

"BIG FIVE" LISTENED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICER BEFORE FINAL ACTION

Ben. W. Hooper of the Railroad Labor Board Went Before the Conference and Presented Board's Basis for Settlement of the Strike

HOOPER MADE NO PROMISES TO THE MEN

He Asked the Men to Refrain From Striking and to Permit the Railroad Board to Take Up the Grievances About Wage Reductions

CHICAGO, Oct. 27 (By the Associated Press).

Ben W. Hooper of the railroad labor board left the conference of the Big Five union executives shortly after noon and said that the strike had not been settled yet, that settlement "could hardly be expected while he was at the meeting."

"Did you settle the strike?" Hooper was asked. "Well, you could hardly expect them to do that with me in there," he replied. "I am not sent by the board but went on my own volition. I still believe that the only basis of settlement is the resolution recently adopted by the board."

Mr. Hooper referred to the board's request that the men refrain from striking and give the board a chance to act on questions of further wage reductions or rules changes that the railroads may bring before it.

Mr. Hooper stated after the meeting that he wanted it understood that he had made no promises for the board or for himself.

Mr. Hooper said the only thing he desired to bring before the union executives was the copy of the resolutions passed by the board.

"I have done that and they will take the matter up," Mr. Hooper said. "We were surprised to find out that these men had never officially received a copy of this resolution. The board thought they had. Of course, they had seen parts of it and possibly all of it in the newspapers, but officially it had never reached them."

"Inasmuch as we discussed this resolution with the railroad executives, it was only natural that we should see that it was brought before this body today."

The union meeting broke up soon after Mr. Hooper left, with an announcement that the five organizations would hold separate meetings about 10 a. m. and a joint meeting at 3 p. m.

President Lee of the trainmen accompanied Mr. Hooper back to the labor board offices and then returned to the brotherhood conference.

Labor Board's Ruling on Strike. Terms of the railroad labor board's final ruling on the strike, if the board decides one shall be necessary, as discussed informally by members of the board, brought out these salient points:

1.—That the impending walkout must not be called.

2.—That the walkout, if called, will be in violation of the transportation act as it will be in rebellion against decision No. 147—the July 1 wage cut made by the board pursuant to its authority under the act.

3.—That the board will regard the strike, if called for any other reason than dissatisfaction with the July 1 decision, as evidence of "conspiracy to paralyze transportation." The board holds it would be contrary to public interest that the "right to strike" exists only where the strike is called upon grounds set forth in strike ballots. This referred to statements by some union leaders that they feared further reductions in wages and changes in working conditions would be made by the roads.

4.—That members of the "Big Five" and telegraphers' unions remain at work and rely upon the board to safeguard their interests from further encroachments possibly contemplated by the roads.

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GERMANY DOUBTS ABILITY TO PAY

Chancellor, Wirth Tells About the Loss of Germany's Economic Strength

Berlin, Oct. 27 (By the Associated Press).—The German reichstag, having voted confidence in the new cabinet whose personnel was announced yesterday by Chancellor Wirth, has adjourned for the winter sessions until Nov. 3.

Before adjourning, the reichstag rejected by a vote of 231 to 12 a resolution presented by the German national and German people's parties vigorously protesting against the recent decision of the council of the league of nations on the partition of upper Silesia.

During the course of his speech to the German legislators yesterday, Chancellor Wirth enumerated in detail Germany's losses in materials through the upper Silesian decision, declaring that Germany's economic strength "is so diminished that all estimates as to Germany's capabilities to fulfill the reparations demands must again be open to doubt."

ATLANTA GAILY DECKED FOR HARDING

President Was Scheduled to Take Lunch and Make Address There

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 27.—Atlanta was gaily decorated to-day, in honor of President Harding, who is expected to arrive here today. A luncheon program included a luncheon with a brief address and a public address at the Grady monument late in the day.

While Governor Hardwick and prominent business men were assigned as hosts to the president at a luncheon at the Hotel Wainwright, Mr. Harding was to be the luncheon guest of Mrs. Lee Ashcraft, wife of the president of the chamber of commerce.

After the luncheon the president and his party were to be escorted to the Grady monument for the public address, which was set for 4 o'clock. Early in the evening the president will leave for Washington.

HARDING SEES WAR ARM. STOPS OFF AT CAMP BENNING TO WATCH MANOEUVRES.

On Board President Harding's Special Train, Near Columbus, Ga., Oct. 27.—A two-hour stop at Camp Benning to inspect the infantry training camp, took President Harding off the direct route of his southern trip to-day and delayed his arrival at Atlanta, where he will deliver an address late this afternoon. Secretary of War Weeks arranged to take the executive for a tour over the extensive tract at the camp used for training manoeuvres and also requested a demonstration of the use of various agencies of infantry warfare.

Leaving the camp at 9:30 a. m., the train was due at Atlanta at 1:30 p. m. today.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Walter Goss of East street has left for Boston for a short stay. Miss Margaret O'Keefe of Upland avenue is working in Chelsea for a short time.

Mrs. George Ball of Hill street has returned to Barre after visiting friends in Newbury.

Charles Gibbons, who is employed by the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., is at home for a few days.

Stephen Woodward of Windsor was operated upon at City hospital this morning. He is reported as resting comfortably.

Sixteen applicants were examined by Dr. H. A. Ladd, the Vermont state tubercular medical inspector, and Dr. Edward J. Rogers, supervisor of the state sanatorium, at the tuberculosis clinic at City hospital yesterday afternoon and last night. A similar clinic will be held at the Heaton hospital in Montpelier this afternoon.

Miss Edith A. Reid, assistant librarian of the city public library, has tendered her resignation to the trustees, as she is to be married soon. The trustees have accepted the resignation and tendered Miss Reid acknowledgment of their appreciation of her services at the library during the last five years. For the first five years of that service she was employed as a substitute but during the past five years has been assistant librarian, giving courteous and efficient service to the many patrons of the institution. The trustees have not yet filled the position of assistant librarian.

An attack of amnesia or of wanderlust prompted a white horse harnessed to a milk wagon to leave his stopping place in front of the Moore & Owens clothing store yesterday and wander up the street with little thought to the danger to traffic and apparently caring little whether he was on the street or in the water. He was stopped by a man who was on the street and who was in a hurry about arriving at his destination, taking all the time in the world. And while he was walking slowly up the middle of the Main street, autos, teams, and trucks veered to the extreme left to get out of his way. After traveling fifty feet he paused a moment on the car track as an electric car came down, looked stupidly at the motorman tried to wave him away, and finally, after the car had stopped, endeavored to move out of the way. Harry had another fifty feet before he was stopped by the other car came down, and finding the animal stalled again in the center of the street, stopped also. Finally a kind young lady appeared on the scene and did the Good Samaritan act, drawing the team up to the side of the street by instructing the horse to remain there.

Rev. William G. Mann of Portland Union Church.

Raymond, Me., Oct. 27.—Rev. William G. Mann, one of the best known Congregational ministers in the state, died suddenly to-day. He had been pastor of the Union church the past three years, and had occupied pastorate in other churches, including the Warren Congregational church at Westbrook.

THREAT OF WAR ON HUNGARY

Little Entente Demands Surrender of Ex-Emperor Charles

DEMobilIZATION OF HUNGARIAN ARMY

And Reparations Sufficient to Defray Entente Mobilization

London, Oct. 27 (By the Associated Press).—The little entente, composed of Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia, has dispatched a note to Hungary demanding the surrender of former Emperor Charles, the demobilization of the Hungarian army and reparations sufficient to defray the expenses of the little entente's mobilization, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Central News Agency today. Unless Hungary replies satisfactorily within two days, the little entente troops will enter Hungary, the dispatch said.

MOBILIZATION STARTS

Preparations Being Made All Through Czechoslovakia

Paris, Oct. 27.—Mobilization preparations are proceeding everywhere in Czechoslovakia today. General Benes told the chamber of deputies in connection with the little entente's ultimatum to Hungary, according to a dispatch from Prague to-day to the Havas agency.

BIG ENTEENTE WANTS FORMER EMPEROR

Council of Ambassadors Demands That He Be Put on British Ship in Danube

Paris, Oct. 27 (By the Associated Press).—The allied council of ambassadors today decided that former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and ex-Empress Zita should be placed immediately upon a British battle cruiser in the Danube pending another meeting of the council next Saturday, when a decision regarding their disposition is to be made.

The ambassadors were unable to reach a final decision to-day because they were faced with the demobilization of various countries to furnish asylum for the ex-monarchs. It was said their final disposition was proving to be an awkward problem.

PAPERMAKERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Dominic McDermott of Bellows Falls Is Treasurer.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Jeremiah T. Carey of Albany, president of the International Brotherhood of Papermakers for sixteen years, has been elected for a two-year term, it was announced at headquarters of the organization to-day.

Dominic McDermott of Bellows Falls, Vt., was elected treasurer, and Clinton Gagnon of Livermore Falls, Maine, was elected auditor.

Other officers elected were: First vice president, M. H. Parker, Richmond, Vt.; second vice president, Frank Barry, Albany; medical inspector, and Dr. Leonard E. Spaulding, and fourth vice president, George J. Schneider, Appleton, Wis.; secretary, Matthew Burns, Kaukauna, Wis.

No candidate for fifth or sixth vice presidents received a majority vote, and a special election to fill these offices will be conducted between Nov. 1 and Nov. 28.

Two hundred and sixteen locals participated in the voting.

BRIAND LEAVES SATURDAY. To Come to the United States For Armament Conference.

Paris, Oct. 27.—Premier Briand was to-day making final preparations to leave on Saturday for America, where he will attend the conference on limitation of armaments and far eastern questions. He will appear in Washington as the spokesman of the French people and parliament, armed by a mandate given him in the chamber of deputies last night. The vote of confidence accorded the premier was considered a great political victory, the final ballot cast in the House being 281 to 186.

CRASH OCCURRED ON BROCKTON LINE

Each Car Carried About 20 People—Officials Start Investigation

Brockton, Mass., Oct. 27.—Mrs. Orrick E. Higgins of Easton was fatally hurt and a score of persons less severely injured to-day in a head-on collision between two of the one-man type of the Eastern Massachusetts Street railway near the Brockton-Easton line. Mrs. Higgins died at the Brockton hospital.

Eben Holbrook of this city and Robert Kelly of South Easton were brought to the hospital suffering with cuts and bruises.

The cars, each of which carried about 20 passengers, met between turnouts in a sparsely settled district. Both were wrecked. A. E. Hazard, operator of one of the cars which was bound from Taunton to Brockton, was killed by the wreckage but was extricated by passengers without injury. The operator of the Taunton-bound car, George H. B. Dunn, had two ribs fractured. He was taken to his home.

Officials of the Brockton division of the street railway company announced that an investigation had been started.

FLORIDA'S STORM DAMAGE \$5,000,000

Known Death List Stood at Five, Two in St. Petersburg and Three in Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., Oct. 27.—Property damage in the section of the Florida peninsula, swept Tuesday and Tuesday night by the tropical hurricane, is estimated at \$5,000,000 by insurance men here. The damage in Tampa is estimated at between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. The known death list to-day stood at five, which included two at St. Petersburg and three in Tampa and vicinity.

Never before in the memory of the oldest inhabitants of this section of the state have the means of communication so seriously interrupted. Bridges are out, highways are under water in low places and washed away in others and telephone and telegraph communication is paralyzed.

Reports from all sections tell of heavy damage to citrus-fruit and truck crops.

FOCH CABLES HIS MESSAGE TO AMERICA

Meanwhile His Boat Is Held Up to Let General Pershing Arrive First

New York, Oct. 27.—The steamship Paris, which is on the way to New York from France with Marshal Foch, has slowed down in order that the general, Washington, with General Pershing as a passenger, may arrive here to-morrow first.

Welcome to Marshal Foch is extended by Secretary of War Weeks in an article in Columbia, a magazine published under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

"America welcomes Foch," the article says, "because he represents the living force of democracy."

The marshal in a radio greeting to the American people declared that he was "overjoyed over my visit to America, that glorious country which came so nobly to our help. He said he wished again to see the Americans 'whom I have known in the conflict of war, in victorious peace and in the bosoms of their families.'"

National Collegiate Convention. New York, Oct. 27.—The National Collegiate Athletic association will hold its convention here Dec. 29, it was announced to-day.

Foch and Pershing to See Football Game. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 27.—Marshal Foch and General Pershing will attend the Georgia Tech-Fordham football game in New York Saturday, according to an announcement here.

TALK OF THE TOWN

This evening a large number of Italians of this city are leaving for their homes in Italy. These are following in the footsteps of some of their countrymen, for not more than a month ago a party of seventeen or eighteen left for their native land, some to stay permanently, some to return in the spring.

PILGRIMAGES TO ROOSEVELT'S GRAVE

Civic, Memorial and Social Organizations in New York Join in Observance.

New York, Oct. 27.—Civic, memorial and social organizations joined to-day in celebrating the 43rd anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's birth in a series of ceremonies here and at Oyster Bay, the Long Island village where the former president spent the last years of his life.

The program at Oyster Bay included pilgrimages to Roosevelt's grave by delegations of Spanish and World War veterans, boy scouts and school children of the village who were chosen to lay a wreath on Roosevelt's grave. The children also took part in exercises at the village school where Roosevelt had played the part of Santa Claus at many a Christmas celebration. Representatives of several foreign governments journeyed to Oyster Bay to visit the Roosevelt burial plot.

In New York the program began with a birthday pageant at Carnegie hall in which several hundred high school girls participated. In the afternoon trustees of the Roosevelt Memorial association were to meet to discuss plans for erecting a monument to Roosevelt at Washington and constructing a memorial park in Oyster Bay.

The climax of the day will be reached at a dinner for boy scouts at that Postmaster General Will Hays, Earl Beatty, Admiral of the British fleet, and William Boyce Thompson, president of the Roosevelt Memorial Association will speak.

At the same hour the Americanism of Roosevelt will be expounded to foreign-born citizens at a mass meeting.

BLOODHOUNDS SENT ON SLAYER'S TRAIL

Priest at Lead, S. D., Was Murdered After He Left Home With Man to Answer Supposed Emergency Call

Lead, S. D., Oct. 27.—Bloodhounds sent from Mitchell, S. D., are expected here to-day in an effort to trace the man whose call on Rev. A. B. Belknap here yesterday was followed by the shooting of the priest on a highway just outside the city. Rewards totaling \$1,200 have been offered for the arrest of the slayer.

DEATH OF REV. F. W. BATES

Had Recently Left Thetford Pastorate for One in Cornwall

Cornwall, Oct. 27.—The funeral of the Rev. Francis W. Bates, who died very suddenly at an early hour yesterday morning will be held in town Friday at 2:00 p. m., the Rev. C. C. Merrill of Burlington to officiate. Mr. Bates who had been in the past several years pastor of the Congregational church in Thetford, accepted a call to the church in Cornwall and began his pastoral duties October 9. He was born in Almont, Mich., September 7, 1857, and was one of the first graduates of Deane college, Newbraun, to which his father was sent as a home missionary. After his graduation from Oberlin Theological college he married Miss Lura C. Herrick of Rockford, Ill. Soon after they sailed for Africa where for nearly 17 years they served as missionaries for Nebraska, to which his father was forced him to relinquish his work, and when his health was sufficiently restored he engaged in pastoral work in the middle west, until three years ago when he came to Vermont. He leaves besides his wife, three daughters, Mary, who is a trained nurse in Lebanon, N. H., a son, Marshall, and two daughters in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

MOONSHINE OUTFIT

Spilled From Wagon Which Collided With Auto in Burlington

Burlington, Oct. 27.—After running into an automobile last evening with a horse and wagon, being thrown out of the rig when the wagon tipped over, spilling contents that looked suspicious to the police, Edward Delorme, former inmate of this city, now living in South Burlington, was arrested Monday and committed to the Chittenden county jail by officials on the charge of intoxication.

Among other articles found spilled on the ground, that came from the buggy, were a copper kettle that looked suspicious, a moonshine outfit, about a dozen yeast cakes, a quantity of prunes, two gallons of molasses and a bag full of some sort of grain. All of this impediment led the officers to believe that Delorme might be tempted to manufacture some of the spirits it is alleged he had been drinking.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Archie Nye of North Main street is taking a week's vacation from duties in the Nye Motor Co.

Miss Priscilla Miles of South Main street, who has been working in Waterbury during the summer, is home for a short stay.

Mayor Frank E. Langley is in Massachusetts for a few days. He attended the conference of the New England Newspaper Publishers' association in Worcester yesterday.

LEAVES BRIDE OF DAY FOR JAIL

Henry Tessier, Married in Barre Yesterday, Sentenced To-day

Burlington, Oct. 27.—Henry Tessier of Barre, who was married yesterday morning, was sentenced to-day to spend the next three years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. Tessier, accused of smuggling Chinese, pleaded guilty to three indictments and one information this morning in United States court. In addition to his prison sentence, Judge Harlan B. Howe imposed an accumulation of fines which amount to over \$5,000.

NINE GLASSES GRAPPA "EXTREME INTOXICATION"

Testified Barre Physician in Steward Case in Which Damage for Negligence Is Sought—Defense Tries to Show William Steward Was Drunk

In Washington county court to-day Dr. John H. Woodruff of Barre testified that a man who had drunk nine glasses of liquor, known as grappa, would be in an extreme case of intoxication. The testimony was given in connection with the case of Eva Steward, administratrix, against Mottion H. McAllister and A. A. Boyce, owners of the Worthen block in Barre, suit for \$25,000 having been brought to recover damages for the death of the plaintiff's husband, William Steward, who died of a fractured skull after a fall down stairs in the block in question.

A witness named Richardson, who was janitor of the Worthen block at the time of the fatal fall, testified that Mr. Steward showed him a pint bottle containing about half a glassful of a light colored liquor on the day of the accident and asked him to take a drink. Mr. Steward acted peculiarly, said the witness, and told him that he had had nine glasses of grappa and two glasses of wine. Mr. Richardson also testified to testing the latch on the door at the foot of the stairs, which had been found to be opened by crowding against it. The test was made the next morning.

Charles H. Charbonneau of Barre testified yesterday that on the night of Feb. 19, last, shortly before 7:30, Steward told him that he had had nine glasses of grappa and two glasses of wine. It is evident from this line of testimony that the purpose of the defense is to show that Steward was drunk when he fell, whereas the contention of the plaintiff is that the owners of the block were negligent in safeguarding their building.

STATE PATHOLOGIST

STONE IS DEAD

Well Known Burlington Physician Died To-day After a Shock

Burlington, Oct. 27.—Dr. B. H. Stone, director of the state laboratory of hygiene and the state pathologist, died this morning at the Mary Fletcher hospital, having suffered a stroke of paralysis last Monday when he failed to rally.

Bingham Hiram Stone was born in Jericho Feb. 21, 1874, the son of Isaac C. and Anna E. (Bingham) Stone. He prepared for college at the Oberlin, O., academy and entered the University of Vermont, from which institution he graduated with an A. B. degree in 1897 and with an M. D. degree two years later. He took post-graduate work at the University of Vienna.

Dr. Stone has practiced medicine most of the time since college in Burlington and has also been professor of pathology and bacteriology in the Vermont Medical college. He has also been editor of the Vermont Medical Monthly. He has been in charge of the state laboratory for many years.

Dr. Stone married Jean Nichols of Ticonderoga, N. Y., and they have one daughter.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Parish supper to-night in the vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd. A good attendance is desired. Rev. John Giacumuzzi of Bethel, who has been renewing acquaintances in Barre for the past few days, returned to his home yesterday. Mr. Giacumuzzi formerly was a widely known baseball player here. He is now employed by the Woodbury Granite Co. in Bethel.

The W. B. Jones Co. Board of Trustees of the Williamstown inn, have leased the building for a period of one year to E. G. Hamilton of Burlington. Mr. Hamilton is moving to Williamstown to give his personal attention to the hotel business. He is proprietor of the Queen City Park hotel at Burlington and his experience is expected to assure the success of the inn, conducted the past year by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bruce.

The social status of the tramp was raised considerably the other night, according to the statement of a Barre citizen, when a young man, neatly but not fastidiously dressed, who had the earmarks of a "respectable citizen," passed through the town on shank's mare. He stopped a moment in town and inquired the way to Rutland, and was immediately informed. He said he was walking there. Rutland, by the way which he was going, is a distance of about 71 miles.

"SHAKE-DAWN" HAS SURPRISES IN STORE

Those Who Attend Big Event in Barre Next Monday Will Be Ticked

For Goose Green and Squag Hollow, along with some 10,000 other members of the great human family in this locale, to-morrow will be the beginning of a dizzy era. To-morrow this rustic combination which plundered the proletariat of nearly \$5,000 in 1918 and then turned the proceeds over to the Red Cross will tear the lid off in its campaign for the Barre City hospital fund.

To-morrow the tickets go on sale. Every last Goose Green citizen who has been given a plot of ground to cover in the city-wide canvass is just raring to go. At noon Monday the parade will start, and the city and surrounding towns were divided into districts. Each district, in the division, gets a trained captain and a retinue of helpers. It is expected that the drive will go a long way toward assuring a complete success for the rural fund.

Meanwhile, other committees are finding their work laid out for them. Something unique in the way of rustic decorations and costumes is in store for the "shake-dawn" customers who together with the "shakers" will be something just as unexpected in the line of refreshments, too. Bucolic frolics of every conceivable nature will feature the entertainment to precede the barn dance.

The personnel of the invaders who are to run rampant in the rural fund, "No rejections" is the motto adopted by the canvassers and by to-morrow night a big bale of tickets will have been unloaded. The letter:

Four Dere Edytur: We bin hen peekin, back-sliding around this air knoatrywid, long only an narrow bit too! the stable hez gut ter be sweeped cleen.

Las ne we boys hel eruther meten in the room erbove J. McLeod's sportin emporium an dividid the ladd pastur evel 17 akre lots an we hev postud several gangs of chere boys ter take up the shaps an the barbed wire. An our new lots are ez follies with there higid men:

No. 1. South end, past P. office ter G. Micklarid's alfaly pastur. Doctor Willie Barclay iz chareman bakos of his will-in-nex ter serve mankind. Assisted by Inter. W. W. W. W. W. W. Habb's ice house ter Signor Cappio's lunch parlor. Sexton Sammie Gladden is captun with his wiked shoval aidud an abettud bi Amos Cella.

No. 2. Tuther side Granit st. ter right side Blackwell st. Fish and game smacthurs, G. Bond an big Sandy's melf. Alex.

No. 3. Tuther side Blackwell st. ter Scamp's Scoporium on Berlin Blvd. P. & G. Mackay an battlin Luechiny.

No. 4. Berlin ave. ter H. and Bob Jones' grape arbor. Tendud bi Deacon Ed. Carter an Hecky Laddy.

No. 5. W. side Main st. P. office ter Deputy Sq. Home Rool Shea an Charlie Cheney.

No. 6. W. side Main st. ter Fatty Small's play house. Deput Sq. Geo. Kent an Tank Ralph.

No. 7. E. side Main st. from Rod Camery's dept. storr ter Constabl A. Toynolds' department. Home Brow Reynolds an Everett Hood.

No. 8. E. side Main st. from alban stopin place ter city dump. Ol. Man Tobin an Strate Life Parks.

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No. 10. Professionals. Judge Sam Jackson an Dr. Jack Woodruff.

No. 11. E. B. Barry, Websterville an Granville. Grastmill Sargent an Druggist Roark.

No. 12. Rest of Orange an Washington counties, includin Jockie Holler, Smuin Bill Ward an Hanky Wilkinson.

MRS. EFFIE (SALTER) HUSE. Barre Woman Passed Away To-day After Being Ill Over a Year.

Mrs. Effie Rose Huse, a lifelong resident of Barre and South Barre, passed away at the City hospital yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after being in ill health for more than a year. She was first taken sick in August of last year and underwent an operation at that time. Another operation was performed on the 22nd of the present month at the hospital.

W. B. JONES CO. BURNED OUT

Williamstown's Only Granite Plant Destroyed Last Night

Office and Compressor House Saved—Cause Is Unk'n

Williamstown, N. H., Oct. 27.—With another severe fire loss last night when the W. B. Jones Granite plant, the only granite plant operating in that village, was almost completely burned out, causing a loss estimated at \$18,500. There was an insurance of \$16,000, carried in the McAllister & Kent agency of Barre. The cause of the fire is not known. The granite plant was located only 200 yards from the scene of the fire of Sept. 8 when three houses, a barn and two smaller structures were destroyed. The cause of that fire was not known either.

The granite plant was ablaze over its entire floor when the alarm was given last night at 11 o'clock so that the first arrivals were unable to determine in what part of the building the fire had its origin. The Williamstown fire department turned out to fight a losing fight in the main building as the structure was so much enveloped in flames that the outset that it was doomed. Another and a smaller building, which housed the office and the compressor and motor, was saved after being thoroughly wet down by streams of water from nearby houses. Contents of this latter building which could be moved were taken out during the height of the fire.

Meanwhile the cutting plant was laid flat by the flames, and all the machinery, including the travelling crane and the equipment used in polishing sheds, was saved. Chief Henry of the Barre fire department arrived on the scene but found the main building so far gone that it could not be saved. The boom derrick in the yard just outside the building was saved; and it is possible that some of the rough stock in the yard can be utilized.

The stock in the building, however, was damaged beyond use. A freight car had just been run into the building and was partially loaded with finished granite, while other pieces in various stages of manufacture were nearby. This material will probably be sold to the freight car, of course, was destroyed. The plant was not a large one but it was of considerable importance to Williamstown as it was the last of a once busy industry in that place. At one time there were no less than a dozen granite quarries in Williamstown but for no