

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, 2719 Spruce street, the boy, who was arrested at a disorderly character, Magistrate "Frank" at the Eleventh and Winter streets station gave him his freedom yesterday. Today he begins his fight against the drugs.

Schaffer is a fifteen-haired youth who was fairly sturdy in the days before he began experimenting with heroin. He weighed about 150 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 arrested twice in the drug habit. Once in 1912 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 Mahanmum 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 convulsion got me. That's the way they all die," he added, shaking his head. Schaffer can't read and he says that he surrounds the meeting of 17-year-old cocaine fiends.

"Hard to get cocaine? Well, I should say not," he explained. "I wanted any trouble buying all I wanted when I had the money. Did they mind selling to a boy? They did not. I could show you money doing drug stores when you can buy it now. But most of it comes from the cocaine peddlers."

"I started taking drugs just about two years ago. I used to stay in a room at Eighth and Vine streets. The fellows in those rooms said 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 time 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 trying the stuff," Schaffer went on. "But I couldn't hold on long after the habit got me. I started taking one tablet of one-half or a grain a day. Saturday I took 25 tablets."



LEON OSNAS

He is a cousin of Israel Kretschmer, 321 Reed street, and was recently admitted by the Czar of Russia to the Holy Order of St. George for bravery in battle. He is the first Jew to be so honored.

CZAR HONORS JEW WITH HIGH ORDER FOR HIS BRAVERY

Former Nihilist Gets Holy Order of St. George for Saving Flag in Battle in Prussia.

Unconquerable bravery on the field of battle when he saved a Russian standard, has won for Leon Osnas, a former leader among Nihilists and cousin of Israel Kretschmer, 321 Reed street, Philadelphia, the much coveted admittance into the Holy Order of St. George, the first Jew to be so honored.

Regardless of his former Nihilist principles and former active avowed the Government, according to Kretschmer, who told the story today, Osnas was admitted to the Holy Order by a less a person than the Czar himself. He was decorated following the latter's father's manifesto in 1905, "My Beloved People."

The action in which Osnas distinguished himself took place in the East Prussian battle of Tannenberg. Kretschmer said today that his cousin saved a Russian standard, and that the reward of a year's salary was given to him in the city of Vilna. His home is in the city of Vilna.

Osnas is the son of a wealthy Jew. After receiving secondary education in the schools of his native city he completed his studies at Paris. Jews in Poland are not allowed to possess land in the territory of Poland.

After two years at Paris he sailed for Russia to serve in the army. He served eight months and was required to return to Paris for study. At that time he wanted to come to America and write to his cousin on Reed street concerning the desired visit. Kretschmer absconded him, and young Osnas remained in Vilna.

When the call for volunteers came, according to Kretschmer, young Osnas was one of the first to enlist in the army following the order of mobilization. With others he was sent to the neighborhood of East Prussia where the war was at that time expected to center. It was here in the face of heavy fighting and at the risk of his life, he saved the colors of his regiment.

MEMBER OF DOUMA TALKS OF WAR AS IT CONCERNS THE JEWS

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

Dr. Shimryahu Levin, member of the First Russian Duma 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 \$250,000, 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. 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 our 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 delusion." She has them announced through anonymous sources in Copenhagen. But this is characteristic of war times. Even the great bear has belittled itself and begun to heed public opinion.

Speaking of the attitude of the Jews throughout the world, and they must fight brother against brother. It is quite hard to sympathize 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 in 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.

BETRAYED BY ASSOCIATE Socialist Lecturer Blames Party Member for His Arrest.

A fugitive from justice in Chicago, where he is said to have abandoned his wife and child months ago, Julius Deupelbaum, 58 Pine street, well-known speaker on socialist topics, was arrested here today and taken back to Chicago by detectives. The police say Deupelbaum's whereabouts were betrayed by another Socialist.

Deupelbaum showed considerable feeling against the man who revealed his hiding place. He said the actions of his brother Socialist would not cause him to change his feeling toward the "party" in Chicago, where there is one sounder in it. "I shall not think less of my political attitude," he said.

OIL FIRE AT BUFFALO Buffalo, Sept. 14.—Fire which started today in a grade still of the Atlas works of the Standard Oil Company here threatened the destruction of the entire \$10,000 plant. The flames spread to three other sites, each containing 1000 acres of crude oil.

BELGIANS REFUSE KAISER'S REPORTED PEACE OFFER

German Overtures Rejected and King Albert Will Stand by Allies.

It is reported here today that Germany is already making overtures to Belgium for an agreement whereby, in return for certain concessions, the war between Belgium and Germany can be ended, but that her suggestions have been brusquely rejected.

General Von der Goltz, who was named by the Kaiser as the military governor of Belgium, after Germany announced the annexation of the captured territory, has been in Antwerp. He went there, it is stated, under a safe conduct, and presented a definite proposal, the nature of which was withheld. In view of the agreement between the allies, the Belgians government positively refused to consider any proposals of any sort from Germany.

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HEMMEDED IN ON THREE SIDES OF THE district known as the forest of Argonne, a German army is today in a serious predicament and awaits either capture or destruction.

On their front are the victorious squadrons of British cavalry, to their left, on the east, are the strong forts of Verdun, with their formidable garrisons, while on their right to the west are the rapidly approaching army of Belgians. Only to the rear lies safety, and the nature of the country is such that a rapid retreat means a virtual rout.

The only source of supplies for this army is their base of Liege and should the Belgians appear in sufficient force even this thin line of communication will be broken.

The loss of the line of communication will probably apply to the German army in a day or two's time. When it does apply the German retreat will have become a disaster greater than Leipzig. Every official report goes to show how sound is General Joffre's plan of leading the invasion further and further away from their base.

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RED CROSS SHIP OFF TO EUROPE ON MISSION OF MERCY

Carries 159 Nurses and Doctors Who Sacrifice Financial Benefits in Enlisting Their Services.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—The Red Cross left her anchorage in Gravesend bay shortly after 5 o'clock last evening and started on her mercy mission to Europe. Before 6 o'clock she had passed Sandy Hook, and in the absence of information to the contrary local officials of the Red Cross assume that she would proceed to Falmouth, England, which is to be her first stop.

Before she left Gravesend Bay Captain Armistead Rust received instructions from Washington that Rear Admiral Aaron Ward, U. S. N., retired, would take charge of the ship at Falmouth. Admiral Ward is now in London. From Falmouth the Red Cross will proceed to Havre, where nurses and supplies will be landed. It is not the purpose of the United States Government to have the ship tied up in any port, but to let it about half a mile from the pier. Nobody but the nurses and physicians will be allowed to land, and these will be accompanied by officers of the ship.

"Everything possible has been done to keep the Red Cross within the strictest lines of neutrality," said Miss Mabel Boardman, secretary of the Red Cross Society, shortly before the ship got out to sea. "I do not look for any more objections."

She called attention to the fact that all of the 159 nurses and physicians aboard had accepted salaries, guaranteed by the Red Cross, considerably smaller than they would receive at home. Nurses will be paid \$90 a month instead of the regular \$100.

One thousand more stretchers and 100 pounds of absorbent cotton were added to the already big cargo of medical supplies in the ship's hold.

Miss Boardman announced that she has been immediately the organization of a Citizens' Committee to increase the scope of Red Cross work; Mayor Mitchell will be chairman of this committee. To yesterday the fund of the New York State Branch of the American Red Cross was \$114,335.53. Jacob H. Schiff is the donor.

FIGHT PLANNED TO MAKE SUNDAY BASEBALL LEGAL

Park Management's Attorney Files Campaign in Legislation.

A campaign for Sunday baseball, other amusements on the Sabbath, prohibited by the Blue Laws, will begin by the management of Woodrow Park, according to a statement made this morning by the attorney for that management, William A. Gray, attorney number of employees and managers of the park were fined \$5.00 each by Magistrate Kosslaw in the Central Police Station for operating the amusements at the park on Sunday.

Mr. Gray said that the management of the park would get in touch with the baseball clubs and prominent amusement concerns in the State and bring before the next Legislature a proposal to amend the Blue Laws in a way which would permit certain amusements, including baseball, on Sunday.

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Our importations of Fabric (Washable) Gloves, Underwear, Hosiery, Neckwear Silks, Etc., have been received, and luckily, we ordered the Shirts usually used for Spring to be shipped us in August. In consequence, we have the goods and a season in advance.

ALLIES DRAW LINES ABOUT GERMANS IN ARGONNE FOREST

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GERMANS FREE RUSSIANS CAPTURED IN PRUSSIA

Prisoners Report Kaiser's Funds Exhausted and Food Is Scarce.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A dispatch from Petrograd says that 250 Russian have arrived by way of Finland. They were captured by the Germans in East Prussia and were liberated, they state, because the German commander is exhausted.

The Russian government has rushed a commission of engineers to the recently occupied town of St. Pol, in Galicia, to study the best means for utilizing the Austrian petroleum supply to meet the shortage of anthra in Russia.

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