

MARION A. ZIONCHECK

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Funeral coverage, portraits, artistic pieces, Bolton research, timeline

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Bolton was born in [Chicago](#) and attended Chicago public schools.^[1] He was in the floral business and insurance business.^[1] A Democrat, he was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, representing the Second District, in the fall of 1930, taking office in early 1931.^{[2][3]} He was re-elected in 1932,^[4] and in 1934 (unopposed).^{[5][1]}

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[Chicago Outfit](#) racketeer Fred Smith later informed the [FBI](#) that [Sam Giancana](#) personally killed Bolton.^[11]

Bolton was married and had two foster children at the time of his death.^[6]



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MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
 THIS SPACE IS TO BE USED BY THE REGISTRAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECORDING THE DEATH OF A PERSON WHOSE DEATH IS REPORTED BY A PERSON OTHER THAN THE REGISTRAR. IT IS TO BE USED EXACTLY AS INDICATED BY THE REGISTRAR. IT IS TO BE USED EXACTLY AS INDICATED BY THE REGISTRAR. IT IS TO BE USED EXACTLY AS INDICATED BY THE REGISTRAR.

1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County of King
 City or Town of Seattle
 Registration Dist. No. 1209
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 7 yrs. 10 mos. 10 days.
 How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? 1209 East 41st. Street
 City or Town Seattle No. 1209 East 41st. Street

2. FULL NAME Mrs. Francis Zionchek

3. SEX Female 4. Color or Race White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (check one) Widowed

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Nov. 11, 1878

7. AGE 57 11 13 hrs. or - mins.

8. Trade, profession, or occupation, kind of work done as employee, owner, independent, etc. Housewife

9. Locality or business in which work was done, or with which, personally, bank, etc. Poland

10. Date entered last medical of this occupation (month and year) Poland

11. Total time (years, months, days) spent in this occupation Poland

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town and State or country) Poland

13. NAME Unknown

14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town and State or country) Poland

15. MARRIAGE NAME Unknown

16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town and State or country) Poland

17. INFORMANT (name and address) Mr. Wm. Hedaru - 1209 East 41st. St.

18. BIRTH, CREATION, OR REMOVAL Seattle Oct 27 1906

19. UNDERSTAND (name and address) Mittelstadt Funeral Parlors - Seattle

20. FILER U. S. 27 1906 F. H. CARROLL M. D.

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) October 24 1936

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A REGISTERED DEATH REGISTRAR AND THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THE BODY OF THE DECEASED PERSON AND THAT I HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BY THE PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON WHOSE DUTY IT IS TO REPORT THE DEATH OF THE DECEASED PERSON THAT THE DEATH HAS OCCURRED AND THAT THE DEATH HAS OCCURRED AT THE PLACE AND TIME REPORTED.

23. I have entered on the date stated above, at 1:35 A. M. the following cause of death and related causes of importance: Coronary Thrombosis

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No

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DEATH (to be filled out by the coroner or registrar)

1. PLACE OF DEATH **Washington State Board of Health** 3019
 County of **King** **BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS** Record No. **3112**
 City or Town of **Seattle** **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** Registered No. **3112**
 Registration Dist. No. **No. Sidewalk in front of Arctic Bldg.** Ward **1**
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred **7** yrs. **10** mos. **10** ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth.

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: State **Washington** County **King**
 CITY OR TOWN **Seattle** No. **1209 East 41st. Street** Street
 FULL NAME **Marion A. Zioncheck** 57V

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

1. SEX **Female** 2. COLOR OR RACE **White** 3. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) **Aug. 7, 1900**
 4. MARRIED, widowed, or divorced **Married** 5. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from **1936**
 6. NAME **Ruby Louise Zioncheck** 7. I last saw h... after on... death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at **6 P.M.**
 8. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) **Aug. 7, 1936** 9. The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in the case were as follows:
Fractured Skull
Fractured Ribs
Internal Hemorrhage
Shock

10. I am a **Physician** 11. I am a **Nurse** 12. I am a **Medical Examiner** 13. I am a **Public Health Officer** 14. I am a **Sanitary Inspector** 15. I am a **Health Officer** 16. I am a **Sanitary Inspector** 17. I am a **Health Officer** 18. I am a **Sanitary Inspector** 19. I am a **Health Officer** 20. I am a **Sanitary Inspector**

21. Name of operation **Autopsy** 22. Date of operation **Aug. 11, 1936**
 23. What first confirmed diagnosis **Fractured Skull**
 24. If death was due to violence, please state the nature of the injury **Fractured Skull**
 25. Where did injury occur **On the sidewalk in front of Arctic Bldg.**
 26. Specify whether injury occurred in a building, in a room, or in public place **On the sidewalk in front of Arctic Bldg.**
 27. Nature of injury **Fractured Skull**
 28. Nature of injury **Fractured Ribs**
 29. Was disease or injury a self-inflicted wound? **No**
 30. Signature **John J. O'Brien** M. D.
 31. Date **Aug. 11, 1936**

32. Name of funeral home **F. M. Carroll, M. D.**
 33. Address **1209 East 41st. Street**
 34. City **Seattle**
 35. State **Washington**



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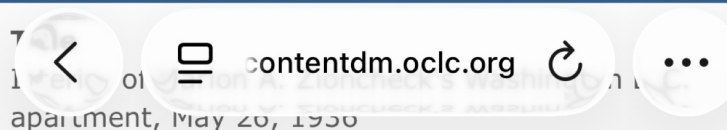
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SOLON'S WIFE FACES ARREST

Assault Warrant Ordered
Served on Mrs. Zioncheck
at Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 27. (AP)—An assault warrant sworn out recently against Mrs. Rubye Nix Zioncheck, bride of the Washington state representative, was ordered served immediately today by Leslie C. Garnett, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia.

His order followed a demand by Mrs. Benjamin Scott Young, who swore out the warrant after she said she was injured in a scuffle with the Zionchecks over possession of an

apartment she had sub-leased to them.

Arrest of Representative and Mrs. Zioncheck on Mrs. Young's charges was postponed when the congressman was committed to Gallinger hospital for mental observation. Court action to determine whether Zioncheck is sane was dismissed here yesterday after relatives agreed to keep him for an indefinite period in the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt hospital at Towson, Md., near Baltimore.

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Widow Given Possession Of Zioncheck Car

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Marion A. Zioncheck, widow of the representative who plunged to death recently from an office building in Seattle, today obtained possession of his expensive automobile.

The roadster had been seized some time ago in connection with a \$999 damage suit brought against Zioncheck by Mrs. Pamela Schuyler Young, magazine writer, who charged her furniture had been damaged in the apartment she leased here to the representative.

Municipal Judge Mason Cayton dismissed Mrs. Young's suit today and also granted a motion by counsel for the widow to quash the attachment against the automobile.

Mrs. Zioncheck's counsel contended the only action remaining for Mrs. Young was in District Court because Mrs. Zioncheck had qualified as administratrix of her husband's affairs here, could be sued only in that tribunal.

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Congressmen to Lose Their Immunity From Arrest if Move Develops

ZIONCHECK ESCAPADE HAS REPERCUSSIONS

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—
A move was under way in one
quarter today for an amendment
to repeal the constitutional im-
munity of congressmen from arrest.

Representative Hancock (R.-N.Y.)
said yesterday he would introduce
a "very timely" amendment to the
constitution.

Hancock did not mention by
name Representative Zioncheck
(D.-Wash.), who was fined Thurs-
day on charges of speeding and
contempt of court, but asserted "I
know of several instances in which
congressmen have gone around
here and confused and scared little
judges and policemen."

The constitution provides that
while they are attending congress,
going to a session or returning
from one, legislators are immune
from arrest except for "treason,
felony, and breach of the peace."
However, Senator Borah (R.-Ida.)
contended that his provision was
intended only to prevent arrests
for debt and that all other pos-
sible offenses are covered by the


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Fined for Contempt and Speed After Staging Fight.

WASHINGTON, April 23. (AP)—Representative Zioncheck of Washington was sentenced in traffic court today to \$20 fine, or 48 hours in jail, for contempt of court in addition to \$25 assessed for speeding.

Judge Walter J. Casey at first had made the contempt sentence \$20 or 20 days, but after returning to his chambers had discovered he could not sentence to jail for more than 48 hours on this charge.

Zioncheck had been forcibly removed from the courtroom and locked in a cell for creating a disturbance in the courtroom during his trial on a charge of speeding at 70 miles an hour. He pleaded guilty and the \$25 fine was added to the \$25 collateral forfeited when the representative failed to appear in court Tuesday.

Zioncheck immediately was returned to the detention cell and the judge left the bench.

The representative's secretary was permitted to confer with him in the cell. As Zioncheck was taken out he was overheard to say to her:

"Get in touch with Speaker Byrns immediately."

Immunity Not Asked.

Before the sentence was imposed, Zioncheck stated he had not invoked his congressional immunity "for anything that occurred before the manhandling."

He was acting as his own attorney in arguing the case when Judge Walter Casey announced the court would recess, and started to retire from the bench.

Cools Off in Cell.

"Just a minute," Zioncheck shouted, "what about my case?"

"The court is recessing," Judge Casey told him.

"I'm taking a recess too," Zioncheck replied in a loud voice.

The representative picked up his hat and coat and started to walk out. Several policemen and court bailiffs grabbed him. There was a short scuffle. He was then led to the rear of the courtroom, taken outside, and put in the cell.

No formal charges were lodged, however, for creating the disturbance in the court.

The recess had been ordered by Judge Casey so he might examine the notification given Zioncheck to appear in court. The representative had objected to the form of the notification. The case was scheduled to resume at 1:45 p. m. (E. S. T.) today.

Question Officers.

Acting as his own attorney, Zioncheck closely questioned the policeman about the circumstances surrounding his arrest early Saturday morning.

"Did I deny I was going 70?" he asked. "or that I was going more than 22 miles an hour?"

"No."

"Did I deny I was going 90 miles an hour?"

"No."

At this point Zioncheck told Judge Casey he desired the record to show that he objected to the procedure being followed and that he had refused to appear in court "until it was definitely understood that I came down here merely to accommodate the officer."

Zioncheck asserted he also wanted to make it plain he had refused to appear "on that thing called an attachment."

The recess was taken at this point.

Fights Officers.

Earlier, the youthful representative was taken to the guardroom of the new house office building after a scuffle with a Washington policeman who was attempting to serve him with an attachment to compel his appearance in police court.

When the Washington member failed to appear in court this morning police were ordered to "bring him in bodily."

After a conference of more than half an hour in the guardroom in which words were exchanged, Zioncheck agreed to go to police court and left the house office building accompanied by Sergeant George Hellmuth and another officer.

Eye-witnesses said Hellmuth went to Zioncheck's office today with the attachment. When he remarked that he could not serve it on federal property, the congressman offered to take him to his home.

The two then went outside and got into Zioncheck's new car and drove off.

Jumps Out of Car.

According to some accounts, Zioncheck stepped on the gas and ran the car up to 40 or 45 miles an hour, narrowly missed a wagon and drove back to the house office building and jumped out.

There was a scuffle, witnesses said. By this time capitol police rushed from the office building and took the congressman to the guard room.

Arrested early Saturday morning, Zioncheck had promised to appear after an attachment had been issued for him.

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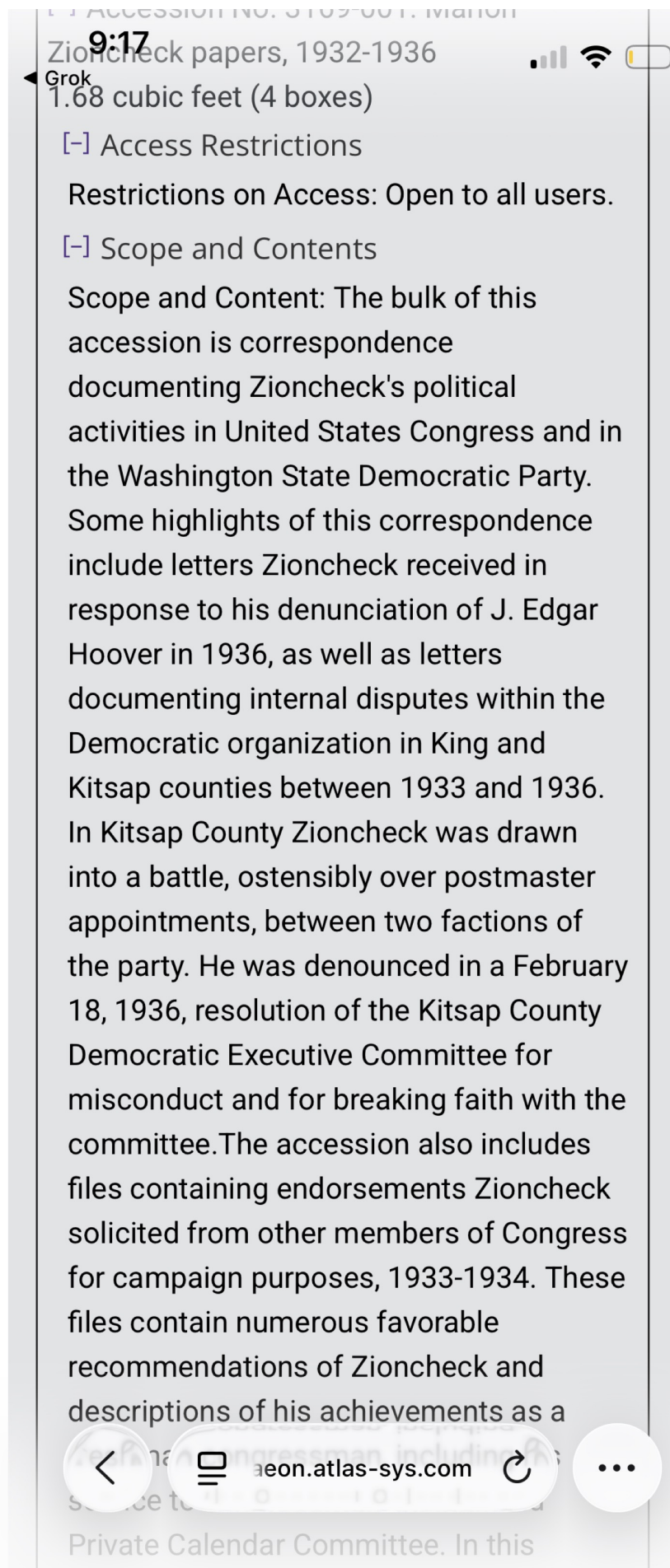
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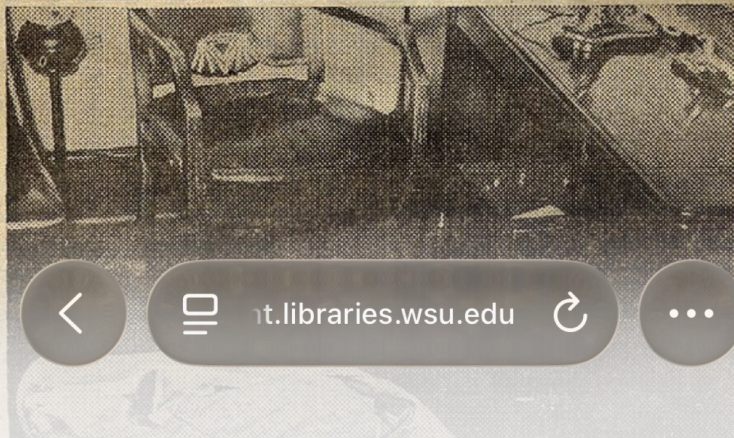
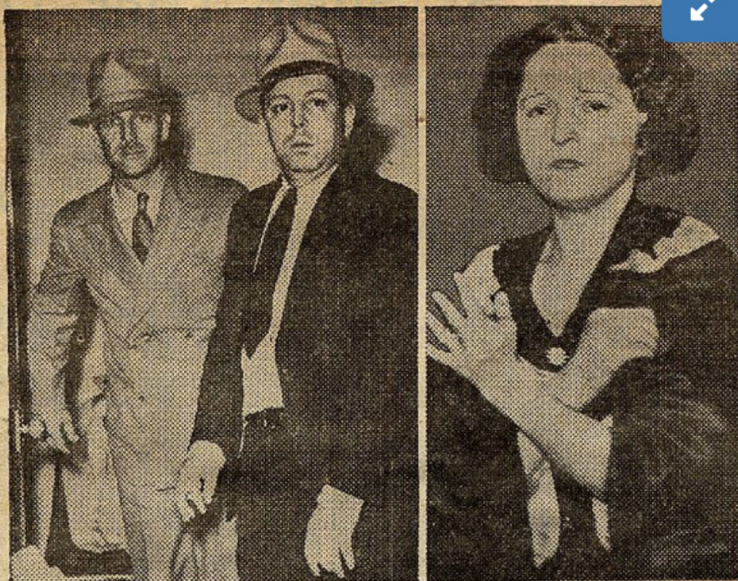


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PLUNGE ENDS ZIONCHECK CAREER



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Howard M. Findley's courtroom
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 Norma Zioncheck's petition to
 break the will of her mother, Mrs.
 Frances Ziencheck, was started.
 Mrs. Anna Nadeau is the opposing
 sister and the one who receives the
 bulk of the estate, according to the
 contested will.

Between the sisters also were
 the memory and deeds of the late
 Congressman Marion Zioncheck,
 and in the flesh, pretty, serious
 and on the side of the plaintiff, his
 widow, Rubye Zioncheck.

FILMS BECKON

She had flown here from Holly-
 wood where she was making screen
 tests, to testify for Norma Zion-
 check. She will return to the film
 capital tonight to what she con-
 fidently expects to be a career in
 celluloid.

As dramatic as the setting itself
 was some of the testimony intro-
 duced, and not one of the inter-
 ested spectators in the courtroom
 could help feeling the cold hostility
 that passed between the two young
 sisters as the story of their moth-
 er's last days was unfolded.

Basing her claims to a portion of
 the estimated \$30,000 estate on
 statements she said her mother
 and her brother had made, Norma
 told briefly of her life since coming
 to this country from Poland, of
 working, of visiting her family and
 of helping the late congressman to
 get an education.

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Zioncheck Daughters
Fight Over Estate

The two daughters of Mrs. Frances Zioncheck, and sisters of the late Congressman Marion A. Zioncheck will appear in Superior Court March 2 in a battle over their mother's estate, it was revealed yesterday as Miss Norma Zioncheck petitioned in Probate Court to set aside a will which left the bulk of a \$6,000 estate to Mrs. Ann Nadeau, Mrs. Zioncheck's other daughter.
Miss Zioncheck says she and Mrs. Nadeau should share the estate equally.

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NURSE DEFENDS ZIONCHECK WILL

Mrs. Frances Zioncheck, mother of the late Congressman Marion A. Zioncheck, was an "exceptionally intelligent and decisive woman," Dr. Thomas Ratigan, Seattle physician, testified today in Superior Judge Howard M. Findley's court, where Mrs. Zioncheck's two daughters are battling over her will. Dr. Ratigan said he attended Mrs. Zioncheck for two years prior to her death last fall.

The physician said that Mrs. Zioncheck showed no signs of mental incompetence but always was alert mentally whenever he visited her, although she sometimes seemed worried over Congressman Zioncheck's "troubles" in Washington, D. C.

Nurse Testifies

Mrs. Celia Kempher, practical nurse who assisted Mrs. Zioncheck in drawing up the contested will, said the woman mentally was competent at the time. Mrs. Kempher said that Mrs. Zioncheck suffered from an hallucination that there was no food in the house several weeks after the drawing of the will and after she was worried over Congressman Zioncheck having been confined in an eastern institution.

Attorney Ivan Merrick, representing the estate's administratrix, Mrs. Ann Nadeau, a daughter of

Mrs. Zioncheck, failed yesterday an effort to halt the testimony, contended that Newman, attorney for Miss Norma Zioncheck, another daughter, who is contesting the will, had not offered sufficient evidence.

Widow Excused

Mrs. Rubye Nix Zioncheck, attractive widow of the congressman, left the witness stand late yesterday, excused from further witness duty. She refused to comment on whether she would leave immediately for Hollywood to enter motion pictures. Mrs. Zioncheck arrived here by airplane from Hollywood Wednesday. She and Mrs. Nadeau are legal opponents in another action over Mrs. Frances Zioncheck's estate.

Judge Findley yesterday halted Merrick's questioning of Mrs. Zioncheck relative to parties and escapades in which her husband figured in Washington prior to and after her marriage. Merrick said he wished to show how the former congressman spent money which was sent him by his mother, but Judge Findley held the recital was not pertinent.

Hallucination Told

Dr. Paul Van Arsdal verified Mrs. Rubye Zioncheck's testimony relative to the older woman's "hallucinations that she had no money and no food." The doctor told how relatives tried to keep news of the congressman's escapades from his mother.

First defense witness called yesterday was George Kempher, a former resident at the Zioncheck home. He told how he and his mother, Mrs. Frances Zioncheck's nurse, drew the will, which is challenged by Clark's witnesses on the ground that Mrs. Frances Zioncheck was incompetent mentally at the time she signed the will.

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THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned the Rev. H. A. Stueb.
 by authority of a License bearing date the 1st day of February A. D. 1941.
 and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the 2nd day of February
 A. D. 1941, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seattle Wash.
 County and State aforesaid, join in LAWFUL WEDLOCK Edward C. Gobin
 of the County of King and Norma Zajaczek
 of the County of King with their mutual assent, in the presence of
Thomas Penchos and Laura Penchos witnesses.
 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself, this
2nd day of February A. D. 1941.

WITNESS:	PARTIES:	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER:
<u>Thomas Penchos</u>	<u>Edward C. Gobin</u>	<u>H. A. Stueb.</u>
<u>Laura Penchos</u>	<u>Norma Zajaczek</u>	<u>Lutheran Pastor</u>
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