

RAILROADS WIN SUIT

May Charge Demurrage on Private Cars

JUST AS THEY MAY DESIRE

Interstate Commerce Commission Rendered Decision in an Important Case To-day Against Proctor, Gamble Company.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The interstate commerce commission to-day decided in favor of the railroads in the important suit brought by the Proctor, Gamble Soap company of Cincinnati for charges for demurrage on private cars. The commission holds, by this decision, that the railroads may impose any demurrage charges that they desire on private cars. The Proctor, Gamble company run private tank cars, which were made subject to demurrage charges by the railroads, to which action the company objected, resulting in the suit in this case.

PERJURY IS ALLEGED

In Case of Adultery Brought in Burlington Court.

Burlington, Dec. 13.—Judge Mower in city court late yesterday afternoon heard testimony in the case of Joshua William Ewing, charged with perjury in connection with the trial of Mrs. Emeline McNulty, which was held Saturday afternoon. Ewing, who is Mrs. McNulty's son, was arrested yesterday on complaint issued by City Attorney Vilas. The city attorney claims that young Ewing told an entirely different story at Mrs. McNulty's trial from the one he is alleged to have related to the police. It is claimed that Ewing came into the police station and told Chief Russell that he had been ordered out of the house on Battery street and that he was going to have things straightened out down there before he went away. He is alleged to have said that Arthur Locklin, who was also charged with adultery in connection with the McNulty case, had been living at the house for several years. Chief Russell, and Officers John Ryan and Patrick Henry testified to having had such conversation with Ewing. When he was placed on the stand in the McNulty trial, Ewing told an entirely different story. He said that there was no trouble at his home and that Locklin was only a boarder at the house. Partly as a result of his testimony the city attorney was unable to proceed with the case against Mrs. McNulty and she was discharged. The city attorney then brought the charge of perjury against Ewing. The hearing was continued in city court this afternoon at two o'clock. Ewing furnished bail in the sum of \$500.

DIAMOND CHOOSES SUCCESSOR.

Former War Secretary to be Presidential Understudy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—It is reported that General Bernardo Reyes, former secretary of war, has left Paris for Mexico to become a presidential understudy to Diaz, whose health is poor. President Diaz chose Reyes to succeed him. The latter was a general in the Mexican army and governor of the Nuevo Leon province. He was sent to Europe recently to investigate money matters and it was rumored there that he was an exile for his presidential aspirations.

ROOSEVELT ON DEM. LANDSLIDE.

Will Address Chamber of Commerce at Dinner in New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 13.—The chamber of commerce dined to-night with Theodore Roosevelt, Governor-elect Baldwin is also invited, but will probably be absent on account of the controversy with Roosevelt over the latter's "retrogressive judge" speech in New Hampshire. Roosevelt is due to arrive here this afternoon. A committee will go to New York to accompany him. He will speak here on the Democratic landslide and will be the guest of Colonel Uman, president of the chamber of commerce.

NO SERIOUS INJURY

For Aviator Garros, Who Dropped 20 Feet at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 13.—Roland Garros fell twenty feet in his Demoselle machine here yesterday, without sustaining serious injury, and John B. Moisant righted himself in his Bleriot in time to escape crashing into a fence. Only a few splinters were broken from one of the propeller blades. Damaged machines kept Hamilton, Frisbie and Simon in their hangars.

ROBBERY AT ST. JOHNSBURY.

Boston & Main Ticket Office Was Broken Into.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 13.—On opening the ticket office in the Boston & Maine railroad station here yesterday morning, George Newell found the money drawer broken into and \$235 in bills missing. Joseph Battigan, night agent, closed the office at 3:30 and an investigation showed the door and all the windows locked at 6 o'clock when Newell opened up for the day. No clue to the guilty parties was found.

\$4,000,000 FUND FOR PENSIONS.

Amount Paid Last Year, Bill Introduced in Congress Reduces it \$2,000,000.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The House carried the pension bill to-day, having decided to dispose of the measure quickly. The bill introduced carries \$2,000,000 less than last year, and it stated that the government then paid a total of over \$4,000,000 for pensions. DISSATISFIED WITH GOVERNMENT. Naval Mutinies Only Forerunners of Worse Trouble in Brazil. Liverpool, Dec. 13.—A serious revolt will culminate the arbitrary governmental methods in Brazil, according to commercial advisers. The naval mutinies are merely the evidence of symptomatic discontent.

GRANITEVILLE.

All bills contracted by committee of camp No. 8322, M. W. of A., arrival should be sent in no later than Friday, the 19th, if possible. J. J. Sullivan, sec. Regular meeting of Granite Mountain lodge, No. 7387, I. O. O. F., M. U., will be held in Miles' hall on Wednesday evening, December 14. Business, nomination of officers for the ensuing term. A large attendance is requested.

Not Smashing the Constitution.

The New York Sun appears to be laboring under the delusion that Vermont doesn't understand some part, at least, of the prohibition of the constitution of the United States, and is just fool enough to impose an export tax on Christmas trees, or anything else, for that matter. And the popular impression of outsiders that we are all stage Reubens up here is given another layer of confirmation from an apparent authority. As a matter of fact, there has been no tax laid upon the exportation of these spruce, but a license fee is to be exacted from dealers. And this, too, is not for a mercenary purpose in the sense of raising additional revenue, but to restrict as much as possible, the present slaughter of these young trees which is beginning to be felt seriously on the hillsides. This is a conservation, not a revenue, measure, and is designed to help husband our forests and water supply.—St. Albans Messenger.

BITTER TIRADE AT WIDOW

Attorney Johnson Scored Mrs. Glover Unmercifully

IN COURT ROOM TODAY

He Even Declared That She May Have Fired the Shot Which Killed Clarence F. Glover—She Is Also Called Vampire.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 13.—Court convened late this morning in the trial of Hattie LeBlanc, who is charged with the murder of Clarence F. Glover. The chief counsel for the defense, Melvin Johnson, resumed his summing-up which he started yesterday afternoon. It is expected that he and District Attorney Higgins will finish in time so that Judge Bond will charge the jury to-night or tomorrow morning. Attorney Johnson spoke for two hours yesterday afternoon. He declared at the outset that the little girl, Hattie, was brought from Cape Breton solely for the white slave traffic. Turning, then, to Mrs. Glover, who induced the girl to leave her home, he denounced the murdered man's widow as a vampire, and he recited Kipling to emphasize his point. When Mr. Johnson resumed this morning he warned against circumstantial evidence, and he declared also that the defense was not required to establish anything but that the prosecution must prove beyond reasonable doubt that Hattie is guilty. "The government is talking of murder but they haven't proved it," he shouted. "The murder may have been committed by another," he added. "We point to the possibility that Mrs. Glover may have shot Mr. Glover," he declared. "I am not a seer, but I have proved that Hattie was at the Glover laundry on the night of the murder—except by her statement. Attorney Johnson completed his address to the jury at 11:30 o'clock, and District Attorney Higgins then began.

ANOTHER BURGLARY CASE.

Addison County Court Takes Up Companion to Last Week's Trial.

Middlebury, Dec. 13.—Addison county court reconvened at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and took up the case of state vs. Peter Ricci, a companion case to the one tried last week. The respondent is charged with burglarizing the store of Charles E. Stebbins in Vergennes, October 18. The testimony so far has been practically the same as that given in the case last week. Murray Bourne of Bristol and Frank L. Fish of Vergennes are defending the respondent while State's Attorney Frank W. Tuttle of Vergennes is prosecuting. There is now a prospect that the long civil case of H. C. Potter vs. J. N. Chase will be brought to trial at this term. This will be the case if R. E. Brown of Burlington, one of the attorneys for the defendant and who is now ill at his home in Burlington, should recover in time to be able to attend to the case before the close of the term.

BELLOWS FALLS GAVE AID

To Subdue Stubborn Fire in North Walpole, N. H., Last Night.

Bellows Falls, Dec. 13.—A stubborn fire raged in a square in North Walpole, just across the river from here last night. A three-story block containing a barber shop, saloon and six Polish families caught fire at 11 o'clock and was burned to the ground. The families were driven out in the cold. The water supply failed and the Bellows Falls fire department was called upon. A hose three-quarters of a mile long was laid from a hydrant across the Connecticut river and helped to save several buildings. Barrett's store, the Crescent Bottling company and four tenement houses on Merchant street were afeared, but all were saved in good condition. The fire loss is about \$10,000.

KNOCKED DOWN BY HAY.

Mrs. Michael Hennessey of Brattleboro Was Hurt.

Brattleboro, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Michael Hennessey of Vernon street received injuries about her body and ankles yesterday when part of a load of baled hay slid from a wagon at the corner of Plat and Main streets and knocked her to the sidewalk. Joseph Whalen, employed by the Valley Grain company, was driving around the corner and Mrs. Hennessey and W. B. Vinton were passing in front of H. M. Wood's store. Mr. Vinton was thrown down by the fall of the hay, but regained his feet and assisted in carrying the woman into Mr. Wood's store, where Dr. O'Connor was called. Mrs. Hennessey was taken to her home.

MURDERED IN HIS HOME.

Nathan B. Hyde of Chicago Was Killed by Burglars.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Nathan B. Hyde, former United States commissioner for the southern district of Wisconsin and at one time a member of the New York bar, was found dead in his home on the west side last night. His head was cut open by a blow from a crowbar, which was found near the body. The house was ransacked and the police say robbery was the motive for the murder. Mr. Hyde was 70 years old. He had lived in Chicago since 1903. His wife died before he came to Chicago and since then he had lived alone. Mr. Hyde was a graduate of the Albany (N. Y.) law school.

GOLDEN BRAID SNIPPED OFF.

Little Girl Attacked On Street in Troy, N. Y., Last Evening.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 13.—While Theresa Barnett, 12 years of age, was walking on Fifth avenue, this city, shortly after six o'clock last night, she was seized by an unknown man, who placed his hands around her mouth to prevent an outcry, produced a pair of sharp scissors from his pocket and clipped her long braid. He then hurried away and has not been apprehended. Miss Barnett possessed a beautiful head of blonde hair of unusual length and thickness. She is the third victim of a mysterious "Jack the Clipper" in this city during the past three months.

WILL DEMAND RECIPROCITY.

Two Special Trains of Western Canada Farmers Proceed to Ottawa.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Two special trains carrying five hundred farmers of western Canada have departed for Ottawa to demand reciprocity with the United States. The trains are composed of a Pullman and a Pullman-Parlor car, and are being operated by the Canadian Pacific railway. The farmers are protesting against the proposed reciprocity treaty which would open the Canadian market to American goods.

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Beacatur, Ill., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Hannah Jack, an aunt of Mrs. W. H. Taft, died to-day at the home of her daughter of pneumonia, aged 90.

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The Presbyterian boy scouts will meet at the church Wednesday evening at 6:30 sharp.

Mrs. V. J. Freeman of Richmond is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharkey.

Mrs. Paul Bianchi has returned to her home in this city, after passing a month with relatives in Waterbury.

William Dewey of Merchant street is able to be about, after being confined to the house for the past ten days.

Nichols' dancing class and social Thursday evening; teaching, 8 to 9:30; dancing, 9:30 to 12. Riley's orchestra. Admission, guests 35c, ladies 10c.

Ambroggi Rossi left the city last night for New York and will sail from there in a few days for his old home in Turin, Italy, where he will pass the winter.

All members of Hearts of Oak, No. 477, Order of Sons of St. George, are requested to meet at their hall on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, W. J. Pierce. Per order of president.

Melvin F. Wood, a barber employed by George Elliott, was taken to the city hospital this morning in Badger's ambulance. Mr. Wood, who resides at the home of Arthur C. Jones, was taken quite suddenly ill with typhoid pneumonia last Saturday and it was thought advisable to move him to the hospital.

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BURLINGTON MAN ON STATE PHARMACY BOARD

Mason G. Beebe Appointed by Gov. Mead to Take Place of W. R. Warner, Recently Appointed to Public Service Commission.

Gov. Mead to-day appointed Mason G. Beebe of Burlington to be a member of the state board of pharmacy to succeed W. R. Warner of Vergennes, who was recently appointed to the public service commission. Announcement was also made to-day of the appointment of Benjamin F. O'Brien of Huntington to be collector of taxes for the unorganized towns and gorges of Chittenden county. Rev. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier, W. J. VanPatten of Burlington and M. J. Haggood of Peru were appointed as a commission to report to the general assembly of 1912 on a plan to erect a memorial to the memory of Daniel P. Thompson, author of "The Green Mountains Boys."

Off for Brattleboro.

The railroad committee of the House and Senate, with enough other members of the legislature to make a party of about 60, left this morning by special train for Brattleboro, where they will inspect the terminal of the Central Vermont road that may be affected by the earlier loan is asked for a railroad from South Vernon to Brattleboro. The train was made up of the private cars Champlain and Ontario, a safe car, passenger coach and baggage car, and it looked as though every provision had been made for the comfort of the party. Trainmaster Keele said he expected to make the run to Brattleboro in two hours and a half and hoped to get the party back in time for supper. This evening a hearing will be given at the State House on the matter.

ON BRINK OF BIG CUT

Runaway Horse Stopped, With Frantic Woman Pulling On Reins.

The most sensational runaway that has occurred in the city for some time took place on Washington and Prospect streets at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and it was only owing to the good judgment of the horse that the animal and a young woman who was in the sleigh were not precipitated 20 feet down into the new river channel. The frightened horse dashed up to the very brink of the channel and then stopped dead still. The usual crowd of people, who are always standing around on the banks of the channel watching the work, heard the horse run across the Prospect street bridge at break-neck speed, and everyone expected to see the outfit dashed to pieces on the rocks in the bottom of the channel. The boom of the derrick happened to be down on the ground right at the edge of the channel and, although this was a very small obstruction, it caused the horse to stop, but not until it had its forward feet almost on the boom. The name of the woman who was driving the horse was not learned, but it is said that she lives out in the country. She was driving down the Washington street hill when one of the side straps broke, letting the sleigh onto the heels of the horse which immediately became unmanageable and dashed down the hill at a fearful rate, and crossed Main street onto Prospect ending its mad dash at the brink of the channel. The woman pluckily held to the reins and did her best to check the horse.

LARGE BUSINESS TRANSACTION.

Montpelier Granite Companies Change Hands.

Two of the largest business and real estate transactions ever put through in Montpelier took place yesterday, when C. P. Gill purchased the interest of T. E. Callahan in the firm of C. P. Gill & Co., the firm being dissolved by mutual agreement, and Mr. Callahan bought the granite shed and business of the Columbian Granite company, which was owned by Charles Ryle at the time of his death. Mr. Gill and Mr. Callahan went into the granite business in 1892, when only two workmen were employed, and have worked the business up until it was necessary to put in a modern plant near the Sabin farm. The Columbian Granite company business, which Mr. Call