

'OFFICER' FACES CRIMINAL CHARGE

GAY LIEUTENANT COMES TO GRIEF

ACCUSED OF GRAND LARCENY

Probably the Last Chapter in the Strange Career of Falconer Will End With His Trial on a Grave Charge

Another chapter—perhaps the last—was opened yesterday afternoon in the strange case of S. D. Fallon-Briggs alias Lieut. A. S. Falconer, when Officer Roy L. Allen escorted the alleged naval officer before Judge Chambers to be arraigned on the charge of grand larceny. Not only did the event begin a most interesting sequel, but it marked the successful culmination of one of the most skillful and brilliant bits of detective work that has been accomplished in the history of the local department.

Patrolman Allen became interested in the case during the latter part of May, when Briggs was much before the public as an injured lieutenant of the United States engineering department. At that time, Officer Allen was convinced the man was a criminal, but he did not begin work on the case until the federal government imprisoned the "lieutenant" on the charge of impersonating an army officer.

Receiving permission from his superiors to work on the case in leisure moments, Allen soon had an over abundance of evidence to convict him of petit larceny. Then the department detailed Allen on the case regularly.

Secures Evidence

Within two days he secured evidence that he was sure would convict Briggs of stealing a satchel containing \$180 worth of tools, a watch and books from August Anderson, a Santa Fe engineer. These things were stolen from Anderson's room in the Broxburn at the corner of Fifth and Hill streets during his absence from the city in the latter part of May. Having secured a clear case, Allen went to the federal authorities, secured their consent to drop their charge against the man, and yesterday when the federal government released him from the county jail, Allen arrested Briggs. Judge Chambers set the trial for tomorrow, and fixed the bail at \$1500.

"Lieut. Ashley Shelby Le Roy Falconer" or Briggs, claiming to be a member of the engineering department of the United States army, appeared in Los Angeles May 25. That evening he sent personal notes to the editors of the various papers giving them an "exclusive" tip on an alleged duel between himself and a prominent San Francisco attorney in a local club. Reporters found it difficult to obtain information regarding "Falconer," because he was reticent and hard of hearing. A picture supposedly of him and his daughters that appeared proved to be a fake. His supposed daughter turned out to be the little daughter of a minister of Tustin.

Accused in San Diego

When these facts came to light an investigation of "Falconer's" past was made. May 13, Briggs finished a term of six months' imprisonment in San Diego for stealing a gun and some gems. There he is said to have posed as the western representative of the American Detective association.

From San Diego Briggs came to Los Angeles. He always wore a semi-military uniform and said he was an army and a naval officer. He often gained sympathy by the story that his wife had gone on the stage and left him and the daughter, who was in a convent at San Diego. The picture aided his story and he was entertained by some of the best residents of Los Angeles.

After his exposure here he went to Colton and was arrested there by the federal authorities on the charge of impersonating an officer of the government.

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AGED 'BOYS' FIGHT ON A DOWNTOWN CORNER

Ride in Automobile Patrol Wagon Costs N. R. Hammon and Lewis Row Twenty Dollars Each

"Send the patrol wagon and two policemen, quick! Two boys are having a desperate fight at the corner of First and Main streets," came a hurried telephone call at the police station early last night.

The "hurry call" was answered by the required number of officers and the automobile patrol wagon, but great was Sergeant Spark's surprise when the two "boys" were ushered in by Tom Rice, for one gave his name as N. R. Hammon, 60 years old, and the other said he was known as Lewis Row and was 55 years old.

The appearance of the two combatants showed that they had been fighting and both men tried to explain at the same time. Row alleged that Hammon owed him money for some carpenter work, and Hammon denied the charge. Someone had hit Row over the head with a cane, and a moment later Hammon was struck on the nose by somebody's fist. When the two men went to the police station, Hammon carried a broken walking stick and the skin was peeled off the knuckles of Row's right hand.

Both men were arrested, but were released later on \$20 bail each.

SUPPOSED ARMY OFFICER, FETED AND DINED, NOW FACES A CHARGE OF GRAND LARCENY



OFFICER ROY ALLEN, WHO IS BEING COMPLIMENTED FOR CLEVER DETECTIVE WORK

"LIEUTENANT FALCONER," WHOSE CAREER AS A GAY ARMY OFFICER SEEMS TO BE NEARING AN END

WIFE KEPT BUSY DODGING MISSILES

HATCHET AND COFFEE HURLED AT HER HEAD

SAYS HUSBAND ABUSED HER

Mrs. J. Cleo Jex Is Granted Divorce After Telling Peculiar Story of Her Domestic Unhappiness

One small hatchet and a cup of rather warm coffee were the two roots of evil mentioned in a suit for divorce instituted yesterday morning before Judge Trask in department four of the superior court by Mrs. J. Cleo Jex against Fred W. Jex.

The couple were married in Colorado four years ago, and since that time, according to the evidence, things went lively in the little household. Several neighbors were on hand to testify in behalf of Mrs. Jex yesterday, but not a word came from friends of the defendant, and the case went by default.

Regarding the hatchet and the coffee Mrs. Jex told the court that on one occasion when her husband was in a fit of temper, he hurled the hatchet at her head, missing by a narrow margin. The coffee played the leading part in another tantrum, when it was alleged a cup of the beverage was also hurled at the head of the woman.

This form of love and cherishing evidently did not appeal to Mrs. Jex in the light intended, for she remonstrated with her husband and received a black eye.

Objected to Wife's Cooking Mrs. Jex further testified her husband created trouble because the cooking did not suit him. There would be too much pepper in the meat or not enough salt in the potatoes. The bacon had been fried a little too dry or the peanuts were not properly roasted.

She alleged her husband often became enraged and tore her clothes and struck her. On one occasion she asked him to mow the lawn and he told her he would not do it. "I then said I would mow the lawn," testified Mrs. Jex, "and he said: 'If you do I will know how to fix you.' At another time I stooped to pick up my hat which had fallen to the floor and before I could stand up again he struck me in the face. While he was conducting a grocery store in Los Angeles, he swore at me every time I went near the place, and people would not trade at his place because of his treatment. Finally he left me, telling me he was going home to his mother."

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NOTED JEWISH RABBI TO VISIT LOS ANGELES

Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch of Chicago Will Be Tendered a Banquet

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VETERANS PAY LOVING TRIBUTE TO DEAD COMRADE

Impressive simplicity marked the funeral services over the remains of Maj. W. H. Bonsall, which were held yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 1315 West Adams street. Dr. J. J. Wilkins, dean and rector of St. Paul's pro-cathedral, read the Episcopal service. Preceding the service a large number of friends viewed the remains. The casket was embowered in beautiful floral tributes.

The funeral cortege was met at the gate of Rosedale cemetery by veterans from the Soldiers' home, who formed a military escort to the grave. (Dr. Wilkins made a short address, speaking of the consolation of the doctrine of immortality and of the life of the departed. This was followed by the committal service and the ritual of the G. A. R. Two firing squads, one from the Soldiers' home and the other from Bartlett-Logan post, fired a last salute, after which taps were sounded.

Bartlett-Logan post attended in a body, two special cars conveying the soldiers from the home to the cemetery. A large number of friends attended.

The pall-bearers were members of the Loyal Legion and G. A. R., of which organizations the deceased was a member. They were: Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, Maj. E. W. Jones, Maj. C. F. E. Klokke, Col. C. C. Allen of the Loyal Legion, and Maj. Reber, Messrs. W. H. Heffelfinger, Van Horn and Koraer of the G. A. R.

NEW CITY DIRECTORY SHOWS LARGE POPULATION

Figures Totaled Some Months Ago Are Near the Two Hundred Thousand Mark

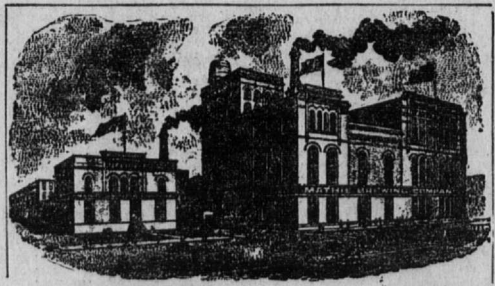
According to the new directory of Los Angeles, which has just been published, the city is near the 200,000 mark. The actual figures, which, however, were checked up some months ago, are 190,193.

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Boys' \$2.50 Suits \$1.00

Boys' suits, made from all wool tweeds and chevrons; neat patterns; some in plain colors; all of them well tailored; sizes for boys from 8 to 16 years; excellent values at \$2.50. Tuesday morning, on second floor, \$1.00.

Boys' \$2.00 Bicycle Pants \$1.19

Boys' bicycle pants, made from best grade corduroy; reinforced seat; double stitched seams, guaranteed not to rip; sizes for boys from 7 to 16; just the quality and style that is sold all over town for \$2.00. This morning, \$1.19.

15c Neckties 7 1/2c

Boys' midget string ties; fine grade silk; worth 15c. This morning, on the second floor, 7 1/2c.

Men's 50c Work Shirts 25c

Men's work shirts of heavy drill, sateen or chambray; dark colors only; full cut; double stitched; all sizes; regular 50c values. This morning, 25c each.

25c Summer Under Vests 12 1/2c

Women's summer vests; high neck and long sleeves; ribbed; well taped; all sizes; worth regularly 25c. This morning, 12 1/2c each.

25c Ribbons 9c

All silk fancy ribbons; plain taffetas and satin taffetas; some pillow ruffles in the lot; good ribbons worth 25c. This morning, 9c a yard.

15c Handkerchiefs 4c

Women's handkerchiefs, all linen, some with hemstitched borders, others lace trimmed; 10c and 15c value. This morning, 4c.

15c All-Over Lace 4c

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