

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST ZALK

His Wife Has Him Arrested for Non-Support.

GUILT MEANS A TERM IN PEN

TALE OF DOMESTIC INFELICITY UN- FOLDED IN POLICE COURT.

Large Number of Witnesses Are Ex- amined and Decision Will Be Announced Saturday.

According to tales related before Judge Edson in police court yesterday afternoon Moses Zalk, a Jewish junk dealer, is anything but a model husband for it is alleged that he has failed to properly provide for his wife the necessities of life and neglected her at a time when a husband's devotion was most needed, let alone the mere matter of a place to sleep and enough food to keep soul and body together.

Zalk, who is a ruddy complexioned, curly haired, powerfully built man of about 30 years of age, was on the stand with the serious charge of non-support lodged against him, conviction upon which means a term in the state penitentiary. A large number of witnesses were examined to testify for and against the defendant and when adjournment was taken until Saturday next, it looked very gloomy for him.

The defendant's wife alleged that her husband failed to provide for her when she was extremely ill and it was brought out by some of the witnesses that so desperate was the case that strangers found it necessary to go to her assistance. Mrs. J. Hanson, a midwife, who, until a few days ago has resided at 708 East Third street, and a trained nurse by the name of Mrs. Mary Fowler, declared that they took the woman into their home and helped her temporarily until the local Jewish society could come to her relief. Mrs. Fowler asserted that when Zalk found that she had reported the case he became very wroth and endeavored to blacken her character. Moses Cook testified that he acted as a go-between for Zalk and his wife and that he gave the latter the sum of \$3.50 to provide for her immediate necessities. He said that Mrs. Zalk was loth to accept this as she was afraid it would interfere with divorce proceedings which she was contemplating. She did so, however, and afterwards accepted another donation. It also developed at the trial that she was willing to make an agreement upon a financial basis whereby the two should separate, but Moses said that he was "not strong" and consequently was unable to earn the money that he could were he in good health.

Mrs. Zalk said that her husband was as sound as a dollar and to her knowledge had never seen a sick day in his life. She declared that they had been married less than a year and she had always been a good wife to him and she was at a loss to know why he should treat her as he had. She says that she is anxious to be freed from him forever.

The decision in the case will be announced next Saturday.