

POLICEMAN SLAYER PLEADS GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER

Soden Had Quarrelled With
Lifelong Friend and School-
mate and Shot Him.

Former Patrolman John P. Soden of the Long Island City station, who was indicted Jan. 27 for murder in the first degree, appeared before Judge Mancuso, in the Court of General Sessions to-day and pleaded guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. He was remanded to the Tombs for a week for sentence.

On Jan. 20, in an argument in a saloon at No. 60 Ninth Avenue, he shot and killed John McGuinness, his life-time friend. The two had been schoolmates in their boyhood.

A special panel had been called to try the case on the murder indictment, beginning May 15. Soden said he had no money to employ counsel and so J. H. Gilbert had been assigned to defend him. It is understood that he acted on Gilbert's service to-day in entering his plea.

Gilbert said Soden had been ten years on the force, with an excellent record. Once he went into a dark basement, at the risk of his life, to save another policeman, held at bay there by an armed burglar.

FOUND DEAD BY GAS, LEAVING NOTE TO GIRL.
Robert Randolph, twenty-three, a B. R. T. trainman, was found dead in bed in a furnished room, at No. 25 Monroe Street, Brooklyn. The gas was turned on and the police found a letter which they say was addressed to a woman named Gladys, at No. 127 Eleventh Street, College Point. Its contents were withheld.

Plea of Fiance Secures Freedom For Sweetheart Who Faced Jail After Conviction for Larceny

Miss Esther Bloom Promises to Direct Future
of Oscar Hirschman and Wins Court
to Suspend Sentence.

The implicit faith and loving devotion of twenty-year-old Esther Bloom to-day won for her fiance, Oscar Hirschman, twenty-four, a suspended sentence after he had appropriated \$2,500 to his own use. Through her own efforts Miss Bloom had collected from friends an initial payment of \$325 in cash towards full restitution. She told Judge Crain in General Sessions to-day "I want to marry this man."

The case of the young defendant was so unusual that his employer, Charles H. Carruthers, of the brokerage firm of Carruthers, Pell & Co., No. 15 Broad Street, told Judge Crain he would not have prosecuted his bookkeeper had it not been for the force of circumstances. When arraigned last July, Hirschman, who lives at No. 64 East 113th Street, admitted drawing a \$500 check, presumably for a customer, and then diverting it to his own use.

Hirschman's father was critically ill at the time and probation officers verified the prisoner's statements that he had used all the money to obtain medical attention for his parent. Subsequently the elder Hirschman died and Oscar has been the sole support since of his widowed mother and sister.

Although United States District Judge Mack and Mr. Carruthers sent letters to Judge Crain urging leniency, none had as great an effect upon the court as the comparatively short note of Miss Bloom. The fiance, who lives at No. 58 West 118th Street, wrote: "I know of one one, aside from my own immediate family, to whom I should want to be a power for good as I want to be toward Oscar Hirschman. The tragedy has occurred. As a result I have

appointed myself a silent sentinel to keep guard over him the rest of my life. He is thoroughly able to go out and meet conditions as they arise and he is sincere in his vow that he expects to cancel every penny of his debt by the sweat of his own brow.

"We have merely given the initial payment in cash to tide him over the most difficult crossing. The rest his friends have pledged. He is turning in each week a stipulated amount. He has never fallen down on this since his release from the Tombs. The Hirschmans are now working on a family budget and it is inspected regularly each week by me. He is now beginning the task of the future, which I trust will more than compensate for the act which can only be associated in my mind with irresponsible youth.

"I want to marry this man, and by so doing give society something it shall be happy to have. Only honesty, loyalty, trustworthiness and ambition will flourish hereafter in his heart, for these are the only attributes I shall encourage. All these traits have always existed in him. They were simply choked out by a big, ugly weed, which I shall endeavor to pull up full force by the roots. So sure am I that he will measure up to the true standard of a man that I do not hesitate as early as now to say that I know that I shall never regret my untiring and devoted efforts in his behalf.

"I just plead for one more for my beloved."
After reading this letter Judge Crain asked if Miss Bloom were in court. A quiet young woman arose and responded to the order to

advance to the bench. A lengthy, whispered conversation between the two brought ever-increasing smiles to Miss Bloom's face, and when she glanced at her fiance at the bar he, too, became cheerful.
"Thank you, young lady. I want to compliment you upon your work," concluded the Judge, and then turning to Hirschman, he added:
"I am going to suspend sentence in this case, but before I do so Miss Bloom will have to return every penny of the money she has borrowed from her friends and yours to make good the amount of your defalcation. I

think you will be a better man if you are forced to work in order to accomplish this."
Ernest A. Becker of E. A. Becker & Co., brokers at No. 15 Broad Street, and formerly with Carruthers, Pell & Co., arose and told Judge Crain he would employ Hirschman as a bookkeeper at \$50 a week and would not require the customary bond.
Miss Bloom, who will soon be Mrs. Hirschman, then walked out of the room, her arm in Oscar's, as the throngs of friends beamed their happiness and confidence in the future.

NEWSBOY QUILTS STAND TO MARRY

Kinsler, 35 Years at Bat-
tery, and 55, Won't Tell
Name of Fiancee.

The newsboy at the 39th Street and Hamilton Avenue Ferry Station at the Battery for the last 35 years has been William Kinsler, but to-day he's quitting—at the discreet age of fifty-

five—to get married and live with his bride in his \$15,000 house at Princes Bay, S. I.
"It won't do to keep on working forever," he told the reporters who write what he sells. "I'm turning over the business to my old friend John Kavanaugh. I've got my house and I've got \$25,000 in cash, and I guess that'll be enough to start on."
His friends gave him an old-fashioned bachelor dinner last night at No. 10 South Street. It was a gay party.
But when the reporters asked him

this morning for the name of his bride-to-be, he merely smiled mysteriously and challenged them to find out. They haven't, yet.
FORMER VERMONT GOVERNOR FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL.
RUTLAND, Vt., May 11.—Allen M. Fletcher of Cavendish, former Governor of Vermont, was found dead in a room at the Berwick Hotel here to-day. Death was declared due to a cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Fletcher was one of Vermont's richest men, having large real estate holdings in Indianapolis.

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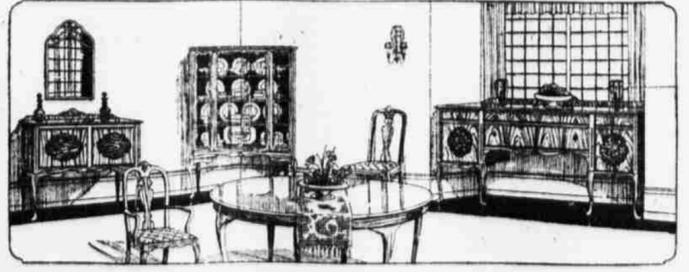
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