

# GREENE WITNESS FOR BROTHER IN ALIENATION SUIT

### Alleges Wife Threatened Him With Arrest Prior to Marriage.

### SENT FOR A POLICE OFFICER

### Husband Tells Jury He Tried to Leave Woman in Cincinnati.

### MET THROUGH FLIRTATION

### Wedded Life Unhappy—Plaintiff Denies She Is 50 Years Old—Friend Relates Interview With Defendant Here.

Harry Greene, for the alienation of whose affections Mrs. Mary Greene, his wife, is suing Orville H. Greene for \$20,000, was the center of interest in Supreme Court yesterday afternoon. It was nearly 5:30 o'clock when he was called to the stand by Attorney John F. Nash, as the first witness for the defense. He was pale and nervous, but talked freely in a voice audible in all parts of the courtroom.

It was an unpleasant story the witness told under the questioning of Attorney Nash, and apparently will be relied upon by the defense as its main weapon in warding off the attack of Mrs. Greene.

In August, 1914, Harry Greene went to Cincinnati, in connection with his duties as a traveling man. A pleasant smile and a street flirtation at that time broke the intimacy which finally led him to the witness stand yesterday afternoon. What Greene told on the stand was in substance as follows:

### Tells of First Call.

Mutual attractiveness was engendered in that flirtation and when the woman went to fulfill an errand she invited himself to go with her and she did not object. Soon after he returned to Syracuse. Correspondence was maintained between them and on his return to Cincinnati he made his first call at the St. Ledger apartments, and spent the day there.

After several days Greene returned to Syracuse and did not go back to Cincinnati until January 1, 1915. On that occasion he did not go to her first, but went to a hotel. When she learned he was there she went to him and upbraided him for his neglect of her.

Greene testified that at one time before they were married he tried to get away from her. He intended to go to Indianapolis and went so far as to get his ticket and to send for a baggage man to take his effects from the apartment. She called a policeman and threatened to arrest him on the ground that he was her husband, altho they were not at the time married. Threats of violence on the part of the woman, he said, led him to marry her and bring her to Syracuse.

### Married Life Unhappy.

On their arrival in Syracuse they stayed at the Yates Hotel, and at that time, said Greene, he did not see his brother or other members of his family. Greene said that his life with his wife was not happy. After staying in Syracuse for a time they went to Warren, Pa., where they quarreled over the place which he selected as a boarding house.

"She got so angry with me," said Greene, "she picked up a broomstick and was about to hit me over the head with it. I told her to go ahead, but she didn't strike."

When court adjourned the husband was giving testimony, which he will continue this morning.

With the exception of placing Levi S. Chapman, a member of the First Baptist Church, on the stand this morning the (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

# CONTRACT BOARD ASKS BIDS ON STREET WORK EQUIPMENT

### Sum of \$17,000 to Be Spent on Motor Washers, Road Scrapers and Sprinklers.

Bids on \$17,000 worth of equipment and material contracted yesterday by the Board of Contracts and Supply, all of it to be used in the reorganized Department of Public Works during the summer campaign to clean, repair and improve the city's streets.

A motor flumber, which costs about \$600, and three big road scrapers, with a pair of standard sprinklers, make up the new equipment, which will be purchased before April 1.

Bids have also been asked for 200 tons of flaked asphalt, three boatloads of sand, fifty barrels of "cold patch" and 6,000 paving bricks, all to be used in repaving streets. The asphalt plant, which will be used to the exclusion of private companies this season, will begin work early next month.

Supplemental to the program of the Department of Public Works, the Park Department will plant 800 shade trees in various residential streets. Bids were asked yesterday and planting will begin as soon as the ground is soft.

# BISHOP WILSON SPEAKS IN FIRST CHURCH TONIGHT

Bishop Luthee B. Wilson of the Methodist Episcopal Church will give an address at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the First Methodist Church on war conditions as he saw them in France and on the saloon fight at home.

Bishop Wilson was wounded by a German shell while in France. He had an interview with General Pershing. For nineteen years Bishop Wilson was president of the American Anti-Saloon League, and a part of his address will be devoted to the coming license election.

Hoppe Writes from the Front. Chester Friedel has received a letter from F. W. Hoppe, who enlisted with one of the regiments at the St. Paul grounds last August when he was only 17 years old, and who is now in France. The letter was written February 12, and tells of the soldier's recent return from the front and the trenches.

# RELATIVES IN CORTLAND MOURN SOLDIER'S DEATH

### Corporal Wheaton Leaves Two Aunts in That City, Mrs. William Martin and Mrs. Perry Whitmarsh.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-STANDARD.

CORTLAND, March 5.—Corporal Homer J. Wheaton of Syracuse, the first soldier from that city to meet death while fighting the Germans in France, was well known to Cortland's younger generation. He often came to this city to visit his adopted sister, Miss Mary F. Wheaton, now a teacher in Newark, N. J., and his aunts, Mrs. Perry Whitmarsh and Mrs. William Martin of No. 44 Crandall street.

Corporal Wheaton also leaves two cousins here, Mrs. Glenn Burgett of No. 31 West Main street and Mrs. Martin J. Aragell of No. 44 Crandall street.

Relatives here first learned of the young hero's death through The Post-Standard this morning. While much affected by the news, they took comfort in the knowledge that Corporal Wheaton lost his life in fighting for his country.

Corporal Wheaton was known by many of the younger people of this city through his frequent visits here. Miss Mary J. Wheaton, who was adopted while very young by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheaton, now both dead, formerly was a teacher in Cortland Normal School and later in Central High School before she went to Newark, about two years ago.

# PRICE FINDS CITY RIPE FOR SAFETY COUNCIL BRANCH

### Visits Large Manufacturing Plants and Gets Promises of Co-operation.

### TO ASK CLUBS' ASSISTANCE

### National Organizer Will Speak Before Optimist Club Today and at Other Meetings Later.

"Syracuse is ripe for a safety organization," said C. W. Price, field secretary of the National Safety Council, last evening after a day spent in learning the sentiment of leading manufacturers in regard to forming a branch here.

"I visited several of the large manufacturing plants in the city today in company with Safety Engineer Messinger of the Solway Process Company and secured promises of co-operation in every case."

Mr. Price and Mr. Fiesinger made a tour of the larger factories in an automobile, visiting the Brown-Lipe-Chapin Company, the Fraser & Jones Company, Brown-Lipe Gear Company, Straight Line Engine Company, John Marcellus Manufacturing Company and the Smith Wheel Company, Inc.

They received promises of support from the managements of the Solway Process Company, Somet-Solway Company, Crucible Steel Company, Halcomb Steel Company, New York State Railways, New York Telephone Company and Syracuse Malleable Iron Works. Other plants will be visited later.

"Manufacturers are astounded when I tell them of the proven results of the safety plan and the progress made toward efficiency since the movement first started ten years ago," he declared.

"It is almost unbelievable to one who has not studied the subject that three-fourths of the accidents in factories and on the streets are due to carelessness and can be eliminated through a campaign of education. But it is true; it has been proven time and time again."

"In other places where branches have been formed and the work aggressively carried on it has been shown that two-thirds of real accident prevention is accomplished without the aid of mechanical devices. It is done through education."

"Employers are finding also that it pays big dividends in increased efficiency."

Mr. Price will address the Optimist Club today and ask co-operation from the members in the safety campaign. He plans to address every club numbering employers among its members before he leaves the city. He will also confer with W. W. Nicholson, commissioner of public safety, today in regard to street accidents.

# RED CROSS IN FRANCE GRATEFUL FOR AID HERE

### Paris Headquarters Sends Thanks for Response to Urgent Call for Dressings.

A letter was received yesterday at Red Cross headquarters from headquarters in Paris thanking the Syracuse chapter for front line parcels and standard dressings forwarded some time ago in response to an urgent call.

"Accept our grateful thanks," the letter said, "for the parcels and dressings which you sent. They have not yet reached our storerooms but we know they are in France."

A room in Babcock cottage, No. 99 Walnut place, will be opened tomorrow afternoon for college students, faculty women and residents of the University Hill section, for Red Cross work. The room will be kept open each afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock, accepting Saturdays, and an instructor from Red Cross headquarters will be present to superintend the work. Women are asked to provide a Red Cross apron, covering for the hair and shoulders. Later it is planned to keep the room open, mornings and evenings.

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### ROBERT H. HUGHES

The funeral of Robert H. Hughes, 73, who died Sunday at his home, No. 78 Aerry avenue, will be held privately at the home at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in Myrtle Hill Cemetery. The bearers will be Wilfrid W. Porter, Dr. Aaron B. Miller, Charles J. Bragan, Donald Davies, Joseph Ward and George A. Schuyler. Rev. Stephen S. Pratt, pastor of the West Genesee Street M. E. Church, will officiate.

# MRS. W. W. AINSWORTH, 63, EXPIRES AT HOME OF SON

### Mother of Capt. W. Paul Ainsworth Will Be Buried at Toledo—Ill Four Years.

Mrs. Charlotte L. Ainsworth, 63, widow of William Wallace Ainsworth of Toledo, O., died at 10 o'clock last evening at the home of her son, Capt. W. Paul Ainsworth, No. 223 Buckingham avenue, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Ainsworth came to Syracuse two years ago from Toledo. She had been an invalid four years. Her husband passed away about seven years ago.

Prayer services will be held at the home of Captain Ainsworth this evening at 7 o'clock, Rev. H. H. Hadley officiating. The body will be sent to Toledo by W. A. Fancher, undertaker, and the funeral will be held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Kratts. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Besides Captain Ainsworth and Mrs. Kratts, Mrs. Ainsworth is survived by another son, Ralph Ainsworth of Detroit, Mich.

Dr. Flora Sweet Schafer, bone specialist of Utica, will be at the St. Cloud Hotel March 6.

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# THREATENED SUIT OVER CAZENOVIA ESTATE AVOIDED

### Objections to Will of Miss Annie Blair Withdrawn and Case Closed.

### MANY BEQUESTS ARE MADE

### Church, School and Several Societies Are Beneficiaries—Amounts First Left to Others Revoked by Court.

Letters testamentary were granted to the Syracuse Trust Company by Surrogate John W. Sadler yesterday in respect to the will of Miss Annie Blair, who died some time ago leaving an estate of between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Surrogate Sadler's action closes the case, which at one time threatened to involve all the heirs in litigation.

Miss Blair was a member of an old established family of Cazenovia. Some of the younger legatees thought that they found in her will sufficient grounds for a contest, which they threatened. The closing of the estate by Surrogate Sadler means that all objections were withdrawn and that the legatees decided to take what had been left them under the will.

Among the bequests was \$1,000 for a musical fund for Cazenovia Seminary. From that fund \$5 in gold was to be awarded each year to the two students standing highest, one in vocal and the other in instrumental music. The remainder of the income was to be used in behalf of worthy and needy students. A bequest of \$1,000 was left to the Lone Star Spiritual Society, and Mrs. Henrietta Gibbs and Mrs. Emily Lay each were to receive the income from \$1,000.

Several small gifts went to persons living in Cazenovia, the purpose of the gifts being to express the friendly feeling which Miss Blair felt for the recipients of her thoughtfulness. Miss Florence Harris of Syracuse and other cousins received bequests varying from \$150 to \$200.

The sum of \$1,000 was left to St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Cazenovia, the income from which is to be used to assist the poor, provided that one-third of it is distributed annually by the Kings Daughters to persons needing financial assistance. County Judge Raymond Cobb, who attended to Miss Blair's business for a number of years, ages 60. The residuary (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

# Canastota Nurse Injured

Miss Inez Reed of Canastota, a junior nurse at the Syracuse Hospital for Women and Children, suffered a severe scalp wound and a possible concussion of the brain when struck yesterday afternoon by a falling trolley pole at East Fayette and Montgomery streets. Miss Reed was with a friend and had just started to cross the street when the pole of a Grappa street car fell on her. She was taken to the hospital.

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