

WAS SCHECK'S BROKEN HEART TELLS FOR FIRST TIME HER OWN STORY

As a Child She Lived a Gypsy Life. Figure of Her Murdered Husband Always Near—Her Future Plans

BY R. H. YOST, JR. After more than three months' imprisonment the gates of the city jail will open wide next Thursday morning when Mrs. Aurella Scheck, alleged accomplice to one of the most horrible murders of local history, will leave the city institution a free woman, free to forget the past—if she can—and free to go to her brother's home and try and make amends in the future for the blow it is alleged she has dealt society and her race.

Thursday morning is to be the day of her preliminary examination. Three different times that preliminary examination has been set and each time the girl has taken to court simply to assert to a postponement of the case until Attorney Fleming, representative of the district attorney's office, could be present in court.

The troubles of Mrs. Scheck are about to end so far as prosecution is concerned, for she will not be prosecuted.

Prisoner's Statement Thursday On Thursday morning Attorney Paul Tischer, who has fought the woman's case for her, says he will make a public statement regarding the disposal of the case, but the story of the promise of immunity from punishment extended Mr. Tischer in behalf of his client has already come to light and so when Mrs. Scheck appears in the dingy little court room of the police station it will be but a preliminary step to a final and summary for the criminal prosecution will never take place and the complaint against the woman will be dismissed.

The district attorney agreed to such a condition long ago in the interests of justice in order that one of the two concerned might be prosecuted and Mrs. Scheck took the stand against Stackpole with at least a very good idea that she would never face a jury on the same charge.

"State's evidence" is a time honored condition and has been used in nearly every famous case in history, and the release of Mrs. Scheck will only be the last step in the prosecution of the slayers of Joel Scheck.

Cry of Horror When the details of the horrible murder of Joel Scheck came to light many weeks ago there was a cry of horror from men and women of the southwest, a cry of loathing against the wife and a cry of vengeance against the man. Time has softened that condition.

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Who she was or what she was doing there in the matron's room I did not know, but I watched her deft fingers ply the needle in a mass of embroidery and lace and her cleverness rather fascinated me.

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PRISON DOORS WILL OPEN FOR STACKPOLE'S VICTIM'S WIDOW



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the waiting room, and as a matter of course nodded to a bright, neat appearing young woman who sat there.

The matron left us and I waited, and in the meantime watched the girl.

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"What chance did I have? I had no education, I had been reared as a gypsy and at the time when young girls are budding into womanhood and having a good time with their friends in little entertainments I was compelled to kick away at a berry box making machine.

"I married Joel Scheck when I was 17 years of age. He was only a boy and we went to live on San Julian street.

"At that time I went to work at my mother's lodging house. I did the work for her for a while and would then

hurry home and do the work at my own home.

"It was at my mother's house that I met Ernest G. Stackpole. He was a boarder there, and in that way we met every day. He said he was just in from Arizona, and he always had plenty of money.

"At first he would tease me when I went to his room to make up my bed and sweep. Then he wanted me to drink, and he showed me what nice drinks he could make. I paid little attention to him until he became so persistent that in a moment of weakness I accepted a small glass of wine from him.

"That was the beginning of the end. After that he was always importuning me to drink. When my husband was around we all three drank, and so I didn't think it was so bad after that.

Visit Cafes "Then we gradually became more intimate. We went to downtown cafes at all hours of the night, my husband being always along. We went to theaters and entertainments, to beaches and parks, and Stackpole was always putting up the money.

"My husband drank the liquor and accepted the hospitality and never paid a cent. I was only a girl and knew nothing of the ways of a girl's ruin. At the cafes I saw other young girls drinking. Many of them became drunk and had to be carried away.

"I said that and became afraid, but my husband was there and Stackpole was always good humored. It was a sorry day for me that I accepted his invitation to go to an afternoon matinee, for we later went to a cafe. There he made a drink for me, and when I had swallowed the stuff I didn't know what had happened to me. My mind was a blank. When I came to my senses I was in a room with him.

Begins Murder Talk "Then he had me, and he knew it. When he went away he wrote five times to me before I answered, and then he began to talk of the killing. I did not appreciate what it meant until he had written many times. I dared not tell my husband, for I feared Stackpole. He told me that if I told he would kill us all.

"To protect my husband I dared say nothing. When he returned he told me to come to him or the killing would begin at once.

"What could I do? I went to him and was his slave again. I did as he said. I drank the drugs he gave me and did not know what I was doing. I threatened to tell the police, and he said that if I did it would only precipitate the murder, for he would kill us all. On the night of the killing he told me that he would kill us all if I dared to say anything against him.

"The events of that night seem to me more like a hideous dream, a dream which has been with me constantly until I feel that I will lose my mind. I see it all over again until my eyes start from my head.

Warns Other Girls "And oh, that some other girls might take warning from my condition. I never had a chance, never an education, never a chance to get up in the world. I was only a child and had always lived with my mother.

DECLARES DRUGGISTS ENCOURAGE ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN LIQUOR

Police Commissioner Saddler Would Take Off the Limit on Saloons, Clip the Wings of Drug Counter Tippling and Swell the City's Revenue Thereby

Take the 500 limit off the saloons, divide the increased revenue to the city among the police and fire departments, in order that the police may have sufficient money to suppress the existing illicit traffic in liquor, is the demand of the Police Commissioner Charles Saddler, who has begun in an open letter, which he calls the "Liquor Question."

Mr. Saddler is the latest member to be added to the police commission. He was appointed by Mayor McInerney to succeed O. T. Johnson, resigned, and his opinions on the liquor question are diametrically opposed to those expressed by Mr. Johnson when he was a member of the board.

In his letter Mr. Saddler has made grave charges against the drug stores.

Makes Changes He declares they are violating the law every day by selling liquor to secure evidence and prosecute, and that the police department has not this money.

He believes that a greater number of retail and wholesale liquor houses would reduce the liquor business done by the drug stores and that the city would reap the benefit in increased revenue. If this is impossible, he declares, an increased license should be levied against those retail saloons which are doing business. His letter is as follows:

"Of all the questions that confront the interests of a municipality none forms a more dominant part in the mind of the public than the so-called 'liquor question' in its various aspects.

"Having recently been appointed a member of the board of police commissioners—without solicitation on my part I may add—but having now served for a number of months, I have formed some opinions on the subject, and as an officer of the city sworn to protect and advance its interests I may be pardoned if I bring them to public notice.

Sunday Sales "For some months quite an agitation has ensued on the part of the press as well as the public in regard to the Sunday sale of liquors at restaurants with liquor licenses.

"The ordinance prescribes that a meal should be served with the sale, and much quibbling has been going on as to what constitutes a 'square meal.'

"To me it would seem that too much importance is attached to this question. Appetites of people differ, and what one would call a very respectable meal might by others be termed a light lunch.

"It is difficult to draw the line here, and in this regard I would favor a liberal interpretation and enforcement of the ordinance. But when the public evil is far greater crime, namely, the sale of liquors without license by drug stores, goes on unabated.

Has Evidence "I have positive evidence that from fifty to seventy-five drug stores in this city sell malt liquors as well as whisky in large quantities, reaping a handsome profit from these illicit sales. It is to this phase of the liquor question which I invite the attention of the reformers, trusting that they may turn their batteries and wreak their vengeance on these hypocritical evildoers and lawbreakers.

"Quite a number of years ago the limit of the number of saloons was by regulation fixed at 200, but since then the city has grown tremendously, as everyone knows. Quite naturally the consumption of liquor and malt beverages has increased in proportion. It is evidenced by the establishment of two new breweries and a phenomenal increase in the capacity of the older ones. It is a fact that no more agencies of distribution exist now than at the time when the city had 75,000 or 100,000 people.

It is here where the lawbreakers step in and rob the city of thousands, even ten thousands of dollars annually.

Takes Time and Money "One may say 'arrest the guilty parties, bring them to justice and punish them.'

"Neither," she answered, and her eyes began to fill with tears. "It is Joel's fault, and I know it. I realized how heartless the question was.

The girl looked as though she had been struck. Gradually her head dropped forward and her hands went to her face.

"Oh, how I miss him," she moaned. "In the daytime I want him until I wish to die. But at night when the others have gone to sleep and I can't sleep I lie over the bars of my cell and look up at the darkness and wonder if he can know how I want him.

"I see his face and hear his voice as if he were in life and it fairly takes my soul from me.

them. But it takes time and money to work up a case, and when it is done the offenders are brought into the police court and let off with an insignificant fine, only to resume their nefarious practice.

"On every hand we hear of the lack of revenue in the various city departments, but this lack is felt no more keenly than in the police department, where extra men are needed every badly. To obviate this I may suggest several remedies, the first of which would be an increase in the number of saloons, but to this there seems to be a great opposition, the reason for which I fall to comprehend.

Sales Increasing "The increase in population conditions an increase in the sale of intoxicants, as every one will admit; and in my opinion it would be better to have the liquor sold openly by an additional number of saloons, distributed in certain well defined districts, than surreptitiously by drug stores. Fifty more saloons at the present rate of license would bring the city an increase in revenue amounting to \$45,000; 100 would bring \$90,000.

"Another remedy to offset this illicit sale of liquors would be the issuance of licenses for wholesale liquor houses, who would thus do the business legitimately that is carried on illegitimately by drug stores. If for 100 drug stores thriving on ill gotten gains could be substituted 100 wholesale liquor houses with a monthly license of \$60 the city would derive another additional \$72,000. If this is thought too high let the number be less.

Raising Licenses "A third remedy for the increase of the city's precarious financial needs would be the raising of the saloon licenses from \$75 per saloon to \$100 or \$125. For the 200 saloons now doing business this would mean an increase of \$15,000 or \$30,000, as the case may be. To this but few saloonkeepers would object as every one is now doing a thriving business.

"In my opinion this plan would be very feasible and increase the city's revenue from \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually.

"Such an increase would be judiciously apportioned among the various departments, notably the fire and police departments.

The latter is sorely in need of funds, the present appropriation for a whole year being barely sufficient to last for more than eight months.

"If this were done more policemen and secret service men could be employed, more money be spent for the gathering of evidence, arrest and conviction of the parties violating the liquor laws than can be done now.

"The present existing views of the public I confess that I am actuated only by a desire to do the 'fair and square thing,' as I conceive it.

Not All Guilty "I know there are a goodly number of drug stores that are not tainted by the illicit sale of intoxicants, for which they deserve credit. But the illegal sale of liquors should be stamped out at once.

"January 1, 1905, the people by a nearly two-third majority authorized the sale of intoxicating beverages in this city. If another election were held again it is my firm belief that the verdict of the people would be reiterated even more emphatically. In view of these existing conditions it would seem wise to regulate the sale of liquor by judicious limitations, and to get all the revenue from this source that the city is entitled to.

THREE DROWN WHEN LAUNCH CAPSIZES By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Three persons, two women and a man, were drowned in the lower bay early today when the naphtha launch Sausage, which had drifted helplessly all night with a disabled engine, collided with the second scow of a tow in charge of an unknown tug, which had been appealed to for aid, but refused to stop.

There were eight persons in the launch at the time, but four of them—three men and one woman—were rescued by passing craft soon after the accident.

When the rescues were made no one else was in sight and it was thought four persons had lost their lives, but at noon today one of the women, thought to have gone down, Miss Fannie Day, was brought home in a pitiable condition.

Being an expert swimmer, she had floated in the bay for hours until she became unconscious and knew nothing further until revived on the deck of a tugboat which had picked her up. The woman rescued soon after the Sausage capsized was Miss Mabel Cook.

The names of the drowned persons would not be divulged by those who were rescued, Miss Day and Miss Cook are both employed in a department store.

Celebrate Opening Mass A solemn mass for the prosperity of the scholastic year at St. Vincent's college will be celebrated this morning at 10:45 o'clock at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, corner Grand avenue and Washington street. Rev. H. M. Murtugan, C. M., will be celebrant, Rev. H. J. O'Connor, deacon and Rev. G. J. George, sub-deacon. Very Rev. Dr. S. J. Glass, C. M., president of the college, who recently returned from Europe, will preach the sermon.

DEATH IN DIRTY WATER.

Drinking Water in September Apt to Be Impure.

Many People Use Pe-ru-na to Prevent Ill Results.



A Polluted Reservoir.

Mr. S. A. Doolittle, 253 East 2d Street, Corning, N. Y., writes: "I cannot speak too highly of Peruna, as a tonic and catarrh cure in whatever form, or wherever located.

"I had a great deal of trouble with my bowels and Peruna cured me. My son was very low with catarrh of the stomach and after doctoring for seven weeks he was worse than when we began. The doctor did not seem to understand his case.

"He commenced using Peruna, which helped him right along and he was soon at work again.

"I have recommended Peruna to several of my friends, who have been afflicted and they have been cured.

DURING the month of September the drinking water, especially of cities, is apt to be polluted.

To supply water to a large number of people, rivers and lakes must necessarily be drawn upon.

These places become more or less stagnant during September. Hence the water is impure.

The result is the prevalence of Typhoid fever and bowel diseases.

The natural and surest remedy is to change from polluted to pure drinking water.

This cannot always be done, however. Many people are wholly dependent upon such drinking water as the city may furnish.

Their systems are therefore contaminated with disease germs. Some of the people so contaminated fall easy prey to disease. Such people are those who happen to be in a condition of catarrhal conditions of the mucous membranes of the bowels.

The remedy follows that in cases where the use of contaminated water is unavoidable, the next best thing is to put the system in such a condition as to resist the action of disease germs.

A multitude of people have come to rely upon Peruna to do this very thing.

Peruna produces clean, healthy mucous membranes. These protect the internal organs from the encroachments of disease.

Peruna produces a regular, vigorous circulation of the blood. This gives vitality to withstand the depressing influence of September weather.

Eastern Excursions In October

Buffalo, \$85.50 St. Louis \$67.50

Christian Church Convention at Buffalo. Dates of sale, Oct. 6 and 8. Return limit, Nov. 15.

Methodist Episcopal Church Assn. Convention at St. Louis. Dates of sale, Oct. 12 and 13. Return limit, Nov. 30.

Full particulars, sleeping car arrangements, etc., at 601 So. Spring st. and First street station, where agents will be glad to tell you of the advantages of going

Via The Salt Lake Route NEW YORK GIRLS SEE MILL, SHUDDER, BUT ARE NOT SORRY

Had Heard of California Misses Attending Pugilistic Encounters, and With Escorts, Decided to See Performance

That the manly art of self-defense as handed out by the representatives of McCaffrey's fight trust has taken a deep hold upon the hearts of the fair maids night when during the exhibition of boxing between a number of sprightly youngsters, two popular young men—accompanied by a prominent young society man of Los Angeles, visited the fight pavilion and with ring side seats seemed to take thorough enjoyment in the performance.

The young women are sisters, daughters of F. H. Stone, a retired merchant prince of New York. Miss Ethel, accompanied by her younger sister Agnes, arrived in Los Angeles about two weeks ago and have been visiting relatives on Toberman avenue.

Friday night the two young women, accompanied by a prominent society man of Los Angeles, who incidentally is interested in a number of big mining companies here, started out to attend the Barlow fete.

"We were dressed in ordinary street costume, as we had not fully decided where to go," said Miss Ethel, the elder, yesterday in speaking of her experience.

77 Humphreys' Seventy-Seven Cures Grip and COLDS

Dr. Humphreys' "Seventy-seven" differs from other Cold cures—because it cures by going direct to the sick spot, without disturbing the rest of the system.

No poison, no drugging, no danger to the heart, the kidneys or the lungs—a complete cure—no hanging on of nasty Catarrh or hacking Cough.

"Seventy-seven" is put up in a Small Vial of pleasant pellets that fits the vest pocket.

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A Free Trial Package Sent to All to Prove Its Remarkable Power.

Now that the Pyramid Pile Cure has been discovered and has been proven to be a quick and certain means of relief and lasting cure, there is no excuse for suffering all kinds of pile cures, for it is the best remedy ever used.

Does the Pyramid Pile Cure give immediate relief? Does it cure? Try a sample and prove it to yourself, as thousands have done before you. Then go to your druggist and get a 50 cent box and complete the cure.

The Pyramid Pile Cure acts with a certainty and rapidity that is both pleasing and astonishing. The case of Mr. Geo. B. Bentler, 28 Diversey street, Chicago. We quote his own words:

"I have been a sufferer for 14 years from internal and external piles. I have bought all kinds of pile cures, but get relief but it was all in vain until I read your ad in the American and I sent for a sample, which you sent me. I used it. I have bought one 50c box of Pyramid Pile Cure and one box of Pyramid Ointment. I have used them as you directed and today I bought another 50c box. Gentlemen, candidly speaking I must tell you the truth that I am feeling fine after using one 50c box and I am free from pain at present. I sincerely believe it is one of the best and grandest piles cures in the world. I would advise all sufferers to try the Pyramid Pile Cure, for it is the best remedy ever used. It is a sure cure. I am very thankful for the sample you sent me.

"The Pyramid Pile Cure is a Godsend to the sufferer of piles and I know it." The Pyramid Pile Cure has quickly and easily cured the worst cases of piles. The Pyramid Pile Cure heals ulcers and sores, reduces inflammation and takes away all itching and pain. Prove it to yourself at our own expense. That is all we ask you to do. Send your name and address to the Pyramid Drug Co., 53 Pyramid Building, Marshall, Michigan, and get a free sample package by return mail.