

CLEVER FORGERIES CREDITED TO BOYS

Police Claim They Operated at Several Banks.

CONFESSION ALSO IS CLAIMED

Frederick Russell is Accused of Cashing Bogus Checks for Samuel Hoffman, of Sixth Street Northwest, Who, It is Charged, Forged Names of Business Men.

Investigation by detectives for more than a year culminated yesterday afternoon in the arrest of two boys, believed to be the cleverest and most daring forgers who have victimized Washington banking institutions.

Although the boys at first stoutly denied the accusations of the police, they broke down under the "third degree" and are said to have admitted their guilt of wrong-doing. According to the confession, which the police say they obtained, the oldest boy forged the checks and his accomplice cashed them.

Frederick Russell, seventeen years old, of 604 H street northwest, is accused by the police of cashing checks for Hoffman. Russell obtained a position as clerk in a laundry about two weeks ago. He is eighteen years old, and has recently been employed as clerk by a real estate firm.

Claims of the Police. The police say Hoffman and Russell passed worthless checks for small amounts at drug stores in the vicinity of Washington Circle about a year ago, and discontinued operations until about four weeks ago.

Two hours later Russell was taken into custody while entering his home after leaving the laundry, where he is employed. Russell was questioned at police headquarters and admitted, the police say, his part in the alleged forgeries.

It is probable the boys will be photographed to-day, and their measurements taken by the Bertillon system. They will not be arraigned in Police Court for several days, as detectives wish to make further investigation.

The police are trying to locate a negro. Russell is said to have told the detectives that Hoffman said he had given checks to a negro, who had succeeded in cashing the alleged worthless papers.

Payable to Mrs. Kafka. The check dated May 13 was drawn on the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, in Georgetown, for \$25.00. It was payable to Mrs. J. Kafka, and signed Samuel Goldenberg, and indorsed by Joseph E. Ross. The check was cashed at the Merchants and Mechanics Bank.

Two worthless checks were cashed at the Potomac Savings Bank in Georgetown on May 24. The first check was for \$50.00, made payable to the Real Estate and Court Record Company. The name of C. H. Fielding, member of the firm, was forged.

On June 3 two checks were cashed at the Second National Bank, where they were presented by a boy supposed to be Russell. The first check was for \$14.00, payable to W. F. Farrar, an official of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

The second check was for \$18.75, payable to C. H. Fielding, for whom Russell formerly worked. The check is signed F. P. Ruppert and indorsed C. H. Fielding and W. F. Farrar. In a corner of the check was written "for ad." The names on the check are supposed to be forgeries.

The police say the boys met with remarkable success in getting the checks cashed. It is alleged Russell called the paying teller by telephone before going to the bank, and represented himself to be the man who sent the check to be cashed.

Good Judgment Shown. The police assert they have learned of several instances where the boys exercised judgment worthy of an experienced business man. It is alleged that before forging the name of a business man to a check, the boys investigated his standing with a bank and learned his habits in sending checks to be cashed.

Russell showed no signs of nervousness when seen by a reporter for the Washington Herald. "I wish you would keep that out of the paper," he said; but when informed it was impossible, he smiled, and replied: "Oh, well; I guess it will not hurt much. I denied the charges at first, but I admitted after they questioned me a short while. I am glad I admitted it now, for I feel better. I did not believe I was capable of such a thing, but the police told me I have done. There did not seem much wrong in the things I did. Hoffman wrote all the checks and gave them to me to take to the banks, and that is all there is to it."

The police did not learn Russell was implicated until after the arrest of Hoffman. The latter is the son of Joseph Hoffman, a tailor.

The boys are charged with false pretenses. It is probable the additional charge of forgery will be added, but this will not be done until after the police have consulted with the district attorney. Forgery is punishable by a term in the penitentiary, and it is not considered likely a jury would convict the boys of a penitentiary offense. The police say it is probable the boys will be either sent to the District jail or reform school.

WIFE CHARGES BIGAMY. Mrs. Maggie B. Lanham Wants a Separation from Husband.

Charging her husband, George M. Lanham, with bigamy, Maggie B. Lanham applied to the District Supreme Court yesterday for an annulment of her marriage.

She says she was married to the defendant in Washington July 5, 1905, and that he was then the husband of another woman. She asks to be allowed to resume her maiden name of Maggie B. Key. She is represented by Attorneys Campbell and Edmund Carrington.

GRAY'S WRITING EXAMINED. Experts Testify at Trial of Accused Bookkeeper.

The handwriting of Oden B. Gray is undergoing a rigid scrutiny in his trial in Criminal Court No. 1, on a charge of abstracting money from the Washington Loan and Trust Company, of which he was bookkeeper, and forging two checks, aggregating \$6,000.

Throughout the session yesterday, while Dr. David N. Carvalho, a New York handwriting expert, and J. F. Shearman, an expert in the handwriting of the defendant, testified to the jury points of similarity between the admitted and suspected writing of Gray, Dr. Edward M. Schaeffer, a local expert, sat with the attorneys for the defense, advising the jury of the points to stand to combat the testimony of the government with regard to handwriting.

Dr. Carvalho pointed out twenty-three characteristics in which he told the jury Gray's handwriting was similar to that on the deposit slips the defendant is alleged to have made out in opening accounts with the National Capital Bank and the United States Trust Company. Testimony along the same line was given by Mr. Shearman.

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RAFT ADDRESSES CATHOLIC PRIESTS

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pend either upon resources drawn from without the islands, or upon the congregation themselves, is a change that puts a tremendous strain upon the church, and yet that change is going to have to be made. In the end, I believe it will strengthen the church there, as freedom and complete tolerance and complete separation of church and state strengthen the Roman and every church that has the chapel car of the process to go through, and where people have been in the habit of looking to the church for aid and for support, to bring them around to believe that they have got to contribute, that they are the church, and that they are responsible to keep the church, involves a lesson that it takes years to inculcate, and during that time, of course, there is a lack of money support that entails an enormous sacrifice upon the church in conducting the church in the islands.

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CHEEK-Departed this life Wednesday, June 9, 1909, at 4:30 p. m., at the residence of her father, Henry Johnson, HELEN JOHNSON CHEEK, wife of Frank Cheek.

Funeral services at St. Luke's P. R. Church Saturday, June 12, at 2 p. m.

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There Are So Many and Such Valuable Prizes That Everybody Should Be Working.

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Work for The Washington Herald and for Yourself at the Same Time.

The interest in this contest is not so great but that you should like to see more of it. It is impossible to understand why any one should be distinguished to work in a contest where such a magnificent array of prizes are to be given away.

It is stranger still if there be those who are staying out of the race because they do not understand our proposition. We have talked about it so much and explained it so thoroughly that every one should by this time know all about it.

There is only a short while left during which you will be allowed to enter, and yet you can win even now if you will come in at once. There are so few candidates in some of the districts that the prizes cannot possibly be paid for unless more and busier contestants enter.

You can easily see which districts we have reference to by a casual glance over the list. A closer look will show you what the contestants are doing, and after you have noted this we should like to ask you what you think of it. And yet these prizes must be given away.

The District prizes are the same in every district, though in some of the districts they will be paid for, while in others we do not see how it is going to be done unless, as we say, something happens between now and midnight of June 15.

We wish you would go out and take a look at that \$5,850 Midway and Shannon "Home of a Hundred Ideas." It is one of the prettiest and neatest things you ever saw in the way of homes, and it is located in one of the most desirable parts of Washington. Every one who has seen it is delighted with it, and you will be, too, as soon as you have gone through it thoroughly from basement to top floor.

When you have seen it you will be sure to want it, and we think it likely that you may be induced thereby to work for it. That is our reason for offering it to get you to work in the interests of The Washington Herald. But we want to remind you that you will at the same time be working for yourself. Don't be afraid that your efforts will be wasted. You can win if you energy will hold out until July 2. After that date the contest will be no more, and you can rest as long as you wish.

The twenty-vote coupons which were published a few days ago have occasioned some heavy balloting, so you must not be surprised when you see Sunday's list. We hope that you got your share of the ballots, and that you will in the future get your share of the subscriptions.

HOW VOTES WILL BE ISSUED

THE WASHINGTON HERALD'S VOTING CONTEST.

A number of inquiries have been received regarding the scale of votes in The Washington Herald's Great Voting Contest, which leads us to believe it necessary to publish the Declining Vote Scale in each issue of this paper. Below will be found any information you may desire upon this subject.

SECOND PERIOD-From May 3 to June 15, 1909.

BY MAIL OR CARRIER.

THIRD PERIOD-From June 16 to July 2, 1909.

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