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OFFICIALS ALARMED BY SOFT COAL CRISIS, PLAN DRASTIC STEPS

Declaring That the National Situation Has Reached a Very Serious Stage, They Contemplate a Big Curtailment in Consumption of Coal.

COKE MANUFACTURE WILL BE PROHIBITED

Mining of Coal Was Practically at a Standstill on the 26th Day of the Strike —More Plants in Middle West Were Closed.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—A definite and final statement on behalf of the government in the coal controversy will be made to the operators and miners late to-day by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

Final decision was reached by the cabinet at the meeting to-day, Dr. Garfield and Secretary Wilson said. The fuel administrator called a joint session of the miners for 5 p. m. to receive the decision.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—The national coal commission has reached a crisis, in the view of officials here, and drastic steps to curtail consumption are in contemplation. It was said to-day that among other steps an order prohibiting the manufacture of coke had been prepared.

That there was a difference of opinion among the cabinet members as to what advances coal miners should receive, appeared certain, though none of them was prepared to discuss the matter.

Meanwhile the approach of the Thanksgiving holiday threatened the wage scale negotiations with further delay.

Coal shortage in the middle west continued to increase and there was but little increase in coal production reported.

Chicago, Nov. 26—The national strike of bituminous coal miners entered its 26th day without marked developments regarding the situation at the mines themselves.

The gradually decreasing fuel supply, however, forced the additional closing of plants in the middle west. In some parts of the south the regional coal committees requested all industries which could do so without heavy financial loss to close from this evening until Monday morning.

Production in West Virginia held up to the standard maintained since the strike went into effect, with smaller quantities added from the Wyoming and New Mexican mines. In Texas, a few miners who had returned to work, were out on a second strike to-day.

In the central west the coming of cold weather, forecast for to-day, was expected to add to the discomfort which had been held in abeyance by mild temperatures during the last several days. In that section many cities and towns were virtually without fuel.

Bunkering permits were granted by the regional director of the Allegheny district for foreign vessels, permitting them sufficient coal to reach the first coaling station en route to their destinations. Authority also was granted for supplying limited quantities of coal to manufacturing plants in that region.

At Sheridan, Wyo., six miners to-day were under arrest, charged with violating the strike injunction issued by Federal Judge Anderson at Indianapolis. They were believed to be the first workers to be taken into custody under that restraining order.

EXPECT REJECTION OF HINES' OFFER

Railroad Administration Had Offered Time and a Half for Overtime.

Cleveland, Nov. 26.—A decision rejecting the offer of Director General Walker D. Hines of time and one-half for overtime in slow freight service was expected to be reached late to-day by general chairmen of the four railroad brotherhoods in conference here.

It was understood that acceptance or rejection of the offer would have no bearing on the request of the trainmen and firemen for a general wage increase of approximately 50 per cent.

Director General Hines' "away from home" rule, which provides for a uniform 16-hour rule for all crews held away from home terminals, was accepted by the conference yesterday.

Reports from Chicago that the conference was considering a general strike of the brotherhoods to enforce demands for a general wage increase were denied last night by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

JUGO-SLAVIA WILL SIGN

Not Only the Austrian Treaty, but That Relating to Reparations.

Paris, Nov. 26.—Plenipotentiaries of Jugo-Slavia will sign the Austrian peace treaty at 5 o'clock this afternoon. They will attach their signatures simultaneously to the treaty for the protection of racial minorities, to the arrangement of reparations concerning Italy, and also to the financial arrangement concerning the sharing of expenses in the liberation of the former Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

MONTPELIER

Miss Evelyn Slayton and Louis J. Gagnon Married.

Miss Evelyn Grace Slayton of this city and Louis J. Gagnon of West Berlin were married by Rev. P. J. Long at the St. Augustine parochial residence at 8 o'clock this morning. They were attended by Miss Mae Addy, a friend of the bride, and George Murtagh, a friend of the groom. The bride wore a blue velvet suit with hat to match and carried a white prayer book, while the bridesmaid wore a black velvet suit and hat to match. They went by automobile to Northfield and took the train from there, thus avoiding their friends in Montpelier. After a wedding trip they will make their home in West Berlin. The bride has been employed for a few years in the telephone office in Montpelier; the latter part of the time she has been a toll operator. The groom is a Granville boy and has been employed by the Central Vermont railway. He was night ticket agent at Montpelier for a couple of years but of late took the station at West Berlin. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Both have a large circle of friends in Montpelier.

George Reed of the state engineer's office has gone to Fairlee in connection with the construction of a federal aid project on road work. The contractors, Pelini & Co., have received two carloads of asphalt, which is being spread on the surface of the highway, where new construction is being completed. This is done under the inspector's supervision but Mr. Reed is also having oversight of the work.

A report to the secretary of state's office was received this morning of a collision between one of the Ford trucks which were started from Fort Ethan Allen Tuesday afternoon to be brought to this city, and a Dodge automobile and that the Dodge stood the racket the better. The accident happened on the Essex Junction hill.

Another man's name has been mentioned for the nomination as county senator and, like the first, this comes from Montpelier. It is John B. Estee, who represented the city of Montpelier in the last session of the legislature and who has been approached by his friends, it is said, to become a candidate for the nomination. It is understood there may be another candidate yet. Mr. Estee is a member of several of the prominent committees of the present legislature. Since the mention was made Monday of a senator, friends of C. H. Dana have let it be known that they are considering the use of his name but when Judge Dana was seen Tuesday he said in his genial way, "It's too early to talk about senator yet." It has been a long time since Woodbury has been represented in the Senate and Judge Dana's friends feel he is the man for that side of the county. If Judge Dana should decide to run for the Senate, there is a possibility that the name of Frank C. Bancroft of Barre Town would be advanced by his supporters for the position of assistant judge. Mr. Bancroft was a member of the Senate two years ago and his friends think that he would qualify for the assistant judge's position. Jacob Bates' friends are also suggesting Mr. Bates for the position of assistant judge. Mr. Bates is a senator at present, also a member of the Washington County Tuberculosis Hospital commission.

The matter of the fire which occurred Sunday night at the car barn when the Frank Huntington house, in which Danny John had lived burned, has been placed in the state fire marshal's hands for consideration. Some facts connected with the case came to the chief of the fire department's attention in Montpelier Tuesday, so that the whole matter has been referred to the state fire marshal. It is understood that Mr. John claims that none of his furniture had been moved out of the house. However, his claim and the report of the fire department do not agree, so that an investigation has been asked.

John Lynch, who is employed as janitor and mail carrier about the Central Vermont railway station while Frank Muzzy is on a vacation for a few months, has been in the railroad work many years so that he feels more at home around a railroad than any other place. He was some 20 years a conductor on the Boston and Lowell railroad, which later became the Boston & Maine system. Preceding that, he was employed as brakeman, so that railroad work is nothing new to him.

As unique an experience as G. F. Lackey has seen in many a day took place Monday, when a man walked into the office of overseer of poor in Montpelier and told Mr. Lackey that he wanted to pay him about $20, which the city expended in helping him in 1913. The man went through considerable trouble at that time, his wife being in the hospital and then he broke one leg. The city helped him a little and he told Mr. Lackey he wanted to pay off the loan, as he called it. He was leaving in a few days for another state, and having enjoyed good financial experience in the last few years, wanted to show his appreciation of assistance at a time when he needed it.

The next meeting of the Marquis de Lafayette chapter, D. A. R., will be held at 2:15 o'clock the afternoon of Dec. 6, in the Knights of Columbus hall in Montpelier.

Nathaniel N. Love, who has been superintendent of the Bennington northwest district, has resigned, to take effect Dec. 31. He goes to Clemson college in South Carolina, where he will be professor of industrial education, and will have charge of the teacher-training course work in the college, which has an agricultural course.

The Yankee division bowling team defeated the Knights of Columbus team on the Daly alleys Tuesday evening by a score of 1265 to 1256. The knights won the first two strings and then the YD boys came back strong getting the third by a large margin. S. McDonald was high man at 280, and Tobias of the YD was second at 269.

"A FORUM OF BOLSHEVISM"

Might Have Been Established Right on Ellis Island

UNDER PRIVILEGES GRANTED PRISONERS

Acting Commissioner Uhl Admitted During Investigation To-day

New York, Nov. 26.—Byron H. Uhl, acting commissioner of immigration at Ellis Island, admitted to-day to the House immigration committee investigating conditions there, that privileges had been granted during the regime of former Commissioner Frederic C. Howe, which, if unchecked, might have led to establishment of "a forum of bolshevism" on the island.

Uhl, appearing before the committee when it resumed its hearing this morning, made this admission after Chairman Johnson had asked if, under the administration of his predecessor, the island "was not a gambling house, bawdyhouse and a form of bolshevism."

In reply to further questions, Uhl also admitted that previous to the resignation of Mr. Howe last September, immoral women had been allowed to circulate among other prisoners and that women had been permitted to roam about the island. He further admitted that one Chinese crew had indulged in gambling to such an extent that a seaman had lost $3,000.

Following the arrival from Seattle of a trainload of Reds, he said, anarchistic papers and literature had been circulated on the island.

Seventy-three radicals, avowedly anxious to go to soviet Russia, but on strike against attending deportation proceedings before immigration inspectors, again scorned a call to breakfast this morning. This was the fourth meal they had missed since starting a hunger strike and "silence" strike in an effort to see visiting relatives without an iron barrier between them.

Only two "Reds" have deserted the ranks of the hunger strikers. The others are bearing up so well that the authorities suspect food has been cached in the detention pen to sustain "inmates of room 203" during the lean days.

Byron H. Uhl, acting commissioner of immigration, announced to-day that he found a way to break the "silence" strike. On advice of Federal District Attorney Caffey he posted in the pen a "proclamation" announcing the names of those whose deportation hearings would be held to-day. He said Mr. Caffey had advised him this would cover the law and that if the radicals did not care to appear the proceedings could be conducted without their presence.

It was announced that certain letters exchanged between Frederic C. Howe, commissioner of immigration, and Emma Goldman, found when Mr. Howe's files were seized by the congressional committee, will be introduced as evidence at the hearing.

REAR ADMIRAL DE MILLO QUITS DALMATIA POST

He Was Acting as Governor of That Territory—Had Recently Welcomed D'Annunzio.

Rome, Nov. 26.—Rear Admiral Enrico Millo, who has acted as governor of Dalmatia, as well as commander of the occupation forces in that country, has resigned the former office.

Rear Admiral Enrico Millo recently has taken a prominent part in developments along the Dalmatian coast. When Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio, who has held Fiume for the last two months with his "irregular" Italian troops, landed at Zara, south of Fiume, on Friday, Nov. 14, he was welcomed by Admiral Millo, who later swore allegiance to the D'Annunzio movement. His action was deprecated in a semi-official statement issued at Rome, but it was said Admiral Millo would remain in his position in Dalmatia pending decision by the government as to what steps it would pursue.

"STALLING" BOXERS FINED $500 EACH

Money Raised from Langford and Thompson Will Go to Two Orphan Homes.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 26.—Sam Langford, Boston negro heavyweight, and Jack Thompson, Philadelphia negro, whose fight here Monday night was stopped by the referee because the men "stalled," were fined $500 each by a representative of the Minnesota boxing commission last night. The money will be turned over to two orphan homes.

HOWITZERS DELIVERED TO MEXICAN BORDER

These Are the Biggest Guns Ever Sent There By the United States.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 26.—Fifty 155-millimetre Schneider howitzers, said to be the biggest guns ever brought to the border, have been added to the ordnance stores at Fort Bliss. The guns cost $40,000 each.

FAMED GENERAL PUT TO DEATH

General Felipe Angeles, a Mexican Military Genius, Faced a Firing Squad

AFTER CONVICTION OF BEING A REBEL

Angeles Was Credited with Planning Villa's Battles

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 26 (By the Associated Press).—General Felipe Angeles, Mexican revolutionary leader and famed throughout the world as a military genius, was executed by a Carranza firing squad at Chihuahua City early to-day, following his conviction with two companions charged with rebellion against the Mexican government, according to a telegraphic report from Chihuahua City this morning.

General Angeles was sentenced to death by four Carranza generals in the Teatro Los Heroes, ("Theatre of the Heroes") at 10:45 o'clock last night. He was immediately taken from the building through a rear entrance to await execution, which was set for 7 a. m. to-day. This is the time he was shot, according to the report reaching here.

General Angeles was entirely unmoved apparently as sentence was passed. Throughout the trial the military leader, famous among military men of the world, as the man who brought the French 75-millimetre gun to perfection and made it admittedly the best piece of artillery ordnance in the world, had presented a smiling countenance to his accusers.

General Felipe Angeles was classed, before the great war, as one of the world's foremost artillerists. He had attained considerable fame as an artillery commander in the Mexican army under the long regime of President Diaz and cast his fortune with Francisco I. Madero in the revolution by which Madero seized the Mexican presidency. Subsequently General Angeles enlisted his skill in support of the cause of Francisco Villa against the Carranza government and was credited with planning many of the battles Villa won.

Both friends and enemies of General Angeles have declared that he was an unselfish patriot and that his hope was to bring about peace in Mexico.

He was successively student, instructor and director of the Mexican Military college, Chapultepec, and an author of several textbooks not all of which dealt with military matters.

FREE SICK BENEFIT FOR AM. WOOLEN CO.

Will Cover All Cases of Sickness or Accident Whether Caused in Employment or Not.

Boston, Nov. 26.—A free sick benefit and accident insurance plan for employes was announced to-day by the American Woolen company. It becomes effective Dec. 1. The benefits will cover all cases of disability from sickness or accident whether sustained in the course of employment or not and will be in addition to state compensation acts and the group life insurance already provided by the company. All employes working on full time Monday will come under the new plan, but thereafter employes must have been with the company for six consecutive months before they will be eligible.

The benefits will begin after seven days' loss of time and will continue thereafter for a period not to exceed 26 weeks.

Maternity illness will draw benefits for a period of four weeks in amounts dependent on length of service.

Workers on the payroll on Dec. 1, who have been employed less than six months will receive 40 per cent of their average weekly income. Those employed more than six months and less than one year will receive half their average weekly wage. The benefit will be increased by 10 per cent for every additional year of service up to four years. No employe will receive less than $8 nor more than $30 regardless of the average weekly earning.

SEEKS NEW TRIAL.

Widow of Ex-Gov. Prouty Files Motion in Grand Trunk Case.

Burlington, Nov. 26.—Arguments on a motion for a new trial in the $200,000 suit of Mrs. Henrietta Prouty, widow of Ex-Gov. Prouty, against the Grand Trunk railroad, were heard yesterday afternoon before Judge Harland B. Howe, in the U. S. court. The arguments were based on the grounds of newly discovered evidence which mostly centered around the discovery of the fact that the signal system was not in working order on the day that Ex-Gov. Prouty and his chauffeur were struck by a Grand Trunk train and the former killed.

At the first trial, Mrs. Prouty was not granted any damages. At the hearing yesterday her attorneys said that no evidence could then be introduced to show that the signal system was out of order. They now claim they are able to produce E. W. Whitingham, who was in charge of the signals at the crossing and who has said that the system was not working well.

WILL CUT PRICE OF SOME WHEAT 80 CENTS BUSHEL

Statement of Grain Director as to Result of Removing Import Embargo on Wheat.

New York, Nov. 26.—Julius H. Barnes, United States wheat director, made a statement yesterday bearing upon the results of the elimination of embargoes, both export and import, on wheat and wheat products. He said taking off the import embargo will reduce the price of some varieties of wheat fully 80 cents a bushel.

800 DESERTIONS EACH MONTH FROM U. S. ARMY

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Desertions from the army from March 1 to Nov. 17 of this year averaged more than 800 per month, with less than 15 per cent of the men apprehended, the war department announced to-day.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADMITS BURGLARY

Albert A. Houghton, Middlebury College Senior, Had Previously Picked Out Suit, Which He Stole After Breaking Into Middlebury Store.

Middlebury, Nov. 26.—Albert A. Houghton of Middlebury college was arrested yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police George H. Chaffee and Officer Charles J. Shaw, charged with breaking and entering the clothing store of Clayton M. Hanks on Monday night. He was taken before Judge Albert W. Dickens in the Addison county municipal court, where he admitted his guilt and was held in the sum of $2,000 for his appearance in court Saturday morning. He furnished bail.

A search of Houghton's room at Painter hall, Middlebury college, divulged a $40 suit of clothes alleged to have been taken from the Hanks store on Main street Monday night. The Hanks store was broken into last June in about the same manner as upon Monday night and a dress suit taken at that time is alleged to have been found and identified in Houghton's room.

At the time of the June burglary, suspicion led to Houghton and during the student parade Monday evening, an inspection of Houghton's room revealed the dress suit.

On Monday afternoon Houghton was in the Hanks store looking over the suits, stating that he would buy one. He looked them over carefully, noting the size marked on the sleeves, and when he came to the one bearing his size, he took particular attention to note its position on the rack. When it was found the store had been entered Monday night, investigation showed that that particular suit was missing and suspicion at once pointed to Houghton.

Entrance was gained to the store by breaking a light of glass in the basement windows from a dark alleyway in the rear of the building. It was then an easy matter to reach the upper story by a flight of stairs and take the clothing to the basement and make an escape.

The break occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock Monday night. Officer Shaw went through the alleyway at 11 and when he returned shortly before 12, found the window leading to the basement smashed. He at once notified the chief of police and Mr. Hanks.

Mr. Houghton is a senior in Middlebury college, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Ola R. Houghton of Wallingford. During the S. A. T. C. at Middlebury college he ranked as sergeant.

FIERCE STORM LASHES LAKE SUPERIOR

Two More Vessels Driven Ashore in Blinding Snowstorm—Other Shipping Hurrying to Harbors.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Nov. 26.—The storm that has swept Lake Superior since last Saturday, showed no signs of abatement to-day, reports reaching here indicating that shipping generally was laying up in various harbors. A high northeast gale was lashing the east end of the lake and two more vessels have been driven ashore in the blinding snowstorm. The W. C. Richardson, disabled while seeking shelter from the storm, was being towed to this port.

No word that would indicate the fate of the crew of the Myron, which went down Saturday, has been received and the owners of the vessel have all but abandoned hope for their rescue.

MUCH STOCK BURNED.

In $15,000 Farm Fire Near Rutland on Tuesday.

Rutland, Nov. 26.—One of the largest and best equipped dairy barns in this part of the state was destroyed by fire yesterday, when practically all of the buildings, except the house, on the farm two miles south of this city, owned by Col. H. Edward Dyer of Mill village, were burned with about 15 head of cattle, farm machinery and a quantity of hay. The loss is estimated at about $15,000, well covered by insurance as to buildings, stock and machinery. The cause of the fire is unknown. About 10 years ago the large house on the adjoining farm, also belonging to Colonel Dyer, was burned.

It is thought that the fire had been burning for some time before it was discovered as the flames were shooting high into the air when first seen. About 4 o'clock railroad men in this city saw the reflection and, thinking that the fire was located in some structure in the southern part of the city, rang in an alarm which called out both motor trucks. The firemen went nearly to the scene and then returned as the buildings were doomed by this time and there was no water supply for pumping purposes.

The ruined buildings include a barn 120 by 40 feet, modern in every respect, stables 120 by 45 feet, sheds and two 250-ton silos. A yoke of oxen, a registered Guernsey bull, valued at several hundred dollars, one or more cows and some calves were burned. These were in pens where the stables extended under the big barn. A valuable Holstein bull broke out of the enclosure he was in and was thus saved from the flames.

The big barn and stable were erected in 1910.

WILL GET RAISE.

Miners of New River Coal Fields in West Virginia Promised It.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 26.—Miners of the New River coal fields were notified to-day by the various companies that any wage advance granted workers of the central competitive states would be applied also to that region.

TRAIN SLICED AUTO IN TWO

But Clark D. Patch of Hartland Escaped With Merely Cuts

ACCIDENT HAPPENED NEAR HARTFORD

Tonneau and Top of Machine Were Torn Off by the Impact

White River Junction, Nov. 26.—Clark D. Patch of Hartland had a narrow escape from death to-day when the automobile in which he was driving was struck by a southbound Central Vermont train at a blind crossing just south of the Hartford station. The tonneau and top of the machine was entirely cut off from the car, and although the machine was carried some distance down the track, Mr. Patch, who stayed in the vehicle, escaped with merely cuts about the face.

Undoubtedly Mr. Patch owes his life to the fact that the train was slowing down for the stop at the White River Junction station so that the force of the collision was not so severe as it might have been. Mr. Patch, who was driving an Overland car, did not see the train until he was on the track, and Engineer Newton of the train was not able to bring his train, which was a heavy one, to a stop because he, too, did not see the automobile until he was right on the crossing.

SWANTON WOMAN SHOT RESISTING ASSAULT

Harry Liberty, Under Arrest, Claims He Is Not the Man Wanted—Mrs. Joseph Robinson Not Seriously Wounded.

St. Albans, Nov. 26.—Sheriff G. C. Catlin was called to Swanton yesterday afternoon to investigate a shooting affair of which Mrs. Joseph Robinson, aged about 50, was the victim. It is thought that the woman's condition is not serious.

Sheriff Catlin returned last night with Harry Liberty of Burlington, who was arrested on the charge of assault with intent to kill. Liberty is in the Franklin county jail.

According to Mrs. Robinson's story, Liberty called at her home at about 11:30 Tuesday morning, claiming that someone had told him the house was for sale. Mrs. Robinson, who lives alone, said she did not wish to sell her house. The man asked if he might go in for a moment as he was cold. He had been in the house but a few minutes when, the woman alleges, he attempted to assault her, showing a revolver at the same time.

The woman was thrown to the floor and the man attempted to tie her hands with a rope and as the woman resisted, he finally shot her as she lay on the floor. The woman got on her feet and rushed from the house, the man shooting as she ran. One bullet passed through her ear and another grazed her scalp near the forehead.

The man escaped to the woods, where after a hunt by Deputy Sheriffs Edward Snow and H. G. Jones, he was arrested. He claimed they have the wrong man. He said he came to Swanton from Montreal on a freight train this morning and with him was a man named George Clark. He says he went by the Robinson house, where he waited for Clark who went into the house. Neighbors claim they saw Liberty pass the house alone yesterday morning.

It is said he is a morphine addict and Dr. S. W. Paige was summoned to attend him at the jail last night. It is reported that Liberty has served sentences in the Chittenden county jail and the state prison. According to Liberty's story, Clark had two revolvers, a .25 and a .32 calibre.

Dr. H. L. Pierce of Swanton, who attended Mrs. Robinson, said the wound was made by a small calibre revolver. Mrs. Robinson lived on the road between Highgate and Swanton.

THREATENED SUICIDE.

Charles H. Brooks of West Brattleboro Left Home Sunday.

Brattleboro, Nov. 26.—Charles H. Brooks of West Brattleboro, whose home is the first house east of J. L. Stockwell's store, near the road, went away from his home early Sunday evening and has not returned. His disappearance was reported Tuesday morning to Selectman A. D. Wyatt, who with Day Policeman W. E. Tyler, went to West Brattleboro to learn the facts in the case.

Mr. Brooks has had a serious nervous affection for some time and for several months was in the retreat at Hartford, Conn., of which Dr. W. N. Thompson, formerly of Brattleboro, is superintendent. He returned to his home a few days ago. When he left about 6 o'clock Sunday he told his wife that he intended to jump into the river, but said he would leave his overcoat where it would be found. He has always shown a dread of the water so Mrs. Brooks had no idea that he would carry out his threat. Whether he has done so is not known.

The family came to West Brattleboro from New London, Conn., about a year ago. Before that Mr. Brooks had been in a retreat in Melrose, Mass., on account of his nervous trouble. On Tuesday of last week, Mr. Brooks, who often has made suicidal threats, went down cellar with a razor and mirror and did himself no harm. Last Sunday he remained in bed all day until shortly before supper time, when he arose and ate a hearty meal. He then put on his overcoat and started out.

So far as known he had no money. He wore a dark suit and overcoat, and a dark brown cap, also light colored shoes, similar to boy scout shoes. He is 49 years old, of about medium height, with rather thin face, and has a small moustache. He is bald except for grey hair on the back part of his head.

APPLE CIDER MAY BE OUR NATIONAL DRINK

New York, Nov. 26.—Prohibition has bred a national thirst for cider, so irresistible that apple cider promises to become the great American drink, according to Dr. E. H. Porter, state commissioner of foods and markets. But, he says, the supply is small. The present crop of cider apples is about one-third that of former years "and the big dealers are scrambling to get enough to supply their customers."

"Much has been written and said of hard cider," says Dr. Porter, "but in most cases it has been soft cider wearing wolf's pelt.

"Cider with a natural 'kick' is difficult to make and more difficult to keep."

He adds that "seeking consolation in yeast-treated cider is unwise, as its effects on the drinker are far from salutary."

CARVED HIS WAY INTO ELECTRICAL STORE

After Great Deal of Laborious Work, the Burglar Took Some Inexpensive Batteries and Three Small Flashlights.

Just when State's Attorney Davis had concluded he could relish his Thanksgiving dinner with care-free mind, someone marred his composure by breaking into the electrical store of Perley M. Carr on Elm street last night and taking five 35-cent batteries and three vest pocket flashlights, valued at $1.25 each. Sometime in the early hours of the morning around 2 o'clock, the Hillis family, who have apartments over the store, heard noises downstairs but made no investigation, for they thought it possible that someone connected with the store was the disturber.

When Mr. Carr opened the store this morning at 7 o'clock his attention was attracted to two holes cut in the panels of the cellar door, leading from the store to the cellar stairs. Upon further investigation he found that the burglar had broken a window in the cellar door, which leads out into the alleyway at the rear of Ladd's store. This had been broken so that the Yale lock might be turned. On the bench lay a large flashlight, one which had just been repaired by a workman for use. This the burglar used in rampaging about the place and proceeded up the cellar stairs to the store.

The door leading to the store was found locked. The flashlight which the perpetrator had was long and round and this he placed in a position on a shelf at the head of the stairs so that it might throw light upon his work of cutting a hole four inches long and two and one-half inches high, which would enable him to turn the key on the inside.

This done, he found the door would not open, for well up on the door, probably two and a half feet above the key, a bolt held securely. His guess at the position of the bolt fell just seven inches below it but after cutting another ragged hole, five and a quarter inches high and two and a half inches wide, he could reach the bolt to unfasten it. Both these holes were apparently cut with a jack-knife, as the shavings and the panels of the door bore every proof to show that.

A workbag of the bookkeeper had been looked into and various other articles in the store looked over, but since there was no money in the cash drawer and the writing desk drawers were securely locked, nothing of value which could easily be carried away was available and the thief was compelled to vacate with the flashlights and batteries, which were on display in the uncurtained display windows.

Peculiar as it may seem, only the cheaper lights were taken, those of the vest pocket variety, while surrounding them in the same window were larger and much more costly lights and batteries. He had chosen a larger light but evidently concluded it was either too clumsy to carry or did not care for it.

BAD ROADS BLAMED

For Two Automobile Accidents Just Reported.

Several accidents were reported this morning to the secretary of state. These included Norman C. Murray of Williamstown, who reported that while driving an automobile Nov. 19 his car slid off the road because of the snow at the side where he had turned out to avoid another vehicle.

Arnold L. Parker of Cambridge has reported an accident in which his car was damaged $200 worth on the 18th of the month. It appears that he was turning out and that his car went down a bank, turning over twice. He claimed a bad road as the cause of the accident.

The secretary of state has received a sample of the new chauffeur's license that will be issued next season. It will cost $3, the same that licensed chauffeurs have paid this year. One of the improvements will be that persons applying for a license for general car driving will not be asked for a photograph, as has been the regulation in recent years. The extra dollar will go to the secretary's office on the expense account. The getting of a photograph gave a great deal of trouble and did not warrant the expense. The badge will be half-moon shaped with the number across the top, year down the center, and "licensed chauffeur" around the rim of the half moon.

Adjt. Gen. H. T. Johnson has received from Newport the report of the election of officers of Co. L, 1st Vermont National Guard, the same letter having been assigned to the new company that was to the old company before the war. The organization of the company will be completed Dec. 2. The new officers are: Captain, Reginald Buzzell; lieutenants, Donald Curtis and A. W. West, the first two of whom saw service, while the last was captain of the home guard company. The organization of a company in Montpelier does not seem to be going along very fast.

NO PAPER TO-MORROW.

To-morrow, Thanksgiving day, there will be no issue of The Times.

CITY BORROWS AT 5 PER CENT

Secures a Loan of $37,000 from Lamoille County Savings & Trust Co.

IN ANTICIPATION OF REFUNDING BONDS

Pays Off $5,000 Water Bonds and [illegible],000 of Street Paving Notes

The Barre aldermen last night accepted the bid of the Lamoille County Savings Bank & Trust Co. for a loan of $37,000 on a 5 per cent basis, the city's credit being pledged on a note in anticipation of the issuing of refunding bonds to that amount next summer. Authority for the issuing of notes or bonds for refunding purposes was given by the citizens at a meeting on May 29, 1919. The city clerk last night was instructed to complete the deal with the Lamoille county institution.

Just prior to that vote, the aldermen passed to a second reading a resolution authorizing the city council to issue its note or notes in anticipation of refunding bonds.

The city received several responses to its offer of its notes but few making definite statement of bid.

The board handled other matters in big figures last night by voting to pay off $5,000 of city water bonds and six months' interest on $45,000 water bonds to the Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co., the total amount of the warrant coming to $5,900. The board also wiped out an indebtedness of $7,000 to the National Life Insurance Co., on street paving notes and paid six months' interest on $28,000 paving notes, the warrant amounting to $7,700. The sum of $8,000 was voted to the school treasurer on the 1919 tax returns.

Other bills paid last night were: Street payroll, $306.02; water payroll $181.03; engineering payroll, $44.73; fire payroll, $190.25; police payroll $126.85; city hall janitor, $20; social worker and overseer of poor, $26; Mrs. Grace Morgan, $1.20.

Aside from matters of finance, the board was confined largely to routine business, only four members being present and Alderman McMillan acting as president pro tem. The free use of the opera house was given Dec. 8 for an address by a K. of C. war worker recently returned from Europe, the speaker being billed here under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

The street committee was instructed to investigate a complaint of the dumping of stone chips in the river north of Berlin street. The street department was also instructed to dig up and repair a culvert on Mrs. Drown's property on Plain street, the cost of the work and materials to be paid by Mrs. Drown. It was the understanding, too, that the city should straighten a ditch carrying water off the property. Another culvert matter at the corner of James and Blackwell streets was also left to the same department.

Permits were granted to H. S. Parks and George A. Morris to keep a cow on Averill street, to Goddard seminary to keep pigs on the seminary property, to John Brechin to keep a pig on Hill street, to James Glass to keep pigs at 3 Dix street; but a permit to C. C. Miner to keep a cow on upper Merchant street was held up until Mr. Miner makes application for the tuberculin test.

An arrangement for a monthly report by the overseer of the poor was submitted and the aldermen voted that the overseer and the city clerk prepare such a printed form so that the overseer may make monthly reports of matters in that department. The Fidelity & Casualty company's report on a boiler in the city hall was accepted. F. F. Cave's complaint about a light not burning on French street the night of Nov. 24 was referred to the lighting committee.

MITTIMUS ISSUED

On Which to Take Mrs. Parker to the House of Correction.

Sheriff Frank H. Tracy has been given the mittimus on which to take Mrs. Isabella Parker to the house of correction. It is understood that something is under way now to prevent the commitment on the grounds that the woman's health will not permit her to be moved at this time to the house of correction. Sheriff Tracy has advised attorneys for Mrs. Parker that he has the mittimus and that he will give a reasonable time in which the woman can prepare to go to Windsor.

Owing to her condition, the officer will not take any chance of injuring her health and it is very likely that two physicians will make an examination of her and that she will be moved, if she goes to the institution, in charge of a nurse, possibly a nurse from the probation department of the state government.

For the last few days Mrs. Parker has been very poorly, it is said, and has been in bed all of the time. It was stated Tuesday afternoon that if she went at this time she would have to be moved in an ambulance and that she was not able to take the trip, it was thought. A physician attended her Tuesday, said her guardian.

Mrs. Parker was recently sentenced to not less than two years after pleading guilty to conducting a house of ill fame in Barre.

PROF. McFARLAND CHOSEN

As Field Worker in Vermont for Interchurch World Movement.

Burlington, Nov. 26.—Prof. Raymond McFarland of Middlebury college was yesterday appointed executive secretary of the Interchurch World Movement in Vermont and has been released from his duties at Middlebury. He will devote his entire time to perfecting the organization, which will first be extended to the counties, from these to the towns and then to the churches and individuals. Prof. McFarland will, for the present, remain in Middlebury and direct the work from there.

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