

HINES TO DO THE WORK OF FUEL DEPARTMENT; OPERATORS FIND FAULT

Garfield's Resignation Will Be Accepted by President Wilson, Said Statement at White House—Garfield Resigned Because of Dissatisfaction Over Coal Strike Agreement.

"NO SETTLEMENT AT ALL," SAY THE COAL OPERATORS

But They Accept the Government's Proposal for Settlement of the Strike—Claim Interference by Garfield's Proposal for a Settlement.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The resignation of Dr. H. A. Garfield, as fuel administrator, tendered last night, was forwarded to President Wilson this morning, by Secretary Tamm. "Of course it will be accepted," it was said at the White House.

Functions of the fuel administrator, handled recently through the railroad administration under Dr. Garfield's authority, will be continued under Director-General Hines, it was said. This does not necessarily mean that Mr. Hines will be made fuel administrator in Dr. Garfield's place, it was added.

"We are all sorry that Dr. Garfield feels as he does—be's done a fine job," said Secretary Tamm.

The view at the White House is that Dr. Garfield was not ignored in the settlement of the strike. Dr. Garfield's friends say he does not hold the view that he has; that his position is that the government should not have been put in the attitude of having surrendered to the miners.

It developed to-day that there was a difference of opinion as to whether the president's statement to the public on the coal strike should have been made public last Saturday night before it was carried to Indianapolis.

The president, White House officials said, directed that the statement be made public Saturday night. Dr. Garfield understood this to be done, and on Sunday he told Secretary Tamm he believed the statement should be given out immediately. The president's secretary disagreed and, it was said, he left the conference, officials explained.

ONLY "POSTPONEMENT OF A SHOWDOWN"

Declared Coal Operators in Statement Announcing Acceptance

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—While accepting the government's proposal for the settlement of the bituminous coal strike, mine operators of the central Pennsylvania district declared in a statement to-day that the "settlement is no settlement at all of the principles at stake in the controversy," and that "it is merely a postponement of a showdown which in our opinion is bound to come."

The methods proposed for settling the strike by Fuel Administrator Garfield, the statement said, "was interpreted by the operators as an attempt to know little of the situation," with the result that the "operators and public have been delivered into the hands of the United Mine Workers of America."

Referring to the commission plan in the president's proposal, the operators said that the principles at stake are not mentioned, nor is any protection offered the public against a recurrence of the catastrophe in the near future.

"The operators of central Pennsylvania earnestly protest against the form of the commission and its powers," the resolution continues, "and demand that a representative commission, similar to that which investigated the anthracite strike of 1902 be appointed and empowered to investigate by public hearings the facts which the American people have a right to know."

The public, under the form of settlement here by the operators, is subjected again at any time to the discomfort and distress through which it is now passing, it was added.

Operators of the central competitive

SOME OF MINERS ARE REBELLING

MONTPELIER

The reports to the fish and game commissioner this morning showed that 146 deer were reported in the morning mail, a total to noon to-day of 3,516 deer that have been killed in the season.

Linus Leavens, fish and game commissioner, is receiving applications from persons who propose to begin operating fur farms, that is, raising fur-bearing animals for profit. The department is giving considerable supervision to starting these farms that they may be started under right conditions.

Albert Tuttle of Fair Haven, surviving executor of the estate of James R. Langdon, late of Montpelier, made his annual settlement this morning in probate court. The commission in the estate of Martha E. Long, late of Montpelier, has been renewed so that the claims of Anna O'Neill, Dr. C. E. Hunt, the New England Telephone & Telegraph company and the Capital City Gas company may be allowed.

The edition of the biographies of the Vermont legislature, published this year by W. H. Bigelow, has been received by those at the State House who bought copies of the book.

The Knights of Columbus bowling team defeated the Red Men last evening by a score of 1,230 to 1,207. Facini was high man at 1,290.

A representative of the Celobrook Grocery company told his patrons in the city Thursday that Cuban sugar is now selling in Cuba at 12 cents a pound and that when it reaches Boston it will be sold at 30 cents, wholesale, so that the price bids fair to be higher, if his statement is accurate.

The Lakeside Orchard, Inc., of Burlington, proposes to issue \$25,000 of its stock. There has been paid in \$14,600 of the capital stock.

Mrs. John McLean has returned from Burlington, 30 where she went to attend the funeral of a relative.

The state board of education will hold a meeting this afternoon and evening in Rutland.

Mrs. Charles Munn of Fairlee is visiting her daughter, Miss Ramona Munn, at Burlington.

H. M. Davis, deputy commissioner of weights and measures, went this morning to Burlington to adjust a trouble relative to the sale of milk, there being a claim of shortage in weight of the same between wholesaling parties.

The shortage of sugar has commenced to affect the bee business in Vermont. Through the board of agriculture some 8,000 pounds of sugar have been distributed among the beekeepers and now the department has applications for 3,000 pounds more on hand and this morning it received notice that the sugar could not be supplied, which means that the bee industry will suffer very materially the next of the winter and possibly next summer.

The marriage of Fred B. Smith and Miss Marjorie E. Lutzig, both of Montpelier, occurred Dec. 10, the marriage having been performed by Rev. Charles D. Rippe. The groom is a plumber in Montpelier.

The members of the Shrine commenced to arrive this noon by train and this afternoon several came by automobile. The annual meeting occurs this afternoon, and this evening the ceremonial will be performed, when it is expected that a large class of candidates will cross the lot sands.

The logical man for potestate is William H. Herrick of Montpelier, who is chief rabban now and the next office to potestate.

A party of friends of Miss Florence Reed gathered at her home last evening, giving her a surprise party. The evening was pleasantly passed with games. Refreshments were served. It developed that it was also a birthday party.

George C. Kellogg of Winchester, Mass., is visiting in the city.

Mrs. D. E. Dwinell of Calais was a visitor in the city this morning.

GROTON

Mrs. Mary Benz returned to town on Saturday, after spending several months in Barre, caring for a patient.

Burton Brown was called to St. Johnsbury on Monday to serve as juror at county court.

Dr. W. G. Ricker of St. Johnsbury was in town on Monday to attend Miss Bessie Ricker, who has been ill for several weeks.

Mrs. W. R. Carbee has been ill for the past week with an attack of bronchitis. Miss Florence Carbee, who was on the sick list last week, is recovering.

Mrs. A. E. Smith and Clarence Brown were at Montpelier this week as delegates from Groton grange to the state grange, which was held there.

George W. Whitehill of St. Johnsbury was in town on Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. Ella Whitehill.

Mrs. Helen M. Ricker returned on Tuesday from a two weeks' stay with relatives in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Miss Edith Hood of Barre has been in town several days this week, being here by the invitation of her father, Harvey D. Hood, which occurred at Waterbury Tuesday morning.

The body was brought here Wednesday afternoon and was taken to Topsham for burial service and burial on Friday.

THE MINERS CONCERNING THE ORDER TO RESUME WORK

Indianapolis, Dec. 12.—All mines in Indiana were in operation to-day with few exceptions, although reports indicated that not all of them were working at full capacity.

Circulars supplementary to telegrams sent out from headquarters of the United Mine Workers Wednesday night, were mailed to 4,000 local unions. They explain the action of the general committee of the organization in accepting the president's proposal as a basis for settlement of the strike and urge return to the mines with the least possible delay in order that the public's coal needs may be filled speedily.

While no direct intimation has been given by government officials that contempt proceedings against 84 international and district officials will be dismissed, it is believed here that the cases would not be pushed. Those familiar with the situation expressed the opinion that when the officials appear in federal court next Tuesday morning the government attorneys will ask the court to consider the actions of the miners as indicative of their desire to comply with the court's order for resumption of work. The men are charged with violation of the injunction issued by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson against furtherance of the strike.

It is stated that the federal grand jury investigation of charges of violation of the Lever law and anti-trust acts would proceed as scheduled.

OPPOSE COMPULSION. Call Enforced Military Training Contrary to American Principles.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 12.—Compulsory military training in time of peace was opposed by the national committee of the Non-Partisan league meeting yesterday which adopted resolutions declaring "it is Prussianism and contrary to American principles."

SOUTH RYEGATE Mrs. D. B. Fisk Died Wednesday at Hospital in Hanover.

Mrs. D. B. Fisk of this place died at Hanover hospital Dec. 10. Mr. Fisk accompanied her to Hanover on Tuesday, Dec. 2, and remained there till she died. He returned with the remains on Wednesday. Mrs. Fisk had been a sick woman for months. She leaves her husband, two sons, Hugh and George, and two sisters, Miss Josephine and Miss Janette Gibson. She was a daughter of the late Hugh Gibson. She was an active member of the R. P. church here and will be sadly missed in the community, as well as in her home.

GERMANS SEEK TO TEMPORIZE

In Order to Get Modification of Demand for Vessels Sunk at Scapa Flow

TEXT OF THE NOTE NOT MADE PUBLIC

Extradition of the Accused Germans Is Also Objected to by Germany

Berlin, Thursday, Dec. 11.—Germany's reply to the latest notes from the supreme council of the peace conference has been sent to Versailles. Nothing has been given out relative to its contents, aside from a hint that its general tenor reciprocates the conciliatory tone of the last communication from the entente.

The government's disclaimer of responsibility for the sinking of interned German warships at Scapa Flow and sets forth exceptions to the supreme council's insistence upon compensation for the scuttled vessels. It is said to claim that the objectionable passage of the interned German warships to Admiral Von Reuter, commander of the German ships, was not translated properly and that it was "out of context with the rest of the letter."

On the proposition that Germany sign the protocol to the peace treaty and permit the issue involving the retention of the interned German warships to be adjusted later, it is reported the note proposes that the latter be forthwith submitted to a body of experts. This stand is taken because of the importance of the matter to German harbor facilities. It is hoped to obtain a concession on the Scapa Flow issue, and it is believed the note indicates a measure of obstinacy over yielding on this point.

Reports declare that there are no intimations in the German reply that the Berlin government has taken a position that failure to ratify the treaty by the United States has created an altered situation, and it is hinted, it is said, that the action by the United States Senate is a purely internal American affair that does not absolve the other powers from the obligation of exchanging ratifications.

Belief is expressed here that the reply attempts to temporize in an effort to obtain a modification of the demand for indemnity for vessels sunk at Scapa Flow. It is said also that the reply seeks to persuade the entente that demands for the extradition of German officers and men accused of violations of the laws of war are fraught with serious international aspects.

ALLIES OFFICIALS DISCUSS FINANCES

American Ambassador Davis and Italian Representatives Join with British and French Premiers in Conference.

London, Dec. 12.—Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau resumed their conference on war problems this forenoon. Karl Curzon, secretary of state for foreign affairs, Sir Maurice Hankey, secretary of the war cabinet, and the French ambassador were present.

International finance was under discussion this morning. J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, being called into the meeting after cancelling a speaking engagement he had for today.

John Davis, the American ambassador, and the representatives of Italy now in London, joined in the conference later. They remained until the conference adjourned for luncheon.

The Italian representatives were Vittorio Scialoja, the foreign minister and the ambassador at London, the marquis imperial, Louis Louchere, the French minister of reconstruction, joined Premier Clemenceau in the conference.

MAY NEED NEW CANAL

Because of Increased Traffic Going Through Panama Route.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Thursday, Dec. 11.—Discussing new world trade routes which are being developed because of the Panama canal, Newton D. Baker, United States secretary of war, said today that it is of some importance "that the main port in the Caribbean should be on Porto Rican soil."

Mr. Baker pointed out the importance to the United States of sharing fully in the activities and benefits accruing from increased world trade and emphasized the fact that Porto Rico is an important station on new routes passing through the canal. Transportation between the United States and the island must be improved, he said.

"With shipping through the canal increasing each month," Mr. Baker said, "I see the time when a second isthmian canal may be necessary."

SOUTHERN FLOODS ARE RECEDING

Total Loss Sustained Has Not Been Determined, But It Will Run Into Millions.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—Unprecedented floods in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, that started early in the week, generally were receding early to-day, but rivers not greatly affected during the first two or three days were out of their banks and causing property loss. This was the condition around Montgomery, where the swollen Alabama had almost paralyzed the city's industries and social life without doing great damage to the Alabama capital itself.

Floods of the past week have generally been on such a large scale as regards territory covered that no detailed estimates of loss were available but completion of various estimates said the loss would total several million dollars.

Train service still was badly demoralized in lower Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia, but from Harrisburg came reports that some operation would be resumed during the day. Railroads suffered heavily from washouts and industries from their plants being flooded, while farmers lost hundreds of head of live stock and growing crops suffered.

U. S. COURT JURORS

Chosen for the Term to Be Held at Brattleboro This Month.

Jurors have been summoned by the office of the United States marshal in Rutland for the regular term of the United States district court which will open at Brattleboro Dec. 16 at 9 o'clock in the morning. The following men have been called to serve as grand jurors: Wallace Allen, Jacksonville; Oscar F. Benson, Brattleboro; R. W. Wood, Townshend; W. A. Brown, Wilmington; Fred L. Chambliss, Edgemoor; H. P. Clark, Woodstock; George C. Croft, Brattleboro; C. H. Gitzinger, Chittenden; B. T. Franklin, Vernon; W. H. Griffith, Danby; M. L. Johnson, Wardsboro; Albert A. Lane, Bellows Falls; F. M. Lead, Saxtons River; W. H. Foster, Proctor; J. Edgar Mellen, Brattleboro; J. Miles Plumb, West Halifax; William Ryan, Castleton; Lincoln H. Sawyer, Whitehall; Leo M. Smith, Wells River; Stelman J. Stoddard, Pittsfield; Charles H. Turner, East Dummer; A. G. Warren, Newfane; W. B. Warren, West Brattleboro.

The petit jurors called are: Charles Alford, Jacksonville; Edgar H. Allen, Townshend; Albert A. Austin, Newfane; A. F. Arnold, Westminster; Bert C. Baldwin, Brattleboro; H. D. Bowen, West Halifax; James Boyd, Dummerston; C. C. Collins, Bellows Falls; L. F. Croft, North Clarendon; A. H. Douglas, Londonderry; William J. Eaton, Bellows Falls; Fred W. Fuller, Putney; Fred A. Grant, Chelsea; Charles M. Greer, Newbury; George B. Hall, Westminster; Bernard Haus, Brattleboro; Oscar Bennett, Putney; Sidney H. Bellows, Brattleboro; H. D. Bowen, West Halifax; Fred H. Johnson, West Dover; James J. Johnson, Brandon; Albert L. Knowlton, Brattleboro; Harry E. Locke, Brattleboro; H. E. Mann, Wilmington; Ralph E. Marsh, Newfane; Edward G. McCallen, Rutland; Simon P. McLeod, Bellows Falls; Willie E. Pierce, Cutoffs; William W. Sawyer, Bellows Falls; John Streetor, West Wardsboro; L. A. Sumner, West Halifax; Fred W. Watson, Townshend; T. L. White, Wardsboro; B. Ernest Wright, Bellows Falls; Thomas Wright, Castleton.

STOLEN BONDS NOT FOUND

Brattleboro Man Had About \$3,000 Worth of Italian Securities.

Brattleboro, Dec. 12.—Italian bonds amounting to 15,000 lire, valued at \$3,000, which States money are sought by the office of State's Attorney E. B. Gibson, who had raids made yesterday at several Italian places of business. Numerous bonds were found, but they did not bear the serial numbers of those stolen.

The stolen bonds were taken from the safe in the basement of repair shop of Amedeo Demicheli on Main street. He and an employee, who works with him evenings, went to the movies and on their return at 11 o'clock the shop had been entered and the bonds stolen. The outer door of the safe had been kept locked and it was found wide open. The inner door had been forced. Several dollars in currency were taken.

The officers think the burglar reached the spring lock in the front door by opening a hinged window pane in the door, which they believe was left unsecured by previous arrangement. Mr. Deangelis bought the bonds out of his earnings from repairing shoes, as he did the building, also, for the most part.

TALK OF THE TOWN

The opening of the Barre basketball season will be to-night with two games to the public. At 7:30 the seniors of Spaulding high, which practically compose the first team of the school, will meet a team composed of underclassmen. The two teams will be evenly matched and will doubtless cause an interesting game to be played. At the Goddard gymnasium the school team meets the Northfield post of the American Legion, the first of a long schedule of games to be played with the legion team. Next week they will have an opportunity to meet the Barre post's team, now being organized by Edward McKay. The outlook for this team is very favorable since several well-known former stars are competing for permanent positions on the team which Mr. McKay hopes to match with the varsity teams of the University of Vermont, Middlebury college and Norwich university; also the teams representing the various posts of the legion throughout the state, especially those of Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johnsbury. The most promising candidates who have declared their willingness to appear at the Spaulding gymnasium for practice next week are John Geals, center for the Spaulding 1918 champion player, Neil Hooker, a former Spaulding player, Alfred Bridger, one time star of People's academy, who played professional basketball with the team of Morrisville and St. Johnsbury, and Christian Bjorn. It is expected many more will respond when it is learned by them that the candidates are already to practice.

BUFFALO MAN KILLED

When He Fell from an Airplane in England.

London, Dec. 12.—George F. Rand, president of the Marine National bank of Buffalo, N. Y., fell from an airplane near Catania, Sicily, yesterday and was instantly killed.

Lieutenant Bradley, who was piloting the machine, was probably fatally injured in the accident, which occurred when the machine became unmanageable when about to land.

DECLINED TO ACT ON ARMY BILL

Senate Military Committee Turned Resolution Over to Foreign Relations

MEASURE PRESENTED BY SEN. ASHURST

It Would Authorize Secretary of War to Use Army Against the Mexicans

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The Senate military committee to-day declined to take action on a resolution by Senator Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, authorizing the secretary of war to employ the army to protect American citizens on United States soil from Mexican bandits. The resolution was ordered back to the foreign relations committee.

WILLED HER PROPERTY EVEN TO BUTTONS

Late Miss D. Agnes French of Barre Left Residue of Estate to Montpelier Seminary.

The will of D. Agnes French, late of Barre, was presented in probate court this morning. O. H. Reed, late of Barre, was named as executor and in case of his death C. S. Andrews was named as successor. The will is a lengthy, well written and minutely thought out document, in which the maker of the will entered into close detail on the distribution of her property, including in the document the statement that she did not desire any action to occur.

The first few pages of the will are given to the distribution of the personal effects among the relatives and friends; then follow the distribution of certain other articles and property. These include: To the deaconess of Portland, Me., silk quilts and certain other articles; to Clark university of Atlanta, Ga., a piano, with deed attached, showing that it has always been the property of Clark university but that during her lifetime the use of it was to be by Miss French; certain furniture and a China commode set with red stripes and other articles to the Methodist Episcopal church of Barre to be used in the parsonage, and such of this as is not so suitable for use there to be presented to Mrs. J. M. Simonds; her religious books to the same church for use in the Sunday school; to the Central Holiness university of Oskaloosa, Iowa, certain articles.

The residue of the property, after other bequests have been filed, goes to Montpelier seminary, which, it is understood, has been presented already with stipulation that the deceased might use it till her death. There is a codicil attached to the will which is interesting in that she bequeaths to one woman certain articles, including the pearl buttons of a surah blue which is to be presented to Mrs. J. M. Simonds; she bequeaths the dress to another party, specifying that the buttons be removed.

SERIOUS FIRE AT RICHMOND

Odd Fellows Building Burned with Loss About \$20,000.

Richmond, Dec. 12.—Fire destroyed the Odd Fellows building yesterday, causing a loss estimated at between \$18,000 and \$20,000. Two stores located in the block known as Budhope's market and the Radig Bros. Fruit Co. were destroyed and all the equipment of the Odd Fellows on the second floor. The structure, a two-story brick building, was burned to the ground.

Robert Kildeck discovered the fire in the Radig Bros. Fruit store and sent in the alarm. The fire apparently started from an overheated furnace and spread from the fruit store to the market and before it could be checked had reached the upper story of the building where considerable valuable paraphernalia of the lodge was stored. All available lines of hose were laid and the Burlington firemen used a quantity of chemical in checking the fire. The night watchmen were called and formed as soon as the water struck anything, making it hard for the firemen to move about.

The loss is partially covered by insurance. The building was erected in 1908 and was owned by the Odd Fellows lodge of Richmond.

TWO LOFT BUILDINGS BURNED

Loss in New York City To-day Estimated at \$50,000.

New York, Dec. 12.—Two loft buildings on West 10th street were destroyed early to-day by a fire of unknown origin. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

IT WAS NOT BARRE NURSE KILLED IN WRECK

But Her Brother, John Buchanan, an Error Having Been Made in Transmission of Message from Bury, P. Q.

Because of some mistake in transmission of the message from Bury, P. Q. to Barre yesterday, Barre relatives got the impression that it was Miss Annie Buchanan, a graduate nurse of the Barre City hospital, who was killed in a train wreck at Milan, P. Q. early Thursday morning when the victim really was John Buchanan, elder brother of the young woman. As the young man was known as "Johnnie" Buchanan, that may account for the interpretation of the message as referring to Annie Buchanan.

Barre relatives got into communication with the family at Bury last night and learned that it was John Buchanan of Bury instead of the popular Barre nurse who had lost her life. The large number of friends of the young nurse rejoiced today that it was not she who was the victim although expressing great sorrow that the shadow of the tragedy should have come upon the family. John Buchanan was 26 years of age and an estimable man, being the chief support of his mother.

The accident in which the young man lost his life occurred in the railroad yards at Milan, where Mr. Buchanan was employed. A train carrying Chinese coolies on their way from France to China ran into a freight train on a siding, two persons being killed outright and several others dying at the hospital in Shelburne later in the day. Miss Lena McDonald of Bury died this morning for Bury to attend the funeral of Mr. Buchanan, who was her cousin.

VT. TEACHERS NOT SOLELY AFTER MONEY

Commissioner Hillegas Declares That the Aims of the New Organizations Cover a Wider Field.

State School Commissioner M. B. Hillegas gave out the following statement to-day as a result of an inquiry by the representative of this paper in connection with the coming school directors' meeting in Burlington: "That the office is in receipt of copies of the Lockwood letter, which has given the impression through the state that the organizations that the teachers have been forming have been solely for increases in salaries. This is not so.

The teachers, in general, have tried to follow the plans of the National Education association, as explained recently by George D. Strayer, past president of the organization, who some weeks ago spoke in Vermont; and the aims and ideals of the National Teachers' association are for a straight professional organization independent from any other organization, and affiliated with any other organization. At the present time there is no state-wide organization in Vermont. The good, level-headed teachers in almost every section are looking after the welfare and interests of the public schools as well as teachers. All of the teachers in all the grades are not looking for marked increases in salaries, as the impression seems to have gone out from some of the circulars that have been mailed to teachers.

The state board of education has kept closely in touch with the progress of the organization and finds that care is being used to assist in forming the professional teachers' organization.

AUTO BADLY DAMAGED

Machine Which Figured in Drop Near East Brookfield Brought to Barre.

One of the worst automobile "wrecks" brought to Barre during the 1919 automobile season was brought to the Arnold & Dunbar garage yesterday afternoon on the large truck of L. C. Clark. It was an Overland five-passenger No. 23905 reported to have backed over a 50-foot embankment on a road near East Brookfield. The place of the accident was on the mountain road in Randolph Center. The accident happened Sunday afternoon after the two men occupying the car left it with the brakes adjusted so that they might assist another of their party in releasing his car from the ditch. While absent the brakes became released and the car, after backing down the road, dashed over the embankment, believed by Mr. Arnold to be approximately 75 feet high.

In order to reach the car, that had collided with two or three trees in the ditch, the four Barre workmen, who with Mr. Arnold went to bring the car to Barre, were compelled to descend to the auto wreck by means of a rope ladder. After working two days and nights with the aid of several farmers, the car was raised to the road. Before this could be done two trees had to be cut down and a large stump removed.

The car arrived in Barre yesterday afternoon with two wheels left intact, a front wheel on the right side and a rear wheel on the left side. The hood and one front mudguard was greatly distorted and the top bore proof that the car had evidently landed bottom side up. After its long drop, for that was jammed down to the body like a flattened Japanese lantern. One door and part of the body was missing and the gasoline tank laid by the side of the car, having been brought home yesterday morning by Mr. Arnold. The rear axle and mechanism under the car were entirely separated from the body of the machine.

Peculiar though it may seem, the two headlights were in perfect condition, the glass not even being cracked; and the bumper also was devoid of any indentations. This morning it was not known if the engine of the machine was damaged to any extent, for though it was twisted somewhat, it was believed to be in fairly good condition. It was estimated that the cost for bringing the car to Barre would be approximately \$150. One of the mechanics offered the party responsible for the car \$50 for the purchase before starting to remove it from Randolph Center. The three men who witnessed the disaster and who were in the two parties traveling from White River Junction to their homes in St. Albans were A. O. Lanoni, Pierre Depeltein and Adinaud Bertrand.

FLAMES DROVE GUY OUT

Avenue Block and Contents of St. Johnsbury Damaged \$7,000 To-day

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 12.—A \$7,000 fire in the Avenue block routed out the guests and employes of the hotel at 5 o'clock this morning and damaged four stores in the building at a time when the merchants could least afford to stand the inconvenience, the stores being well stocked with Christmas goods.

The fire broke out about the chimney and the flames were confined to the kitchen of the hotel; but water poured into the jewelry store of Larchin & Grohn, Nolin Bros' shoe store, C. A. Starles & Co's drug store and Moore & Johnson's clothing store, doing about \$1,000 damage in each store. The loss in the kitchen of the hotel was \$3,000. Repairs on the building will be started at once, and Landford Walter Palmer announced that he hoped to have the diningroom open again next Sunday. The block is a large four-story brick structure and is owned by the M. J. Caldwell estate. The loss on the building is wholly covered by insurance.

BURIAL TO BE IN BARRE

Gilbert Cutler, Native of Orange, Died in New London, Conn.

Mrs. Emma J. Cutler of South Barre announcing a message Wednesday, announcing the death of her brother-in-law, Gilbert Cutler, at New London, Conn., on Tuesday, and she arranged to have the body brought to Barre for burial in the lot in Hope cemetery where her husband, the late W. F. Cutler of South Barre, is buried. The body is expected to arrive to-night, and prayer services will be held at the A. W. Badger Co. undertaking rooms Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Gilbert Cutler was born in Orange 56 years ago and resided for many years in East Barre, going from there six years ago to Westley, R. I., where he was residing when taken sick this week. He was removed to the hospital in New London and died, within a few hours, the cause being heart failure. He was the only surviving brother at the time of the death of the late W. F. Cutler nine months ago, and efforts were made at that time to locate him but in vain. Since that time, however, he has been entirely separated from Westley. Gilbert Cutler was a member of the Masonic lodge.

SUADAH TEMPLE HOLDS CEREMONIAL

Annual Election of Officers Was Held—James Mackay Was Presented a Medal—Class Initiated.

The annual meeting of Suadah temple, No. 140, D. O. K. K., was called to order in the Knights of Pythias hall in the Blanchard block yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Officers for the year ensuing were elected. W. S. Duthie of Barre was appointed to fulfill the duties of royal vizier; Benjamin Sumner of Montpelier, grand emir; Paul D. Leavitt of Barre, sheik; William S. Brent of Sherbrooke, P. Q., mahedi; C. M. Wiley of Barre, secretary; James C. Davis, Jr., of Barre, treasurer; J. A. L. C. Clark, Jr., of Barre, scribe; G. H. Douglas of Barre, shah.

Reports of the year rendered by the secretary and treasurer showed that membership had increased by 80 during the year through five ceremonials, giving a total of 418 members. The treasurer's report showed that the temple was in excellent financial condition.

City Clerk James Mack