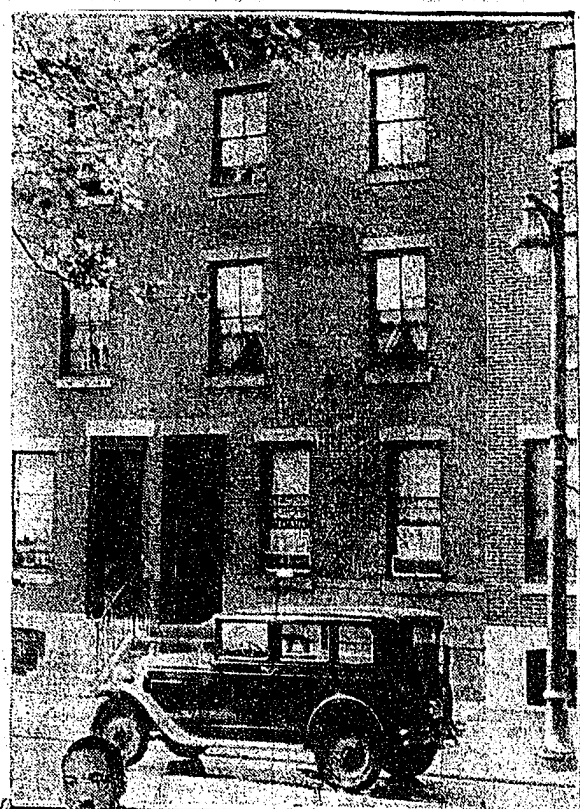


# WHEN THEY WERE HAPPILY MARRIED



The dapper and dancing evangelist who lies unconscious in a local hospital from gangsters' bullets is shown with his wife from whom he is separated. She is a spiritualist. Right above is the residence from in front of which the gunmen snatched Rev. Becton and took him on what might be his last ride. At the right, the always bespattered preacher is shown in characteristic poses which attract the multitude.

## Becton Never Divorced Me Wife Claims

### Spiritualist Objects to Being Called Evangelist's Former Spouse Fears Embarrassment

"I'd like to know why people are referring to me as Rev. Becton's former wife. I am his wife and brought my papers along with me to prove it."

Thus spoke Mrs. Josephine Becton, yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon.

In an excited voice she asked, "Where did he get his divorce?"

She said that he had been in and around New York, living within two blocks of her for sometime and she had received no notice that he had filed papers for a divorce.

"What grounds could he get one on?" she continued.

She said when her first husband,

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# **Becton Not Divorced, Wife Shouts**

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Cyril Bufford, divorced her he did so in Panama and she saw it in some little paper but as far as she knows Rev. Becton hasn't been there, in Egypt, Africa or Europe.

"He told me," Mrs. Becton stated, "that he did not want a divorce because he had no intention of marrying again and added that if I wanted to get married again to get a divorce myself.

"Because of certain things which might prove most embarrassing to me I have never made any effort to legally separate myself from him."

She said that she heard Rev. Becton said if he survived this attack he would return to her.