

CROP YIELDS BELOW AVERAGE

1913 Estimates of Agriculture Department Are Disappointing

CORN CROP LOWEST IN TEN YEARS

On the Other Hand, Wheat Is Estimated to Have Been Record Breaker

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Reorganization of the department of agriculture is foreshadowed in Secretary Houston's first annual report presented today to President Wilson.

Plans for redistributing the country for the enforcement of the pure food law are announced and the secretary announces his intention to ask for authority to prepare amendments to the pure food law to improve the food supply, protect the public health and promote uniformity in food legislation.

Free distribution of seeds by congressmen should be discontinued, the secretary recommends. He would conduct in its stead a constructive work in securing and distributing new seeds and plants.

Conditions vary widely in the United States, says the report, because farmers do not equally need better credit arrangements and all sections are similarly circumstanced. It contends that when all necessary allowance has been made for fundamental factors, it is probably clear that the rural communities are not as efficiently served as they should be by existing financial arrangements.

The secretary believes there does not appear to be need for unique or special legislation or for legislation which shall aim to give the farmer credit on easier terms than other members of society. What is needed is the creation of conditions and machinery which shall enable him on similar credit foundations to secure money at the same rates and for other sections.

Even though the problem of how the farmer can best sell his produce and can improve the conditions under which he can secure the necessary capital were solved, there would still remain vital things to be accomplished before rural life can be made fully efficient, profitable, healthful, pleasurable and attractive, and before a larger disposition to remain on the farm develops.

Good roads are pre-requisite for better marketing, for better schools, and for more comfortable rural living. Better sanitation and hygiene in the home, in the school, and in the community are just as vital for the rural community as for the urban.

"To gain information to enable the department better to serve rural women, the secretary has addressed letters of inquiry to the women of 55,000 selected farms, covering every county. Other surveys and studies were also conducted. An analysis of the small part of the letters as yet digested shows that farm women desire assistance in all phases of home management, especially as to ways of securing running water, introducing household power machinery and labor-saving arrangements, and providing better hygienic and sanitary conditions. Many seek advice as to the better marketing of the articles they produce. Others ask the department to prove to the man that their work is worth something in dollars and cents. The overwork of women and children and difficulty of securing domestic help are mentioned by a number of the writers.

The department believes that intelligent help to women in matters of home management will contribute directly to the agricultural success of the farm. It purposes, therefore, to ask Congress for means and authority to make more complete studies of domestic conditions on the farm, to experiment with labor-saving devices and methods, and to study completely the question of practical sanitation and hygienic protection for the farm family.

As to federal aid for good roads, the secretary says the federal government should deal with the state as the lowest unit, through an expert highway commissioner as its agency. The plan should provide for maintenance as well as construction. Preference should be given to the improvement of roads over which products from the farms can be taken to the nearest railway station. A scheme of road construction and maintenance within a state should be developed and mutually agreed upon. Money appropriated by the federal government should be apportioned on the basis of such factors as total population, farm population, area, taxable valuation, and mileage.

Special emphasis is laid on the fact that the figures for crops quoted are estimates. From the estimates at hand it appears that the production of crops in 1913 was materially below the average, the yield per acre of all crops combined being smaller than in any year in the past decade with the exception of 1911. The corn crop, the most valuable product of this country, according to the estimates, fell below 2,500,000,000 bushels, which is smaller than any crop since 1903. Wheat production, with an estimated total of 753,000,000 bushels, is the largest ever recorded in this country. This crop was matured before the drought became effective.

Brief mention is made as to crop conditions throughout the world. From the estimates it appears that there were increased areas sown to wheat, oats, barley, rye, and corn, and that the wheat acreage has probably yielded a record out-turn. Barley, oats, and rye are bountiful crops, but corn will probably give the poorest result in 20 years.

SEEKS \$41,483,895 FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

Estimate of Money Needed on 261 Projects Was Submitted to Secretary of War By the Chief of Engineers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—More than \$41,483,895 for the Mississippi river, almost \$9,000,000 for the Ohio river, more than \$2,000,000 for the Missouri river, almost \$2,000,000 for the Columbia river and \$1,000,000 for the Delaware (are) are the amounts considered necessary by the chief of engineers of the Army for the improvement and maintenance of those great waterways during the fiscal year of 1915.

In submitting to the secretary of war his report, made public today, the chief of engineers makes estimates aggregating \$41,483,895 to be applied to 261 river and harbor projects during the year ending June 30, 1915. This is \$9,634,994 less than the amount appropriated by Congress for river and harbor works for the fiscal year of 1914.

"Liberal appropriations are considered proper and desirable for snugging and other work necessary to make natural channels available wherever water-borne commerce exists or its reasonably prospective," says the chief of engineers. "It is believed that expenditures for such improvements are almost always useful and advantageous to the general public, especially since the introduction and rapid development of small gasoline motor boats and combined freight and passenger transportation."

Estimates of amounts needed for fortification in the United States aggregate \$1,035,000 and in the insular possessions, \$822,500. The only Vermont estimate is \$2,000 for Burlington harbor.

U. S. BANKING POWER SHOWS GROWTH

According to Annual Report of Currency Bureau Which Was Submitted by Acting Comptroller to Speaker Clark.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Growth and operations of national banks of the United States are detailed in the annual report of the currency bureau, submitted today by Acting Comptroller Thomas P. Kane, to Speaker Clark.

The report contains no reference to currency reform and no recommendations, but details the condition of banks during the year ended October 31. Only six national banks out of more than 7,000 existing, went into the hands of receivers with aggregate capital stocks of \$4,250,000. Satisfactory progress in liquidating the assets of all was reported.

Growth of the banking power of the United States as indicated by loans and discounts, capital stocks and deposits, is pictured over nearly 100 pages of statistics. The movement of government funds to banks all over the country to aid crop moving is referred to briefly. That is explained in detail in the report of Secretary McAdoo submitted to Congress last week.

800 CHILDREN MARCHED OUT

When Second Fire of the Day Was Discovered in a Lawrence, Mass., School Building.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 8.—Eight hundred children marched from the Oliver school this morning in a procession for a recess, when an actual fact there was a fire in a blind attic. None of the pupils knew of the blaze until they were outside. The fire was extinguished without serious damage.

State Police Officer Flynn is inclined to believe that the fire may have been of incendiary origin, as another minor blaze was found in the boys' basement before the school sessions began. This blaze was easily extinguished without the aid of firemen.

MAY DECIDE TO STRIKE

British Postoffice Employees Decide It This Week.

London, Dec. 8.—Prospect of a strike of nearly 100,000 employees of the British postoffice during the Christmas season increases daily. The union committee meets this week to decide whether a strike will be called before Christmas or deferred. General sentiment among the men appears to favor an immediate ultimatum demanding an increase of 15 per cent. in wages for all postoffice workers.

TOOK FEARFUL LEAP.

Mrs. Frances McGregor Died in 7-Story Fall.

New York, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Frances McGregor, 31 years old, wife of Edward J. McGregor, one of the road show managers for the theatrical firm of Sam and Lee Shubert, committed suicide last night by jumping from a window on the seventh floor of the Riverside Drive apartment house, where the couple lived. She left her seven-year-old son playing with his toys on the floor. No reason was given for her act.

TALK OF THE TOWN

William Duff of 17 Wellington street was a visitor with friends in Rutland over the week-end. Miss Blanche Reason of Graniteville was a visitor in the city Saturday while on her way to Burlington for a short visit with friends. B. C. Newcomb was an over-Sunday visitor with friends in Roxbury, and A. F. Casper passed the week-end with relatives in Marshfield. Lester Johnson visited at his home in Williston yesterday and today.

Snow followed by clearing and colder to-night; Tuesday fair; westerly gales.

Efforts are being made by the Harvard rowing authorities to retain the services of James Wray to coach the varsity and freshman crews this season. Ever since Wray has been at Harvard, which dates back many years, rowing has been one of the most successful sports undertaken by the Crimson. His ambition next spring will be to beat Cornell, who has for years ruled supreme on the water.

ACCUSED MAN SURRENDERS

James K. McGuire, Former Mayor of Syracuse, N. Y.

SAYS ALLEGATIONS WERE TRUMPED UP

Returns from Havana to Stand Trial on Soliciting Bribe Charge

New York, Dec. 8.—James K. McGuire, former mayor of Syracuse, came down to this city today from his home in New Rochelle to surrender to the district attorney's office and to answer to an indictment recently returned, charging the solicitation of a \$5,000 bribe from a corporation in the interests of the Democratic state committee. The indictment is the outgrowth of a John Doe investigation which was instituted to sift the allegations that contractors were sandbagged into making contributions.

Returning from San Domingo and Havana, McGuire last night issued a long statement, saying that the charge against him was hatched by interests, whose materials were rejected by the state.

He also charged that, before he sailed for the south representatives of the oil interests informed him that they would destroy the affidavit of Fillmore Condit, local representative of the Union Oil company whose testimony was largely responsible for McGuire's indictment, if he would desert his friends "and join their sides in the asphalt controversy at Albany."

McGuire also asserted that his indictment was not justified upon the testimony of his brother, George H. McGuire, who is understood to have told the grand jury that the former Syracuse mayor had solicited the \$6,000 contribution from Condit, because of his physical and mental condition, which has been the concern of his associates for some time. The "mania" of his brother, that he represented many lines of big business, McGuire said, had led to many glaring errors, while most of his statements about contractors are "irresponsible and indicate a weakened mental condition."

According to McGuire he left Thomas W. Hasset in Key West when he started north. Hasset, formerly secretary to State Engineer John A. Bessel, is accused by Madison R. Aldrich, a Poughkeepsie contractor, of obtaining from him a bribe for expediting payment on a road contract. McGuire said he knew nothing of Hasset's plans. The fact that he and Hasset were both in San Domingo at the same time McGuire said was merely a coincidence.

The former mayor jokingly described the surveillance which he said he had been subjected to by the local police in San Domingo, Porto Rico, and Cuba. McGuire's statements first deal with his movements since the early fall showing that he had spent little time in this state. His visit to San Domingo was to look over public work which the Dominican government is preparing to undertake with a view to bidding on it.

In October he received a letter from the American minister in that country, McGuire says, notifying him of this fact. About a dozen contractors made the trip there, among them being Hasset. Before leaving New York, McGuire said, he had been informed by his brother, who had been a witness in the John Doe proceedings here, to investigate alleged grafting by politicians from state highway contractors and others, that he was not wanted as a witness.

FREEZING WEATHER IN SOUTHLAND

White Storm Extended This Morning Over Whole Northeastern Section of the United States.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The storm over the Great Lakes yesterday passed to New England, leaving shifting gales on the lakes and Atlantic coast, rain in the Atlantic states and snow in the Ohio valley, and lake regions. Temperatures have fallen decidedly and it is freezing to-day as far south as the interior of the gulf states. Storm warnings were displayed on the Atlantic coast from Eastport, Maine, to Cape Hatteras.

MRS. PANKHURST RELEASED.

Is Given Seven Days' Liberation From Jail.

London, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette arrested Dec. 4 on her arrival from the United States, was released from jail last night. She began a hunger and thirst strike following her arrest. In charge of a nurse, Mrs. Pankhurst is liberated for seven days. She was driven to a hotel in weak condition.

Not anticipating the release of their leader, the suffragettes gathered last night in the Empire theatre to protest. There was only three-quarters full, and Mrs. Pankhurst accused the postoffice of tampering with letters containing invitation tickets. The suffragettes invited St. Paul's cathedral and chanted "God save Emmeline Pankhurst." The service was stopped until the women finished.

CONFERENCE AT DUBLIN FAILS.

Latest Attempt to Settle the Strike Abortive.

Dublin, Dec. 8.—An attempt to reach a settlement in the Dublin strike, which has been in progress 15 weeks, has failed. The conference committee sat for 20 hours.

WOMEN TEACHERS' PLANS.

Were Considered at Meeting of Their Executive Committee.

Burlington, Dec. 8.—A well attended and very enthusiastic meeting of the officers of the Vermont Women Teachers' club was held at Hotel Vermont Saturday, seven counties being represented by eight delegates. Those present were: Mrs. Harriet M. Ide, president, of Morrisville; Miss Nellie J. Perrin, secretary, of Barre; Miss Etta M. Franklin, chairman of the executive committee, of Rutland; Miss Minnie M. Barker of Burlington; Miss Mabel E. Kidder of Proctor; Miss Caroline S. Woodruff, chairman of the board of directors, of St. Johnsbury; Miss Alberta L. Beaman of St. Albans and Miss Jessie I. Ross of Bristol.

It was decided to make the fiscal year from September 1 to September 1. Miss Bortha Cary of Proctor was appointed chairman for membership, with a collector in each county. Miss Jessie I. Ross was appointed chairman of the educational committee. Miss Kidder recommended the study of hygiene, more sanitary conditions in schools, standard books to be read correlating education and hygiene.

It will be the duty of the county collector to see that each teacher is presented with a circular letter encouraging them in their duty and loyalty to the women teachers' club. The board of directors suggested and advised a lantern with slides to be used for educational subjects in smaller schools, to be sent from school to school, not more than \$25 to be allowed for this purpose.

VILLA CONTROLS PRICES OF GOODS

Orders Storekeepers to Sell at Usual Rates Under Penalty of Having Their Goods Confiscated.

Juarez, Dec. 8.—General Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, to-day issued orders that all foodstuffs be sold at prices usually charged in times of peace. The stores of Chihuahua and other rebel cities were required to sell goods at prices set by Villa under penalty of having their goods confiscated. Train loads of provisions are to be shipped from Juarez to the almost famished citizens of Chihuahua.

Unless the federal troops, who deserted Chihuahua unexpectedly, turn up and resort to guerrilla warfare, the northern part of Mexico will soon assume the semblance of order. With the re-opening of the railroads, Villa is on the alert for a possible attack and is patrolling the 225 miles from Juarez to Chihuahua.

Mexico City, Dec. 8.—Foreigners must not be interfered with if fighting occurs in the federal district. This injunction is contained in the general army order issued yesterday. The order specifically states that in the event of fighting, the officers in command of the government troops must understand that the lives and property of all foreigners are to be respected; that no monies or supplies are to be exacted from them and that they must be permitted to leave the scene of fighting at any time.

The government has disregarded the warning of the Zapata forces that they would shoot any railway employes in case the operation of trains on the Cuernavaca line was attempted after Dec. 1, and as a result a pitched battle has taken place between Cuernavaca and Iguuala. Luis Valdez, a Mexican, who was nationalized in Texas, and a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, who was in charge of the train, was shot and seriously injured, while another conductor, a Mexican, also was wounded.

American Arrested and Released.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 8.—H. B. Gillette, an American trainmaster of the National Railways of Mexico, with headquarters at Monterrey, was arrested yesterday at Nuevo Laredo, Mex., on orders of federal military authorities, but later was released through efforts of American Consul Garrett. No reason for his detention was given, but it is understood he was told not to return to Mexico.

Refugees continued to arrive here in numbers yesterday, most of them proceeding north.

\$20 HEIFER COST \$500.

Hard Fought Case Over Animal in Lamolite County Court.

Hyde Park, Dec. 8.—In the case of John McDonald vs. B. W. Austin, both of Johnson, to recover for a heifer left in Austin's pasture, the attention of the court was occupied three days. The case went to the jury at five o'clock Friday afternoon and it was 11 that night before they agreed. A sealed verdict was brought into court Saturday morning, the jury finding for the defendant to recover his costs. The cost of this suit, all told, is in the neighborhood of \$500 and the heifer was valued at the highest not more than \$25.

A decision of court Saturday morning was directed to divorce and four bills were granted: Susie Carpenter vs. C. S. Carpenter of Waterbury for wilful desertion; Celia M. Ainsworth vs. Homer Ainsworth of Wolcott, for refusal to support; Myrtle V. Cleveland vs. George Cleveland of Stowe, for intolerable severity; Miss S. Mackey vs. Alonzo Mackey of Johnson, for intolerable severity. After disposing of these cases the court took adjournment until to-day.

WIFE LEAVES AS HE ENTERS.

The Cunninghams of Burlington Keep Asylum Attendance Balanced.

Burlington, Dec. 8.—Leslie Cunningham, who appears frequently in city court, was on Saturday sentenced to take the six months' treatment in the asylum in Waterbury, following another conviction for intoxication. His wife returned from there only a short time ago and he therefore just misses her. Cunningham was arrested early Saturday morning in his house on lower Cherry street, where he was contributing to an uproar. The whiskey which produced the jag is believed to have been stolen by Cunningham from George and Charles Bailey of Middlebury. They were in the city Thursday and purchased three quarts of whiskey. Cunningham went to see them off on the afternoon train and when the package was set down, while the Baileys bought their tickets, both Cunningham and the goods disappeared. Two quarts of the whiskey were found in a shed at the rear of Cunningham's house and while the third quart could not be seen it was apparent where considerable of it had gone.

GOLD HOARDER WAS MURDERED

Rev. John L. Gaunt, an Aged Man, Was Victim at Fisherville, Ky.

BODY WAS THROWN INTO THE CREEK

House Thoroughly Ransacked and Three Negroes Suspected

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 8.—Reverend John L. Gaunt, an aged retired Baptist minister, who lived the life of a recluse and was known to have hoarded gold coins, was murdered yesterday and his body was thrown into the creek near his cottage at Fisherville. The house was thoroughly ransacked, and three negroes are being sought in connection with the murder.

Rev. Mr. Gaunt was a bachelor and for years he had made a practice of changing all silver and bank notes, which he accumulated, into gold coins. He was believed to have a small fortune.

SCORE DROWNED IN SINGLE TOWN

Texas Flood Reached Its Crest at Brookshire at Mouth of the Brazos River.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 8.—Twenty persons are known to have been drowned to-day near Brookshire in Waller county in the Brazos river floods. Brookshire is about six miles from the river's mouth and marks the position of the flood crest to-day.

FIFTY REPORTED DROWNED.

At Sunny Side, a Small Town on Lower Brazos River.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 8.—Fifty persons, mostly negroes, are reported to have been drowned at Sunny Side, a small town on the lower Brazos river, according to a long distance telephone message received here early last night.

The message said between 400 and 500 persons are marooned on a small mound at San Felipe and are in great danger. A special train loaded with motor boats was dispatched from Houston to rescue them.

DECLINED AMBULANCE AID.

Mrs. Pankhurst Rode in Carriage to Nursing Home.

London, Dec. 8.—Militant suffragettes gathered in force to welcome Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst on her arrival here today from Exeter, where she was released from jail last night. Although the ambulance and stretcher were waiting, Mrs. Pankhurst was able to alight from the train with the assistance of a nurse, and she declined the aid of Mrs. Pankhurst was very weak and she looked considerably aged by her privations. She was taken to a nursing home in a carriage, followed by numerous taxicabs containing cheering supporters.

IN BANKRUPTCY COURT.

Several Final Meetings Have Been Scheduled.

The accounts of R. M. Fraser as trustee of the estate of Jellyman & Jones have been allowed in bankruptcy court, and the final meeting has been set for December 20. A dividend of two per cent has been paid, and it is expected that another small dividend will be paid. The accounts of George L. Morris in the case of C. C. Perkins of Barre have been proved and allowed. In the case of George Watson of Barre Town the final meeting will be held Tuesday morning. E. L. Steele has filed his accounts in the case of Bert E. Blake of Northfield, and the final meeting will be held soon.

WOMAN BROKE HIP.

Mrs. Alvira Atkins Fell at Waterbury and Is Quite Ill.

Waterbury, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Alvira Atkins, widow of Dick Atkins, who formerly lived on a Duxbury farm, fell Friday evening as she was coming out of the home of Mr. Pierce, breaking one hip. Mrs. Atkins has made her home for some time in the family of Val Henderson and has been a familiar figure upon Waterbury streets. Because of her age, her condition is considered quite serious.

NEWSPAPER MAN DEAD.

Philip Rappaport, Aged 85, Founded a Paper in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—Philip Rappaport, the founder of a local German newspaper, The Telegraph-Tribune, died here last night, aged 85 years.

Sessions of Naturalization Court. Sessions of United States naturalization court will be held in Montpelier, Barre and Graniteville on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week by Clerk Platt of the United States court.

OBSERVED "TEMPERANCE" SUNDAY

Several Barre Churches Held Special Exercises Yesterday.

Several Protestant churches of the city observed yesterday as "Temperance" Sunday, the Vermont Anti-Saloon league acting in co-operation with the local pastors by sending special temperance preachers to the city. An admixture of winter and spring weather did not deter the churches from carrying on their programs and good-sized congregations were the rule.

At the Universalist church, Albert Laing of Burlington, field secretary of the league, spoke at the forenoon service. His address dealt with the progress of the temperance in the domestic field. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Reardon, conducted the service.

Rev. E. G. French of Johnson, a special temperance preacher delegated by the Vermont league, occupied the pulpit at the First Baptist church in the morning. Rev. George H. Holt, the pastor, had charge of the service. Rev. Mr. French delivered an inspiring temperance homily that could not have failed to impress his hearers. The offering taken at the service will be devoted to propagating the league's temperance gospel throughout the state. Later in the day, the Johnson clergyman spoke in Williamstown and Montpelier.

"The Saloon Must Go" was the title of a forceful address delivered in the Hedding Methodist church in the forenoon by Rev. C. H. Smith of Burlington, secretary of the Anti-Saloon league. Pastor E. F. Newell conducted the service and interest in the occasion was heightened by the part which several young men and women of the church accepted in program. The psalter extant in a former street appropriate psalms and the congregational singing emphasized the spirit of the day. Lyndel Lehoureau sang "Little Feet of the Story Man," and Miss Ruth Stevens recited "Two Resolutions," and Mrs. D. C. Jarvis and Miss A. Rule sang a duet, "Beautiful Flag." Dr. Smith's address followed. At the close of the service a picture of Lincoln and Lee was unveiled in the auditorium.

"PEACE OF CONSTANTINE"

St. Monica's Church Joins in the Universal Catholic Jubilee.

The universal jubilee commemorating the peace of Constantine, which has been celebrated for many months past by the Roman Catholic church throughout the world, will be brought to a close this evening at St. Monica's church in this city services will be held at 7:30 o'clock of equal significance to-day at St. Monica's church was the observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Masses were said at 5:30 and 9 o'clock this forenoon. At the early morning mass, Rev. A. C. Griffin officiated and at the late mass, P. M. McKenna, pastor of the church, officiated. Both masses were marked by large attendances.

The universal jubilee in commemoration of the Peace of Constantine is significant because it marked that turning point when Christianity was to spread throughout the world and absorb the Pagan religions. Previous to the conversion of Constantine in the year 313, the progress of Christianity was impeded at every turn by the Roman Pagans, who dominated the world. This evening's service will consist of roary, sermon and benediction.

"GREAT MASTER LECTURER"

Is Title Given to L. B. Wickersham, Who Speaks in Barre Dec. 11.

L. B. Wickersham, who speaks at the opera house on the evening of Dec. 11 for the Women's club, is named "the great master lecturer," as he is a man who pleases the people, the cultured and uncultured, and gives an impetus for good in all directions of his thought.

In the pulpit he is a great preacher, on the stage he might have been a great actor, and in the forum a great orator. On the lecture platform he is a trinity of actor, orator and preacher. He is a man of lofty purpose. His lectures are strikingly original and built around some fundamental truth. His message to us in "Day Dreams" is a message of power and inspiration to men and boys, mothers and daughters. It is a privilege to hear him.

TOO ILL TO APPEAR.

Mrs. A. Gondola Raided Saturday Night With Big Result.

A detail of officers from police headquarters made a big seizure of alleged contraband goods on Seminary street Saturday night. The apartments occupied by the family of Mrs. A. Gondola were raided soon after 6 o'clock and a wagon load of wet goods was carted away to the station. The seizure included one barrel of Commercial cream in bottles, a half barrel of the same, a barrel of Bunkhardt cream ale put up in bottles, a pint of Thompson rye, a quart of Old Colonel and a dish of gin. Mrs. Gondola is a widow, whose husband died only a short time ago.

Because of an incurable malady, she is compelled to confine herself to a bed on the piazza for days at a time. Saturday night she was too ill to accompany the officers to headquarters and action against her was deferred. Grand Juror A. G. Fay made the complaint and Officer Harry Gamble served the warrant issued from city court. He was assisted in the search by Officers John W. Dineen and Ed. L. McLeod.

Mae Shipman appeared before Judge H. W. Scott this forenoon and pleaded guilty to an intoxication charge. She was arrested in the C. V. freight yards last night at 8:30 o'clock by Officer Harry Gamble. The woman said she was unable to pay a \$5 fine and costs of \$4.25, so the court imposed an alternative sentence of 20 days in the county jail at Montpelier.

Before she had time to leave the court room, Chief Sinclair appeared and served a warrant charging her with keeping a house of ill fame. The complaint was made by Grand Juror Fay. It is alleged by the state that the Shipman woman has been conducting an illegal resort at 14 Depot square. The respondent pleaded not guilty and bail was fixed at \$300, which she was trying to secure at noon. The case was set for hearing Thursday forenoon at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Shipman said she was 24 years old and gave Hyde Park as her birthplace. Her husband is out of town.

S. D. Nichols of Lyndon Center has recently sold 18 head of Holstein cattle for \$5,000.

MISSING GIRL LEFT NO CLUE

Miss Jessie McCann, Aged 23, of New York Mysteriously Gone

ENTIRE POLICE FORCE ON LOOKOUT FOR HER

Family Do Not Believe That There Is Romance Back of Disappearance

New York, Dec. 8.—Every policeman in greater New York was instructed today to be on the lookout for Jessie McCann, the 23-year-old daughter of Robert McCann, a wholesale grocer, who disappeared last Thursday as mysteriously as did Dorothy Arnold. Miss McCann left her home on that day to go to a home for destitute children, where she did volunteer work as an instructor, and since then all trace of her has been lost.

The members of the McCann family are positive that there is no romance back of the girl's disappearance. A friend of the family reported to-day that he saw a girl answering Miss McCann's description in Wall street on Friday night. To him she appeared to be dazed.

EXPECT LARGE ATTENDANCE

At Annual Banquet of Granite Manufacturers, Wednesday.

Arrangements for the annual business meeting and banquet of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association were completed to-day by a joint committee representing the members from Barre, Montpelier, East Barre, Williamstown, Northfield, and Waterbury. The business meeting will be held in the manufacturers' headquarters in the C. M. W. Averill building Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There will be an election of officers to serve during 1914. Other important matters are to come before the meeting for consideration.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the association banquet will be held at the Pavilion hotel in Montpelier. More than 150 manufacturers from the towns in the organization will be present and invitations have been sent to representatives of the trade press and to manufacturers in Boston and Quincy, Mass. The response to these invitations is expected to be large. Special car accommodations for Barre manufacturers have been procured and cars will be directed toward this city immediately after the banquet.

Speechmaking is to be omitted from this year's program. In former years it has been customary to provide an out of town speaker to talk on some subject of pertinent interest to stone men, but for several reasons this custom will not be followed Wednesday. There will be no toasts after the banquet, although the committee plans to furnish plenty of entertainment for the banquets. The Montpelier Military band orchestra will play and Karl Forsell will render cornet solos. A male quartet has been engaged for the occasion and Hermon D. Hopkins will give a number of readings. Mayor James Este of Montpelier will welcome the manufacturers and an invitation has also been extended to Mayor W. H. Ward of Barre.

UNION'S MEETING TO-NIGHT.

To Hear Report of Conference Committee on Work Day Uniformity.

The adjustment committee of the granite manufacturers' association and the cutters' union met at the manufacturers' rooms Saturday night in an effort to reach an agreement regarding uniformity of working hours in the Barre granite belt. The present bill does not specify hours of starting and quitting work during the months of December, January and February, but states that the hours shall be changed in conformity with daylight during these months. The manufacturers arranged their winter schedules on