

On September 30th 1937 at 6 o'clock in the morning the accident happened on the Danbury-Brewster road. Mr. Simpson who had been driving since 4 o'clock under very bad foggy conditions was driving at that time from Brewster to Danbury. At that time the fog had lifted. I, coming from Danbury see suddenly a car come from the opposite side but on my lane of the road. I put my brakes on and honk but to no avail. The car continues to come straight against me. In the last moment, realizing that the other car is not going to turn I try to pass him on the left (against all motoring rules) as on the right side was no place, but my car had not enough speed anymore and the two cars crashed. Mr. Simpson having been asleep and fully relaxed had a bruised knee and a few cuts on his face. I opened right away the right door of the car and let my legs hang out of the car but I could not stand my feet. The crash of the two cars had brought many people of the neighborhood who decided to call for the ambulance.

By 6.30 I was in the Danbury hospital. The head doctor Stahl Xrayed the knee and found that it was pretty well smashed but on account of two deep wounds said right away that the wounds have to be treated first and than an operation can take place. I asked a woman who stood around to telephone Mrs. Campbell in New York. Thanks to that telephone Katherine was at the hospital by 9 o'clock which was very comforting. She put me right away in a private room and I was treated with wet poultices on my knee and also my left hand which was badly squashed. Also both my eyes were black and my nose very swollen. The next day I had also an Xray taken of my chest as it hurt so much, but it was only bruised.

Not knowing much about the doctors in Danbury Katherine was worried for me to be operated there and took me on October 7th to New York where Dr. Chase, one of the outstanding surgeons of New York took me in his care. Again new Xrays were taken and on October 12th Dr. Chase operated on the knee, with the assistance of Dr. Norris and Dr. Charlton and Dr. Buchanan who gave the anesthetic. When Dr. Chase opened the knee he found that a small piece of the knee cap and the tendon underneath had been torn off. The fact of the tendon being torn off the doctor felt he had to be especially careful and left the leg for six weeks in a long cast practically from the hip to the toes and then for two more weeks in a shorter cast just over the knee. On November 22nd another Xray was taken which showed excellent healing of the bones. Dr. Chase is convinced that I will get complete use of my knee in time and with much exercising and until then he keeps me under his supervision.

On December 15th I left the hospital but have 3 times a week massage and bending of the knee by force which is painful. Today is January 13th and my knee cannot yet bend to a right angle. But everyone says that it is a very slow process.

Mr. Simpson who hit me had insurance on his car and therefore we hope that all the expenses will be taken care off. In the meantime Mr. Stern a dear friend of the family and lawyer at the same time took care of all the bills and will also take care of the necessary legal actions. This in answer to many questions which came up in your minds. I could not have taken care of this end and Katherine at this time either. Also the doctors great care we thank to Mr. Stern who had personal connections. These times have been hard for Katherine and the whole household here for which I am real sorry. But in all this I feel more the Guiding Hand of Above who opened hearts to help where help was needed, and there lies my greatest thankfulness.

Mr. Simpson, 27 years old, was arrested for reckless driving. Sent to jail on bail for \$150. - until the case comes up.

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