

HURT IN HOTEL; SUES LANDLORD

**Fred Valcour, Attacked by Guest,
Asks \$1,000—Other Dam-
age Actions.**

Among the district court cases which will come up today is that of Fred Valcour vs. Antoine La Mont, asking \$1,000 damages for injuries the plaintiff alleges he received in the Western hotel, 730 West Superior street, February 4, 1906, at which time Valcour was a guest in the hotel and La Mont was the proprietor.

Valcour says that in the bar of the hotel on the date mentioned he was suddenly seized by the neck and shoulders and fell to the floor, his leg being sprained permanently, besides being broken below the knee. He says he was for a time confined to bed and later used crutches for a protracted period, and that he is now unable to perform manual labor and will be unable to do so for some time to come. Valcour alleges that the man who assaulted him was known by La Mont to be a dangerous character, yet was allowed, through the negligence of the proprietor, to remain in the place, a menace to visitors and guests.

Valcour says he was making \$40 a month and board working for the Alger-Smith company before he was hurt.

Some Other Cases.

W. A. Wagner's suit against Thomas Timlins and his wife Maggie will come up tomorrow. The plaintiff alleges that he holds a note for \$400 signed by the defendants, which was dated Feb. 21, 1903, to run 60 days. He asks judgment for the \$400 and interest.

Richard J. Collins' request that the court give him judgment for \$877.30 and interest from March 1, 1906, from Ouelette & Baxter, will come up. He claims he sold the firm 35,092 feet of lumber at \$25 per thousand on Feb. 19, 1906, for which he has never received his money.

Haskell G. Fischbein, trustee in bankruptcy for the St. Paul Furniture company, recently adjudged bankrupt, has sued J. and W. M. Abrahamson for \$730 and interest from Dec. 24, 1903, and the case is slated for today. The complaint sets forth that the Abrahamsons were in business at 31 East Su-

perior street as the Sterling Wine company, and that on Oct. 27, 1902, they made a contract with the furniture concern to furnish the premises for \$1,775, \$500 to be paid on the signing of the contract and the balance at the time of the completion of the work. The amount asked as judgment is claimed to be a balance due on the contract.

Suing for \$50,000.

Niko Wilta asks \$50,000 from the Interstate Iron company for alleged loss of his eyes in a mine owned by the defendant, and the case is docketed for Monday. He alleges that Oct. 12, 1905, he was employed in the Lincoln underground mine at Virginia and that the tunnel where he was to light a fuse was not lighted nor ventilated, and that poisonous gases mingled there as a result. He claims that while trying to light a fuse, which was defective and affected by the devitalized air in the tunnel, an explosion occurred which not only cost him his sight, but otherwise disabled him, and that he is unable to work.

Lost Fingers; Wants \$12,000.

Another case to come up is that of Grover C. Brown against Julius C. Howard, et al, in which \$12,000 is the amount of damages asked. Brown, alleged to be 21 years old, sets forth that the defendants were owners of a sawmill near Arnold, St. Louis county, in which he lost three fingers of his right hand and a fourth was so badly hurt that it had to be amputated. He says he spent most of his life on a farm about a mile from the mill, was ignorant of the dangers of machinery and the laws of physics and mechanics.

Was a Plain Farmer.

His education was limited and confined to the simple routine of the old fashioned farm, and this he cites as a contrast to the menace which threatened him in the shape of a 3-foot circular shingle saw. He says he was ordered to clean out the shingle machine while the wheel was buzzing round and round, and that the suction of the velocity, of which he knew nothing, caught his right hand, which was gloved, and drew it to the wheel with the loss of the fingers as told.