

GIRL TELLS HER OWN STORY

Clara Josephine Coffin Relates Strange Tale of Her Flight West

CLINGS TO THEORY SHE WAS ENTRANCED

At Home of Postmaster Crow, She Awaits Father's Arrival, Still Suffering from Nervous Prostration.

For the first time since her arrival in Omaha Thursday night after her thrilling escape from alleged kidnapers near Cedar Rapids, Ia., Miss Clara Josephine Coffin of East Orange, N. J., yesterday spoke to someone outside of the immediate family circle of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crow, at the home of Postmaster Crow, 408 South Fortieth street, where she is staying.

Miss Coffin was found suffering intensely from the nervous shock induced by her extraordinary experience, but she talked rationally of all that she remembers from the time she met the mysterious man and woman last Tuesday morning in East Orange. Her memory, however, is almost a blank on the trip across the continent, and she only recalls being in Chicago until she was sufficiently roused from her stupor to make the successful attempt to elude her tormentors at the little station in Iowa, the name of which she does not recall.

"I had noticed this woman several times on the streets before she accosted me last Tuesday," said Miss Coffin. Her black eyes seemed to command obedience from the first. Tuesday, as I was going from my home to the gymnasium, she spoke to me. She told me to go home and pack my clothes. I was impelled by some power I could not explain or resist to do her bidding. I not only took a bundle of clothing, but brought along my purse. I know I had several dollars more than fifteen, I think. I returned to the woman and we were joined by a man.

Cannot Describe Man.

"No," said Miss Coffin, in reply to a question, "I do not remember what this man looks like. All I can recall is that we got into a closed carriage, and I remember nothing more until we crossed the Hudson river to New York. I cannot remember getting on the train at New York and have no recollection of the trip west. I came to slightly at Chicago."

"How did you know you were in Chicago?" was asked.

"I saw the signs on the buildings," was the reply, and the young girl began to tremble violently as the little she remembers of her weird ride was called vividly to mind. Hesitating only for a short time, Miss Coffin proceeded.

"I remember nothing more until we arrived at Cedar Rapids. By that time I had recovered, I thought, and I watched my opportunity and got out of the car. I got the porter on the train to telegraph to Mr. Crow. I got off the train at a little station and bought a ticket with the money left in my purse. They must have used some, for I had several dollars.

"I do not remember that I was given any drug while I was with that man and woman."

By this time Miss Coffin was again becoming excited as the thoughts of her peril came over her, and Mrs. Crow, who was present, deemed it best to bring the interview to an end.

Girl's Father Coming.

E. W. Coffin, the father of the girl, is expected to arrive in Omaha the first of next week.

"We had a telegram saying he would start for Omaha today," said Mrs. Crow. "I see by the morning papers that he is supposed to have started last night. If this is true he will arrive here a day sooner than we had expected."

Mrs. Crow stated that Miss Coffin was still suffering intensely from the nervous strain, but that she thought her complete recovery was only a matter of a few days at the most.

Miss Coffin greatly appreciates the kindness she is receiving at the hands of her Omaha relatives and much of the dread of her strange experience has already worn off. She avoids referring to herself and the subject is not broached by any member of the household, at Miss Coffin's request.

At the time of Miss Coffin's sudden and mysterious disappearance from her home in East Orange her teachers at the high school and friends expressed the belief that the young woman's mind had been slightly upset by over-study, and her father is quoted in a New York paper as having taken the same view.

Falled in Her School Work.

In the New York Sun, under date line of November 2, is a story from East Orange on Miss Coffin's disappearance, in which it is said that the girl, in preparation for Yassar college, had been carrying extra studies at high school and had dropped below grade in her mathematics and that it is believed she worried over this and preferred to disappear rather than return to school under the circumstances.

The same report says that Tuesday night Miss Coffin told her folks at home she wanted to run over to see a girl friend, Miss Jessie Houston, and that she disappeared at \$40 that night and has not been seen since. Her failure to return frightened her father and prostrated her mother, and the police there, in New York and other cities were immediately advised to look for the missing girl. A thorough search was being made, when Miss Coffin turned up at her cousin's in Omaha. The general impression gathered from eastern reports is that the girl had worried herself sick over her school work.

COUNCILMEN ARE AROUSED

Indignant at Efforts to Prevent Payment of Bills for Municipal Paving.

Hostilities between the city council and the Barber Asphalt company have not been sweetened any by recent unofficial acts of one of the local representatives of the trust.

In the light made to prevent payment of bills incurred in municipal repairs to asphalt letters have been written to the bonding companies, sureties for the councilmen, advising that the lawmakers will be held responsible on their bonds for the amounts paid.

After an investigation the surety companies declined to cancel the bonds.

"I do not fear the cancellation of my bond," said one of the councilmen, "as I could get personal surety without trouble, but the method used arouses my resentment. It will not help to heal the breach between the Barber company and the city, and will have an effect towards the construction of a municipal asphalt plant. Instead of confining itself strictly to repairs, as was at first proposed, you may see Omaha laying its own asphalt pavements. There seems to be little or no question, in view of the work done this season, but that the city can put down asphalt paving better and cheaper than has been obtained by contract."

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It was reported that Lake street between Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets had been rendered practically impassable through the brick making firm of Withrow & Smith cutting out several thousand cubic feet of dirt from the street for making brick. Mr. Moriarty was directed to file a complaint on behalf of the club with the proper city officials against Messrs. Withrow & Smith, and to take the necessary legal steps toward having them properly fined or punished for violating the public streets for their private gain and use.

A complaint was also directed filed with the Board of Health against Anderson's dairy, west of Thirty-third street, between Lake and Blondo, as a public nuisance and menace to public health, and particularly for dumping refuse and offal from the dairy within the city limits.

A motion prevailed directing the secretary to pay to the Central Federated club the dues of the Omaha View club to that organization for the months of September, October and November.

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President Horace G. Burt of the Union Pacific, E. E. Buchanan, superintendent of transportation, and J. B. Berry, chief engineer, arrived home Friday morning in their special train, and E. L. Lomez, general passenger and ticket agent came in with John C. Stubbs, general traffic director of the Harriman line, in his private car "Sunset," which was attached to the fast mail and arrived in the city at 4:20 p. m. from Salt Lake, where they met officials from the Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railway & Navigation company and effected new schedules.

Mr. Burt, who asked what would be the makeup of the new time card, remarked: "It is not yet completed." It only remained in the city long enough for his car to be transferred and attached to the Northwestern train leaving for Chicago shortly after the arrival.

Mr. Burt, general passenger and ticket agent of the Union Pacific, said: "On the Union Pacific the trains affected are what are known as Nos. 4 and 5 and the Chicago-Portland-Butte special. The latter train, which leaves Chicago now at 10 a. m., will hereafter leave at 10:30 p. m. and will arrive at Butte at 5 p. m. These are the principal changes of the time on the Union Pacific and the schedule will go into effect November 15. A few minor changes yet remain to be considered, but these deal with the time of the trains running on the branches.

WITH THE COMING OF COLD WEATHER there comes the necessity for cold weather needs. The opportunity is yours tomorrow at BENNETT'S. We have turned over our gigantic stocks—brought out all the comforting things—received carloads of seasonable items. Tomorrow morning these will be thrown on sale at prices really astonishing, considering the reliability of the goods.

We not only guarantee the worth of everything we sell—we sell nothing we cannot guarantee. Everything we sell is 36 inches to the yard, 16 ounces to the pound, and no nonsense. NOTE—We are the great headquarters for the Green Trading Stamp system of merchandising. It has turned the old town upside down! It's here to stay! Our energies are back of it! Our integrity is involved in it! It is solely and wholly a benefit for you! It gives you interest on the money you spend and beats bank interest at that. How's your book coming?

STARTLING BARGAIN SALES FOR MONDAY

Furs for women and children—a stock of nearly \$20,000 to select from. The best styles and best prices ever made in Omaha.

Another Sermon By Dorothy Dodd SEE THE DIFFERENCE

It is the American point of sensitiveness not to know how to do things as they are done by civilized authorities. Recognized authority is another name for style. If a woman has style you know it at once. You examine her credentials in your first glance at her shoes. If they are not stylish, she is not.

DOROTHY DODD. Oxfords, \$2.50 Boots, \$3.00 Specials, 50c More.

Genuine Drug Money Savers

Art Bargains

A Great Clear Up in HARDWARE PRICES

WATCH YOUR EYES!

HORSE BLANKETS Special this Week

Stationery Dep't

Rev. Dr. Tindall Quits Omaha

Methodist church, has been transferred to Great Falls, Mont., and Rev. J. R. Smith of that place has been assigned to the pastorate at Trinity church. The change will probably be made some time during the next two weeks.

CALLING CARDS

Nice to Have Cost But Little 100 Cards, in Old English or Script 39 cents Pretty Aluminum Case FREE

Crockery

A huge sale of Fancy Lamps. The right time to buy lamps is now. From every quarter where good lamps are made we have gathered in our immense supply.

Wall Paper THIRD FLOOR

Embossed heavy golds, up from 15c

Good white blanks, up from 3c

Steel Range—Six 8-inch holes, 18-inch oven, high closet, asbestos lined, nicely nickled, \$26.50

Art Dept., 2d Floor

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