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ADMIT SIGNATURE A FORGERY Brandenburg New Claims It Was Sub-

stituted for Real One. New York, June 19.-The two words on a slip of paper in a glass case-Grover Cleveland-about which the trial of Broughton Brandenburg, the magazine writer, charged with grand larceny for the sale to the New York Times of an article purporting to have been written by Mr. Cleveland, has largely centered so far, lost something of their in portance when Brandenburg's counsel announced that his client would admit that the signature

was a forgery and not that of the

former president. This rather surprising turn in the case occurred after Richard Watson Gilder, the veteran magazine editor, had declared emphatically on the stand that the signature shown him was not that of his old friend, Grover Cleveland. At this point Brandenburg's lawyer said: "We do not contend that the signature in the glass case is genuine."

Brandenburg turned and said: "We intend to show that the forged signature was substituted for the real one I never saw this signature till the trial commenced."

REV. MEYERS RESIGNS

Quits Baptist Executive Council in a Huff.

Chicago, June 19 .- As the result of criticism of the part he had played in the fight to oust Professor George Burnham Foster of the University of Chicago from the Baptist ministry because of the teachings of Professor Foster's book, "The Function of Religion in Man's Struggle for Existence," Rev. Johnson Meyers, pastor of the Emmanual Baptist church of this city, resigned as president and pastor of the Baptist executive council. Following his resignation, Mr. Meyers said:

"I am unwilling to be longer identified in my present capacity with a body of Baptists that commends the theology of Unitarians. I inform you now that my fight in that direction is not ended, but since my leadership is odious, I will withdraw it. If you want a jellyfish for a leader, you can go and get one.'

The resignation was accepted.

FATAL BALLOON ACCIDENT Russian Court Chamberlain Killed and

Wife Will Die of Injuries.

St. Petersburg, June 19.-Court hamberlain Palitzen was killed, his che was rathly injured and two oths suffered tatal injuries in a balloon

The ballion General Wannowski, in which tour officers had a similar misoutune a year ago, ascended from the Litary balloon park in charge of Capn Korbe. With him were Chamberan Palitzen, his wife and Count Ros. tofftseff. The balloon drifted across abreast the outskirts, the count by mistake pulled the rip cord. As the gas escaped from the envelope the balloon descended rapidly and the car fell in the garden of a country house. M. Palitzen was killed by the fall and his wife suffered terrible injuries. Count Rostofftseff escaped with serious, but not fatal, injuries.

MRS. KAUFMANN FREED

Convicted of Simple Battery and Released After Paying Fine.

Flandreau, S. D., June 19 .- The jury in the Kaufmann murder case, after being out all night, returned a verdict finding Mrs. Emma Kaufmann, accused of the murder of Agnes Polreis, a domestic, guilty of sim to battery. She was, ander this verdict, sentenced to pay a ni.. of \$100 or se.ve fity days in jail. The the was in nediately paid, thus easing a case which for the past three cars has been the sensa tion of this part of the state.

The jury in the first trial disagreed. The second trial resulted in a conviction of Mrs. Kaufmann of manslaughter in the second degree. Mrs. Kaufmann is the wife of a Sloux Falls

WRIGHTS RECEIVE MEDALS

Aviators Will Resume Flights at Fort Myer Next Week.

Dayton, O., June 19.-Wilbur and Orville Wright, the aviators, received the medals awarded them by act of congress, by the legislature of Ohio and by their home city of Dayton. One hundred and twenty thousand people, about the entire population of Dayton, welcomed the brothers.

Immediately after the ceremony the Wrights hurried to their aeroplane factory to prepare for their departure today for Washington, where next week they will resume their flights for the government.

Two Die From Heat at Kansas City. Kansas City, Kan., June 21.-Two died here from heat prostrations. Jacob B. Crayne, a street car conductor, was overcome while on his way home from work, and Abraham Johnson, a musician, was prostrated while playing in an amusement park.

Killed in Collision.

Anderson, S. C., June 21 .- In a collision between an Interurban car of the Anderson Traction company and an automobile at Breezesle's crossing one person is dead and one is fatally and two seriously injured.

Bishop Candler Is Third Arbitrator. Washington, June 19. - B. hop Candler of the Methodist Episcopal church of Georgia was agreed upon as the third arbitrator in the Georgia railway controversy.

HOT SIGEL SLAYER

Chinaman Arrested at Schenectady Not Man Wanted.

FITTED DESCRIPTION OF LEON.

Roommate Also Caught at Amsterdam, N. Y., but Little Has Been-Learned From Him-Body of Murdered Girl Is Quietly Buried, Attended by Relatives Only-Mission Where Victim Worked Is Closed.

New York, June 22.-After a bit of police flurry, an hour or two of unvertfied reports and telephoning between cities, the murder of Eisle Sigel, caughter of Paul Sigel of this city and granddaughter of Major General Franz Sigel of civil war fame, resolved itself into an unsolved crime again.

Chung Sin, who formerly occupied a room adjoining that where the girl's body was found, is held by the police at the little up state village of Amsterdam, N. Y., but what has been learned from him has served to clear up the case little, if any. At Schenectady a man at first thought to be Leon Ling, or William L. Leon, who is thought to be the girl's murderer, according to all indications, pretty well established that he is an inoffending Celestial who formerly resided in New York and whose arrest was brought about merely through a strikingly unfortunate resemblance to Leon Ling. The disappearance of Chung Sin

about the time the murder was discovered made the police eager for his apprehension, which was considered secend in importance to that of Leon, but the interview with him at Amsterdam seems to have brought out nothing of value to the authorities. He maintains that he rarely associated with Leon and, while acquainted with Elsie Sigel, knows nothing of the murder. Thus, with his arrest of no great import, the case, aside from developments in New York, is about where it was when Elsie Sigel's body was found in the trunk in a room over the Eighth avenue chop sucy restaurant last Friday night.

In the midst of all the police activity the body of Elsie Sigel was quietly buried in Woodlawn cemetery. As the father had announced that he wished to avoid any more publicity, the coffin containing the mutilated form was taken directly from the morgue to the burying ground in a plain undertaker's wagon. The ceremony at the grave was strictly private and was attended only by her father, two brothers, Reginald and Theodore, and by her uncle, Franz Sigel.

Mrs. Sigel, it will be recalled, colthe city at an altitude of a little less ter's death, and is now in a sanitalapsed when she learned of her daughthan a mile and when it was just rium. Although the mission in Chinatown where Elsie Sigel formerly taught has been closed, a meeting of Chinese who have been converted to Christianity was held in a Boyer street mission to discuss plans for raising a fund to be offered as a reward for the capture of Elsie Sigel's

A dispatch from Vancouver received here says that a Chinaman answering the description of Leon Ling, supposed murderer of Elsie Sigel, was taken from a westbound Canadian Pacific train at Revelstoke, B. C. When the murder was first discovered it was supposed that Leon Ling had departed for Vancouver.

GOULD RESTS HIS CASE

Believes Evidence Already Submitted is Sufficient.

New York, June 22 .- sensation seekers and the curious who have attended daily the sessions of Katherine Clemmons Gould's suit for a separation from her husband, Howard Gould, were disappointed at the resumption of the hearings before Justice Dowling in the supreme court, when it was announced that the defense rested and that Howard Gould would not take the stand. Clarence J. Shearn, counsel for the plaintiff, apparently was greatly surprised. Mr. Gould seemed relieved and Mrs. Gould annoyed.

"Since the recess of last Friday, your honor," said De Lancey Nicoll, counsel for Mr. Gould, "my associates and I have decided that the testimony which we have offered is so complete that there is no necessity for going further. Therefore, we have decided to rest.

Mr. Shearn led off the rebuttal with testimony designed to show, he explained, "the falsity of the charges that Mrs. Gould was continually and Painting, Paper Hanging constantly intoxicated from 1902 to the present date."

He proved by many below-stairs witpesses, whose testimony was followed Phone 641 Alliance, by the reading of depositions by by the reading of depositions by friends and guests that Mrs. Gould's disposition was always affable.

Great Northern Train Derailed. Whitefish, Mont., June 22.-The Great Northern westbound Oriental limited passenger train was derailed near Ural, on the Kootenal river. Thirty passengers were injured, but none khied. A landslide caused the accident.

Kansas Wheat Crop Same as Last Year Topeka, Kan., June 22.-With the beginning of harvest the condition of the wheat crop in Kansas is practically the same as it was last year, according to a report issued by Secretary Coburn of the Kansas agricultoral department. The condition now NO NEWS FROM PEARY

Friends of Explorer Think He Has Reached North Pole.

Washington, June 21 .- Friends In this city of Commander Robert Edwin Peary, U. S. N., the explirer, who left the United States last July for the irozen north, say they believe Pear by this time has reached the goal oil his ambition, and has successially planted the Stars and Stripes at the North pole. No news has been received from Peary since he left Etah, Greenland.

When Penry left Etah last August he said in his last message that the members of his party were all well and that he had procured a good supply of dogs. He hoped to winter off the north coast of Ellesmereland, in about latitude \$2 degrees, 40 minutes, 420 miles from the pole. From this point the sled journey was to have begun early last February, with an expedition of twenty-five sleds, each drawn by six dogs, with an Esquimaux

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The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed June 7. 1986, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personnal service of this notice cannot be made, it is bereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication fp June 17-5w W. W. Woom, Register.

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