

GOT CABINET FILLED OUT

Premier Briand Had a Long Job of It

REPORTS TO FALLIERES

He Succeeded in Appeasing the French Radicals Only by the Statement That He Intended to Have a Republican Cabinet.

Paris, July 24.—After a day of conference, Aristide Briand succeeded in forming a new French ministry and officially announced the success of his endeavors to President Fallieres at ten o'clock last night.

Premier and minister of the interior and of public worship—M. Briand. Minister of justice—M. Harthou. Minister of foreign affairs—M. Pichon.

Minister of finance—George Cochery. Minister of education—M. Doumergue. Minister of public works, posts and telegraphs—M. Millerand.

Minister of commerce—Jean Dupuy. Minister of agriculture—M. Roux. Minister of the colonies—M. Trouillot.

Minister of labor—M. Viviani. The portfolios of war and navy will be filled today. These have been offered respectively to Gen. Brun and Adolphe De La Puyere and both are expected to accept.

The post of under secretary of posts and telegraphs, which was held by Mr. Simyan, whose resignation was demanded during the recent strike of postmen and telegraphers by the socialists, will be suppressed. An under secretaryship of finance will be created and the office given to Rene Remoula. M. Dupardin of public instruction and beaux-arts.

M. Briand had considerable difficulty in appeasing the appetites aroused by the fall of the cabinet and only satisfied the radicals, who charged him with being a socialist by the statement, "I intend to complete the work of the Clemenceau cabinet and carry out the wishes of the President and form a republican cabinet committed to republican policies."

PASSENGERS ROBBED IN DARING SCHEME

Immigrants For The West Forced to Pass Over Their Valuables at The Points of Revolvers.

New York, July 24.—Conflicting reports of a hold-up of a passenger car on the Erie railroad in which westbound immigrants were the victims reached New York last night. The reports came from Middletown, N. Y., and said that the hold-up occurred just after the train had left the Bergen tunnel in New Jersey.

The varying reports of the affair say that either one or two men stepped into the first two day coaches bound west and, holding the passengers at bay with revolvers, stripped them of money and valuables. Before the train crew discovered that there had been a robbery it was said the train was almost at Middletown, N. Y., the first stop after leaving Jersey City. The robber or robbers in the meantime had made good their escape. Bergen tunnel is just out of Jersey City.

Officers of the Erie railroad said last night that a few immigrants had been robbed, but they deny that the robbery had the wild West aspect as given in some of the reports.

PICNIC PARTY LOST TWO IN BIG DELUGE

While Two Other Merry-makers Were Seriously Injured Near Boulder, Colo., Yesterday.

Boulder, Colo., July 24.—Two are dead and two seriously injured as the result of a cloudburst that deluged Two Mile Canyon, north of Boulder yesterday. The dead are Verna Carnie, aged 15, Boulder, and Arthur Diskerman, aged 25, of Greeley.

The victims were members of a picnic party. The party sought shelter under a huge boulder. Presumably a torrent, two feet in depth swept down the canyon. Six were able to gain shelter, but in sliding their companions, Diskerman and Carnie were swept down with the torrent.

ROOSEVELT FOR MAYOR.

New York Republicans Would Like Him.

Paris, July 24.—John S. Wise, Jr., of New York, who is now visiting Paris, says that Ex-President Roosevelt, just prior to his departure from New York on his African hunting expedition, promised him and other Republicans in New York that he would return in time for the mayoralty campaign.

Mr. Wise says he has not given up the hope that Mr. Roosevelt will head the mayoralty ticket in New York this autumn.

STORM LOSS \$750,000.

Twenty-Three Dead in Texas and Louisiana.

Houston, Tex., July 24.—Twenty-three persons reported dead, fourteen missing, eight injured and a property loss totalling \$750,000 is the result of the storm which raged over the southern coasts of Texas and Louisiana Wednesday, according to dispatches received up to early this morning. The communication with the stricken district is still fitful and not until full reports are received will the full damage and loss of life be known. The territory around Bay City seems to have been the centre of the storm, which moved southwest from Galveston. For four hours a seventy-mile wind swept across the Bay City region, carrying everything before it. Velasco, a small town near Bay City, was practically demolished, but with no accompanying loss of life and nobody injured. Every building was unroofed or partly demolished and the town lies in four feet of water.

Reports from the special train, on which General Manager E. G. Van Vleet of the Southern Pacific railroad left Houston, indicate that the lower coast country suffered great loss. Some districts report that the storm was worse than that of 1900, which devastated Galveston. Eagle Lake seems to have undergone property loss nearly as great as that at Bay City, where the loss is \$250,000.

TO BUILD \$30,000,000 STATION.

Kansas City Proposal Accepted By Railroad.

Chicago, July 24.—The directors of the Kansas City, Mo., terminal station project yesterday voted for the acceptance of the ordinance recently passed by the Kansas City common council permitting the erection of a new \$20,000,000 railroad terminal. The ordinance is subject to a referendum vote of Kansas City citizens. It provides for a terminal of six tracks in width or less. If the special election to be held at Kansas City results favorably, ground for the new station will be broken on the twenty-sixth street site by Nov. 1, the final preliminaries having, it is understood, been already settled. The site is close to the present Santa Fe station. Several buildings must be raised and some streets vacated for the new station. All the directors present at yesterday's meeting, which was held in the office of President Winchell of the Rock Island railroad, voted for acceptance of the city ordinance as passed. No decision as to detailed plans was reached, but all the directors present favored the six-track plan.

RETAIL TRADE ACTIVE.

R. G. Dunn & Company Find Boston Conditions Promising.

New York, July 24.—Despatches to R. G. Dunn & company indicate reasonable dullness in some branches of trade, but the tendency is toward continued expansion, orders for future requirements showing a satisfactory increase. Many manufacturing plants are operating up to capacity, and industrial indications record steady improvement. An active retail trade in seasonal merchandise is reported at Boston, and jobbers are quite busy with orders. In many wholesale lines business is deferred on account of tariff uncertainty, but manufacturers continue actively engaged, and prices are well maintained. Bank exchanges this week at all leading cities in the United States amount to \$2,737,250,539, or 17.1 per cent greater than for the same week last year and 17.3 per cent in excess of 1906.

A DANCER ARRESTED.

Charged With Giving an Indecent Performance in New York.

New York, July 24.—Gertrude Hoffman, the "Mendelssohn Spring dancer" specialist, famous principally for her abbreviated attire worn therein, was arrested last night just after she had exhibited her twirling toes on Hammerstein's roof garden. She was detained under a section of the penal code relating to indecent performances.

KING PETER'S DEATH FEARED.

Suffering From Calcification of The Arteries.

Vienna, July 24.—Private telegrams from Belgrade, Servia, say that King Peter is suffering from calcification of the arteries complicated by inflammation of the veins. At night he is almost asleep and his sudden death, the Belgrade advices say, would cause no surprise.

FOUR MORE DREADNOUGHTS.

England Will Make The Contracts Immediately.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, July 24.—Inquiries received by the Armstrong shipbuilding firm indicate that the government will give out immediate orders for four additional super-dreadnoughts, which it is expected will be armed with 13.5 inch guns.

FORTY MILES CROSS-COUNTRY.

Aeroplane Records Broken By Henry Farman.

Chalons, France, July 24.—Henry Farman yesterday in his aeroplane made a cross-country flight from this city to Souper, at an average height of 150 feet. The distance which is about forty miles, was covered in one hour, five minutes and thirty seconds, and constitutes a record.

MAN KILLED, WIFE CRAZY

News of Wm. Hopkins' Death Makes Her Insane

HE WAS KILLED ON TRACK

Victim of Accident Was Brakeman on the Rutland Railroad and Was Killed Last Night Near Brainard, N. Y.

Bennington, July 24.—W. W. Hopkins, a Rutland railroad brakeman on the Chatham division, was killed while working on his train near Brainard, N. Y., last night. His train broke in two and when the two parts came together Hopkins was caught and killed. Charles Roberts went to the house of Mr. Hopkins to inform the widow, and when she was told she became violently insane, attacking her informant, driving him from the house and bludgeoning one of his eyes.

CLEVER DODGE WAS NIPPED

Thomas Exware Sentenced to State Prison for Ten Months on His Plea of Guilty in City Court.

Burlington, July 24.—Thomas Exware of this city, who can neither read nor write but who is clever, was sentenced from Burlington city court yesterday to serve not less than ten months and not more than twelve in the state prison at Windsor for obtaining money under false pretenses. He also had to pay the costs of \$5.80.

Exware who is 69 years of age pleaded guilty to the charge of defrauding the railroad companies. He worked out a fine scheme as follows: he would get a piece of baggage checked at some station, receive his duplicate check, take the baggage away and then, going to the point of destination, claim that the baggage had been lost in transit. The company had given him a receipt in the form of a check but could not produce the baggage, being then compelled to pay for the loss which might be silk dresses or whatever Exware took it to his head to claim. This is said to be Exware's third offense.

SPANIARDS LOST IN FIGHT WITH MOORS

A Spanish Colonel and Three Other Officers Were Killed—Thirteen More Officers Wounded.

Melilla, Morocco, July 24.—An official statement issued last evening concerning the fight yesterday between the Spaniards and the Kabyle tribesmen says that between dawn in the morning the Moors opened a general attack on the Spanish advanced positions, concentrating their efforts against Sidl Muss and the garrison at Cape Moreno. The fighting was of the most furious character but a sortie by six companies of Spanish infantry and a light field battery was successful and the enemy fell back two kilometers.

In the fighting a Spanish colonel and three other officers were killed and 13 wounded. The number of casualties among the enlisted men is not known. Newly detached troops have been hurried to the front.

CHAUFFEUR DISCHARGED.

Was More Hilarious Than He Was Guilty of Speeding.

Burlington, July 24.—Paul Robinson, accused of exceeding the automobile speed limit and whose case was continued from July 13, had his hearing yesterday afternoon before Judge E. C. Mower in city court. J. J. Enright was attorney for the defense and in summing up showed that the automobile in question could not exceed the speed limit because of chronic disability. He also asserted that he believed the arrest to have been made more because of the hilarity of the riders than on account of excessive speed. The prosecution said that the officer who made the complaint ought to know how fast the machine was going as he was in the habit of judging such matters. There was a doubt, however, in favor of the accused and as he was entitled to the benefit of it he was discharged.

JENNIE W. EASILY WON AT MONTREAL

Sunderlin Drove The Fast Mare to Victory in Free-for-all, The Other Starters Being Outclassed.

Montreal, July 24.—Yesterday was get-away day at Lorimer park, Jennie W., outclassed her field in the free for all. The special race was not much more interesting. Summary: Free for all; purse \$500; Jennie W., E. A. Sunderlin, Lebanon, N. H., won; Doris B. E. M. Harrington, Platon, Ont., second; Hal R., L. O. Allen, Middlebury, Vt., third. The purse also started. Best time 2:10.

GRANITEVILLE.

The first Presbyterian church. English service in the morning at 10.30 o'clock. Sunday school at 11. Evening service at 7 o'clock. The Rev. G. M. Arthur, pastor.

DEATH AT RANDOLPH.

Mrs. Horace Howard Passed Away Yesterday Morning.

Randolph, July 24.—The death of Mrs. Horace Howard occurred at 6:45 o'clock yesterday morning after many months of suffering from a trouble of the heart and a complication of diseases. Mrs. Howard had been in failing health for a year and had not been able to leave the house since the first of last December and since that time her suffering has been intense.

Frances Eliza (Carr) Howard was born 62 years ago in Lebanon, Me., and was the daughter of Charles and Mary N. Carr. Her early childhood was passed in that state but in the year 1863, her parents came to reside in Royalton.

December 1st, 1863 in Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Howard were married by the Rev. George Gurnsey and after a few years' residence there went to Brainerd for a few years and later brought the farm a few miles from this village, now occupied by her son. Twenty-five years ago they came here and since that time Mrs. Howard has been well known and had gained many friends. For years she was a lay and faithful member of the Congregational church in this village and was always found at its public services, in which she was greatly interested. But it was in the home, with her own immediate family that her worth was most thoroughly known and it is here also that she will be most sadly missed.

Deceased is survived by two sons, Willis S. who lives on the old home farm and Roy H. who lives at home, besides her husband on whom the blow will fall heavily in the years to come. Mrs. Howard leaves also two sisters, Mrs. John Goodell of Hanover, N. H., and Mrs. Jennie S. Esworth of Springfield, Mass., both of whom were present at the time of her death. The funeral arrangements are not perfected but services will be probably held on Monday.

ANOTHER ASCENSION.

Balloon Will Be Sent Up at Rutland Next Tuesday.

Rutland, July 24.—William Van Sleet, pilot of the Pittsfield, Mass., Aero club, who has been in this city two days, stated yesterday afternoon that he had secured a party, consisting of F. M. Wilson, C. H. West, H. C. Carpenter and H. A. Mattison of Rutland, to make a flight with him in the balloon "Massachusetts" from this city next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Van Sleet will ship the paraphernalia to Rutland today. He will be in the city Monday and a meeting of local people who are interested in ballooning will be called for Monday evening to discuss a plan to form a Rutland Aero club. Tuesday's ascension will be made from the lot on Cleveland avenue where the balloon went up June 18.

VT. MARBLE CHOSEN FOR POST OFFICE

Rutland-Florence Company Secured Big Contract Through Philadelphia Contractor.

Rutland, July 24.—N. B. Knox, president of the Charles McCaul company, general contractors of Philadelphia, and C. E. Stedman of Philadelphia were in Rutland yesterday and closed a contract with the Rutland-Florence Marble company to furnish them marble to erect buildings which they are to erect. The marble is all for interior work. The stone to be furnished is of the Pittsfield Italian grade which was given preference by the government in competition with Georgia white marble.

The largest contract is one to furnish the marble at the Atlanta, Ga., building which will cost about \$1,000,000. Of this amount \$75,000 is to be for marble purchased from the Vermont concern. The other buildings are to be erected in Toledo, O., and Baltimore, Md. The amount of marble contracted for in these two buildings aggregates about \$120,000 about equally divided.

FOOD LAW VIOLATION.

Charged Against Two Burlington Men Yesterday.

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TO CLIMB THE HUMP.

Camel's Hump Club at Waterbury Making Preparations.

Waterbury, July 24.—The Camel's Hump club had a meeting at the office of L. C. Moody last evening to perfect plans to ascend the mountain the first of next week. This club is composed of 20 members. They will take with them a large tent and camp equipment which will be left on the mountain for the use of tourists. Robert Palmer is to be in charge of the camp. Nearly 100 people have already visited the Hump this year.

BODY FOUND, THROAT CUT

Inmate of Waterbury Insane Asylum a Suicide

DISAPPEARED WEDNESDAY

He Was Seen to Be Discharged and Was Allowed Considerable Liberty, Being Engaged in Carpenter Work.

Waterbury, July 24.—The body of an inmate of the state insane asylum, Phillips by name, was found on the bank of the river yesterday with the throat cut, having committed suicide. Phillips disappeared from the asylum Wednesday, having been missed that night. He had been doing carpenter work and was allowed his liberty during good behavior. He was soon to be discharged from the asylum. When he did not show up Wednesday night a search was made for him, resulting in finding the remains on the river-bank yesterday.

Phillips was of middle-aged and came to the asylum from Underhill. His condition improved so much that he was allowed considerable freedom from restraint.

FORESTRY AT WOODSTOCK.

Meeting of State Association on Billings Estate August 6.

Pittsford, July 24.—Ernest Hitchcock, secretary of the Forestry association of Vermont, announces a summer meeting of the association to be held on the Billings estate at Woodstock, August 6. A. F. Hayes of Burlington, State Forester, and foresters from New Jersey, New York, New Hampshire and other states are expected to be present. Addresses will be made in the open air, where the Billings estate offers the best opportunity in Vermont for an examination of the methods and results of forest planting. Here trees of various species have been planted in large numbers during the past 40 years, giving excellent chance to compare the development of different trees on different soils and under different methods of treatment.

The plantations are sufficiently near the village that dinner may be had in the village, or persons attending may bring lunch, to be eaten in the woods. The start will be made from Mr. Atkins' house at about 9:00 a. m.

GIVES RETREAT \$10,000.

Recreation Hall For Patients—Woods Always For Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, July 24.—Mrs. Richards Bradley, wife of a former trustee of the Brattleboro retreat, has presented \$10,000 to that institution in memory of her husband, who for many years and up to the time of his death a trustee of the institution as his father had been before him. The money is to be used as a fund in establishing and building a recreation building for the patients at the retreat. The gift was made with an agreement on the part of the trustees of the institution that the beautiful forest on the westerly slope of Antauque Mountain, directly opposite the village of Brattleboro, shall be preserved by the retreat in perpetuity.

JOLIED TAMMANY HALL.

Mayor McClellan Vetoes Revised Building Code.

New York, July 24.—Mayor McClellan himself a Tammany, jolied Tammany Hall yesterday by vetoing the revised building code, a measure recently pushed through the board of aldermen by Tammany. Its almost prohibitory clause concerning fireproofing materials, which practically gave a monopoly to hollow filling and barrel binders and concrete kicked up a rumpus which reached the mass meeting and bill boards stage. The allied real estate interests fought the proposed regulations tooth and nail as did contractors and other interests, whose materials were hit.

The mayor's action practically kills the code for it will be impossible, judging from the present lineup among the aldermen to pass it over his disapproval.

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TROUBLE AT PICTURE SHOW.

Arnold and Herbert Blair Ejected and Then Arrested for Breach of the Peace.

Arnold and Herbert Blair, both residing in Barre and both employed as lumbermen, were in city court this morning and pleaded guilty to breach of the peace. Each was assessed five dollars and costs, making a total of 10.94, which they paid.

The Blairs were arrested at ten o'clock last night by Officers Hamel and Gamble who nabbed them in front of the Comique picture show where they were alleged to have been doing some loud talking and insulting Homer Fuller to come out and settle it. They are said to have gone into the Comique, refusing to pay their admission.

The ticket seller says she asked them to pay several times, but as they refused, Homer Fuller, who operates the machine, came to her assistance and ejected the men from the show. It was alleged that one of them struck him several times as he pushed them out and that the other used profane language.

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDED.

On a Narrow Road Toward East Montpelier, Both Damaged.

A Packard and a Mercedes automobile, each going about fifteen miles an hour, collided on the East Montpelier road, near Kinney's Mills, yesterday afternoon. The Packard, containing Mrs. T. E. Rourke, Thomas and Wilfred Rourke and the Misses Carigan of Kansas City, Mo., was going toward Montpelier and the Mercedes, whose occupants are not known, was going toward St. Johnsbury. The collision occurred at a sharp curve where the road is narrow.

The driver of the Packard said he sounded his horn but does not believe the Mercedes horn was sounded. The steps and mud-guard of the Mercedes were torn off on the left side, and one tire and the steering-gear of the Packard were somewhat damaged; but neither car was so badly damaged but what it proceeded on its way. The occupants were not hurt.

CROSS BROTHERS INCORPORATE.

Northfield Granite Business Has Capital Stock of \$75,000.

The Cross Brothers Granite company of Northfield has filed articles of incorporation at the secretary of state's office, with a capital stock of \$75,000, divided into 750 shares. The members of the corporation are, M. W. G. A. John A., James T. and P. H. Cross. The business has always been conducted under the firm name of Cross Bros.

WILL INVESTIGATE.

He Believes Insane Paupers Are "Unloaded" on The State.

Brattleboro, July 24.—An investigation is about to be started by State's Attorney Charles H. Williams of Bellows Falls to determine if possible where there is any discrepancy in the judicial expenses of Windham county which called forth much criticism a few weeks ago when it was discovered that it had been necessary for Lieut. Gov. Mead to loan this department \$35,000 to meet current expenses.

He believes that he may materially reduce court and state expenses by conducting a more rigid examination into the conditions of persons committed to the Brattleboro retreat. At present, by the statutes of the state, a poor person committed to an insane asylum immediately becomes a state charge, whereas, if he or she is not committed the town is obliged to stand the expenses of supporting the individual. He believes that while some of the people committed are insane, the greater majority are not and should be town rather than state charges.

REUNION SEVENTH VERMONT.

Will Be Held in Rutland in August—Excursion to Lake Bomoseen.

Rutland, July 24.—The seventh reunion of the Seventh Vermont Veterans association will be held in this city Wednesday, August 18, with headquarters at the Bardwell house. The business meeting will be held at 4:30 o'clock, and on the following day there will be a trolley excursion and a dinner at some place on Lake Bomoseen.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Batchelder went to Groton pond to stay over Sunday.

Harry Bonetto left today for Zanesville, Ohio, where he expects to reside. A. Mose of Boston is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. S. Levin, of Forsyth place.

The employees of the Novall & Calcey Granite plant are holding their annual picnic at Kelley's grove this afternoon while the employees of the Excelsior Granite company are having their annual outing at Townsend's grove.

Those who wish to see biograph pictures may do so by calling at the Comique today. "The Friend of the Family," a grand picture showing how a married man is fascinated by another woman. A particular friend of the family, seeing how the man is describing his wife and little boy, decides to do what he can for them. He wins the affections of the woman away from the other man, causing him to go back to his own wife and child. "Tender Hearts" is another good little biograph drama also shown at the Comique today.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Stewart returned this morning from Montreal.

The Barre Catholic church picnic is postponed until next Saturday, July 31. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Darby are visiting in North Chals on Sunday.

Wanted.—young calves to fat, calves that will weigh 65 to 85 pounds at 146 per pound, over 85, 20 per pound. Will come to the places and get them as soon as orders is left. Call on A. E. Esterlizer or Peter C. Peterson, Barre, Vt., Tel. 240.

Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church—District Superintendent, Rev. F. W. Lewis of St. Johnsbury, will preach at 10.30. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. All are invited. The evening service will be under the auspices of the Epworth League at 7 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

MANY PEOPLE IN DANGER

When Fire-bug Set Fire to Montpelier Building

KANE HOUSE ON BARRE ST.

Pedestrians Discovered the Fire at 11:15 Last Night and the Flames Were Not Under Complete Control Until 1:30 A. M.

A fire-bug is suspected of having set fire to a three-tenement building on Barre street in Montpelier late last night, endangering the lives of three families and causing property loss of \$4,000 the building being partially gutted and the contents being ruined except for part of the furniture on the first floor. The house was occupied by three families, William Starkey, John Connolly, and A. S. Goodale.

The fire was discovered by J. E. Chenette and Moses McGovern who were walking along Barre street at about 11:15 and who stopped on the corner of Charles street to talk. While they were standing there they saw the flames shoot up from the all of the big house, and they ran and turned in an alarm.

Before the fire department got to the house the flames had made great headway and the firemen found a difficult task on their hands. Four streams of water were turned on the building, and it was not until half past one o'clock that the flames were squelched completely. Then it was found that the ell portion and the upper part of the house were gutted. So much water had been turned on that the contents of the house which had not been reached by the flames were more or less damaged. The water also started the plastering all over the house, too, making the work of repair all the greater.

Suspicion that the fire was set is borne out by circumstances. It is said that the flames were first discovered in the ell of the house and they had probably started on the outside. It is also said that two fellows were seen running away from the house shortly before the alarm was sounded. Furthermore, there was no fire in stores in the house from which the flames could have started.

Those who arrived on the scene first turned their efforts toward getting out the furniture in the lower tenement occupied by John Connolly's family and Mrs. Mary Malone. They saved part of this. Mrs. Malone carried \$600 on the goods in the Vermont Mutual company.

The goods of John Starkey and A. S. Goodale on the second and third floors, respectively, were badly damaged. Mr. Starkey carried no insurance, while Mr. Goodale had \$500. These two families had rather narrow escapes, being forced to flee in their night-clothing. Mrs. Goodale, with her four months' old child, attempted to jump from the second-story balcony but was prevented by her husband and then was led down the stairs.

Two firemen, A. B. Gilbert and H. A. Holman, who were holding one nozzle in the attic had narrow escapes from injury when the roof fell in on them. Their line of hose burst and while they were waiting for the water to come on again the roof sunk in, hurling both to the floor but not injuring them.

Arthur Whitecomb, one of the neighbors, said that he looked out of his window when the alarm rang and saw the whole backside of the Kane house bursting into flames, while two men were running toward the railroad tracks. Two minutes before that he had looked out and there wasn't a sign of fire.

The house is three-stories high and was formerly owned by Patrick Kane. It is owned by trustees, A. M. F. Lewis and Fred Thomas of Montpelier being the trustees. The location of the house is close to several other wooden buildings, and if there had been any wind last night it is probable that a serious conflagration could hardly have been averted. There are also several granite plants in quite close proximity that of F. J. Bohar and a new one in process of construction being quite near.

The Kane house was insured for \$25,000 in the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance company