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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Dear Doctor Kehoe:

You may be interested in the enclosed
clipping from yesterday's News & Observer in
connection with the [REDACTED] case.

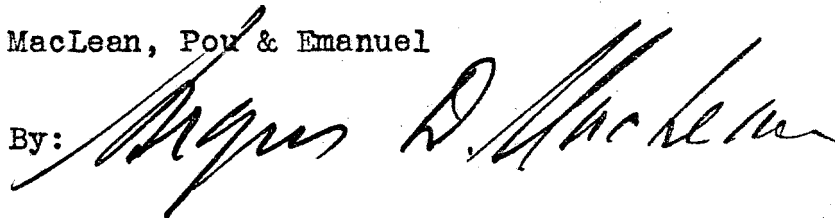
It was a pleasure to be associated with
you at Wilson, and also to learn something about
lead poisoning.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

MacLean, Poul & Emanuel

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POISONING SUIT IS LOST BY PITT

Meekins Directs Verdict For Standard Oil Company in Wilson

Wilson, Oct. 22.—Judge I. M. Meekins of Elizabeth City ordered a directed verdict in favor of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in Federal Court here this afternoon in the suit for \$50,000 after a three day session here brought by John Pitt of Hartford, charging that he contracted lead poisoning from contact with products of the company at a Hartford filling station. A motion for the removal to Elizabeth City of a second suit for \$50,000 brought by Pitt against the oil company charging ejectment from his Hartford filling station after he became incapacitated, was denied by Judge Meekins on the grounds that newspapers in Elizabeth City had attacked the Standard Oil Company when the suit was first started in that section and that the papers did not differentiate between the suits in their alleged attacks.

Judge Meekins, however, granted a motion to continue the second case for the term, and it is thought that the case will probably be tried in Raleigh next month.

A few minutes after the defense had rested its case shortly before noon today, A. D. MacLean, defense attorney, made a motion before Judge Meekins for the directed verdict, but the judge reserved his decision until this afternoon.

A motion was made by attorneys for the plaintiff this morning as the trial started on its third day for a mistrial on the grounds that P. W. McMullen, Elizabeth City counsel for the plaintiff, had become ill with acute indigestion last night and could not be present at today's session. This motion was denied.

The defense continued its parade of technical and medical experts when the case opened this morning which included Dr. K. M. Lynch of Charleston, S. C., a biologist of the South Carolina Medical College, and Dr. Robert A. Kehoe, noted authority on lead poisoning and tetraethyl lead of the University of Cincinnati.

Judge Meekins, on directing the verdict in favor of the defendants today by asking the issue contested, as to whether or not the plaintiff was injured through the negligence of the defendant "motion," declared that the evidence of these two men was "very, very helpful in the case" and so much as to the case as for information on tetraethyl lead and lead poisoning that they gave.

Both men were "remely positive on the stand today that 'as far as I know there has never been a case of lead poisoning contracted from tetraethyl gasoline on record' and that the lead in such gasoline could not be absorbed through the skin."

Dr. Kehoe, known through the scientific and medical world as an authority on such matters, told how, during the past 10 years, he had made examinations directed toward the fact as to whether absorption could be made through the skin with both animals and humans and found, to his satisfaction, that it could not.

Because of the illness of McMullen no notice of appeal was given by the attorneys for the plaintiff today, but it was indicated that an appeal will be within the

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