

PENITENT PHONED WIFE'S GIRL FRIEND IN VAIN TO "FIX IT"

Dorothy Foster Failed as "Fixer," but Gets Mrs. Somborn Decree as Witness.

Mrs. Mabel Hinson, an actress and musical composer, who was romantically married to Herbert K. Somborn, a wealthy moving picture manufacturer in Kankakee, Ill., March 6, 1911, obtained a divorce before Justice Erlanger in the Supreme Court today, because her husband within an hour after he had been caught in the other woman's company made a penitent confession over the telephone to his wife's girl friend.

The informer, Miss Dorothy Foster, of No. 16 West Twenty-seventh street, a Junoesque beauty of decided "man-maneers," revealed Somborn's tale of woe at a moment in the trial when the Court was undecided if Mrs. Somborn deserved a decree. Miss Foster swept majestically to the witness stand and announced that "Herbie" told her all about it and asked her to "fix it up with Mabel." She was asleep in her apartment when the telephone bell rang at 2 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 14, 1912. PHONED PENITENCE MADE HER SOB IN SYMPATHY.

"I slipped into my robe and answered," testified the witness. "Some one said, 'Hello, Dorothy.' I asked, 'Who is it?' The voice replied, 'It is the most miserable of men, Herbie.' I answered, 'Why, Herbie?' Then I heard him sigh heavily and he continued, 'Mabel has got the goods on me; Oh, I am terribly upset. Honest, Dot, I've been a real wicked boy.'"

"And," encouraged the Court, leaning forward as Miss Foster halted in her tale.

"Well, I asked what he meant, and

he replied, with such sorrow and penitence in his voice that I almost cried out myself: 'Ah! was it me, for I thought Mabel was in Chicago and I met a charming stranger and—er—ahem!' Mabel and some friends came to the hotel."

"Oh! Herbie, how could you do a thing like that and Mabel such a dear girl?" I asked him. He hesitated for some time. I could almost see the tears dropping from his eyes. His voice choked and he answered brokenly: "You know, Dorothy, what brutes men are. I am beside myself with grief—almost daffy. Call her up please, and try to fix it for me. I'll never do it again. Oh! sorrow! Oh! grief—oh!"

At this juncture of the remorseful confession the telephone discontinued, but here, anyhow, the tale ended. Miss Foster failed entirely as a "fixer" for the next morning Mrs. Somborn signed a complaint in a divorce action. Friends who were with her when she visited the Bristol Hotel told of seeing Somborn in company with the woman, who was not identified.

Louis Van Brink, an auctioneer, of No. 201 West Ninety-eighth street, where the Somborns lived, told of serving papers on the husband in the Belmont Hotel, where he was temporarily stopping. Van Brink asked Somborn not to hold anything against him, and Somborn agreed not to mention it.

Justice Erlanger was satisfied with Miss Foster's dramatic recital and awarded a divorce to the actress. Somborn made no effort to contest the action.

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NO TEXT BOOK GRAFT IS FINEGAN'S DENIAL TO SULZER BOARD

Assistant Chief of State Education Department Answers Charges Presented.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Complaints against the administration of the State Education Department, ranging from al-

legations of graft in the purchase of school text books to a grievance of a "school trustee who contracted with himself to convey his own children at the expense of the district and then applied to the department when the district declined to reimburse him," were explained by Thomas K. Finegan, Assistant Commissioner of Education before Gov. Sulzer's committee of inquiry today.

Mr. Finegan declared the department "never passes upon the desirability of a text book" as he said, "we believe that is purely a matter of local administration by the various individual boards of education." He also stated that the policy of the department was opposed to uniform text books in public schools throughout the State.

One letter, received by the committee, declared that in the purchase of text books "the public was being cheated in a manner that should not be tolerated,"

and appealed for relief from the necessities of the graft." Mr. Finegan declared the department had never received a single complaint of this sort as long as he had been connected with it. "If any had been so wanted to the department," he continued, "it would have received attention."

"Then we must be more efficient in this line," interjected Mr. Delaney of the inquiry committee, "for in three weeks we have received more than fifty."

One communication requested the committee to recommend legislation which would remove from the Commissioner of Education "his present power to render final decisions in school affairs," and characterized the commissioner as a "Czar." Mr. Finegan affirmed that the Commissioner's absolute power over affairs under his jurisdiction, "is one of the vital points in our school system and should not be changed."

BROOKLYN NEIGHBORS SAY PASTOR RUSSELL OUGHT TO PAY TAXES

They Challenge His Statement That His Corporations Are Purely Philanthropic.

Tax Commissioner Purdy listened to testimony today given by various residents of Columbia Heights, Brooklyn,

who declare that Pastor Charles T. Russell, head and front of the People's Tabernacle in Brooklyn, should pay taxes on certain corporations which he is alleged to have founded for profit.

Since acquiring old Plymouth church on Hicks street, Brooklyn, Pastor Russell has organized several activities alleged to be branches of religious work in connection with his church, among these being missions and tract organizations. He has started also a large printing plant. The pastor's neighbors say these branches are profit making institutions and should come under the tax provision. Pastor Russell declares they are purely philanthropic and religious.

His lawyer, J. F. Rutherford, so told the Tax Commissioner today. John J. White, Mrs. Russell and other taxpayers of Columbia Heights said that the clergyman should pay taxes. During the course of the hearing Mrs. Charles T. Russell, former wife of the

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