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TRIES TO SHIELD MAN WHO SHOT HER, ALTHOUGH DYING

Hoffman, Whose Wife Left Him Because of His Infatuation for Her Assistant, Fires at Girl Three Times.

In the stuffy little room which he picked out more than a week ago as a fitting place for his crime Julius Hoffman, a good-looking Austrian, early to-day fired three bullets into the body of Draga Seigel, a beautiful Hungarian girl, for whose sake he had deserted his wife and abandoned his home.

Hoffman, all his jealous rage burned away in the flame of his pistol-fire, is in a semi-delirious from fear and remorse, waiting for the word that will send him to the Tombs to answer for murder.

It is a strange story of Old World romance and New World intrigue that has been brought to the surface by this tragedy that was enacted some five minutes on the top floor of the dingy rooming house at No. 25 East Thirty-ninth street.

Three years ago in the village of Kerit, Province of Croatia, Julius Hoffman and his wife, Selma, had the main dry goods and dressmaking establishment. They catered to the gentry and were nappy together in their small prosperity.

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Almost from the day they landed the immigrants did well. Mrs. Hoffman opened a dressmaking place in East Twenty-ninth street. Draga, now an expert seamstress, was her first helper.

At the time of the Hoffman family's arrival in New York, Draga Seigel, the same who is now dying in the hospital, Draga was the only daughter of Anton Seigel, a well-to-do carver of wooden toys and ornaments.

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Draga readily got work in Bauer's French dressmaking establishment at No. 125 East Seventy-sixth street. She went to live with Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucas, who conducts an eminently respectable boarding house for Germans and Bohemians at No. 270 Lexington avenue.

Her roommates was another Hungarian girl whose name, curiously enough, is also Draga-Draga Secarics, a dark, slender young woman, who is a forewoman at Bauer's.

Between the two a mysterious friendship sprang up. The older girl, it develops, did her best to break up the intimacy between Hoffman and Miss Seigel. She went to Hoffman bearing stories that set his blood on fire with jealousy. He got a room in the neighborhood where he could keep up on the comings and goings of his sweetheart.

Soon after the smashing-up of the Hoffman home circle, Mrs. Hoffman had sued her husband for divorce. She likes

Baseball scores: CHICAGO AT CINCINNATI (NL), CHICAGO AT DETROIT (AL) - SECOND GAME, DETROIT 00, CHICAGO 00.

WOMAN HAS MAN ARRESTED. Mrs. F. J. Thacker, wife of a physician, living at No. 815 1/2 Avenue, had Benjamin Fry, twenty-seven years old, of No. 423 West Thirty-seventh street, arrested to-day on a charge of following about her house and annoying her. He was

HIRSCH AND HIS AFFINITY PUT OUT OF THEIR ROOMS

Elevator Operators at Warwick Arms Refuse to Give the Couple a Ride.

MOTHER EJECTED, TOO. Wife's Action Makes Other Young Women Fear Action in Their Cases.

New York's new law against married persons living with so-called affiliates is still pressing hard upon the plump shoulders of its first victim, pretty Ruby Yeargin, the companion of Contractor Patrick Henry Hirsch, whose Southern wife is actively prosecuting under the new law caused the arrest of her husband and the young woman. Today, still guided by the provisions of the same statute, the manager of the fashionable Warwick Arms at Brighton street and Columbus avenue, expelled Miss Yeargin from her luxurious apartments.

After Magistrate Walsh in the Jefferson Market Court held the two persons in bonds of \$200 each for further examination tomorrow, Miss Yeargin came back to her rooms in a semi-hysterical condition. With her in the cab rode her widowed mother, Mrs. Bessie Yeargin, who had defended her daughter's association with Hirsch on the ground that Hirsch was not happy with his own wife and was happy with her daughter. The two women had trouble finding an elevator attendant who would take them up to their suite, but they finally got there.

Presently there came a rap on the door. Miss Yeargin, fearful and wondering, answered the knock. Outside stood Charles Spurgeon, the manager. He had known the young woman as Mrs. Hirsch, never dreaming that the only woman who had a legal right to that name was living only a few rods away in the Hotel Hamilton and it was Mrs. Hirsch that she still addressed the unmasked affiliate.

"Madam," said Spurgeon, "the proprietor, Mr. L. Hutzler, has instructed me to ask for your keys. You must vacate these rooms at once."

"I have a lease, and I don't propose to get out on such a notice," began the young woman. "Mr. H. Lippen, of Chicago, who used to own this house, gave me a year's lease, and it has not yet expired."

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BINGHAM TAKES A FALL OUT OF MISTER DOOLEY

Commissioner Won't Stand for Politics in the Department, He Says.

RETRANSFERS CAPTAIN. Sends Kreuscher Back Because Dooley Said He Caused Original Transfer.

Commissioner Bingham took a fall out of John J. Dooley, the McClellan candidate for leadership in the Twenty-third District in opposition to the present leader, Thomas F. McAvoy, this afternoon, by retransferring Capt. Louis Kreuscher back to the command of the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street station.

Kreuscher was one of the five captains chosen yesterday afternoon for the good of the service. Therefore Commissioner Bingham was much perturbed when he read in the papers this morning the acclamation of the aspirant, Dooley, that he had caused the transfer of Kreuscher because of the police captain's popularity with the McAvoy faction.

The Commissioner's anger at Dooley's "I did it" sent him hotfoot to the Mayor's office this afternoon with a protest. When he returned to Police Headquarters late this afternoon he announced the retransfer of Kreuscher from Flatbush to the Washington Heights district. He said:

"I did this thing myself. When I put it up to the Mayor he just said, 'Go ahead, Bingham, you're running the Police Department, and do with it as you will.' There will be no party politics played in this Department as long as I'm here."

Kreuscher won't figure in the primary fight next Tuesday. For at present he is on his vacation. When the Commissioner found this out he placed the veteran Lieut. Rehan in command of the station, and sent Captain until Kreuscher returned.

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\$50,000 LOST BY WISE MEN BY HOT TIP ON EXPLOSION

FIGURES JUGGLLED TO CONCEAL GREAT OIL TRUST PROFITS

Federal Prosecutor Shows by Statistics Produced by Rockefeller People That Combination Enabled Octopus to Pay Fabulous Dividends.

Table titled 'FIGURES THAT SHOW OIL TRUST'S STARTLING GAINS.' Lists companies and their profits and dividends.

The second day's hearing in the Government's investigation of the Standard Oil Trust closed with two additional revelations which show the secretive and inexplicable methods by which blocks of stock were transferred and the tremendous earning capacity of the subsidiary concerns.

During a lull following Mr. Kellogg's demand for the explanation of several entries which puzzled him, William Rockefeller, Wade Hampton and a representative group of Oil Trust officials entered the room and quietly took seats inside the railing. C. M. Pratt, the trust secretary whose "not necessarily," "I identify, yes," and "really, I can't say," were the features of his testimony, was kept busy helping Messrs. Milburn and Rosenthal elucidate ledger entries.

"The enormous earning capacity of the Standard Oil Trust is a revelation of the amount of its capitalization. That one company should earn in one year eight times the amount of its capitalization is scarcely creditable, but this fact the trust admits."

It was brought out to-day during the inquiry by the Federal Government that the Standard Oil Trust corporation restrains competition and by so doing violates the law, that many of the Trust subsidiary corporations earned profits which in a single year exceeded the amount for which they were capitalized.

Atlantic Refining Company, capital, \$5,000,000; dividends, \$1,499,853; profits, \$1,348,350. Buckeye Pipe Line Company, capital, \$10,000,000; dividends, \$1,499,853; profits, \$1,348,350.

Charles M. Pratt was recalled in the afternoon. He stated that the C. M. Pratt Investment stood for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, a Texas concern ousted from that State in 1890. Mr. Pratt knew any reason why the trust chased the Waters-Pierce stock, 2,747 shares, for \$250,000 after the concern was ordered out of Texas.

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"Good Thing" in the Willow Stakes at Gravesend Was Third, Beaten by Belmont's Half Sovereign --Mombassa Was Second.

GRAVESSEND RESULTS. FIRST RACE—Big Chief (8 to 1 and 3 to 1) 1, Sangune (6 to 5 for place) 2, Miss Delaney 3.

MARINE ENGINEERS THINK COMPANIES WILL SOON YIELD

Owners Pledged to Secrecy About Meeting, but Say There Will Be No Trouble.

Whether or not there will be a practical strike of the engineers of all Atlantic coastwise steamers, the ocean steamships of the American line and all the ocean-going tugboats in the Atlantic coast harbors was settled this afternoon at a meeting of the American Steamship Association.

At the close of the meeting all were pledged to secrecy. Members of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, who had been invited to the meeting, said that the steamship owners would allow the demands of the men with some unimportant modifications.

WOODBINE RESULTS. WOODBINE RACE TRACK, TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 18.—The winners in the races here to-day were as follows: FIRST RACE—Six furlongs—Staten (5 to 1), Don't-Evelyn (2 to 1 for place) 2, Cousin Kate (3 to 5 for place) 3.

WASHINGTON PARK, BROOKLYN, Sept. 18.—The game scheduled to-day with the Philadelphia team was postponed on account of rain.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—The double header between the Highlanders and Athletics scheduled for to-day has been postponed on account of rain.