

BLAMES STRIKE FOR ATTEMPT TO SLAY HIS WIFE

William Philbrick, On Trial for Intent to Murder, Has Defense of Temporary Insanity.

William A. Philbrick on the witness stand before a jury and District Judge Redick yesterday swore that he has no recollection of having stabbed his wife, Mary Philbrick, in an elevator in the First National bank building on June 24, 1919. He is on trial for assault with intent to murder. His defense is temporary insanity. He said he had brooded so long over his domestic troubles that he didn't know what he was doing when he stabbed his wife 13 times with an ice pick and then tried to kill himself. He was found in the elevator at the fourteenth floor of

the building, the elevator looking like a shambles with his blood and that of his wife. Their troubles started, according to the testimony, when he went out on a strike with the boiler-makers' union. While he was unable to support the family, Mrs. Philbrick got work running an elevator. Their three children were sent to an orphan's home. Mrs. Philbrick filed suit against her husband for divorce since the stabbing, alleging various threats against her life. Mr. Philbrick filed a cross-petition, charging her with misconduct. They lived at 1013 South Twenty-fifth avenue.

New York Man Dies of Injuries Received in Motor Accident

C. H. Hunter, 68 years old, of Hyatt Corners, Seneca county, New York, died Thursday of injuries received in an automobile accident near Council Bluffs. Mr. Hunter and his wife and his son, Frank, and family of Mills county, Ia., were en route to Omaha when the accident occurred. None of the others were seriously injured. Mr. Hunter is widely known in New York and is one of the board of directors of the Lackawanna railroad.

STOCKS SHAKEN BY STRIKE AND MEXICAN NEWS

Call Money at 10, and Traders Unload 1,500,000 Shares.

New York, Nov. 28.—The stock market again was severely unsettled Friday, many speculative issues falling five to nearly 35 points on a turnover approximating 1,500,000 shares. On the stock exchange, and in the financial district generally, the break, which lacked the sensational features of the mid-November upheaval, was chiefly ascribed to growing apprehension arising from the deadlock in the coal strike and later events south of the Rio Grande. Shares of the various coal roads were only moderately affected, but issues with Mexican connections were under constant pressure. European news was again discouraging and contributed to the heaviness of exchange on London.

Paris and the former neutral countries of northern Europe. Selling was at its height in the final hour, when call money, which had ruled at 7 per cent, rose to 10 per cent on the belated demands of borrowers. The setback doubtless owed much of its success to the renewed activity of the bears or short interest, but no small part of the selling originated, according to commission houses, from discouraged traders at interior centers. Another noteworthy feature was the renewed selling in heavy volume of Liberty and Victory bonds, several of these issues establishing minimum quotations for the year. It now is generally accepted as a fact that liquidation of these bonds is in process mainly to adjust losses in the income tax returns of individuals and corporations at the end of the year. General Motors led the setback, just as it has led all similar movements recently at a net loss of 2 3/4 points. Other motor shares, and their accessories, with oils, shipments and prominent steels and equipments, closed with a heavy to weak tone. Slightly raising and lowering a user's heel actuates gearing that propels a roller skate invented by two Oregon men.

EXPECT BREAK WITH MEXICO TO FOLLOW MURDER

Seventh Crime Since Carranza Was Warned That "Next One" Would Lead To Action.

(Continued From Page One.) and they not only went over the Jenkins case, but Mr. Lansing also laid before the Mexican envoy the report of the killing of Wallace, which had just been received. Their conference was confidential, but it is understood the secretary representing a message more forceful and direct than any yet transmitted in any diplomatic note. No Credence to Charges. Mr. Bonillas was informed that the department placed no credence in the charges on which Jenkins is held in jail in Puebla, in which the Mexican government declines to intervene, and it is understood that Mr. Lansing further outlined to the ambassador the inevitable consequences of continued murders and molestations of Americans, probably more pointedly than was done in the government's official note of last July. Third American Dead. About the same time word came in of the death of another American as the result of brutal treatment of bandits who held him for ransom. He was Otto Lund, of Swedish birth, a naturalized American, who died of blood poisoning after being held for ransom five months in the state of Mayarit. His captors chopped off one of his fingers and wrapped it within their written demand for ransom money which they sent to his friends in Tepic. Blood poisoning and gangrene killed the man while his wife, an American woman, and their child, are reported in want in Tepic. The murder of Wallace, however, assumes proportions of overshadowing importance. Potrero Del Llano, the ranch on which he was murdered, is six to nine miles south of Tampico. The oil pipe lines of the Aguilar, Gulf Refining and Huasteca Oil companies run through the property. When word of his death was received here the officials of all three companies were communicated with for identification. The Gulf company's office at Houston, Texas, responded that the Wallace probably was W. M. Wallace, who was known to be in the Tampico district and on the Potrero Del Llano property. Eighth Since Warning. If the identification be correct, Wallace is the eighth employee of the Gulf company to meet death at the hands of Mexicans in the Tampico district, and the eighth American to be killed in Mexico since July 28, when the United States warned Carranza that further murders of Americans would seriously affect the relations between the two countries. According to State department records the eight murders have been in this order: July 31—R. A. Cunningham, at Matamoros. August 28—Adam Schaefer, at Pinosa. August 30—H. S. McGill, at Coahuila. September 2—A. P. Hennessy, at La Colorado. September 21—Lieutenant C. H. Connelly, U. S. A., at Bahia. Lieutenant F. B. Waterhouse, at Bahia. (These were the two army aviators who lost their way, were starved and finally murdered by Mexican fishermen.) November 14—E. K. Lack, at Mexicali, said to have been killed by a Mexican official. November 26—James Wallace, at Tampico. Seventh Killed by Carranzas. It is further said from the unofficial records that Wallace is the seventh American killed by Carranza soldiers in the Tampico district. Investigation and report on the new phases of the Jenkins case, raised in the Mexican note refusing to meet this government's demand for the consular agent's immediate release, already has been ordered. The whole effect of the day's developments was to put the Mexican situation, already acknowledged bad, into the worst light of probably more than a year. The reports of fighting in Mexico City and the reported flight of Carranza, should they be verified, are expected to have a material bearing upon it. So far as revealed no news was received directly from Mexico City. The State and War departments and the Department of Justice all of which had been receiving information recently tending to forecast such a development, set about seeking further information and verification of the day's reports which came to the border. Due to Angeles Shooting. There was just a suspicion that the trouble in the Mexican capital was a reaction from the execution of Gen. Felipe Angeles at Chihuahua City, against which many Mexicans, including Carranza supporters, protested vigorously. It has been known here for some time that the preliminaries of the Mexican presidential campaign were waxing warm, with Carranza and Obregon as the chief figures. Obregon has been touring the country and is just about due at Manzanillo, one of the Pacific coast ports controlled by Carranza forces. Although the report of an outbreak seemed to be the logical consequence to an accumulation of information at hand there was a disposition to await further news before considering it a real factor in the situation. A change of government in Mexico, it was pointed out, might point the way to a solution of the present difficulties. On the other hand, it was said, a change in government might be accomplished by such disturbances and spoilation of foreigners and foreign property as to present itself as an added cause for action. There was considerable agitation for positive action among senators

and representatives gathering for the reconvening of congress Monday. Senator Ashurst of Arizona, democrat, characterized the State department's policy so far as running "a big bluff with a bobtail flush." The most definite official expression obtainable to date from the government's intentions was that the negotiations would not be prolonged, and that once a course were decided upon the government would be prepared to carry it out.

Says Murdered-Man Is Her Brother-in-Law

Twin Falls, Idaho, Nov. 28.—Fears were expressed here by Mrs. R. S. Lewis that W. M. Wallace, reported killed by Mexicans at Tampico, is her brother-in-law, William T. Wallace, a vice-president and general manager of the foreign department of the Gulf Oil company.

Arrest Mexicans With 4,800 Rounds Ammunition

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 28.—Three Mexicans, supposed to be gun runners, were arrested in a San Antonio hotel and 4,800 rounds of pistol ammunition seized in their room. A fourth occupant of the room escaped. The three men arrested

claimed that they are from Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, and were buying the ammunition for a hardware merchant of that place. They have been making weekly trips here for several months, according to the hotel man. The ammunition was concealed between mattresses, in dresser drawers and throughout the room.

Private Wires Reassert Fight Against Carranza

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 28.—Telegrams asserting that fighting was going on in Mexico City between adherents of General Obregon and Carranza, candidates for the Mexican presidency, were received in private messages from various Mexican sources. The messages described what was declared to be a general revolt planned throughout Mexico, designed to overthrow President Carranza and eliminate General Obregon as a political opponent to General Obregon.

Preparing an Elaborate Campaign Against Villa

Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, Nov. 28.—Plans for a new campaign against Francisco Villa, the bandit chieftain, rapidly are taking shape in a mountainous region of eastern

Former Omahan Shoots Himself at Malden, Mass

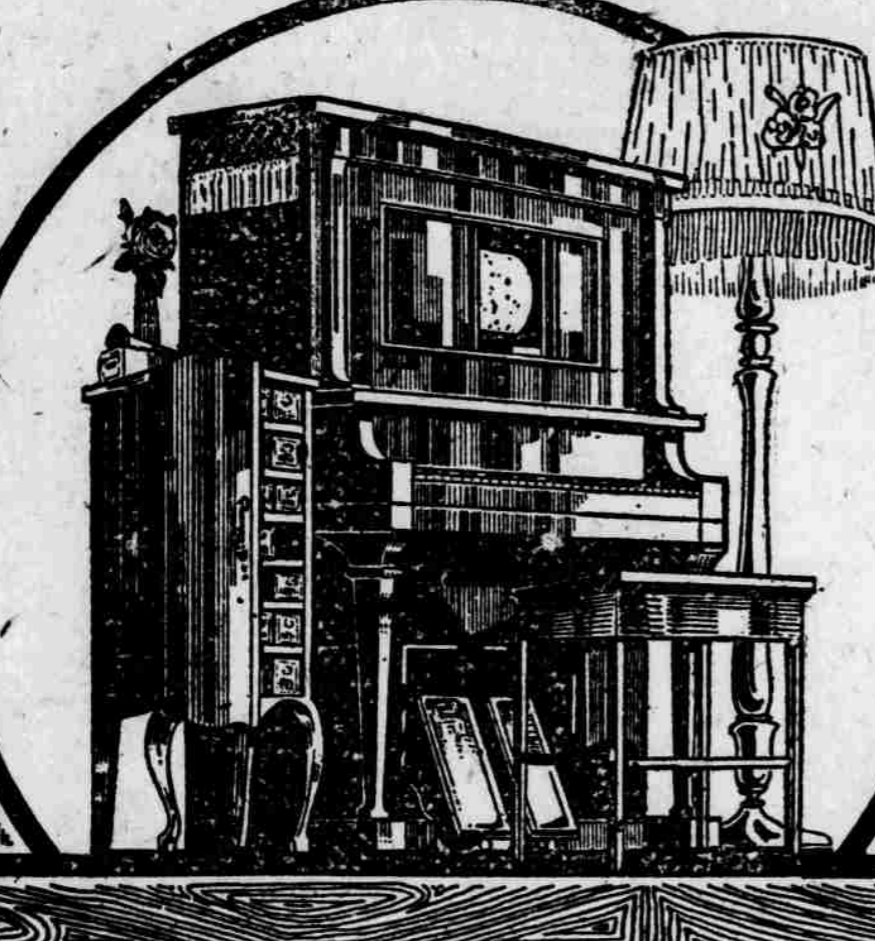
Malden, Mass., Nov. 28.—George A. Wadman, 35 years of age, formerly of Omaha and Irvington, Neb., from which cities he came here in 1917, a mechanic employed in Boston, committed suicide shortly after eating Thanksgiving dinner at his home, 31 Lonowd street Malden. He laid down directly after dinner and fired a bullet into his left temple. Members of his family heard the shot and called Dr. Ralph March of Melrose, but Wadman lived only a few minutes. Overwork may have led to the act. He is survived by his widow and two children.

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