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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Philadelphia, June 11th.--Fire early today practically destroyed the train shed of Broad Street Station, the Philadelphia terminus of the Pennsylvania railway. A quantity of small hand baggage and a number of passenger coaches also were consumed. A huge passenger locomotive crashed through the train floor and was wrecked. The flames spread westward and did not reach the main building containing the waiting room and ticket offices. These, however, were damaged by water. The general offices of the company were not damaged. There was no official estimate of the loss, but it was believed that it would approximate at least 1,000,000 dollars.

New York, June 11th.--The early raw sugar market was unsettled by the sharp decline in futures and the absence of transaction, prices were nominal. The continual weakness in the European market and only a light domestic demand for refined sugar, led to renewed selling in raw sugar futures, with prices midday showing declines of 24 to 27 points. A private report placing the Cuban production up to May 31st at 3,588,917 tons, also had rather a bearish influence and may have prompted some of the selling. There were no changes in refined. A moderate inquiry was reported, with buyers inclined to hold off, owing to the unsettled conditions in the spot market. Prices were unchanged at 9.75 to 9.90 for fine granulated. Refined futures were nominal.

London, June 11th.--The conference between Lord Curzon and the French Ambassador lasted more than an hour.

While nothing was given out officially regarding the discussions, it is known that the two diplomats had a frank exchange of views concerning the attitude of their respective Governments on Germany's latest offer. It was arranged that the Italian and Belgian Ambassadors discuss the same subject with Lord Curzon this afternoon, with a meeting of the British Cabinet following, at which the views of France, Italy and Belgium were to be taken up. The Cabinet is making earnest efforts to reach a common ground with France and thus re-cement the Entente cordiale, but if France insists upon the unconditional occupation of the Rhineland until all reparations are paid there seems little prospects of a solution, according to the British views. The Cabinet here is unreservedly opposed to the measure fearing Germany's capacity to pay depends entirely on the free and untrammelled operation of her great industrial plants and full liberty for workers.

Berlin, June 11th.--A despatch from Limburg says that the French have seized two billion marks which an automobile was conveying for the regular payments to the unemployed.

Dusseldorf, June 11th.--Several Germans have been killed and a number wounded during a street battle between French troops and a group of German civilians in Dortmund.

Lausanne, June 11th.--Ismet Pasha head of the Turkish delegation at peace conference here, formally notified the Allies today that Turkey has decided after the fullest consideration, that she can pay the interest on her debt only in French paper francs, or their equivalent in foreign currency.

Tokio, June 11th.--Japan's reply to China's note demanding an apology for the shooting of Chinese rioters by Japanese marines at Chang-Sha, province of Hunan, on June 2nd, and the withdrawal of Japanese gunboats from Chang-Sha, was the despatch of four destroyers from the Sasebo base, to reinforce the Japanese patrol on the Yang Tse river and the official statement that Japan was determined to defend the lives and property of her nationals in China.

Washington June 11th.--After a hurried conference of customs and prohibition officials at the Treasury Department here, it was indicated today that the French construction of the United States prohibition regulations did not accord with that of the United States Govern-

ment and that there would be no relaxation in favouring the serving of wine rations to the crews of those European vessels whose contract with the shipping company provides for the issue of two litres of wine daily.

London, June 11th.--The 11,000,000 pounds bloc of the new Austrian loan which is being floated, was so well received by the investing public that the list was closed before noon today, although the prospectus had stated that the subscription privilege would not cease until Thursday. This was taken to indicate that the British share of the issue will be largely over-subscribed.

Troon, Scotland, June 11th.--Age, personal and national, put youth behind today in the first half of the struggle of 222 golfers to qualify for participation in the British open championship. In the first instance the old golfers of Great Britain led the younger generation, as represented by the United States invaders, and in the second instance golfers of England, for a day at least, had the experience of doing better on the links than their rivals from young America. Old Jim Braid, who began winning his string of five open championships 22 years ago, led the field that swung wood and iron under a glaring sun and blustering sea breezes today. His score of 72 was considerably under that of the younger Hagen, who drank his first quaff from the championship cup only a year ago. Hagen took 82 today and unless he does much better tomorrow is likely to find himself among the spectators when the championship gets under way, as only 80 players, plus those, if any, who tie for the 80th place, can appear in the grand finale, today an even hundred players slipped in cards of 79 or under, while altogether 136 men did better than Hagen. The best any of the Americans could do was 85 and this was accomplished by Gene Sarazen, United States open champion, and Mac Donald Smith of California.

Dublin, June 12th.--James Larkin, the labour agitator, who some time ago was expelled from the United States, and his associates have seized the offices of the Irish transport and general workers union, according to a manifesto issued by the union. The manifesto says that measures are being taken to regain possession of the offices. A cleavage in Irish labour has been predicted ever since Larkin's return from the United States.