

HUERTA REIGN TOTTERING

According to Stories Which American Refugees Bring Out

REPORTED RUPTURE WITH CABINET MAN

There Is Said to Be Growing Undercurrent Against the Dictator

Vera Cruz, May 4.—American refugees continue to arrive from the capital, bringing divergent stories of the situation.

CARRANZA DECLINES TO CEASE FIGHTING

Will Continue to Wage War on Huerta in Spite of the Negotiations for Peace Going on at Washington.

El Paso, Texas, May 4.—General Carranza has formally declined the suggestion of the mediators that he cease hostilities against Huerta pending the outcome of the plan of mediation.

No importance is attached here to the reports that the rebels and federals at Tampico are arranging a truce.

The text of General Carranza's telegram declining the armistice follows:

"I again direct myself to you, for the purpose of answering your respectful message relative to the armistice, calling your attention to the fact that the international conflict with the United States is not internationally provoked by Huerta, and for the solution of this I hurriedly accepted, in principle only, the good offices of Brazil, Argentina and Chile, and which act is independent of our international strife for liberty and law, and I consider it inconvenient for the rebel cause that I represent, to suspend hostilities and military movements, because said suspension would only accrue to the benefit of Huerta in the civil war now going on in Mexico between the usurper Huerta and the constitutional army under my command.

"By virtue of the above I state to you that I cannot accept the armistice which you propose.

"Consider my act solely as one who is acting with the determination of doing only what he considers best for the interests of his native country."

BITTER MESSAGES WERE EXCHANGED

Between Rebels and Federals at Manzanillo—No More Word of Loss of Liner.

Washington, D. C., May 4.—Constitutionalists and Huerta leaders at Manzanillo, Mexico, are exchanging very bitter messages, according to a navy department report to-day from Rear Admiral Howard, who has sent several letters. They made no mention of the blowing up of the Mexican liner, Lnela.

FUNERAL SHIP STARTS

Leaves Vera Cruz with Bodies of the 17 American Victims.

Vera Cruz, May 4.—The bodies of 17 American bluejackets and marines who fell victims to the Mexican snipers in the street fighting during the operations accompanying the occupation of Vera Cruz by the United States fleet, started on their way to New York yesterday on board the armored cruiser Montana.

Solemn honors were paid by the great assemblage of United States war vessels as the Montana passed slowly out of the harbor, and these were joined in by the vessels of the British, French and Spanish navies which represent their countries in Mexican waters.

The crews of the warships in full uniform lined the sides of the warships as the Montana reached each one. The men stood at attention, the marine guards presented arms and the ships' bands played funeral marches.

WILSON TO MEET MONTANA

Will Go to Brooklyn on Monday for Arrival of Funeral Ship.

Washington, D. C., May 4.—President Wilson plans to go to Brooklyn on Monday to meet the Montana which is bringing to the United States the bodies of the men killed at Vera Cruz. This statement was made by Secretary Daniels after a conference with the president.

PURSuing HOLD-UP MEN, POLICEMAN WAS SHOT

W. J. Kelly Received Mortal Wound After Desperadoes Had Shot Greek Restaurant Keeper in Brooklyn.

New York, May 4.—Policeman William J. Kelly was mortally wounded by two holdup men in Brooklyn to-day, after they had fatally shot a Greek restaurant keeper, who refused their demands for money. Kelly was shot while pursuing the murderers. He was the third policeman to be shot in Brooklyn streets within a few weeks. He died later at a hospital.

CHARGE FRAUD IN ELECTIONS.

Four Officers Are Arrested as Result of Whitman Probe.

New York, May 4.—Four election officers were arrested yesterday on indictments for alleged frauds in connection with the special election of April 7, at which the voters of New York state, according to the official canvass, decided to hold a constitutional convention next year.

District Attorney Whitman announced that he would carry his investigation of alleged election frauds into every district within his jurisdiction. Evidence, he said, pointed to a conspiracy to stuff the ballot boxes in favor of the constitutional convention proposition.

Three of the men under arrest are Republicans and one a Democrat. They are Daniel W. Bresnahan, George W. W. and Joseph Koch, all election inspectors, and Louis Bohl, a police clerk. The election inspectors are indicted for a felony, punishable by three years in prison or a \$3,000 fine, or both.

The specific charge is that they allowed one Eugene Beard to vote illegally. Bohl is charged with aiding and abetting another person in illegally voting.

R. D. WRENN'S AUTO STRUCK A CROWD

One Person Was Killed and Two Others Were Hurt at Entrance to Tuxedo Park Last Night.

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., May 4.—A big touring car, owned and driven by Robert D. Wrenn, president of the United States Lawn Tennis association, ran down a group of persons at the entrance to Tuxedo park last night, killing Herbert Lovray, organizer of the Episcopal church, and injuring Charles Spreckley, the church sexton, and his wife. The car was wrecked, but Wrenn was unhurt. A coroner's investigation has been ordered.

WILL CALL 70 WITNESSES

For the State in Becker's Second Trial Next Wednesday.

New York, May 4.—Seventy witnesses will be called by District Attorney Whitman in the second trial of Charles Becker, charged with having instigated the murder of Herman Rosenthal, which begins Wednesday. Becker is anxious to take the stand on his own behalf.

BIG STOCK EXCHANGE FAILURE.

Cramp, Mitchell & Co., Have Debts Said to Exceed \$3,000,000.

Philadelphia, May 4.—The failure of Cramp, Mitchell & Co., bankers and brokers, was announced on the Philadelphia stock exchange to-day. Their liabilities exceed \$3,000,000.

TWO MEN INJURED BY TRAIN.

Their Horse Also Killed and Carriage Demolished.

Haverhill, Mass., May 4.—Edward Castle, aged 19 of Westville, N. H., and Paul Belinger of 32 Crosby street, Lawrence, were thrown from their wagon early yesterday near Kingston, N. H., when the carriage was demolished by a freight train. The horse was killed.

Castle was released from the Hale hospital last evening, but Belinger is still detained there, as he is thought to be suffering from internal injuries, as well as a serious laceration of the head and upper part of the body.

The train crew said that the vehicle had crossed the railroad at Kingston, and instead of regaining the roadway continued along the tracks toward Exeter, when it was hit by the train. When the crew investigated the accident with lanterns they found the animal dead, the carriage demolished, and the two men unconscious on either embankment.

FIRE DAMAGED ANCIENT HOUSE.

Building in Woodstock Was 113 Years Old.

Woodstock, May 4.—Fire gutted the house of Mrs. Frances S. Dana on Elm street Sunday, breaking out about 4 o'clock. It was caused probably by spontaneous combustion. The furniture and most of the household goods were saved. The house was built for Benjamin Swan in 1801 and was one of the oldest in the village. The loss is between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

OLNEY HELD AS BANK BOARD

Former Secretary of State Selected by Pres. Wilson for Federal Post

IT IS BELIEVED HE WILL ACCEPT

Paul Warburg, Formerly a New York Banker, Gets a Position

Washington, D. C., May 4.—President Wilson has selected Richard Olney, secretary of state in the Cleveland administration, as governor of the federal reserve board, and Paul Warburg of New York as a member of the board. Olney has not yet accepted, but it is believed he will. Warburg was with Kuhn, Loeb & Co. He has accepted.

BURNED GRANDSTAND; SLASHED PAINTING

Suffragette Squads in North of Ireland Became Very Active on Washing Day.

London, May 4.—A fire squad of militant suffragettes resumed activities in Ulster to-day, burning the new grandstand of the Cave Hill tennis club at Belfast. A militant suffragette also entered the royal academy of London and ruined a picture. She approached the painting casually and, an opportunity offering, took a concealed hatchet and slashed the painting several times.

The picture was a portrait of Henry James, the novelist, by John Singer Sargent, the American artist, and was one of his masterpieces. The woman gave the name of Mrs. Wood. She belongs to a group of militants who are called "wild women."

Her male escort was beaten by spectators and the woman was roughly handled before the police arrived. She slashed the picture in three places.

FOUR VERMONT POSTMASTERS.

Andrew H. Peters to Be Official at Bradford.

Washington, D. C., May 4.—President Wilson has appointed the following postmasters for Vermont:

W. H. Boardman to be postmaster at Charlotte. Office became presidential October 1, 1913.

Patrick H. Hart to be postmaster at Woodstock, in place of Frederick Chapman. Incumbent's commission expired February 1, 1914.

Andrew H. Peters to be postmaster at Bradford in place of Prescott A. Chase. Incumbent's commission expired January 6, 1914.

OVER 50 LIVES LOST IN VALPARAISO FIRE

Several Buildings of Flimsy Construction of the City Were Destroyed.

Valparaiso, Chile, May 4.—More than fifty lives were lost in a fire in the commercial section last night and several buildings were destroyed. Their flimsy construction made the efforts of the firemen virtually useless.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES

Marked May Day Exercises at St. Monica's Church.

Impressive ceremonies attended the observance of May day at St. Monica's church yesterday. There were 300 members of the Sunday school classes of St. Monica's who took part in the exercises as well as both the junior and senior branches of the young ladies' sodality.

The opening exercises were held in the forenoon when members of the junior and senior sodalities attended holy communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass. During the morning masses special music was rendered by the junior choir and the soloists, assisted by James Bennett, the tenor soloist.

In the evening the auditorium of the church was tasked to its capacity with over 700 people. Many went away because of lack of seating facilities.

The services were started at 7:30 o'clock with the procession of the Sunday school children to the shrine of the blessed virgin. Fully 200 young girls of the Sunday school, dressed in white with veils to match and crowned with wreaths, appeared in the procession. After approaching the shrine of Mary, the coronation of the blessed virgin took place. Miss Loraine Loranger acted as queen, performing the coronation, assisted by Misses Rosa Tomasi and Carolina Calogari, maids of honor. Little Clair Bennett acted as crownbearer, and was attended by the little Misses Bianchi and Beattie.

MANGLED BY TRAIN WHEN HE FELL OFF

John R. Carroll of Rutland Was Killed on Rutland Railroad, His Severed Body Being Found Sunday Morning.

Verdennes, May 4.—John Richard Carroll of Rutland, 26 years old, was found dead Sunday morning, his body, the trunk severed crosswise, being picked up on the north of the city, on the track of the Rutland railroad. The only supposition is that the young man, a brakeman on freight number 21, a through train northbound Saturday night, fell from the roof of a car as the train was moving and he was "walking" the chain of about 60 cars. He evidently fell forward in front of some of the cars. It is also practically certain that express train number 52 also passed over the body on its way south from Burlington, before the fatality was discovered.

No member of the freight crew saw the young brakeman fall, and the train had reached Charlotte before his absence was noted.

Carroll, who had been employed by the Rutland railroad for three years, was one of a crew which included E. J. Rowland, engineer, and K. W. Adams, conductor. When the train left Verdennes Carroll was on the roof of a rear car, and signalled the engineer to go ahead, after the switch was thrown. No one happened to be near him and his lantern signal was his last living action of which his mates knew. At Charlotte the freight was run into a siding to let train number 52 pass by. Carroll was not on hand to throw the switch, and the fireman did it, then instituted a search for the missing man. Blood on the wheels told the story.

Young Carroll was very popular among the railroad employes. Besides his parents he is survived by four brothers, all of Rutland. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Rutland Lodge of Eagles, the Rutland division, A. O. U. W., and the Railroad Men's Social club, recently organized there. The funeral will be held at St. Peter's church, Rutland, Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

VERMONT'S DETECTIVE SERVICE IS COSTLY

Some Interesting Sidelights on Increased Cost of Administration in Vermont Furnished by Auditor Graham's Report.

One of the chief features in the increased cost of administration of the state government in Vermont is revealed in a statement which has been prepared by State Auditor H. F. Graham. It is in the state's detective service.

In 1901 before the office of attorney general was created the state paid for detective service \$651.75. Following the appointment of attorney general it cost under C. C. Fitts in 1907, the sum of \$1,945.26.

Under Attorney General J. G. Sargent the detective service cost the state in 1911 \$10,595.22.

Under Attorney General R. E. Brown the detective service has jumped so that in 1913 the total sum paid for detective services alone reached the alarming figure of \$34,706.19.

This development led to a scanning of accounts and the still more astounding discovery was made that from July 1, 1912, to April 29, 1914, Attorney General Brown had approved detective accounts aggregating no less than \$34,929.91, at which rate the total for the fiscal year would reach the aggregate of \$46,574.36.

It also develops that of this total of \$44,930.91 spent for detective service during the past nine months no less than \$24,451.71 was paid to a single concern, the Wood-Morgan detective agency.

One important item was \$1,019.83 for Sheriff Tracy's trip to Europe to get track of an important witness in a Washington county murder case, and nearly half as much to the detective agency above named.

FUNERAL OF ANNA BOEKER.

Was Held from Her Father's Home in Colbyville Sunday.

Waterbury, May 4.—The funeral of Miss Anna Boeker was held from the home of her father at Colbyville yesterday afternoon at half past two. Rev. W. L. Boicourt officiated. Favorite hymns of the deceased were sung, very fitting words from her pastor in Springfield were read and touching tributes from Mr. Boicourt given. The floral pieces came from numerous places and were beautiful. The bearers were W. H. Seabury, S. M. Stearns, Dr. G. S. Bidwell and Ernest Joslyn of this town and E. H. Jones and Charles Greene of Waterbury.

Among those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boeker and Mrs. Elbert Wyman of Providence, R. I.; Miss Grace Bigelow of Springfield, Mass.; Judge O. P. Ray, Lucius Wells, Mrs. Frank Brown, Bessie Collins and Nellie Moody of Burlington; Mrs. Robert Putnam of Hanover; Miss Ella Adams of Richmond; Miss Nellie O'Brien, Miss May Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taft of Montpelier; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. George Greene of Waterbury; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Guntel of Northfield; Harland Postwick of Hinesburg; Mrs. Sunderland and Mrs. Durkee of St. Albans.

SHOWERS ARE EXPECTED.

During Early Part of the Present Week, Says Forecast.

Washington, D. C., May 4.—Showers during the first half of the coming week over most of the country from the Mississippi to the Atlantic with temperatures above the seasonal average, were forecast by the weather bureau last night.

"The indications are that during the coming week the temperature will average above the normal generally in the eastern states," said the bulletin. "The precipitation during the week will be fairly well distributed over the eastern states."

"An area of low barometric pressure that now covers the plain states will reach the Atlantic states Tuesday or Wednesday; this depression will be attended by showers the first half of the week over much of the country from the Mississippi valley to the Atlantic coast."

Weather Forecast. Cloudy to-night and Tuesday; probably showers; fresh south winds.

FIRE-RIDDEN VILLAGE HIT

West Fairlee Loses a Store Building and Also Two Dwellinghouses

THIRD SERIOUS FIRE WITHIN FEW YEARS

Stevens Store and Titus and Eastman Residences Destroyed

West Fairlee, May 4.—One business block and two residences were wiped out yesterday afternoon in this village's third disastrous fire within seven years, the property lost being the store building of Charles Stevens, the summer home of Mrs. John Eastman of Barre, and the dwellinghouse of Henry Titus, recently purchased of Herbert Kingsbury. The village was without adequate fire protection, although bucket brigades did good work. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The fire started in the Titus house in the middle of the afternoon and made rapid headway. While attention was directed toward saving this property, sparks flew over the roofs of neighboring buildings and, failing to ignite two buildings nearest, which were the residences of Mrs. Jennie Patterson and H. M. Miller, set fire to the Stevens store and the Eastman residence, which were a considerable distance away. These buildings were dry, and the flames made rapid progress, almost unhampered, and both were soon destroyed.

The Stevens store, which was being conducted by Fred Perkins, was bought by Mr. Stevens of Eastman Bros. some years ago. It occupied a large, three-story building, the two upper floors, which had been used for hall purposes, being unoccupied at the time. It is understood that the property was insured for only \$800. The Kingsbury house had only recently been purchased by Henry Titus. The Eastman house was occupied by Mrs. John Eastman of Barre every summer, and it is understood that she was planning to come this summer as usual. The house was well furnished, and nothing was saved. Her insurance was \$600.

MANY BULLETS HIT BOY PICKING FLOWERS

Fortunately, the Force of the Charge Was Nearly Spent, and Wendell Morehouse, Aged 9, Will Suffer No Lasting Harm.

While stooping over to pick some Mayflowers near his home on the East Montpelier road yesterday, Wendell Morehouse, little son of George Morehouse, was struck in the face, hands and breast by a charge of bird shot, which did some lacerations, but which had traveled so far they could not have had deadly effect. Dr. V. C. Goodrich, who dug out the few pellets which stuck in the boy's flesh and dressed the lacerations, said the youth would suffer no serious damage, although even the spent bullets would have put out the boy's eyes had they happened to strike those more susceptible parts.

The shooting is ascribed to hunters who go out Sundays and all days in quest of small birds and who shoot without regard to direction of houses or possibility of people being in line of their bullets; and it is considered remarkable that other people have not been wounded and perhaps killed. A large number of people, with the opening of spring, take advantage of the opportunity to wander through the fields and woods, making the use of firearms extremely dangerous.

Wendell Morehouse, aged 9, with his older brother, Carl, was not more than 100 rods from their home and in an open field gathering flowers when the former was struck. When about to grasp some flowers, Wendell felt a sharp sting on his face and also felt the missiles strike his clothing. Then the blood began to start, and he and his brother rushed home, not knowing what the matter was at first, as neither had heard the report of a gun. The doctor was called in a short time and after extracting all the lead he dressed the wounds and made the boy comfortable. The shooting occurred in Barre town, just beyond the city limits.

FUNERAL AT GRANITEVILLE

And Burial of George W. Thompson Was in This City.

Funeral services for George W. Thompson, whose death Friday forenoon followed a long illness of angina pectoris, were held at his home in Graniteville Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. Fred McNeil of the Presbyterian church officiating. Among a large number of friends and relatives who attended the funeral, a delegation from Granite Mountain lodge was present. During the services a quartet sang two selections. The bearers were: William Belville and George Gillander from Manchester Unity lodge of Odd Fellows, to which Mr. Thompson belonged, and William Bryant and Norman McDonald. The remains were brought to this city, where interment was in Hope cemetery. Rev. D. Salmond, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, read the committal service.

Following is a list of the flowers: Pillow, "At Rest," family; wreath, Manchester Unity Odd Fellows; carnations, Mrs. Julia Cooley; Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald, Misses Hazel and Beatrice Wiquist, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wiquist, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Palmer, Mrs. Harry Dale, Mrs. Edith Dale; two dozen carnations, name not attached; pink and white carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Averill; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson.

PROGRESSIVE YEAR FOR HEDDING CHURCH

Summary of Advancement Given by Rev. E. F. Newell at the Service Yesterday—The Total Membership Is Now 496.

At the Hedding M. E. church yesterday, the pastor, Rev. E. F. Newell, a brief summary of the work of the church in the past year. The Sunday school, which enrolled 39 officers and teachers and 435 scholars, with 50 in the home department and 46 on the cradle roll. There are now 470 members of the church in full and 26 probationers, making a total of 496. There are 40 non-resident members.

Members added during the year on probation number 18 and received into full membership 51. Those in the Sunday school who are members of the church number 245. Seven have died during the year, George Lake, Albert Adams, Mrs. J. T. Parker, Errol Lawrence, Mrs. George Ferrin, Charles White and Dr. G. H. Reed. The Epworth league numbers 60 and the Junior league 45.

For building and improvement of church property, \$113 was raised. The benevolent collections during the year amounted to \$1,704.50 and were as follows:

Foreign missions, \$210; home missions, \$210; freedmen's aid, \$20; board of education, \$10; Montpelier seminary, \$15; Public Education League, \$15; Sunday schools—church, \$10; from Sunday school, \$20; conference claimants (general fund), \$10; temperance society (Topeka), \$5; Woman's Foreign Missionary society, \$30; Woman's Home Missionary society, \$30; Bible society, \$12; Epworth league dues, \$2; brotherhood of women, \$2; state Sunday schools, \$12; for weaker churches in Vermont, \$30; Anti-Saloon league, \$17; local Salvation Army, \$9; Tuskegee school, \$2; district parsonage, \$8; general conference expenses, \$5; retired preachers, \$50; bishops, \$26; total, \$1,704.50.

Hedding church is fortunate in its splendid training under the efficient pastorate of those who recognized the importance not only of caring for local interests, but also of the great work of the church at home and abroad. Hedding church also is fortunate in having those who give liberally of their means for the great causes of the church. Last year this church was the banner church in the entire conference in its gifts to benevolent causes; and this year, it is understood, Enosburg Falls is first, with Barre a close second.

The pastor in his brief summary appealed to all to work loyally and harmoniously this coming year to help to make the Hedding church a bigger, better, more helpful and more spiritual church, with love and good will toward every other church in the city that is striving to exalt the Christ and uplift men.

Two hundred or more partook of the communion at the close of the pastor's remarks. There was a good Sunday school attendance and a fine audience in the evening. The new year starts off well, with harmony and good will, while the spirit of optimism seems to prevail in all the departments of the church.

Special announcements for the week are as follows: As Mrs. Pirie, the class leader, is to leave soon, as many as possible are urged to attend the class meeting Tuesday evening. At the Sunday school rally on Wednesday evening all the workers are invited to meet Rev. W. J. Atkinson, superintendent of Sunday schools in New Hampshire and in Vermont. At the prayer meeting and session of the official board on Thursday evening, a large gathering is expected, as very important business, relating to the best welfare of the church, is to be discussed. Next Sunday is "Mother's day" with special program that will interest all. Young and old cordially invited.

WAS DAUGHTER OF "MINUTE MAN"

Mrs. Harriet B. Dodge Said to Be Only Real Daughter of Revolution.

Mrs. Harriet B. Dodge, said to be the only real daughter of the Revolution in this state, died yesterday morning at the age of 92 years at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Harry Vincent, in East Montpelier.

Mrs. Dodge has been in failing health for some time, and the end was not unexpected. Until two years ago she had made her home in Montpelier city, not consenting until then to leave the house where she had spent so many years and spend the remainder of her life with her granddaughter.

Mrs. Dodge was born in Fairlee, the daughter of Samuel Woods, a minute man in the Revolutionary war, who came with his wife to Fairlee in 1822. When the daughter became of age, she married Mr. Dodge, a shoemaker, and after living for a time in her native town they moved to Berlin and soon after to Montpelier, where he continued his business of shoe-making. He died many years ago.

Her home in Montpelier was a veritable treasure house of relics, handed down to her by her father and mother, and she dearly loved these reminders of a day long past. Many a time Mrs. Dodge has been the guest of honor at gatherings of the Montpelier Daughters of the American Revolution, and she was greatly interested in the society. Spared the use of her faculties a remarkably long time, she was able to get along without the use of glasses until a little over two years ago, and her constitution had been of wonderful strength.

One son, Olovit Dodge of Brattleboro, survives, and three granddaughters, Mrs. Vincent, Miss Mattie Dodge of Brattleboro, and Mrs. Annie Miller of California.

Funeral services will be held at the Vincent home in East Montpelier on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, with interment in Green Mount cemetery in Montpelier.

FORMER NEWSPAPER MAN.

A. J. Elliott Died at Richford of Pneumonia.

Richford, May 4.—A. J. Elliott, aged 47 years, died yesterday afternoon of pneumonia. He had been in the extensive service for 15 years and had also been in the newspaper business, both with the St. Albans Messenger and the Burlington News.

Mr. Elliott was born in Binghamville and leaves his wife and son; also a sister, Mrs. S. J. Scott of Burlington. Funeral will be held from his late home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BODY IN BROOK, BRUISE ON HEAD

John Koski's Death Is Held by Authorities as Not Due to Foul Play

GRANITEVILLE FATALITY DURING NIGHT

Autopsy Was Held by State Officials to Learn the Cause of Death

State's Attorney J. Ward Carver has been investigating the case of John Koski, a Finnish quarryman, who was found dead in a little brook at Graniteville Sunday morning. Apparently Koski was drowned in a stream six inches deep that meanders through a shallow ravine to the north of the main road through the village. The fact that the man had a fresh bruise on the back of his head leads but little color to any suspicion of foul play that may be held and the authorities are quite satisfied that death was accidental. One of Koski's countrymen, who lives near the brook, covered the body and notified Health Officer Dr. E. H. Bailey. The physician telephoned at once to State's Attorney Carver, who went to Graniteville Sunday forenoon with Deputy Sheriff A. M. Morrison. Later the remains were taken to Whitcomb's undertaking establishment in Ferrisburgh, where an autopsy was made to-day by Drs. B. H. Stone and Whitney of the state laboratory, Burlington.

The state doctors completed their examination of the remains at noon to-day. No official report was given out, but it is understood that both physicians were skeptical of any foul play theory. It was not thought that the blow on the head, although serious, was severe enough to cause death and in the opinion of the doctors had the circumstances been such that he could have had proper care immediately after his head was wounded, death would probably not have been the sequel. Exposure to the water and the cold night air and the blow which was received on the stone, caused death, according to an unofficial statement. Drs. Stone and Whitney returned to Burlington this afternoon, taking with them the man's stomach, brain and other organs. They will make a full report to the state's attorney later.

With a large number of his compatriots, according to the information the authorities have been able to glean from the testimony of people in Graniteville, young Koski went to a dance in Miles' hall Saturday evening. He remained as one of the merry-makers until midnight, when he accompanied some of his boon companions to the home of Mats Alatala. The latter lives in a house on the opposite side of the brook from the main highway and to reach it the party had to skirt the stream a short distance before they came to a narrow plank extending to the other bank. Once across the brook they repaired to Alatala's and spent the early hours of the morning in song and story telling.

It was considerably after midnight when young Koski, alone of those who left the dance hall, decided to go home, it is told. He left the company and that was the last seen of him alive. Soon afterward the others started across the improvised foot bridge for their homes. They saw no signs of Koski, according to the statements furnished the state's attorney. It is surmised that Mrs. W. H. Fales' boardinghouse near the Boutwell station and his companions supposed he had carried out his announced intention of going home.

Flanking the stream in which the man was found are granite walls erected to keep the brook from deviating from its course in spring time. The plank which makes a crossing possible in the vicinity is not directly in front of Alatala's house and those of his family who would reach the other side must make a detour of several rods. The theory is held that Koski's being unfamiliar with his surroundings, stumbled in the darkness into the brook while trying to locate the plank. It is surmised that his head may have struck the granite wall or a stone in the stream with a force sufficient to render him insensible. If that is true, it is claimed that death from drowning must have ensued within a short time, as his head was partially submerged when the body was found. The authorities do not believe that the wound on the head alone would cause death, although the blow may have been severe enough to be followed by unconsciousness. There are no guard rails along the banks of the stream, which is about six feet in width at the point where the body was lying.

But little is known of the man's antecedents. He came to Graniteville six weeks ago directly from Finland. He engaged lodging quarters and board at Mrs. Fales' and secured a job in one of the quarries. Among his countrymen he was known as a peaceful youth, somewhat diffident at times, and not at all inclined to dissipation. He drank moderately, according to the testimony of those who knew