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Cerberre, France, Sept. 30.—A terrific thunderstorm, which raged for twelve hours, has spread death and ruin throughout the city. Fourteen persons are known to have been killed and thirty injured, but there are many missing.

A stream which passes through the city was soon over its banks and flooded the streets. In a hardware establishment where large quantities of gasoline, petroleum, alcohol, and other inflammables and a cask of calcium carbide were stored, the water dissolved the chemical and enormous volumes of gas were formed. A terrific explosion occurred, which completely wrecked two buildings and enveloped two others in flames. Three persons who were passing at the time were killed outright. Five families were buried in their homes. Nearly every house in Cerberre is flooded and most of the provisions have been spoiled.

In answer to an urgent appeal from the mayor, the prefect at Perpignan despatched several tons of bread to meet the pressing needs of the inhabitants. A company of the 53rd infantry was rushed from Collioure to assist in the rescue work and search for the missing.

The floods also carried away the greater part of the Paullies dynamite factory and caused tremendous damage throughout the department. The railroad has been washed out in several places. A freight train was derailed, and a passenger train is stalled in the tunnel at Banuel-sur-Mer.

LAKE STEAMERS IN COLLISION

One Beached and Another at Bottom as Result of Crash — Crews Escape with Lives.

Detroit, Sept. 30.—The freight steamer Joseph S. Morrow, of Duluth, bound up the Great Lakes with grain, collided early today with the freighter City of London of Chicago, bound down off Point Pelee on the Canadian side of Lake Erie.

Reports reaching here today at noon were to the effect that the Morrow had to be beached and the City of London went down soon after the collision, so seriously were the boats damaged. The members of the City of London's crew were taken off their sinking boat by the steamer Briton, and they are on their way to Detroit. Wrecking tugs have left to the assistance of the Morrow.

DEMOCRATIC TARIFF BILL IS NOW ON ITS LAST JOURNEY

U. S. House Adopts Main Conference Agreement After Hot Debate by Strictly Party Vote of 254 to 103 — Cotton Future Tax Unsettled.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The Democratic tariff revision bill left the house tonight on what the party leaders hoped would be its last journey. After many hours of debate the house adopted the main conference agreement on the bill, 254 to 103, almost a strictly party vote, and the action gave its endorsement to everything in the measure except the cotton future tax.

THE ITALIAN ELECTIONS ON NEXT MONTH

Electoral Campaign Has Been Officially Begun Throughout Country.

BENEFICIAL LAWS PROMISED MASSES.

Italy's Foreign Policy Reviewed for Benefit of Public — Her Attitude Toward the Balkan War.

Rome, Sept. 30.—A royal decree fixing the date of the Italian general elections for October 26 and the second ballots for November 11 was published throughout Italy today.

The electoral campaign has officially begun with a long cabinet statement which enumerates the leading features of the government programme. This statement points out that the government has already given practically universal suffrage and arranged for the payment of salaries to the deputies, thus enabling the electors to choose whom they please.

The prosperity of the country had been increased through the occupation of Libya, and the government had been enabled to spend \$22,960,000 more than had been estimated, of which \$7,500,000 was in elementary instruction. The population was increasing at the rate of half a million yearly.

With the help of the new chamber, the government expects to substitute co-operation between labor and capital for the struggle between the classes and to pass bills for the protection of children and for the correction of their delinquency.

Regarding Italy's foreign policy, the statement declares that the Triple Alliance was renewed after the Libyan war to insure equilibrium and peace among the powers. This, it is added, does not prevent Italy from making friendly cordial relations with the other powers. All Italy's efforts during the Balkan war were aimed at a cessation of hostilities.

ICEBERGS REPORTED. Boston, Sept. 30.—Icebergs again threaten transatlantic shipping. Capt. Robert McKillop, of the steamer Numidian, reported on his arrival here today from Glasgow. A towering berg and several growlers appeared off the Grand Banks, directly in the track of westbound liners, when the Numidian passed last Friday. It was the first ice sighted this fall. Captain McKillop gave the location of the ice as latitude 48.22 North, longitude 49.07 West.

FIREMAN, HURLED FROM CART, FATALLY INJURED. Toronto, Sept. 30.—Thrown from a horse cart while going to a fire in the Union Stock Yards, this afternoon, Jas. Kerr, a fireman, single, aged 25, was so seriously injured that he died within a few minutes.

Hold Up Depot at Thief River Falls, Minneapolis, and Get Away with \$7,000 — Police on Trail.

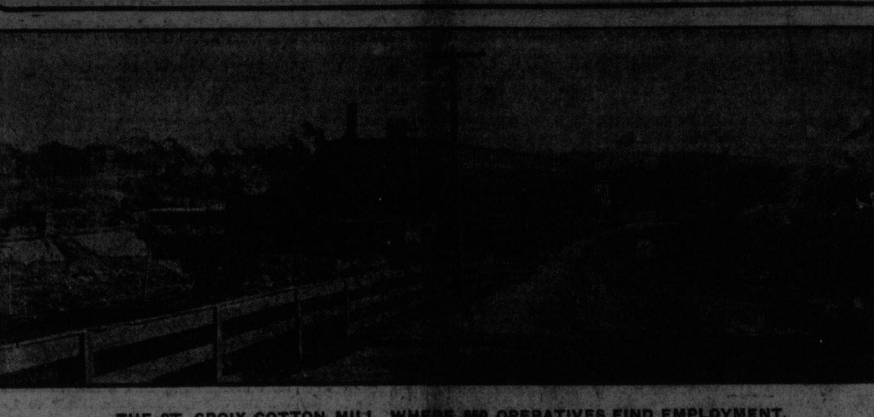
Three River Falls, Minn., Sept. 30.—An express box containing \$7,000, consigned by several Minneapolis banks to banks here, was robbed of its contents at the Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Sault Ste Marie depot here by three masked bandits early today.

The box had been dropped at the depot by the Minneapolis-Winnipeg train a short time before. While two of the robbers beat Night Baggage man Charles Johnson at bay, the third, a young man, took his keys, unlocked the box and gathered up the money. The three made their escape. The money was in five sacks and consisted of \$6,500 in currency and \$500 in silver.

CONFERENCE REPORT. The conference report will be called up in the Senate early tomorrow by Chairman Simmons, of the Finance committee, unless there are unlooked for developments.

Several Democratic Senators who are dissatisfied with certain features of the bill today began a demand for a Democratic caucus to consider the conference report before it is taken up in the Senate. Senator Reed, of Missouri, insisted that unless certain changes were made in rates fixed by the conference committee, he might vote against the report and the tariff bill on its final passage.

AN IMMENSE MILLTOWN FACTORY



THE ST. CROIX COTTON MILL, WHERE 500 OPERATIVES FIND EMPLOYMENT.

At Milltown, two miles above St. Stephen, on the St. Croix river, is situated the large cotton mill owned and operated by Canadian Cottons Ltd. This industry, known as the St. Croix Cotton Mill, came to be established at Milltown on account of the great advantages there of the natural water power. For this reason millmen of Providence, R. I., built the mill in 1881.

In 1922 a syndicate, known as Canadian Cottons Ltd., was formed in connection with other mills in Western Canada, and took over the St. Croix mill. The company, which is controlled by Canadian capital, owns and operates in addition to the St. Croix mill, a mill at Hamilton, Ont., their mills at Cornwall, Ont., and a mill at Marquette, in York County. The company also controls the output of the Cornwall and York mills in St. John. J. W. Graham is the resident manager at Milltown.

The company employs in the St. Croix mill 650 hands and could employ 50 more hands if they could be secured. There are 1,200 looms and 57,000 spindles at work in the factory. At this mill the company makes a specialty of manufacturing fine dress and shirting slights. It is the only mill in Canada which specializes in the finer class of slights.

Water power for the mill, as has been stated, is derived from the St. Croix river. Some idea of the immense size of the factory may be gathered from the fact that there are 250,000 square feet of floor space in the buildings. The trade of the St. Croix mill extends all over the Dominion.

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