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CHARGED WITH DESERTION

Philip Fynaut Sentenced to Six Months in Jail or to Furnish \$1200 Bond

LED AWAY BY FAST COMPANY

Philip J Fynaut, who resided at No. 28 Prospect avenue with his wife and two small sons until August 28, was arrested in Corning late yesterday afternoon by the police of that city on a warrant forwarded by Chief Kane of this city charging wife desertion. Fynaut was brought back here this morning by Policeman Hawkins and when arraigned he pleaded guilty. Judge Wyekoff ordered him to furnish a bond sum of \$1200 for the support of his wife and children for one year or serve six months in breaking stone in the county jail in Canandaigua. Fynaut phoned to his father in Phelps Junction and expects to be able through him to obtain bondsmen.

Fynaut is a first class example of what drink and fast company will do to a man with a weakness. Prior to May of this year the Fynaut household was composed of four happy individuals, husband, wife and two boys aged seven and three years respectively. About the middle of May, according to Mrs. Fynaut, the husband unfortunately made the acquaintance of a woman named Anna Long who resided on North Exchange street. The pair grew intimate and stories of their debaucheries began to reach the ears of the man's wife. From the latter part of May until August 28 Fynaut is alleged to have made the life of his wife and family most miserable and despite the entreaties of Mrs. Fynaut he persisted in keeping company with the Long woman. During this time Mrs. Fynaut says her husband earned over \$10 a day doing team work, but not one cent of the money went towards the support of the family. The wife claims that it was deposited in a bank to the credit of the Long woman in preparation for the elopement. The culminating event in the clandestine courtship came on August 28 when Fynaut eloped with the Long woman. Previous to that the couple had been living at Port Byron as man and wife. Mrs. Fynaut with her two children took passage on the same train that carried her husband and the Long woman from the city.

Fynaut had a contract with a Syracuse, Rochester & Eastern, Company at Port Byron. He furnished three teams for (which) he received \$4.70 a day each and he himself drew \$3 a day as overseer. Mrs. Fynaut alleges that just previous to elopement her husband told the railroad officials that he must have \$150 in order to pay a mortgage on his horses or they would be taken from him and she claims he received that amount in advance.

After securing the money Mrs. Fynaut says the couple left Port Byron, went to Clifton Springs and purchased tickets for Hamburg, a small town near Buffalo. They stayed there for several days and left early on the day of the arrival of the telegram from Chief Kane asking the authorities there to arrest the man. From Hamburg the couple went to Buffalo, Cleveland, Youngstown, and Canton, Ohio. About a month ago they left the latter place and went to Corning where they lived together until yesterday at the Riverview Hotel under the names of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Decker.

It is claimed by Mrs. Fynaut that all during the time the couple have been enjoying their "honeymoon" trip, they have been liberally spending the money that rightfully belonged to her and her children. About a week ago, so it was learned in Corning, Fynaut secured a position driving a team and was taken off his wagon by the police yesterday afternoon.

The proprietor of the Riverview hotel of Corning thought the couple were recently married and were on their honeymoon trip. They had plenty of during the first weeks of their stay and now it is said he is holding the baggage of the Long woman and the thing of Fynaut to secure himself against loss of a board bill amounting to about \$18.

Mrs. Fynaut was in court this morning when her errant husband was arraigned. Fynaut, with manacles hanging from his wrist, rushed to his wife, vigorously shook her hand and before she could remonstrate, had kissed her. He then asked for a private conference with her and they had a few minutes talk in Chief Kane's private office. Mrs. Fynaut says her husband was repentant and (asked) her to withdraw the charge so that he could go to work and support her and the children. Mrs. Fynaut asked him how he parted with his mistress and he replied that they were enemies, or words to that effect. When Mrs. Fynaut asked why he allowed the Long woman to kiss him through the bars in the cell door in the Corning jail at six o'clock this morning he quailed and became non-communicative. Mrs. Fynaut refused to withdraw the charge, and also refused to have anything more to do with him. He was arraigned. Mrs. Fynaut told the entire story to a Times man this morning. She has no sympathy whatever for her husband and hopes that he will be sent to jail. The woman told of how after learning of her husband's intimacy with the Long woman she besought him on her knees to keep away from the Long woman and to support of his family, but she says he exclaimed, "I love the woman and I don't you." Mrs. Fynaut says her attorney is making preparations to apply for an absolute divorce for her from Fynaut. She will also demand alimony. So far as he can be learned the Long woman is still in Corning.

From: Geneva Daily Times, Saturday Evening, October 21, 1905

FYNAUT RELEASED

Greeted His Wife With a Kiss Despite Papers for Divorce

Philip J. Fynaut of 28 Prespect avenue, who was arrested in Corning late Tuesday afternoon for the local police on a charge of wife desertion and who pleaded guilty in court Wednesday morning, was released from the local jail shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. Two minutes after he had stepped across the jail threshold and again breathed the pure air, Officer Dan Hawkins served upon him a summons in a divorce action begun by Mrs. Fynaut through her attorney, P. H. Leahy, Fynaut was dumbfounded.

Mrs. Fynaut and relatives of her husband were in court early this morning anxious for the release of the man. Judge Wyckoff was will to cut the bond from \$1200 to \$500 if Mrs. Fynaut was willing. This was agreed to. Some little time was required in preparing the papers and it was shortly after 11 o'clock when Judge Wyckoff phoned to Chief Kane at the station to release Fynaut.

The wife was in court when Chief Kane instructed Policeman Hawkins to liberate Fynaut. She left almost with the officer and awaited the coming of her husband at the foot of the station house stairs. Hawkins lost no time in getting around the jail. Going up through the alley he was seen to feel in his inside pocket to see that the civil papers were safe. He did not take long to accomplish the liberation of the man. He soon stepped across the door step into the dirty alleyway. His eyes were very red and swollen and a four days' growth of whiskers added to his woeful look. His father and brother met him in the alleyway and they together with a teamster, were the sole witnesses of the serving of the papers in the divorce action.

Fynaut tucked the paper nervously in his pocket and tried to sham a brave front as he emerged to Seneca street. On one side of him walked his father and on the other his brother. The trio were passing the station door when Fynaut espied his mother and wife standing in the doorway. His mother received him with open arms and the son planted an affectionate kiss on her lips. Fynaut then turned to his wife and repeated the performance. Witnesses of the last event were unanimous in their opinion that the divorce case will never come to trial. Fynaut went down the south side of Seneca street and his wife and mother took the north side. Mrs. Fynaut was asked by a Times man this morning if she intended to secure a divorce from her husband. Despite persistent questioning her only reply was "I can't tell what I am going to do until tonight."

"Aren't you going to live with your husband again!" as a parting shot by the reporter brought forth a smile from Mrs. Fynaut.