

HOFFMAN HELD AS SWINDLER; WIFE SET FREE

Both Had Been Arrested in Connection with a Bogus Check for \$2,000.

Charles H. Hoffman and his wife, Elizabeth, who are charged with having passed a bogus check for \$2,000 on Isaac Friedman, of No. 157 Second avenue, were taken to Police Headquarters to-day and lined up before all the men in the Detective Bureau in the hope that some one would know them.

Acting Captain McCauley's entire force looked the couple over, but none had ever been brought in contact with either before.

A careful search was made, but no record of either the man or his wife was found. From Police Headquarters the couple were taken to the Harlem Court, where they were arraigned, and Hoffman was held in \$2,000 bail, but the woman was discharged.

Friedman is a real estate business. Hoffman, representing himself as a broker, called upon him on Friday last and said he wished to buy a house which Friedman had for sale. The pair wrangled over the commission Hoffman was to have until yesterday, when the deal was settled, and Friedman felt he had made a good bargain.

Hoffman paid over a certified check for \$2,000 drawn on the Bridgeport National Bank. This was the money agreed upon in the transaction. Hoffman received Friedman's check for \$250, drawn on the German-American Bank as his commission.

The cashier of the German-American when he received the Bridgeport check from Friedman for collection looked it over and thought it was suspicious. He told Friedman so and telephoned the Bridgeport bank, and word came back that the check was a forgery. The check Hoffman had received had not turned up, but word of it was sent out to banks in the clearing-house association through a detective agency.

Advices were soon received that the check had been cashed at the branch office of the Hamilton National Bank in Tremont by the woman, who desired to draw against it.

The cashier engaged the woman in conversation, telling her that the manager, Mr. Montgomery, would have to decide about advancing the sum she wished. She was kept waiting until Detectives Scheuing and Beusser, of the Bronx Detective Bureau, were called and, without her knowledge, got a look at her. She was permitted to draw \$25 and left the bank, the detectives following. They made no attempt to arrest her, being anxious to get the husband or the person who had given the check to her. The detectives followed the woman to the Hotel Minot, where she had a room and was registered.

There they learned that another woman was visiting her at intervals and they watched her. When the woman left the hotel last evening Detective Beusser followed her. The woman met Hoffman near One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Seventh avenue, and was then arrested at the hotel and the couple were locked up in the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station.

Mrs. Hoffman took her arrest coolly. She had \$200 in cash and jewelry worth \$100.

The detectives insist that the prisoners are the couple who victimized John Kelly, a real estate agent, at No. 250 East Thirty-sixth street, in the same game and got a check for \$200.

He Denied Having Any Gems When Brought into Court by His Wife, But Searchers Discover Three-Carat Stone

"Believe me, Judge, I was married to this man twenty years ago, but I never knew until last week that he was so wealthy that he could have diamonds," said Mrs. Sarah Cohen, of No. 44 Essex street, to Magistrate Pool, in the Essex Market Court, to-day, when she arraigned her husband, Benjamin, of No. 24 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, on the charge of abandonment.

Cohen told the Court that she secured a rabbinical divorce from his wife when he left her, and therefore he did not consider himself required to support her. He denied that he was wealthy or had diamonds.

Magistrate Pool said he believed the wife's story about the diamonds, and ordered policemen to strip Cohen. They found a ring containing a three-carat diamond.

By Cohen's consent the ring was given to his lawyer, Cohen went to jail in default of \$500 bail to pay his wife a week.

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ARRAIGNMENT OF HOFFMAN AND HIS WIFE.

(Sketches for The Evening World by Artist Mortimer.)



TOOK RARE STEPS TO HOLD HER JOB

Elsie Eames, Refusing to Be Discharged, Removed Her Clothing and Dared the Boss to Put Her Out.

How Elsie Eames refused to be discharged was related to Magistrate Baker in Morrisania Police Court to-day by Charles E. Gelanoy, of No. 157 Sedgwick avenue, formerly a lieutenant in the United States Navy. Elsie is not an opera singer. She is a Senegambian handmaiden who was employed two weeks ago by Lieut. Gelanoy and his wife to do things around their house.

Lieut. Gelanoy decided a week ago to go to Old Point Comfort with his wife. Elsie Eames was informed that her services would be dispensed with forthwith. "But Ah ain't got no place to go," protested Elsie.

"I can't help that," replied Lieut. Gelanoy. "I am called out of town and must close the house."

Lieut. Gelanoy fled, and his wife argued with Elsie. Finally the handmaiden agreed to quit on her own terms, and when she was dressed Lieut. Gelanoy forced her into the vestibule and she hid there.

When he got back home a few days later he found that the glass of the front door had been broken and that goods valued at \$50 had been stolen. Suspecting Elsie, he notified the Morrisania police, and detectives found her at No. 281 Lenox avenue, hiding in a coal bin. They would have overlooked her had she kept her eyes closed, but she opened them for a moment and the police saw her.

Magistrate Baker had her in \$1,000 bail on a charge of burglary.

SIX INJURED IN CRASH OF CONEY TRAIN

Many Other Passengers Were Severely Shaken Up and Badly Bruised.

Six persons were badly injured and a score or more badly shaken up and bruised when a south-bound Brighton Beach train crashed at high speed into a derailed rear car of a north-bound train just outside the Culver station, Coney Island, early to-day.

CHARLES BOGERT, of No. 11 Fourteenth street, Brooklyn, was removed to the Reception Hospital, Coney Island, with both legs broken.

MRS. MINNIE ZINC, of No. 12 West Ninety-ninth street, Manhattan, sprained both wrists and suffered contusions of the head and body. She refused to go to a hospital and was taken home in a cab.

WILLIAM K. KING, of No. 141 Jefferson street, Brooklyn, was treated for shock and contusions and sent to the Reception Hospital.

ALBERT MARTIN, of No. 302 West Sixty-ninth street, Manhattan, bruised about the head.

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PASTOR WEDS A GIRL OF 15, FORMER PUPIL

Romance Began in the Bible Class of a Philadelphia Church.

(Special to The Evening World.) PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22.—The Rev. Charles Thaddeus Pfeiffer, aged thirty, formerly rector of the Church of the House of Prayer, this city, was married to-day to Miss Alice Anderson Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Barclay Hall, of Germantown. The bride is only fifteen years old.

Until two years ago the Rev. Mr. Pfeiffer was assistant rector at the fashionable St. Luke's Church, Germantown, of which the Rev. Dr. Samuel Upland is rector.

When he assumed the rectorate of the Church of the House of Prayer the girl who was married to him to-day was a member of the Sunday-school and of the Bible class. She wore short dresses and her hair was in braids. She attended the public schools of Germantown.

In the Bible class the romance had its beginning. Alice was pretty and intelligent, and she won the admiration of her pastor. He would walk home with her after service. Sometimes he would call at her home, No. 10 East Chelton avenue, Germantown, and walk to the church with her and her girl friends.

While there never was the slightest hint of any impropriety in the minister's relations with the girl, the married women of the church who had marriageable daughters, did a deal of gossiping. This, added to the attempt of Rev. Mr. Pfeiffer to introduce a high church ritual, brought about a crisis in affairs and led to the resignation of the pastor.

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STARVING MAN DROPS IN PARK

Insane Man, Weak for Want of Food, Collapses in Union Square and Is Taken to the Hospital in Dying Condition.

Insane and starving, an unidentified man collapsed in Union Square Park to-day. A crowd of children were playing about the fallen man when Policemen McGlynn and Kelleher appeared. They took the man to the West Thirtieth street police station, where Dr. Burrows, from New York Hospital, said that the man was starving.

After food was given him the man revived, and then it was discovered that he was insane. In his pockets was found \$13.00. After he was taken to Bellevue the man said that his name was "Willie Ross." He could tell nothing more about himself.

The man appears to be about thirty-five years old. The police believe that, being insane, he wandered about the streets with money to buy food, but not knowing how to buy it, and that at last starvation overcame him.

The physicians at Bellevue Hospital say that the man's condition is critical.

MAN CHASE LEADS GIRL OVER FENCE

Miss Dearing Almost Had Her Quarry When She Fell and Became Unconscious—Suspect Captured by Policeman.

A pretty eighteen-year-old girl and a fleeing man furnished plenty of excitement for residents in the vicinity of West One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-fourth streets yesterday.

Yesterday Dearing lives with her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth McLoughlin, who is the janitress of No. 131 West One Hundred and forty-second street. Yesterday afternoon they were in the hallway when they saw a man coming downstairs carrying a bundle.

The man struck both women, and as they looked the front entrance, he fell to the basement, with Miss Dearing after him. He ran through the rear entrance and over the back fence, with the girl after him. The man leaped several fences, but could not shake off his pursuer, who was rapidly gaining on him. He finally scaled a particularly high fence and as Miss Dearing was getting over this she fell and was rendered unconscious.

MERCHANT'S AUTO KILLS A MUSICIAN

Samuel McConnell Runs Down Frederick Kilpatrick on New Bridge Plaza.

While returning from Coney Island early to-day in his automobile with two friends, Samuel McConnell, a wealthy linen importer, whose store is at No. 4 West Twenty-second street, ran down and killed Frederick Kilpatrick, a musician, on New Bridge Plaza, Brooklyn. Mr. McConnell was arrested and locked up in the Lee avenue station, charged with homicide.

After being arraigned in police court Mr. McConnell will be remanded to the custody of the Coroner, who probably will release him on bail, pending an investigation of the accident. Bystanders say Mr. McConnell was not to blame for Kilpatrick's death, as the musician stepped directly in front of the machine.

Stepped in Front of Auto. With Mr. McConnell were Leon Wormser, a haberdasher, of No. 38 West Thirty-fourth street, and Thos. Garrett. The three had spent the evening at Manhattan Beach, and the return trip was to have been made by way of the Williamsburg Bridge.

Mr. McConnell had never tried the route before, and he was somewhat confused as he started to cross to Manhattan by the south roadway.

He was warned back by the tollkeeper, and he whirled his machine around and speeded it along the Plaza to turn into the north roadway. Just as he med: the turn Kilpatrick bobbed up from somewhere and stepped directly in front of the machine. Mr. McConnell made frantic efforts to stop his car, but the big machine slid along the asphalt and ran Kilpatrick down and passed over him.

Policeman Hale witnessed the accident, but before he reached the injured man, McConnell and his friends had leaped from the auto to render assistance.

Held as Prisoner for Coroner. Kilpatrick was braining, and at Mr. McConnell's suggestion, he was lifted into the machine. The policeman also entered the auto and they hurried to the Eastern District Hospital. Shortly after Kilpatrick was placed on the operating table he died.

Kilpatrick was forty years old and lived with his wife at No. 87 South Sixth street, Brooklyn. Mrs. Kilpatrick was notified by the police and hurried to the hospital, but before her arrival her husband had died.

McConnell, when arraigned, was held in \$1,000 bail for examination on Sept. 14.

HANDCUFFED, THEY DIVED FROM TRAIN

Two Prisoners Took a Daring Plunge From Window of Flying Car and Escaped Injury—Recaptured Afterward.

(Special to The Evening World.) SHARON, Pa., Aug. 22.—Risking their lives by plunging headlong out of a car window while a Pennsylvania train was running thirty-five miles an hour, Michael Garvey, nineteen years old, and Joseph Perry, sixteen, who were handcuffed together, escaped last night from State Parole Agent George M. Pormar.

The officer was taking the pair back to the Reform School at Morgantown, Pa., from Erie, where they were arrested on Monday for breaking their parole.

The daring leap was made after the train had left a transfer station north of here. The train ran a mile before it was stopped, and when it backed up the officers tried to pick up the handcuffed bodies of the youths, but found no trace of them.

Search was made all night, and this morning the fugitives were recaptured at Sharpville, near here. Neither was injured.

NO WONDER SHE WENT INSANE, SAYS MRS. YOUNG

But She Hopes Mrs. Morgan Will Recover from Her "Indisposition."

Mrs. Beatrice G. Young, who shot Mrs. Kathleen Morgan last Saturday and is in Jefferson Market Court prison awaiting examination next week, gave out the following signed statement to-day:

"In justice to Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Young and myself, I wish to state to the general public that I permitted but two reporters to interview me. The article which appeared in yesterday's World is a fair statement of my conversation with its reporter. The other article had facts so distorted it was difficult for me to find anything like my original statement in it.

"I will avail myself of this opportunity to say Mrs. Morgan was merely an acquaintance who won my sympathy, whom I befriended where and when I could. When I learned of the existing relations between Mr. Young and this woman I left them both very much alone. For three weeks prior to last Saturday's affair I refused to listen to the overtures Mr. Young made me to return to him, and it is not likely I would go to any woman, much less a woman of the Morgan caliber and plead for a husband's love.

"Practically alone in New York, with only such miserable fellowing me. My company as the unjust and inhuman treatment I had suffered for months, denied the courtesy my sweet baby boy could bring me is it a wonder I am subject to fits of temporary insanity?"

"Under no circumstances is mine a nature that would take a human life, and at no time have I felt any fears as to the outcome of the wound I inflicted. I trust Mrs. Morgan will completely recover from her indisposition and that her health will come back with added strength."

AFRAID BROTHER WILL KILL HIM

John Terhill, of No. 74 Eagle avenue, the Bronx, was in Morrisania Police Court to-day charged by his brother Lodovico, of No. 677 Morris avenue, with threatening his life. Lodovico told Magistrate Baker he thought his brother would shoot him if he did not leave the house to go back to Italy.

Magistrate Baker held the accused Italian in \$200 bail for examination.

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