



STOCK MARKET SELLING NEAR PARITY PROPORTIONS

Crown Prince Humbert, of Italy, Narrowly Escapes Bullet

ROYAL SUTOR MISSES DEATH BY SLIM MARK

Newly-Betrothed Fired on
While Placing Wreath on
Tomb in Brussels.

OVERPOWER ASSAILANT; POLICE AVERT LYNCHING

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Oct. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Crown Prince Humbert, of Italy, narrowly escaped death today at the hands of an assassin who fired a shot at the royal sutor as the prince was placing a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

The quick work of one of the Italian embassy party, who knocked down the assassin's arm, saved the prince and overpowered him, was believed to have saved the prince's life.

The assassin, who only escaped lynching through the protection of the police, told the authorities that he was an Italian named Enrico Driess and said that he had intended to fire in the air as a protest.

The young prince, whose engagement to the Belgian princess was formally announced today, was one of the guests of the ceremony.

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Prince Escapes



Crown Prince Humbert, of Italy, who escaped death from a shot fired at him in Brussels today, is shown above with Princess Marie Jose, daughter of Albert, king of the Belgians. Their betrothal was formally announced today.

THOMAS C. GORDON DIES IN HOME HERE

General Counsel of Va. Trust
Company Passes After
Brief Illness.

Thomas C. Gordon, 62, general counsel of the Virginia Trust Company, and for some thirty years a leading member of the Richmond bar, died at 2:30 A. M. today at his home, 3301 Floyd Avenue.

Mr. Gordon had not been in good health for several months, his last illness was only of two days' duration and his death was unexpected.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M. Friday at the home, with the Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, Jr., D. D., pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, officiating. Burial will take place at Hollywood.

Palbearers will be Judge W. A. Moncreux, Herbert W. Jackson, J. Jordan Leake, Walker Scott, Douglas Gordon, A. R. Dickinson, Preston B. Watt and W. Meade Addison.

Mr. Gordon was the eldest son of the late Colonel W. W. Gordon and Mrs. Fannie Brockenbush Gordon, of Richmond, and was a representative of the family.

Outside the palace of justice a large crowd gathered, and shouted: "A most sensational case!"

Princess Kibera King Warmly
Crown Prince Humbert, after his return from the unknown soldier's tomb, where he escaped assassination, was receiving members of the Italian colony when his fiancée, Princess Marie Jose, arrived. She hurriedly ran to him and fell in his arms, kissing him passionately.

The pale complexion of the princess bore evidence of how deeply moved she was by the attempt on her fiancée's life.

Prince Humbert then received the congratulations of King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and other members of the royal family who accompanied the princess.

When the king and queen and the princess returned to the palace, the king said: "The prince has been very brave."

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GRUNDY TELLS OF ACTIVITIES AT OBBOY QUIZ

Head of Pennsylvania Manu-
facturers Queried by
Senate Committee.

MEISNEST DESCRIBES FISH TARIFF MOVES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Joseph R. Grundy, who raised more than \$700,000 for the Coolidge campaign in 1924, testified before the senate lobby investigation committee today he was in Washington for the purpose of obtaining "protective tariff legislation."

Grundy is representative of the American Tariff League in Washington, and also is president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association.

"Do you think you got higher tariff rates?" asked Chairman Caraway.

"Overcoming a natural modesty, I would say, I helped," the witness answered.

"Who pays your expenses?" continued the chairman.

"Why, I do."

"You came here to see that the campaign contributors got their money's worth?" pursued Caraway.

"I came here to see that the Republican platform which was endorsed by the mandate of the people was carried into law," he shot back.

"If it was then they got their money's worth," pursued Caraway, "I wouldn't say you laid down on the job."

Grundy estimated his expenses at about \$25,000 since the first of the year.

Before Grundy took the witness chair, Frederick L. Meisnest was questioned concerning the tariff on fish.

His appearance was unexpected, as it had been believed the whole day would be given over to Grundy, who has been mentioned frequently in the senate tariff debate as a lobbyist.

Grundy also is Washington representative of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association.

Meisnest, who left the tariff commission last May to become assistant to the vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Fisheries Corporation, testified he had been in the fishing industry before going to the commission.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, asked him to explain his departure from the government service.

"I considered the government service a stepping stone," he answered.

Work on Tariff Bill.
"Did you do any work on the tariff bill for the company?" asked Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana.

"Yes, I prepared a brief that was presented to the senate finance committee in June on the fish duty, contending the present rates amount to an embargo on the industry."

Asked on what other occasions he was here, Meisnest replied he was here frequently "to offset the work of Edward Cooley, who is a paid lobbyist."

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Hoover Special Train Escapes Being in Wreck

Two Confess Placing Heavy
Auto on Tracks Hoping
for Damages.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Oct. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—An explosion and fire destroyed the laboratory of the Consolidated Film Industries here early today, causing a loss estimated as high as \$500,000.

Fifty persons in the building fled to safety during intervals between four detonations which wrecked the place. One man was killed.

The laboratory was being used by about 75 per cent. of the motion picture producers. Losses included the master films of several new screen productions.

Fire department officials said the explosion occurred in a projection room, and that an accurate list of the expensive master films would have to be obtained before a better figure could be given.

The only death was that of Albert Lund, who was found unconscious near a film polishing machine after firemen had quenched the blaze.

He died while being taken to a hospital. Explosion in Chemicals.

Two women workers, who ran as the first flash of flame spread through the buildings, said they saw the first explosion occur in a pile of chemicals near one of the polishing machines in an assembly room.

Lund was killed by a projection executive working in a projection room, said 35 women and 15 men were in the structure when the first explosion occurred, and that he had accounted for them all except Lund.

Max Glutz, president of the Consolidated Film Industries, declined to make any statement regarding the loss of films pending complete investigation.

In the confusion immediately following the explosion several persons known to have been in the building could not be located, giving rise to fears that they had perished. Firemen

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FICTIONS LOST AS FILMS BURN, PERISHES

Fifty Flee to Safety as Blasts
Wreck Laboratory in
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NEW PRODUCTIONS FOR
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RICHMOND SEEN DEMOCRATIC LIST THIS YEAR

Third District Also Believed
Safe for Party, Staff
Writer Declares.

OBSERVERS EXPECT
3,000 CITY MARGIN

(Editor's Note—The twelfth in the series of special articles surveying political conditions in Virginia appears below.)

By R. L. C. BARRETT,
News Leader Staff Writer.

How will Richmond and the Third congressional district go in the present campaign? This is a question that this writer has been asked in every section of the state.

To Virginia Democrats the news last year that Richmond, capital of the Confederacy, had gone Republican came as even a greater shock than the story of the turnover in the state as a whole.

Naturally this news was the cause of much Republican jubilation all the way from Accomac to Lee.

Unless all surface indications are wrong both Richmond and the Third district will be found in the Democratic column when the vote is counted next month.

The Democratic leaders are claiming the city by a majority of from 5,000 to 7,000 and the district by an even larger lead. On the other hand Republican campaign directors say that both city and district will go for Ford on Nov. 5.

Both are not right, and it rather looks as if both are wrong. The city and district appear safely Democratic, but not by a majority of either 5,000 or 7,000.

Any estimate of majorities is more or less guesswork, but conservative observers of the local situation are generally agreed that Pollard's majority in Richmond will be around 3,000, and that the district as a whole will give the Democratic ticket a somewhat larger lead.

It must be admitted that the Democratic leaders have some grounds for making their claim of an overwhelming majority in Richmond. The drift back to the Democratic party is perhaps as strong if not stronger, than in any other part of the state.

There are whole blocks where all the residents voted for Hoover last year, but will cast their ballots for Ford on Nov. 5.

Pollard's long residence here made him many friends, especially among the church people and among his legal brethren. There are thousands of people in Richmond who remember the Democratic leader as a boy. On the other hand, Brown is virtually unknown in this section.

From the viewpoint of Democratic campaigners, Henrico county is the hot-spot in the Third district. If the Democrats carry Henrico, it will only be by a narrow margin and after a hard fight. The county went Republican last year by 135 votes. There are

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Ship Discovers Wreckage From Plane In Ocean

Radio Tells of Finding
Black and Orange
Parts of Craft.

HARBOR GRACE, N. F., Oct. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—A radio message from "Operator Serick," of the S. S. Kyle, today advised that he had picked up a Marconi message from the S. S. Scythia that another ship, name unknown, had discovered a piece of airplane wreckage at 2 P. M. yesterday. The wreckage was black and orange. The message did not give the ship's position.

NO WORD OF DITEMAN.
LONDON, Oct. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—A fruitless watch was kept throughout the night on the Irish coast and at Croydon for Urban F. Diteman, aviator, who took off Tuesday from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, on an attempted flight across the Atlantic to London.

What little hope remained today for the flyer's safety rested solely on the possibility that he had been picked up by some ship without radio. It such were the case, days might pass before there would be word of him.

Rain and a strong westerly wind prevailed along the eastern Atlantic and the British Isles, making conditions bad for any small plane with a low store of gasoline.

Nothing has been seen or heard of the flyer since he disappeared over the ocean ten minutes after taking off from Harbor Grace, N. F., at 10:45 A. M. (Eastern Standard Time), Tuesday. He left a note saying "Am bound for London."

His plane, an open cockpit, biplane monoplane, Golden Horn, carried 145 gallons of fuel, sufficient he estimated

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LEADING SHARES OFF \$9 TO \$40; WILD CONFUSION

Traders Driven Frantic in Efforts
to Execute Flood of
Orders Pouring In.

QUOTATIONS ON TICKER
SOON FALL FAR BEHIND

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Wall street experienced the darkest day in years today as a selling movement approaching the proportions completely demoralized the stock market and hundreds of millions of dollars in quoted values disappeared by the minute.

Such leading stocks as U. S. Steel tumbled \$9 a share to \$193. Standard of New Jersey, \$11 to \$62.50, American Telephone, \$23 to \$24.50, and Johns Manville, \$10 to \$14.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Stocks were again dumped today as the market in terrible volume today, and Wall street trading facilities again were completely swamped.

Powerful support came into the market during the morning, but by late forenoon a wide assortment of leading issues were depressed \$2 to \$10 a share, many to new low levels for the year.

Scenes of wild confusion again prevailed on the floor of the stock and bond exchanges. The quotations on the stock exchange ticker fell about three-quarters of an hour behind trading before midday, and reports from the floor that the market was selling substantially below the figures on the tape were again highly demoralizing.

Sales on the stock exchange from 10 o'clock until noon totaled 5,700,000 shares, a new high record. Trading was at the rate of more than 14,000 shares a day, contrasted to the record day's turnover of more than 5,500,000 shares on March 26. By early afternoon, ticket quotations were more than an hour behind floor transactions.

Prices from the floor at 11:30 A. M. showed U. S. Steel common selling at \$12.10, a new low for the movement at \$2 below last night's close. General Motors tumbled \$5.75 to a new low for the year at \$50. Consolidated Gas dropped \$6.50 to \$31.25. American Telephone sold at \$24.00, off \$12 from last night's close. Several of the volatile issues tumbled wildly. Auburn Auto losing \$16 on top of yesterday's net loss of \$77.

Loud Complaints.
Loud complaints were heard in brokerage house customers room, the investment trusts and institutions were failing to come in and pick up stocks on a large scale, despite the attractive dividend yields to which many of the 85,000 blue chip issues were reduced. Compulsory markets and security markets throughout the country were deluged with selling, in sympathy with the break in security prices. Wheat futures at Chicago, and Winnipeg dropped about 2 cents each, reaching new low ground for the current decline.

Selling orders poured into the stock exchange.

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