

REBEL CHIEF CHANGES PLAN

General Carranza Postpones Departure for the South

IS SILENT ON U. S. NEGOTIATIONS

Provisional President Huerta Delivers Address to Congress

Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico, Nov. 21.—General Carranza, the leader of the constitutionalists, announces that his departure for the South has been indefinitely postponed.

Nogales, Mexico, Nov. 21.—One of the principal reasons why the conference between William Bayard Hale and General Carranza, the constitutionalist leader, broke up was, according to authoritative information, the failure of Carranza to give assurances that the accepted rules of civilized warfare would be observed by the constitutionalists if permitted to import arms and ammunition.

General Carranza, it is understood, was not in position to give these assurances because of his inability to control the generals in the field. Rumors were current to-day of a disagreement between Carranza and General Villa, which threatens to disrupt the constitutionalist ranks.

Hale-Carranza Parleys Satisfactory. Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—That the parleys with the constitutionalists have been carried on in no formal way was gained from conversations with those who have discussed the Mexican situation with President Wilson.

It was made plain by the White House that in the parleys between General Carranza, the constitutionalist chief, and William Bayard Hale, no effort was made to map out plans for the future. Mr. Hale's mission was described as one merely designed to learn what was in the minds of the constitutionalist chiefs, what their general character was and what disposition they seemed to have toward several phases of the situation.

Names of provisional successors to Huerta or anything so specific as might be termed "negotiations" had not been carried on or authorized by the president, according to the White House explanation, nor was there any formal request for credentials from Mr. Hale.

It was made plain that Mr. Hale had gotten the desired information, and the White House officials stated emphatically that Hale did not affect the pending plans of the American government, and that there had been no debate of any future program which the constitutionalists or this government would follow.

HUERTA'S MESSAGE HAD ONE THEME

That Was His Motive for Dissolving the Old Congress—It Was Veiled Hint to New Congress Over Dissolved Procedure.

Mexico City, Nov. 21.—His face showing none of that whimsical humor which sometimes characterizes him, President Huerta last evening appeared before the new Mexican Congress and read his message. Few Mexican presidents have read at the formal opening sessions of Congress shorter messages, and few have confined themselves so entirely to one subject. It was nothing more than a terse explanation of his motives for dissolving the old Congress, most of the members of which are now in the penitentiary, accused of sedition.

The Senate and Chamber of Deputies met in joint session, and Congress was formally declared convened at 5:30 o'clock in the evening. President Huerta came to the Congress through lines of troops, and the small crowds which gathered were not demonstrative.

There were no extraneous frills to the session. It was more in the nature of a little business meeting of the lawmakers during the recent so-called elections. The message General Huerta bore to them was in its essence an admonition. The incident he related to them of the dissolution of the previous Congress was one by which it was intimate that they might be guided in their conduct as congressmen.

and decided not to participate in the session, and this gave rise to the baseless rumor that the speaker himself would not preside.

The new Congress showed many faces familiar during the days of Porfirio Diaz, so much so that the exiled ruler would have felt entirely at home had he stepped into the chamber. The Congress is composed for the most part of a quiet lot of men, representative of the older and more conservative element, and General Huerta appeared to be in a grim, straight-forward manner.

He indulged in no oratorical effort, but now and then used a characteristic little gesture of one hand; nor was he interrupted by applause. He was applauded only upon his arrival and departure, when the members of Congress and address "vivas" to the handclapping. One young deputy, more enthusiastic than the rest, called for a cheer "for the man who is maintaining the national dignity."

General Huerta drove from the palace to the chamber through files of soldiers, most of whom were drilled from the crack 29th regiment, whose men participated in the coup d'etat at the palace in February. He entered the building while the hands were playing the national air. Acknowledging the plaudits and "vivas" of the congressmen and spectators as he moved down the aisle, by a series of military salutes, instead of the grave bows which characterized his old chief, Porfirio Diaz, General Huerta looked a stern figure. Like the congressmen, he was in evening clothes, the only touch of rank being the tri-color across his breast. In a half circle behind him on the platform sat his staff, resplendent in gold lace and full dress uniform, and grouped just below on the floor of the House were the members of the cabinet.

The only other touch of color in the House was to be observed in the gallery reserved for the diplomats, most of whom were in uniform.

The only country not represented was the United States. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the charge d'affaires, acting under instructions, was absent from the session. Sir Lionel Carleton, the British minister, arrived a few minutes late, and his delay in arriving gave rise to the rumor that he, too, had been instructed to absent himself.

Another snub for United States. At least two diplomats did not see fit to follow the advice and the example of the United States. The charges of Cuba and Brazil were reminded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy earlier in the day that their governments had not recognized that of Huerta and suggested that they remain away. The gathering in the galleries lacked the brilliancy of the day of Porfirio Diaz and the spontaneous expression of approval or disapproval of Madero's regime.

It was a carefully selected audience. Tickets were necessary to pass into the building and a fair part of the space was occupied by police and plainclothes men. There were a few empty chairs. In an entire audience there were perhaps 100 women, but none representative of the city's fashionable element, in contrast to the days when the women of high society planned long ahead of time to obtain seats.

A technical violation of the law created comment. General Huerta's staff filed in wearing sidearms. It is specifically provided that no armed soldier shall ever appear on the floor of the House and custom has ordained that officers appearing in uniform must do so with empty scabbards. But the swords in evidence at the sides of the members of General Huerta's staff appeared to emphasize the fact that this is a military administration.

Outside the building throughout the session a strong force of soldiers guarded all the approaches, patrolled the streets for several blocks around, and still other troops were stationed in small detachments further out. None of these, however, had trouble with the crowds. Some hundreds of curious gathered in the streets as near to the chamber as they were permitted to go, but in most parts of the city the ordinary course of business and traffic was uninterrupted.

From time to time, as President Huerta drove back through the lines of troops, there was handclapping, but nothing in the way of an ovation. The newspapers published extras last night carrying the message.

WILSON IS PLAYING A WAITING GAME

Confident That the Huerta Regime Is About to Crumble, He Will Take No Action.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—The convening of the Mexican Congress and Huerta's message were regarded by officials merely as carrying the situation a step further and not as events which forecast immediate action by the United States to what the administration officials regard as a steady and gradual disintegration of the Huerta regime.

The official view is that, should the new Congress act on the English oil concessions, such acts being regarded as invalid by Great Britain as well as by the United States, inasmuch as foreign governments generally have signified their assent to the American policy, it would be taken for granted that the Mexican Congress may legislate as it will, but its acts will not have international sanction. Such favorable attitude by the other nations strengthens confidence of the Washington government that the power of the Huerta regime is crumbling.

MET OUTRAGE WITH OUTRAGE

Suffragets Who Burn Lumber Yard Find Their Own Property Despoiled

VENGEANCE PROMPT IN OXFORD, ENG.

While Fire Was Still Burning, Women's Headquarters Were Raided

Oxford, England, Nov. 21.—Vengeance was wreaked on the suffragettes, who this morning fired a great lumber yard on the banks of the Thames, for while the place was still burning the offices of the suffragette society here were raided and wrecked. The furniture and a large collection of suffragette literature was thrown into the street.

The damage to the lumber yard was many thousands of dollars. A card which was left on the scene of the fire read: "Send bill to Chancellor Lloyd-George." Another card read: "Democracy never has been a menace to property," the quotations being from one of Chancellor Lloyd-George's speeches.

MILITANT FINED IN WASHINGTON

First Law Infraction in the Capital Was Punished by a Fine of One Dollar.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—Lucy Burns, the capital's first militant suffragette, paid a fine of \$1 to-day for chalking the White House steps with "Votes for Women."

PLANS TO SAVE MONEY.

Gov. Glynn May Name Commission to Determine New Scheme.

New York, Nov. 21.—If Governor Martin H. Glynn can find enough business men in this state who are willing to sacrifice their private interests long enough to devote time and services to act on a commission to devise a business system for the state, he will appoint such a commission, he declared last night. Speaking at the 14th annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce of the state of New York here, the governor solicited the assistance of the members and of business men generally in finding "volunteers under the banner of efficiency and economy."

"Not long ago," the state's chief executive said, "Senator Aldrich said he could save the United States government millions of dollars every year if he could run it on business principles. I believe what he said is true, and I know that New York state could save much money if business were allowed to overhaul and bring up to date the antiquated and overlapping system which to-day prevails in many of our state departments."

Governor Glynn declared he would consider it his administration's greatest success if he could inaugurate a system such as that suggested by the former Rhode Island senator, Nelson W. Aldrich. He hoped the banquet last night would give birth to such a movement. In the line of business progress in state affairs, projects are on foot at Albany for this winter, the governor stated, to establish a budget system similar to that which has prevailed in England, to revise the tax laws and to revise the banking laws so that they shall constitute a model banking system.

Referring to his plan for a commission to improve the state's business system, Governor Glynn said he hoped he would not be nicknamed "the scolder" or "the wrangler." Business men in state and country should be more willing to sacrifice their private interests and hold public office than they are now, he said. "I do not believe that our business men have taken their proper place in running our government or writing our laws," he declared.

BETTING ODDS ARE ON HARVARD TEAM

But Both the Crimson and the Blue Profess to be Confident of the Result.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 21.—More than 47,000 persons, said to be the greatest crowd that ever purchased tickets for any athletic event in this country, will witness the Harvard-Yale football game at the stadium to-morrow. Both the Crimson and the Blue are confident of success, but the betting to-day favored Harvard.

BARNET WOMAN DEAD.

Mrs. Addie Nelson Was at Hospital in Hanover.

Hanover, N. H., Nov. 21.—Mrs. Addie Nelson, aged 35, of Barnet, died at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial hospital here yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. The body was sent to Barnet last night to her late home at that the funeral will take place Saturday afternoon. A husband, James G. Nelson, survives her.

FIRE DROVE 350 OUT.

When Flames Broke Out in Big Plant at Long Island City.

SUCCESSFUL FRUIT CONVENTION.

Is Being Held at Randolph, There Being Many Exhibits.

Randolph, Nov. 21.—The 19th annual meeting and exhibition of the Vermont state Horticultural society opened in Dubois & Gay's hall on Wednesday evening with an attendance of 60. Among that number were E. H. Hallett of St. Johnsbury, president of the association; M. E. Cummings of Burlington, secretary; L. Putnam of Cambridge, D. T. Trombly of Isle La Motte, and G. W. Perry of Chester Duff, county vice-presidents; F. L. Davis of White River Junction, cattle commissioner, and Thaddeus L. Kenney of South Hero.

The hall is well filled on three sides, with exhibits of apples, pears, canned fruits, butternuts, bitter walnuts, and all kinds of vegetables. A fine exhibit of apples came from Westminster, and a new display of potatoes from Cambridge. C. I. Boyden exhibits 28 varieties of apples and eight of potatoes.

The address of welcome was given by H. W. Vail and the response was by President Hallett. Clarence Coleman, an agricultural student, sang two solos, with Mrs. Cook to accompany him, and the closing selection was by a male quartet from Randolph Center. The address of the evening was given by Amos J. Eaton of South Royalton, who took for his subject, "Cherry Culture in Vermont."

Thursday morning, W. C. Stone, assistant horticulturist of the Vermont experiment farm at Burlington, spoke upon the "Origin and Development of the Hubbard Squash." Prof. Thomas Bradley of the University of Vermont gave an address on "University Extension Service for Horticulturists." Following this, M. B. Cummings of Burlington gave his report showing a total membership of 363, which is a gain in the last year of 62. A. M. Vaughan, the treasurer, reported on November 20, a balance on hand of \$385.55. During the day there were many other interesting meetings, which is now thought to be very successful.

ASYLUM PROBE ENDED.

Massachusetts State Board of Insanity Conducted It.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 21.—The state board of insanity, which has been conducting an investigation into the conditions at the Worcester state hospital since Oct. 28, closed its hearing yesterday afternoon. Supt. Ernest V. Scribner stated that if the state was intending to adopt a new standard for the patients, he, as well as the trustees, would be pleased to ask for it. He recommended a new industrial supervisor and asked for new dining hall.

He added that with additional money and help the institution could be run in a much better way than under the present service. He denied that there were any persons in the hospital being kept there who were not insane.

Attorney P. H. Kelley recommended that the state board of insanity be a salaried board and each member should receive not less than \$5,000 a year for his services. He also requested that the trustees be paid for their services and devote all of their time to the work.

The salary of Superintendent Scribner was suggested by Attorney Kelley as being small and should be raised. He also recommended additional help be secured for the good of the patients.

BRINGS SECOND SUIT.

Miss Carrie Crossman Wants \$5,000 from Henry A. Hayden.

Nashua, N. H., Nov. 21.—Miss Carrie Crossman, known for 25 years in Nashua, filed a suit yesterday afternoon for \$5,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. The writ was issued from the office of her attorneys, Doyle & Lucier, and was served by Deputy Sheriff James F. Whitmarsh.

This is the second suit brought by Miss Crossman against Mr. Hayden within the past few days. She already has a suit for \$10,000 alleged to be due for board, lodgings and money loaned covering a period of 25 years. The breach of promise suit was to have been brought the first of the week, but was delayed owing to illness of former Senator A. J. Lucier. Ivory C. Eaton is counsel for Mr. Hayden, and it is stated that the two suits will be fought in court. They are entered for the January term.

NO NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.

Because Pres. Wilson Expects to be Away from Washington.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—There will be no New Year's reception at the White House, it was announced to-day that he would not be in Washington at that time, as he expected to take a short vacation during the time Congress adjourns. The White House New Year's reception is an historic institution, besides being the milestone in the capital's social season. In his statement, the president says as the approaching session of Congress will be long, the only opportunity the president will have to secure rest will be during the usual holiday recess.

SPORTING NOTES.

Wilbert Robinson, who has acted as coach of the Giants for the past few years, has been appointed manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson is said to receive the largest salary ever paid a Brooklyn manager, since Ned Hanlon's days. Robinson is enthused over the prospects of the Dodgers next season. He hopes to bolster up the pitching staff and place the club well up into first division. Shortstop is the only weak position on the team, outside of the pitching staff.

ENGINE FELL INTO A LAKE

Following Wreck of a Canadian Pacific Express Train To-day

FIREMAN CARRIED TO HIS DEATH

Wreck Took Place at Herons Bay in Ontario—Wires Are Down

Montreal, Nov. 21.—The train on the Canadian Pacific railway known as the Imperial Limited and bound from Montreal for Vancouver, was wrecked near Herons Bay, Ontario, to-day. The engine went into the lake, and the fireman was drowned.

The accident happened at Coldwell, a point where the road skirts Lake Superior. On a ledge thirty to fifty feet above the water the engine struck a rock and plunged into the lake. The cars remained on the track and none of the passengers was injured.

BIG AUTO BURNED.

Cause of Its Catching Fire Is Not Known.

Pittsfield, N. H., Nov. 21.—A large automobile, owned by Frank L. Rand, was destroyed here yesterday by a fire of unknown origin.

Mr. Rand in company with John Adams and Harry Tibbetts, were on a hunting trip in the southern part of the town and had left the machine, containing their coats, under the peashoe shed, so called. Just how long the fire had been burning when discovered by Maryland Ames, who was passing, is problematical, but the car was enveloped in flames when Mr. Ames arrived on the scene. His cries for help reached the ears of Mr. Tibbetts, who was nearer the building than the other hunters, and he and Mr. Ames endeavored to push the car out into the open.

Not being successful in this, they removed the coats and robes from the machine and directed their efforts to extinguishing the flames. They were meeting with some success when, without warning, the gasoline tank of the machine exploded with a report that could be heard for miles. The tank contained 16 gallons of gasoline and was blown into the air 50 feet, but neither of the men was injured by the explosion. Sparks set fire to the barn of the peashoe which was destroyed and only by efficient work on the part of Mr. Tibbetts and Mr. Ames were the other buildings on the property saved.

Some of the burning gasoline fell on themselves and coats taken from the machine and these also were destroyed. Nothing was left of the automobile but a mass of twisted steel and iron.

The car was partially insured, but Mr. Rand feels his loss keenly, as it was a high-powered machine of a model not now being made by the manufacturers.

PARDONED, AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

Charles Drown Alleged to Have Duped Burlington People.

Burlington, Nov. 21.—Charles Drown, who was conditionally pardoned by Gov. Fletcher from the house of correction last Tuesday, was taken by the Burlington police last night on suspicion of being the man connected with the theft of show posters and also of theatre passes given in payment for use of windows, where the advertising was displayed. When pardoned Drown was serving not less than five months for petit larceny, sentence having been imposed in Rutland city court.

Drown's arrest has some of the features of a detective story plot. He entered the bookshop of James Lines on Church street for a shine. Mr. Lines recognized him as the stranger who had obtained passes in that shop, among other places victimized, and asked Drown when he was going to return two passes for each one he had taken, as had been promised. Drown said he would bring the new passes later when the date of the show which he claimed had been postponed was finally decided upon. The arrest followed.

GAVE NO SPECIAL GUARANTEE.

Berlin Woman Testified When Sued Over Sale of a Cow.

Rutland, Nov. 21.—The entire time of the session of the United States district court here yesterday was occupied in taking evidence for the plaintiffs in the case of I. N. Chase and A. A. Booman of Brandon vs. Mrs. Fannie D. Erhardt of Berlin, in which damages are sought for alleged false warranty in the sale of a cow for \$725 by the defendant to the plaintiff. Mr. Chase testified that from the new cow 11 others of his herd, having an average value of \$400, contracted tuberculosis and were killed. Mrs. Erhardt denied that she gave any special guaranty in selling the animal. She claimed that she did not know it had tuberculosis.

TO BE TRIED BY JURY.

Court Refused Sanity Commission for Hans Schmidt.

New York, Nov. 21.—The question of the sanity of the priest, Hans Schmidt, who he murdered Anna Amuller will be decided by jury. The court to-day refused to appoint an insanity commission.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ANNA ERICKSON.

Held in Westerville Yesterday—Profusion of Flowers, Large Attendance.

The funeral services of Mrs. Anna Katherine Erickson, whose death occurred last Tuesday, after a long illness, were held at the home of John Johnson of Westerville at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. W. J. M. Beattie and Rev. John Bjork officiating. During the service three selections—"Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Rock of Ages," and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?" were sung by Mrs. Edward Anderson and Mrs. George Nye. The bearers were Edward Erickson, John Johnson, Axel Erickson and Gust Hanson. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

The many friends present and the floral offerings showed the esteem in which Mrs. Erickson was held. The list of flowers was as follows: Pillow, "mother," children; chrysanthemums and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Miss Emma Johnson; roses and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Anderson; carnations and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flinckman; mixed bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. John Parson; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. John Norin and family.

WITNESSES PAID OFF.

When Mrs. Julia Lavirini Decided to Waive Examination.

Through her counsel, William Wishart, Mrs. Julia Lavirini this morning waived examination before Judge H. W. Scott in city court and furnished bail in the sum of \$500 for her appearance at the March term of Washington county court on a charge of selling illegally. Bail of \$50 was also furnished on the alleged contraband goods seized in Mrs. Lavirini's house at 52 Granite street last Saturday night, when officers from the police station broke in on 14 late callers. To-day the state had subpoenaed 31 witnesses, but when the respondent waived, it was decided not to call them to the stand. After being reimbursed with the usual fee they were discharged. The state was represented by Grand Juror A. G. Fay.

MAKE INVESTIGATION OF GEORGIA WRECK

Inspector Howard of Interstate Commerce Commission Examined Central Vermont Officials.

St. Albans, Nov. 21.—An investigation was held here yesterday by Inspector Howard of the interstate commerce commission in connection with the collision of the Central Vermont railroad north of Georgia last Sunday, in which two lives were lost, William P. Kinball, a fireman, and Daniel Tietbohl, aged 14, who was stealing a ride.

All the trainmen and engineers, the officers of the road and the operators at Colebrook, Georgia and St. Albans, and also the train dispatcher who was on duty at the time, were called before Inspector Howard. The investigation was very thorough and while no report was given out it was intimated afterwards that Inspector Howard will make some suggestions to the interstate commerce commission as to the handling of train orders.

WAS FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Reached Verdict in John Bradley's Case in 15 Minutes.

Burlington, Nov. 21.—A verdict of guilty was returned against John Bradley in Chittenden county court yesterday afternoon, the respondent having been charged with misconduct with a young girl. The jury was out just 15 minutes with the case.

Sentence was not imposed on Bradley, although bail was raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500. John Hart of East Charlotte and George Hart of Hinesburg went bail.

V. A. Bullard argued to the jury until about 11 o'clock in the forenoon. The burden of his argument was that it was all a frame-up to injure Mr. Bradley and that conviction was impossible on the evidence given.

At 11 o'clock former State's Attorney H. B. Shaw began his argument for the state. This argument lasted the rest of the morning and until about 2:30 in the afternoon.

After the argument of counsel had concluded, Judge Stanton delivered his charge, the gist of which was that there were two facts for the jury to find in order to convict. The first of these was whether the girl was under the age of consent at the time of the alleged impropriety commission as to the handling of fence ever occurred.

CLEVER RUSE WORKED.

Castleton Man Scared Off Robber with Movement Toward Gun Pocket.

Rutland, Nov. 21.—Earl Witherel, telegraph operator and assistant station agent at the Castleton railway station, by a cleverly worked and exceedingly fortunate bluff last night foiled a would-be "hold-up" artist who tried to relieve him of his money on the station platform. A well-executed motion toward his rear pocket inspired his assailant, who is evidently afraid of firearms, with an urgent desire to be elsewhere, and he beat a retreat through the darkness. The matter was reported to Deputy Sheriff Carl Beach, but no arrests have been made.

COMPROMISE BEING MADE

On Hours of Labor of Textile Mill Firemen at Lawrence

DEFINITE STEPS TO SETTLEMENT

Two Conferences to Be Followed by Another To-night

Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 21.—Definite developments toward settlement of the strike of the 350 textile mill firemen for an eight-hour day were expected late to-day when another conference between representatives of the employers and strikers was to be held. A compromise schedule of hours is being prepared as the result of two conferences already held.

NOT SLIGHTING VERMONT.

New England Co. Giving Good Telephone Service, Auditor Longley Said.

The hearing before the Vermont public service commission over proposed reduction of rates took a recess at Montpelier to-day until after Thanksgiving. A lively discussion was started before the commission yesterday afternoon when Attorney Graham, representing the state, asked General Auditor Longley of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. to make a fair separation of the assets and liabilities of the New England company on the theory that the New England company in Vermont was a separate company. Mr. Longley declined as he thought that he would not be able to give a reasonable answer.

The New England company has about \$43,000,000 worth of stock paying seven per cent, and about \$12,000,000 worth of bonds carrying five per cent. interest. Considering the New England plant in Vermont as a separate institution, entirely disassociated from the New England company, and earning two per cent, or less on its investment, he thought it would be impossible for such a company to secure the capital to build a plant. Nor would such a company be able to float a bond issue at a five per cent. interest rate because investors would not accept such bonds.

Mr. Deavitt wanted to know why 3.50 of the total liabilities would not represent a fair proportion for Vermont, this percentage representing the proportion the plant in Vermont bears to the entire plant of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company. Mr. Longley contended that this was a wholly impracticable computation because, although as 3.39 of the total plant value of the company, it contributes only 2.39 of the company's revenue. He said it would be incorrect to assume that such a company as was being theoretically considered, one wholly separated from the New England Telephone and Telegraph company and confined entirely to Vermont, could get money for the same rate that was paid by the New England company. It was brought out incidentally that out of 4,300 stockholders in the New England company, only 27 of them were from Vermont.

Mr. Graham suggested that no one had seen any Vermont territory that has not paid seven per cent. if it had a fair chance, to which Mr. Longley replied that he thought that all Vermont had been given more than a fair show, and that money had been poured in here by the New England company in a way that no local company would expend it. The New England company was attempting to give just as good service in Vermont as in any other part of its territory.

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GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES.

Death of Towne Girl at St. Johnsbury Recently.

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 21.—The grand jury summoned for the Towne-Flinn poisoning case began its probe yesterday. Attorney General R. E. Brown of Burlington, assisted by State's Attorney W. A. Dutton, is presenting the case before Judge L. P. Black. Flynn is represented by Harland B. Howe. The hearing is private and nothing is given out. Flynn was released from jail Saturday on a writ of habeas corpus, having been confined in jail two weeks, held on a dying statement made by Cora Towne that Flynn gave her the bichloride of mercury that caused her death.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. George Christie, who were recently married at New York, are expected to return to the city to-night. Mr. Christie left Barre over three weeks ago, and met Miss Bella Rice of Aberdeen, Scotland, as she landed at New York. They were married two weeks ago last Sunday at a magistrate's office. Mr. Christie has resided in Barre for three years and has been employed at the Martinson estate plant. They will make their home in the city.

Weather Forecast.

Rain to-night; warmer in Vermont, Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer; moderate variable winds becoming southeasterly.