

BOY OF 19, SLAVE OF DRUGS, SEEKS TO BEGIN NEW LIFE

Tells Amazing Story of the Ease With Which He Was Able to Buy Nerve Destroying Substances.

Twenty-four hours out of a police cell, a boy of 19, pale, thin and hardly able to drag one foot after the other, told today how he took to using cocaine and heroin and what the drugs have done to him in the two years he has been their victim.

William Schaffer, 222 Olive street, is the boy. He was arrested as a disorderly character, Magistrate Tracy, at the Eleventh and Winter streets station, gave him his freedom yesterday. Today he begins his fight against the drugs.

Schaffer is a faxen-haired youth who was fairly sturdy in the days before he began experimenting with heroin. He weighed about 140 pounds then. Today his weight is down to 120 and the clothes he wears are sizes too large, though once they fitted him. His head hangs weakly and he has trouble walking more than a few steps.

Schaffer has been treated twice for the drug habit. Once it was in the House of Correction, where he served three months after stealing from a department store to get money for the drugs. A month ago he was discharged, as cured from the Philadelphia Hospital.

"But you can't keep away from it around here," Schaffer explained, as he told his story. "I kept away from the drugs two weeks and then two men held some heroin before me. I've been pretty bad since then."

His being "pretty bad" resulted in an attack of heart failure, which caused his arrest. When Patrolman McKenna, of the Eleventh and Winter streets station, found that Schaffer was not drunk, the boy was sent to the Hahnemann Hospital and then back to the police station.

"I had a close call," said Schaffer. "I was filled with heroin and cocaine all day and a conviction got me. That's the way they all die," he added, shaking his head. Schaffer can clear up the mystery that surrounds the making of 17-year-old cocaine fends.

"I started taking drugs just about two years ago. I used to stay around a pool room at Eighth and Vine streets. The fellows in there asked me if I didn't want to try some heroin. So I did. I took it every day for a month and then I thought I'd stop. But I couldn't."

"The only times since then that the Schaffer boy has lived without drugs have been the periods just following his release from hospital."

"I worked for some chemists at Eighth and Callowhill streets when I first began using the stuff," Schaffer went on. "But I couldn't hold on long after the habit got me. I started taking one tablet of one-sixth of a grain a day. Saturday I took 25 tablets."

"Of course, I didn't always have money to buy heroin. I used to steal things from department stores when I needed money. Once you get the habit you can't go more than three or four hours without heroin."

"I used to take things from the counters and I never got caught. But last March I picked up some jewelry and they caught me out on the sidewalk."

Schaffer was sentenced to three months in the House of Correction for that. He was released on June 5 and then got work as a mechanic.



A SELF-CONFESED BOY DRUG VICTIM William Schaffer, who tried heroin "to see what it was like," tells how boys are made drug fiends and his own experience trying to break the habit.

man. He held some heroin under my nose and then I just had to buy it. They sell two tablets for a nickel. Since then I have been taking 25 or 30 tablets a day."

Schaffer says he has taken heroin for the last. "I'm scared," he declared. "I know what happens and they all die when they get like I am. I'm going to stop."

Schaffer thinks getting out of the city to a farm is the best way to keep from using more drugs.

"But what chance have I got?" he asked. "I don't know where I can go. Sure, I know lots of other young fellows who are taking drugs. How old are they? Oh, 16 and 17 and some younger. Anyone can buy the stuff if they know where to go."

SUGAR IN VAST SUPPLY Warehouses Overstocked by Recent Shipments From Hawaii.

Sugar warehouses of this port are stocked to the limit by recent arrivals of enormous quantities of the raw product. So great has been the pressure that in some cases it has been found necessary to make use of various plans along the water front for storing the cargoes.

The American-Hawaiian steamship Texan docked yesterday at Spreckles' Sugar Refinery, Reed street wharf, with 18,000,000 pounds of sugar, from Hilo, Hawaii. This makes the total arrival of sugar for the last eight days 46,000,000 pounds. Most of the product is admitted duty free.

The Alaskan, a sister ship of the Texan, brought 18,000,000 pounds of sugar from the same place last Wednesday. She was preceded by the steamship Isle of Java, from Cuba, with a 10,000,000-pound shipment.

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MEMBER OF DOUMA TALKS OF WAR AS IT CONCERNS THE JEWS

Doctor Levin, Here to Raise Fund for Destitute in Palesine, Says Crisis Was Needed to Arouse Russia.

Dr. Shmaryahu Levin, member of the First Russian Douma and a leading Zionist, is in Germany, and who was stranded in this country, is here and will be the principal speaker tonight, at a mass meeting arranged by the Zionists for the purpose of raising a fund for the Jews in Palestine, who are suffering starvation as a result of the European war.

Oscar Straus is the initiator of the movement to raise \$20,000, and Louis D. Brandeis, the noted Boston lawyer, is the chairman of the National Committee. The latter also will be here tonight to address the mass meeting in Musical Fund Hall.

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Dr. Solomon Sells Cohen will be chairman of the meeting and many of the most prominent Jews in the city are expected to attend and contribute.

This is the first of a series of meetings that will be held in the leading cities of America where the attitude of the Jews toward the war will be discussed.

"I do not care to discuss the question as to who is right and who is wrong in this war," said Dr. Levin. "Nor do I hold that public opinion is always right. That is a separate question. What I do wish to point out, however, is how far the nations are forced, when they find themselves in a dangerous position, to take into consideration the power of the world's opinion. You may go contrary to it in times of peace, but when a catastrophe comes, one becomes more pliant, because the entire world sits in judgment, and history may come to collect old debts."

"As an example we see that even the Russian Government has suddenly become sensitive and alive to the fact that Jewish soldiers are sacrificing their lives in this war. This war was necessary in order to open its eyes to see that seven million Jews in its domains are also human beings. At present, however, the Russian Government is making only promises, and these under a 'blind address.' She has them announced through anonymous sources in Copenhagen. But this is characteristic of war times. Even the great bear has bestirred itself and begun to heed public opinion."

Speaking of the attitude of the Jews throughout the world to the war, he said: "But as the Jews are scattered throughout the world, and they must fight against brother, it is quite hard to apportion their sympathies. It is almost commendable that Germany is not angered with the Russian Jewish soldiers, and Russia with its German and Austrian Jewish soldiers. England, however, desires greatly that all Jews who are not taking a definite side in the war should sympathize with England and with England's cause."

"It appears strange that at this time there is no united Jewish public opinion on the present war. The Jewish opinion is greatly scattered because the Jewish nation is scattered."

Dr. Levin also spoke of the terrible conditions in Palestine as a result of the war. Palestine is dependent for its existence upon the rest of the world. And when the rest of the world is at war there is nothing left for the Jews in Palestine except starvation.

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REV. ROBERT E. L. JARVIS BETHANY'S PASTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Dr. R. E. L. Jarvis Will Join Evangelical Extension Work

Much to the surprise of the majority of his congregation, the Rev. Dr. Robert E. L. Jarvis has resigned the pastorate of Bethany Presbyterian Church. He gives up his work to become director of the evangelical extension department of Stony Brook Presbyterian Assembly, a position which will take him to all parts of the United States.

Members of the congregation are to meet on Wednesday night, September 23, to take action on Dr. Jarvis' resignation, and to consider the selection of a successor. John Wanamaker was largely instrumental in bringing Dr. Jarvis to Bethany, and because of the strong attachment between the pastor and himself, he said he could not cast his vote to consider the resignation.

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Workers of Republican, Democratic and Washington Parties Eager to Make Good Showing in the Lists.

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urge the electors to enroll when they register. Democratic leaders are making a particularly strong effort to get the voters of their party to register and enroll. Approximately only 500 Democrats registered on the first registration day, September 3, as compared with nearly 3,000 Republicans. The Democratic registration for the primary election last spring was more than 31,000, but party leaders have been holding meetings in nearly every ward in Philadelphia during the last two weeks, in an effort to make as strong a showing as the Democrats made in 1912, when Wilson received 66,308 votes in Philadelphia. The Palmer-McCormick League and Chairman B. Gordon Bromley, of the Democratic City Committee, have organized workers in the wards to get the Democratic electors to the polling places tomorrow and on October 3.

Republican leaders have expressed themselves as well pleased with the Republican registration of September 3, but have issued another call to the voters of their party, and will have workers in every division tomorrow in an effort to duplicate the large registration of the first day.

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