

MRS. SELKA GETS MARRIAGES MIXED

Takes New Husband Before Divorced From First, Then Deserts Him.

ARRESTED FOR POLYGAMY

Says Selka Knew Marriage was Bigamous, but Insisted and Now Causes Arrest to Gratify Desire for Revenge.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—(Special)—Wanted, in Astoria, Or., on a charge of polygamy, Mrs. Agnes Selka, a pretty woman of 27, was arrested today by detectives at 24th street, Richmond district. With her were her two children, a boy of 6 and a girl of 4, who were turned over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The children wept bitterly when separated from their mother, and she protested against their being taken from her. Also in the house was J. Robbins, a military tailor of Goat Island. Robbins says he met the woman at Astoria a short time ago, when the fleet was there, and did not know she was a married woman.

Story of Child-Wife.

The woman tells a strange story of marital experiences, beginning when she was but a child of 12. At that time, she says, she was married to E. P. Durand, of the Southern Pacific. She lived with him but a short time, and soon after she left him, it is said, she married Selka, an Astoria jeweler, without the formality of obtaining a divorce from Durand. With Selka she lived eight years, and the children found with her today are his. Almost immediately after she married Durand, Mrs. Selka declares, he put her on the stage, and for several months she earned considerable money, all of which she turned over to him, she declares. At last, wearying of the work, she left him and soon afterward married Selka. A month ago, before leaving Selka, the woman secured a divorce from Durand. She left Astoria Saturday last on the steamer State of California with a man who, she says, is her brother. She took her two children with her.

Husband Cause of Trouble.

I demurely protesting her innocence of any wrong, but vehemently denouncing her husband as the cause of all her troubles, Mrs. Selka is languishing in the city prison as a result of charges of bigamy, preferred by J. Selka, of Astoria, Or., whom she claims to have befriended on many occasions since their marriage. "My husband has told me many times," she said, "that I must either live with him or in prison. Now I am in prison, and I would rather stay here a thousand years than go back to him for a single day. He caused my arrest simply because I would endure him no longer and left him."

Says Selka Seeks Vengeance.

"My father's name is E. H. Hilliard, of 544 Corbett street, Portland," she said. "He aided Mr. Selka simply because I urged him to, and after all we have done for this husband of mine, he causes my arrest, simply to avenge himself for my refusal to live with him any longer." Mrs. Selka admits that her marriage to Selka was a bigamous one. However, she knew of it, she says, and it was only because of his advice that she decided to procure a divorce from her former husband. He repeatedly told her such proceedings were unnecessary, she says, and she heeded him until four months ago. Then, she says, she obtained a decree of divorce from her former husband and felt at liberty to do as she pleased, so far as leaving Selka was concerned.

Worried Into Marrying Him.

"I was 12 years old when I was first married," she said. "I lived with my parents at Marion, N. C., and my father consented to my marriage with E. P. Durand. Mr. Durand was the only man I knew and I foolishly consented to marry him, not knowing the anguish and trouble that would result. There I met Selka, who was a street taker connected with a show, and he worried me so persistently that I finally consented to marry him, in spite of the opposition of my relatives."

HAD GOT DIVORCE FROM SELKA

Parents Say Woman Left Him Because of Abuse. "Have been arrested and am in prison here," was the startling telegraphic message received at midnight Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hilliard, of 544 Corbett street, Portland, the father of Mrs. Selka. Mrs. Selka, a Jeweler of Astoria, on a charge of bigamy. "It is purely a case of revenge on the part of Selka," explained Mr. Hilliard, who is an employee of the West Side Lumber & Shingle Company, in discussing the case at his home last night. "Because of Selka's continued and unbearable abuse, our daughter, with our assistance, six weeks ago obtained a divorce from him and, accompanied by her brother and her two children, went to San Francisco. Selka had repeatedly promised her to mend his ways and to be the proper kind of a husband, but he failed to make good and, unable longer to stand him and his constant abuse, she left him and secured a divorce."

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this promise. After going from Little Rock to Springfield, where Mrs. Durand's parents were then residing and where Selka succeeded in obtaining a loan of \$200 from Mr. Hilliard, the principal towns of Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky were visited. This business was followed until 1904, when Selka, losing the money he had invested in the business, went with his wife to Spokane.

Then the couple went to Oakland, Cal., where for two years the wife conducted a millinery store and saved a small sum. They removed to Grass Valley, where Selka resumed his business, that of a jeweler, then to Marysville, Cal. While living there the wife first left Selka during the summer of 1905 because of his abusive treatment. She went to San Francisco, where she was followed by Selka, who induced her to come to Portland last May, when they went to Astoria, where the husband again engaged in the jewelry business.

While residing in Astoria, the parents of Mrs. Selka declare Selka renewed his abusive treatment of his wife, with the result that she returned to their home in this city last June during the Rose Festival. Again Selka followed his wife, who yielded to his entreaties and returned to Astoria to live with him. Selka, however, say the parents, failed to keep his promises, whereupon they advanced to their daughter the necessary funds with which she secured a divorce from him at St. Helens about six weeks ago on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. The parents admit that, even after se-



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eking a divorce from Selka, their daughter returned to his home at Astoria, believing that he would abandon his abusive treatment, but their relations became so strained that she again left him about a week ago, and with her two children and her oldest brother, Arthur Hilliard, aged 20 years, of this city, went to San Francisco, where her arrest was caused by Selka Thursday afternoon.

SELKA WILL NOT PROSECUTE

Only Anxious to Recover Children. His Story of Marriage. ASTORIA, Or., July 16.—(Special)—Samuel Selka, husband of Agnes Selka, who was arrested in San Francisco last evening on a charge of polygamy, will not prosecute the case against his wife, and late this evening instructions were sent to the police department at San Francisco to release the woman.

The couple were married at Little Rock, Ark., in 1901, the woman giving her name as Agnes Rose Hilliard. Selka asserts that the first time he knew positively that his wife had been married before and was not divorced was last November, when he saw a letter which she received from her former husband, E. P. Durand, a locomotive engineer, who is now in Mexico. He admits having heard the report about the time of his marriage, but did not believe it. The woman, however, told the local officers that Selka knew of her marriage to Durand before she married him (Selka) and that, when they procured the license, she stated the circumstances to the license clerk and he said it was all right.

According to Selka's statement, the woman was a good wife for about seven years, and when he found out that they were not legally married, he endeavored in every way to have her secure a divorce from Durand and then be married legally for the sake of the good names of the two children, a boy and girl, aged 6 and 2 years, respectively. She did not do this, however, although she professes to have secured a divorce at St. Helens some months ago.

On Saturday last Mrs. Selka's brother arrived from San Francisco and she left with him on the steamer State of California, taking the children with her and without Selka's knowledge. On hearing of her departure, Selka immediately filed polygamy charges against her, not so much to punish her, he says, although he believes she should be punished, as he thinks her running away was the result of infatuation for another man, as to obtain possession of the children.

The charges in the case were prepared by a private prosecutor, and the information was filed after an understanding with Deputy District Attorney Brownell that the extradition and court costs would be paid by the complaining witness. This morning, however, Selka notified the officials that he would not pay the extradition expenses necessary to bring the woman here for trial, and also that he would not prosecute the case against her. Accordingly, the Deputy District Attorney directed this evening that instructions be sent to release the prisoner. Selka stated that he did not know just what he would do, but he is anxious to see that the children are properly cared for, and will probably attempt to secure possession of them.

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