

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 looked to using cocaine and heroin and what the drugs have done to him in the two years he has been their victim.

William Schaffer, 321 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 flaxen-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 fenders.

"Hard to get cocaine? Well, I could say not," he exclaimed. "I never had any trouble buying all I wanted when I had the money. Did they want to stop a boy? They did not. I could show you a good many drug stores where 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 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 I could 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 broke. I started taking one tablet of one-fourth of a grain a day. Saturday I took 35 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 little things from the counters and never get caught. But last March I picked up some jewelry and they caught me out on the sidewalk."



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.

Conspicuous 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. He is the first Jew to be so honored.

Reverence of his cousin's Nihilist principles and former activity against the government, according to Kretschmer, who told the story today, Osnas was admitted to the Holy Order by no less a person than the Czar himself. He was decorated following the Little Father's manifesto to "My Beloved Jews." The action in which Osnas distinguished himself took place in the East Prussian campaign.

Kretschmer said today that his cousin is only 25 years old, and has the record of at one time being one of the foremost nihilists in Russia. His home is in the city of Vilna. Six years ago he was arrested for having in his possession what the Russian Government considered to be improper literature. For this he was sentenced to serve a term in the Tomara, in Vilna.

Osnas is the son of a wealthy Jew. After receiving his early education in the schools of his native city he continued his schooling at Paris. Jews, it is said, are not allowed to pursue higher studies in Russia. After two years at Paris he was admitted to Russia to serve in the army. He served eight months and was released to return to Paris for study. At that time he was wanted to come to America, and went to his cousin on Reed street concerning the desired visit. Kretschmer dissuaded him, and young Osnas remained in Vilna. When the call for volunteers was made 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 firing 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. Shmaravah 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 \$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 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 then announced through anonymous sources in Copenhagen. But this is characteristic of war times. Even the great bear has sacrificed 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 feel brother against brother, it is quite hard to apportion their sympathies. It is almost commendable that Germany is not successful 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.

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 Dupeulbaum, 25 Pine street, well-known speaker on Socialist topics, was arrested here today, and taken back to Chicago by detectives. The police say Dupeulbaum's whereabouts were betrayed by another Socialist.

Dupeulbaum 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." "Because there is one scoundrel in it, I shall not think less of my political affiliation," he said.

OIL FIRE AT BUFFALO BUFFALO, Sept. 13.—Fire which started today in a crude oil still of the Atlas works of the Standard Oil Company here, threatened the destruction of the entire 2,000,000 plant. The flames spread to three other stills, each containing 100,000 barrels of crude oil.

BELGIANS REFUSE KAISER'S REPORTED PEACE OFFER

German Overtures Rejected and King Albert Will Stand by Allies. PARIS, Sept. 14. 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 sent 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 Belgian government positively refused to consider any proposals of any sort from Germany.

ALLIES DRAW LINES ABOUT GERMANS IN ARGONNE FOREST

Hemmed in On Three Sides by Belgians, French and British, Retreat Lies Across Difficult Country. LONDON, Sept. 14. Hemmed 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.

The German army in France will be obliged to communicate with its base through Namur and Liege and the Meuse and across Luxembourg. There will then be danger of inextinguishable disorder, as the German army from Belgium and the German army from the Oise Valley will be obliged to converge on the same area and may be obliged to pass through the neck of a bottle in north France while being attacked from all sides.

Their rapid retreat shows the Germans were unable to bring up reserves in sufficient numbers. All this is borne out by yesterday's communique referring to the general retreat between the Oise and the Marne and Argonne.

AMERICAN NOTE IN STYLES Emphasis Placed on Native Designs at Strawbridge & Clothier's. The war's embargo on imported fashions has given American modistes opportunity to show capacity for originating their own. Demonstrations of this capacity was the main feature in the fall opening of costumes and gowns shown at Strawbridge & Clothier's this week.

While many of the designs reveal the Paris influence, the greater number are by American women who are expected to rank among fashion authorities of the future. Among the stunning street costumes shown is one fashioned of taupe broadcloth combined with mole cloth and skunk fur. The "American" touch is noticed in the tunic, falling over a mole foundation. At the front and back this is of knee length. The front and back are caught by a cord. The whole is edged with skunk fur. The broadcloth jacket has a bolero of mole cloth and is made in shawl effect at the back.

Another creation for afternoon or evening wear is of midnight blue velvet. The novel feature here is the gathered skirt, held in place in high waistline effect by a jet cord. The waist of this costume is fashioned of rose embossed velvet, and the kimono sleeves are draped in to form a part of the skirt. The neck is finished with feather trimming in blue and pink. Over this is worn a rich cloak of midnight blue velvet, made with a deep yoke and hood effect at the back. The lower section of the coat is made with a pronounced flare.

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 220,000 Russians have arrived by way of Finland. They were captured by the Germans in East Prussia and were liberated, they state, because the German exchequer is exhausted.

The Russian Government has pushed a commission of engineers to the recently occupied town of St. Paul in Galicia, to study the best means for utilizing the Austrian petroleum supply to meet the shortage of naphtha in Russia.

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 assumed 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 tie up in any port, but to lie 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 Mendenhall, Boardman, secretary of the Red Cross Society, shortly before the ship put out to sea. "I do not look for any more objections."

She called attention to the fact that all of the 158 nurses and physicians aboard had accepted salaries, guaranteed by the Red Cross, considerably smaller than they would receive at home. Nurses will be paid \$30 a month instead of the regular \$100.

One thousand more stretchers and 15,000 pounds of absorbent cotton were added to the already big cargo of medical supplies in the ship's hold. Miss Boardman announced that she will begin immediately the organization of a Citizens' Committee to increase the scope of Red Cross work; Mayor Mitchell will be chairman of this committee. Up to yesterday the fund of the New York State Branch of the American Red Cross was \$114,286.83. Jacob H. Schiff is treasurer.

FIGHT PLANNED TO MAKE SUNDAY BASEBALL LEGAL Park Management's Attorney Promises Campaign in Legislation. A campaign for Sunday baseball and other amusements on the Sabbath, now prohibited by the Blue Laws, will be begun by the management of Woodlands Park, according to a statement made this morning by the attorney for the management, William A. Gray, after a number of employees and managers of the park were fined \$5.50 each by Magistrate Ronshaw 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 big 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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NO DUM-DUM BULLETS. SAYS "BIG GAME" HUNTER

Roosevelt's Evidence Quoted in Letter Clearing All Belligerents. LONDON, Sept. 14. F. C. Selous, the famous "big game" hunter, in a letter to the London Times, says regarding the accusation of the Kaiser charging the allies with using dum-dum bullets in the like counter charges against the Germans.

"I think in all probability both the allies and their antagonists have been innocent of the charges made against them in this respect. The series of wounds supposed to have been caused by bullets which had been purposely tampered with have most likely been due to the fact, which I believe is not generally known, that the new pointed bullet is a German invention now for the first time being employed in warfare in western Europe. Inflicts at short ranges more grievous wounds than any form of soft-headed expanding bullet."

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GERMAN GARRISON SUFFERS FROM DISEASE AT TSING-TAO Heavy Floods Cause Epidemic and Scores Are Dying. TOKYO, Sept. 14. According to reports made public by the Admiralty today, the heavy floods about Tsing-Tao have caused an epidemic of disease among the soldiers of the German garrison there and scores are dying. It is officially stated that reports of trouble with the Chinese on Shantung Peninsula are untrue, the Japanese having been instructed to compensate the natives for any damage caused by military operations.