

MAN HUNTERS ON THE TRAIL

Sixty Armed Detectives Start After the Allen Gang

ARE READY FOR A BATTLE

The Men Who Shot Up Carroll County, Virginia, Courthouse Thursday Are Expected to Put Up Desperate Resistance.

Hillsville, Va., March 16.—Organized pursuit of the Allen outlaws began today, and sixty detectives, well-armed, were marshaled for the perilous task of scouring the mountain strongholds for the main body of the gang that wiped out the circuit court of Carroll county here on Thursday.

Sidna and Floyd Allen, two of the chiefs of the band which rode down on the Carroll county courthouse Thursday and assassinated the officials, are in captivity, both wounded severely. Edna Allen's wife is dead, shot in a pitched battle with a posse in the mountains while helping defend her outlaw husband.

The storming of Sidna Allen's house late yesterday was the next thing to a bombardment. The posse trailed through the bush four miles up the ridge and surrounded his cabin in a grove. Allen, expecting their coming, was barricaded, well supplied with rifles and ammunition which he had brought from a store in which he was a partner. From behind stumps, rocks and trees and other natural fortresses of the mountainside, the posse blazed at the house and Allen flared at the posse as fast as the women of his family could reload his rifles. In a full the posse rushed the house, broke down the doors and found Allen's wife shot dead and Allen himself groaning in a heap, bleeding profusely.

"You got me because I couldn't fight no longer," he is reported to have said to the men who brought him to Hillsville more dead than alive. State's Attorney-General Williams, who is here, declared that Sidna Allen's bullets killed Judge Massie on the bench Thursday.

Floyd Allen, the cause of the tragedy, was taken to the lockup yesterday under a heavy guard and immediately whipped out a pocketknife and slashed his throat. His wounds, however, are not serious. Allen's son, Victor, called Strickland and Byrd Marion were also locked up as witnesses.

With the arrival of help, confidence began to take the place of the terror which prevailed unrestrained for 24 hours. Judge Staples, designated by Governor Mann to come here and hold court, took the bench and summoned a special grand jury to indict the murderers. This one act had more to do with the restoration of quiet than any other. The re-organization of the court which was all wiped out Thursday by the work of assassins had a great influence.

Early yesterday a report came from Mount Airy that the Allen gang had raided a hardware store there and had stocked up with guns and bullets. That probably is partially true. Sidna Allen was part owner of the store and the gang probably found supplies ready. Reports have been coming down the mountain all day that the outlaws have recruited a big band for their defense. Officers think this not unlikely. A lawless element in which the outlaws are ring leaders has ruled the mountain fastnesses for years. There is a saying among revenue officers that every pine shelter a whiskey still.

The outlaws could not have picked a better time to make a stand against their pursuers. Every mountain brook is a little creek, every creek is a small river. The heavy rains of the last few weeks have melted the snows, washed out the roads, carried off the bridges and made mud knee deep. The hardest ponies flounder up the grades with great effort.

Features of the tragedy have been so many that all probably never will be told. One came to light yesterday. Walter Tipton, a lawyer, who was defending Floyd Allen, was a brother-in-law of Commonwealth's Attorney Foster, who was killed. Tipton stood beside his relative, when Allen, poking his gun under Tipton's arm, shot down Foster. Who killed sheriff Webb is not definitely known.

NEW EQUIPMENT COMING For the Central Vermont's Passenger Trains Service.

St. Albans, March 16.—The Central Vermont railway is preparing for its constantly increasing traffic by the installation of new equipment for the New England States. Its fast through trains between Montreal and Boston. The cars have left the shops of the American Car & Foundry company in St. Charles, Mo., and will be placed in service as soon as they arrive, which will be within a few days.

These new cars represent the very latest designs and improvements in passenger equipment. The coaches have a seating capacity of 22 people and weight 14,000 pounds each; they are 75 feet in length, wide vestibules, and mounted upon six-wheeled steel trucks, and are equipped with automatic consolidated steam heating apparatus together with high speed Black Adler air brakes. These cars have the standard wide, steel vestibules with steel steps and are equipped with the Texas cuplens and Meece draft rigging, which insures freedom from jolts and a smooth and easy movement. The inside finish is of mahogany highly polished, and of the broad stripe and solid design, and the lights are of the four-burner Pintsch gas type.

BOATS BEING USED ON AUGUSTA STREETS

There Are Three Feet of Water in Some of the Streets of Maine's Capital City To-day.

Augusta, Me., March 16.—Floods sweeping down the valley for the last 48 hours have covered many Augusta streets with three feet of water, and a boat service has been installed on some of the floor-filled streets near the river. No loss of life has been reported thus far, but many families have been forced to abandon their homes.

MAINE CONDITIONS.

Only a Cold Wave Can Prevent Disastrous Freshets.

Bangor, Me., March 16.—Conditions on the Penobscot river are such that unless a cold wave should come at once, there is danger of disastrous freshets. The heavy rains of the past forty-eight hours have caused a rise of about two feet in the river since Thursday morning and the water is still rising rapidly.

There is an unusual depth of snow in the woods forty to fifty inches being reported around Moosehead lake and on the east and west branches of the Penobscot, and the melting of this, added to the great volume of water created by the rain, would, unless checked by freezing weather, make a dangerous high pitch, especially with the rivers and streams filled with very heavy ice.

At Bangor the ice is as thick as in midwinter, owing to the almost continually cold weather of February, and like conditions prevail all over eastern and northern Maine. Should this ice be started by a high pitch of water, jams would be certain to occur, with serious results to dams, bridges and property along shore.

NEWPORT CUT OFF.

What a Three-Inch Rainfall Did In Rhode Island.

Newport, R. I., March 16.—Newport was cut off from all railroad communication by a three inch rainfall yesterday. A washout on the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad stopped all train services between Newport and Middletown. Electric car service has been temporarily discontinued between here and Stone Bridge.

Within a distance of a few miles, five trolleys of the Bay State Street Railway company were thrown off the tracks by washouts. The passengers, none of whom were hurt, were brought to the city in taxicabs. Both the street and street railway companies sent gangs of men to repair the damage. The city streets and outlying roads were considerably washed out by the heavy down-pour. Many house cellars were flooded.

SO. ATLANTIC STATES SWEEP BY STORM

Railroad Traffic Partially Paralyzed; Two People Killed at Spartanburg, N.C.; Three Houses Down at Farmville Va.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—One of the worst rain and wind storms in many years swept over the South Atlantic coast states last night, partially paralyzing railroad traffic, carrying off railroads and highway bridges and causing landslides.

At Greensboro, N. C., two bridges were carried out. Two people were killed at Spartanburg. At Farmville, Va., a small cyclone blew down three houses. In Petersburg the city was flooded and trolley traffic was suspended.

Many trains are tied up by washouts. Communication is poor.

FIVE KILLED BY CYCLONE.

Large Area Covered by Storm Centering at Headland, Ala.

Headland, Ala., March 16.—Five persons are known to have been killed in a cyclone which, early yesterday, struck this town, injuring at least a dozen others, several seriously, and demolishing scores of buildings in the residence and business districts.

The wind storm covered considerable area. At Hartford, 20 miles distant, one boy was killed outright and another is said to have been badly hurt. In Geneva county, according to the meagre advices, one boy was killed and three persons injured.

Headland citizen yesterday raised a relief fund to feed and clothe the victims, many of whom lost everything they owned.

SCARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC

At Woodstock Has Caused Closing of Public Places.

White River Junction, March 16.—On account of an epidemic of scarlet fever in Woodstock, the schools, Sunday schools and Young Men's Christian association in that place have been closed for two weeks, and all juvenile meetings have been canceled.

Five cases of scarlet fever, all in one family, are reported by the health officer, Dr. C. W. Kidder, and eleven cases are now under quarantine. Every precaution is being taken by the authorities to prevent the spread of the disease and as the cases are very light no serious result is anticipated.

ENGINEERS ADJOURN.

Will Meet Again in New York City On March 25.

New York, March 16.—Representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and 488 eastern railroads involved in the demand for increased wages met in New York yesterday and adjourned to meet again in this city on March 28. J. G. Stuart, vice-president and general manager of the Erie, presided at the conference. The engineers were represented by Warren S. Stone, grand chief. The demand for increased wages was not gone into thoroughly and Mr. Stuart announced that the railroads desired further time to digest the matter before making a reply.

Miss Mary E. McDonald, who is employed as secretary in the principal's office at Spaulding high school, left this noon for Boston, where she will pass two weeks with friends.

FULL HONORS TO MAINE DEAD

While the Old Battleship Hulk Was Being Sunk Again

NOTABLE CEREMONY TO-DAY

Great Pageantry and Pomp Marked the Formal Act of Placing the Bodies of Sailor Heroes in Hands of the United States Officers.

Havana, March 16.—The solemn funeral rites connected with the sinking of the battleship Maine and with the carrying to their last resting-place of the bodies of many of the hero sailors are going on here to-day. The battleship is being sunk in the waters of the gulf of Mexico. The smoke of the saluting guns of the war vessels is serving for a funeral shroud, while with all the pageantry and pomp of national mourning the bodies of the sailors who went down when the vessel was blown up on the night of February 15, 1898, are being brought back to Washington.

Followed in the procession by the president of the Cuban republic and by all the other high dignitaries of Cuba and many of America, a vast concourse of all classes of Cuban and American citizens, the dead of the Maine were borne on the shoulders of Cuban sailors and artillerymen through the streets at the side of the harbor, where the bodies were formally placed in the custody of officers of the United States navy.

The final arrangements for the burial of the Maine were made yesterday afternoon when shortly after sundown the hulk was drawn through a breach in the cofferdam by the navy tug Osceola and converted for the purpose into an imposing mortuary chapel.

The walls were draped with black, and at the upper end of the chamber a gilded altar blazed with innumerable wax candles in tall silver stands. The caskets were ranged around the walls of the room, covered with black and draped with Cuban and American ensigns. Numerous floral offerings were laid on the coffins, including wreaths from the city of Havana, the Cuban navy, the Spanish War Veterans and various societies. The guard of honor was composed of Cuban artillerymen and members of the Havana camp of the Spanish-American War Veterans. A vast concourse passed through the hall during the afternoon and evening to pay their last tribute to the dead soldiers.

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MAINE TOWNS SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

There Was First a Slight Tremor, Following Which Came a Loud Cracking Crash, So Telephone Manager Said.

South Penobscot, Me., March 16.—A decided earthquake shock was felt here about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The disturbance appeared to center here, moving south and east, being also felt at Blue Hill and Castine, although to a lesser degree.

Manager W. H. Welch of the central telephone office describes the sensation as a slight tremor, accompanied by a loud, cracking crash, which appeared to be in the basement of the building, with a lesser tremor about three seconds later. He was about to investigate, when he was besieged by inquiries from people within a five-mile radius, all describing the sensation the same, a tremor and crash, which were followed by a heavy downpour of rain.

There was no atmospheric or electric disturbance out of the ordinary. The shock was felt at Castine and Blue Hill. The fact that about a year ago a similar disturbance centered in this section appears to indicate unusual conditions, which may be the matter of scientific investigation later.

STEAMER COLLIDED WITH SCHOONER

The Schooner Was Sunk in Chesapeake Bay and Four of Her Crew Were Drowned To-day.

Baltimore, Md., March 16.—The steamer Gloucester, bound from Boston for Baltimore, collided with the schooner Herbert D. Maxwell, bound from Baltimore for Wilmington, N. C., in the Chesapeake bay this morning. The Maxwell was sunk, and four of her crew were drowned. The Gloucester had her mainmast and part of the rail carried away.

EAST BARRE.

The great domestic four-act drama, entitled "Down in Maine," will be presented at East Barre opera house Wednesday evening, March 20. The following is the cast of characters: "Zeph Cummings" of Handscarble farm, "way down in Maine," Dr. N. E. Avery; "Ralph," his brother, a New York millionaire, E. F. Dickey; "Neil Wentworth," a young inventor, F. H. Bellows; "Bingle," the old fisherman, H. E. Sargent; "Tomps," the hired man, Ralph Vinal; "Mr. Holden," a lawyer, Gordon Owen; "Jimpsey," a "fresh-air kid," Roscoe Avery; "Mose Gossett," a stammering lawyer, Bert Doy; "Susie Cummings," Ralph's daughter; Marion Dickey; "Mrs. Cummings"; "Zeph's" wife, Mrs. Avery; "Keziah," 43 and desperate, Ethel Wellington; "Betsey Tomps," Kate Hagan. Admission, 25c; children under 16 years, 15c.

ARE IN DEADLOCK OVER COAL CONFERENCE

Both Sides Left the Conference Firm in Their Demands, and There Didn't Seem to Be Any Chance for Compromise.

New York, March 16.—The United Mine Workers of America and the committee of ten of the anthracite coal operators ended negotiations here yesterday in a deadlock. Both sides declare they are standing firm, the miners for their demands of 20 per cent. increase in wages, recognition of the union, a shorter workday and other concessions; the operators for a three-year renewal of the present agreement, which will terminate at midnight March 31. Unless agreement is reached by that date, each side admits, 180,000 hard coal miners in Pennsylvania will then cease work.

If there is the slightest chance of compromise before the automatic suspension of work on that date, it failed of expression yesterday. President John P. White of the miners' organization and his colleagues said that they considered the case hopeless, so far as the avoidance of a suspension is concerned, and prepared to return to their homes.

The operators' committee of ten, to whom the miners addressed yesterday a response to the operators' reply, received the reiterated demands of the miners without comment, further than that they regretted the miners' stand. After the meeting of the policy committee, Geo. F. Bar, for the operators, notified President White that the operators' committee would meet the miners at any time; but that the operators regarded the miners' present demands as impossible of concession. Mr. White replied that they were equally impossible of modification.

No formal strike will be declared. President White said last night, under the adjournment of the conference, in Cleveland on March 25. At that time, the result of the conference among the miners and operators in the bituminous field, scheduled for Cleveland March 20, will also come before the committee.

The bituminous miners have asked for a 10 per cent. increase in wages and the operators have offered, in reply, to make a new agreement reducing wages 10 per cent.

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ONE BOAT WAS SUNK, OTHER JUST SAVED

Comparatively Few Lives Were Lost in England Channel Collision This Morning.

New Haven, March 16.—Four passengers and several sailors are believed to have been drowned this morning as the result of a collision between the Oceana of the Peninsula and Oriental line and the German bark Pissagua off Beach Head in the English Channel. For a time 40 lives of forty-one passengers and the 280 men of the crew were placed in jeopardy. The courage of the officers and the speedy arrival of assistance, however, prevented a catastrophe.

An attempt was made to beach the Oceana, but she sank quickly. The bark Pissagua arrived at Dover in a sinking condition, several tugs being in attendance.

London, March 16.—A score of passengers from the wrecked steamer Oceana reached Victoria station this afternoon. They were clad only in their night dresses and pajamas, covered with dressing gowns and overcoats.

GOV. MEAD TO SPEAK

Will Address Catholic Societies in Rutland To-morrow.

Rutland, March 16.—Governor John A. Mead will take part in the St. Patrick's day exercises in this city Sunday evening, speaking briefly before the members of the Rutland division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, the ladies auxiliary to the order, St. Peter's Hibernian benevolent union and the Holy Name society of St. Peter's church. An address will be given by Rev. J. A. Lynch of Pittsford, whose subject will be "The Irish Race Spirit." Miss Mary Wagner of Burlington will play a flute solo.

In the afternoon the various Catholic societies in this city will attend a meeting at West Rutland, when a class of 25 candidates will be initiated by the Hibernians.

Episcopal Services for the Week.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. W. J. M. Beattie rector, holy communion will be observed at 8 a. m. to-morrow morning prayer and sermon at 10:30. Sunday service at 11:30 and evening prayer and sermon at 7 o'clock. Lenten services on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:30. On Tuesday evening, Rev. W. Weeks of Shelburne will be the preacher.

At St. John the Baptist church (Episcopal) Westerville, W. J. M. Beattie rector, the services tomorrow will be as follows: Service at 3 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. Thursday evening the service will be at 7:15, with choir rehearsal after the service.

Dwight Granger of Park street went this noon to Randolph, where he will pass a week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Atkins returned this noon to their home in Keene, N. H., after spending several days with friends in the city.

PARTY LEADER LOST BY DEATH

Chairman Hill of Republican National Committee Died To-day

AT HIS HOTEL IN BOSTON

Former Governor Hill of Maine Was Traveling from That State to National Headquarters of His Party, When He Was Stricken.

Boston, March 16.—The Republican national committee lost its chairman to-day by the death here of former Governor John Fremont Hill of Maine. It was on Tuesday, while journeying from Maine to the national headquarters of the Republican party, that ex-Governor Hill was suddenly stricken with heart trouble at the hotel Touraine. Since then the reports issued stated that he was in a critical condition. However, the patient passed a quiet night; but about dawn a sudden change came, and death followed shortly.

John Fremont Hill was 56 years of age, having been born on October 29, 1855, in Eliot, Me., the son of William and Miriam (Leighton) Hill. He was educated at Eliot and Berwick academies, Bowdoin college and Long Island College Hospital Medical school. In 1879 Mr. Hill moved to Augusta and became associated in the publishing business under the firm name of Vickery & Hill. He was a member of the Maine House and Senate; and he became a member of the Republican national committee in 1899. He was also a director of several transportation steamship lines.

MAY ENTER BRATTLEBORO.

Representatives of Grand Trunk and New Haven Systems Confer.

Brattleboro, March 16.—Representatives of the Grand Trunk and New Haven systems have been in Brattleboro since Tuesday completing various details necessary to a solution of the controversy which has kept Brattleboro and vicinity in a state of uncertainty for so long a time, and while they make no official statement it is generally understood that they have agreed upon a plan which will provide for the Boston & Maine an entrance into Brattleboro from the south on this side of the river.

There is also strong ground for the belief that the settlement means a union station between Vermont street and the present tracks, over which the highway will be carried by means of a viaduct to the Connecticut river bridge, which will be raised several feet. The relocation of Vermont street and the reduction of its grade to practically nothing, a Central Vermont freight yard on the west side of the main line and a Boston & Maine yard on the east side are also hinted.

VERMONT'S YALE GRADUATES.

Held Annual Meeting and Banquet at Montpelier Country Club.

Vermont alumni of Yale university gathered at the Country club in Montpelier last night for their annual meeting and banquet, there being many in attendance from various parts of the state. Prof. Crawford of the Yale faculty was present as a guest, and he gave a talk on present conditions at the university. Other spoke informally after the banquet.

The following officers of the Vermont association were elected: President, J. A. Merrill, '85, Rutland; vice-president, Fred E. Gleason, '95, Montpelier; secretary-treasurer, Phillip R. Leavenworth, '81, Castleton; executive committee, Hugh H. Henry, '05, Chester; Dr. E. D. Collins, '96, Middlebury; H. H. Jackson, '09, Barre. A committee of three members to serve one, two and three years was elected in accord with the plan of the Yale faculty to have an advisory committee from each state association.

Was Very Much Surprised.

Mrs. W. C. Douglass and Mrs. Robert Wright entertained about twenty ladies last evening at their home on Brook street in honor of Miss Catherine McKeechie. Surprised at finding so many of her friends out on such a disagreeable night, Miss McKeechie was somewhat more taken aback when, a little later, Mrs. Thomson, in a few well-chosen words, presented her a beautiful ring in behalf of those present. She was so overcome that words failed her, but later in the evening she thanked her friends in a very fitting manner.

Singing, dancing and story-telling were then in order and all joined in with a right good will. In the course of the evening, a dainty lunch was served by the hostesses, who were ably assisted by Mrs. Peter Cassidy and Mrs. Joseph Will, while Mrs. Robert Stewart presided at the tea table. Twelve o'clock came all too soon, when the party broke up after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

A Rather Heavy Shower.

Something of a heavy shower visited the home of C. C. Varney, 363 North Main street, last evening at 8 o'clock, when about forty neighbors and friends called to give a linen and china shower to Miss Josie Varney to remind her of her approaching marriage. It was a complete surprise, and who says ladies can't keep a secret? The party met at the home of Mrs. W. E. Humphrey, where they were supposed to spend the evening. Later came the shower. Miss Varney and her father made the guests all welcome and a very enjoyable evening was passed. Many nice gifts were left to remind Miss Varney of the high esteem in which she is held. During the evening delightful refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

Notice to Granite Manufacturers.

Large assortment of monumental designs just received at Troup's studio. Designs made up to order at reasonable prices. Open evenings for inspection.

SAID TO BE UNDER ORDERS.

Vermont National Guard May Be Sent to Mexican Border.

Members of the Vermont National Guard are interested in the orders issued to have their commands ready to entrain at the shortest possible notice. While the officers have refused to discuss the matter, it is known that in some places in the state the members of the companies are not allowed to leave town without notifying the company commander of their intentions and leaving word as to where they may be reached. One captain has reported that he can place his entire command and field kit on cars in six hours from the receipt of orders. Others have reported that 24 hours would be necessary.

The 10th cavalry, U. S. A., at Fort Ethan Allen has had the full field kit packed for shipment for over two weeks. It is not believed that the 1st infantry, V. N. G., will be sent to the Mexican border, but it is possible that in case the 10th, receives orders to take station in Texas or some of the other border states to assist in patrol work, the Vermont troops might be mobilized at Fort Ethan Allen for a time.

A move of this kind, of either the regulars or National Guard, gives an excellent opportunity to test the arrangements made for transporting and handling troops at short notice. Active service of the guardsmen is probably not likely, but a mobilization at short notice and a week or so of service at Fort Ethan Allen or other concentration point would show just what can be done in case of actual necessity. However well the field and staff officers may be versed in theoretical work, only actual movement of the men can give them the necessary practice.

As a rule the members of the local company are hoping for marching orders, as it is realized that conditions close by approximating those of actual service would prevail.

BARRE GRANITE TRADEMARK.

25,000 Slips Bearing It Have Been Distributed About Barre.

Secretary Charles H. Wishart of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association has been busy yesterday and today distributing 25,000 trademark slips among the members of the association. The trade marks to be used only on Barre granite cut by members of the association. The trademark is the representation of a monument faced by a shield. The trademark bears the following: "Barre granite" and below on the shield, the words "Granite Manufacturers' Association" and at the bottom of the trademark the location as "Barre, Vermont."

The slips are gummed and are intended to be pasted on the granite itself rather than on the boxing. Of course, they will stick to the smoother finish better, but even on the rougher surface the adhesive matter is said to be strong enough to hold. The association has applied for a registered patent on the trademark.

Besides the protection which the trademark is expected to give to Barre manufacturers, it will also serve to advertise Barre granite.

JURY WAS EXCUSED.

Following Award of Verdict For Defendant in Mitchell vs. Tomasi Suit.

With the action of Judge Waterman in ordering a verdict for the defendant in the case of Elizabeth Mitchell vs. A. Tomasi of Barre to recover his coat, the jury in Washington court was excused until Monday afternoon, at which time it was expected that the trial of Allen Lumber company vs. E. Hegre would be taken up.

The sudden ending of the case of Mitchell vs. Tomasi yesterday afternoon followed the appearance of the defendant on the stand. At that time the counsel for the defendant moved for a verdict on the ground of insufficient evidence to establish the case of the plaintiff. Judge Waterman took the case under advisement and later ordered the verdict for the defendant. Suit in the case was to recover \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been received by Mrs. Mitchell when she fell from a second-story piazza of the Tomasi tenement in Barre, a railing giving way and causing the fall.

J. W. Gordon and R. A. Boar appeared for the plaintiff and J. Ward Carver, A. A. Sargent and J. H. Senter for the defendant.

SHANNON-BOYCE.

Barre People Were Married In Waterbury Thursday Afternoon.

William Shannon of Summer street and Miss Beulah Boyce of 5 Laurel street were united in marriage Thursday afternoon at Waterbury by Rev. W. L. Boicourt, pastor of the Congregational church. The bride, the daughter of E. H. Boyce, who until recently conducted a bakery on North Main street, was for a long time clerk at her father's bakery. The groom is well known in this city. He is employed as derrickman at Presby-Coykendall granite plant. The newly married couple will reside for the present on Summer street.

TOO BIG FOR PASSAGE.

Great Piece of Granite Causes Some Figuring to Get It Through.

A piece of granite in the rough, weighing about fifty tons, the dimensions of which are fourteen feet square by two feet high, shipped from the Wells & Lamson quarry in Westerville, and the destination of which is Jones Brothers' granite shed at the depot on the city line on a siding at the Montpelier & Wells River railroad. The piece of rough stock lies flat on the car, and as it cannot pass the building at Depot square on account of its width, the shippers are at a loss to determine the most feasible means by which the stone will reach its destination.

Brought Down Big Chunk by Team.

A sled, belonging to Hutchins and Simpson, drawing a large piece of granite from George Straiton's quarry to his granite plant on South Main street, stopped near the foot of Washington street and could not start up again late this forenoon. Jacks and crowbars were brought in use and in the course of half an hour the chains were released from the runners and the load was able to resume its journey. For a few minutes the load was again impeded in its progress in front of the fire station by its great weight. The dimensions of the stone were about 20 x 4 x 2 feet. Four pairs of horses were attached to the sled.

FALL RIVER IS UNSETTLED

Textile Council There Has Virtually Rejected Offer

30,000 OPERATIVES IN IT

Turned Position to Give an Increase Per Cent. and They Demand an Increase of Fifteen Per Cent.

Fall River, Mass., March 16.—The Fall River textile council, representing 30,000 operatives, has virtually rejected the five per cent. wage increase which was offered by the manufacturers and has demanded a flat increase of fifteen per cent. This action of the council, which was taken at a meeting last night, was kept secret until this morning. However, the general opinion is that there will be no strike. It is felt that the present difference will be adjusted in some manner satisfactory to both employers and operatives.

Boston, March 16.—While the industrial struggle at Lawrence appeared yesterday to be nearing a complete settlement, evidence of unrest in some other textile centers continued. In Barre, where 700 employees of the Barre Wool Combing company, limited, and the Norway Worsted company are on strike, posses of deputy sheriffs, state police officers and policemen from Worcester and other places were combined to guard against an outbreak by strike sympathizers, though no disturbance has occurred there since Wednesday. At the direction of Governor Foss, who was asked by the Barre strikers to send a company of militia there, several militia officers have gone to Barre to investigate conditions.</