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WINTERSTEEN TRIAL.

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Waller was, don't remember who I asked about him but think it was Mr. Buckalew; think I met him on the porch and asked him where he was. Have known Dora Moharter about 28 or 29 years; don't remember when she lived at Mrs. Brockway's; never called on her there. Since she went to Mrs. Knorr's have met her probably a dozen times on the streets; gave her money once. She said she wanted to buy a coat and I gave her ten dollars; I never kept up a correspondence with her; during the time she was at Mrs. Knorr's I think I wrote her one letter; only one letter, to the best of my knowledge; never visited her at Berwick before February Court; since that time Mr. Ikeler and I visited her at Berwick; the first letter I wrote her was to ask her to come and work at Col. Knorr's, it was at the Col's instance that I wrote her; after she went to work at Knorr's I wrote her another letter asking how she was getting along with her work; I was interested in her and wanted to see her get along; don't remember the contents of the letter; don't recollect that I told her in the letter to come to my office; in the first letter I told her that Knorr's would be a good place to work and if she would come I thought she would like it; know W. M. Monroe; don't remember that I had a conversation with him shortly after the explosion, may have met him. My object in going to 716 Cherry St. Reading was to try to get Cliff Knorr to leave that place to rescue him from Sallie Gast; wanted to get him to leave Reading; don't remember that I gave W. M. Monroe any other reason for going to Reading; I did have a little talk with Mr. Monroe, it was after the hearing that I talked to him but I don't remember how long after the hearing it was. Trying to save Knorr from that Gast woman was not the only reason that I went to Reading; he wanted me to come and see him. There was no other reason for my visiting Reading at that time; Knorr claimed he was in trouble; he said he was being watched by officers for knocking a woman over the head with something or other, he didn't tell me who he had struck and I didn't ask him who the person was. The only question I asked him was whether or not the person was seriously hurt; he said he was afraid at first that he had killed her, but he said he guessed she was not hurt so very bad. I then told him to leave Reading, thought it be better for him to leave the place, and that he might thereby escape arrest; he told me how the affair happened but don't remember now what it was; didn't ask him what the person's name was or in what building it occurred; know he was in the wrong in striking the person by his actions and in the way he talked. Told a few people about his trouble; don't remember that I told W. M. Monroe about Cliff Knorr knifeing a policeman in Reading, and that that was my reason for visiting Reading, that I went down there to help him out of trouble. Did not go down to Reading until he wrote to me and told me he was in trouble and wanted to see me. The last time I visited Knorr was Dec. 24, 1896. I did help to conceal his whereabouts after the explosion; just as I had done for two years previous to the explosion; I wrote a letter to some person in Harrisburg and said that Knorr was in New York City; but I did not say in what part of the city he was in; I was trying to conceal him; Knorr did drop in my office one day and told me that Mr. Wingert would be in town and would be in; while Knorr was in my office Mr. Wingert came in; but they did not transact any business with me; I did try to keep Knorr's whereabouts a secret in spite of the fact that I went with him on two excursions from Reading; I was not trying to keep his whereabouts a secret in Reading, and was not watching his actions there; he asked me

not to tell any one in Bloomsburg where he was, what reason he had I don't know; he did not tell me; he came to Bloomsburg often and came to my office, met him on the street; don't know whether any one else saw him here or not; (letter shown witness and asked if he had ever seen it before). I never saw the letter before; think perhaps I have seen the envelope, or one similar to it; it laid on my table until it was returned to the sender. I did not open it because I suspected that it was from some one who wanted to ascertain his whereabouts. (Letters dated Feb. 9, and 14, '96, handed witness who identifies them to be in his handwriting) addressed Knorr's to Miss Mame Wilson; started to use that address in 1894; he wanted me to use that address and I did so; when he was in New York I sent his letters in his right name; when he was in Reading I sent his letters to Miss Mame Wilson. I received several letters from a woman who wanted to know where Knorr was (these letters were read aloud to the jury). I answered them stating that I didn't know where he was; it was not true that I did not know his whereabouts. I knew where he was all the time, but he had asked me to keep where he was a secret and I was trying to do so. My residence is about two squares and a half from Mr. Waller's, can't say just how far it is, think it is less than two and a half blocks but would not be positive about it. I was at my house on the night of Sept. 11th, and morning of the 10th; don't remember what time I retired; did not hear the explosion; it did not awaken me; my bedroom is in the southeast corner of my house; knew nothing of the explosion until I met Mr. Jury on the street the next morning and he told me about it. Don't think my wife heard it, she did not say anything to me about it. Met Mr. Jury on the corner of Market and Third streets; the first thing he said was "did you hear the explosion last night." Told him that I had not. He then went on to explain it; Mr. Jury lives on Third street, in a western direction from me; after I left him I went to my office; did not visit the scene of the explosion until some time in the forenoon; after leaving my office I went to the works of the Bloomsburg Car Company, stayed there till nearly noon when I went out Fifth Street to my home; passed the Waller house, but did not stop, merely looked at the house as I passed; met Mr. Paul E. Wirt that morning, but can't recall just where; it was on Main Street somewhere; did not meet Knorr at my office in Bloomsburg shortly after the filing of the bill in equity; met him at my office in May 1893, and purchased his interest in the bank; met him in Harrisburg on April 14th, 1894, for the purpose of purchasing his interests in the Bloomsburg Iron Co., I did have a Mr. Hanson negotiating with Knorr for the purchase of his interest in the Bloomsburg Iron Co; did not offer Mr. Hanson \$250 for making the deal; there was nothing mentioned about pay; April 14, 1895 I met him in Reading and then negotiated with him directly for his interest in the Iron Company; offered him \$1200 for his interests, he would not accept this; I then asked him how much he wanted and he said \$2000; I then gave him a check for \$2000 and took his stock; talking about the value of the stock, I told him that it might be worth from \$3000 to \$3500 provided the equity suit could be stopped; I did want to purchase his mother's and sister's stock; and I told him that if he could get their stock for me, I would try and dispose of the whole thing and if I could sell his share for more than \$2000 (the price I paid him for it) I would give all above that amount to him; when he got the check for \$2000 cashed here in Bloomsburg I met him; I also met him at my office sometime thereafter; he said he had no money and I loaned him fifteen dollars in order to help him out; I don't remember what month this was but I think it was in the fall of 1895

Court adjourned till 2 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:15 P. M.—I engaged the counsel Messers Wise & Gilbert to conduct the partition proceedings in Harrisburg; do not know whether these proceedings went on until the property at Harrisburg was advertised for sale or not; I was in New York when the transfer of stock was made from Mildred Smith Knorr to myself, I wrote the transfer in the Morton House New York, but I don't think I wrote the signature; after I wrote the transfer I gave it to Knorr, he took it to Mildred's house and got her signature on it; he then brought it back and gave it to me; when the transfer was brought back by Cliff to me, I noticed that my name was written in it; paid Clifton Knorr for it; the price paid was \$1000; don't know what consideration was offered Mrs. Knorr for her certificate of stock;

the partition proceedings were instituted at Clifton's instance; he said he had been unsuccessful in his former plans, and he said he wanted these proceedings instituted in order that he might be able to transfer his interests in the Harrisburg and Bloomsburg property into money; can't recall the time when Clifton gave Mildred the deed transferring his stock in the Harrisburg property; never employed Clifton to get me his mother's and sister's stock. I told him that I would like to have their stock, but I never employed him to get it; gave him a paper once and told him to go and get his mother to sign it; I never told Clifton that he could get money if his mother would conveniently die. I was in the Cherry St. House Reading August 27th, 1895, went down in response to a letter from him, went to the Cherry Street House and saw him, he asked me why I didn't come sooner, and I told him that I had taken the first train; he told me that Sallie had been arrested for keeping a bawdy house and selling liquor without a license. I asked him where she was, and he said she was down having a hearing before the Alderman; he wanted some money with which to employ counsel for her; I think I gave him fifteen dollars; Cliff was also in trouble at this time; think this was the time when he had stabbed an officer; that day was the occasion of our first trip over the gravity road; he called my attention to the fact that he had sold me his stock cheap and that he thought I had ought to help him a little. I told him to leave Reading and try and live a better life, and if he could not get along to let me know and I would give him as much financial aid as I possibly could; the next time I saw him was on Market Street, Bloomsburg; he had a dagger with him, he asked where Waller was, he said he had been looking for him, and if he found him he would do him up; I said to him that he had better abandon the idea; I told him that if he would do anything like that, it would haunt him all his life, finally after persuading him to abandon his wicked idea, he said he had no money with which to go away; I then gave him five dollars and told him to leave town; after this he was at home for about three months; one night he came to my house, he did not come in my house he just came to the door; he told me that he guessed his mother would sign the paper which I had given him for her to sign and that she would part with her stock; a few days after this however, he came to my house again and said that he had approached his mother again and asked her to sign; he said she went over to see Waller about it and that he watched her and Waller through the window; he said Waller walked back and forth with his hands behind his back; he said that if he had known that Waller was instructing her not to sign the paper he would have shot him through the window; I was in Reading on Monday after the explosion but I did not tell Knorr that I was suspected for the crime; I did not tell Sallie Gast that a detective had followed me to Reading, and that I had taken a roundabout way in order to throw him off the track; I went down on this occasion because Cliff had written me asking me to come down that he wanted to see me; when I arrived there Cliff said that Sallie owed her rent and that he was afraid she would break up housekeeping; he asked me if I would agree to give her \$16 a month with which to pay her rent; I did not agree to do it; we did not talk about the explosion very much; I did not mention to Cliff or Sallie that I had met Paul E. Wirt on the street on the morning after the explosion; I did not read an account of the explosion to Cliff from a newspaper; I was at 716 Cherry Street, Reading, Nov. 24, 1896, Knorr was not there; I went directly from the train to the Gast house; she told me where I could find Cliff; said I guessed I could find him; I then went up to Hotel Penn; while at the Hotel Penn I met Commissioner Swank, of Bloomsburg; I registered

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my name at the hotel, after I had found Cliff I went back to the Gast house, she had asked me to come back after I had seen him and tell her what he said about her; I can't say just how I happened to go down to Reading on this date, but Cliff had written me to come down; I gave him on this visit \$30, I don't think he was in any particular trouble just then, I know E. B. Tustin, he is cashier of the First National Bank, I asked his advice about purchasing Mrs. Knorr's interest in the Irondale Company, I told him by doing so I would be able to stop the equity suit, I got a check for \$2000 cashed on this occasion, I don't remember telling Tustin that I would force her to sell her stock, I wanted her stock but had no intention of using force to obtain it. I stayed at Mr. Hayman's house in Reading two different times, I slept on the lounge each time, he wanted me to go to bed, but I did not want to cause the family any trouble and so I slept on the lounge; as to the threats which are claimed that in the presence of P. G. Miller and John Ertwine, they are not true, I never uttered a word against Waller in their presence, I may have made the threat claimed to have been made by me in the presence of W. H. Snyder and Theodore Conner, I know that I did not make any threats in the presence of Miller or Ertwine, because I had no occasion to say so, I have no recollection of telling I. D. White that Waller stood in my way but I may have said it, I know that I have on different occasions while talking about the Irondale matter become very much excited, and I may have made some unwise remarks regarding Mr. Waller, I said I knew Mr. Tustin, cashier of the bank, I never told him that I had seen a man at Sloan's alley on Market Street, shortly before the explosion and that the man had a revolver. I may have said to him that I saw a man there who had a dagger, and who was lying in wait to waylay Waller; I have no recollection of telling him that if any one had cause to waylay Waller it was me; I won't swear that I didn't say it; don't remember that I ever heard Knorr threaten to blow Waller up; I know he made many threats to kill Waller but in just what way he intended to do it every time I am unable to recall; I have been addressing Knorr's letters to Miss Mame Wilson ever since 1894; when in Reading on Sept 14, after the explosion when Knorr and I had a short talk concerning the blowing up of the Waller house, I did not think for a minute that he was the guilty party; I thought he was too big a coward to do anything like that. I addressed Knorr's letters to Miss Mame Wilson, at his own request; I wrote and told him to use plain envelopes, in writing to me because I didn't want any one

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