

quite sharply showing declines from 30 to 35 points at midday.

Montreal, Nov. 8th.—Following the crisis on the local stock exchange today when after 4 weeks of almost uninterrupted liquidation the bottom fell out of the price of the common stock of Atlantic sugar refineries, carrying in the debacle the prices of all the paper stocks down by from five to ten points, a small committee of the Montreal Stock Exchange members after the closing of trading took up with the leading banks here the question of money available for market purposes and of rendering less stringent the prevailing money situation. Later in the afternoon the committee reported that bankers had assured them that a reasonable amount of funds should be forthcoming tomorrow morning to support the market, should the market warrant it.

Adelaide, South Australia, Nov. 9th.—The visiting English eleven defeated South Australia by an innings and 55 runs. The English teams score was 532 for 3 wickets.

London, Nov. 9th.—The House of Commons today adopted two new clauses to the Home Rule Bill proposed by the Govt. the first providing that both Irish Parliaments shall establish second chambers for the protection of minorities, the second providing that in the event that less than half the members of either parliament are validly elected, or for failure to take oath of allegiance within 14 days, the King may dissolve parliament and place the Govt. in the hands of a committee appointed by the Lord Lieutenant. The latter clause replaces the proposal of the Govt. that candidates for Parliament must take the oath of allegiance on nomination. The clause providing for the creation of second chambers was adopted by a vote of 175 to 31. It leaves to the Irish parliament the duty of framing the necessary scheme. The second clause as failure to take the oath was criticized by Lord Hugh Cecil as the greatest legislative absurdity ever suggested. Mr. Asquith said the clause forcibly illustrated the farcical character of the southern parliament. The contingency contemplated, he asserted, was certain to arise in Southern Ireland, which then would be reduced to the condition of the most backward of the crown colonies. This clause was carried by 137 to 11. The measure has to run the gauntlet of the House of Lords where, according to rumours current, an attempt will be made to cut the six Ulster counties completely out of the Bill, leaving them to be administered as at present from Westminster.

London, Nov. 9th.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt, daughter of W. K. Vanderbilt, was today awarded a decree of divorce from the Duke.

London, Nov. 9th.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain and party arrived in London last evening. They were greeted by King George, the Queen, the Prince of Wales and members of the Embassy.

Athens, Nov. 8th.—The elections in Greece have now attained a climax of unprecedented bitterness, while the opposing sides are heaping the most violent vituperations on each other. Complaints of riot and mob violence are being regularly entered against the warring factions. It would appear that Premier Venizelos will win out against the contest being fought for ex-King Constantine, but the results are still a matter of conjecture. The question of the legal right of Madame Manos, morganatic wife of the late King Alexander, seems likely to create some difficulty, according to the leading jurists of this city. Her attorney on Thursday last asked the court to remove the seals from the apartment of the dead king, asserting that Madame Manos, through her marriage and also because of her approaching motherhood would legally inherit Alexanders property.

Milan, Nov. 8th.—Some compromise may yet be arrived at over the vexed question agitating diplomatic circles in Rome and Belgrade. It is ascertained that the Italian Foreign Minister and the Minister of War have gone to meet the representatives of the Jug-Slavs. Both sides are prepared to make concessions.

Berlin, Nov. 8th.—Count Von Bernstorff, ex-German Ambassador to the United States, in an address delivered here this evening informed the audience that Germany must accept the American idea of the League of Nations in her relations with the United States. The ex-Ambassador defended German-American and their attitude towards Germany throughout the war until the sinking of the Lusitania, which act did much to alienate their affections.

Paris, Nov. 8th. Dissatisfaction with the peace terms imposed on Germany by M. Clemenceau was expressed today by Marshal Foch in answer to the attack made upon him in the Chamber of Deputies by M. Tardieu. Marshal Foch said that when he approached M. Clemenceau with regard to the arranging of these the ex-Premier of France told him "to mind his own business". He charged M. Clemenceau with having received him like a dog.

No less than eighty members of the Hapsburg family have been compelled, as a last, desperate refuge from starvation, to go to work. To say that this is sad news is only to reveal the inadequacy of language, and there is no real help toward the expression of feeling to be found in words like "dreadful," or "awful," or "appalling." The sometime Emporor and Empress of Austria

Hungary, it seems, have managed yet to keep their heads above rising waves of inappreciation that have engulfed their relatives, but real Archdukes and Archduchesses, as well as the wearers of slightly lower titles, have nothing left except what they earn. Some of the men have become junior clerks and some of the noble ladies are serving as governesses and even maids. One hardly knows who is to be more pitied—an Archduchess at work in the kitchen of somebody else, or the somebody else in whose kitchens the Archduchess works.—*N. Y. Times.*

LACKING IN FAITH

The drought had been long and cotton and corn fields had withered and turned brown beneath the blazing sun, while there were dust in the rows almost as deep as in the roads. Brother Mose Johnson, exhorter extraordinary, decided there was nothing to do but call his church members together and ask divine intervention to end the dry spell.

Word was sent out that the faithful were to gather Sunday afternoon to pray for rain, and they gathered. Brother Mose, at first pleased with the number present, assumed a pained expression when he took a closer look at his audience.

"Breddern", he said, "yo' all know what the Good Book say about dem of little faith. Here I done got you all together to pray for rain, plenty of rain, and rain right now, an' dey ain't a single umbreller in this church."—*Porto Rico Progress, Oct. 15th.*

PROCRASTINATION

BY WALTER PULITZER

My friend, have you heard of the town
of Yawn,
On the banks of the River Slow,
Where blooms the Waitawhile flower fair
And the Some-time-other scents the air
and the soft Go-easy grow?

It lies in the Valley of What's-the-use,
In the province of Let-her-slide;
That old "tired feeling" is native there—
It's the home of the listless I-don't-care,
Where the Put-it-offs abide.
—New York Herald.—*Ibid.*

EARLY TO RISE.

Physician: When do you ordinarily get up? Madame: About half past six.

Physician: So early.
Madame: Surely. The theatre begins at a quarter to eight.—*Ulk.—Ibid.*

NATURAL MISTAKE

Raymond.—"What the deuce do you mean by telling Joan that I am a fool?"
George.—"Heavens! I'm sorry was it a secret?"—*London Mail.—Ibid.*