

FREEMAN'S CHANCES EVEN

Man Shot by Wife May Recover, but Death is Threatened.

"NOT GOING TO DIE," HE SAYS

Victim Expresses Confidence—Husband of "Other Woman" Pleads for Her Release—Mrs. Freeman is Sorry.

Death threatens Earl Freeman, shot by his wife, who found him in company with another woman, Monday night. He is at St. Joseph's hospital, where he was operated on by Dr. R. W. Connel and Dr. T. T. Harris, police surgeon, at 11 o'clock this morning. His chances of recovery and death are even, according to his physicians.

Freeman made a statement concerning the shooting to one of the surgeons. This statement is in writing.

Freeman Makes Statement. "We had gone after a bottle of beer," said Freeman, in making his statement to the physicians at the hospital. "I saw a woman in the hall. She was my wife. 'Is that you, Earl?' she asked. 'I replied. 'Are you coming home?' was her next question.

"No," I said. "Do you know that he's my husband?" she said to Mrs. Hirsch. "You're not treating him right if he is, and I don't care very much about it, anyway," Mrs. Hirsch said.

Freeman was much exhausted by his efforts at talking. His statement was reduced to writing, but it was not signed. Two unhappy women are held at the matron's department of the city jail. Mrs. Lizette Freeman, who awaits the news which will make her a murderer, and Mrs. Maggie Hirsch, whose presence caused the shooting.

"I did not mean to do it," Mrs. Freeman repeats over and over. "I did not mean to shoot Earl." For the woman whom she attempted to shoot Mrs. Freeman shows great fear. Last night a drunken negro woman in an adjoining cell created a disturbance in the matron's department. Mrs. Freeman, fearing it was Mrs. Hirsch making an attempt to reach her, besought the protection of the matron. Following the visit of James English, county attorney, Andy Pattullo and J. R. McDonald, detectives, were closed with the two women getting a statement of the shooting and affairs leading up to it.

Mrs. Hirsch, while asserting her innocence of wrongdoing, says that the shooting was taught her a lesson. She Shoots on Sight. Enraged at the sight of her husband, Earl Freeman, a street car conductor in company with another woman, Mrs. Lizette Freeman at 8:30 o'clock last night, shot and probably fatally injured him and attempted to kill the woman, Mrs. Maggie Hirsch, wife of Julius Hirsch, 2117 Webster street.

After the shooting, which took place on the steps leading up to the rooming house, operated by Maxwell Anshyn, 1215 1/2 Cum-ling street, where Freeman and Mrs. Hirsch had been living, Mrs. Freeman went to a grocery store at Eighteenth and Cum-ling, told the grocer to call the police, and then went to her home, 1104 South Seventeenth street, where she was arrested on her hour later by Detectives Pattullo and McDonald. She was charged with shooting with intent to kill.

Freeman Mortally Wounded. Freeman was attended by Police Surgeon C. H. Peppers and sent to St. Joseph's hospital. Three of the six steel bullets fired from the 3-caliber automatic Colt's revolver took effect, one entering the stomach and penetrating the left lung and the other two lodging in the left arm. Mrs. Hirsch was found at the rooming house shortly after Mrs. Freeman was arrested and taken to the police station as a state witness. One of the bullets had bounded from a wall and struck her in the left knee, causing a slight bruise, she said.

When brought to the police station and turned over in Mrs. Gibbons, police matron, Mrs. Freeman faints. A son by her first husband, Art Rounner, 15 years old, supported his mother to a chair. She was soon resuscitated and able to tell the story of the shooting.

Wife Tells Story. "For the last six weeks," she said, "I had known my husband was living with this woman. He had lived with her in the west side of the cottage on the northwest corner of Eighteenth and Cum-ling streets. Last night I had started out to rent a room close to the place so that I could watch him and her. I came to this place (Anshyn's rooming house) and was about to start up the steps to inquire for a room, when I saw my husband and the woman coming. I stepped just inside the door, expecting them to pass, for I thought they were still living in the cottage across the street. When I heard them turn in the door I turned my back. I didn't want them to see me. The woman was suspicious of me, though. She said: 'Who is that?' And Earl, my husband, answered: 'Oh, that's just an old woman tying her shoe.' Then I turned around and Earl saw me. They had started up the steps, the woman a few steps above him and Earl on the second step.

"Don't you know that's my husband you are living with?" I shouted to the woman. "I don't give a —," she answered, and she cursed me. Then I drew out my revolver and began shooting. My husband stretched out his arms, trying to protect the woman. She ran on up the steps and

I turned the gun at my husband I guess. I don't know what happened." Mrs. Freeman said she had not gone to the place with the intention of killing her husband, that she had brought the gun along for protection. "I have had it since we moved down on Seventeenth street by the bridge," she said. "I got it because I had to stay alone nights. I knew that I would have to go back there late tonight and I wanted to be protected. When my husband came in with that woman I just pulled it out and began shooting. I didn't intend to do it at all."

The Freemans were married in Omaha in 1907. Mrs. Freeman said her husband began going with Mrs. Hirsch, whom she knew only as Maggie, since December, at which time he had begun ignoring her.

Deserted His Home. "He has been working for the street car company on the West Leavenworth street, about nine months. Since he has met this woman he has been coming home only occasionally. I mended his clothes and cooked for him whenever he would come home and begged him to leave that woman, but he would only laugh at me. His mother, who lives at 3127 North Seventeenth street, was the first to tell me that Earl was going with this woman. Whenever I would ask her about it, she would say she had been talking to him, trying to get him to leave her alone and come back to me. But later she got so that whenever I would call her up, knowing that Earl was at her house, and ask for him, she would say he was not there. I used to give him money when he was out of work and he would go and spend it on himself. When we were married I had \$1,200 that I had saved up and he went to St. Louis and spent all of that. And since we have been married I get to wash and do anything I could get to do to support us. My son goes to high school and works after school hours."

Mrs. Hirsch Depot Waitress. Mrs. Hirsch is employed at the lunch counter at the Webster street depot. She has been separated from her husband for several weeks. The Hirschs have two children, 2 and 5 years old, who have been cared for by the mother since her residence at the Anshyn rooming house. She and her children, she said, have been living with Mr. and Mrs. Harry McBride, Harry McBride, who is a friend of Freeman's, said last night that he did not know the man was married. Mrs. Hirsch also averred she did not know Freeman was a married man.

"I have known Earl since December," she said, "and have not been living with him. I had met him last night at Sixteenth and Douglas streets and we walked home together. That is the first time I had been out with him. He is a friend of the McBrides and that is how I met him. I do not like him, even."

Freeman has two brothers, Will, a carpenter, and Fred, a street car conductor. He has no children. Chief of Police Donahue said last night that Mrs. Freeman had come to his office six weeks ago and asked him for advice in regard to what she should do about her husband, who refused to support her and was living with another woman. "I told her," he said, "to swear out a warrant and have the woman and him arrested. She did not want to do that, she told me. She wanted to get him to come back to her peacefully and that to have him arrested would only make him angry."

FLORENCE COUNCILMEN FIGHT Incoming Members Undo All the Work of Those Retiring. ENTIRE POLICE FORCE RESIGNS New Police Force is Created When D. V. Shipley is Appointed—Approval of All Bills is Rescinded.

The outs and the ins clashed Monday night when the administration of the city of Florence was delivered to the new staff of officials. The old city council did things; the new city council undid 'em, each and everyone, with a certain vigor. Then the police force, chief, captain, lieutenant, sergeant, detective and patrolman, so "swore" and resigned. There was an unanimity of opinion in the police force. It walked out as one man—John McGregor. He went with the Outs. "All right," replied the Ins. Thereupon by one stroke of the pen and a neatly seconded motion, a new police force was created. The new police force is D. V. Shipley. He instructed himself to report for roll call at once. Nothing that the Outs had done at their last meeting, as a final function of some minutes before, was allowed to stand. "What right have those fellows got to do anything?" inquired J. H. Parke, a member of the Ins council. Later from his newly acquired seat to make himself heard among his associates. "None," stormed the council et al in reply. Agreed on this they proceeded to tear to tatters all that stood on the records as the work of the last session of the Outs.

Move with Dispatch. This was accomplished with dispatch by a resolution invalidating in general, everything that the retiring council had had the presumption to vote for. Then to make doubly sure, item by item, they rescinded the orders recorded by the council before. The Outs had voted to allow all outstanding bills, a total sum of about \$1,500, "to be included" was written across this entry in the city log book. If these bills are to be paid, they will be paid by Ins in their own cute little way. The resignation of Robert Craig, councilman with the Outs had been received and accepted by the Outs, who appointed F. M. King to fill out the term. Mr. Craig had decided that he did not want to spend the remaining year of his term in company with the Ins. The Ins decided that he could resign all right, but they refused to let the Outs receive and accept his resignation. With due ceremony the resignation of Mr. Craig was turned down by the Ins' council. He was thereby restored to office without his consent. Then with Mr. Craig in office again the Ins gleefully voted him out again. They stood him up so they could knock him down again. Mayor John Paul appointed W. H. Thompson to the office of city attorney.

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TO ADDRESS OMAHA CREDIT MEN

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