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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Dublin, Sept. 21st.—Auxiliary police forces last night wrecked the town of Balbriggan near here in retaliation for the shooting of two police officers there early in the evening when district Inspector Burke was killed and his brother, Sergeant Burke, was seriously wounded. Two civilians were shot dead and several persons wounded. Many houses were set on fire, and the largest hosiery factory in Ireland belonging to an English firm was destroyed. This morning the town was in terror and streams of refugees in all sorts of vehicles were abandoning the place for neighbouring villages.

Paris, Sept. 21st.—While England is negotiating for resumption of trade with Soviet Russia, France is fathering an active movement to restore normal trade relations with anti-Bolshevik Russia. A powerful association is formed in Paris comprising proprietors and managers of three-quarters of the Russian industrial, commercial and financial institutions, and plans to work in cooperation with the Govt.

Madrid, Sept. 21st.—A dynamite bomb exploded yesterday in front of the Friends Club in Talavera, a suburb of this city, doing enormous amage, but inflicting no casualties. One arrest has been made as a result of the outrage.

Washington, Sept. 21st.—President Wilson, it is believed here, has decided to delay carrying out the directions of article 34 of the merchant marine act relating to termination of certain commercial treaties until Congress reconvenes in December. Section 34 of the act directs that the President within 90 days of the

signing of the bill which became a law on June 4th, is to give notice to the governments of all countries, parties to commercial treaties with the United States, that the provisions of any such treaty which restricts the United States in imposing discriminatory import duties and tonnage dues on foreign vessels will be determined.

Paris, Sept. 21st.—The ninth session of the Council of the League of Nations adjourned yesterday after having smoothed out difficulties between four nations in controversies which at one time threatened to result in war. Through its action in the Polish Lithuanian crisis the council succeeded in getting the two countries to agree to an immediate suspension of hostilities pending a settlement of their dispute, which both sides agree to accept.

Riga, Sept. 21st.—Poland's attitude concerning the ethnographic boundary has been given officially to the Associated Press exclusively. A description of this line by the Poles is at present impossible because the question, it is contended, must be determined by an agreement between the Poles and the Bolsheviki for several reasons. First Russian statistics are considered unreliable by the Poles. Second the populations of the territory involved in the question of ethnographic Poland was changed materially during the war by immigration, some sections, formerly Russian in character, being now Polish while some formerly Polish, may possibly now be mostly Russian, therefore the ethnographic line is uncertain and must be discussed and determined by the peace conference upon facts to be established. This is the first definite statement that has been obtained from the Poles. The Polish representatives also said they considered that the size of their army must be proportionate to the armies of adjacent states, principally Russia and Germany. The size of the Russian army will be determined at the Riga peace conference. That of the German army has already been determined by the treaty of Versailles. The Poles are not yet prepared to announce all their counter proposals. How long it will take to demobilize their army after peace depends upon the size of the army determined by the treaty.

New York, Sept. 21st.—Department of Justice and Govt. high officials admitted tonight that five days investigation has failed to solve the mystery

of the explosion in Wall Street last Thursday. Officials generally agree that the explosive was carried into the financial district on a ramshackle wagon, left standing at the curb in front of the Essay Office just before noon.

London, Sept. 21st.—Failing an eleventh-hour development, virtually every coal mine in the United Kingdom will be idle next Monday, a meeting of the delegates from all districts having this afternoon accepted the report of the executive committee of the federation to the effect that nothing had been achieved by the negotiations to prevent a strike. The delegates who number nearly 200 also endorsed the proposal which the executive made to Sir Robert Horne.

Warsaw, Sept. 21st.—The peace negotiations between Lithuania and Poland have been broken off, and the Polish legation has left Kalawrya, and is returning to Warsaw. Lithuania agreed to withdraw her troops behind the Foch lines, but insisted that the Poles retire a similar distance behind the line they now occupy. To this the Poles refused to agree.

London, Sept. 21st.—Queen Alexandra has altered her will for the fifth time this year, disposing of gold, silver and treasures at Marlborough House, half the value going to dependents on charity lists, and the other half to Prince Olaf.

London, Sept. 21st.—The "Times" Melbourne correspondent says that Sir Joseph Cook, a navy minister, will succeed Sir Andrew Fisher as Australian High Commissioner in London. Recently a special correspondent of the "Times" wrote: "Confusion and uncertainty rule the federal politicians of Australia. The party in power, the national party is the survivor of a coalition formed by Premier Hughes in the days when the conscript controversy tore him from the bosom of labour, and flung him into alliance with his lifelong opponents, the liberals led by Sir Joseph Cook. With the war over, the bond of that union seems to grow increasingly irksome."

Quebec, Sept. 21st.—Viscount Burnham who acted as president of the imperial press conference, and was head of our great mission of newspapermen during their entire stay in the country, was guest of honour at a luncheon offered by the Quebec Men's Canadian Club at the Chateau Frontenac at noon today. Lord Burnham made his address to the province of Quebec, and this city

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