

BRITISH CLOSE IN ON THIEPVAL ON WEST FRONT

And Have Guillemont Almost in Their Grasp, While French Have Lost Some of the Ground South of the Somme Which They Gained on August 21

TEUTONIC DEFENSIVE IN WEST TENACIOUS

Claim Made in Berlin Is That the Russian Advance Has Been Held Up Along the Entire Front — Italians Gaining Ground in Alpine Region

Political developments in the Balkans overshadow in interest for the moment even the important military operations there, but to-day's despatches throw little new light on the situation from either political or military standpoints.

GERMANS REGAIN GROUND LOST NEAR ESTREES

After Intense Artillery Preparation They Got a Footing in Trenches South of Somme, Lost Aug. 21—They Also Violently Bombarded North of the River.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The German troops attacking the French lines south of Estrees on the Somme front, gained a footing at some points in the trenches captured by the French August 21, the war office announced to-day.

ITALIANS WIN STRONG POSITION

Are Thrusting at Austrian Lines in Alpine Region and Have Been Victorious in Dolomites and Travenanzes

Rome, via London, Aug. 23.—The Italians are making a strong and successful thrust at the Austrian lines in the Alpine region on the extreme northern front, according to to-day's war office announcement.

RUSSIAN FLEET AIDS IN TURK LOSS

Offensive Undertaken Along the Armenian Coast on the Black Sea Has Been Stopped, According to Petrograd Report.

Petrograd, via London, Aug. 23.—The offensive undertaken by the Turks along the Armenian Black sea coast has been stopped and the Turkish forces driven back with the aid of the Russian fleet, the war office announces to-day.

BRITISH HOLD FAST TO THEIR NEW GAINS

Germans Delivered Two Heavy Assaults on Newly Won Positions South of Thiepval and Gained a Footing But Were Driven Out Again.

London, Aug. 23.—Two heavy assaults on the positions newly won by the British south of Thiepval on the Somme front were made last night by the Germans. They gained a footing in the British trenches but were driven out again, the war office announces.

The story of the British capture was told in last night's official statement as follows: "Between Martinpuich and Bzenzin we gained a further 100 yards of enemy trenches. South of Guillemont we carried out a successful enterprise in the enemy's lines and captured one of his machine guns. Hostile artillery was quieter to-day along our front."

ALLIES CAPTURED SERIES OF HEIGHTS IN THE BALKANS

But They Admit That Bulgarians Have Thrust Back Both Wings—The Fighting Is Being Conducted Furiously.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The allied forces have captured a series of heights west of the Vardar river on the Saloniki front, according to the official report issued by the war office last night. On both wings advance detachments have fallen back before the counter-offensive of the Bulgarians. The text of the statement follows: "The battle continued on Aug. 21 on the whole front of the allied armies on the Saloniki line. In the center the British-French forces have violently bombarded Bulgarian positions on both sides of Lake Doiran, while our infantry established itself on the southern spurs of the Beles mountains."

"West of the Vardar our troops have occupied a line of heights near Ljumica and have maintained their positions at all points in spite of violent counter-attacks by the enemy. "The Serbian army has continued its progress in the mountainous zone between the Cerna and Moglenica rivers. On the two wings the enemy at the cost of very heavy losses has succeeded in pushing back our advance detachments. On one end of the line, the covering detachment which attacked on Aug. 20 west of Serev, Bulgarian forces more than a division in strength in order to delay their march, has fallen back on the Struma. All the passages of the river are solidly held by the allies. On the extreme left wing, the Serbian army, after a very hot battle lasting two days, which was undertaken to retard the advance of the right wing of the Bulgarians, has retaken its principal defensive position in the neighborhood of Lake Ostrovo."

GERMAN OFFENSIVE FAILED TO GAIN ON EAST FRONT

Petrograd Reports that Germans Failed in Their Attempt South of Brody Where Russians Were Advancing on Brody.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—The Germans resumed the offensive yesterday south of Brody where the Russians were attempting to approach Lemberg from the north-west. The war office statement to-day says the Germans were repulsed. The Russians have captured two heights on the Hungarian frontier.

SEC. LANE AT HEAD OF COMMISSION TO TRY TO SETTLE MEXICAN DIFFICULTIES

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Secretary Lansing announced last night that the American members of the joint commission to undertake settlement of differences between the United States and Mexico, would be Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, Judge George Gray of Washington, Del., and Dr. John R. Mott of New York City.

All of the commissioners have accepted their appointments, the Mexican members were named some time ago and arrangements for their meeting will be made immediately by Secretary Lansing and Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador-designate. Virtually, the only question to be decided is where the session shall be held. The Mexicans are understood to prefer some resort on the New Jersey coast.

Secretary Lane, who will head the American group, was the first member selected. Associate Judge Brandeis, but after a conference with Chief Justice White he decided his duties would not permit him to serve.

ATTACKED LIKE A DOG. Began to Chew His Victim About the Neck.

Hubbardton, Aug. 23.—Clifford Archambault of this town, took several bites out of the neck of Russell Brusco, also of Hubbardton, and otherwise misused his victim, and as a result is held for county court on a charge of mayhem. Archambault was arraigned yesterday before Municipal Court Judge L. E. Pratt of Fair Haven and pleaded not guilty. State's Attorney C. V. Poulin of Rutland introduced sufficient evidence to warrant holding the man for county court and bail was fixed at \$1,000 which was not furnished.

Archambault arrived in town Monday evening from Rutland, having come by way of Lake Bomoseen and the stage. When he mounted the steps of H. M. Redfield's store it was evident that he was considerably under the influence of liquor. Producing a bottle from his pocket Archambault asked Brusco to drink with him. Brusco declined and when Archambault insisted he told the latter to go away as he did not want any trouble with him. This angered the drunken man who struck his victim two or three blows and then fastened his teeth in Brusco's neck, munching away for some time before a bystander, using the tactics employed to separate fighting bull dogs, got a strangle hold on Archambault's neck.

Archambault was arrested by Constable Root on a warrant issued by State's Attorney Poulin.

SHOT IN SHOULDER. Barton Young Man Evidently Intended Suicide.

Barton, Aug. 23.—Walter Simpson, a young farmer of 18 years, living on the Duck pond road, shot himself at about 9 o'clock last night in the road in front of his home. It is believed he intended committing suicide. The bullet which was fired from a .38 calibre revolver, went high and lodged in Simpson's shoulder. Dr. F. B. Hastings was called and hurried Simpson to a hospital at St. Johnsbury on the midnight train. No cause for the young man's act could be ascertained.

Two children heard the shot and ran out into the road where they found Simpson, almost in front of his home, with a revolver nearby.

LEASED LINES OPPOSE PLAN

For Reorganization of Boston & Maine R. R. After Receivership Petition

\$13,500,000 IN NOTES DUE AUGUST 31

Directors Voted That Further Extension of Notes Is Inexpedient

Boston, Aug. 23.—Pending conference among the numerous interests affected, no immediate action is expected to-day in consequence of the petition for a receiver for the Boston & Maine railroad, which was filed in federal court yesterday. It was pointed out that if some form of reorganization can be agreed upon before August 31, when \$13,500,000 in notes come due, it is possible that the directors will reconsider yesterday's decision that the further renewal of the notes is inexpedient.

That there is no hope that a plan which would meet the wishes of all the leased lines could be evolved, is expressed on all sides, however. The next formal step will be the filing of the road's answer to the receivership's petition which was made by the International Rubber company of New Jersey.

The papers in the case, made a matter of record to-day, showed that a receiver was asked on the ground that the company's credit was so poor it cannot issue bonds at a reasonable price and is unable to raise money on short term notes to meet outstanding obligations, which include over \$13,000,000 Boston & Maine notes and \$2,300,000 Vermont Valley railroad notes which are endorsed by the Boston & Maine, falling due August 31.

Most of these obligations had been extended from time to time while awaiting the outcome of plans for reorganization. After a long meeting, the directors decided they had "reached the end of their rope" in the words of one of their number, and issued the following statement through President J. F. Hustis: "In the opinion of the directors of the Boston & Maine railroad it is inexpedient to attempt a further renewal of the notes falling due August 31. A creditors' petition for a receiver has been filed in the United States district court, and in due time the Boston & Maine will file its answer thereto."

The leased lines, notably the Concord and Montreal and the Connecticut River roads have been strongly opposed to a plan for reorganization to which most of the other elements in the Boston & Maine system had assented. This plan would have made the system a single corporate entity, wiping out existing rental charges some of which are claimed to be excessive. Under a receivership, such leases may be broken by order of the court.

The Boston & Maine railroad and its 26 leased or controlled subsidiaries operated 2,300 miles of road, and 4,300 miles of track in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and Canada.

MEN GET UNEASY OVER THE DELAY

Strong Minority at Their Meeting To-day Tried to Demand Immediate Acceptance of President's Plan by Railroad Heads.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—The railroad employes committee showed such marked signs of unrest to-day at the delay in the negotiations between President Wilson and the railroad executives that the leaders of the men openly expressed fears of their inability to hold them much longer.

An employes' meeting this morning was thrown into an uproar by a speech of members representing a strong minority which demanded immediate action unless the roads accepted the president's plan, but the leaders succeeded in adjourning the meeting before any vote could be taken. They said afterward that they believed the majority is willing to give the president a little more time. Some of the men urged that most of them go home, leaving the brotherhood heads with authority to call a strike if the railroads do not accept the president's plan.

CHILD HAD BIG FALL. But Got Only a Lump on the Head Although Striking in Gutter.

When the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Cesario Macari tumbled out of a second story window of the B. Tomasi block on North Main street yesterday afternoon and sustained no more serious injuries than a bump on the head in falling on a cement gutter walk, folks living near at hand said that the child must have had a golden spoon in his mouth. Others thought he had a rabbit's foot tucked away somewhere in his mother's huckaback. But Dr. John H. Woodruff, who was hurriedly summoned to the Macari apartment, found no traces of the spoon and was inclined to accept the theory of the rabbit's foot, inasmuch as the child, on account of the intense heat, was rather scantily clad.

Internal injuries of any sort were likewise missing and a lusty howl from the boy precluded the notion of death that the neighbors entertained. Just how the little fellow happened to fall is not quite clear, but he made known his plight soon after landing on the cement. Dr. Woodruff applied some balmy stuff on the bumped pate of the boy and gave it as his opinion that the worst was passed. The baby is under twenty months of age.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bildeau and son, Joseph, returned to their home in Chazy, N. Y., to-day, after visiting friends on Brooklyn street for two weeks.

LARGER APPEALS WERE DISMISSED

Most Important Was That of the Harrison Granite Co.—Burnham Meadow Tool Sharpening Machine Co. Also Lost.

What will probably transpire to have been the last board of civil authority meeting in 1916 for the consideration of tax appeals was held in the court room at city hall last evening. Several appellants appeared in person and others gave evidence of their dissatisfaction by proxy. The largest appeal and the most vigorous protest was registered by W. A. Murray for the Harrison Granite Co., who lost his case when the question came to a vote. Judge H. W. Scott presided at the third and last meeting of the board and 10 other members were present. Some of the gab bacilli that has raged in the council chamber seemed to have infected the board and what with the introduction of much extraneous matter the night was well spent before adjournment came.

For the Harrison company, Mr. Murray represented that the concern's stoneshed and personal property near Center street had been unfairly appraised by the assessors. Assessor Martin Riley had something to say in the absence of his colleagues, O. J. L. Matthews and A. M. Rossi, who made the assessments, and just before adjournment it was decided to dismiss the appeal. The company's inventory, with figures entered by the assessors, was introduced as evidence by the appellant, who claimed that his concern had been taxed \$2,850 in excess of a just appraisal. He declined to take oath that the statements made by the assessors were untrue and stated that he did not take advantage of the opportunity to inspect the inventory as prepared by the assessors and filed in the city clerk's office.

Appellant was questioned at length by Justice of the Peace D. J. Sullivan and others. Comparison of the Harrison company's inventory with other stoneshed inventories made some of the members feel that their manufacturers had been fortunate in their appraisals, but the motion to dismiss the Murray appeal was not opposed.

For the Burnham Meadow Tool Sharpening Machine company James Greason protested against an inventory of \$1,500. Comparison with similar levies made and the case dismissed. Albert Tongue's appeal on a property and poll tax of \$7.20 was dismissed and John Downs, who appeared to protest the payment of a \$1.20 tax of a cow, decided to meet the assessment rather than make his mother pay. G. A. Pasquet insisted that an assessment of \$5.20 for his Summer street property was too much, but the appeal was dismissed. Three young soldiers, Alfred G. Edwards, Charles Knutson and John McDonald, at present with the 1st Vermont regiment on the Mexican border, had their poll taxes abated in accordance with the action which carried at the previous meeting. Acting on the request of William Diack for an extension of time in which to pay his property tax, the appellant's circumstances were considered and it was voted to have the collector carry his cost bill to the city council if the tax is collected any time within six months.

Poll taxes were abated for purposes set forth as follows: Said Corey, minor; Alton Taylor, ill health; James Gasko, resident of Barre town; Elmer Farham, ill health; James Good, deceased; George Elias, Giovanni Comelli, Bert Dico, Guido Rossi, Ubaldo Soldi, Albert Corey, Manuel Hurbosa, Vincenzo Ossola, duplicates; W. J. Macnel, William A. Morrison, deceased; Thomas R. Holder, deceased; John Robertson, duplicate; William R. O'Brien, deceased; Alfredo Resabella, not a resident April 1. The case of James Anderson, who asked for a poll tax rebate on the ground that he pays taxes in Virginia, was dismissed.

For nearly half a century he had been a Mason, having joined the Moses Webster lodge in Vinal Haven the year of his marriage, 1869. He also belonged to the Hiawatha lodge of Old Fellows in Barre and the Barre lodge, New England Order of Protection, as well as the tool sharpeners' union.

The funeral will be held at the residence on the Montpelier road Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. H. Lipsky of the Hedding M. E. church officiating, and interment will be in Hope cemetery. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

BILLS FRAMED FOR PRESENTATION IN LEGISLATURE

Speaker Weeks Arrived in Montpelier Last Night and Chairmen of Various Committees Are Also on the Ground.

John E. Weeks of Middlebury, speaker of the House of Representatives, arrived in Montpelier last evening, being the first legislative official to be on hand for the special session which convenes at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Speaker Weeks was joined to-day by Senator H. C. Cady of Northfield, chairman of the finance and military committees of the Senate; Col. H. S. Foster, chairman of the House military committee; Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea, chairman of the House ways and means committee, and Redfield Proctor of Proctor, chairman of the House appropriations committee. Gov. C. W. Gates will be in conference during the day with those above mentioned and plans will be made so that the legislators may be busy from the time the roll is called.

The members of both houses and the employes, doorkeepers, sweepers, pages, etc., are expected to start arriving in the city early this afternoon and probably nearly all will be here to-night. Bills have already been drawn up and it will be decided to-day whether or not they will be introduced in the lower or upper branch of the assembly.

PHYSICIAN KILLED HIMSELF. Dr. Stacy W. Boyle of Middlebury Suicide at Colon, Panama.

Middlebury, Aug. 23.—News was received yesterday that Dr. Stacy W. Boyle had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head a few hours after his arrival Monday at Colon, Panama, on his way from New York to Peru for the Cerro de Pasco Mining company.

Dr. Boyle was only 29 years of age and was a son of Dr. Charles C. Boyle, a homeopathic physician of 48 East 41st street, New York City. He came to Middlebury last fall to establish a practice.

Dr. Boyle left Middlebury on the night train July 30 and announced to his friends that he intended to go to New York and from there to sail for France to join the medical corps of the French army.

5-STORY HOUSE COLLAPSED

More Than a Dozen Workmen Were Caught by Falling Debris

TWO MEN MISSING, OTHERS ARE DYING

City Building Department Charges That Inferior Cement Was Used

New York, Aug. 23.—Two men are missing, several are dying in hospitals and a dozen others were injured to-day as the result of the collapse of a five-story brick tenement building which was in the course of construction in the Bronx to-day. Between 30 and 40 workmen were in the building and half of them were caught in the debris. Officials of the city building department charged that inferior cement was used in the walls and made a dozen arrests, including a member of the contracting firm in charge of the construction of the building. The police later placed the number of the missing at six. One of the injured died soon after being taken to the hospital and seventeen others have been taken to hospitals, many of whom will die.

TIMOTHY H. MILLS Well Known Man Died After Very Long Illness.

Timothy H. Mills, a native of Maine and in his younger years a sea captain, passed away at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home on the Montpelier road after many years' illness with arthritis, a form of rheumatism. For the past eight years he had been unable to follow his occupation of tool sharpening. He came to Barre a quarter of a century ago, and worked for many years for Jones Bros. Co., until forced by ill health to give up.

He was married on Jan. 1, 1869, to Lydia Hall of Vinal Haven, and she survives him, having been his faithful companion during the years in which he was practically helpless because of his ailment. Two children survive, they being Mrs. L. R. Hutchinson and Charles E. Mills, both of Barre. Another son, A. L. Mills, died in Binghamton, N. Y., two years ago. There are also three grand-children, Geneva Marguerite Mills and Agur Kenward Mills of Binghamton and Paul Damon Mills of Lowell, Mass. Mr. Mills was the last of a family of five children.

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GRANGE AT PICNIC. Five Organizations Met at Caledonia Park for Outing.

Fair skies and a not unkindly sun attended the first annual joint picnic of five of the Washington county granges at Caledonia park Tuesday forenoon and afternoon and aided in making the affair a decided success. Grangers to the number of 200 gathered from Montpelier, South Barre, Cobble hill, East Montpelier and Shady Hill in Middlesex, many of them coming by automobile. The public was also invited and turned out in numbers to help the grangers enjoy what promises to be a big annual event in the year to come.

The crowd began to gather early in the morning, many of them having risen with the sun in order to get the chores done and the cows out to pasture so that they could get an early start, and not until thoughts of milking again disturbed them did they begin to depart. A variety of sports and a dance in the pavilion with music furnished by Geddes' orchestra made up the program of events. A basket lunch at noontime and a more or less constant patronage of the soft drink stands alone interrupted the proceedings.

In the afternoon a baseball game that lasted six innings, was warmly contested by the married and single men, the former winning by a score of 10 to 6. After the ball game a series of races were furnished a good share of the amusement. The former was won by Mrs. W. D. Walker and the latter by Miss Ethel Cooley. Mrs. Muzzy won the 50-yard dash for women and Jason Bailey took first place in the same event for men. A race for the girls was won by Miss Lorraine Walker.

A basket lunch was indulged in at noon time, everyone bringing their own choice basketful of good things to eat and before the crowd became scattered a group photograph was taken. The committee in charge of the function consisted of O. L. Cheever of the Capital City grange of Montpelier, Russell Collins of the East Montpelier grange, Mrs. E. A. Witham of the South Barre grange, R. W. Bassett of the Cobble hill grange and Mr. Maxim of the Middlesex grange at Shady Hill.

PROPOSE PAVEMENT ON WASHINGTON ST.

City Council Took Action Last Night Looking to Laying of New Road Between Spaulding and Perry St.—Vote Not Unanimous.

Tangible evidence that the city council intends to lay a permanent street in the city somewhere—some time—was at hand last evening, when the committee on streets introduced a resolution providing for a cement highway on Washington street, between the Spaulding and Perry street intersections. Not all of the councilors are for cement as against paving, but the resolution passed to a second reading, and in the week intervening before the next session, figures as to cost will be obtained and the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. will be asked to do its share in the proposed work.

An hour sufficed for the council to complete its business before the members were shoved into the stalls for a tedious session of the civil authority board, which met in the courtroom at 8 o'clock. The street committee's resolution provides for a cement highway several inches in depth, and proposes to have the abutters and traction people contribute to its cost. On the roll-call Aldermen Reynolds and Shurtliff opposed the passage of the resolution to its second reading, Mayor Gordon and Aldermen Glynn, Healy and Rossi supporting. Mr. Reynolds was opposed to acting on the resolution until the attitude of the street railroad could be learned, and Alderman Shurtliff seemed to be inclined toward granite paving. Both agreed that the money to be appropriated by the city and the state money should be expended on a main thoroughfare. Alderman Bruce said he would like to see something started, whether on Main street or Washington.

Mr. Currier, council supervisor of highways, was there to prod the councilmen a bit on their inactivity. It developed that the sum of \$1,000 was promised by the state for permanent road work and that Barre is the only town or city in the state that has not got busy this season. Mr. Currier thought that it was getting pretty late to begin operations and urged action. He did not think that conditions on Washington St. warrant the use of granite paving, although he believed the state would match money for paving or cement. The cement highway, it was reported, would cost \$140 per yard, as against \$325 for granite paving.

Some very pertinent remarks emanated from the council members on the Willey street intersection on North Main street were passed by Mrs. J. Drummond, who threatened to protest to the state board of health if measures are not taken to abate the sewer nuisance in her neighborhood. She called attention to the inconsistency of permitting a sewer to pollute a district where the taxpayers are inhibited from rearing pigs. There is always a shadow of a protest against the sewer, said, on lower North Main street, but the recent hot weather has aggravated the nuisance, the climax having been reached Saturday and Sunday, when all windows and doors had to be closed. Various plans for extending the sewer outlet were discussed before the complaint was placed in the hands of the committee of the whole.

Street Supt. J. C. Wilson was there with a verbal report on the excavations in front of the Gordon block on North Main street. His report was that Mr. Wilson's report against paying some \$50 for the excavation and subsequent repairs to the sewer. Mr. Wilson made it plain that crooked pipes owned by Mr. Gordon were responsible for the trouble, and said that an erroneous notion of where the responsibility rested might have been gained from the fact that pipe borrowed from the city some time or other had been used in completing connections to the block.

A written report from Overseer W. J. Clapp of the charity department had it that the city is liable for the board and lodging of Joseph Broughton, who was journeyed in the county jail a year ago. The report was accepted, and the bill was ordered paid. Sheriff F. H. Tracy served notice on the council that the city is held to account for the keep of Joseph Mastroianni, now an inmate of the jail, and the notice was referred to the city attorney.

Wiring permits were issued as follows: M. & R. Lighting & Power Co., to install eight meters; Dr. D. C. Jarvis, to install two meters. A complaint made by the inspector alleging that Jones & Nye installed a motor without a permit was referred back to the inspector. Building permits were received by the following applicants: E. G. Howland, sleeping porch; Mrs. William Jack, repairs at 29 Keith avenue; Thomas Carroll, to re-cover roof on North Main street; Johnson & Gustafson, to build garage on Boynton street; Joseph Galt, to erect addition to house at 28 Circle street; Harrison Granite Co., to build a covering near Center street.

On the favorable report of the fire committee, it was voted to install a hydrant on Brook street near the Hope cemetery entrance. Warrants were approved for payment in the following order: Street department payroll, \$531.78, street, sewer, surface sewer, resurfacing, sidewalk and health accounts; water department payroll, \$60.37; fire department payroll, \$30.45; police department payroll, \$109.89; G. A. Bemis, \$14 services as janitor; C. Colombo band, \$100, concerts; Episcopal church \$36.40, H. G. Woodruff \$41.40, tax rebates; W. C. Webster, \$2.42, services as witness, surface sewer account.

FUNERAL OF T. L. EMERSON. Was Held at Daughter's Home in South Barre.

The funeral of Thomas L. Emerson, a long time resident of Barre, whose death occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. D. Bapp in South Barre Saturday evening, was held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. R. G. Lipsky, pastor of the Hedding Methodist church, officiating. The bearers were Norman Emerson and Charles Emerson, sons of the deceased. R. D. Bapp, a son-in-law, and Merton Emerson, a grandson, interment was made in Elmwood cemetery.

John Rogers of Prospect street left this noon for Springfield, where he will be employed as a painter.

SIDE CRUSHED BY GROUT BOX

Michael Coughlin Almost Instantly Killed in a Bar Carriage

HE WAS RUNNING AIR DRILL NEAR TRACK

Impact of Car with Buffer Knocked Box Off—He Leaves 8 Children

Struck in the back by an 800-pound grout box which fell from a grout car at the J. K. Pirie quarry this morning, Michael Coughlin, aged 50, was fatally injured, the chest cavity being broken in and death ensuing five minutes afterwards. The man was running an air drill in the quarry yard and was lending over, intent on his work, apparently not hearing the approach of the car, which was descending the track from the grout heap. His position was near the end of the track and his back was to the car.

When the car reached the end of the track the impact with the buffer struck the grout box to fall off the car and strike Coughlin. The box was empty but even so was very heavy, the man being borne to the ground and pinned there until his fellow workmen rushed to his aid and lifted the weight. It was seen that he was hurt severely and Dr. E. H. Bailey was summoned. Before the physician could arrive, the man had passed away. A casual examination showed that the whole left side had been crushed in, whether from the first blow or from the weight of the falling box could not be ascertained. The remains were taken in M. J. Whitcomb's ambulance to East Barre and later were brought to Perry & Noonan's in this city.

Meanwhile a call had been sent to Barre for Fr. P. M. McKenna, the resident pastor at Graniteville, Fr. J. Turcot, being in Winooki; but before the Barre clergyman could get started word was given that the man had passed away. Mr. Coughlin was one of the best known men in the Barre quarry section, having resided there nearly 30 years. He was born in Ireland but came to the United States when a young man. He was married 25 years ago, and he leaves his wife and eight children, as follows: Daniel, Henry, Anna, Mary, Francis, Michael, Edward and Helen. There are also two brothers, Daniel Coughlin, who resides in Montpelier and John Coughlin, who lives in Massachusetts. The deceased was a member of Robert Emmet court, Catholic Order of Foresters. He had worked for J. K. Pirie about six years.

TWO AUTOS DITCHED AFTER COLLISION

Each Driver Was Inclined to Blame the Other for Crowding on the Wide Barre-Montpelier Road—No One Was Injured.

Two small-sized Ford cars of the run-about type failed to negotiate a passing on the wide Barre-Montpelier highway near Dodge's late yesterday afternoon and after they had locked wheels in a close embrace, the car of the American Tobacco Co., driven by L. D. Sullivan, buried its nose in the bank amid a cloud of dust without injury either to Mr. Sullivan or H. P. Oliver, his passenger, while T. M. Gallagher's car from Hardwick, with Roy E. Cheney in the driver's seat, was left a derelict straight across the road. Nor was Mr. Cheney hurt. Then there ensued a long wrangle as to the party responsible for the accident, negotiations being suspended for a time pending the arrival of liability insurance men.

The tobacco company's car was proceeding toward Barre, and, according to an unbiased witness, was making leisurely progress as the Gallagher vehicle bore in view on the straight highway. Cheney avers that he was not going over 18 miles an hour, as he was proceeding from a business visit in Barre to his home station in the granite town of Caledonia county. By general consent, neither car was breaking the speed law; and it then resolved into a question which driver crowded the other. And that caused the argument for the entertainment of a considerable number of motorists who happened along just then. In fact, the highway was blocked so that other vehicles could not pass, the Gallagher car being finally moved back so there was passing room.

The latter vehicle was more damaged than the other, although both were put out of commission for the time being because of bent axles and smashed front wheels. It had the left forward wheel torn completely off the axle with nearly every spoke knocked out, while the axle was bent, the left front fender torn off and the tire on the right wheel flattened out. The end of the axle cut a mark in the roadway as the vehicle swung around with driver Cheney. He was not unscathed.

The tobacco company's conveyance with a large box attached to the rear was left in front of the wreck, where it was flattened, while the axle was also slightly sprung. It was left as it rested, with the forward end against the bank, where it had been swung around by the force of the collision. Both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Oliver had managed to stay in the seat and were not injured. Later on both vehicles were towed to the place where they doctor disabled Ford cars.

The Misses Myrtle and Florence Distin of Hartford, Conn., passed through this city this noon to Brookfield, where they will visit at the home of their sister, Mrs. Allard Stoddard, for a few weeks.

Mrs. A. G. Bagley and daughter, Mrs. Leon Wells, returned to their homes in Littleton, N. H., to-day, after visiting friends and relatives in East Barre and Graniteville for two weeks.