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A jury in the Circuit court of Cook county, presided over by Judge Oscar M. Torrison, returned a verdict last Thursday in favor of Samuel Steele, 4105 South Dearborn street, in his case against the City of Chicago in the sum of \$368.50.

Steele, a hodcarrier, through his attorney, William J. Latham, filed suit against the city to recover damages for destruction of his household goods by mobs during the race riots in July, 1919.

Steele's home, then 346 Swan street, was attacked by a mob, and he and his family escaped by aid of police officers. When the riot was over and he returned home, he found that his house had been looted by rioters. Attorney Latham contended that it was the duty of the city to protect his property, and failing to do so, was liable in damages for such destruction.