

START NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY TO GET CLAIMS COMMISSION

United States Now Engaged in Important Work of Clearing Up Financial Matters Growing Out of Seizure of Property in Both the United States and Germany

ALSO CLAIMS DUE TO SINKING OF LUSITANIA

Completion of Treaty Providing for the Commission Will Be Followed by Reference of the Document To the Senate For Its Approval

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Negotiations are under way between the United States and Germany, it was said in official circles to-day, looking to the organization of the mixed claim commission which will pass upon claims growing out of the seizure of property in the United States and Germany, and upon claims filed with the United States government by American citizens as a result of the sinking of the Lusitania.

The commission probably will consist of three members—one American, one German and a neutral. Completion of a treaty providing for the commission will be followed by reference of the document to the Senate for approval, it was said to-day, and, by passage of enabling legislation. It was not expected that the treaty would be sent to the Senate during the present session, however.

The amount of claims filed with the United States government for American property seized in Germany and growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania aggregated about \$415,000,000, but officials here have indicated they expect this sum would be scaled to around \$100,000,000.

The American government has in its possession some \$350,000,000 worth of the property of German citizens seized during the war. Settlement of the American claims, it is expected, will be provided for through the disposition of this property and its return to its owners.

German property now in the hands of the alien property custodian in the form of 32,000 trusts, 30,000 of which belong to individuals with estates of \$10,000 and under. The remainder comprise largely the property of corporations and companies, aggregating \$350,000,000 in value. It has been suggested that some plan be worked out whereby a part of the German holdings be impounded and made available for meeting claims of Americans against the German government.

BURIAL OF CROKER AT GLENCIARY CASTLE

Mass Previously Celebrated By Father Kelly, the Parish Priest

Dublin, May 5. (By the Associated Press.) Richard Croke was buried to-day in the mausoleum on the grounds of Glenciar castle, the beautiful estate on his native soil of Ireland, where he had spent his declining years. Mass was previously celebrated in the oratory of the castle by Father Kelly, the parish priest, absolution being given by Bishop Miller, who officiated, owing to the unavoidable absence of Archbishop Byrne.

The pall bearers included Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eirann, and Alderman McDonough, one of the leading members of Eamon De Valera's party. The lord mayor of Dublin walked with Mrs. Croke, who also was accompanied by Mrs. C. J. Morris, a daughter of Mr. Croke.

FIGHTING JAPANESE INFLUENCE

Gen. Wu Pei-Fu is So Engaged Says Dr. W. T. Hobart

Chicago, May 5.—General Wu Pei-Fu is fighting against the influence of Japanese concessionaries in the present civil war in China, according to Rev. Dr. W. T. Hobart, dean of the Theological school of Peking.

TRUCKEE, CAL., SAVED

But Fire Wiped Out the Business Section of Movie Town

Truckee, Cal., May 5.—This little town whose snows represent the only other place which movie directors choose to face destruction by fire last night, but most of the citizens formed volunteer companies and saved the business district. Almost all the business district had been burned early to-day. It is here that movie picture companies come to take hunter scenes.

MONTPELIER

Carroll's orchestra of 10 pieces will furnish music for dancing in the city hall until 10 p. m. or later as one feature of the ladies' night to be held in connection with the spring ceremonial of Mount Sinai temple of the Myrtle Shrine on Wednesday, May 17. The ceremonial work will probably be done in Masonic hall beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. From 2:30 to 5 p. m., members and their friends are invited by the officers of the National Life Insurance company to inspect the new building on State street, into which the company plans to move soon. At 5 p. m., a banquet will be served in the armory, and at 8 p. m., a reception for the officers will be held in the city hall and the Arab patrol will stage a drill. Mrs. Ethel Abbott, Ross of Newton, Mass., a highly recommended soprano coloratura, and Charles Potter of Port Ann, N. Y., a humorist who is returning to Rutland this week for his second engagement, will put on a program of entertainment at this time. These entertainments were obtained through Mrs. Haskell, a Boston music teacher who passes the summer on the Erhardt farm. The committees in charge, headed by Dr. R. J. Fitzgerald, expects a large attendance from out of town, and plans to make the entertainment the best ever given by the temple.

L. A. Kelly, secretary of the Associated Industries of Vermont, leaves on Monday for New York City, where he will attend a semi-annual meeting of the National Industrial Council, of which he is a member. The meeting will be held in the Pennsylvania hotel on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Used piano at a bargain, 132 Main street.—adv.

Arrangements for an attendance of 150 are being made for the banquet to be held in the Pavilion hotel on the evening of May 19 in connection with the annual meeting of the members of the Associated Industries of Vermont. Returns already indicate that a business session will be held at 4 p. m. in Bailey hall, and John E. Edgerton of Nashville, Tenn., president of the Manufacturers' Association of Vermont, is expected to speak at this time. Fred A. Howland, vice-president of the Associated Industries, and president of the National Life Insurance company, will be toastmaster at the exercises following the banquet, which will start at 8 p. m. Governor James Harnesse is expected to attend. The speakers will be Earl Constantine, secretary of the National Industrial Council, and W. R. McFeeters of St. Albans, attorney for the Central Vermont railroad.

The Northeastern university baseball squad, numbering 18, with Coach Flaxters and Manager Jettley, stayed overnight in Montpelier before leaving for Burlington to-day, when they are scheduled to play St. Michael's college in Winooski. Rain prevented the game scheduled with Norwich university (or Thursday) afternoon. On Saturday, Northeastern will meet Middlebury college at Middlebury.

Deputy Sheriff Rutland Tracy left this morning for Rutland with Mrs. Ruby Hukter, recently sentenced to a term of 18 months to two years in the women's reformatory at Rutland by Judge F. L. Laird in Montpelier city court for adultery.

Henry B. Shaw, secretary of civil and military affairs, arrived in the city this morning. G. L. Rice of Craftsbury was in the city yesterday. John K. White of Groton was in the city on Thursday afternoon. H. B. Shelton of Burlington arrived in the city yesterday.

The Brown Lumber company, Inc., of Wilmington is to issue \$200,000 of capital stock. The shares will be sold at \$100 each, 50 shares at \$100 for the Parker farm; 30 shares for the Bartlett farm; 17 shares for a portable sawmill; three shares for three horses; 30 shares for the J. D. Upton farm, and 70 shares for cash. All the shares have the same par value, \$100 each.

Frank Shields was arrested Wednesday for a charge of intoxication in Washington county jail, charged with intoxication. It was expected he would be brought into court to-day.

A certificate of proposed issue of capital stock and a certificate of paid up capital stock have been filed with city clerk T. R. Merrill by the G. R. Bianchi Granite company of Montpelier. The issue will be \$200 shares at \$10 par value each, to be issued for and out of the surplus earnings of the corporation to the amount of \$95,000, now invested in the business and property of the corporation, as shown by the balance sheet and financial statement of Jan. 1, 1922. The certificate of issue is signed by Harry K. Biondi, Irvin Biondi and Edward Calogini. The certificate of paid up capital stock shows \$100,000 paid in to the treasury for a former issue of \$50,000 and the present issue of \$50,000.

A message received from Deputy Sheriff H. C. Lawson, who recently went to Florida to bring back a man named Tracy of Waterbury on Governor Harnesse's warrant, states that he is on his way home. At the meeting of the Knights of Pythias, held recently, a committee, composed of W. W. Lane and John H. Stone, was named to draft resolutions of sympathy to be sent to the family of Dr. Harold A. Fiske, who recently died in California, where he has lived for some years. Dr. Fiske was a member of Montpelier lodge, having been a past chancellor commander of the lodge and who, although living in the west, always took a lively interest in the organization. He was 52 years of age. Death was due to pneumonia. He was graduated from University of Vermont and practiced medicine in Montpelier for a time. His father, Dr. Ira Fiske, which was revoked May 5.

Deputy Warden Charles Blow of Burlington on May 3 for having and setting set lines without a special license. Auer was taken before City Judge J. A. McNamara of Burlington and sentenced to 30 days in jail, which was not paid. He had a combination hunting and fishing license which was revoked May 5.

Mrs. Margaret Baigrie of Detroit, Mich., a former Barre resident, arrived in the city yesterday and will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Helen Rae, of Pleasant street for two weeks.

Miss Helen Ferguson, organizer, said admission would be by investigation of the bonds would be admitted who were not "credits to the industry."

BLAND BILL ON COAL FAVORED

House Labor Committee Reported It Into the House

PUBLIC INCLUDED ON COMMISSION

Whose Purpose Is To Find Facts In Coal Industry

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Favorable report was voted by the House labor committee to-day on the Bland bill to create a fact finding commission for the coal industry.

The commission would consist of 10 members, representing miners and the public and government agencies directly concerned in coal, including the geological survey and the bureau of mines and mining report to Congress with recommendations would be required within two years.

Chairman Noland announced that efforts would be made to get the bill before the House as soon as possible with the hope of its passage prior to summer adjournment.

DISCLAIMS DISCOURTESY.

Mayor Moore Writes About Mexican Flag Refusal on Independence Hall.

Philadelphia, May 5.—Mayor J. Hampton Moore has sent letters to Secretary of State Hughes and to the wife of President Obregon of Mexico, disclaiming any discourtesy on the part of the city of Philadelphia in refusing to permit the raising of a Mexican flag over Independence hall.

The mayor said the city had never been officially notified of the plan and pointed out a city order forbidding the hoisting of any flag other than the American over the hall. Any official communication upon the subject, the mayor said, would have been treated with the utmost courtesy.

was also a practicing physician in Montpelier. Dr. Harold Fiske made considerable of a name for himself as a surgeon. He is survived by his widow and one son; his parents and a sister, Mrs. Maude Parks. The burial was in Pasadena.

Ed. A. Sumner, who has for many years had an insurance office in the Cross block, has moved his office to the F. L. Laird block. The Cross & Son firm are to remodel the front of the building; thus the reason for the changing of Mr. Sumner's office. The store will occupy the entire front of the building instead of only one side as at present. The offices of the company have been placed on the second floor. The candy-making room on the second floor will be enlarged by a portion of the tenement which Mr. Sumner rented being remodeled. The improvements in the building will give considerable more space for the growing business of the firm.

Most of the offices of the state department, National Life Insurance Co., Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and the banks of the city are among those which will close to-morrow, the occasion being Arbor day, as announced in the proclamation of Governor Harnesse.

Walker & Walker of Montpelier will be the architects and engineers for the addition to be made to the First National Bank of St. Johnsbury. F. A. Walker will go to St. Johnsbury to-morrow to confer with the directors of the bank. It is planned to add a coupon booth, work room and ladies' room. This work is in addition to the improvements made two years ago and is made possible by the fact that the bank has recently purchased an adjacent lot.

Representatives of the firm of Lawton & VanWirt of Glenn Falls, N. Y., have signed a contract for the Bridge-water and Sand Bar bridge federal aid highway projects. A report from the C. C. Delevan of the state forestry department states that a large forest fire is raging in West Townsend and that 82 men are employed in fighting the fire. The message was received at the office of the department yesterday.

Martin Connolly of Boston and Conn. Murphy, who walked into the police station in an intoxicated condition yesterday looking for a night's lodging, were sentenced by Judge F. L. Laird in Montpelier city court this morning. Connolly received thirty days and Murphy ten. The men were arrested by Chief of Police P. J. Connolly and Special Officer Colvin about 5:30. One of the men fell down stairs in attempting to get into the police station. They said they had been drinking also-rub, which they obtained in Winooski.

E. S. Brigham, state commissioner of agriculture, left last night for St. Albans to attend the funeral of Blanche Cady of St. Albans to-day. Miss Cady was for many years his stenographer. She died Wednesday morning.

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INDICT WOMAN IN FIRST DEGREE

Mrs. Carrie N. Hubbard Formally Charged With Murder of Husband

PITLOCK WAS NOT ASKED TO TESTIFY

He Had Said He Flew From House Before William B. Hubbard Was Slain

Boston, Mass., May 5.—An indictment for murder in the first degree was returned to-day against Mrs. Carrie N. Hubbard for the fatal shooting of her husband, William B. Hubbard, wealthy geriatric manufacturer, at their home in the Roslindale district last Tuesday.

Edmund Pitlock of Chicago, who said he fled from the Hubbard home before the shooting after Hubbard threatened him was not called to testify.

FLEXIBLE TARIFF DANGEROUS. As Well as Unconstitutional, Declares Senator Simmons.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Flexible tariff provisions of the pending tariff bill are unconstitutional and dangerous, Senator Simmons of North Carolina, the Democratic leader, said to-day in a statement declaring that the minority would make a determined fight against their approval by the Senate.

Senator Simmons asserted that one indictment against the flexible provisions was that they would authorize American manufacturers to increase their profits. He said also the plan as outlined in the bill would result in imposition of a tariff duty on a tariff as well as a duty on the profits of domestic products.

MAJOR TO TESTIFY. Before Senate Military Committee Relative to Promotion.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Lieutenant Colonel Duncan K. Major was expected to appear late to-day before the Senate military committee personally to answer charges filed with the committee in protest against his promotion to the grade of colonel, the nomination for which has occasioned intermittent hearings by the committee for two weeks.

It was deemed likely that Colonel Major's testimony would conclude the committee hearings but there was no indication as to when the committee would act on reporting the nomination back to the Senate.

ALLEGED SILK THIEF CAUGHT IN BOSTON

He Had a Companion, Who Flew, Had Loaded 96 Bolts of Silk on Wagon, After Breaking Into Store.

Boston, May 5.—A series of thefts of silk and other cloths aggregating \$100,000 in value, during the past six months, was believed by the police to have been solved to-day. Patrolman William J. O'Connell, suspicious of the actions of two men who were loading silk bolts on a wagon backed up at the curb on Albany street, arrested David Rubin of the south end, while the other man fled.

The men had just completed loading 96 bolts of silk on the wagon from the stores of the J. Brener company, the doors of which had been broken open. The arrest was the first the officer had made in his two months on the force.

HARVEY MAY INVESTIGATE. To Look After American Oil Interest at Genoa.

London, May 5. (By the Associated Press.) George Harvey, American ambassador, who has been in the country most of the time since the opening of the Genoa conference, returned to London to-day. He refused to comment on reports that Washington government had instructed him to make inquiries regarding oil and other matters of American interest which might come before the conference.

The British foreign office, since the oil concession stories and rumors have been flying about, has shown a keen desire to assure American inquiries that the British government has no concern whatever in oil negotiations at Genoa.

PORTLAND TERMINAL BONDS. Permission for Them Asked of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—The Portland Terminal company applied to-day for permission to issue \$100,000 in five per cent gold bonds maturing in 1931.

The Maine Central will guarantee payment of the interest and principal of the new issue and the sums received from the bonds will reimburse the terminal between 1919 and 1921.

ALLEN INDICTMENT WAS THROWN OUT

Because of Certain Irregularities in the Grand Jury Room When Case Was Considered.

Boston, May 5.—A plea in abatement filed by Attorney General J. Weston Allen to an indictment returned against him by the Suffolk county grand jury, charging the larceny of \$156 from a client, was sustained by Judge Fessenden of the superior court late yesterday. The plea was taken on the ground of certain alleged irregularities in the grand jury room.

The court found that while the then District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier and Assistant District Attorney Frederick M. J. Sheenan were present one of the grand jurors asked Mr. Sheenan regarding certain evidence that had been presented, and that the assistant district attorney stated his opinion or estimate of that evidence in fact.

In announcing his decision Judge Fessenden cited a recent opinion of the supreme judicial court to the effect that such action by the prosecuting officer was not permissible. The superior court, he said, was bound to follow the rule of law laid down by the supreme court.

The indictment was returned in November last shortly after the attorney general had started proceedings which resulted in the removal of Pelletier. Mr. Allen claimed before the court that the grand jury had been coerced by the district attorney into returning the indictment.

At a hearing last month members of the grand jury testified as to the presence of Pelletier and Sheenan in the grand jury room when the indictment was voted and told of their replies to questions by grand jurors. They testified that at first no bill was voted but that when the vote was doubted a second ballot was taken which resulted in the indictment.

WILL EXPLORE DEPTHS OF OLD QUARRY HOLE

To See Whether Automobile With Living Freight Crashed Through Fence and Into the Water.

Pawtucket, R. I., May 5.—Chief of Police James H. Axon of Lincoln has decided to employ a diver to ascertain if an automobile with living freight plunged into a water-filled quarry hole near Rock last night.

Howard Richardson and others, after hearing a crash near the ledge rock hole, found the fence had been carried away and that automobile wheel tracks led to the hole which is said to be about 70 feet deep. Councilman Arthur C. Nichols, who made an investigation to-day said the machine had swerved from the road but had been deliberately driven through the fence into the water-hole.

Some of the residents advance the theory that a scheme to collect insurance may be the cause of the accident.

OFF FOR HANOVER. Pennsylvania Team Will Be Without Services of Chow, Chinese Broad Jumper.

Philadelphia, May 5.—The University of Pennsylvania track team which left here to-day for Hanover, N. H. for the dual meet with Dartmouth on Saturday, will be without Chow, Chinese broad jumper, and Hamer in the weights.

Chow, who won the indoor intercollegiate title, was declared ineligible by the athletic council last night because of scholastic deficiencies, and Hamer could not make the trip because of the flu he missed during the football season.

CHARGE A SMALL JUROR. With Discussing Case of Illinois Governor in Jury Room.

Waukegan, Ill., May 5. (By the Associated Press.)—Two affidavits charging that Charles Melville, an urban motorman of Highland park who has been sworn as a juror for the trial of Governor Len Small, had discussed the case to the jury room, were filed to-day before Judge Clair O. Edwards by the governor's attorneys. They were accompanied by a motion to reopen the panels already sworn to permit the defense to challenge Melville peremptorily.

After hearing the state, Judge Edwards granted the defense request, sustaining the peremptory challenge for the removal of Melville. The court granted the state two extra peremptory challenges as compensation.

PROHIBIT BRUSH FIRES. Near Maine Forest Growth Till Leaves Are Fully Out.

Augusta, Maine, May 5.—As a precautionary measure, Forest Commissioner Samuel Dana to-day instructed the selectmen of all towns in Maine to issue no permits for the burning of brush, slash or blueberry land adjacent to forest growth until the leaves are fully out and heavy rains have decreased the fire danger.

DROWNING AT SALEM. Arthur Carr, Aged 9, Fell Into Canal On Way to Church.

Salem, Mass., May 5.—Arthur Carr, nine-year-old son of Martin E. Carr of 9 Appleton street, slipped and fell from the railroad trestle over the North river canal this forenoon on his way to attend a children's service in St. James church and was drowned. The body was recovered.

SPEEDING AUTO HELD WHISKEY

Nine Cases of Liquor Was Found in Car Seized Near St. Albans

NINE CASES TAKEN BY OFFICERS

Two Men Arrested Gave Their Residence As Boston

St. Albans, May 5.—Two men who gave their names as Connelly and Sullivan of Boston, were arrested and the car they were driving was seized, full of liquor, by prohibition officers shortly before noon to-day north of this city. The men had nine cases of whiskey and were driving at a terrific rate of speed when apprehended. They will be given a hearing this afternoon.

BLAMES THE WOMAN FOR PREMEDITATION

Virginus St. Julius Mayo Says Miss Meyer Knew He Was Married When She Urged Him to Marry Her.

New York, May 5.—Virginus St. Julius Mayo, who is charged with bigamy, took the stand to-day in his own defense and asserted that Miss Wilhelmina Meyer of Newark, N. J., the complaining witness, knew perfectly well he had a wife living in Scranton, Pa., when he entered into a marriage of convenience with her.

Mayo said it was at Miss Meyer's suggestion that the name "V. Julian Mayo" was used in the marriage certificate.

The certificate, he added, Miss Meyer desired in order to re-establish herself in the good graces of her wealthy grandmother.

"I told her that I didn't know how I could arrange a marriage legally," Mayo continued. "I said it was dangerous; that although I hadn't heard from my wife in some years, I didn't know whether she was dead or alive. Miss Meyer said that if the thing could be done, it would be kept absolutely quiet. She promised she would not tell a soul—and she kept her word for a long period of years."

BEVERIDGE LED BY 20,472. According to Complete Unofficial Tabulation at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, May 5. (By the Associated Press.)—Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge defeated Senator Harry S. New by 20,472 votes in Tuesday's primary for the Republican nomination for United States senator, according to a complete unofficial tabulation by the Associated Press to-day. The vote was: Beveridge 205,410; New 184,938.

Complete returns gave the Democratic congressional nomination in the seventh district, virtually the city of Indianapolis, to Joseph Turk, who ran on a wine and beer platform. Turk's vote was 8,484 against 4,358 for Woodburn Mason, an avowed "dry."

Miss Esther Kathleen O'Keefe, the only woman congressional candidate, won the Democratic nomination in the 12th district, having a plurality of 2,536 with only 21 precincts missing.

VANDERBILT HEIRS CANNOT RECOVER

From Travelers Insurance Co. for Death of Alfred G. Vanderbilt With the Lusitania.

New York, May 5.—The executors of the will of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who died in the Lusitania disaster, to-day lost their appeal from a decision in favor of the Travelers Insurance Co., which they sued for \$150,000.

The executors, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Henry R. Anderson and Frederick L. Merriam, alleged that Mr. Vanderbilt died through "external, violent and accidental means." The company quoted from its policy, providing the insurance would not cover death or disability resulting directly or indirectly from war.

RANDOLPH FIRM IN TROUBLE.

The Randolph Novelty Co., Has Debts of \$6,805.92.

Burlington, May 5.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States court yesterday by the Randolph Novelty company of Randolph, giving liabilities of \$6,805.92 and assets of \$6,532.21. Of the liabilities only \$2,626 are secured, while the assets include \$3,545 worth of stock in trade and \$1,237.26 due on open accounts.

WATERBURY MAN IS CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR

Verne L. Perkins, Town Representative in 1917, Announces Candidacy to Voters of Washington County.

Verne L. Perkins of Waterbury has announced himself as a candidate for senator from Washington county in the following address to the voters of the county:

After carefully considering the problems that promise to confront the legislators of 1923, I wish to announce my candidacy as senator from Washington county.

I was born in Warren, Vermont, in 1872 and in 1890, entered the lumber business in Moretown. Since that date have been in active business in several towns of Washington county, paying taxes in Montpelier, Moretown, Warren, Waitsfield, Middlesex, Fayston, and Waterbury. I have been enabled to closely study the needs and problems confronting many of our towns and to become personally acquainted with the desires of the voters.

Throughout my business activities I have been keenly interested in the civic and economic progress of Vermont and in 1917 was a member of the legislature as representative of the town of Waterbury.

I believe that I can competently serve the voters of Washington county in the capacity of senator and solicit their support. Respectfully, Verne L. Perkins.

ADMITS 40 ROBBERIES. THE POLICE ASSERT

Samuel Golstein Captured by Boston Police After Exciting Chase.

Boston, May 5.—The "Lone Wolf," a daring burglar who has raided a score of homes in Boston, Cambridge and other nearby cities in the past month, was believed to be in the toils of the police to-day.

Samuel Golstein, 28 years old, arrested after an exciting chase in the west end, admitted about forty robberies, the police said, twelve of them in Cambridge, which had been included in the long list attributed to the "Lone Wolf."

Two other men were arrested by police on suspicion. One was Herbert McLean and the name of the second was withheld.

VERMONT TOWN CHARTERS. Publication of Interesting Document Under Way By State.

Work has been begun at the secretary of state's office preparatory to the publication, as authorized by the last legislature, of a volume to show the charters of towns that this state issued. Franklin H. Dewar of Burlington, who edited volume I of "State Papers of Vermont," has in hand the preparation of this, which will be volume II of the same series.

More than half of the towns of the state, of course, received their charters from New Hampshire and copies of these have been available through volume 26 of "State Papers of New Hampshire" (devoted entirely to charters of towns now a part of Vermont). A generous share of this edition was bought from New Hampshire by Vermont and distributed to Vermont officers about 30 years ago. But, hitherto, if one wanted a copy of a town charter issued by Vermont, he has not been able to find it except in manuscript at the office of the secretary of state.

There has long been a considerable demand for the legal and historical matters. The proposed volume is to show also by reference where information regarding town bounds, names, proprietors, etc., may be found in print or record. Interest in this book is quickened because it will include references to all the 170 maps recently referred to the state after a visit of nearly 100 years in the west, through the thoughtfulness of the great-grandson of John W. Chandler, who presented two books of plans to the Vermont Historical society.

In the latter part of the 18th century, James Whitelaw had a famous land office at Ryegate and from his long prominence as surveyor-general of Vermont, Whitelaw acquired great prestige as an expert surveyor. At Whitelaw's death, most of his papers were bought by John W. Chandler of Peacham, who was a large dealer in wild lands in Essex and Caledonia counties. His maps, now recovered, show neat, accurate draughting to show the divisions of towns into lots for the original proprietors and which the names of the proprietors and which they each drew, as well as roads, streams, etc., and the two books (large folios covering the same towns twice) constitute treasure trove such as is not likely to be found again after such lapse of time since death of the draughtsman.

There was a great interest stirred by the plans of Samuel C. Crafts (ex-governor), which were copied for the secretary of state's office about 15 years ago, as they showed similar data for the nearly 50 towns and apparently date from 1840.

But the Crafts book pales besides Chandler's, both for the reason that (both being well drawn and accurate) Chandler's has nearly twice as many as Whitelaw's and still more because there now arises a strong suspicion that Crafts copied from Chandler's, which had been so long in use that it had to be re-bound in 1830.

LATHROP WINS 1-CENT VERDICT

For Alleged Imputation of a Crime By Donah

BOTH RESIDENTS OF MIDDLESEX

Case Was In Hands of Jury Since Monday

The jury in a slander suit of William Lathrop of Middlesex vs. William Donah of Middlesex returned a verdict in Washington county court at 10:30 to-day for the plaintiff to recover one cent damages for alleged imputation of crime to the plaintiff. The verdict carries the costs of the trial to the amount of one cent, as costs cannot exceed damages. R. E. Susena appeared for the plaintiff and F. E. Gleason for the defendant.

On first reporting this morning, our jurymen asked in behalf of another jurymen whether Judge Butler had charged that the speaking of the words mentioned in the case, alleged to have been an imputation of crime by Donah to Lathrop, implied malice. The judge replied that if the words imputing crime were spoken they might imply malice but that the jury must consider the circumstances under which they were spoken.

The jury was given the case yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and E. F. Simpson was designated as foreman of the jury.

In his charge to the jury, Butler stated that the defendant had not tried to justify alleged imputations of crime to the plaintiff but denied making the imputations. Judge Butler said that if words imputing crime were spoken that plaintiff should recover.

The case had occupied considerably time, possibly too much, Judge Butler said; but, like all other cases, it was an important one to the state and to the parties regardless of the amount involved. He charged the jury to use the same diligence and care in arriving at a verdict that it would in a case involving a large amount of money, or life or liberty. The parties had a right to come to court, Judge Butler said, considering matters relating to the situation in the granite industry and might have something to report by to-morrow.