

FEDERAL MONOPOLY, REFRIGERATOR CARS DECLARED NECESSARY

Federal Trade Commission Recommends Also That Operation of Cars Used for Transportation of Meat Animals Be Made a Monopoly to Control the Packers

BIG PACKERS OWN 90 PER CENT. OF CARS

The Commission Proposes That After the United States Government Acquires the Property It Should Issue Licenses to the Railroads to Own and Operate the Cars.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Declaring that the step is necessary to control the business of the five largest packing companies, the federal trade commission in a special report to President Wilson recommends that operation of refrigerator cars and of cars used for transportation of meat animals be declared a government monopoly.

It recommends further that the property concerned, including icing stations and other facilities as well as the cars, be acquired by the government, and railroads thereafter be licensed to own and operate them.

The present country wide system of distribution by the five big packers has grown up from their control of refrigerator car lines in conjunction with various pools," the report says. "In turn the volume of traffic of the five packers has enabled them to secure from the railroads advantages over competing ship-

pers. "The small independent packer's cars are misused and diverted, frequently being out of his service for extended periods in several instances as long as six months."

The commission's investigation of the private car ownership has developed the fact that while packers claim losses, the report says, "a proper revision of their car accounts" shows the car operation has netted some profit. This amounted to 6.8 per cent in 1912, 3.4 per cent in 1914, and 4.3 per cent in 1917.

"It is important that all shippers should have equal and adequate service," the report added. "The recommendations are made to correct present inequalities of service and rates as well as to prevent the dangers of monopolistic advantages."

Thomas E. Wilson, president of Wilson & Co., and chairman of the Institute of American Meat Packers, in a statement here to-day, said after an investigation the trade commission presented a report detrimentally opposed to that handed down by the interstate commerce commission. After a six-year study of the question the interstate commerce commission said: "An important part of the interstate commerce of the country is transported in privately owned cars."

"There are admittedly too few refrigerator cars. Spread the few refrigerator-owned cars among shippers over the entire country and mileage will be reduced with a consequent increase in the cost of meat foods or a necessary reduction in livestock prices. It would seem that if a real solution is sought it might be found by some agency building enough additional cars to meet the demand."

COLD STORAGE TURKEY BLAMED FOR DEATHS

Col. Charles C. Weybrecht, Mrs. Helen S. Gahrns and a Negro Waiter Dead, and Seven Others Sick at Alliance, Ohio.

Alliance, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Colonel Charles C. Weybrecht, who returned three weeks ago from France, where he commanded the 146th infantry, died here to-day as a result, physicians believe, of eating cold storage turkey at a dinner last Saturday night at the Lakeside Country club, Canton.

Colonel Weybrecht served two terms as adjutant-general of Ohio. He was 50 years old.

Mrs. Helen S. Gahrns and a negro waiter also are dead, while seven other persons, including the chef, are in a serious condition.

ADMIT FALL OF ODESSA. Chief Russian Port on Black Sea in the Hands of Allies Now.

London, Aug. 26.—Occupation of Odessa, chief of Russian port on the Black sea, by allied forces is admitted in a bolshevik government wireless message from Moscow received here to-day. The occupation was effected, the dispatch stated, after 30 vessels had bombarded the city for two days.

On the Russian northwestern front, according to the soviet statement, the bolshevik troops are advancing in the region of Pskov, having already progressed to within 3 1/2 miles of that city.

AWAIT MEN'S RESPONSE TO TRUCE PROPOSAL IN WAGE DEMANDS

President Wilson's Proposal of Increase of Four Cents an Hour Is Now Before the Railroad Shoppers for Consideration.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—President Wilson having laid down in his decision yesterday on the demand of the railroad shoppers for increased wages the policy that settlement of such demands must await restoration of normal economic conditions, interest centered to-day on what response the men would make to the president's appeal that they co-operate in maintaining a "truce" in all wage matters. The first indication of what course the men would pursue was expected to-day in an announcement from their representatives here, who continued in conference on the question with Acting President Jewell of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor.

Announcing that the men would be granted an increase of four cents an hour, President Wilson said in an accompanying statement that the demand for an increase of 17 cents an hour from the present basic pay of 68 cents, or 25 per cent, would necessitate higher freight rates, which would add to the already high cost of living and thus defeat the government's effort to solve the most important question before the country to-day, a return to normal price levels.

"We are face to face with a situation," said the president, "which is more likely to affect the happiness and prosperity and even the life of our people than the war itself."

The policy of deferring settlement of increased wage demands pronounced by the president affects not only the railroad shoppers but also the hundreds of thousands of other railroad employees who have wage demands pending before the director-general or who are about to present them.

"It goes without saying," the president's statement said, "that if our efforts to bring the cost of living down should fail, it will be of course necessary to accept the higher costs as a permanent basis of adjustment, and railway wages should be adjusted along with the rest."

Recommendations to the president from Director-General Hines as to the amount of increase to be given, made public with the president's statement, showed that pay increases already received by thousands of shipmen from July 1, 1915, to Aug. 1, 1919, were in excess of the increase in the cost of living during that period.

HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT. Of Differences on New York, Westchester and Boston Railway.

New York, Aug. 26.—After an all-night conference with officer of the New York, Westchester and Boston railway and representatives of its striking motor-vehicle men, the settlement was expected to-day by Alfred M. Barrett, deputy public service commissioner, who has attempted mediation. The strikers have agreed to accept a nine-hour day, Mr. Barrett said, although they insist upon a wage increase.

"It is now up to the company," Mr. Barrett asserted.

The strikers are members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and declare that unless a settlement is reached they will be supported by all the engineers on the New Haven system, of which the Westchester line is a subsidiary.

GOVERNMENT STORES TO BE ESTABLISHED

To Sell Surplus Stock of the War Department—May Continue Indefinitely as a Part of the Attack on High Cost of Living.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Retail stores for the sale of household commodities included in the surplus stocks of the war department will be established Sept. 25, it was announced to-day. The stores will be located in depot centers and other large cities, and they will accept and fill mail orders.

Continued purchase by the department of certain necessities so that these stores may be continued indefinitely as a part of the government campaign against the high cost of living is understood to be under consideration.

NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES. Are Sought by Serbia, Says the New Premier.

Belgrade, Monday, Aug. 25.—Announcing the government's policies to-day, Ljoubia Davidovitch, the new premier, said "Serbia in the impending reorganization of the Balkans would not seek special privileges, but would base her claims upon the principles of international justice."

"Serbia, nevertheless, must demand to the utmost her just demands, wherever they are threatened," he said. "When peace is concluded, Serbia should pursue a policy of reciprocal confidence with her neighbors and cultivate intimate friendships. Czechoslovakia and Poland seek good relations with us, as do Greece and Rumania."

Detailing a wide domestic program, he announced that a national defense force will be created.

WOULD KEEP U.S. OUT AS ARBITER

In Determining Change in European Boundaries Caused By War

SENATE COMMITTEE VOTED AMENDMENTS

Vote Was 9 to 7 and Was Along Strictly Party Lines

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Under a blanket amendment to the peace treaty, agreed to to-day by the Senate foreign relations committee, American representation would be eliminated from the various international commissions which are to supervise European reconstruction with the exception of the reparations commission and such others as are to be appointed by the league of nations.

The change would affect about a score of commissions and would change the language of the treaty in more than fifty places.

FRENCH PARLIAMENT TAKING UP TREATY

Premier Clemenceau to Present the Document for Ratification—Objections to Some of the Clauses Have Been Made.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The French parliament to-day begins the final stages of its consideration of the peace treaty with Germany. Committees of both the Chamber and the Senate have been examining for some time the various clauses of the document, and objections to some clauses of the treaty have been voiced in the discussions.

The real work of considering the treaty by the Chamber of Deputies was expected to begin this afternoon, when Premier Clemenceau will attend the session of that body and present the document to it for ratification.

DISCUSSED AUSTRIA'S TREATY. Supreme Council of Peace Conference in Session This Forenoon.

Paris, Aug. 26.—Discussion of the Austrian peace treaty was continued by the supreme council of the peace conference this morning.

There was no session of the council this afternoon as Premier Clemenceau's official duties required his attendance at the Chamber of Deputies' meeting.

MANY AIRMEN WERE READY. For the Flight from Mineola, N. Y., to Toronto, Ont.

Mineola, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Seventeen additional airplanes, entered in the first international aerial derby for a \$10,000 prize offered by John M. Cowan of New York, and the several American and Canadian crews, were ready to leave Roosevelt field to-day for Toronto. More of the 11 planes which left Toronto yesterday are expected to arrive here. Three machines landed last night.

The 28 military and civilian air machines, which left here yesterday, had not succeeded in reaching Toronto last night. Three machines were seriously damaged in making landings at Albany, and were put out of the race.

Sergeant Combs, Roland Rohlfis and Major R. M. Schroeder, who negotiated the flight from Toronto to Roosevelt field, were preparing early to-day to begin the return flight.

POLICE WERE STONED. After Which They Charged Mob at Bridgeport, Conn., With Night Sticks

Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 26.—An inquiry into the street disturbances of last night in which the police, after responding to a riot call, were stoned, and in their return charged men and women with their night sticks will be conducted by Superintendent of Police John H. Redgate. This is due to the fact that Police Captain John O'Connell charged police Sergeant Herb with failure to obey orders. Captain O'Connell is reported to have said to Sergeant Herb after the disturbance was over: "I told you they would not hold a meeting except over my carcass and you (Herb) let them do it." Superintendent Redgate said to-day that probably Herb would be summoned to appear before the commissioner to explain his actions.

RUSSIAN MONEY INVOLVED. In Efforts to Stir Up Race Antagonism in the United States.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Russian soviet interests apparently are supplying funds for a propaganda to stir up race antagonism in the United States, according to information now in the hands of the department of justice.

Facts thus far developed lead officials to believe that I. W. W. and soviet influence were at the bottom of the recent race riots in Washington and Chicago.

"FIGHT TO FINISH." Declared by Worcester, Mass., Gas Light Company.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 26.—For the second time since June 12, the employees of the Worcester Gas Light company went on strike to-day to enforce demands that the company accept a working agreement submitted by their union. President Willard B. Osborne of the company said this strike will be fought to a finish.

DENIES COMBINATION TO FIX COAL PRICES

Vice-President Morrow of National Coal Association Testifies Before the Senate Coal Investigation Committee.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Denying that a combination among bituminous coal operators to fix prices exists, J. D. A. Morrow, vice-president of the National Coal association, told a Senate coal investigating committee to-day that such a combination would be impossible if attempted. Prices at the mines, he said, have declined under the competition prevailing, and are lower than they were a year ago.

"Charges that the National Coal association is a combination to maintain prices are without foundation in fact," he declared.

"The cost of producing bituminous coal is higher now than it was a year ago," he said, "due to the fact that the mines then were operating six days a week and in many cases now are operating only four days per week, and in some cases only three days a week. The overhead expense of maintaining mines goes on, just the same, whether coal is produced or not. When these increased costs are considered in connection with the general decrease in price, it is clear that profits of bituminous coal operators are materially less than a year ago."

POLICEMAN KILLED, 1 MAN WAS FATALLY WOUNDED, 2 SERIOUSLY

Saloon Brawl in Chicago Was Caused by Argument Over Activity of Government Officials in War-Time Prohibition Enforcement.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—A policeman was killed, one man was fatally wounded and two seriously injured in a revolver fight in a saloon late last night, which began in an argument over activity of government officials against alleged violators of the war-time prohibition law.

SLOW SEARCH FOR ROBBERS. Who Got \$103,500 at South Station in Boston.

Boston, Aug. 26.—Cracksmen stole \$100,000 in Liberty bonds and \$3,500 cash from a vault in the office of the paymaster of the Boston & Albany railroad at the South station, it was discovered yesterday. Police authorities and railroad officials said they had no clue to the burglars.

The break occurred sometime between Saturday afternoon and the reopening of the vaults yesterday morning. The cracksmen are believed to have had a key to the office. Their entry to the vaults was not a difficult one. Of the two iron doors to the outer vault, one was left open and the key to the second was in the lock. Entrance to the inner vault was gained by tunneling through brick and mortar, exposing one of the two small safes. The combination dial of this safe was knocked out and, probably by wires and bars, the burglars forced it open and found the bonds and money inside. They left no fingerprints apparently having used gloves.

The bonds, which were owned by employees of the company, who were paying for them by instalments, had been placed in the vault only on Friday. This and other facts not disclosed were said to indicate to the police that the work was done by someone conversant with the affairs of the office.

"The number of the bonds were sent broadcast late yesterday at the same time that the search was begun for suspects."

"FLU" NOT EXPECTED. Cincinnati Health Officer Differs with New York Health Commission.

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 26.—Recurrence of influenza in epidemic form this fall is unlikely, said Health Officer William H. Peters of Cincinnati yesterday, taking issue with Dr. Royal S. Copeland, New York health commissioner.

"The state and nation has been pretty well immunized by the disease last fall and winter," said Dr. Peters. "Epidemics of such character, as a rule, do not strike twice in the same place."

TRY BOSTON POLICE FOR JOINING UNION

Police Commissioner Curtis Is Sole Judge of the Case—Volunteer Police Force Being Mustered in Boston.

Boston, Aug. 26.—Trial of the principal officers and two other members of the new policeman's union on charges of violating department rules by joining a labor union was begun to-day, with Police Commissioner Edwin U. Curtis sitting as sole judge. The commissioner displaced the usual trial board of three police captains at the request of counsel for the union. He thus will be called upon to pass on the validity of a rule which he laid down, that the patrolmen, as public officials rather than employees, have no right to affiliate with outside organizations.

Charges have been preferred against 19 members of the force; eight of these, headed by Patrolman John P. McCinnis, president of the union, were assigned for trial to-day. The policemen and the commissioner each were represented by counsel.

Efforts to recruit a volunteer police force to be available for emergency service continued to-day. Ten volunteers were accepted yesterday.

ROME-NAPLES AIR SERVICE. Has Been Inaugurated for Carrying Passengers.

Rome, Aug. 26 (Havas).—Announcement is made here of the inauguration of passenger airplane service between this city and Naples.

MIDSUMMER SNOW STORM IN HORNELL, N. Y.

Hornell, N. Y., Aug. 26.—A mid-summer snow storm of five minutes' duration was the unique spectacle witnessed here to-day. The sun shone brightly during the flurry. It is the earliest snowfall ever recorded in this section.

MURDER THEORY WILL NOT DOWN

Autopsy To Be Held on the Body of Aged Burlington Man

POLICE SUPPORTING SUICIDE THEORY

The 22-Calibre Revolver Found Near Body Has Not Been Traced

Burlington, Aug. 26.—The state authorities, convinced that the shooting of William C. Stacy, the aged artist, needs further investigation, will immediately take steps to see that an autopsy is performed. The matter was not reported to the state authorities in time for State's Attorney Allen Martin to take any action before leaving the city this morning, but Sheriff J. H. Allen, stating that he was awaiting the return of the state's attorney, said there was no question but that an autopsy would be ordered as soon as he arrived. The police have taken no steps to clear up the mystery in the case.

In supporting the theory of suicide the police claim that the aged man went down into the dining room with the intention of committing suicide. That he in some manner had the pistol in the house without the knowledge of the other members of the family and sitting down on the floor with his cane beneath him shot himself in the head twice and also below the heart. According to their deductions the silverware on the table, the open window and other peculiar features of the case were "planted" by the artist before firing the fatal shots with the purpose of throwing suspicion on some outsider.

No effort has been made to trace the revolver with which the shooting was done.

CANADIAN ACE ARRIVES. Barker Completes Flight from Toronto to Mineola.

Mineola, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Colonel William C. Barker, the Canadian ace, arrived here from Albany at 9:20 o'clock this morning, completing the first half of the international air race from Toronto to New York and return. His machine, a captured German Fokker model, carried a bag of Canadian mail, which was immediately transferred to another airplane waiting on the field and rushed off to Washington.

Five airplanes, which were unable to start from the local field yesterday for various reasons, got away just before Colonel Barker arrived. The first aviator to leave was Lieutenant Philip Melville, piloting a Caproni plane, who took off at 8:50 o'clock. He was followed at short intervals by Lieutenant Roulet, Lieutenant F. Housinger, Captain C. H. Reynolds and Lieutenant Ross Kirkpatrick, all piloting de Havilland four machines.

SO. BURLINGTON BOY WAS BURNED TO DEATH

Little Walter Leclair, Aged Four, Was Playing With Matches in Barn and Was Trapped by Flames.

Burlington, Aug. 26.—Playing with matches resulted in the death of Walter Leclair, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Leclair of South Burlington, about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The little boy was playing with matches in his father's property after having been caught by the flames inside the structure, with all exits blocked. The lad's body was burned beyond recognition and when recovered by firemen from Burlington was a pitiful sight, only the torso remaining.

RIBS BROKEN BY BULL. Chauncey Poor of Berlin Was Attacked While in Pasture.

The condition of Chauncey Poor of Berlin, who is injured Saturday by a bull about a year old, is now favorable to-day with excellent chances of recovery. Mr. Poor had been in the pasture working some last week and on Saturday went there again to cut down some apple trees. The bull had been about him while he was working and had given no indication of anger. While Mr. Poor was carrying away some brush the bull came towards him, hitting him in the breast and knocking him down. Then it rolled him on the ground. Mr. Poor was unable to get to his feet before the bull would return to him. He was bruised about the face and back and at least three ribs were broken. Finally Mr. Poor was able to get his finger in the bull's nose and hold him for a short time, after which the bull left him. Mr. Poor will be in bed for some days.

TWO CASES FILED. For Trial in Washington County Court Recently.

Two more cases are filed in Washington county court. They are E. R. Davis vs. F. W. Braley, general assumpsit, and James P. Folsom vs. E. H. Tracy. The latter case is simply to recover some property upon which an execution occurred, and in which the latter, as an officer, took the property on two judgments found against R. J. Fitzgerald of Montpelier. Mr. Folsom claimed the property and brought a replevin action to recover.

SOUTH ROYALTON CORPORATION. J. O. Belknap Sons, Inc., Has \$10,000 Capital Stock.

The J. O. Belknap Sons, Inc., of Royalton has filed articles of association in the office of secretary of state for the purpose of conducting a store in the Mary Belknap block in South Royalton. The capital stock is \$10,000, and the papers are signed by W. A. Belknap, Percy S. and Mary E. Belknap and Charles E. Black of South Royalton.

A SOUND INVESTMENT. NOT JUST SENTIMENTAL

People of Barre and Vicinity Are Asked to Subscribe for Stock Because of the Benefit to Themselves—Take Your Peerless Mills Stock Before Wednesday Night.

To-morrow night will register the fact of whether the citizens of Barre are behind the Board of Trade in their efforts to secure the location of the Peerless Knitting Mills Co. plant in Barre; whether they are behind a proposition which will add very materially to the city's progress and stability.

That, in a few words, is the whole story of the campaign.

The people of Barre and surrounding towns are not asked to put their money into a venture, or some industry to build from the ground up, or some experiment, for the sake of possible help to the city; they are asked to invest in a proposition which after due investigation and weeks of diligent effort on behalf of competent public-spirited citizens, and according to the testimony of the best financial institutions in New England and men who have known the management for many years, appears to have all of the requisites of a sound financial enterprise.

If there is one man in this city who can come forward with a good sound opinion in either or criticism of this proposition, either from a community or an investment standpoint, that cannot be answered to the satisfaction of any reasonable person, he is hereby challenged to come forward at once.

There have been many statements made in regard to this matter so that people might be fully informed, and the Board of Trade have the documents to back up every one of them.

Probably this stock has more investment merit than half of the securities which the uninformed or misinformed investor in Barre puts his money into, and a greater chance of enhancement in value.

This stock is not being sold on sentiment, dear as that is to us; you cannot pay dividends on sentiment. The men who have had charge of investigating this matter realized full well that we could not afford to back a proposition which could not be recommended on its financial merits, and it is consequently believed that this is an opportunity for the equal of which has never before been offered here and seldom comes to any community in Vermont.

What shall the verdict be? Shall we have this industry here and make a start toward diversification which may mean the coming of other industries, or shall we lay down, ignore every sound opportunity for community development and let our Board of Trade lapse into a disjointed, disorganized body of do-nothings?

Who is the Board of Trade? What are its aims? What does it exist for? Who are the community? What do we exist for? Do you want to live in a town where the Board of Trade is a mere debating society, or do you want it to be a coherent, intelligent, driving force for community welfare?

Your answer to these questions will be determined in a large measure by your attitude in this present vital matter.

However, if you are not satisfied with the financial standing of this company, its history and its management, do not put one red cent into it; the Board of Trade does not want you to. What it does want you to do is simply this: if there is anything in connection with this firm or its prospects that does not strike you favorably, come out and say so, and if we cannot satisfy you, you need not put in one cent. All that the Board of Trade wants is that every man be fair and maintain a positive attitude one way or the other. Negative, ungrounded criticism is destructive always; it is not constructive.

If for one reason or another, any citizen of Barre has any little petty prejudice, it is not time to show them on a proposition which is so vital to the town. We should all take a stand and be fair to each other and fair to our city.

What will you do? We must close this matter up one way or the other by to-morrow night. Are you a full-fledged Barreite or are you a hyphenate?

Do not wait for the solicitors, they are working hard and have a lot of ground to cover. Help them out by sending your subscriptions in to W. A. Drew, secretary, Howland block, city. If you haven't a blank, take a slip of paper. Anything to signify your intention.

FUNERAL OF E. G. ROBERTSON. Was Held Monday Afternoon, Body Being Brought from Massachusetts.

The funeral of Edward George Robertson was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the E. W. Hooker company chapel, with Rev. B. G. Lipsky officiating. The bearers were as follows: Robert Mackie, George Mackay, William Johnston, William Stuart, George Carle and A. E. Bruce. Among the people from out of town to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. William Leonard of Providence, R. I., Mrs. George Robertson of Quincy, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Vincent of East Montpelier. Burial was in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

Edward George Robertson passed away on August 22 at the tuberculosis hospital in Mattapan, Mass. He had been in several sanatoriums without benefit, having first stayed in Colorado Springs, Col., after having served in the New York National Guard on the Mexican border. On his return East he sought treatment in several institutions. He had been ill for a period of two years.

He was born in Barre Feb. 21, 1892, and was well known in this city. He was the son of the late George E. Robertson, and his mother survives him, together with one sister, Mrs. C. L. Jerome of Providence, R. I., and a foster sister, Mrs. William Leonard, also of Providence.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL BIDS

Are to Be Submitted to Washington County Trustees on or Before Sept. 10

THREE-STORY BUILDING ON BECKLEY HILL

Several Scores of Patients Are to Be Accommodated

Plans for the proposed Washington county tuberculosis hospital have been completed and are being sent to contractors for bids, which are to be submitted not later than 3:30 p. m. Sept. 10, to F. G. Howland, chairman of the trustees, at the Barre Savings Bank and Trust Co., Barre.

The plans have been prepared by PEMBER & CAMPBELL, 24 James street, Albany, N. Y. Architects, who specialize in this class of work. The plans call for a three-story administration and hospital building, being 107 feet and four inches wide, with a depth of 55 feet, and a depth of 52 feet long by 21 feet in depth. The administration building is planned for the care of 100 patients, though the present plan for the wings provides for the care of 82 patients, besides room on the roof where a number of additional patients could be cared for. The plans are of the latest and most approved design for the care of tubercular patients and include all the latest and best in furnishings and equipment.

These plans can be seen by anyone interested at the Barre Savings bank, and any contractor wishing to bid on same can secure plans and specifications on making a deposit of \$25 for their safe return.

The location of the hospital is to be on the Gooley farm on Beckley street, northeast of this city and in Barre town.

PLAN THREE-STORY FACTORY FOR PROPOSED INDUSTRY

Peerless Knitting Mills Co. Would Begin at Once the Erection of Modern, Fire-Proof Structure as Soon as the Desired Amount Was Subscribed.

An enthusiastic meeting of Barre people interested in the Peerless Knitting Mills Co. plant for Barre was held at the rooms of the granite manufacturers last evening, at which the project was considered. It was stated that the desired amount is raised, is to begin at once the erection of a modern, fire-proof manufacturing plant, probably of brick or cement, the building to be three stories high and with basement. The factory will be equipped with the sprinkler system for fire protection; and the nature of the construction, together with installing of the sprinkler system, would have a tendency to keep the insurance charges at a low figure.

The plant would be so constructed that additions could be made from time to time as the business warrants. It would be expected that the force of workers, mostly women and girls, would be increased until as many as 200 were engaged in manufacturing the company's product, men's underwear. Machines of the type displayed in the show window of the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power Co. would be installed, and everything about the factory would be modern and convenient.

The average pay of the women in the Mattapan plant of the company was said to be around \$18 a week, although some of the operators earn as high as \$22 a week. Beginners are started in at \$8 a week and earn more as their skill increases. Many of the workers in the Mattapan plant have been employed by the Peerless company for many years and are highly paid employees. Moreover, the working conditions about the Mattapan plant were reported to be very satisfactory, frequent conferences between the company officials and the employees being held to consider details of conditions.

The company must expand its capacity, because it is not able to keep up with orders, and the officials are anxious to know immediately whether Barre desires to secure the new plant. Barre is thought to offer a good field for a plant of this sort, as the city and surrounding territory could offer a large number of women and girls for employment.

In fact, people in surrounding towns are found to be very enthusiastic over the project, as a large number of inquiries have been received by the Board of Trade and by members of the committee from outside of Barre, and many people from other towns have signified their intention to take blocks of the preferred stock.

Dividends on the investment are promised by the Peerless company as soon as payment of any part of the stock subscription is made, and the certificates would be delivered as soon as the final payment is completed. The early subscriptions would be used to construct the factory in Barre and equip it with modern machinery; and it is said that about \$25,000 would be necessary for that construction. There are no bonds outstanding, and the preferred stock will have the first claim on the assets of the concern.

The meeting closed with everyone determined that the factory be located in Barre.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE ENDED. By Decision of Men at Sydney, N. S., to Re-Man the Ships.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 26.—The seamen's strike ended to-day when a mass meeting of the men decided to re-man the ships after to-morrow morning.