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YOUNG MOTHER FIGHTS DESPERATE BATTLE FOR BABY BOY

*Life of Pearl Jensen, Jailed as Kidnaping of Her Own
Child, Is Full of Sordid Facts and Shattered
Dreams—She's Fighting the State.*

Tacoma, Wash., April 8.—“Because I took my own child they jailed me as a kidnaping! Is there a mother in the country who would not ignore the state and the law to get her most priceless possession—her baby?”

This is what Mrs. Pearl Jensen, a slip of a girl 23 years old, in a cell in the city jail here on a charge of kidnaping wants to know. With her is her 6-year-old boy, over whom relatives have waged a battle that has been fought in a half-dozen courts of the Northwest.

The Tacoma police would release her in a minute if they only had the authority.

But the state of Oregon, impelled by the child's grandmother, Mrs. Eva

Hamilton of Portland, has ordered that the mother and child be locked up—and the law must be complied with.

The story of Mrs. Jensen's life is full of sordid facts such as the average young wife never dreams of. She was born and raised in Oregon, living in Oregon City and Portland as a child.

She married Fred Hamilton, son of Mrs. Eva Hamilton, in Portland, and divorced him shortly after her child, Charles Gilbert Hamilton, was born.

Then she married William Jensen, and left her baby with its grandmother in Portland while she went to Alaska with her new husband.

She left Jensen, returned to Port-