm. Jarvis, of New York, charged with complicity in an alleged fake wire tapping scheme through which Michael Connolly, late of Montreal, a contractor, lost $125,000, was dismissed in the supreme court yesterday.

Connolly's death, which occurred about two months ago, was responsible for the dismissal of the indictment. He was the chief witness for the prosecution and without his testimony the state was unable to proceed with the trial.

Bout Tonight.

New York, Oct. 26.—Joe Lynch of New York, former bantam champion, will meet Phil O'Dowd of Columbia, Ohio, in a fifteen-round bout here tonight. It will be Lynch's first fight since he lost the title of Pete Herman last summer, and if he wins he will seek to wrest the championship from Johnny Buff, who acquired it by defeating Herman.

Permit For Brewers.

Washington, Oct. 26—Issurance of permits to brewers for the manufacture of medical bear under the new treasury regulations will proceed with promptness and dispatch, so internal revenue commissioner Balin said today.

S.S. PRINCE ARTHUR, OFF ROCKS, STARTS AWAY BUT FORCED BACK

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 26—With five feet of water in her hold, the S.S. Prince Arthur, bound from Yarmouth to Boston, after being refloated, was compelled to return to Yarmouth this morning, where she docked and pumps were immediately set to work.

The Prince Arthur left Yarmouth last night and when out ten minutes went ashore on rocks below Baker's wharf. She was refloated early this morning and proceeded on her way to Boston, but about ten miles out her hold was reported filling with water and the ship was turned around and made port without difficulty.

STILL GROPING IN MURDER CASE

Identification of Girl Proves False.

New York Police Now Tracing the Ownership of Two Shirts Wrapped About the Head—Trail Leads to Long Island City.

New York, Oct. 26.—With another promising set of clues broken down, the police started afresh today in their efforts to identify the dismembered body of a young woman found in a pond at Long Island City last Saturday and to trace her slayer.

"A positive" identification of the victim as Bertha Becker, a domestic, made last night by a woman who gave the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Richards of Jersey City, was overturned when the police learned that the address given by the woman was fictitious and that the real Mrs. Richards was ill in a hospital.

The woman had advanced a theory that the victim's legs had been severed to prevent identification by means of a German iron cross and the initials "B. B.," which she said had been tattooed above one of Bertha Becker's knees.

A stained butcher's knife and a nightgown bearing brownish spots, found on Staten Island and regarded as possible clues, were eliminated when an analysis showed the stains were rust.

Apparently the only hopeful material the police had to work on today were two shirts which had been wrapped about the victim's head. These bore laundry marks which were traced to a Long Island laundry, but it was found that records showing to whom the marks had been assigned had been destroyed. Further efforts were being made today, however, to trace the owner of the shirts, and detectives working on Long Island City predicted an arrest would be made soon.

CRUCIAL DAY FOR FRENCH PREMIER

Night May See His Resignation Submitted.

Deputies to Vote on Confidence Motion and He May be Defeated or Secure Only a Small Majority.

Paris, Oct. 26—Premier Briand today faced a situation that seemed perilous to his ministry. Debate in the chamber of deputies on the government's domestic and foreign politics was to close, and a vote of confidence was to be taken and there appeared to be a possibility that the opposition could muster enough strength either to reject the vote of confidence or cut down the margin of the premier's victory to such an extent that he would feel it was a mandate against going to the Washington conference.

In either event, it was deemed probable that Mr. Briand would ask President Millerand to relieve him of the duties of office.

In opening the debate in the chamber last week, the premier made it plain that he desired a vote of confidence which would be emphatic enough for him to go to Washington as the recognized spokesman of the French government and parliament.

Discussion of the policies followed by the administration relative to the Near East, German reparations, domestic questions and other matters of great importance at the present moment developed bitterness many times during the last few days, and culminated yesterday in an attack upon the government by Andre Tardieu.

Paris, Oct. 26—Premier Briand yesterday refused to entertain proposals from Premier Gounaris and Foreign Minister Baltazzis, of Greece, looking to the possibility of mediation between Greece and Turkey, so it is said by newspapers here.

Later.

Pasis, Oct. 26—Uproarious scenes in the Chamber of Deputies between socialists and members of the right wing became so intense at the resumption of debate today on the general policy of the government that President Peret was forced to suspend the session.

HARD FIGHT WITH FIRE AS BRISK WIND BLEW

Aiken, S. C., Oct. 26.—Fire starting early today in the business section of Aiken and fanned by a high wind threatened for a time to destroy the entire town, but was brought under control after a hard fight by volunteer fire fighters.

Five buildings, including the town jail, were destroyed with damage estimated at $25,000.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montreal, Oct. 26—Trading on the local stock exchange during the first half hour this morning was not so brisk as it was within the same period yesterday, although a considerable volume of business took place, resulting in several major changes in price quotations.

Abitibi appeared unchanged at 33. Atlantic Sugar was strong, and rose three quarters to 311-2. Brompton was stronger by a quarter at 23 3-4. Breweries was unchanged at 56 3-4, as was also Riordon at 6. Spanish River, contrary to the strength it displayed yesterday, dropped two points from its closing level, and appeared on the tape this morning at 6. Wayagamack at 47 1-2 was unchanged.