

Asks Witness in Griffin Trial Be Held in Contempt

County Attorney Seeks Action When Girls Say Bribe Was Offered by Battery Station Owner.

County Attorney Henry Beal Saturday went to District Judge Fitzgerald with affidavits from two girl witnesses at the Jimmy Griffin murder trial which declare that the girls were promised new dresses if they refrained from giving incriminating testimony.

The girls are Evelyn Clark, 1403 North Nineteenth street, and Doris Newton, 1101 North Eighteenth street.

Dwight Taylor, another witness in the case, and proprietor of the bat-

Taylor Denies It.

Dwight Taylor denied this morning that he promised two girl witnesses at the Griffin trial new dresses if they refrained from giving incriminating testimony.

"We were talking about witness fees and one of the girls said she had \$12 coming," he said. "I told her if she would put \$3 with that, she could buy a new dress."

tery station in front of which the shooting occurred, promised them the dresses, the girls said.

County Attorney Beal asked that Taylor be held in contempt of court for attempting to influence state witnesses. Judge Fitzgerald said he would reserve his decision until after the trial, due to the fact that a decision at this time might be construed as prejudicial.

Met Taylor in Court House.

The promise of the dresses was given, the girls said, when they met Taylor on the fifth floor of the court house on the morning of the day on which their testimony was given.

Another state witness, a Mrs. Finn, walked over while Taylor was talking to them, the affidavit says, and while Mrs. Finn was with them, Taylor said "you'd hate to convict an innocent man, wouldn't you?"

"If you girls convict a man that is not guilty, Griffin will haunt you the rest of your lives," Taylor told them previously, the girls said. Then he told them if they did not convict Griffin, he would buy them new dresses after the trial.

Another Approaches. Miss Clark also was approached by

Girl Witnesses in Murder Trial



Evelyn Clark DEWELL PHOTO.

a man named Cusick, she said, who came to her house before the trial and wanted her to go to see some attorneys, to "talk over matters."

"You know Griffin is not guilty," he told her, according to Miss Clark.

She also received telephone calls from an unknown man, she said, who asked her what she knew about the case, and told her if she had anything to say to call Atlantic 8047.

On Thursday night, she said, her mother received a telephone call from a man who told her he had a "surprise" for her. Miss Clark said she believes the man was under the impression he was talking to her instead of her mother.

Affidavit of Miss Newton substantiated the statements of Miss Clark concerning their conversation with Taylor.

"Death Note" to Police.

Miss Clark also turned over to police a note which she received yesterday through the mail, threatening her life and that of Miss Newton if they gave testimony against Griffin. Since the note was received after the testimony was given, it naturally did not influence their statements, they said.

County Attorney Beal was undecided this morning whether or not to consider the note a practical joke.

"I am convinced the girls are in no danger from the author of the note," he said. "The wording in it



Doris Newton DEWELL PHOTO.

self is enough to lead one to the belief that it may be a joke."

Local postal authorities will take no action in connection with the delivery of the threatening epistle, according to Postal Inspector William Coble.

The note, dated February 6, and postmarked February 7, follows:

"Listen here, gal, if you say anything more about that shooting I will kill you, get that. And the whole damned Omaha police force, and I don't mean maybe either, see? Don't you dare be a witness at that McArdle shooting, because I was the guy that killed McArdle myself. I stood around the corner and shot him. Damn you and that Doris. Stay out of it or I will kill both of you. My name is Boston Blackie and my partner, Little Forefinger, will tend to you. Damn the police. We are the biggest bandits and bank robbers and murderers in Omaha, the Twin Cities, Boston and New York. You keep out of

it, get me? Let the police see this letter, we don't give a damn. (Signed) "BOSTON BLACKIE, "LITTLE FOREFINGER."

Great was the sensation when James Griffin, on trial for Henry McArdle's slaying pulled the veil aside and revealed the cruel deception practiced on him by a Mr. Smith, whom he declared lives somewhere in the vicinity of Nebraska City.

Mr. Smith, it appears, drives a Ford touring car. He must have been a witness of the friendly scuffle in which McArdle lost his life, Griffin believes, because he followed the death car to Twenty-seventh and Lake street.

As Griffin slowed down there on account of trouble with his car, the stranger pulled up alongside.

"Smithy" Appears. "That fellow, McArdle, must be hurt pretty bad," he began. Banks one of the men in the death car, Griffin testified, recognized the affable motorist as his friend, "Smithy."

Smithy suggested that he had better take McArdle to a hospital. Griffin says that McArdle was accordingly transferred to the Smith car, and that this was the last he saw of either Smith or McArdle.

If McArdle's body was burned in the haystack, Griffin intimated, it was because Smith was false to his trust.

Farmer Buys Gage County Grain Elevator

Kinney, Neb., Feb. 9.—The elevator here was purchased today by Channing Lewis farmer. The plant, which is one of the best in Gage county, has been owned and operated the last few years by the Farmers' Grain company. Difficulty in procuring a suitable manager led to the sale of the property.

Heflin Threatens to Put Creager in Penitentiary

Washington, Feb. 9.—Replying in the senate to what he said was the "scurrilous, slanderous and cowardly" attack made on him by R. E. Creager, republican national committeeman from Texas, in a letter published today, Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, declared that if the information he had regarding alleged land frauds in Texas was true, Mr. Creager should be in the penitentiary. "And if I can get the investigation I want," Senator Heflin said, "I believe we can put him in the penitentiary."

Both Sexes Can Represent Precincts at County Meets

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—Attorney General O. S. Spillman today called attention to the fact that his recent opinion on delegates to county conventions states that a man and a woman may be elected from each precinct. Spillman's statement followed several telephone calls for information regarding the distribution of the delegates.

Blind Boy Dies

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—Members of the state board of control today announced the death, at the School for the Blind, of Clarence Cook, 10. The boy died of an epileptic seizure, they said, and died before he could receive medical attention. He is the son of Clarence W. Cook of Lincoln and was admitted to the school September 17, 1922.

Navy Fund Bill Given to House

Provides for \$271,942,000—Aviation Appropriation Is Reduced.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The annual naval appropriation, carrying \$271,942,000, of which \$20,000,000 would be available for completing more than a score of vessels now under construction, was reported today by the house appropriations committee. The total is \$4,453,000 less than budget estimates and \$23,024 less than the amount allotted the navy by congress last year.

The bill provides \$117,000,000 for pay, enough to keep the navy at its present strength of 6,469 officers and 86,000 enlisted men during the fiscal year beginning July 1 next. Provision also is made for 1,062 officers and 12,500 enlisted men in the Marine corps—the present strength.

For aviation the bill carries \$14,500,000, or \$57,174 less than last year's appropriation. The committee explained that it had slashed \$410,000 on account of a development program recommended at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Coco Solo, canal zone, which have not been authorized by law. Commenting on the proposed polar exploration trip of the dirigible Shenandoah next summer, the report said actual expenses over normal operating costs would approximate \$183,000 and that since most of this amount would be met with current appropriations, the committee had not seen fit to interfere in any way with plans for the program.

As to new ship construction, the committee said, it was without power to authorize expenditures for vessels not yet sanctioned by congress, but cited information it had obtained to the effect that the Navy department is committed to a program for building types permissible under the Washington arms treaty, which, with the modernizing program already under way, would aggregate an appropriation of approximately \$35,000,000 for the next 19 years.

Confession Due to Police Order

Peter Hindballe, 717 North Seventeenth street, waived preliminary hearing on a holdup charge in municipal court Saturday and was bound over to district court on \$2,000 bond.

He surrendered himself to police Friday and confessed that he held up and robbed a drug store at 3124 North Twenty-fourth street the night of January 28. He said he surrendered because he was afraid of being shot under the "shoot to kill" order recently issued to police detectives.

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Men Who Are Making Omaha



Carl Gray

Carl Raymond Gray started in 1867 at Princeton, Ark., to prepare himself to become president of the Union Pacific railroad. His first real connection with a railroad was out in Kansas as a telegraph operator, and since then he has about covered the whole realm of railroad work. Wherever he had an opportunity to gather a little experience, he took it, always moving up. He was assistant director of the United States railroad administration during war time control in charge of operations of the national vast railroad systems. On January 1, 1920, he came to Omaha as president of the Union Pacific. Aside

Hungry May Beg, Baldwin Ruling

"It's no disgrace for a man to beg when he's hungry," Municipal Judge Arthur Baldwin announced from the bench Saturday morning.

"I'd chop wood for a meal myself if I was hungry."

He was trying the case of John Clement, 58, charged with vagrancy. Clement said he came to Omaha last November with a little money, but that he lost it. He has been ringing doorbells, and offering to do odd jobs in exchange for something to eat.

He was discharged.

Broken Bow—Bubumil Baburek of Comstock was granted American citizenship at the term of district court last week. Mr. Baburek was a native of Czechoslovakia.

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