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KINGSLEY IS HOME, DOPED

Wife Finds Him This Morning After Rap on Door at 5 o'clock

DOCTOR DECLARES HE IS BADLY DOPED

Considers Kingsley's Condition Serious—Knows No One—Shows No Marks of Violence—How He Reached Home

Arthur Kingsley, the Whitingham farmer who has been missing from his home since late Thursday afternoon, returned, or was returned, this morning at 4:40 o'clock in a condition which prevented him from recognizing any of his family and he failed to recover his senses sufficiently to recognize any of them. That he is doped is the opinion of Dr. Gordon of Jacksonville, who was called to see him this morning.

Mrs. Kingsley was in bed when she heard a determined rap at the front door of the house and she says it probably took her two minutes to dress sufficiently to open the door. When she did so her husband stood there. He did not recognize her and was apparently dazed. She saw no one else.

The circumstances surrounding this

disappearance and the unexpected return of Mr. Kingsley are expected to lead to some developments that will startle the Deerfield valley. Incidentally it would appear that Carl Perry, who has been regarded with suspicion because of the fact that he was the last to be seen with Kingsley, is exonerated from all blame.

Dr. F. H. O'Connor left this afternoon at 2 o'clock for the Kingsley home to make an examination of Mr. Kingsley, acting under orders of Attorney General Rufus E. Brown.

SCHOONER ABANDONED, 10 OF CREW SAVED

Men Brought into Portland and Vessel Towed to New Bedford—Five Were Drowned.

BOSTON, Nov. 6.—Nine men, members of the crew of the Gloucester fishing schooner Annie M. Parker, who had been picked up in a state of exhaustion from lack of food and water and half dead from exposure, were brought into Portland harbor last night on board the coasting schooner Titmouse.

A tenth survivor, son of the captain of the vessel that had deserted, is at sea in another schooner, vainly searching for his father.

With their vessel aground on the Rose and Crown ledge, 12 miles of Sankaty Head, Nantucket, they had taken to their dories at 2:55 Saturday morning, had seen their captain and four of their number drowned within a few feet of them, and had drifted many miles to sea before being rescued.

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FOR SALE—All kinds of dry wood. F. A. Larrow. 195-1f

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TRIES TO IMPEACH TESTIMONY GIVEN BY MABEL CUMMING

State Has Stenographer Read Notes Taken at Hearing Before Grand Jury Which Indicted Foster

BULLET IN SKULL WAS OF 32 CALIBRE

Mrs. Bliss Tells of Time When She Sought Shelter from Bullets from Direction of Prouty's House

(Special to The Reformer.)

NEWFARE, Nov. 6.

The Foster case dragged in court this morning, few witnesses being examined and little testimony of interest being brought out. The principal feature of the morning session was the reading by Miss Marion Simonds of Brattleboro, who was the stenographer before the grand jury which indicted Foster, of testimony given before the grand jury by Mrs. Mabel Cumming, who was Foster's housekeeper at the time Foster shot and killed Ossie Prouty. The reading of this testimony was for the purpose of impeaching the testimony of Mrs. Cumming since Foster's trial began.

Stephen Merrill of Halifax was the first witness today. He worked for Foster the week before the shooting and on the day of the shooting. He was in the potato field back of the barn on that day. He said he saw Prouty drive past on the way to Warren's mill about 2:50 o'clock, but did not see him stop. He did not hear any talk between Foster and Prouty. The witness did not remember saying before the grand jury that he would have been able to see a gun on Foster if he had one. He admitted that he talked last night with Foster's counsel, and wanted to change some of the testimony that he gave before the grand jury.

Cross examined by Attorney Gibson Mr. Merrill said that Foster came into the field and talked to him after Prouty had gone past and that Foster

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did not have a black eye at that time. He also said that Foster mentioned having some trouble with Prouty.

Mrs. Ossie Prouty, wife of Foster's victim, was next called. She was asked but two questions, and there was no cross examination. Her testimony was to the effect that her dog was good with children and would not chase cattle unless he was upon them.

Dr. Charles F. Whitney of Burlington, who assisted Dr. Stone in performing the autopsy on Prouty, testified that in his opinion Prouty's death was instantaneous and that he never could have walked after receiving the wound. He corroborated Dr. Stone in regard to the absence of powder marks on Prouty's face.

Attorney Jones cross examined Dr. Whitney. The witness said that the bullet made no mark on the inside of the back part of Prouty's skull. The bullet was found in the lower part of the skull, and evidently had fallen through the soft tissues, as its course on entering the skull was upward.

Mrs. Cumming was recalled and was examined at length by Attorney General Brown in regard to her testimony at the inquest. Much of the testimony she gave at that time she denied absolutely or was unable to recollect. She denied saying that Foster went out and had a fight with Prouty and was on the back part of Prouty's skull. The bullet was found in the lower part of the skull, and evidently had fallen through the soft tissues, as its course on entering the skull was upward.

At this point the state was ready to recall Dr. George R. Anderson of Brattleboro, but as Dr. Anderson had not arrived a recess was taken at 11:30 until 1:30. It is believed that the state will conclude its side of the case this afternoon. A large number of witnesses have been summoned for the defense. The defense witnesses are summoned by the state on the declaration of the respondent that he has not sufficient funds to pay the expense himself.

Cross examined by Attorney Gibson Judge Daley and Judge Gibson asked to be assigned counsel at the expense of the state, but the court declined to grant the request. Among those present to testify for the defense are Col. Kittredge Haskins and Charles Colp of Brattleboro besides many residents of Halifax.

Yesterday afternoon's session opened with further cross-examination of Sidney Coleman by Judge W. B. Daley, to whose questioning the witness replied that he remembered of having at one time some talk with Willard Fisher in regard to presenting Foster. Mr. Coleman didn't remember having heard Foster threaten Prouty within a year and a half and said that he had hardly stopped his (Coleman's) shop during that time, although he had been past there on an average of twice a week. Asked about what he said when he saw Prouty's body lying on the ground, Coleman stated that he made the remark that he had never stood up for Foster and was glad that he had not.

The next witness was Fred Chase, who lives with his mother and brother on a farm a mile west of the Foster place. He said he had heard Foster threaten Prouty and that the conversation took place at Warren's mill about a year ago. At that time Foster called Prouty a low-down state's prison criminal. "Foster told me," the witness said, "that he would shoot Prouty down like a dog and any judge or jury would acquit him in 10 minutes." Mr. Chase said that he would have been there if he had been there. Foster said that he would drive Prouty off the hill and that if he could not do it one way he would another. On cross-examination by Mr. Gibson the witness admitted that he and Foster hadn't been neighbors since Aug. 11, and said that he and Foster hadn't seen each other since. Mr. Chase admitted that he had refused to talk with Foster's counsel about the case and that he had no respect for the respondent, but added that he was sorry for him and would be willing to help him if he could. He said he had no feeling about the case.

Buell Brown of Marlboro, who was employed by Foster at one time, said he had heard his employer threaten Prouty at the time the latter was arrested. Foster had said, according to Buell, that he would drive Prouty off the hill and that he would shoot him as quick as he would a dog. On cross-examination Mr. Brown admitted that he was friendly with Mr. Chase, the previous witness. He also said he had heard Foster say he was afraid of Warren's mill. Mr. Brown, proprietor of the mill in Halifax, said he had heard Foster call Prouty a low-down criminal and that he would get Prouty of Thomas hill in one way or another. Mr. Warren admitted on cross-examination that the Foster case had been talked over by his men employed in the mill and that he knew that some of the men had refused to tell counsel

for Foster about statements they had heard him make.

Nehemiah Sprague of West Brattleboro, who at one time owned a farm near the Foster place and had been employed in Warren's mill, was another witness who had heard Foster say that he would get Prouty off the hill in one way or another. On cross-examination he testified that he had been a witness in the Prouty case and that he had afterward received from Foster a sarcastic letter in reference to his testimony. This letter was introduced as evidence by the state.

Leslie Hill, an employe of Warren's mill, had overheard Foster say he would drive Prouty off the hill in one way or another. On cross-examination the witness said he had never entertained friendly feelings toward the respondent and that he was third or fourth cousin to Prouty's widow.

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THREE LAWSUITS OF LOCAL INTEREST

William Ulrich Defendant in \$10,000 Damage Case on Account Elisha Gates's Death in Guilford.

Three cases of interest to Windham county residents appear on the docket of the Franklin county court which convenes Monday in Greenfield, Mass. One case is that of Frank J. Lawler, administrator of the estate of Elisha E. Gates of Guilford, Vt., against William H. Ulrich of Greenfield, in which the plaintiff sues for \$10,000, on account of the death of Elisha E. Gates on June 5, 1912, at a point about a quarter of mile above the bridge in Green River on the road to Jacksonville. The action arises on account of the alleged failure of the defendant to blow a horn or otherwise signal his approach before making a sharp turn on the road a short distance beyond where Mr. Gates was driving, and for failing to bring his automobile under control and for failing to bring it to a full stop on seeing the horse becoming unmanageable and an occupant of the wagon waving his hand for the driver to stop, and for failing to stop to the right of the center of the traveled highway so that the team in which Gates was riding was forced off of the road and into a ditch in such a way that Gates was thrown to the ground, receiving injuries from which he died.

The other case is that of Willard Gilbert of Tegus, Me., who was the other occupant of the team, who sues William Ulrich, in the sum of \$5,000 for injuries received.

The third case is that of Tony Egan of Brattleboro against Julius Egan of Milford Falls, who sues in the sum of \$1,000 for the recovery of \$500, the purchase price of the equity in the fruit store at 90 Main street, then owned by New Regal, and subject to a certain mortgage held by Julius Egan. The plaintiff claims that he bought New's interest under the condition that the mortgage could run, but that hardly two weeks elapsed when fore closure proceedings were instituted. After-foreclosure proceedings had been begun and before they were consummated the plaintiff, it is alleged, threatened to prevent the proceedings to continue, whereupon a compromise was reached whereby the plaintiff was not to interfere with the proceedings, on the defendant's promise to repay the \$500, all of which the plaintiff alleges that he faithfully kept, but that the defendant has failed on his part to pay him the \$500 or any part thereof.

All the suits are brought by Myron P. Davis. Frank J. Lawler of Greenfield is associated with Mr. Davis.

GEN. HUERTA WILL REJECT ALL DEMANDS

Will, However, Abide by the Decision of Congress Regarding the Recent Elections.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 6.—The purpose of Huerta, who was elected this morning by a person close to the provisional president. This man said Huerta was determined to reject all demands sent forth, including the latest American communication, and was resolved to seat Congress just as it was elected. If Congress, however, declares the recent elections null and void and makes arrangements for another election, Huerta will be disposed to abide by the decision, and submit to the people's choice on the man who would occupy the presidency until the autumn of 1916.

NURSE'S BRAVERY.

Anna Olson Plunged into the Water to Save Insane Patient.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Marthe Novick, an immigrant girl who escaped the terrors of the burning steamship Volturno, became ill and temporarily insane at the Ellis Island hospital where she eluded her nurse and flung herself into the bay. The heroism of her nurse, Anna Olson, who plunged into the water after the insane woman and after a hard fight brought her safely to the dock, was made the subject of an investigation by Surgeon General Blue, who recommends that Miss Olson's bravery be rewarded by a substantial increase of pay.

SUIT BY MAJOR CHILDS FOR \$15,000 DAMAGES

Case on Trial in Superior Court in Boston—Alleges Injuries on New Haven Road at Springfield.

Maj. F. W. Childs's suit for \$15,000 damages against the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company is on trial in Boston, Clarke C. Pitts and Arthur F. Carpenter of this town and F. N. Fay of Boston being counsel for the plaintiff, Dr. George R. Anderson was there yesterday as a witness for the plaintiff. The following concerning the trial is from last night's issue of the Boston Record:

"In the first session of the superior court before Judge Dana and a jury, the trial of the suit of Frederick W. Childs against the New Haven road was begun.

"Childs, who is general agent of the New York Life Insurance Co. seeks to recover \$15,000 for injuries which he received while a passenger on one of defendant's trains at Springfield on June 23, 1912.

"The plaintiff, who is known as Maj. Childs, is a prominent member of the Vermont militia, was formerly postmaster at Brattleboro, and is one of the leading Democrats of his state.

"The accident which is the basis of the suit occurred while he was at Springfield on his way, as a delegate from Brattleboro to the Democratic national convention at Baltimore.

"He had left his train from Vermont and had boarded a Pullman car attached to the New York train on defendant's road, when another car was backed into the Pullman car with such force that he was thrown down, striking his temple against a seat and receiving the injuries for which he now seeks to recover.

"He is represented by Clarke C. Pitts, a former attorney general of Vermont, and F. N. Fay of the firm of Bates, Noy & Abbott, while J. L. Hall and Joseph Wentworth represent the defendant.

CHECK FOR \$100 LOST BY PETER S. CHASE

But He Afterwards Found It—Search Was Made by Deputy Sheriff Knapp—An Amusing Mistake.

A Brattleboro man lost a check for about \$100 yesterday, but after a little delay and considerable anxiety he found it again. The man was Peter S. Chase, who had been in Newfare as a jurymen since Sept. 9, but who had been discharged.

When Mr. Chase settled with County Clerk F. D. E. Stone for his attendance at court he found that about \$100 was coming to him. Mr. Stone drew a check for the amount and the juror snugly tucked it away in his pocketbook and decided to place it in his overcoat which hung in the cloak room, but he did not put his overcoat on just then.

Soon afterwards Mr. Chase came to Brattleboro and on arriving home a search of his overcoat failed to reveal the equivalent for his time spent. It is said the cold sweat stood on his brow.

Mr. Chase hurried to the telephone and called Deputy Sheriff C. I. Knapp, who was at the court house in Newfare, and reported his loss. The officer made a few hurried inquiries and soon had persons about the court house searching for the missing check.

It was not long before Stephen Merrill of Halifax, a witness in the Foster case, pulled the lost property out of his overcoat pocket. His coat hung next to Mr. Chase's in the cloak room and was of about the same color, and Mr. Chase had placed the check in the wrong coat.

AUDIENCE DELIGHTED BY DR. S. M. CROTHERS

Former Unitarian Pastor Gave Address Before Woman's Club—Humorous with Serious Undercurrent.

The Brattleboro Woman's club held a regular meeting in the Unitarian church last evening and presented Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Crothers a large and delighted audience of members and friends. Dr. Crothers would be welcome anywhere at any time for his delightful spirit of optimism and good humor, but he is especially welcome in Brattleboro, where he once "belonged." His subject was "The Pleasure of the Absentee Landlord." Briefly, he described the conditions which contribute to the irresponsible pleasure of an owner of property who remains away from it, and then went on to show how this pleasure can be enjoyed by reading "old" books. This he said, is a secondary function, but none the less a real and important one. All through his address he gave his hearers plenty of chances to laugh, and yet there was a serious undercurrent well calculated to inspire better thoughts and better reading habits.

Mrs. John C. DeWitt, president of the Woman's club, introduced Dr. Crothers with well-chosen words, and Mrs. Helen Crosby Brasor played two selections on the organ before the address.

TAMMANY TO GET THE PROBE

District Attorney Whitman Investigating Charges of Corruption

CLAIM MONEY GIVEN WAS NEVER REPORTED

George H. McGuire Expected to Tell About the Alleged "Sandbagging" of Contractors Up the State—Lobbyist Wood Summoned.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—District Attorney Whitman's investigation of the charges of Tammany corruption, made during the recent municipal campaign by John A. Hennessy, was resumed today. The examination of witnesses before Magistrate McAdoo is set for this forenoon.

Among those cited to appear are Eugene D. Wood, lobbyist, and George H. McGuire of Syracuse. According to Hennessy it was the latter who gave him much of the information concerning the alleged "sandbagging" of contractors up the state to contribute to the Tammany campaign funds.

The district attorney has been supplied with a list of 43 individuals and firms said to have given Tammany money which has never been reported. Wood, it is thought, will be questioned about the reported conference in New York relative to the nomination for the Supreme court in 1902 of Edward E. McCall, the defeated Democratic candidate for mayor.

DEATH TODAY OF MRS. ALFRED WRIGHT

Husband Formerly Was Member of Clothing Firm of Brattle, Wright & Company in Brattleboro.

News has been received here of the death from diabetes, in Cambridge, Mass., this morning of Mary Bemis Wright, widow of Alfred H. Wright, formerly of this town.

Mrs. Wright was born in 1825 and was married to Mr. Wright in 1858. He was long in the clothing business here with the late D. S. Pratt and O. D. Esterbrook, the firm name being Pratt, Wright & Co. They built the house on Oak street, formerly the Judge Shea place, and they lived there many years, moving to Natick, Mass., then to Worcester. The last years of her life were spent with her daughter in Cambridge.

She leaves four children, Nellie, wife of George E. Howe, a lawyer of Boston, whose home is in Cambridge; Harry M., a traveling salesman with headquarters in San Francisco; Frank S. of Natick, Mass., and Clifford B. of Boston, also five grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at Cambridge Saturday afternoon, and the burial will take place in the family lot in Bedford, Mass.

PUMPING MUD OUT OF COFFER DAM

Preparing Foundation for Second Pier of Railroad Bridge at Mouth of Whetstone Brook.

The first work of pumping out the coffer dam which has been built to protect the construction of the second pier of the Boston & Maine bridge across the Whetstone brook was started this morning. The purpose of this is to clear the mud from the top of the ledge that forms the base of what is to be the pier. Diver Foley, during the pumping, is down at the bottom with his air hose forcing the mud and slime toward the suction of the pump.

The coffer dam is not water tight because, if it were, it would float the water would float the timbers. For this reason, after the mud is cleared from the ledge at the bottom, a concrete foundation is put in to within 10 feet of the surface of the water. The water is then pumped out after the coffer dam has been made water tight and the masons lay the stone piers on the concrete foundation, which sets quicker under water than it does in the air.

In two days it is expected that the bottom will be cleared of mud and the work of putting in the concrete foundation will be started. Once that is laid, the piers will follow rapidly.

IN MEXICAN WATERS.

American Battleships Will Not Return to This Country.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The battleships New Hampshire, Louisiana and Michigan of the second division of the Atlantic fleet, which were to be relieved from duty in Mexican waters on the arrival of four vessels of the third division, today were formally ordered to remain at Vera Cruz. Orders were also issued for the armored cruiser California to remain in Pacific Mexican waters.

THE WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer in Vermont on Friday.