"I've Forgotten Him," Says Wife of Manacle Man

Record of Fred Brown Shows He Possessed Characteristics of Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde.

Fred Brown, now the prey of Omaha and Lincoln city police, Douglas and Lancaster counties sheriffs' posses, and State Sheriff Gus Hyers' deputies, as the "manacle man of Benson," has had a checkered career.

As the hunt for him proceeds, further details of his life are brought to light revealing in him a sort of Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde character.

Fred Brown was married May 15, 1916 to Pearl Shanblin by Rev. Charles W. Savidge. He gave his age then as 28; she as 18. They since were divorced and Mrs. Brown married Albert Pilant,, well-to-do famer, now living on a farm near Florence.

"Forgotten Him."

She has the custody of her three children, Chester, Marie and Fred, jr.

"I've forgotten him," she said yesterday morning when questioned concerning her first husband. "I have nothing to say."

Following his marriage to the pretty little 18-year-old Pearl Shanblin in 1916, Brown started to buy a little home at Twenty-sixth and Blondo streets. He owned a team worth $500 and hauled coal for a living. With his bride, he went to church every Sunday, according to Rev. Mr. Savidge.

Returned to Prison.

Five months after his marriage, however, as he was driving his coal wagon past Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets, a former Iowa state convict saw him, recognized him as a former fellow convict who had violated his parole from the Iowa prison where he had been serving a term as a horse rustler.

He called a policeman who dragged Brown down from his wagon and Brown was returned to the Iowa prison.

An Iowa prison worker named Lampman, who had become interested in Brown's case, worked further with the parole board until he succeeded in getting Brown paroled to Rev. Mr. Savidge a year later.

Parole Ends.

Brown protested to Mr. Savidge he never had stolen horses and that his incarceration was a "frameup." He returned to Omaha and his family, resumed his church going and went to work for the Iten Biscuit company.

He lived an exemplary life, Mr. Savidge said, until his parole period was ended and the Iowa prison authorities gave him a clean record. During this time Mr. Savidge had been making regular reports on his good behavior to the Iowa officials.

But in 1918, shortly after his parole period was over, Brown was sent to the Nebraska state prison on a charge of breaking and entering. Here he became the model prisoner, resumed his church going to such an extent his fellow convicts dubbed him "Pious Brown," and met Louis Gregory, Christian Science reader and reform worker.

Sued for Divorce.

After three efforts, Gregory secured a parole for Brown on the plea he wanted to "give the kids a chance."

But in 1920 Brown was sent up again for stealing an automobile, and on December 1, 1920, he was sued for divorce by his wife in Douglas county district court.

She claimed that when she married him, he then was a fugitive from justice, but that he had represented himself to her as a man of good reputation and clean habits.

When she filed for divorce she said he was serving one to 10 years in the Nebraska penitentiary.

She alleged he became intoxicated, beat her and mistreated her, and that he was inclined to show affection for other women.

She asked that the properties at 3450 North Thirty-ninth street and 2210 North Twenty-seventh street, be turned over to her.

A decree was granted her April 5, 1921, in which she got the custody of their three children and $2,500 alimony. The property was sold at sheriff's sale to pay the alimony.

Gregory made a trip to Omaha in an effort to get the wife to withdraw her divorce action, but she refused.

Again he was paroled, came to Omaha, visited his former wife, wrote her letters, professed undying love. But she was deaf.

And then she married again.

Radio Used in Hunt for Fugitive Manacle Man

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he fled to a rooming house nearby, covered a roomer there with two guns, spent the rest of the afternoon and evening and left about 11 last night as he had come—with two guns to enforce silence.

As Brown lay on the roomer's bed with one gun near his right hand and the other tucked in his belt, a mob of several hundred persons searched every nook and corner of the neighborhood but the right one.

Draws Money at Lincoln Bank.

While he lay on the bed in the room he told of having reached Lincoln on Monday and of going to a Lincoln bank and drawing out $300 in his right name—Fred Brown.

When the plucky woman, Mrs. Violet Dingman, who lived at one time in the same rooming house with Brown, saw him and grabbed him near Twenty-first and O streets between 5 and 5:30 yesterday afternoon, three men were near by. She thought they would respond. But, as they told police afterward, they thought the affair was a marital quarrel and were loath to interfere.

Stops Pursuit With Pistol.

As Brown wrested free from the woman, he dashed up an alley with his plucky captor in pursuit. He whipped a revolver from a coat pocket and stopped in his tracks. The men had taken up the chase and Brown turned, levelling the weapon at them.

The pursuers turned back and Brown escaped. From the alley he made his way to a rooming house at 2108 O street.

About 5:30 Jack Ryan, 50, who maintains bachelor quarters in the place, heard cries in the street and opened his door to go on the porch. A man was standing in the doorway.

"Looking for some one," Ryan told police he called to the man.

"No," responded the man, and directed his gaze again out of the glass panes in the door.

Ryan went back to his room and came out again in a few minutes. The man was still standing peering through the panes.

"What do you want here?" Ryan said he called to the man.

"Nothing," was the answer and Ryan turned on his heel again.

Holds Man Captive.

As he got to his door, however, there was a gruff command, and the pressure of a gun at his back. Brown had made up his mind.

"Lock the door," was the first command when the two got inside.

"I'm Fred Brown," he told Ryan, "and I've got in bad up in Omaha, and they're after me."

He still held his pistols on Ryan.

"They'll probably get me, but I'll get some of them, too! Now you sit down over there and don't get funny or you'll get yours right now."

With that, according to Ryan's story, Brown sat down and began to eat the remains of the meal that Ryan had left.

His hunger satisfied, he lay down on the bed with his pistols handy and rested while the mob beat the alleys and streets in search of him.

About 11 last night he rose, cautioned Ryan not to warn the police and left with the two guns in his hands.

Moscow Prices Continue to Rise

36 Pounds of Flour Cost 15,000,000 Rubles in Public Market.

Riga, May 31.—Prices in Moscow continue to rise almost as quickly as new money is being published at the Petrograd mint, according to the Moscow price list which is published as a weekly feature story in the Latvian and other border state newspapers. Diplomatic officials state this price list does more to counteract the effects of communist propaganda among the workers than any other news published in the papers. They say the workers who constantly meet refugees coming out of Russia learn that these lists are authentic and in the interval between the worker seeing the price list and then checking it up with a fresh refugee, that the refugee invariably states that the prices are higher than those published in the paper.

The current prices on the public market in Moscow at this date are as follows: One pood (36 pounds) wheat flour, 15,000,000 to 16,000,000 rubles; one pound black bread, 120,000 rubles; one pound lump sugar, 550,000 rubles; 10 eggs, 1,200,000 to 1,300,00 rubles; one pint milk, 130,000 rubles; one pound butter, 1,000,000 rubles; one bottle champagne, 20,000,000 rubles; one pair boots, 10,000,000 rubles; one street car ticket, 75,000 rubles; one box matches, 50,000 rubles; diamonds, per carat, 250,000,000 rubles.

The weekly price list also gives the official soviet rate of exchange for soviet currency and accompanying the above list the dollar is quoted at 2,705,000 rubles. So even in figures in American currency the cost of living is high in Russia.

Heavy Rain at Clay Center May Damage Some Corn

Clay Center, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—A heavy rain fell near Clay Center that totalled over five inches. It flooded the fields with water which is drowning out a great deal of corn in the lower places. Wheat is looking fine and alfalfa is ready to be put up in several localities. Farm work has been hindered by the steady rain.

Senate Finance Body Approves Bonus Bill

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vored it, but to obtain quick action on bonus legislation.

Neither President Harding's views with respect to the bonus nor methods of financing the legislation entered into committee discussions, senators said. Leading proponents of the McCumber plan expressed the belief that this plan would prove not unacceptable to the executive, since it called for no heavy expenditures during the next three years that would require either new taxes or any large drafts on the treasury.

Chairman McCumber said that after the first three years the necessary funds probably could be supplied from interest on the refunded foreign debt. As now drafted, the bill is simply a charge against the federal treasury.

Under the bill, as the senate will receive it, the amount of compensation for veterans will be computed on the length of service, less the $60 bonus paid at the time of discharge from the service, but would not exceed $500 for those who had only domestic service and $625 for those who saw service overseas.

A cash bonus would be paid only to those veterans whose total credit did not exceed $50.

Former Sioux City Banker Denies Embezzlement Charge

Sioux City, Ia., May 31.—(Special.)—W. G. Dunkle, former cashier of the Continental National bank, pleaded not guilty today in United States court to an indictment returned by the federal grand jury charging him with embezzlement and misappropriation of $28,000 of the bank's funds.

Justice Taft to Study British Court System

Washington, May 31.—Chief Justice Taft will leave shortly for England where, during a stay of several weeks, he will study the English judicial system with a view to determining its characteristics. He notified President Harding of his intent today during a White House call.

Sir John A. Simon, head of the English bar and formerly attorney general of Great Britain, extended an invitation to the chief justice to visit England. It will be, it is said, the first vist by a chef justice of the United States for such a purpose. The visit will be entirely unofficial.

Beatrice Band Reorganized; Summer Concerts Planned

Beatrice, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—The Beatrice municipal band has been reorganized with a membership of about 30. Professor Grimm is in charge this year, and summer concerts will start at Athletic park June 9. The members recently received their new uniforms which were donated by the citizens of Beatrice.

Inventor of Safety Devices Killed at Railway Crossing

Los Angeles, Cal., May 31.—Richard R. Olsson, his wife and their child were killed in a grade crossing accident here 10 days ago. Today relatives had received two patents issued to Olsson. Both were for "safety devices to prevent accidents.'

N. Y. Subway Jam to End.

New York, May 31.—The congestion on New York's subways was expected to soon become a thing of the past, with the addition today by the Interborough Rapid Transit of 246 trains to its daily service. These additional trains will give about 100,000 more seats for passengers. Officials say that with other additional trains coming in the fall, much of the traffic jams will disappear.

Man Shoots Snake in Bed, Also His Own Toe

Visalia, Cal., May 31.—E. R. Woods of Porterville extracted a revolver from beneath his pillow when he saw a rattlesnake on his bed yesterday and fired with deadly aim. He did not notice, however, that his right big toe was in the line of fire and the bullet which killed the snake also clipped off the top of the toe.

Bloomfield Farmer Tops Omaha Fat Cattle Market

Hector Downie of Bloomfield was on the Omaha market with a load of 18 head of long yearling Herefords that averaged 1,080 pounds and sold for $8.60 a hundred, the top notch for the day for fat cattle. Mr. Downie also had three heifers in his shipment that averaged 856 pounds that brought $7.55 a hundred.

Man Kills Self on Wife's Grave

Four Years' Grieving Ends in Suicide in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Henry W. Frohardt, 48, 629 First avenue, Council Bluffs, drove his automobile to Walnut Hill cemetery Tuesday night, to visit the grave of his wife, and yesterday morning his body was found lying across the grave with a bullet wound in the head.

A revolver was found near the body by William Hiers, employe of the cemetery.

Frohardt was an agent for the Prudential Life Insurance company.

Besides the brother, Frohardt is survived by two children, Donald and Bessie; his father, Fritz Frohardt of St. Joseph, Mo., and a sister, Mrs. Fred Bauchert of Davenport, Ia.

Twenty-seven years ago, Frohardt married Minnie Ranck, sister of Mrs. Charles Frazer whose husband is a former city clerk of Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Frohardt died four years ago, and Frohardt continually grieved over her death, according to the daughter, Bessie, 21, now living with the Frazers, who attributes her father's act to his grief.

The son, Donald, 18, graduated last year from Council Bluffs High school and has been living with his father.

Frohardt was a mail carrier many years before entering the insurance business.

Daughter Born to Zita.

Madrid, May 31.—(By A. P.)—A daughter was born this morning to former Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary.