

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 6, 1906.

BRIDE SEEKS TO LIBERATE HUSBAND

HOFFMAN'S WIFE SAYS HE IS INNOCENT

Trouble Over Requisition Papers Gives Loophole of Escape to Miss. Sourian Charged With Embezzlement

Dressed in the latest style, her neat violet walking suit contrasting oddly with the dingy colors of the criminal court room, Mrs. Claude L. Hoffman of Denver yesterday appeared in Judge Smith's department of the superior court and petitioned that her husband, Claude L. Hoffman, be released on habeas corpus proceedings.

As Attorney Horace H. Appel, who represents the young woman, desired a little more time for certain investigation of papers issued by Governor Pardee, the case was continued until Monday, when the pretty young wife will make her fight for her husband's freedom.

Carelessness on the part of Gov. Joe Folk of Missouri in signing the requisition papers in the case is said to be largely responsible for the delay and alleged carelessness on the part of some local officials is said to have opened a chance for Hoffman to secure his freedom on the habeas corpus proceedings.

The story of the arrest and incarceration of young Hoffman is pathetic, but the brunt of the trouble has fallen to the lot of his fair young wife and she, accepting the trust, has been working night and day to secure his release.

Hoffman left his home in St. Joseph, Mo., several weeks ago. His trip was to be the most important of his life, and his first stop was at Denver, where his wedding was celebrated. With his pretty young bride Hoffman came to Los Angeles.

He arrived here on Christmas eve and was preparing to spend an enjoyable holiday when his honeymoon was rudely broken into by Detective Harvey Davis, who arrested him on a charge of embezzlement.

The charge was brought by William Chittenden, Hoffman's partner in St. Joseph, and the warrant was accompanied by a petition for requisition papers from Gov. Folk.

It was charged that Hoffman took for his own use \$300 out of the funds of the contracting firm of which he was a member.

The young man denies all the charges against him and says the trouble is due to spite work on the part of Chittenden. He is indignant at the manner in which local detectives rifled his belongings and took possession of everything of value.

SAYS HIS WIFE RUNS AMUCK, SMASHES HOUSE AND FURNITURE

ANGELO MARCHESI APPLIES FOR DIVORCE

Proprietor of Winery Tells Harrowing Story of Domestic Woes—Aserts Woman Destroyed Valuable Piano

Of all the hard luck stories and tales of misery ever told in a local court room the story of Angelo Marchesi's married life, told by him yesterday on the witness stand of Judge York's court room, when he asked for a divorce, is said to far eclipse all others.

Marchesi, once known as the jolliest little man of the Italian quarter, appeared wan and pale yesterday and looked as though he fully deserved the title of the "Misery Kid" which has been conferred upon him by some of his friends.

Marchesi has been well known in Los Angeles for the past fourteen years and for many years was proprietor of a winery.

But the money amassed by the little man did not satisfy him. He had a goodly sum of it and as he never drank the increase of his capital was constant, but still he failed to fully enjoy life.

In June of 1903 Marchesi went to Buffalo. It was one of the few enjoyments he had allowed himself, and while there he met and married the woman who was to figure prominently in his life.

According to Marchesi's statements yesterday, his wife was not sylvan-like in form. She weighed slightly over 170, most of which was the real "muscle."

Is Whacked With Rolling Pin Following the wedding they came to Los Angeles and Marchesi fitted up a beautiful little home for his wife and then the trouble began.

The first outbreak occurred in August, when, according to allegations brought out in the divorce proceedings yesterday, Mrs. Jennie Marchesi proceeded to become intoxicated. She threw her husband at the door with a smile and a rolling pin and while she greeted him with the former, she whacked him on the head with the latter.

In explaining the incident yesterday Marchesi said that his wife had hit his hat with the rolling pin and had broken the hat. He later remarked that the hat had adorned his head during the performance.

Then came the real original misery. Mrs. Marchesi, according to her husband's statements, became intoxicated three times a week regularly, and at such times her actions were most peculiar. On one occasion she secured her husband's clothes and cut them to pieces so that until rescued by friends he had to remain in his room.

The story of Mrs. Marchesi's tantrums were told as follows yesterday by her husband: "Well," he said, "she used to get drunk, and that was what caused most of the trouble. Often when I would come home and she would be there intoxicated she would scratch me and beg me to fight her. At one time when I had furnished the house well I came home to find trouble awaiting me.

Smashes the Piano "First she slammed me on the head with a stick and then she cut at me with a knife and tore my clothes and cut them. She then broke the furniture, swung my watch around her head three times and sent it crashing through the dresser mirror, broke down the doors and broke out the window glasses. She cut the bedding to pieces and ripped up the mattresses.

"Then she got a hammer and went to the parlor where the piano was. I had just paid \$450 for it, but that didn't matter, and she went at it with the hammer, smashed the sides, banged the keys to pieces, wrecked the strings and made the whole instrument look like a bunch of junk.

"As a grand finale she picked up a lighted lamp and threw it at me, and it broke and set fire to the house. "Then she told me that if I would take her to some different climate she would be better, so I took her to Seattle and fixed up a nice house, but it was all the same there and she wrecked that house and I brought her back to Los Angeles and gave her another chance, but it was skidoo to the fall uncut for me whenever she started for there was no stopping her. She wrecked another house here and then demanded \$200 from me, which I gave her. She then left, but she insists on disturbing me in my work."

The case was taken under submission by Judge York.

Get Interlocutory Decrees Interlocutory decrees of divorce were granted yesterday in the suits of Amelia McKee against Benj. F. McKee, Adrienne O'Dell against Fred O'Dell, Arthur O. Adams against A. M. Adams and Mrs. Creet Murphy against Frank Murphy.

TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP Chamber of Commerce Makes Effort to Recruit Number of New Workers Los Angeles chamber of commerce is making a strong endeavor to increase its membership to 3000, although it is now the largest organization of its kind in the United States, having 2150 members.

THOMPSON NOW FEIGNS INSANITY

LATER ATTACK CHANGES TO LUMBAGO

Wife Refuses to Believe He is Married to Six Other Women, but Will Aid in Prosecuting Her Husband

Crouching in his cell, gazing blankly at the walls and muttering the most absurd nonsense, Dr. William Thompson, husband of the wealthy Mrs. Riggs Thompson of Venice, spends his time at the county jail in vain attempts to impress the prison officials with the idea that he is insane.

Thompson reached Los Angeles yesterday morning accompanied by Sheriff White. The man gazed blankly at his former acquaintances, but refused to recognize them.

At 10 o'clock he was taken to Justice Young's court and arraigned on a charge of having extorted a check. He appeared to have no idea of what was going on and had to be assisted to his feet at the order of the court.

"When do you want this examination?" queried the justice, and Thompson muttered, "Two minutes," and then seemed to forget everything and everybody.

Acts as Though Insane Again questions regarding the trial were put to him but all he said was "My head aches." As he was being taken back to jail one of the deputies asked him where he had taken the train for Riverside, and the man answered something that sounded like "bull durham."

Officers, however, refuse to put any faith in Thompson's alleged insanity unless, as they state, he may have taken opiates.

"That insanity game will not work with the district attorney's office," said Deputy Fleming yesterday. "I talked with that man Saturday and he is perfectly sane and rational. This spell of insanity has come on too suddenly."

Thompson seems now to realize his condition. Up until last Saturday his relations with his wealthy wife had been most amicable and they were happy in their little home at Venice.

Saturday Thompson is alleged to have walked into his wife's apartments, placed a revolver on the table and demanded that his wife sign a check for \$6000. This the trembling woman did, after protest, but she does not state that her husband raised the check to \$16,000.

Instead she seems to believe that she signed the check for the larger amount believing it to have been written for \$16,000.

When the check was presented at the bank by Thompson, the cashier noticed it had been signed by some one who appeared nervous, and he held it up

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"We are making plans to build our own track from Riverside to Daggett, I cannot say just when we will begin work, but it will be in the near future." This statement was made by ex-Senator Thomas Kearns of Salt Lake City, a member of the board of directors of the Salt Lake railroad, at the Angelus hotel last night.

"Have you made a contract with the Santa Fe for the use of their industrial switches in Los Angeles?" was asked of Mr. Kearns.

"I am not talking about those things now," responded the ex-senator in a decisive way that indicated that further questioning upon this subject would get no reply.

until an investigation could be made. Sunday Thompson viewed the world from behind the bars of a cell in the county jail, but Monday his wife, refusing to believe anything charged against him, came to his aid and secured a bondsman for him.

He was released under the conditions that his wife should look after him. Wednesday night they came to Los Angeles and while on the car going up Angels' flight Thompson jumped and escaped. He was arrested on a train at Calientes by Deputy Frank Cochran.

Before Thompson had a good chance to go free because his wife refused to give the money for his bond she was willing to go on his bond and do anything for him, but now she refuses to raise a hand for his defense.

Yesterday when Thompson appeared in court looking like a half plucked fowl because of the fact that in order to disguise himself he had bargled off his mustache with a pair of dull scissors, there was no wife to greet him.

He went through the insanity performance all by himself, much to the amusement of the spectators, but there was no wife to comfort him.

Instead, in a statement made yesterday, Mrs. Thompson declared that she would let the law take its course and that she would prosecute her husband to the full limit.

Several allegations were made yesterday to the effect that Thompson had made a specialty of wealthy widows and that he is now married to six, but his present wife refuses to believe the allegation.

Late yesterday afternoon Deputy District Attorney Fleming sent for Thompson. The physician appeared accompanied by Deputy Cleveland.

MAN HURT, TEAM KILLED BY CAR

VERNON COACH STRIKES A TEAMSTER'S WAGON

Driver Escapes Death Only by a Narrow Margin—Thrown Many Feet by Force of Impact

In a collision between Vernon avenue car No. 38 and a dairy wagon at the corner of Central avenue and Thirtieth street shortly after 5 o'clock last night, the driver, A. Smith, had a narrow escape from death and one of his horses was instantly killed. The other horse was so badly injured that it was shot. The wagon was entirely demolished.

According to witnesses of the accident, Smith attempted to cross the tracks in front of the rapidly moving car.

As he was half way across the tracks the car crashed down upon the wagon, killing one of the horses instantly and wounding the other. The driver was hurled from his seat and only by the narrow margin escaped being killed or seriously injured. The wagon was left a pile of splinters.

The injured driver and the wounded horse were taken into a nearby blacksmith shop, where an effort was made to save the horse's life and temporary medical treatment given Smith. Smith was later taken to his home.

The conductor and motorman of the car refused to give their names.

BURGLAR GETS DIAMONDS

Man Believed to Have Entered Residence During Day Hours at Night

A burglar robbed Miss Nellie Vandall of 87 North Alameda street of two diamond rings, a diamond stickpin and a gold watch and chain last Thursday night after the young woman retired.

Miss Vandall retired late Thursday night. When she arose yesterday morning she found her door open and her valuables missing. Owing to the fact that her door was open and that the front door to her residence had been opened from the inside she is certain that the robber entered the house during the day and hid under her bed until the occupants had retired.

Cruiser Chicago at San Francisco By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The cruiser Chicago, flagship of the Pacific squadron, arrived in port yesterday after a cruise to the Hawaiian islands. The warship will stay here until about January 16, when it is expected she will cruise to Santa Barbara.

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Celza Ascarte, a pretty Mexican girl, aged 14 years, was arrested yesterday by Officers Rico, Talamantes and Ritch on charges of petty larceny. The girl, who is an orphan and lives at 2191 East Fourteenth street, is accused of having stolen several pieces of jewelry, silverware and curios while employed at the residence of G. F. Burrall, 2196 East Fourteenth street.

When arrested the girl denied the thefts, saying the articles were given her. The shock of her being arrested caused her to become suddenly ill and the officers had her removed to a hospital. In the meantime an investigation is being made by the officers with the hopes of recovering more property said to be missing from the Burrall residence.

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