

KOCH PLEADS NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

Trial of New Ulm Dentist for the Death of Gebhard Is Set for Dec. 27.

DEFENDANT PERFECTLY COMPOSED IN COURT

His Attorneys Sought an Earlier Date, but Were Overruled by the Court.

New Ulm, Minn., Dec. 19.—Dr. George R. Koch pleaded not guilty in district court this morning to the charge of murdering Dr. A. Gebhard on the evening of Nov. 1.

Dr. Koch was calm and collected and made his plea in a firm, strong voice. The courtroom was well filled, many ladies attending for the first time at this term.

Dr. Koch was brought in by Sheriff Julius in company with two prisoners charged with committing petty larceny at Sleepy Eye. After these men had pleaded guilty, Judge Webber inquired if there were more prisoners.

Senator Somerville for the defense asked that the case be tried at this term and be taken up in the regular order on the criminal calendar.

Attorneys on both sides believe that it will take about three weeks to try the case. The trial will be held in the court room.

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HIGH OFFICIALS IN LAND FRAUD CASE

Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann Will Face Charges in Court.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator John H. Mitchell and Representative Hermann of Oregon left yesterday for Portland, Ore., to testify before the grand jury now probing into the new features of the land frauds.

Mitchell and Hermann decided to go to Portland and at once to appear before the grand jury in denial of the charge. Mr. Hermann formerly was commissioner of the general land office.

Cummins Men Hold Conference. Necessity of Tariff Revision Will Be Brought Home to Iowa Members.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 19.—Conferees of Governor Cummins' political friends here Saturday and Sunday resulted in just one determination, and that is that Iowa congressmen are to be impressed with the fact that tariff revision sentiment exists in great volume in Iowa and must be taken into account.

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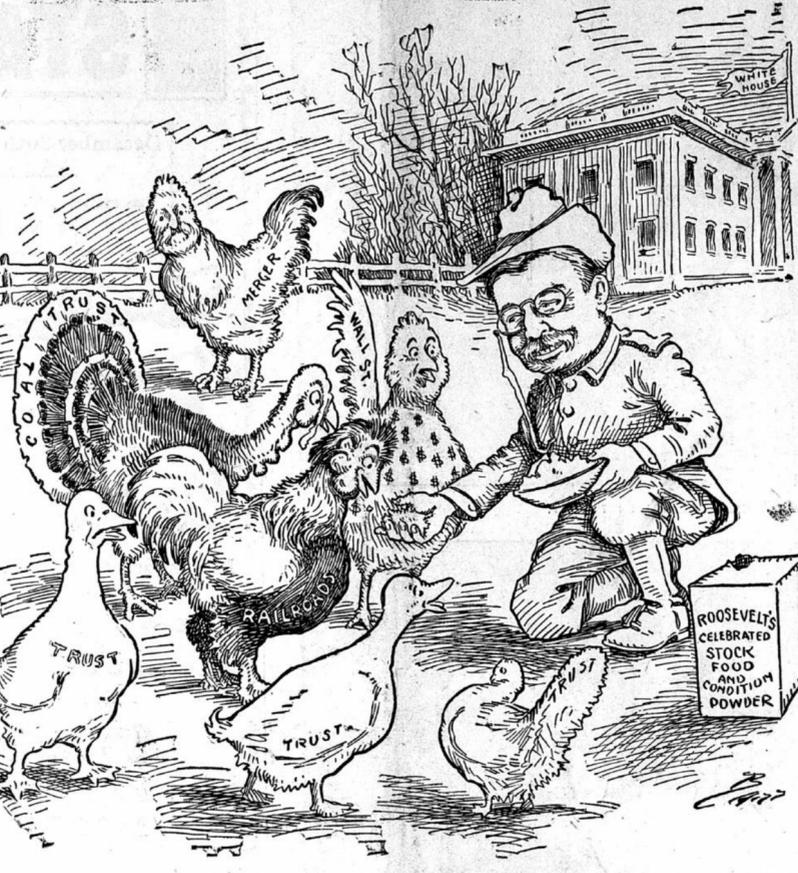
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DEAD 8 YEARS AFTER HIS FUNERAL SERMON. Portsmouth, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Lorenzo Dow McKimney, aged 88 years, who had his funeral sermon preached in 1896, died here today.

PET DOG FRUSTRATES BURGLARY IN STORE. New York Sun Special Service. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Charles Combs, a butcher, living over his store, was awakened early yesterday morning by the scratching of his dog on his bedroom door.



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ROCKEFELLER NOW LAWSON'S CRITIC

John D. Utters First Public Opinion of the Boston Man of Frenzies.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, Dec. 19.—In answer to a question by a member of his son's Bible class, John D. Rockefeller uttered his first public opinion yesterday on Lawson and "frenzied finance."

When I was a boy I used to drive about the country and buy wood. One man was angry because I would not pay him a good price for a quantity of punky wood that was almost valueless.

ENGINEEMEN DIE IN AN EXPLOSION. Locomotive Boiler on the Rock Island Road Explodes and Kills Two.

Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 19.—By the explosion of the boiler of one of the largest engines on the Rock Island road today, Engineer M. Calhoun and Fireman H. Kinney were killed.

\$250,000 LOSS IN EXPRESS CAR FIRE. Worcester, Mass., Dec. 19.—The Adams Express company loses nearly a quarter of a million dollars by a fire which destroyed one of its cars on the road which left New York at 11 o'clock Thursday night and was due to arrive in Boston shortly after 6 o'clock Friday morning.

ROCKEFELLER TOURS ROAD. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—John D. Rockefeller, accompanied by William G. M. and Miss Rockefeller, W. H. Newman, president of the New York Central, and Miss Newman, passed thru here yesterday on a tour of inspection of the New York & Ottawa railway, which is to be sold at auction Thursday.

ABBOTT CHANGES BASIS OF FAITH

Outlook's Editor Grounds Religion on Science and Human Heart's Out-Reachings.



DR. LYMAN ABBOTT, Prominent Clergyman Who Has Changed Basis of Faith.

New York Sun Special Service. Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 19.—Dr. Lyman Abbott, in a sermon to Harvard students, has announced his belief in a religion founded, not on the Bible, but on science and the out-reachings of the human heart.

CHURCH GROWTH ACCELERATED. Rate of Increase Greater Than for Several Years.

New York, Dec. 19.—Nearly all religious sects, as their figures of growth for the last year are announced, show a larger percentage of increase than in previous years, says the Herald.

FOUR BURNED IN OIL FIRE ON OCEAN BARGE. New York, Dec. 19.—Four men lost their lives and four others were severely burned in a fire on a Standard Oil barge of Long Branch, N. J., last night.

OUSTED JUDGE IS ON BENCH AGAIN

Jurist Removed by President Reinstated, Then Promptly Resigns.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Judge Baker of the supreme court of New Mexico, recently removed by the president, has received, after a full hearing, a re-creation of the order of removal.

NAN PATTERSON TAKES THE STAND

Showgirl a Witness in Her Own Behalf in Young Murder Trial.

New York, Dec. 19.—Nan Patterson was called to the stand to testify in her own behalf at this afternoon session of her trial for the murder of Cesar Young.

TAWNEY HAS BILL TO TAX WOOD ALCOHOL. Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Tawney will introduce a bill today to tax wood alcohol 80 cents a gallon on the crude product, and 50 cents a gallon on refined.

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CHADWICK WOMAN TOO ILL FOR TRIAL

Dr. Chadwick Leaves Paris—No Chadwick Paper in Pittsburgh Banks.

Cleveland, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was too ill to appear today before Referee Remington in the bankruptcy case of Freda Swanson.

No Chadwick Paper. Pittsburgh, Dec. 19.—According to John Cunningham, national bank examiner for western Pennsylvania, the national banks here hold no Chadwick paper.

SMOOT IS LOSING HOLD ON SENATE. Kearns, Elected by Mormon Influence, Turns Against the Utah Senator.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The testimony before the senate committee on privileges and elections in the Reed Smoot election is every day taking a more direct character.

Oath of Vengeance. Senators do not believe Senator Smoot can consistently hold a seat in the senate if he took the oath of vengeance of the Mormon church, which is that he will ever pray that "the blood of the martyred Joseph Smith be avenged on his nation."

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SEVASTOPOL HIT TOGO'S FLEET HARD

One Vessel Sunk and Others Struck by Shells—Admiral Togo's Report.

CHINESE SAY FOUR VESSELS WENT DOWN. Russian Torpedo Boat Said to Have Been Sunk at Port Arthur.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—9 a.m.—Vice Admiral Togo's report upon the torpedo operations against the Russian turret-ship Sevastopol was received today; it says:

On the night of Dec. 14 our torpedo flotillas made a gallant and brave series of attacks against the Russian turret-ship Sevastopol.

JAP FLEET SAID TO HAVE GONE TO MEET THE BATTLE FLEET. London, Dec. 19.—A report from China that a portion of the Japanese fleet has left for the Japanese coast.

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MRS. GLADSTONE DOWIE LEAVES HER HUSBAND. London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Mail correspondent at Geneva says Mrs. Gladstone Dowie, who was Ruth Hofer, has returned to her home on the shores of Lake Constance.

SUPREME COURT ADJOURNS. Washington, Dec. 19.—The United States supreme court today adjourned until Jan. 3 for the Christmas holidays.