

# ABRAHAMSON IS HOT

## Moses Cook Creditors Search a Duluth Man's Home and Store.

### SUSPECT HIM OF HIDING GOODS

#### He is Incensed and Will Make Things Lively for Several.

Some days ago Moses Cook, the clothing and furnishing goods man, failed for \$17,000. A. A. Warfield was appointed assignee and, to the surprise of the 64 creditors, the assets were found to be only \$1,200. The surprise gave way to suspicion, and the fact that the debts had been contracted during the brief period of a few months, made the suspicions seem exceedingly well founded.

Representatives of the creditors quietly crept in and out of town. Then, without the music of brass bands or the flourish of trumpets, a couple of Pinkerton detectives arrived and commenced rolling their sleepless eyes around at things. When they essayed to gaze on Moses Cook, the short order Napoleon of finance, so to speak, he was not to be seen. He had cashed in and quietly slipped away and his customary haunts knew him no more.

Yesterday another performer appeared on the scene and another act was played before the legal and business world ere the curtain of night was rung down. Albert Young, a sharp-eyed, gray-headed, brown-moustached representative of Finch, Van Slyke & Co. of St. Paul, Cook's heatiest creditors,

swore out search warrants

for the premises of several Duluth business men.

Securing an express wagon and Deputy Court Officer Forgy, the campaign was commenced by Mr. Young. The store of W. M. Abrahamson at No. 16 West Superior street was invaded and a few goods taken. His residence quarters over the store and cellar were also searched.

The next call was given R. Cohn at 510 West Superior street, and from his shelves a small quantity of goods was taken.

Mr. Young was seen at the hotel last night. He really could not give the News Tribune any idea as to the value of the goods seized on the search warrant. He declared that he was not through and until then he felt constrained, he was sorry to say, not to talk any far publication. He was willing to grant that for a first attempt Moses Cook had shown himself no slouch as a Napoleon of finance.

"Have you a pretty good idea where Mr. Cook is?" the News Tribune asked Mr. Young.

Mr. Young smiled, looked foxily out of the corners of his shrewd eyes and made an evasive answer.

An evening paper published a story to the effect that W. M. Abrahamson and Moses Cook are brothers and rather intimated that they were associated together in the late

stroke of financing.

Mr. Young said that it was wrong - W. M. Abrahamson is only a nephew of Cook, but his father, Isaac Abrahamson, is a brother of Cook. Their old country name was Koch.

Mr. Abrahamson is an angry man. He denies that he knowingly came by any of Cook's goods illegitimately or for the purpose of assisting him in defrauding creditors. Said he last evening:

"My cellar, store and residence quarters at No. 16 West Superior st. were searched. Goods to the value of about \$22 were seized. A part of them were purchased of Assignee Warfield.

"But the worst of it was the way my home was invaded, my belongings meddled with and my family frightened. My wife is in a delicate condition, and my mother received a serious shock from the visit of the officers. I was compelled to call a doctor to attend them. This morning, through my attorneys, Draper, Davis & Hollister, I shall replevin the goods and commence a suit for heavy damages against Mr. Young and Court Officer Forgy. I was not, and have not been, interested in business in any way with Mr. Cook. I do an honest and legitimate business and shall maintain my rights. This is just a bulldozing game on Young's part anyway.

"I think that some of the local police authorities have gone out of their way to help cause me this annoyance," said Mr. Abrahamson, "and I shall make complaint to the mayor against one member of the force. Sunday night, three policemen were stationed about my house. I have done nothing to make me fear the law or its representatives and I intend to see that my rights are not interfered with and I shall hold all responsible who take part in annoying or molesting me. I have spent my lifetime in building up a reputation and I don't propose to have it injured or taken from me."