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Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 16.—Five hours of the most bitter cross-examination to which any witness has been subjected by the defense in the case of Miss Zoekler, who is charged with poisoning her husband, John G. Zoekler, failed to shake her story told on the direct examination on Saturday by Eleanor Zoekler, also known as "Mrs. Klein," the detective nurse who alleges that Mrs. Zoekler offered her \$1,000 to put a poisoned pill in the medicine given to her husband on the night of the poisoning.

Miss Zoekler was on the stand all day and with the exception of a half-hour rest in the late afternoon, she was grilled the witness without mercy.

Attorney Handan objected to Sober's attack.

The woman's veracity, her character and her past life were probed. Sober was the attack at the very outset, and the witness was grilled the witness without mercy.

Time after time he asked: "When you told Mrs. Zoekler that you lied to her, did you mean to tell her that you used any possible means to gain information."

Without faltering or changing her expression, the witness answered on every occasion with a straightforward "Yes" or "No" and on occasions in explanation of her course that she was put on the case to gain information by any possible means.

Brief Direct Examination of Nurse.

In her brief direct examination today Miss Zoekler said she had been retained by the defense to testify regarding the probable death of her husband, and that Mrs. Zoekler had often expressed a desire to make "get what was coming to her," and

MIDDLETOWN CITY ELECTION, COUNCIL NOW REPUBLICAN

Main Fight Was Over the City Tax Collector.

Middletown, Conn., Jan. 16.—The annual city election here today, which Mayor Fisher (democrat) said would mean a vindication or repudiation of his policies, resulted in a nominal victory for the republicans, who elected

the city tax collector, Mayor Fisher has preferred charges against Senator Brantledge, alleging that he had failed to make his report at the time specified by his charter. He pleaded guilty to the charges on the first occasion, but the second charges were argued but no action has been given by the grand jury.

HURRY ORDERS FOR HONDURAS, British Protected Cruiser Sailed Early Monday from Kingston, Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 16.—The British protected cruiser, the *Albatross*, sailed this morning from this port on her way to Honduras. The British protected cruiser, the *Albatross*, sailed this morning from this port on her way to Honduras.

British Negro Husband of White Woman Goes to State Prison.

Boston, Jan. 16.—A sentence of not more than eight nor less than six years in the state prison was given today to James H. Taylor, a negro, who was found guilty by a jury in the supreme criminal court earlier in the year of violating the white slave law in his alleged mistreatment of his white wife. Taylor's wife was found guilty of a charge of adultery, and she was sentenced to the state prison for a term of six months.

Quiet Prevails in the Vicinity of Ceiba.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Quiet prevails on the coast of Honduras in the vicinity of Ceiba, according to a wireless dispatch received today by the department of state from the United States consulate at San Pedro de Macoris, which arrived at Ceiba yesterday.

Two Brothers Drowned.

Mattawan, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Two brothers broke through the ice while skating here today on Fishkill river and were drowned. They were Andrew Finger, eleven, and Lutten, eight years old, who were skating on the ice when it broke up.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Antwerp, Jan. 16, Kroonland, from New York.

At Gibraltar, Jan. 16, Berlin, from New York.

At Piraeus, Jan. 7, Themistocles, from New York.

At Genoa, Jan. 12, Dacia, from New York.

Cabled Paragraphs

Vienna, Jan. 16.—The census taken in December shows the population of Vienna numbers 2,004,291. The increase during the last decade is less than in other cities. The population in 1900 was 1,648,355.

Viterbo, Italy, Jan. 16.—It is probable that the trial of Chief Enrico Alfano and his 31 comrades, in the Corrona, charged with the murder of the king and his wife, will be postponed to a date in the first week of March.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—The German ballad, Hildebrandt, which had been misquoting his ascent at Schmaragdort on December 29, was found for a lake in Pomerania province, Prussia, today. The bodies of both aeroplanes were in the grounds.

London, Jan. 16.—Rumors that Antonio Gonsalves, a Portuguese, is retiring from his post at Washington are again current. Sir Maurice Baring, British ambassador at Madrid, is once more mentioned as the possible successor to Mr. Bryce.

THIS VICTORY FEAST WILL BE NO "DOLLAR DINNER."

Grand Democratic Banquet Tonight at Baltimore—Diamond Back Terrapin and Canvasback Duck in Place of Fish and Ham—\$1,000 of the Fight Will Graciously be Tables.

Baltimore, Jan. 16.—Content during the last years of defeat to dine at a "Dollar dinner" and "Ham and Honey" as the central theme, and spring water on the side, the militant democracy of 1911 will sit at a feast in this city tomorrow night where the exclusive diamond back terrapin will vie with the aristocratic canvasback duck and the epicurean Whiffled ham in the courses of a banquet that is fittingly to celebrate the democratic victory.

Closing Feature of a Day of Harmony.

The banquet will be the closing feature of a day given over to harmony among the democrats from various sections of the country. Governor Hiram Wood of Ohio and Champ Clark of Missouri are to be the central figures in the day's doings.

Special Train from Washington.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas, Governor Eugene N. Fox of Massachusetts, former Representative Theodore M. Burton of Ohio, and Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee, Senator F. W. Taylor of Indiana, Representative Robert Sheehan of New York, and Norman E. Mack and Deacon James C. Heimbach of New York, will be among the distinguished guests.

The Nominations.

The caucus was called to order at 9:45. Senator Burton, who presided, opened the caucus by reading the names of the nominees for the various offices.

Boilers Give Out Statement.

Tonight twenty of the caucus boilers gave out the following statement: "The undersigned senators and assemblymen are in favor of the caucus and the fare of the democratic party in the state and nation refused to go into the caucus."

Republicans Select Dewey To Succeed Himself.

Among Others Who Received Votes Was Theodore Roosevelt 2.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Chauncey M. Depew, New York's minority candidate for United States senator, received 588 votes in the caucus today.

FORGOT TO SIGN HIS WILL.

Kansas City Grocer Left \$100,000 Estate—Will Will Stand.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16.—When Adam Long, a wealthy grocer, who died here recently, leaving an estate valued at \$100,000, died, his will was filed for probate today, and attorneys say it will stand.

77 Year Old Man Gets Ten Year Sentence.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 16.—In the same court room in which he was convicted of his first crime, twenty-one years ago, "Col. A. C. Ward," a confederate soldier, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for a second offense.

President of Saco Savings Bank Dead.

Saco, Me., Jan. 16.—Luther B. Moore, president of the Saco Savings bank here, died today at his home, aged 42 years old and leaves a widow and two children.

Chinese Porter Cremated Himself.

Nelson, B. C., Jan. 16.—A Chinese porter in the hotel here committed suicide here today by crawling into a furnace. An hour later his carbonized body was found.

Ex-G. A. R. Department Commander.

Adovos, Mass., Jan. 16.—Peter D. Smith, commander of the department of Massachusetts, died tonight, aged 63 years. He was president of the Smith & Dove Mfg. Co., manufacturer of thread, and was married to a woman and had three daughters.

Wm. F. Sheehan Nominated Food Speculators Badly Squeezed

AS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATOR.

HE RECEIVED 62 VOTES

E. M. Shepard of Brooklyn Received 22 Votes and Judge Herrick 7—Twenty-Five Legislators Believed.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—Commissioners of the city today not only declared that prices of storage commodities were about to fall sharply, but that speculators had been badly squeezed, especially in butter, and would not disgorge at a heavy loss.

Burning Question Answered.

"Congress has been asking for the reasons of the high cost of living. Speculation and storage of food products is the answer. The speculators have not been punished with storage of the surplus of the country to take care of its needs in time of demand, but have been dabbling in the necessary supplies."

Big Fall in Butter and Eggs.

Butter of the prime grades is six cents a pound lower than it was a few days ago. Eggs, fresh gathered, have for several days been selling at a profit of one cent a dozen, a drop of one cent a dozen in ten days.

Prediction.

The prediction now is that there will be a further and sharper slump in wholesale prices of butter and eggs, and that the cold storage houses are put upon the market.

Drop in Butter Prices.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—A belief that millions of pounds of butter and eggs now held here in cold storage, were about to be thrown on the market, helped to precipitate a drop in wholesale prices of both today. Eighty butter, quoted at 29 cents a week ago, today was placed at 28 cents.

Mayor R. W. Spier of Denver, in a letter which has been sent to every democratic member of the Colorado general assembly, Monday made a general acknowledgment of his candidacy for the United States senate to succeed the late Senator Charles S. Thomas, in a letter to State Senator Crowley, has announced his candidacy.

Carl J. Cutting, a San Francisco dealer in oriental goods, and well known in this city, was arrested last Friday night on a charge of defrauding the government by the unauthorized sale of government property.

No General Drop in New York Retail Prices.

New York, Jan. 16.—There was no general drop in the retail prices of goods in New York today, notwithstanding the announcement of jobs that they had made during the past few days.

WALKED 1,100 MILES WITH MERCURY 60 BELOW ZERO

Geological Survey Party End Trip of Extreme Hardship.

Winthrop, Me., Jan. 16.—Prof. J. L. Carr and his party of fifteen geologists, who have been on a geological survey in the Hudson Bay region, arrived here today after a trip of extreme hardship, having walked 1,100 miles with the mercury registering sixty degrees below zero.

Meriden Pulpit.

Meriden, Conn., Jan. 16.—Rev. D. H. Loxton, pastor of the First Baptist church, in consideration of a check for his salary to April 1st, the time set in his resignation for his leaving the pulpit, and the church committee appointed by the church for the purpose.

NEW YORK CITY CHAMBERLAIN RETURNS TO HIS DESK

Says Published Statement That He Neglected His Duties is a Lie.

New York, Jan. 16.—Charles H. Hyde, the city chamberlain, returned to his desk today, after a two-day absence, and amplified explanations of his long absence—but not to the mayor.

Meriden Cigar Factory Burned, Loss \$15,000.

Meriden, Conn., Jan. 16.—The cigar factory of John Belier, at No. 92 Erie street, was destroyed by fire today, and the loss is estimated at about \$15,000, covered by insurance.

Uniform System of Signals on Railroads.

Washington, Jan. 16.—A bill requiring that the railroads of the country shall adopt a uniform system of signals was introduced in the senate today by Senator Jones of Wisconsin.

Condensed Telegrams

William H. Browne, a noted electrical engineer, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 61.

Miss Mary Crowman, a student at Cornell, was painfully injured by an explosion in the chemical laboratory.

Important Matters Are to Be Discussed at the annual convention of the National Board of Trade which begins today.

F. D. Cheshire, American Consul at Amoy, China, Monday to inspect the American consulate.

The Epidemic of Cholera at Funchal, Madeira, is becoming worse. There have been 1,646 cases of the disease and 283 deaths.

Fire in the Warehouse of the George B. S. Co., 100 West 14th street, Buffalo, N. Y., Monday, caused damage to building and stock of about \$150,000.

Monday's Ballot for United States Senator in Idaho, Mont., was republican, 26; Walsh, democrat, 22; Conrad, democrat, 17; scattering, 25. Necessary to a choice, 51.

The Bank of England Secured the bulk of the gold coinage placed on the market Monday. There was no foreign demand for the metal and the price declined 1-8d per ounce.

Frederick Archer, 30 Years Old, was struck by a train at Seymour, N. Y., and fatally injured, his head being crushed and one leg almost severed. He was taken to the Griffin hospital at Derby.

Suddenly Stricken Sunday with appendicitis, Mr. J. W. Thayer, 41 years old, of Toledo is confined to his bed at his home. His physicians say that no operation will be necessary in that time, but that he must remain in bed several days.

In a Dynamite Explosion in the tunnel leading to the Seventy-third street crib, Chicago, where many lives were lost by fire several years ago, two workmen were fatally injured Monday and twenty-six others narrowly escaped death. The explosion occurred while the workers were working on a tunnel.

To Conform to the Plan in 23 States and in some foreign countries, Representative Nelson of Wisconsin yesterday introduced a bill to establish a department in the congressional library for gathering and indexing statute law material and legal material of a comparative character.

FOR SITES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN CONNECTICUT.

Rockville \$200,000, Putnam \$130,000, included in Appropriations Statement.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Late Saturday afternoon the secretary of the treasury introduced a bill to establish a department of appropriations required for the purchase of sites and construction of buildings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

Retained by the British Government as Advisor in Telephone Matters.

Boston, Jan. 16.—Prof. Augustus J. Johnson, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, expert adviser of the Massachusetts highway commission, has been retained by the British government.

Suit Against Insurance Company.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The American Security and Trust company, trustee of the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat company, has just instituted a suit against the Hartford Fire Insurance company in the District of Columbia supreme court.

For Winchester Arms Company.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Brantledge has introduced in the senate the bill presented in the house by Major Tilton, to pay the Winchester Repeating Arms company of New Haven the sum of \$12,744.67, arising out of a contract for Lee rifles during the Spanish war.

Convicted of Using the Mail to Defraud.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16.—Elihu H. Horn, Frank City, Mo., and Eliza H. Raymond P. May were convicted in the federal court here in June, 1909, of using the mail to defraud.

AMERICAN ARRESTED AS SPY.

But He Was Promptly Released With an Apology from English Police.

London, Jan. 16.—Dr. Chapman of Kansas City, Mo., proprietor of the Agricultural Journal, was mistaken for a spy at Gurnsey today and arrested. He was soon afterwards released.

This Bill Would Remove from the Army List Capt. Peter Hains.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The House passed a bill today authorizing the removal from the army list of Capt. Peter Hains, who was discharged from the army in 1907.

Phosphate Beds Discovered in Arizona.

Great Value has been found in the phosphate beds discovered in Arizona.

Postoffice Appropriation Bill Reported.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The postoffice appropriation bill aggregating \$272,000,000, an increase of more than \$9,000,000 over the current appropriation, was reported to the house today by the postoffice committee. The plan is to consider the bill in the house tomorrow.