

GIRL QUEEN OF COON FERFITTERS, SAY THE POLICE

Seventeen Years Old She is Held by U. S. Commissioner.

Alleged to be the queen of a gang of counterfeiters that has been mulcting Passaic County, New Jersey, for many months, Josephine Manfra, seventeen years old, and good looking, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Rowe, in Jersey City, to-day.

The mysterious girl was one of the most attractive prisoners ever brought into the dirty courtroom of the Commissioner. Tall and slender and girlish, she has the clear olive complexion, soft brown eyes and black hair of the Italian beauty.

Was Not Impressed. She wore a fashionable gown of black silk, and over it a natty coat of black and white, with a dainty purple toque on her curling hair. She seemed not at all impressed by her plight and bore herself with assurance through the reading of the indictment. Her husband, a large, black, mustache, kissed her when she was brought in and stood near her as the proceedings went on. She looked at him from time to time and smiled.

Mrs. Manfra and her husband live in Paterson. She was charged by two merchants of that town with trying to pass on them a counterfeit \$5 bill of the sort that has circulated so much in the town. The complainants were H. Mendelsohn, of No. 64 River street, and R. Meyer, of No. 296 River street, Paterson. Both charge that the attempts were made Dec. 9.

Arrested in Stamford.

John J. Henry, one of the Secret Service men in Jersey City, obtained evidence which caused Commissioner Rowe to issue a warrant Jan. 11, and Henry went to Paterson to find the little woman. She was missing and her husband could not be found. Yesterday she was located in Stamford, Conn., where she was with friends. She did not become hysterical or break down when arrested, but came along quietly to New York. Then her husband appeared on the scene. Both refuse to talk of the matter in any way and the detectives probably are working hard to get more evidence of what they say is a gang of counterfeiters printing the bills, probably in New York, and circulating them in the mill towns of Jersey.

FIGHT OF WORKMEN BECAME A RIOT

Policeman Who Tried to Stop It Was a Wreck When the Reserves Reached Him.

There was a small-sized riot to-day among workmen employed on a big apartment house being constructed at Columbus avenue, Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets. The row began when Hogan, a plasterer, called Antonio, of the hod carriers, a few names over a crack game during the noon hour. Tony heaved a brick and the ball opened. The fifty who are employed on the building gathered from the seven floors and joined in so that the place speedily took on the appearance of a Doneybrook festival. It was every man for himself and hit a head whenever it showed.

The heart of the fight buzzed slowly around the main floor and then out into the street, where it stopped traffic and threw every woman within hearing distance into hysterics. Policeman Hooey, resident in a new uniform, seemed the strife and in a moment of thoughtlessness plunged into the fray.

He found the fifty hard at it, with every brick and loose board they could reach. Into the ruck plunged the foolish policeman, and the earth knew him no more until he was finally hauled out by his fellows. The middle of the street had become a seething mass of humanity before it occurred to somebody to telephone to Headquarters for help.

The West Sixty-eighth station was notified, and Constable O'Connor, with eight men, was sent to the scene on the spot. They jumped into the melee and made short work of the rioters. When they came to Hooey, they found him clinging to a brick and making the ring-leader. He himself was covered from head to foot with mud and plaster. The plaster had been made to erupt. The two men gave their names as Richard Butler, of No. 118 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, and Thomas Heffernan, of No. 205 Third avenue. When the police attempted to take Hooey away, one of the men who said he was Albert Freig, of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, tried to rescue him. He was held back by the police and with the other two lodged in the station house. Five policemen are on the premises and the rioting has subsided. The entire gang will be paid off and discharged to-night.

GIRL SAVED A WOMAN.

Called for Help When She Found the Gas Turned On.

Annie Androavitch, twenty-three years, and Tillie Strong, twelve years, occupying the same room at No. 103 South First street, Westchester, reported last night that they had gas in their room turned on.

They went to sleep, but Tillie shortly awoke and found gas coming out of Annie's room. She called for help and Annie was dragged into the open air. After she was taken to the Western District Hospital suffering from the effects of the gas. She will recover.

Mrs. Roosevelt Helps Search for Little Girl



INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 24.—The whereabouts of Pauline Skillman, kidnapped last November by her own father, who had been divorced by her mother, still remains a mystery. Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President; Senator Beveridge, Mayor Bookwalter and the Chief of Police have urged the utmost activity to recover the child, but the only clue is said to be that the father was located in Chicago, and the police think the child is there also.

The mother's hopes were greatly buoyed by a conference held recently, at which Mrs. Skillman, Chief of Police Metzger, Captain of Detectives Bray, Judge Henry C. Allen and William L. Elder were present. At that meeting the decision was reached to prosecute the search for the baby to the utmost. New cards were sent out and the vigilance of every policeman and detective in the city redoubled in an effort to gain some clue by which the child might be traced.

MOVE TO REPEAL MORTGAGE TAX

Twenty-five Republican Assemblymen Stand Together for a Change.

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—Twenty-five of the Republican Assemblymen from Greater New York, including Wainwright, of Westchester, this afternoon held a caucus resulting in a practically unanimous decision to favor the repeal of last year's mortgage tax act.

The only discussion was on the question of the outright repeal of the act or the enactment of modification, practically amounting to substituting legislation in the way of a stamp or recording tax. The trend of opinion favored the latter course. E. C. Downing, of Kings, presided.

This meeting was preliminary to a conference to be held to-night by the tute legislation in the way of a stamp at the call of Senator Page.

FRANCE FEARS "WASPS' NEST" SET BY CASTRO

Will Not Blockade Ports, but Means to Get Satisfaction in Some Way.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Ministerial circles here are much annoyed over the published reports relative to France's hesitating and nervousness regarding the Venezuelan question. A high official of the Foreign Office to-day protested energetically against the statements made on the subject, saying: "France has always been and still is determined to obtain the fullest satisfaction for past and present affronts from Venezuela. She, however, will not stop the payment of Venezuela's obligations to the other Powers, which are secured by the customs, thus placing France in a delicate position towards the Powers.

Gen. Matos, the former adversary of President Castro, in the course of an interview published here to-day, expressed the opinion that serious complications would not ensue from the present difficulties between France and Venezuela. He said he considered that President Castro has done great work for the pacification of Venezuela and held the complete confidence of the people, which would be strengthened if the country was persuaded that there was no possibility of a conflict with France.

Gen. Matos believes that with the assistance of the United States war will be avoided. In case of hostilities, the General could mobilize 100,000 men, but he was certain that an arrangement was near at hand.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—So far as informal inquiry on the subject has gone, France has ground for the conviction that she will encounter no opposition on the part of any of the other nations in the execution of the naval programme which she intends to initiate against that country.

Great Britain and Italy, it was believed all along, would offer no objection, but the news that Germany is not disposed to side with President Castro against France is regarded in diplomatic circles here as encouraging to the French plans.

SMOKE TALK

YOU can't smoke heavy, clear Havana cigars and expect to wear a cheerful smile. There's bound to be a nervous reaction after every one. Some day the doctor will say QUIT, unless you hurry and change to a mild blend of domestic and Havana, like the ROBERT BURNS CIGAR.

INSURGENTS DEFEATED IN CONGRESS FIGHT

First Skirmish Against Statehood Bill Favored by Roosevelt Is Lost.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The insurgents all night long with a united voice demanded that the House should not vote on the Statehood bill until the test of strength came on a vote governing the issue of the bill, the result being yes 126, no 106.

The vote was on the committee rule favored by the administration, which provided that the bill be debated by J. P. House as a committee of the whole, and that a vote be taken to-morrow at 3 P. M.

Mr. Dannel, opening the discussion on the true resolution, explained first the terms of the Statehood bill. Mr. Williams stated that the rule in question denied to the House the right to vote on the admission of either of the four Territories separately, which was undesirable in order to admit Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, to which no one had objection.

Mr. Williams asked for a recapitulation of the vote which was granted after some objection by the speaker, who stated that the rule had been carried by a large majority and such action was not usual.

NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROPOSED.

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—An important bill introduced to-day by Senator Carpenter proposes to create a new or Ninth Judicial District, by dividing the present Second. It also proposes to increase the number of judges in the first department by seven.

GRIP CURED

His doctor unable to aid him, Mr. W. A. Ruth, of Bridgeville, Del., after he had given up hope began to use Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. It cured him in one week. In writing he says: Last winter I contracted a severe case of Grip, and my doctor did not aid me. I was in despair. My druggist told me there was nothing like Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey to drive the Grip out of one's system, and it was just one week after I began to use this medicine before I fully recovered from this terrible plague. I heartily recommend Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey to every one who is suffering from Grip or cold. W. A. RUTH, Bridgeville, Del.



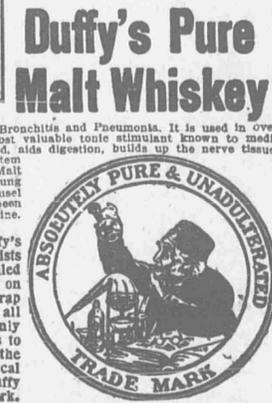
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The second district is to consist of Richmond, Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties, and the new Ninth of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange and Rockland. The present Judges of the Second, resident in the new Second, shall be Judges of the new Second, and to be increased by seven, and those residing in the new Ninth to be Judges of the new Ninth, with four additional Judges. Such new Judges are to be elected in 1907.

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