

LEGAL MACHINERY IN QUICK OPERATION

Case of Bartholomew Croto Being Heard Today by the Grand Jury at Montpelier.

AN INDICTMENT IS LOOKED FOR

Young Peter Vorrone, Edith Vorrone, Drs. Jackson, and B.W. Hooker Examined--The Evidence.

Montpelier, Sept. 11.--The case of Bartholomew Croto, who has been in jail for two days, having been arrested as a suspect in the Vorrone murder at East Montpelier, was brought before the grand jury this forenoon, witnesses having been summoned yesterday.

All day yesterday the officers were busy summoning witnesses, a considerable number having been called, the chief one, of course, being the twelve-year-old son of the murdered man, who was the only witness to the shooting, so far as known, and who saw the murderer running away.

Croto is represented by attorney M. M. Gordon of Barre. At his cell in the jail Croto has maintained a sly, sly-like silence, having evidently been cautioned by his lawyer not to talk with anyone except himself.

The witnesses before the grand jury this forenoon included two of the children, the oldest of those who were residing at home at the time of the murder, Peter, twelve years old and Edith, who is fifteen years old.

Both of the children are bright appearing and the daughter has recently assumed a good deal of the work of caring for the large family.

Drs. J. Henry Jackson and Joe W. Jackson of Barre, the physicians who performed the autopsy upon the body of the murdered man yesterday, were also important witnesses this forenoon.

The hearing took an adjournment at noon and reconvened at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Something like 25 more witnesses have been summoned and will be examined before the grand jury makes a report. It is probable that the hearing of this evidence will continue during this afternoon and the greater part of tomorrow.

COL. ESTEY A DIRECTOR.

Vermonters in National Rifle Association.

Sea Girt, N. J., Sept. 10.--The annual meeting of the National Rifle Association of America was held here this evening. Senator John F. Dryden was elected an honorary member for life.

The following were elected directors also to serve three years: Col. W. P. Hall, assistant adjutant-general, U. S. A.; Gen. H. S. Tanner, Rhode Island; Major Seids Briggs, New York; Col. J. Gray Estey, Vermont; and Major Carl A. Wagner, Minnesota.

FEARS FOR FISHERMEN.

Trepport, France, Sept. 11.--Serious anxiety is felt regarding the fate of numerous fishers who went to sea before yesterday's tempest and have not been heard from. A large portion of the town was wrecked by the storm including the casino and other buildings.

NEW GOVERNOR WILL SETTLE

To Satisfaction of U. S. Government.

BEIRUT IS REPORTED QUIET

Business is Improving and Confidence is Increasing Reports Admiral Cotton.

Washington, Sept. 11.--The navy department received the following from Rear Admiral Cotton this morning, dated at Beirut yesterday:

"The governor general of Damascus has been appointed acting governor general of Beirut and has expressed a desire to settle the case of the American vice consul satisfactorily to the United States government. Beirut is quiet, business is improving and confidence is increasing."

The despatch continues, "The incident had no other bad result, many persons who fled to Lebanon are returning and a state of perfect calm has been established. These troubles were greatly exaggerated by some consuls who received their information from panic-stricken persons, and sent it to their governments without confirmation."

Chekkit Bey-Bey, the Turkish minister, called at the state department this morning and presented despatches received from his government concerning last Sunday's riot at Beirut. A despatch says that eight persons were killed, one of whom was a soldier, the remaining seven being civilians. Fifty were injured.

RECAPTURE REPORTED.

Turks Said to Have Retaken Town of Vialtko.

Vienna, Sept. 11.--A Constantinople despatch says the official news has been received there of the recapture by Turkish troops of Vialtko on the Black Sea on Sunday last.



ADMIRAL COTTON.

THE PRESIDENT WATCHFUL

Keeping in Close Touch With the Situation in Turkey.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 10.--President Roosevelt is watching the developments of the situation in Turkey carefully, but without serious apprehension. The reports made by Minister Leishman at Constantinople are not disquieting in tone. On the contrary, the minister is inclined to take an optimistic view of the situation so far as this country is concerned.

Admiral Cotton at Beirut, in whom the administration has great confidence, is clothed with ample authority to afford such protection to Americans and American interests as he may deem necessary. This fact, coupled with the assurance of the sublime porte that United States property and people in Turkey are quite safe, has tended to relieve the minds of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay from apprehension of serious consequences.

The vigilance of the United States authorities will not be relaxed, however, and every proper precaution will be taken to insure the safety and protection of American interests.

TURKISH PROMISES.

Will Punish Those Responsible For Conflict at Beirut.

Rome, Sept. 10.--A communication received from the Italian ambassador at Constantinople says the Turkish minister of foreign affairs has assured him that the most energetic measures will be taken to punish those who were responsible for the recent conflict at Beirut.

The minister added that there need be no fear any such incident would recur and asserted that the porte was confident that the insurrection in Macedonia would be "suppressed in one week."

BARRE HORSES AT WATERBURY.

Fair Closed Yesterday With Several Good Races.

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SIAS GETS VERDICT FROM CONSOLIDATED

County Court Awards Him \$5,800 in Case Remanded From Supreme Court.

Again a verdict has been awarded by Washington county court to H. R. Sias to recover damages from the Consolidated Lighting Co. for injuries received by falling with a broken pole, while employed by the company. The jury brought in a decision for the plaintiff shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The accident happened half a dozen years ago. Sias was employed at North Barre and was on a pole which broke carrying him to the ground. In the fall both the plaintiff's legs were broken.

On the first trial of the suit for damages the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff to recover for injuries received. The case then went up to supreme court on exceptions, where the decision of the lower court was reversed. The second trial by county court was taken at the present term of court and has occupied about a week.

John W. Gordon and Richard A. Hoar of Barre conducted the case for the plaintiff, while John Senter and F. A. Howland of Montpelier acted for the consolidated Lighting Co.

TERRIFIC GALE.

Does Much Damage Along English Coast.

London, Sept. 11.--A terrific gale which swept over England last night did great damage throughout the country. Life boats along the coast were kept busy throughout the night, and many sailors and passengers aboard coast vessels were saved from death. No deaths were reported but several boats were overturned.

There appears to be no let up in the gale which is blowing to knots an hour this morning at Plymouth. The heaviest damage is along the Dover coast. The breakwater there is entirely swept away.

NEW BAIL FOR BEAVERS.

Held in \$5,000 Under New Indictment for Conspiracy.

New York, Sept. 11.--George W. Beavers, the former post office official who was indicted in July in Brooklyn for bribery in connection with the purchase of post office supplies, this morning appeared before Commissioner Hitchcock to answer to the new indictment charging him with conspiracy, which was handed down by the federal grand jury at Washington Tuesday last. He was committed to bail in \$5,000 for his appearance before the commissioners Sept. 25.

CASE PUT OVER.

W. R. Walker Charged With Assault on John Powers.

Burlington, Sept. 11.--The hearing in the murderous assault case in the saloon of W. R. Walker and John Powers has been put over to Thursday on account of the absence of the attorneys. It is now claimed that Walker used a razor and slashed Powers. There is intense interest here.

STATE TEACHERS' MEETING.

Preparations Being Made For Its Convening.

Montpelier, Sept. 10.--Hon. Walter E. Ringer, state superintendent of education, was at White River Junction yesterday conferring with Principal N. J. Whitehill regarding the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association which is to be held at St. Johnsbury the last three days in October. Mr. Ringer was in Bellows Falls last evening assisting in the organization of a new lodge of Masons, he being district deputy grand master.

BICYCLIST INJURED.

Charles Brow at Waterbury Hurt at Fair Grounds.

Waterbury, Sept. 10.--Charles Brow was seriously injured in a bicycle accident Wednesday evening. He was riding around the race track at the fair grounds when he struck a horse's head which was protruding through the fence. He was thrown, smashing the wheel and breaking his collar bone.

Wise King Flour is always reliable.

BURNING GASOLINE MADE BIG SPECTACLE

Sowden & Lyon's Storage House on Highland Avenue Burned Last Evening.

A small one-story building on Highland avenue, used by Sowden & Lyon for the storage of gasoline, was burned to the ground shortly after 7 o'clock last evening, making a very spectacular blaze, causing nearly all the city's fire equipment to respond to an alarm from box 33 and giving the impression throughout the city of a serious fire. The loss was small, being confined to the value of the 30 gallons of gasoline consumed.

The fire caught from a lantern. Mr. Lyons went to the storage building at 7 o'clock to draw several gallons for delivery today. He set the lantern down nearby and started to draw out the gasoline. It is supposed that the vapor from the stream of oil became ignited from the lantern, and soon the building soaked with lard and oil--it having been formerly used as a lard house--was on fire. Mr. Lyons attempted to put out the fire alone but it spread with such rapidity that his task was impossible.

Then an alarm was rung in from the box on the corner of Mount and Washington streets. By the time that the fire companies arrived the storage building was a mass of flames. The gasoline tank was started allowing the oil to run out. Eighty gallons of this liquid burning made a hot fire and caused a reflection to be cast over that section of the city, which drew crowds of people to the place.

It was thought at one time that the barn and residence of E. M. Lyon would have to go, but the efficient work of the neighbors with several streams of water from garden hose kept them wet down until the arrival of the hose companies. Then the spread of the flames was checked although the paint on the barn was badly scorched and will necessitate repainting. The distance between the barn and the storage building was only about 25 feet.

The members of the firm of Sowden & Lyon have had considerable experience with fire recently. Last winter their store was burned out in the fire which destroyed the Currier block and Shepley building. A few months ago, the barn and the oil to Mr. Lyon's house on Highland Avenue were destroyed. Last evening the firm lost 30 gallons of gasoline, while Mr. Lyons' barn was scorched also.

The building, 10x13 feet in size, was of value having been partially burned down in the fire last spring. Mr. Lyon had given the building away and it was to be removed today or tomorrow.

TIED FOR FIRST HONOR IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Geo. A. Ross and G. Herbert Anker Made Net Score of 72 for Eighteen Holes.

There was a tie for first honors in the weekly golf tournament of the Barre Golf Club yesterday afternoon. George A. Ross and G. H. Anker being the low ones with a net score of 72 for 18 holes. The former's gross score was 91, while the latter made 84. The tie will be played off.

Outside of the tie the leaders in the afternoon were not especially low. There were sixteen players in the tournament.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Gross, Net. Lists scores for Geo. A. Ross, G. Herbert Anker, D. W. Smith, L. B. Dodge, H. J. Baldwin, D. H. Perry, Jas. Mackay, Robt. Clark, W. H. Pitkin, F. M. Lynde, T. H. Mitchell, Jas. Reid, J. F. Perry, L. J. Bailey, G. N. Tilden, F. W. Nichols.

THE VERMONT PRESS.

Editor Belknap of Bellows Falls Thinks Barre Editors Bloated Aristocrats.

In its report of the Labor day celebration at Bellows Falls, the Times of that place, in referring to the speech of Alex. Robertson of Barre, says: "When the speaker of the day was giving expression to the opinion that all the newspapers in Vermont were run in the interests of capital he was probably thinking of the bloated aristocrats who run papers in Barre. A little investigation would convince him that papers in this part of the state and capital are comparative strangers. There is, however, labor enough in running any of them."

BARRE MAN IN SUIT.

M. G. Nichols vs. Davis Estate for Note of \$4,100.

Montpelier, Sept. 11.--J. P. Lamson has returned from Littleton, N. H., where he has been engaged by the defense in a suit brought by F. S. Williams' Barre for M. G. Nichols also of that place against the Davis estate for a note of \$4,100. A verdict for the defendant was returned.

ASKS FOR REPAIRS.

Montpelier Desires Street Railroad to Repair the Road.

Montpelier, Sept. 11.--The city council has instructed City Attorney Canfield to call the attention of the officials of the electric railroad to the condition of Barre street between the rails of their road and to ask them to commence repairs on the same on or before Sept. 15.

He Over-Indulged.

Montpelier, Sept. 11.--John Murray was in city court this morning, and will take ten days in jail for over-indulgence in liquid refreshments.

BROOKFIELD'S MUDDLE

Unfortunate Condition in Town Finances.

TREASURER'S BOOK LOST

Which Leaves Matters so the Selectmen Claim to Have Found Deficit of \$2850 in C. H. Bigelow's Accounts.

Brookfield, Sept. 11.--The Randolph Herald and News publishes the following story of the local topic of discussion for the past few weeks:

An unfortunate condition exists with regard to the finances of the town of Brookfield, involving, it is alleged by the selectmen, the accounts of the town treasurer, Charles H. Bigelow. The selectmen claim that they have found a deficit amounting to about \$2,850 between the receipts of the town and its expenses for the past seven years that the treasurer is unable to account for. Mr. Bigelow denies that there is any such deficit, or any deficit for which he is liable.

Several weeks ago the selectmen, J. W. Untch, A. E. Churchill and A. D. Reed, became suspicious that something was wrong and went to Mr. Bigelow, asking for the chance to inspect the treasurer's account, receipts, vouchers, etc. Mr. Bigelow told them that he was unable to show one book that contained the itemized accounts for the reason that when his office at East Brookfield was cleaned last April this book, unbeknown to him at the time, was destroyed by mistake.

There was left substantially only the printed town reports for reference. The selectmen took the matter up and claim to have discovered from them a shortage amounting to about \$3,850. The way it came about chiefly in this way--that when the uncollected taxes for the year were paid to the treasurer in ensuing years he failed to make account of them to the town's credit. Mr. Bigelow has been town clerk and treasurer for 13 years and all taxes were payable to him until the expiration of the discount period in October of each year.

Mr. Bigelow asserts his innocence of both error and guilt. He says there is no leakage and that the lost book, if he had it, would sustain him. He has offered to leave the whole question out to expert accountants to determine. From the data at hand it would seem very difficult to show anything conclusively in any way. The system of bookkeeping has not been simple, and town and personal accounts have been mixed, it is said. The banking has been done at the Barre Savings bank.

Anything reflecting on C. H. Bigelow's character would require a good deal of proof in this vicinity. He has been esteemed by his townsmen and those of neighboring towns as a gentleman of irreproachable virtue, a fine personal bearing, high business ability and excellent judgment. He has enjoyed the confidence of Brookfield voters to a marked degree and has been honored by Orange county in being chosen assistant judge, which place he now holds. He has been prominent in church work and has stood among Brookfield's best people. He has no bad habits. The selectmen, too, are gentlemen of strength and honor who would not willfully accuse Judge Bigelow or anyone of wrong without believing themselves right. Brookfield people are divided in opinion, some sustaining the selectmen while others hold that the error is not on the part of the treasurer. There is a general inclination to believe Judge Bigelow criminally at fault.

Judge Bigelow has a farm and store business at East Brookfield. His bondsman this year are H. M. Gaylord, M. Peck and T. Calagan. The town is amply insured against loss, if it is established that any has resulted.

DEATH OF L. C. NOYES.

Long Time Resident Died This Morning.

Lewis C. Noyes, a long time and much respected citizen of this city, died at 4.30 this morning of heart disease. He was 53 years of age and had been in ill health all summer but had not been confined to the house only about a week.

He is survived by a wife and two daughters, Emma D., and Mrs. Arthur Robinson who reside in this city. The funeral will be held from his late home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SEAEVER ELECTED MANAGER.

Goddard Athletic Association Chose Him Last Evening.

Dean Seaver was elected manager of the Seminary foot ball team at the meeting of the Athletic association held last night but the election of a captain was not decided upon.

There was a full team out for practice yesterday afternoon and some fine up practice was tried. Coach Cannel speaks very encouragingly of the prospects for a good team and the candidates are enthusiastic and are practicing hard to make a winning team this fall.

CAVALRY ON MARCH.

Route Through Barre to Springfield Where They Exhibit.

Montpelier, Sept. 11.--Troop C, 2nd United States Cavalry, from Fort Ethan Allen arrived in town this noon on their way to Springfield to take part in a fair. They went to Barre this afternoon. They will go by way of Bethel and North Harland.