

bankrupt or so close to it that no hope is held of collecting from them. So action will be against Western Electric Co. This was in effect admitted today by Jesse Wilcox, administrator named by probate court for 56 "estates" of Eastland victims.

"I can not say what our action will be," said Wilcox. "It is certain, however, that the owners of the Eastland, though involved in the responsibility, could not pay proper damages if claims were sustained. When suits are begun they will be prosecuted against interests able to pay in full."

The attorney in charge of collecting evidence is one who has hit Big Business hard blows in personal injury suits. He is Charles C. Spencer.

He won for his client, Mary Sheetz, the first personal injury award under the occupational disease act. Miss Sheetz died from lead poison which got into her blood while she worked as a typesetter for International Harvester Co.

Ten thousand dollars award was made by the jury that heard the evidence, this being reduced to \$8,000 by the court.

A verdict of \$35,000 against Montgomery Ward & Co. was won by Spencer for his client, Cyrus Davidson, a farm hand near Tonti. A saw-frame sold by Montgomery Ward & Co. went to pieces one day and tore an arm and a leg off Davidson and otherwise injured him so he's a physical wreck. The big mail-order house claimed the machine was manufactured by Sycamore Foundry Co. Court and jury held Montgomery Ward & Co. are responsible for machinery advertised in their catalogue and marked with their initials.

ARMOR MANUFACTURERS DEFY SENATE COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan. 25.—Armor plate manufacturers today flatly refused to tell senate naval affairs committee actual cost of their products. As result, hearing by which they hoped to

postpone favorable report on government armor plate plant bill is practically at an end. Bill will be favorably reported.

STAGE GREATEST AIR RAID EVER IN BALKANS

London.—2 German aeroplanes bombarded French seaport town of Dunkirk at 6 o'clock this morning, the admiralty announced. Two hours later a German aviator was shot down by British airmen at Nieuport, several miles from Dunkirk on sea-coast.

Berlin.—Turkish troops east of Kut-El-Amara reinforced by arrival of artillery and infantry from Bagdad have repulsed every attempt of British to advance to relief of Gen. Townsend's besieged garrison.

Salonika.—More than 100 bombs dropped by 45 French aviators who raided Monastir and other Southern Serbia cities with important results Monday. Greatest air raid ever executed in Balkans.

London.—France has urged England to declare immediate blockade without waiting for further protests from neutrals.

Blockade advocates today claimed large majority in commons in support of that policy.

London.—Paris and London papers today printed reports that Emperor Franz Josef is seriously ill. No Austrian verification.

Petrograd.—Russian troops, pressing down from northeast, have approached to within 3 miles of city of Pinsk. Germans are strengthening their positions north of Pinsk to meet expected Slav attack. Movement against Pinsk extension of offensive launched against Austro-Germans in Kovel-Sarny railroad region a few weeks ago.

Rome.—their immediate escape to the Adriatic cut off by capture of Scutari, Montenegrin and Serbian troops are attempting to retreat southward upon Durazzo.