

NEGRO ON TRIAL CHARGED WITH ATTACK ON GIRL

Colored Man Guarded by Five Deputy Sheriffs as Bessie Kroupa Tells Court of Assault.

Ira Johnson, negro, guarded by five deputy sheriffs, sat in county court yesterday while Miss Bessie Kroupa related the details of his alleged assault upon her, July 7, in a deserted spot east of Tenth street, near Canton street.

Outside the court enclosure sat an angry woman, Miss Kroupa's mother, who rose to her feet several times, muttering threats, and was soothed by two of her daughters. Another daughter sat near Bessie while she was on the witness stand and comforted her several times when she broke down and cried.

The state offered evidence from Miss Kroupa and from George Kysel, a laborer, who found her, bound hand and foot, after the negro had left. Both of these identified the prisoner positively as the man who committed the assault. The defense did not offer any witnesses and County Judge Crawford bound Johnson over to the district court under \$5,000 bond.

Court Room is Filled.

The court room was filled, many of those present being negroes. The defense of Johnson is being managed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"We are doing this in the interests of justice," said Rev. John Albert Williams. "If this man is innocent we want to see that he has a fair chance to show it."

Frank Howell of the law firm of

Smith, Schall & Howell, conducted the preliminary defense, assisted by Frank Sheehan of the same firm. Deputy County Attorney Stabaugh conducted the prosecution.

Miss Kroupa was very nervous on the witness stand and at times broke down and wept.

She said she was going to work at about 12:30 o'clock noon, on July 7, when she met the negro on Tenth street.

"I was afraid when I saw him, but I didn't want to turn and run back then," she said. "Just after he passed me he threw his arm back around my neck. I tried to struggle but he choked me and then dragged me about 120 feet east into a clump of sumac and threw me on the ground and tied my hands. Then he assaulted me."

Pleaded With Him.

"I pleaded with him all the time to let me go, but he wouldn't. After that he tied my feet and then he sat down a minute and wiped his face with his handkerchief and wiped off my face, too."

Miss Kroupa's identification was not as positive as that of George Kysel, a laborer, who lives in that vicinity and who testified that he saw the weeds pressed down at a point along Tenth street while he was out looking for milkweeds to feed to his ducks and geese.

"So I went in a little ways and there I saw Miss Kroupa standing with her hands tied and gasping for breath," he said.

He released her and then assisted her to her home, 4113 South Ninth street.

"I saw the same man at Tenth and Canton streets about 11 o'clock that morning," he said. "I am positive it was the same man."

Johnson seemed entirely unconcerned with the proceedings and unconscious of the angry glances thrown at him. He watched the pretty witness and her pretty sister closely throughout the testimony.

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UNDERWRITERS RECOMMEND NEW ALARM SYSTEM

National Organization Says Omaha Fire Signals Inadequate and Suitable Only for Small City.

The committee on fire prevention of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, in a report received this week by city officials, recommends that a modern fire alarm system be installed in Omaha. This same recommendation has been made by the committee in its reports on Omaha for a period of years.

An extract from the report reads: "As reported in 1913, the fire alarm system is of a type suitable only for small cities and is little used in sending in alarms; it is so inadequate that it can not be used from many localities, including Benson and Florence, which have no fire alarm boxes; even in the congested value district there are only about half as many as are needed. Boxes are inconspicuous and many have detached keys, which partly accounts for their not being used."

"Fire alarm system is very inadequate and unreliable," is the conclusion.

The report adds that building inspections by the fire department are too infrequent to expect effective results; although the area of the city has greatly increased, the fire inspection branch is smaller than in 1913.

Another recommendation reads: "That company officers make quarterly inspections in all districts, except of dwellings, to familiarize themselves with local conditions and to secure the removal of unnecessary combustibles and other hazards, making detailed written reports on approved forms."

There are 110 fire alarm boxes in use, the system being operated by the telephone company on a yearly contract with the city.

Chief Salter stated that a modern fire alarm system would cost approximately \$100,000, and he recommends an improved alarm system for the business district. A legislative enactment four years ago, which provided for the motorization of the fire department, carried with it a provision for a special levy for a fire alarm system.

In the cities of Norway children are not allowed in the streets after dark.

My HEART and My HUSBAND Adele Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife

The Way Lillian Played Her Cards.

"Loathes!" I interrupted her, my voice cold, deliberate, although I felt as if my brain were seething. "Loathes as he would a cobra. You are evidently cherishing the delusion that I know nothing of your history or of your treachery of years ago. Acting upon that delusion you have been extorting sums of money from my father, simply because he loves me so devotedly that he does not wish me ever to see you, to know that you exist."

If I had planned deliberately to infuriate the woman who had slurred my dead mother, my success could not have been greater than the result which followed my passionate declaration of my father's real sentiments toward herself and me.

Evidently the 20 years which had elapsed since the ending of the sordid chapter of her association with my father had not dimmed the tigerish jealousy of him and hatred of my mother, which had actuated her in that long time. That both jealousy and hatred were rooted in her own vanity and mercenary calculation—redeemed by no gleam of the real divine spark of love which sometimes illumines an otherwise sordid intrigue—did not serve to cool the rage which appeared to be consuming her at my words.

Lillian Intervenes.

She made a quick movement toward me, her fingers working perceptibly.

"You lying devil!" she screamed. "I'll tear your eyes out if you hand me anything more like that. What do you know?"

Lillian had moved as swiftly as she, stepping in front of me as the infuriated woman launched her tirade of invective. In the background, Allen Drake had made a swift step forward, but at Lillian's movement remained where he was, the picture of indolent inattention, although I knew that he could and would reach the woman and shackle her in an instant if the occasion required such strenuous action.

"We'll just wind up this reel right now," Lillian said decidedly. "You're clever at melodrama, Mrs.—er—Robbins, but, unfortunately, our taste runs to innocuous, comfortable comedy dramas. So please don't bite any more chunks out of the landscape. Instead, we'll get right down to brass tacks for a few minutes."

Madge, dear, please take that easy chair near Mr. Drake and compose yourself. You're wasting valuable emotion and nerve force on something distinctly not worth while."

I never have heard a tone so absolutely flaying in its effect as the cool, emotionless drawl in which Lillian couched her ultimatum. The angry woman before her was shrewd enough to see that no weapon in her emotional arsenal was penetrating enough to pierce Lillian's armor. She turned her eyes on Lillian with a calculating stare, evidently debating what was best to do, waited a long moment before she spoke.

Playing "the Ace."

"You're making a good bluff on deuces," she said at last. "Suppose I call you. Let's see your hand. You can bet the last cent in your coin purse that I don't give in till I'm beaten, and then the cards have to be stacked against me."

"They don't have to be stacked," Lillian retorted coolly. "We hold too high cards."

"All right, play 'em."

Lillian stepped to the table, picked up a little pile of cancelled checks and other papers, ruffled them, and handed two or three to the woman.

"Payments of Mr. Graham to you recently," she said quietly. "Exhibit A."

"Not good enough," the woman retorted. "I tell you those are presents on account of his affection for me. You can't prove them otherwise, because even if I'm lying you don't want to let him know his precious daughter has seen me."

"You're lying all right," Lillian returned evenly. "And that's only a ten-spot anyway. But before going on to the next one, let me tell you something you evidently don't know. Mr. Spencer has for years been known as Robert Gordon. He has been so high up in the service of his country that the biggest men obeyed him like a schoolmaster. He has the power to throw you into jail a mile deep if he wanted to and keep you there 100 years. But he idolizes this daughter of his as he did her mother before her—make no mistake about that. We've worked together. I know his story, know that he has lived in agonized remorse for 20 years because of the wife he lost, to whom he never dared return because of the wrong he had done her, but whom he adored, hopelessly, devotedly."

"And because he didn't wish his daughter to know even that you lived, he has submitted to your blackmail—we'll just call it by its right name. He is getting old, isn't he former vigorous self or he would never have fallen for your extortion. And now I'm going to waste a minute more time on you. We'll play the ace right now."

She nodded to Allen Drake. He walked to the door and called softly to the man in the hall.

(Continued Monday.)

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