

### EDISON CAUTIOUS IN IDENTIFYING LETTER SIGNATURE

#### Would Not Admit at Trial It Was Genuine Until He Scrutinized Paper.

Thomas A. Edison gave another indication of the caution that has been his life rule when, as a witness in the Supreme Court to-day, he declined to identify his signature until he had read the letter to which it was signed. A suit against Mr. Edison is being tried before Supreme Court Justice Donnelly and a jury, the plaintiff being Archibald M. Ostrom, No. 170 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn, who asks about \$6,000, which he says is due him for selling talbot to the British Government.

The signature incident arose when Cyril Dos Passos of counsel for the plaintiff showed Mr. Edison only the signature on a letter.

"Is that your signature?" Mr. Edison was asked.

"It looks very much like mine," he replied.

"Don't you even know your own signature?" counsel asked.

"I can only say that it looks very much like my signature," the inventor replied.

"If you will let me see the letter I can tell you."

Mr. Dos Passos handed the letter to Mr. Edison, after a brief glance at it, replied:

"Sure that's my signature."

At another point Mr. Dos Passos asked Mr. Edison if he had not guaranteed to deliver about 100,000 gallons of talbot for which Ostrom would have been paid 5 cents on each gallon sold at 50 cents.

"No, no," replied the inventor. "I've had too much experience to promise to deliver a certain amount without knowing how much I can deliver."

The inventor entered into an explanation and the plaintiff's attorney said:

"Mr. Edison, I wish you would answer 'yes' or 'no' and not make speeches."

Mr. Edison threw back his head and smiled broadly, responding, "Thank you."

### ARSON CONVICTION VOID.

#### Jersey Supreme Court Frees Man Accused of Firing Building.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 12.—The Supreme Court to-day set aside the conviction of David Lents, who was tried in the Passaic County Court of Special Sessions on charges of having set fire to the building of Louis Goldberg in Passaic on June 11, 1917. Lents rented the lower floor of the building as a saloon.

The Supreme Court held that the conviction was not supported by proof.

### EDGE SEES VICTORY PARADE.

#### Camp Dix Soldiers Take Part in Trenton Procession.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 12.—A victory parade was held here this afternoon, with Adj. Gen. Gihysen as Grand Marshal and a command of 2,000 soldiers, 1,000 white and 1,000 colored, from Camp Dix participating. The procession was probably the largest ever held in Trenton.

Gov. Edge and his staff, Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly and State and city officials reviewed the parade.

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### DEATH SILENCES THE MANDOLIN OF TOMMY PURTELL

#### Marine Who Mixed Music With Fighting Killed in France.

The soft strains from the little mandolin of Marine "Tommy" Purtell, which were cherished so much by his comrades in France, will be heard no more. For "Tommy" has been killed in action.

Any time, especially at night, when the note of an old-time melody would reach the ears of the soldiers in the vicinity of Chateau-Thierry or Belleau Wood they would know that "Fighting Tommy Purtell" was resting. For whenever the work of war would permit him to rest "Tommy" would take his mandolin and play a tune.

Thomas Briery Purtell, killed on Oct. 6, was twenty-eight years old and attached to the 6th Machine Gun Battalion. His mandolin was treasured above all things, because he had carried it long and taken it to France with him.

Immediately after the declaration of war Purtell tried to enlist, but was turned down for lacking eight pounds. He then tried the Marines, and was sent to Quantico, Va., in June, 1917, to train and sailed for France in December. He was with the 6th Marines when the Germans were checked at the Marne, and participated in the battles of Chateau-Thierry, Belleau Wood and Soissons.

"It was in these battles that we distinguished ourselves," wrote Purtell. "The French were so proud of us that they named Belleau Wood 'The Wood of the Marines.' We fought for one month continuously and during that period I did not take my shoes off once. The fighting was very fierce in these woods. The times we would wait all night for the 'zero hour,' and when it came our chaplain would ask us to get down on our knees and pray for the souls of the men we were about to strike down."

"Thomas was noble, courageous, honorable and loved his country," said his brother yesterday before the distinguished jury. "He was a member of the Mohawk Athletic Club. He leaves a widowed mother and two aunts who reside at No. 200 West 99th Street."

### WHITMAN SEES WOMEN WITH FULL RULING VOICE

#### Governor Addresses Opening Convention of State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs opened in a patriotic setting in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor this morning. The convention will continue until Thursday evening.

Governor Whitman addressed this morning's session, speaking on the great sacrifices and achievements of the womanhood of the State in the war. He congratulated them on the results obtained, and expressed confidence that in the future women will have a full voice in the Government.

Mrs. George D. Hewitt is President of the Federation, which represents 350,000 women, 100,000 of whom live in New York City. The Astor ballroom was decked in flags. There was a pretty ceremony at the opening of the convention when American flags followed by the banner of the Federation, were carried down the room by men from the Navy Yard, followed by members of the Girl Pioneers and the Boy Scouts. Members of all the uniformed women's organizations are attending the convention.

### ARRESTS IN CLUB HOLD-UP.

Benjamin Weinberg, twenty-seven years old, of No. 187 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, and "Jacko" Falls, twenty-four years old, were held by Magistrate Short in the Williamsburg Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, on a technical charge of vagrancy. The pair were arrested by Detectives Kelly and Gargan in connection with the daring hold-up of members of the 14th Assembly District Democratic Club, in the club house, No. 287 Bedford Avenue, early Saturday morning. Weinberg is said to have confessed that he operated the automobile from which masked gunmen raided the club house. Senator Daniel J. Carroll, Democratic leader of the district, asserted that the \$1,200 hold-up was a "joke," but the police have the names of several of the robbers.

### DETECTIVE TELLS ALLEGED PLOT TO BLACKMAIL HELLER



Signed Statement and Dictaphone Figure in Confession, According to Witness.

Details of the alleged plot in which Philip F. Kastel, his wife, Maude Edna Kastel, Grant Rose and J. William Fitzmaurice attempted to blackmail Paul E. Heller, wealthy Newark steel manufacturer, were told to Judge Mulqueen and jury in General Sessions to-day by John Power, a private detective.

Power said he was assigned to the case by November 8 and Jaffe, attorneys for Heller, after Kastel had brought suit against Heller for \$400,000 damages for alienation of his wife's affections when, it is alleged, Heller refused to pay Kastel for keeping his name out of a scene enacted in the Kastel home at 58th Street and Seventh Avenue on the night of Jan. 11 last.

Full confession of the plot to blackmail Heller was made by Rose, as recorded by a signed statement and a hidden dictaphone, according to Power. Both records of the alleged confession were read to the jury by Assistant District Attorney Banton. They included the alleged statement of Kastel's that after they had made their coup they would work similar plans on another New Jersey millionaire.

Power related on the stand that Rose confessed to the plot to black-

mail Heller, saying he was told by Rose that Kastel had told the latter he had successfully blackmailed three Montreal millionaires by using his wife as a decoy. Rose, he testified, told him they had all rehearsed the scene by which they hoped to extort money from Heller.

Heller, according to the testimony, had believed Mrs. Kastel a single woman under the name of Miss "Dandy" Kastel, and often visited her in her home as well as taking her to theatres, hotel dinners and cabarets.

"Rose told me that the night Heller had taken Mrs. Kastel to the Biltmore, he and Kastel were to return home and wait outside the house for a signal from Mrs. Kastel," testified Power. "He said he and Kastel finally got the signal, entered the house and found Heller there with Mrs. Kastel."

As a part of the plot, Power said, Rose confessed that Kastel snatched a dagger from over the mantelpiece and threatened Heller, but that he (Rose) carried out his role of pacifier by knocking the weapon out of his hand. It was then revealed that Heller resisted all attempts to extort money from him and finally escaped from the house, according to the testimony.

Rose denied that he was first to receive \$11,000 for his share of the booty and that this was later reduced to \$2,600, although his name was signed to such a statement, which was produced in court. He said he had been forced to sign the document under pain of duress.

Rose, according to Power, was first inclined to reveal the truth of the alleged plot after Kastel told him he was about to try the same methods on a banker friend for more money.

### DEMANDS SUBWAY DECISION.

#### Whitney Blames Estimate Board for Wooden Cars in Brooklyn.

Public Service Commissioner Travis H. Whitney to-day wrote to the Board of Estimate insisting upon action on the so-called Ashland Place connection in Brooklyn. This matter has been before the present Board of Estimate for ten months. Commissioner Whitney charges that the board's inaction is the cause for the continued use of wooden cars in Brooklyn.

The Ashland Place agreement provides for the connection of the Fulton elevated with the Fourth Avenue subway. Until the connection is made, Commissioner Whitney says, the use of wooden cars must continue.

### LUTHERANS DISCUSS UNITY.

#### 750 Delegates of Brotherhood in Session Here.

Seven hundred and fifty delegates of the Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods met at the McAlpin Hotel to-day to discuss the organization in connection with the United Lutheran Church which is about to be consummated.

This means the unity of the General Council and the United Synods in the South, to be known in the future as the United English Lutheran Church. John J. Zimmerman presided.

### Doctor Praises Eczema Remedy

The cure of skin diseases (eczema) and diseases of the scalp is known to be difficult even with the best of modern medicine and discriminating physicians. However, there is one remedy that is entirely dependable in the treatment of these conditions. It is the D. D. D. Prescription manufactured by the D. D. D. Company of Chicago, Ill. I take much pleasure in recommending it to the entire profession of all ailments with which you are afflicted, as a medicine they can rely upon. M. L. RANDOLPH, M. D., Dec. 10, 1917. Ask your druggist and he will tell you what D. D. D. Prescription has accomplished in your own neighborhood. Your money back unless the first bottle relieves you. 35c, 60c and \$1.00.—Adv't.

### LATIN-AMERICA HAILS VICTORY OF THE ALLIES AND HONORS WILSON

PANAMA, Nov. 12.—After reading the terms of the armistice between the Allies and Germany and the address delivered by President Wilson at Washington, President Belisario Porras, of Panama, said:

"The leaders of Latin-America are continually passing through Panama and we are constantly in touch with them. I feel, therefore, that I speak not alone for Panama, but also for the other nations of Central and South America, when I say that the common victory means more to us, perhaps, than to even those who took a more active part in the struggle."

When the news arrived that the armistice had been signed, the canal workers stopped work. Gen. Co. Chester Harding, Governor of the Canal Zone, headed an impromptu procession and in front of the Administration Building at Balboa delivered a short speech.

MONTEVIDEO, Monday, Nov. 11.—A great pro-Ally demonstration took place to-day in the Uruguayan Parliament. A bill was passed declaring Nov. 13 a National holiday to celebrate the signing of the armistice between the Entente nations and Germany.

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 12.—The greatest celebration in South America's history is in full swing to-day. All business is shut down.

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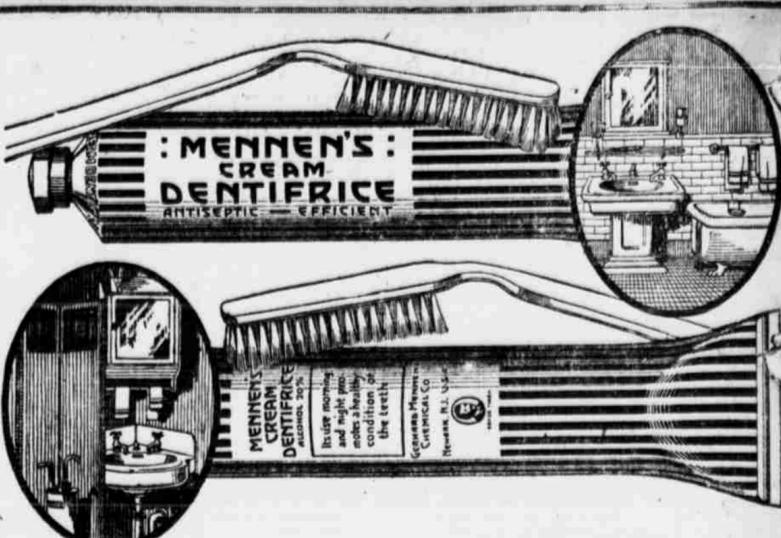
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THE deceiving thing about bad teeth is that they kill you so slowly. In fact, it is only recently that scientific research has been able to prove that bad teeth are the direct cause of many serious, even fatal diseases.

Dentists are today correctly diagnosing and curing auto-intoxication, rheumatism, kidney trouble, indigestion, headaches and related maladies.

Doctors everywhere are insisting on frequent dental examinations as of vital importance to general health.

The reason teeth are brushed is to remove food particles after each meal. If allowed to remain in crevices, cavities and under the gums, these food particles quickly decay and form acids which attack the lime salts of tooth enamel, weakening the enamel which is broken down by the force of mastication.

Most people only brush their teeth when they arise. That is not enough. A few brush their teeth at night also. That is not enough. It is absolutely essential under modern conditions that you

### Brush your teeth five times a day

—after arising, after each meal and before retiring.

If you ate like a savage—on meat and raw fruit—this would not be necessary. Bad teeth are almost unknown among savages.

But you insist on eating the kind of food that is most destructive to teeth—soft, sweet, sticky food, which adheres to the teeth and must be removed at once. 90% of civilized people have decayed teeth.

Now let us consider the question of dentifrices.

A brush and cold water are better than nothing. An ordinary, pure soap serves to clean your teeth fairly well, but is, of course, unpleasant to use.

Anything that scours or grinds the enamel is bad. An alkaline dentifrice (most popular dentifrices are strongly alkaline) is very bad, dangerous and destructive.

Such a dentifrice paralyzes the salivary glands and stops the flow of saliva. Saliva is Nature's only agent for neutralizing and rendering harmless the acids of food decay. A dry mouth means that teeth are exposed to the unchecked ravages of acid. An alkaline dentifrice makes a dry mouth.

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