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# Bridgeport Evening Farmer.

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## STENOGRAPHER MISSING, MAN ARRESTED

### Pretty 15 Year Old Girl May Have Met With Foul Play.

## RUTH AMES WHEELER SOUGHT BY POLICE

### Young German Held by Authorities Denies Knowledge of Girl's Whereabouts.

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, March 26.—Albert W. Wolter, arrested on a charge of having decoyed and abducted Ruth Ames Wheeler, a 15 year old girl, from her home last Tuesday by means of a fake application to a business college for a stenographer, was held in \$5,000 bail for examination Monday by Magistrate Ereen today. Every available policeman and detective in the city is searching for the girl who seems to have disappeared as completely as though she had vanished into air.

The entire case is surrounded with deep mystery. The girl, more mature in appearance than her age would indicate, has just completed a course in stenography by which she hoped to aid in supporting her widowed mother and two sisters. Thursday she reported to the bureau collector where she learned stenography they having promised to secure her a position. That morning they received a postal card asking to send a young girl stenographer to 224 East 75th street. The card was signed "Albert W. Wolter." She was never left to answer the advertisement.

Mrs. John Mohl, who runs the furnished room house at the 75th street and dress was wearing the same time no trace has been found of the girl. The family, becoming worried over her continued absence, started a search for her. A sister of the missing girl called on Wolter and said that when she demanded to know where her sister was he opened the door and told her he had not seen her sister. The authorities were then appealed to and when they went to look for Wolter he had disappeared. They followed a woman with whom he had been living, known as Mrs. Wolter but later admitted to police that she was not married to the man, and finally arrested him at 122 East 105th St.

Under cross-examination the admitted that he had applied for a stenographer but denied ever seeing the girl. Search of his effects revealed postal cards and letters from business colleges and schools in many eastern cities referring to his application for a stenographer to cooperate in correspondence with girls looking for such positions.

It developed that Wolter, who is under 21, came here from Germany two years ago. He explained that he was trying to get into touch with stenographers that he could cooperate with some of them in translation and so earn money, as he had been out of work for some time.

The police are searching all of the houses in the vicinity of the house where the girl was last seen in the belief either that she may have returned against her will or that she has been killed.

A granger in the neighborhood told the police that he saw a girl answering the description of the Wheeler girl leave the house Thursday morning with a man who he saw several times in Wolter's company. In searching the room Wolter and his "wife" occupied, the detective discovered a large package of French post cards of an indistinguishable type.

## JURY OUT IN CELEBRATED WATERBURY MURDER CASE



(Courtesy of the Waterbury Republican)

## SOPHIA KRITCHMAN The Waterbury Music Teacher, On Trial for Her Life, Awaits Verdict of Jury

(Special from United Press.)  
New Haven, March 26.—Judge Williams delivered his charge to the jury in the Kritchman-Mitchell murder case today, the charge requiring nearly three hours in reading. At 12:40 the jury was locked up with instructions to remain in its room until a verdict is reached. Judge Williams even denied the jurors the privilege of going outside for their meals.

## INTENSE HEAT OF LAVA STREAMS KEEP PEOPLE AWAY FROM MT. ETNA

### Inhabitants of Towns Near the Eruption, Believing Their Prayers Checked Progress of Fiery Flood, Redoubled Their Religious Devotion Today, Bearing Aloft Crucifixes and Relics in Public Parades.

(Special from United Press.)  
Catania, March 26.—Despite the fact that the lava that is being belched from more than a dozen craters in Mt. Etna increased in amount today the progress of the molten river down the southern slope of the mountain was not so rapid.

It is impossible for anyone to get nearer than 100 feet to the lava streams owing to the intense heat. Believing that the check to the progress of the fiery flood has been in answer to their prayers and the scattering of holy relics in the progress of the stream, the people today increased their activities and religious processions, chanting, praying and bearing crucifixes and relics, are parading through the towns that have so far been spared. The only danger now to human life lies in the recklessness of the tourists, thousands of whom have flocked here to witness the inspiring spectacle. Most of these tourists are English and American and the latter are the most daring of all and are giving the authorities more trouble than all the rest.

## NO TARIFF WAR WITH CANADA Conference Today Results In Satisfactory Settlement of Difficulties

(Special from United Press.)  
Washington, March 26.—Settlement of the Canadian American tariff difficulties is assured. The following statement was given out this afternoon by Secretary of State Knox at the conclusion of the conference between President Taft and the Canadian Commissioners, Ministers Fielding and Graham:  
"The negotiations between the President and the Canadian representatives which were begun at Albany some days ago were resumed at Washington today and were concluded. They have taken a form which gives assurance that a friendly understanding will be come to immediately. It is expected that the official announcement will be made simultaneously at Washington and at Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 30th instant."

## CHAUFFEUR'S BROTHER OF CONVICT WOULD SLAUGHTER MAN WHO SURVIVED BULLET

### "My Brother Didn't Finish You; It's Up to Me," Alleged Words of Assailant—Two Held for Attempt to Kill

## OFFERED TO REPAIR CAR PROPERTY OF T. P. TAYLOR Will Lose Chauffeur License as Result of Mishap in Connecticut Avenue Tuesday.

Hiram W. Kirk, chauffeur for former Mayor Thomas P. Taylor until Tuesday night when he wrecked the car, killed a horse and disabled possibly for life 18-year-old Susie McPartland of 41 Pierpont street, was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to jail for 60 days by Judge Wilder in the city court today for taking an automobile without the permission of the owner.

Kirk appealed, and his father-in-law, George H. Zink, of 82 Williston street, furnished a bond of \$300 for the appearance of the chauffeur in the Court of Common Pleas. Although witnesses were at hand in the court room, none was needed, for Kirk's attorney, Eben Chapman, entered a demurrer, avoiding by this formality the necessity of hearing witnesses in the lower court.

That Chapman might not take the case to the higher court in the expectation of leniency, Prosecutor DeLaney who had asked the court to impose the limit provided in the statutes, \$50 and three months, assured Chapman he would see that the case was vigorously prosecuted in the upper tribunal.

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## \$32,000 PAID FOR PROPERTY BY THE CONGREGATIONALISTS

(Special from United Press.)  
Stamford, March 26.—A holding company consisting of members of the First Congregational Church, has bought for \$32,000 the Humphreys property north of Bedford park now occupied by the Catherine Aiken Hotel, with a view to selling the same for a church site after the present church property on Atlantic street is sold.

## TO PROBE BANK ACCOUNT OF STAR WITNESS BUCKLEY

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, March 26.—The bank account of William H. Buckley, the star witness in the First National Bank investigation, was the subject of a hearing before the grand jury today. Various insurance company officials indicated that legislation was responsive to his testimony.

## Mother of Labor Commissioner Dead

Middletown, Conn., March 26.—Mrs. Mary J. Scoville, mother of Labor Commissioner Scoville, died last night at the home of her son in East Haddam of the infirmities of old age, aggravated by a recent attack of influenza. Mrs. Scoville was 79 years old.

## GET YOUR DOG LICENSES.

Town Clerk Thomas has secured several large volumes containing the dog license for the year commencing April 1 and is now prepared to issue them to dog owners. To those who do not secure licenses before May 1, a charge of an additional dollar will be made. The license fee for male dogs is \$1.25 and for females \$5.25.

## ARREST OF KIDNAPPER REPORTED

### Hartford Insurance Man Finds Fellow Who Eloped With His Daughter.

## WAS 16 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE DISAPPEARED Her Abductor Posing as a Naval Lieutenant Passed Some Bogus Checks.

(Special from United Press.)  
Montreal, March 26.—John Copehart, alias Shev, alias Cox, is under arrest here today, charged with eloping three years ago with Anna Bohner, the 16 years old daughter of Louis Bohner, of Hartford, Conn. The finding of Copehart and the girl together here came after the father's three year search for his daughter, a search that had carried him pretty well over the United States. It is probable that the charge of kidnaping will be made against Copehart who has posed as a lieutenant in the United States Navy.

Copehart's departure three years ago with the Bohner girl caused a sensation in Hartford. Despite a vigorous search for the pair they succeeded in dropping completely out of sight until within the last week.

Copehart, it is said, worked as a waiter in a Hartford cafe. At night, however, he laid aside his apron, donned a navy lieutenant's uniform and became quite a lion in Hartford circles that knew nothing of his calling by day. Copehart refused to say where he and the Bohner girl had spent the last three years. They arrived here only a few days ago.

Hartford, March 26.—It was learned today that an information furnished by an unknown person in Albany, N. Y., Louis Bohner, left for Montreal, Thursday night, in company with a Hartford detective and succeeded in securing the arrest of John Copehart, who claimed to be a naval lieutenant alias John Shev, alias Cox, who it is charged eloped with Bohner's daughter Anna, three years ago.

While none of the details of Copehart's arrest have been learned here yet, a member of the detective bureau today declared that the charge against the prisoner was kidnaping. Bohner, who is charged with Bohner's daughter Anna, three years ago.

How Anna and Copehart became acquainted is a mystery. Before Copehart left Hartford he deposited two or three hundred dollars in a bank and his record is shady in other ways. Anna's father has been chief clerk in the local office of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company for the past forty years and is one of the well known citizens of Hartford. He promised his employees to telegraph and immediately upon his arrival in Montreal but up till noon today no one had heard from him.

## (UNCLASSIFIED.)

- FOR SALE—2 top wagons, 1 buggy. Broch's, 870 Main St. \$24 s \* o
- WANTED—Experienced painters, strikers and varnishers on carriage and automobile work. The Blue Ribbon Auto & Carriage Co., 154 Cannon St. \$24 s \* o
- CLOSING OUT SALE of wall paper at Fox's, 167 Golden Hill street, opposite County Court House. Paper with borders at half price, without border at your own price. We close up July 15th. \$24 s \* o
- WANTED—Position by registered pharmacist. Thirteen years experience. Good references. Address "Pharmacist," this office. \$22 r \* p o
- GOOD SECOND HAND upright piano, cheap; cabinet Angelus piano player almost new. Dial & Lee Music Co., 34 Cannon St. \$11 r \* o
- PIANOS—Two little Berkshires, dainty, almost new, very fine tone. Steiner's, 915 Main St. \$22 r \* o
- PIANO—Haines Bros. square, great bargain if you have the room. Steiner's, 915 Main St. \$22 r \* o
- FOR SALE—Great bargain, 12 room 2 family house on Bell St., furnished and all improvements, \$3,400, telephone 1014-5 between 6 and 7 o'clock evenings. \$22 s \* o
- PIANO—Upright Shoninger, \$35. We expect to sell this instrument to the first comer. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main St. \$22 r \* o
- PIANO—Jewett in walnut case, very handsome, a life-time instrument for \$25. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main St. \$22 r \* o
- GOOD SECOND HAND National Cash Register for sale cheap. Address "Register, Farmer Office." \$24 r \* o
- FOR SALE—A good little piano, 12 tone, \$40. Bargain. \$44 Noble A. \$22 r \* o
- GARAGE FOR RENT at Seaside Park call R. W. Kippen, 472 Waldemar Ave. \$12 s \* o
- TO RENT—Desk room with roll top desk. 416 Warner Building. \$1 s \* o
- BRIDGEPORT Housecleaning Bureau. Wash, rub, scrub, renovate, and remove old stains. Telephone 1216-5. Ralph L. Miller, Prop. G 3 t o
- WILLIAM J. MEAD, Reins, Real Estate and Insurance. Room 310 Newfield Building. \$12 s \* o
- I LIKE Casca Laxine Tablets for constipation, don't you? B 2 s \* o
- TYPEWRITING—Mimograph, Notary Public, Sears, 103 Moles Bl. P 17 s \* o

Advertisements and notices at the bottom of the page, including 'Bartenders' Union Local 256, there will be a regular meeting tomorrow Sunday March 27 at 3:30 p. m. as there is a roll call at all our meetings. Now it will be very necessary for the members to answer roll call at least once every quarter, there will be much business of importance for you to transact at tomorrow's meeting, so you are requested to be present if possible. Fraternally yours, HENRY A. HELLMAN, Pres.