

\$465,000 DAMAGES FOR ALIENATION AWARDED TO DORRIT WOODHOUSE

After Wrestling With the Million-dollar Suit Against Parents of Douglas Woodhouse, Jury Reported Largest Verdict Ever Known in Vermont in Similar Case

DEFENDANTS WILL APPEAL FROM AWARD

Lorenzo E. Woodhouse, Took the Verdict Coolly—Of the Total Amount \$400,000 Is For Actual Damages and \$65,000 for Exemplary Damages

Burlington, Dec. 7.—An award of \$465,000 was made today by the jury which for more than forty hours deliberated over the million dollar claim of Mrs. Dorrit Woodhouse against her wealthy parents-at-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo E. Woodhouse of New York and this city, for the alienation of the affections of her husband, Douglas Woodhouse. The case had consumed five weeks in hearing.

On the award, \$400,000 is for actual damages and \$65,000 for punitive, or exemplary, damages. Although the suit was brought for \$1,000,000, Attorney Warren R. Austin for the plaintiff stated in his argument to the jury that the plaintiff would be satisfied with a verdict of \$300,000.

The case was given to the jury on Tuesday afternoon. The jury came in yesterday and asked for instructions from Judge Sherman R. Moulton. They then retired and again at 9:30 this morning they came in and asked for further instructions as to the law on damages, that request giving some hint of the trend of the deliberations. At 10:40 they came in again, and, in response to the usual query, the foreman, Burr D. Martin, of Jericho, announced the verdict as above stated.

Intimation of a possible adverse verdict revealed by the request for instruction about the law on damages had, perhaps, prepared Lorenzo E. Woodhouse, the wealthy father of Douglas Woodhouse, for the loss of the case; and he took the verdict coolly. There was only a small crowd in the court room at the time, much in contrast to the conditions throughout the greater part of the trial. Steps were taken immediately by the defense to appeal the case.

Questions Asked by Foreman. When the jury came in this morning to ask for instructions the foreman asked two questions of the court. The first question was: "If the damages are found against both defendants ranging from one to a million dollars, is the husband or wife liable for the whole amount regardless of the financial standing of the other?" The second question was: "Supposing the amount be \$250,000 for exemplary damages and \$250,000 actual damages, could the exemplary damages be collected from either the husband or the wife?"

Attorney Page took exceptions to the charge because questions were asked as to the collection of damages. That is a thing about which the jury had no concern. Thereupon Judge Moulton inquired of the foreman if the second question referred to the collection of the money and the foreman replying "If the exemplary damages should be \$250,000 and the actual \$250,000 is exemplary or punitive damages. When the verdict was read in unemotional voice of a court official, attorneys for the defense were heard to utter whispered ejaculations of varying intensity. As soon as Judge Moulton had dismissed the jury and court had adjourned, Warren R. Austin, attorney for the plaintiff, was showered with congratulations of those who were in the court room. He appeared to be deeply gratified over the verdict.

A motion was made by the attorneys for the defense to have the verdict set aside but it is thought this cannot be argued before Christmas as Mr. Austin left for New York as soon as possible after the trial and will not be back for several days. It is thought that the ground on which a motion to set aside the verdict is based is that it is too large and shows prejudice against the defendants.

Dorrit Stevens Woodhouse and C. Douglas Woodhouse were married in Burlington, 1918. She was the daughter of a soap salesman and young Woodhouse, at the time of his marriage, had just completed a course in the United States signal corps school.

They had been acquainted since 1912 when they met at a social function at the University of Vermont.

\$5,000 VERDICT Awarded Elmer Perrigo of Bedford, Mass., in Alienation Suit.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 7.—A verdict of \$5,000 was awarded Elmer Perrigo of Bedford by a jury in the superior court today in his suit for \$25,000 against Edgar Twombly of Billerica for alienation of his wife's affections. Perrigo testified during the trial that he had had himself nailed in a piano box and from a post of vantage on a wagon peered through holes in the box and saw Twombly and Mrs. Perrigo enter a hotel together.

Paris, Dec. 7. (By the Associated Press).—Georges Carpentier believes that the best place to settle the controversy over his recent bout with Battling Siki is in the ring. Writing to Le Journal, the French boxer says: "Here is what I propose to Siki: Notwithstanding his disqualification and the disqualification I might incur, I offer to meet him at any date, be like, in public or private. Should he be ready to put a stake I bind myself to pay to charity that stake, or, if he is offered, I am absolutely certain I would finish Battling Siki this time in less than three rounds."

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Mrs. William L. Rohrer, widow of the late Jake Hamon, who was killed by Clara Smith Hamon, in Ardmore, Okla., yesterday filed suit for divorce from William Rohrer, investment banker, to whom she was married less than a year ago. She charged Rohrer with cruelty.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—MacDonald Smith, professional golfer and holder of the 1921 metropolitan championship of the Atlantic coast, has obtained a license to wed Mrs. Louis Harvey, San Francisco society woman.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 7.—J. G. Stewart, a neighbor and friend of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., died at his home in Hamilton, aged 88 years.

DANDELION IN BLOSSOM. At Columbus, Ohio, With Frigid Weather All Around. Columbus, O., Dec. 7.—With the west in the grip of below zero weather and with northern Ohio experiencing sleet and ice storms, dandelions were in blossom in Columbus today and many bushes contained buds, following several days of unusually mild December weather.

MONTPELIER Trial of Volpi in Montpelier City Court Started. When the jury in the case of State vs. Volpi was to be empaneled, it was found that Harry Woodward was out of town. Floyd Hayford and H. L. E. Smith were excused by Judge Laird. Three witnesses, Frank W. Nichols, Thomas W. Neill and Percy W. Bailey, took the places of these three jurors and the trial began. Frank Corry, another witness, was ill.

City Grand Juror John H. Stone presided, assisted by Fred E. Gleason, and W. A. Lord and R. E. Susena appeared for the respondent. The first witness was Chief of Police P. J. Connolly, who testified in regard to the raid on the Volpi premises at 4 Stibley avenue. Grand Juror Stone followed him on the stand, and was questioned by the attorneys for the respondent in regard to the insertion of the words "and a still" in pen and ink in the warrant. The claim was made that these words were inserted after the warrant had been served, but Grand Juror Stone stated in reply to a question by Mr. Gleason that the words were in the warrant before it was served.

A copper wash boiler with a cover which had a cone and rubber hose at the top was produced in court and Deputy Sheriff Henry C. Lawson testified that he found it in a room in the Volpi cellar. The windows of this room were closed up with boards, he stated. He also testified to finding an agate kettle in which was a little of what he called grappa. At the time of the raid, he was with Officer Sloan, he testified. Among those in the cellar when the boiler arrangement was found were Grand Juror Stone, James Johnson and John O'Neill, the witness testified. Grand Juror Stone referred to the wash boiler with the additions as something which he called a still. R. E. Susena for the respondent objected, but Judge Laird stated he did not think the jury would be misled by the reference.

Chief Officer O'Neill testified to finding the wash boiler arrangement under the stairs in the cellar with a box over it. He entered the house with Chief of Police Connolly and Deputy Sheriff James Johnson. They were not admitted directly, he said. He testified to finding an agate kettle in the cellar with a liquid in it in which he put his finger and tasted it, finding it to be grappa. When he turned away, he said, Volpi seized the kettle and spilled the contents down a sewer. He also testified to finding a gas plate in connection in the cellar. In regard to the wash boiler, which the prosecution states is a still, Grand Juror Stone stated that inside it there is a perforated plate near the bottom which he thinks was used to keep the mask on burning.

TWO VICTIMS OF ASSASSINS

DEPUTY SEAN HALES WAS SHOT DEAD

Deputy Speaker Patrick O'Maille Was Wounded Seriously

Dublin, Dec. 7. (By the Associated Press).—President Cosgrave announced to the Parliament this afternoon that Deputy Sean Hales had been shot and killed and Deputy Patrick O'Maille, who was deputy speaker, had been wounded while they were on their way to the Parliament session.

The two victims of the shooting were on a jaunting car proceeding along the quays when they were attacked with revolvers.

After President Cosgrave's announcement Minister of Defense Mulcahy rose and said: "These men did not have a priest, nor were they asked if they would see their relatives."

All the members of the Parliament rose as a mark of sympathy. O'Maille was elected deputy speaker of the Dail, or lower house of the free state Parliament at yesterday's session, when the members took the oath of allegiance.

Hales was returned from South Cork in the last parliamentary election.

ULSTER PARLIAMENT VOTES TO "CONTRACT OUT" Vote in Each Branch Was Unanimous to Stay Out of Irish Free State.

Belfast, Dec. 7. (By the Associated Press).—Both houses of the Ulster Parliament voted unanimously today to "contract out" of the Irish free state as permitted under the Anglo-Irish treaty.

Premier Sir James Craig stated in the House of Commons that Ulster would not appoint a representative on the proposed commission to fix the boundary between Ulster and the Free state nor would be interested in the commission in any way.

MUSSOLINI ACCEPTS. Will Attend Conference of Primers in London. London, Dec. 7. (By the Associated Press).—Premier Mussolini of Italy has accepted the invitation to come to London, and the conference of the allied premiers at the week-end preliminary to the Brussels conference on reparations and war debts is thereby assured full representation.

Lausanne, Dec. 7.—Premier Mussolini of Italy is expected to arrive here from Rome at six o'clock this evening. He will dine with Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary, and proceed late tonight to London for the premiers' conference there.

MANY PEOPLE RESCUED During Fire in a West End Apartment Building. Boston, Dec. 7.—Fire in a four-story brick apartment building in the west end drove seventeen scantily attired persons into the street early today. Several women and children were carried down ladders to safety by firemen. The fire started in an ovened furnace and spread quickly. None was seriously hurt. The damage was slight.

HINTON RESUMES FLIGHT Took the Air at Para, Brazil, This Morning. Para, Brazil, Dec. 7. (Associated Press).—Lieutenant Walter Hinton resumed his New York-to-Rio Janeiro flight today. He took the air here at 7 a. m., setting out for Maranhao, down the coast with the intention of stopping at Braganca to replenish his gasoline supply.

TURKEY DECLINES To Continue Consulates of Nations at War With Her. Ankara, Dec. 7. (By the Associated Press).—The Turkish Nationalist government has decided that it cannot accept the continuance in Turkey of the consulates or plenipotentials of any power at war with Turkey.

WANTS BANKER TO TELL STORY

Detective Believes He May Have Seen Hall-Mills Murder

BANKER HAS BEEN QUESTIONED TWICE But Refused to Affirm Or Deny Whether He Was on Phillips Farm

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 7.—Detective David of Middlesex county announced today that he planned to question a New Brunswick banker who he believes may have been an eye witness to the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills on September 14.

According to David, the banker was questioned at least twice, but refused to confirm or deny the story that he was on the Phillips farm on the night of the crime. David would not indicate why he wanted to question him further.

According to detectives, the mysterious green car which Mrs. Jane Gibson said she saw on DeRussy's lane the night of the murder, has been discovered. They asserted that, while the banker mentioned is not the owner of the machine, they declared he had an arrangement with the owner by which he could use it whenever he desired.

The investigators said they believed the banker had witnessed the shootings. They declared that his story would corroborate Mrs. Gibson's statement in many respects.

FARMERS SHOULD RAISE MORE FOOD Instead of Depending for That Which Is Brought by Rail to Them.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Farmers should produce more of their own food-stuffs and buy less that must be brought to them by railroads, according to a survey of opinion among 23,000 farmers made public today by the department of agriculture. Nearly thirty per cent of the food consumed by farmers and their families generally is not grown by them or in their immediate vicinity, it was shown whereas it was estimated that 79 per cent of their needs could be produced locally.

High freight rates, it was explained, tend to reduce the prices farmers receive for the products and increase the cost to them of the things they buy from outside localities.

The smallest percentage of home production was found in New England and the highest, 75.5 per cent, in the east south central states, including Kentucky, Kansas, Alabama and Mississippi.

NEW BILLS IN CONGRESS. One Gives Priority Authority to Draft Unorganized Militia. Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Representative Johnson Republican, South Dakota, has introduced a bill giving the president authority in war time to draft the unorganized militia, without exemption of men from 21 to 30 on account of industrial occupation.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Representative Hudepeth, Democrat, Texas, has introduced a bill to put a tariff on cattle and stock straying over the border or conveyed for temporary pasturage, unless returned to the United States in 19 months.

FREIGHT MOVEMENT SLOWER. But Is Still Setting New Seasonal Records. Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Freight movement, which has been abnormally heavy for several weeks, is still setting new seasonal records, according to reports made public today by the car service division of the American Railway association. In the week which ended November 25, railroads loaded 658,485 cars, 292,000 more than in the same week of 1921, and 151,000 more than in 1920.

TWO TAKEN OFF TRAIN. But Nether Was the Much Sought Mrs. Phillips. Chicago, Dec. 7.—Miss Elsie Cox and Miss Clara Hutchins of Baltimore, Md., were taken from the incoming Los Angeles limited of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad today by police murderers who escaped from the Los Angeles county jail. The women satisfied the police of their identity.

The two women left Los Angeles on December 4, the day before Mrs. Phillips escaped. The police boarded the train at Maywood on a report that Mrs. Phillips was believed to have been seen on the train as it left Havana last night although detectives had said it was extremely unlikely that Mrs. Phillips could reach Chicago in three days without the use of an airplane.

Trousers, Too. Grandmother—My dear boy, you've grown to be the living image of your father. You have your father's eye, you have his nose, you have his mouth, and— Jimmy (glomfully)—Yes, and I have his trousers, too!—Pittsburg Post.

Just Looking On "What was the name of that horse you let on?" "Spectator." "An odd name for a race horse." "But appropriate in his case. He watched the others go by."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

BRANDS AS "QUITTERS" VERMONTERS WHO LEAVE TO SEEK LIFE OF EASE

Northfield, Dec. 7.—"There are men from my home town and from other towns in Vermont and other states who are leaving to find a life of ease. They are going to California and other places where their work will be lessened. In my opinion such men are quitters; and must be branded so particularly during this critical period of reconstruction when every man is expected to do his duty."

This spoke Rev. Fraser Metzger of Randolph before the cadet corps of Norwich university yesterday. His subject was "American Possibilities."

Not only a personal objective in life but an objective whose scope includes the whole generation—carries the ideals of all the people—was urged by Mr. Metzger.

FARMER'S INCOME UNDER \$465 THIS YEAR So Gray Silver Appealed for Laws to Aid Farmers—Mrs. Julian A. Dimock a Speaker at Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 7.—The American Farm Bureau Federation of 1,500,000 members, 3,000 county organizations and many thousands of community centers, representing 80 odd billions of dollars invested in now in the "throes of distress" for lack of a reasonable income to take care of actual needs, declared Gray Silver of Washington, representative of the national federation, tonight at the annual meeting of the Vermont Farm Bureau federation last night. He declared that the new income of the United States farmer will be under \$465 this year. For remedial legislation he suggested:

Passage of the Muscle Shoals bill to reduce costs of fertilizer.

Passage of the "truth-in-fabric" act so that wool will not have to come in competition with reclamations from city dump or landfill.

Passage of the milk-filled bill to free the farm dairy from competition with the "coconut cow" of the South Sea islands.

Reduced freight rates. A proper system of intermediate credits.

Quotations from "Anks that borrow from the federal reserve system at 4 1/2 per cent and charge the farmer 10 to 12 per cent."

Mrs. Julian A. Dimock of East Corinth, one of the leading potato raisers in the state and a recognized authority on that subject, gave the gathering some idea of what the farm stands for in American life.

Under the interesting title, "The Looking Glass in the Bureau," she "reflected" the spirit of the farm, protesting against the prevailing idea that farm life is "drugery," and declaring that working is a word which should be placed on a pedestal in this country.

Her message might be called a text to the "joy of work," especially farm work. She maintained that the farmers of Vermont should reflect in the looking glass of the farm bureau the enthusiasm and joy which they find in their lives on the farm.

ONLY SLIGHT RELIEF FROM COLD WAVE But the Wave Seemed to Be on Its Way Southward. Chicago, Dec. 7.—There was no great relief today for the northwest as the first cold wave of winter gradually extended southward. Helena and Havre, Mont., respectively, recorded temperatures of six and two degrees below.

In the Atlantic states and the northern plateau region, the temperature has fallen, and it has risen in the Mississippi valley and the southern plains states.

Louisiana continued almost to sweater with the official temperature in New Orleans recording 70 degrees at 7 o'clock last night.

Florida, the "land of sunshine," continued to live up to its reputation with an average of more than 70 degrees in temperature.

Swiss Customs. Canton Valais is a land of curious old customs. For instance, when the great herds of cattle are going up to the mountain pastures a "queen" is chosen among the cows for the summer. Each peasant endeavors to gain for one of his own cows the title of queen, and trains them for the fight which takes place when the herd is gathered on the "alp," or mountain pasture. The victorious cow seems to understand the importance of the position she has won; wearing a larger bell than the others, she leads the herd to the pasture and back to the chalet at milking time. No cow dares to defy the queen's authority, backed, as he is by the horns that won the fight for leadership.—Indianapolis News.

DENIAL ON LIPS AS HE EXPIRED

Frederick Bedell of Orford, N. H., Died at Hanover Hospital

TAKEN THERE AFTER SHOOTING SELF

Continued To Maintain He Knew Nothing of Davis Brothers Murder

Orford, N. H., Dec. 7.—The suicide of Frederick C. Bedell who, after he had been questioned regarding the killing of the aged brothers, John and Charles Davis, here a month ago, took poison and then shot himself stimulated further the investigation of the Davis murders today. Bedell, up to the moment of his death in a hospital at Hanover last night, protested that he was innocent of any connection with the Davises.

Differences between the Davises and Bedell, who was their neighbor, were made matters of further inquiry. The finger prints of Bedell, taken at the time he was arrested, were compared with those taken at the Davis home. Bedell's movements on Nov. 7 and 8, the days on which the Davises are believed to have been killed with an axe found, blood-stained, beside the bodies in their little shack, were being traced.

There was little to hope for in finger print comparisons, officials said, those taken from the axe at the Davis home being blurred. The trouble between Bedell and the brothers was established but the authorities said they had found nothing in their investigations that would tend to connect Bedell directly with the crimes.

MISS BIRKHEAD DENIES IMPROPRIETY When Questioned Regarding Her Life in Texas, Admits She Got Money for Giving Newspaper "Scoops."

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 7. (By the Associated Press).—Miss Frances Birkhead, plaintiff in a damage suit for \$100,000 against Governor Lee M. Russell of Mississippi, admitted on cross-examination today that she gave one newspaper in New Orleans information for a monetary consideration; that enabled the paper to obtain a "scoop" in connection with the filing of the suit.

Miss Birkhead was questioned concerning her life in Texas. She denied she was guilty of any impropriety while in Texas. She was questioned as to several alleged escapades but declared that all such charges were untrue.

"I didn't minister at Pearsall restaurants with you about your conduct," she was asked. "No, there was no occasion or cause for a reprimand," she said. She replied in the affirmative to questions as to whether before the suit was filed, she sought consultations with Earl Brewer, former governor of Mississippi, and Oscar Johnston, an opponent of Governor Russell in the gubernatorial campaign.

Miss Birkhead said she sought to put the matter before Mr. Johnston "not because he was an opponent of Mr. Russell, but because he was a lawyer."

CURBSTONE SAVED FAMILY FROM INJURY Deflected Four Heavily Loaded Freight Cars Which Had Run Off Track at West Lynn, Mass.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 7.—Six members of the family of William A. McKenzie were saved from death or injury early today when a train of four heavily loaded "manaway" freight cars were deflected from crashing into the McKenzie home by a curbstome. The cars broke through a bumper at the West Lynn freight yards of the Boston & Maine railroad and continued for 200 feet directly toward the McKenzie home. The train missed the house by a few inches.

FIRE AT GARDINER, ME. Opera House and Contents Damaged \$60,000. Gardiner, Me., Dec. 7.—Damage estimated at \$60,000 was caused by a fire in the opera house on Water street today. The loss was sustained by the owners of the building, the Russell Amusement company, which occupied it as a motion picture theatre, and F. S. Smith and company, dry goods dealers. The stock in the store was damaged mostly by water and smoke, including a quantity of Christmas goods.

CHRISTMAS IN DEATH HOUSE. Predicted by Prosecutor for Abraham Becker. New York, Dec. 7.—Abraham Becker and Reuben Norkin, accused jointly of murdering Becker's wife and burying her alive in a lime-filled pit, today pleaded not guilty in Bronx county court.

Judge Gibbs set Becker's trial for next Monday and Norkin's a week later. Assistant District Attorney Cohn predicted that Becker would eat his Christmas dinner in the death house at Sing Sing.

Slight Earthquake in San Francisco. San Francisco, Dec. 7.—A slight earthquake check which lasted five seconds was felt here last night.

BARRE LEGION ELECTION. Charles A. Perry Was Elected Commander Last Evening.

The annual election of officers of the Barre post, No. 10, American Legion, was held in the Legion rooms last evening. A nominating committee appointed by the chair brought in the following nominations, which were accepted without contest: Commander, Charles A. Perry; vice-commander, George O. Pratt; adjutant, Allan R. Johnston; treasurer, Elmer R. Huntington; finance officer, Ralph Witters; historian, E. C. Duffley; executive committee, ward 1, Parley T. Eager; ward 2, Raymond O. Wilbur; ward 3, David McKnight; ward 4, Robert Knox; ward 5, Guy Oltin; ward 6, Edson Lander; Barre Town, Harold Bancroft; committeeman-at-large, Robert B. Mackie; chaplain, Robert McLeod.

The auditor's report showed quick assets amounting to \$465,070, and fixed assets amounting to \$7,744.70. Dues for 1923 were fixed as follows: post dues, \$5 per year, payable on or before Jan. 1, and also an annual assessment of \$4, payable on or before July 1. Following the election, those present listened to a few appropriate remarks from the new commander, in which they were reminded that the success of the post depended entirely upon cooperation. Refreshments were served.

COLUMBIA GRANITE PLANT BURNED

Fire at Westerly Yesterday Afternoon Caused Loss of \$40,000—Cause Is Unknown. Westerly, R. I., Dec. 6.—Fire destroyed the cutting and polishing plant of the Columbia granite works yesterday afternoon, the loss being estimated at \$40,000. The fire, the cause of which was unknown, started in the engine house.

NO DEFENSE PUT IN. By John N. Leonard In What Was Expected to be Interesting Case. Bennington, Dec. 7.—Frequenters of county court who had been looking forward to an interesting session when the divorce case of Mabel C. Leonard vs. John N. Leonard was heard were disappointed yesterday. The case was called before Judge Stanley C. Wilson and was disposed of in the presence of not more than half a dozen spectators.

There were only three witnesses, Mrs. Leonard and a young girl who has been caring for the couple's three-year-old boy.

Intolerable severity and refusal to support, were the grounds on which the divorce petition was based.

Edward L. Bates of Bennington appeared for Mrs. Leonard and the husband was represented by E. L. Stafford and W. B. Botsford of Rutland, but there was no defense.

The court reserved decision. Mrs. Leonard is the only daughter of Alexander J. Cooper, who was the majority stockholder in the Co-operative Manufacturing company, underwear manufacturers, which was purchased several years ago by the Black Cat Textile company of Kenosha, Wis. Leonard is the son of W. A. Leonard of New York.

The young people became acquainted while Leonard was a student at Williams and were married after he had been commissioned a naval lieutenant, following a short course at Annapolis. He is the president of the Bennington Wholesale company which came into existence shortly after the war and in which the older Leonard and A. Cooper were originally interested.

SEVEN STOLEN LETTERS HAD \$1,000 EACH Government Is Seeking to Recover \$15,000 Damages from United Fruit Co. Boston, Dec. 7.—Seven registered letters each containing \$1,000 sent to the Havana branch of the National City bank of New York, were rifled aboard the steamer Pastores during a trip between New York City and Havana, according to allegations filed by the government in the federal court here today seeking to recover \$15,000 damages from the United Fruit company, owners of the vessel.

A total of \$6,000 was stolen from the letters, the government claims. It was charged that the entire contents of five letters were removed while items of \$700 and \$600 were taken from the two remaining.

D. W. CORYEA BANKRUPT. Montpelier Contractor Has Debts of \$12,224.70. Burlington, Dec. 7.—Dennis W. Coryea, a contractor of Montpelier, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy at the office of the clerk of the United States court yesterday, placing his liabilities at \$12,224.70 and assets at \$11,204.84. Liabilities included secured claims of \$5,713.72, unsecured claims of \$5,511.32 and accommodation paper amounting to \$350.

Secured creditors include the following: Montpelier Savings Bank and Trust company, real estate mortgage, \$4140; Capital Savings Bank and Trust company, real estate mortgage, \$1,000; Harry Daniels, real estate mortgage, \$1,000; P. J. Jerome, Montpelier, real estate mortgage, \$201.81; Strong Hardware company, Burlington, chattel mortgage, \$932.96. Assets include real estate, \$7,100; debts due on open accounts, \$1,160.91, and other items, with \$1,250 claimed to be exempt.

ONE BOY, ONE URUGUAY. Started Excitement in South Boston, Set Fire to House. Boston, Dec. 7.—A little boy, armed with an air rifle, started something in the South Boston district yesterday. The something was a fire. The youngster conceived the idea of putting a match in the gun barrel. When he pulled the trigger the match sailed through an open window of a dwelling, grazed the ceiling, ignited and when it fell set the mattress on a bed. The fire apparatus was called and the loss was placed at \$25.

AUTO CARRIED ONE TO DEATH

Arthur F. Wilbur Fatally Injured on Barre-Montpelier Road

J. G. MARISEVELY HURT

Carl Olsen Driver, Escaped Without Serious Injuries

Arthur F. Wilbur, chauffeur for D. W. Coryea of Montpelier, was fatally injured, John G. Markley, an employe of E. L. Smith & Co., was severely injured and Carl Olsen, a mechanic at the Kelly & Nelson garage, was less seriously hurt when they were riding from Montpelier to Barre last evening skidded off the road at the greenhouse turn, crossed the electric car track, plunged down the bank onto the Montpelier & Wells River right of way and stopped only a little short of going into the Stevens branch.

Arthur Wilbur was the man who, yesterday, lost his operator's license through indefinite suspension because of alleged careless and negligent driving when a Buick car he was driving struck a rock in Graniteville and landed on top of some boulders beside the road and who, six weeks ago, was driving a car which was in collision with a vehicle of Harold Bancroft of Barre at Stowe. However, Wilbur was not driving the Nash car last night, it was stated by the driver being Olsen, the Kelly & Nelson employe.

It is further stated that Wilbur and Markley went to the Kelly & Nelson garage, the latter as a potential purchaser of an automobile, that he had picked out the Nash car and proposed to drive to Montpelier. The salesman stated that it was not the firm's practice of sending a car out without a driver from the garage. So Olsen was picked to accompany the two men and was said to be in the driver's seat at the time of the fatal outcome. The car was driven to Montpelier at an average speed of 25 miles an hour, it was stated.

On the return toward Barre they met another car at the greenhouse curve and the lights of the approaching car caused the Nash driver to get too far off the outside of the curve, with the result that the rear end skidded when the driver tried to get back into the traveled path. The car struck the trolley rail, tipped over and pitched down the steep bank overlooking the Montpelier & Wells River railroad track. In its fall the car clipped off a fence post, swung against a telephone pole and finally rested just off the track of the railroad. The body of the car was crushed in and the top and windshield completely demolished. However, the engine was not damaged, so that the wreckers were able, later, to drive the vehicle up the railroad right of way to Jones Bros. Co., where it was put back into the road.

Olsen was able to crawl up the bank to the highway and there he called for aid. Ambulances and police were summoned from Barre, and there were prompt responses. With the aid of the headlight of a Montpelier & Wells River railroad freight locomotive, which came along soon and with the added light from halted automobiles on the highway above, the rescuers were able to go about their work expeditiously.

The injured men were placed in blankets and carried to the highway, after which a quick run was made to the Barre City hospital. Wilbur lived only a short time after reaching the hospital, and it was found that he had sustained a fracture of the skull, multiple contusions, broken jaw and a broken leg.

Drs. W. E. Lenzell, J. W. Stewart and M. L. Chandler were called in the case, and they found that Markley had a cut on his head which caused eight inches of blood to flow from the forehead. He was born near Taunton, Mass., and he leaves his father and two brothers in Massachusetts. He had worked for G. M. Woodard of Cutler Corner and he called that place his home.

Markley is 32 and has been working for a short time for E. L. Smith & Co. It is said that he is a veteran of the World war, in the British service.

GIFT OF \$200 Comes as Welcome Contribution to City Hospital. Following the acknowledgments of a gift of \$50 to the City hospital the other day, there has come a second gift, \$200 this time. There is plenty of use for these gifts to the hospital. During the present year the free service at the hospital has been equal to four beds in continuous use, and that the money, together with about \$200 additional, went to buy the monomastic now erected on Randall post lot in Elmwood cemetery.

TALK OF THE TOWN

In regard to a communication in yesterday's paper as to the disposal of funds in various subscriptions in Barre, an officer of the society having charge of the funds raised some years ago for the soldiers' memorial stated today that the sum paid in from several dollars' worth of subscriptions amounted to approximately \$410 and that, through interest additions, it finally came to approximately \$490, which amount was turned over to the Randall post, G. A. R., when it became evident that the soldiers' memorial from popular subscription was not likely to succeed, and that the money, together with about \$200 additional, went to buy the monomastic now erected on Randall post lot in Elmwood cemetery.