

PEACE CONFERENCE IN GREAT UPRAAR, GREECE AND TURKEY DISPUTE

Argument Between Venizelos and Riza Nur Bey Came So Heated That the Hall Was Thrown Into Confusion — Neither Would Heed Chairman

WHO DECLARED ADJOURNMENT VERY ABRUPTLY

Venizelos Protested Against Deportation of Greeks From Anatolia and Riza Nur Charged Greece With Being Responsible for Turco-Grecian War

Lausanne, Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—A wordy altercation between ex-premier Venizelos of Greece and Riza Nur Bey, Turkish nationalist delegate, caused Signor Montagna, president of the Near East conference commission on minorities, to bring this morning's session of the commission to an abrupt close.

The dispute was over the question of liberty of emigration. M. Venizelos attacked the Ankara government and protested against the alleged deportation of Greeks by the thousand from Anatolia.

Riza Nur replied in the same vein, charging Venizelos with being responsible for the Turco-Greek war and its consequences.

The voices of the two delegates rose to a high pitch, both speaking at the same time and refusing to heed the pleadings of the president that they calm down. In view of this Signor Montagna declared the session adjourned amid confusion.

Despite this incident considerable progress was achieved to-day on the troublesome problem of minorities. Subject to settlement of the dispute over the employment of the designation "non-Moslem" in all reference to the minorities in Turkey, to which designation the allies are opposed, the delegates reached agreement on the clause providing that all the inhabitants of Turkey shall be equal before the law, with absolute freedom of religion and language.

Schools maintained by the minorities, especially the Armenians, shall be helped financially by the Turkish state in case where the minorities have insufficient funds.

Freedom of travel for the minority populations was agreed on condition that in time of war the Turkish government, can impose restrictions, although these must apply equally to Moslems and non-Moslems.

No record was obtained on the allied demand that the Turkish government help in the search for separated members of families and restore their property, but it is expected an agreement ultimately will be reached on this matter, which the Greeks hold to be vital.

STEAMER FOUNDERED. And Nine Lives Were Lost After Collision With Another Boat.

St. Nazaire, France, Dec. 21. (By the Associated Press).—The steamer Ventilla foundered early to-day with the loss of nine of the crew after having been cut in two by the Norwegian freighter Asturias.

The Ventilla, plying between Nantes and Belle Isle, has just cleared the outer harbor when she collided with the Norwegian, which was in distress, foundering in the heavy sea and trying to make St. Nazaire in the face of a terrific gale.

SEEK GRANT IN NEW YORK. Friend of Suspect May Tell Something About Him.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Efforts to apprehend Webster U. Grant, suspect in the slaying of George A. Willis, superintendent of messengers of the Boston News Bureau, who was shot and robbed when held up by two bandits here Friday, turned to New York to-day. Sergeant Archibald Campbell of the Boston police department went there in an effort to find a friend of Grant who it is believed by authorities, may have information of the fugitive's whereabouts.

Meanwhile search of the South End for Grant and his unidentified companion, both charged with murder, continued to-day.

DIDN'T LOCATE BODIES. Searchers for Maine Game Warden Had to Give It Up.

Rockwood, Me., Dec. 21.—The ten woodsmen, who left here on Dec. 12 to search for game warden David Brown of Greenville and M. E. Johnson of Patton, who disappeared on Nov. 15 while seeking to capture game poachers from the Canadian side of the line, were returning to-day from the northern border without success. Word was received that they had been unable to find the two officials, or locate their bodies because of the snow, now several feet deep.

When they left here, they planned to search in the vicinity of Abconnet brook, where the wardens were last seen alive, and the territory along the Quebec boundary at the head waters of the St. John river.

Alexander Johnson, father of one of the wardens and thoroughly familiar with that whole section through years of trapping and hunting there, believed that the wardens were killed by poachers. Before leaving this week to join in the search, he expressed the belief that they are alive and active in their search and eventually will return with their prisoners.

He believes they gave a wrong direction to mislead friends of the poachers, when they were last seen where the woods trail branched in four directions within 25 miles of the border. These led to the bog on the north branch of the St. John, where they said they were bound, presumably as a "blind"; to Baker lake, to Loom stream and to the border.

He said the poachers were not in the company with the wardens because they were too well acquainted with the bog to become lost in it.

THOUGHT HE'D DIE IN UNITED STATES. Clemenceau Had Presentiment That Such Would Be His End.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The Tiger's arrival in France yesterday recalled a presentiment he had voiced that he would die in this country. Mr. Bonaal, observing his happiness upon the completion of his second address at Chicago, his last formal engagement before sailing for home, questioned him as to his emotion and M. Clemenceau, telling of his presentiment in France that death would overtake him in the United States, explained:

"I was afraid, if that were so, that I should not be able to finish my task here. But it is ended now, and I don't care two pins."

Comments by many of his auditors on his command of the English language, Mr. Bonaal related, caused "the Tiger" to remark that if he had remained in this country six weeks longer during the time in the states he might have become an American citizen, since at that time it was not necessary to file first papers but merely to apply for citizenship after a certain period of residence.

NAVAL STRATEGY COURSES. Will Be Revised at the U. S. Naval War College.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—By direction of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy department, high officers, including Admiral Jones, commanding the newly consolidated United States fleet, Rear Admiral Wilson, superintendent of the naval academy, Major General Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps, and Rear Admiral Washington, chief of the bureau of navigation, are meeting in Washington to consider revisions of the naval war college courses and a general revision of the instruction system for naval staff officers both afloat and ashore.

In his letter calling the meeting, Mr. Roosevelt said that "the increasing importance of international world politics among other reasons made it necessary that naval officers have a thorough grounding in the principles of strategy and tactics." He added that he believed the conference of officers would find it desirable to recommend certain extensions of work at the navy war college for this purpose.

In outlining the general subject of the conference, Mr. Roosevelt said that one of the points to be considered would be "creation of a new course for younger officers on shore somewhat along the lines of the army staff college and that another would be creation of a tactical school of the fleet. Co-operation between the army and navy war colleges also was to be discussed.

MOUNTAINOUS MAIL. Passed Through Boston Postoffice in Record Stream.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The Boston post-office with a new high water mark set yesterday in the handling of Christmas mail was expected to exceed all records to-day and to-morrow. More than \$73,000 worth of stamps were sold yesterday. More than 30,000 sacks of foreign mail, bound for Europe from all parts of New England have passed through the Boston post-office in December.

NIGHTLY ROUND-UP GETS 15. Boston Police Continued Their Talks With Suspects.

Roston, Dec. 21.—Efforts of police to rid the city of undesirable in a campaign to stamp out holdups and other crimes resulted last night and early to-day in 15 additional men being taken into custody downtown. The suspects were questioned by the police. Eighteen men were taken in previous nights.

HUNDREDS OF SHOTS FIRED

Then He Went Out and Found Bodies of Non-union Miners

SAID WITNESS IN HERRIN CASE

Hugh Willis, Member of Illinois Mine Workers' Board Mentioned

Marion, Ill., Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The name of Hugh Willis, member of the Illinois mine workers' executive board, was brought into the testimony to-day in the trial of five men charged with murder in connection with the Herrin riots, by two state witnesses. Under cross-examination, however, both witnesses said they would not be positive in their identification.

A. W. Steel, foreman of the electric power house near the barbed wire fence, where fourteen bodies were found after the non-union miners had been marched from the Lester "strip" mine the morning of June 22, was the first witness at the morning session. He said he observed a crowd near the powerhouse between 8:45 and 9 a. m. and then saw two men, one of whom he believed was Hugh Willis, drive up in an automobile.

The witness said the crowd, after waiting about twenty minutes, went to the edge of the woods and he heard several hundred shots. "Later he added, he went to the woods and found the bodies.

He said he could not recognize anyone in the crowd and had not seen any of them since.

C. T. Shaffner, a Herrin hardware clerk, testified three or four men came into his store the morning of June 21 and "asked me to give them some guns and ammunition," and said: "The local is good for them." The witness said he refused to give the guns without an order, and Hugh Willis and another man came in and asked for the manager of the store. Then, about a dozen came in, the witness said, and he told them: "Hold on boys, Willis was just in here and he told me not to give you any guns without an order."

"Did Willis tell you that?" "No, but I wanted time to hide the guns."

"Did some one call you on the telephone later?" "Yes, a man whose voice I thought I recognized as that of Hugh Willis, said, 'Charlie, some of the boys want some guns to shoot birds with. You may make a duplicate of the order and bring the mail to me.'"

Marion, Ill., Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The prosecution hoped to complete presentation of its direct testimony at to-day's session of the trial of five men, charged with murder in connection with the Herrin riots of last June.

Four survivors of the riots testified for the state yesterday, telling of the attack on the mine and the shooting of 20 men that followed their surrender.

Cross-examination of the four survivors was brief and mainly directed toward bringing out that the four were employed to guard the mine by a Chicago private detective agency which received \$2 a day for each of the 31 men supplied to protect the non-union miners.

MT. HOLYOKE GIRLS RESCUED PROPERTY. When Fire Broke Out in Rockefeller Hall—Girls Were Out at Chapel at the Time.

South Hadley, Mass., Dec. 21.—Fire which broke out in the basement of Rockefeller hall, a dormitory of Mt. Holyoke college, at 8:30 o'clock this morning spread despite the efforts of fire-fighters, into the partitions of the stories above. The ninety girls, who live in the dormitory, were in chapel when the fire was discovered in a pile of rubbish. They hurried back and succeeded in saving belongings packed in suitcases, ready for their departure for the Christmas holidays, which was to have taken place this noon, but a number of packed trunks, stored in the basement, were lost.

Low water pressure hampered the local fire department, which was aided by two fire companies sent from the neighboring city of Holyoke. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Edwin N. White of Holyoke, a trustee of the college, has offered to make loans to those of the girls who lost all their belongings in the fire.

THREATENS TO BRING SUIT

Government May Sue Bridgeport, Conn., Brass Co.

FOR SETTLEMENT OF WAR CLAIM

Another Action Probable Against a Philadelphia Concern

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The government will bring suit against the Bridgeport Brass company unless an agreement for settlement of the war claim of the government against that company is made at a conference next month, Colonel Henry T. Anderson, a special assistant to the attorney general, told the House judiciary committee to-day.

C. Frank Reavis, another special assistant to the attorney general, told the committee that action, civil or criminal or both, soon would be started against the Thomas Roberts and company of Philadelphia, which purchased large quantities of government surplus canned meat.

TELEPHONE FASTER THAN TRAIN. So Charles Doherty of Rutland Was Caught at North Bennington.

Rutland, Dec. 21.—Given leave by Policeman T. C. Elsworth to go to his home for dinner instead of eating jail fare while awaiting sentence in city court yesterday for a serious breach of the peace, Charles Doherty, 21, laborer, took a train instead, having bought a ticket for Troy, N. Y.

The telephone was faster than the train he took and when the cars reached North Bennington an officer was waiting for him. A policeman later left here to bring the party back in the morning.

A few days ago Doherty knocked down and kicked 10-year-old Edward Tracy, injuring him so severely that a doctor was called. The lad taunted Doherty, he said. Doherty had pleaded guilty to the breach of the peace just before taking leave. He will also have to answer for breaking jail.

NO ASSETS LISTED. In Schedule Filed by Phillip H. See of Springfield.

Burlington, Dec. 21.—Phillip H. See of Springfield filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy at the office of the clerk of the United States court yesterday, placing his liabilities at \$6,000. No assets were given in the schedule. The liability consists of a note made payable to Albert E. Lynch of Cambridge, Mass., and W. H. Taylor of Boston. It was endorsed by the petitioner and two others and given by the Cambridge Knitting company of Cambridge, Mass., which gave a chattel mortgage on its machinery as security. The Cambridge Knitting company has been adjudged a bankrupt, according to the schedule.

TOOK CASE FROM JURY. And Awarded Verdict for H. C. Lawton in Horse Case.

Middlebury, Dec. 21.—The case of Clarence G. Lathrop vs. H. C. Lawson in an action of tort to recover for the sale of a horse alleged to have been the property of the plaintiff, was finished Tuesday afternoon in the Addison county court. The court took the case from the jury and found for the defendant. The plaintiff took exceptions and the case will probably go to the supreme court.

SUFFOCATED IN SNOW. Maine Man Died After Being Taken to Police Station.

Biddeford, Me., Dec. 21.—Thinking he was intoxicated, two early risers carried Arthur Bergeron, 25, to police headquarters this morning to sober up in a cell. They found him lying in a snow bank a block from the police station.

MONTPELIER. Mrs. John Farwell Died To-day After Six Months' Illness.

Mrs. John Farwell died at Heaton hospital this morning after a six months' illness. She suffered a stroke on July 1 and another stroke about two weeks ago. Previous to the second stroke she seemed unable to speak.

SHOE WHOLESALERS. Elected E. Walter Smith of Worcester As President.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The New England Shoe Wholesalers' association, in annual session here yesterday, elected E. Walter Smith of Worcester president. Byron S. Watson of Providence, R. I., secretary of Bangor and Alfred S. Wood of Bangor, Maine, were elected vice-presidents. Maynard Hutchinson and John G. Magaw of Boston were named as the executive committee.

AMERICAN FARMERS CAN WEATHER STORM

If Properly Financed, Declares War Finance Corporation in Annual Report to Congress.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The American farmer has demonstrated that when properly financed he can weather the worst economic storms, the war finance corporation declared in its annual report sent to Congress to-day. The report set forth that 41 per cent of the money advanced to the agricultural industry had been repaid either in advance of maturity or when due.

Advances by the corporation saved the farmers of the country millions of dollars, the report declared, explaining that the corporation's officers believed its activity had proved as beneficial in the restoration of confidence as in the actual pouring of cash into where credit was tightened. The loans had made it possible for thousands of farmers to handle their products in an orderly fashion, it was added, and the confidence instilled in them through the knowledge that money was available acted as a stabilizer of the value of which the reports said could only be estimated.

"It is impossible," the report continued, "to estimate the full effect of the aid given by the corporation to the livestock industry, because calamities that are averted can never be measured. It is generally recognized, however, that by providing as it did financing for more than 4,900,000 head of live stock, the corporation checked the demoralization in the industry, gave the stockmen a breathing spell, stabilized the market and turned the tide away from disaster toward recovery and reconstruction."

The effect of the corporation's activity on the livestock industry was typical of that on many other phases of agriculture, it was added, and satisfaction with the assistance rendered has been expressed to the corporation in countless ways.

"Large as is the number of advances made by the corporation," the report said, "it falls far short of indicating the number of farmers who benefited from them; for even those farmers who had no financial assistance directly or indirectly, have nevertheless been aided by the general improvement in the credit situation in their own communities, in neighboring districts, and in the country as a whole, as well as by the stabilization of markets for the many products of agriculture."

The report added that the gradual decreases in the number of applications for loans further reflected the general benefit which the corporation's operations have had on the agricultural credit situation. Advances for agricultural and livestock purposes totaling \$433,447,000 in 37 states had been approved up to Nov. 30. Of this \$182,875,000 went to 4,400 banking institutions, \$77,761,000 to 113 livestock loan companies and \$172,827,000 to 32 co-operative marketing associations.

VERMONTOR DOUGHTY HUNTER. With Bow and Arrow He Slew a Mountain Lion.

Boston, Dec. 21.—A mountain lion killed with a bow and arrow of his own make in the highlands of Humboldt county, California, has been added to the trophies of his archer-hunting by Captain Cassius W. Styles of South Hero Vt., an army air service officer, now on leave of absence from Mitchell Field. In a letter to his father-in-law, Lincoln C. Cummings of Brookline, made public to-day, Captain Styles said the animal was a big one and that his arrow pierced the heart.

Captain Styles, an aerial observer overseas during the war, in which he was taken prisoner by the Germans, is one of the few archer hunters in the country.

Describing the killing of the mountain lion, he wrote that after following a cold trail for four miles the dogs "came to where the lion had killed and eaten a deer, jumped the fresh trail and in a quarter of a mile treed him. He was a big fellow, too."

"As soon as I had enough breath to draw my bow, I drew a couple of times to be sure of my muscles and then, let him have one in the chest. The 'ole puss' raved back, whirled, and jumped about 30 feet to the ground."

TO ARREST HOODED FOLKS. Harrison, N. J., Police Gets Strict Orders.

Harrison, N. J., Dec. 21.—Instructions to arrest anyone appearing in the city wearing the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan and orders to have the sanity of all such persons determined by physicians, were posted to-day by Chief of Police Walsh.

LIFE TRUSTEES AT TUFTS. John R. MacCumber and Dr. Payson Smith Chosen.

Medford, Mass., Dec. 21.—John R. MacCumber of Boston and Dr. Payson Smith of Brookline, state commissioner of education, have been elected life members of the trustees of Tufts college. The appointments were announced to-day.

REVISE REGULATIONS OF OFFICERS' RESERVE. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—A joint committee of five reserve officers and five army officers has been appointed by Secretary Weeks to revise regulations of the officers' reserve corps in connection particularly with questions of promotion, dual status of officers with both reserve and National Guard commissions and also with reference to examination of reserve officers for commissions as general officers.

H. C. WHITEHILL IS SELECTED

For Collector of Customs for Vermont and Coos County, N. H.

CLOSE CONTEST THEREBY ENDED

John T. Cushing of St. Albans Was the Other Candidate

Waterbury, Dec. 21.—Hon. William P. Dillingham, senior United States senator from Vermont, in a telegram notified him late yesterday afternoon that the Vermont delegation had recommended his name to President Harding for the nomination of collector of customs for United States customs district No. 2, which includes the state of Vermont and Coos county, N. H. The headquarters for the collector's office is at St. Albans.

The customs district has eleven ports: St. Albans, Island Pond, Newport, Richford, Alburg, North Troy, Beecher's Falls, Derby Line, Swanton, Burlington and Highgate. The district also has seven stations which include East Alburg, Franklin, West Berkshire, Canaan, Montpelier, P. O., Quebec, P. O., and Depot Harbor, Ontario.

The selection of Mr. Whitehill for this important federal appointment brings to a head one of the most friendly but most earnest contests which has occurred in Vermont for several years. All predicted that it would be warm from the start, the start being made the morning after election two years ago, and it was no other than ever since. The contest from the very beginning has been between John T. Cushing of St. Albans and Mr. Whitehill. It had never looked inviting for others to enter. Mr. Whitehill and Mr. Cushing are personal friends and in spite of their active campaign on the part of both contestants, the pleasant relations between the two men is still in existence.

The present incumbent, Herbert C. Comings of Richford, who was the Democratic appointee, has held the office for eight years and six months. He resigned two months ago, same to take effect Jan. 1, 1923.

Mr. Whitehill's Services. In the recommendation of Mr. Whitehill for the position, a party service has been recognized which covers a period of twenty-seven years, during which period he has been the editor and publisher of the Waterbury Record. His newspaper has always advocated the principles of the Republican party and has been loyal at all times to Republican nominees both in the national and state ticket. He is of the younger type of political workers who possess both energy and speed. He is a tireless worker and possesses worth while campaign methods, so much so, his services have been in demand not only in Vermont and the New England states but in Ohio, Missouri and New York.

Hon. Fred A. Howland, president of the National Life Insurance Co., recognized Mr. Whitehill's go-getter qualities, and as the Vermont director of the war savings stamps, asked him to plan and put on a newspaper advertising campaign. The result of the week's advertising campaign, which was the largest ever put over in Vermont, was that more war savings stamps were sold that month in Vermont than in any other state in the union based on its per capita population.

The success of the advertising campaign in Vermont attracted out of state attention and Mr. Whitehill was invited to join the official family of the New England Liberty loan organization in Boston, where he had his headquarters during the fourth and fifth loans, and assisted in preparing the copy and placing the advertisements throughout the New England states.

In Mr. Whitehill's war activities he was brought in close touch with some of the Republican party's active men and leaders who were seeking men who possessed ideas along organization lines. When the 1920 campaign was in the starting he was asked to accept the appointment and the assistant to Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, which position he still retains. Since the 1920 election Mr. Whitehill has been called upon to do party service in Missouri, Ohio and New York, and his work was so successful as to attract the attention of the prominent officials in Washington.

During the 1922 campaign Mr. Whitehill has maintained headquarters in Boston, where he was called upon to give his attention to the political activities in all the New England states. He has been in charge of planning many of the important state conferences, and accompanied Vice-President Calvin Coolidge in his speaking engagements.

Mr. Whitehill is 47 years of age, one of the youngest men to be appointed collector. He was born in Grotton, Vt., May 8, 1875, the son of Joseph H. and Elizabeth (Ricker) Whitehill. He was educated in the Grotton public schools and Montpelier seminary. He started in at newspaper work at the age of 16, being employed on the Montpelier Watchman during his school days at Montpelier. Thus his first newspaper experience was gained under the direction of Arthur Rogers, who was, during his life, recognized as one of the leading editorial writers of the state.

A position on The Argus was made vacant by the resignation of Frank E. Howe, now owner of the Bennington Banner, and Mr. Whitehill was invited to take the job. He did, and remained in this position for several months. He came to Waterbury in April, 1895, and established the Waterbury Record and is to-day the owner and publisher of this paper. He served as president of the village during 1909 and 1910. He is one of the officials of the Waterbury Savings Bank and Trust company, having been a member of the board of directors for twelve years. He is one of the leading Methodists of the state. He is a member of the official board and superintendent of the Sunday school. He was married Jan. 19, 1898, to Miss Mary Moody, daughter of Justin W. and Mrs. Harriet (Brown) Moody.

WEBBER—JONES. East Barre Woman the Bride of Grotton Man.

A very pretty wedding took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones of East Barre when their daughter, Ella Mae Jones, was united in marriage to Henry McKnight Webber of Grotton, in the presence of the near relatives. The officiating clergyman was Rev. James Ramage.

The bridal party entered the parlor to the music of Lohegrin's bridal march, played by Mrs. M. J. Whitcomb. The ceremony took place under an arch of evergreen. Miss Ruth McAllister was bridesmaid and Wendell Webber, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride wore a blue traveling suit and carried a bouquet of pink tea roses.

The bride is a graduate of Spaulding high school, class of 1922, and is one of East Barre's popular young ladies. She is teacher of the Springhouse school on the East Barre road. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webber of Woodbury, formerly of East Barre, and is engaged as quarryman at Grotton.

The wedding gifts were beautiful and valuable. Mr. and Mrs. Webber have the congratulations and best wishes of their many friends.

BETHEL HAD \$8,000 LOSS

When Fire Broke Out in Cady Block and Resisted Stubbornly

OTHER BUILDINGS WERE ENDANGERED

Fire Discovered By H. P. Perkins Was Walking Street

Bethel, Dec. 21.—A stubborn fire in the Cady block, formerly the Moody block, in the center of the business section, was put out in a two-hour fight last night, between ten and twelve o'clock. Fire Chief L. H. Whitney, his assistants and the firemen generally did a fine piece of work. A loss of \$8,000 instead of one of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 must look good to the insurance companies, as it certainly does to the citizens.

The fire was exactly at the point, which almost all the old residents have predicted would be the scene some day of a fire, which would sweep three or four of the leading business blocks. This building and the Graham block adjoin without an inch of space between them and the same is true of the Graham and Gay buildings, while in the opposite direction the Bethel inn is separated from it by a 15-foot driveway.

In the last stage of the fire an outbreak in the basement, its original cause, Assistant Engineer Eugene C. Blaisdell stepped into a hole in the darkness and dislocated a knee joint. He was taken into the Clifford pharmacy, where Dr. G. A. Best pulled the joint back, and he was carried home. He was able to walk about with considerable pain. His ward and the team right on fighting the fire but was dislocated.

Representative H. P. Perkins was walking along up the street, with nobody in sight, about ten o'clock when his attention was attracted by a glimmer of light from a basement window in the Cady block. He satisfied himself that it was caused by a fire and called an alarm on the Smead firemen having begun to arrive. They found the mail for the night train in an elevator near the fire and removed it to the railway station.

Good Fire Fighting. From first to last the fire, in an old frame building, as dry as tinder, under a slate roof, was of the kind that would have won its fight if the men had not worked exceedingly well and if the conditions had not been very favorable. Instead of a temperature 10 below like the night before, the mercury stood at 15 above. The water came with great force and in great abundance. Three great streams were available at all times. The electrical driven pump installed in a cement building near the branch 12 years ago never had so good a test before and never paid for itself in a fire so financially as on this occasion.

The fire escapes on the north end of the hotel were the ideal escape point from which to deluge the fire at an early stage, when it threatened in that direction. In fact it was a great advantage nearly throughout the fire to have such substantial ladders at just the height and just the distance needed.

The building was used for the post-office, Cady undertaking rooms and Noble-Buckindale post-American Legion. Postmaster Noble was on the ground early and the stamps, mail and other valuables were removed to safe places. He thinks that little if any valuable mail will be found in the water soaked building.

The stock of the undertaking business was mostly salvaged. The Legion furniture in the upper part of the building got a drenching all right. It was the Legion's second fire, the first having occurred 14 months ago when the Putnam building was burned. There has been no destructive fire in the village between these two.

Tenants in the Graham block over the hardware store removed their furniture and at one time the fire certainly threatened in that direction. The Graham hardware store was damaged by water to quite an extent.

Temporary quarters for the post-office have been found in the Bethel inn now vacant.

The cause of the fire is not known. It started near the elevator shaft in the basement and spread very fast.

26 INDICTMENTS. Returned By Federal Grand Jury at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Dec. 21.—Twenty-six indictments were found by the grand jury in the case of the Miller case, a large proportion of them being run-running cases, and the grand jury completed its work about noon yesterday. Foreman Alton J. Dugas reported that true bills were found in 26 cases, and in three cases no indictment was found.

No announcement of the names of the persons indicted is made as they have not been arrested under the indictments. Judge Howe intends to return to Brattleboro soon to preside at some hearings.

Barre Case Heard. A hearing was held in county court this morning in the case of the Miles block company vs. First Universalist church of Barre. E. H. Deavitt appears for the plaintiff and H. C. Shurtleff for the defendant.

Milwaukee, Dec. 21.—The mere suggestion of the return of Arbutuckle to the films is an outrage and insult to the public, Rev. F. G. Bohner, secretary of the Milwaukee federation of ministers, said when he learned Arbutuckle again would be shown in motion pictures.