

TESTIMONY OF ASSAULT VICTIM SUBSTANTIATED

Witnesses Identify Accused Negro as Black Loitering in Vicinity of Crime.

Miss Bessie Kroupa occupied a seat between her mother and sister when District Judge Redick called court to order yesterday morning, the beginning of the second day's trial of the negro, Ira Johnson, charged with criminally assaulting Miss Kroupa near her home, 4113 South Ninth street, the afternoon of July 7.

The firm of Smith-Schall & Howell receives a fee of \$1,000 for defending the accused. The money was raised among his friends before the mayor's firm would agree to take up the negro's case.

George Kerrel, 910 Romania street, who discovered the pretty stenographer bound and gagged and helpless in a clump of bushes where the friend had left his victim after holding her prisoner for more than an hour, was the first witness called.

Seen in Vicinity. Mr. Kerrel declared positively that Johnson was the man he had seen in the vicinity of the assault just before he found Miss Kroupa in the weeds.

Attorney Frank Howell, member of Mayor Smith's law firm, which is defending the negro, was unable to shake the testimony given by the witness on direct examination.

Substantiates Statements.

William Parker, foreman of the Burlington ice house in Gibson, declared Johnson worked for him from June 5 to July 7, the day of the assault.

He substantiated Miss Kroupa's identification of the negro with reference to the pockmarks on the man's face and other details of the prisoner's personal appearance as he looked at the time the crime was committed. He was subjected to a severe cross-examination by Attorney Howell in regard to the time of day and the distance between the ice house and the scene of the crime. Mr. Parker was clear in his statements and the attorney's efforts failed to confuse him in the least.

Identified by Boy.

Charles Wentz, the 9-year-old son of Philip Wentz, 916 Dominion street, identified the prisoner as the negro he had seen hanging around the neighborhood of the Kroupa home for several days before the girl was assaulted. He also asserted he saw the man there the day the crime was committed. Mr. Howell's

My Heart and My Husband ADELE GARRISON'S New Phase of "Revelations of a Wife"

Why Dicky Disparagingly Cried "And I Thought I Understood Women!"

At his mother's knock Dicky made a laughing yet determined attempt to leap behind the portieres which curtained off the alcove. But I frustrated him by stepping quickly in front of the curtains myself, and calling a dulcet: "Come in."

Dicky shook his first at me in pretended anger, and I knew that he would almost rather have faced one of the boche planes, his former adversaries, than his mother in the mood in which she was indulging herself. But there was no help for him or for me, and we both stood in waiting respectful attitudes as Mother Graham swept into the room.

"Now I want the truth of this thing!" She began truculently. "What are you two planning that I must be barred from accompanying you on the ride? First, Margaret insolently refers me to Richard and bawls when I demand to be taken. I warn you I'll not stand much more of this. My patience is almost exhausted."

I would not have been surprised to see her take a birchwood switch from behind her back and proceed to administer summary correction to us both. Her manner was exactly the one she must have used when her son was an urchin.

"You didn't give me time to tell you, mother," Dicky began meekly, "that I planned to teach Madge to run the car this afternoon, and of course, when I am doing that I can have no one else in the car."

efforts to break down the child's testimony proved a failure.

Other witnesses were John T. Dunn, chief of detectives, and Officers Felix Dolan and Peter Hagerman, who arrested the negro in a bunk car near the ice house the day after the assault.

Court adjourned after Harry Crooky, 917 Homan street, testified that he saw Miss Kroupa walking on the street some distance from him while the blood streamed from several wounds on her face. This, he said, was about 1 o'clock on the day of the assault.

Assistant County Attorney Slahaugh declared he expected to rest the case for the state today.

Approved Methods and Skill Discussed by The Normal Teachers

More skill in teaching, and the adoption of approved methods, was the keynote of the normal-training teachers' conference of the state yesterday afternoon at Central high school. J. F. Duncan of Lincoln, president and Katherine Lambert of Fairbury, was secretary.

Mrs. Alberta B. Anderson of Lincoln, held the close attention of attendants by her paper on "The Teaching of Normal Training Reviews." Miss Lambert of Fairbury, followed with a paper on "Some Phases to be Emphasized in Normal-Training Teaching."

"Essentials for Successful Work in Teacher-Training Departments," was a subject by C. C. Swain, rural school commissioner of St. Paul, Minn.

State Superintendent W. H. Clemmons of Lincoln, gave an interesting outline of the Nebraska normal training schools and what has been done, and is being done, to improve the standard of pedagogy.

"I should hope not!" my mother-in-law interrupted grimly. "Two like you both would certainly be more than enough."

I hit my tongue to keep from laughing, and did not dare to glance toward Dicky for fear the mirth which I knew he must be suppressing would burst its bounds. The next moment Mother Graham turned on me.

Dicky protests. "Will you kindly inform me, Margaret, why you did not tell me this a few moments ago, when I proposed going, instead of so insolently telling me that I would have to speak to Richard about it?"

Dicky suddenly turned a sharp glance on me. I knew that he comprehended my "passing of the buck," as he would term it, and wondered whether he would take it angrily or in good part. I had no time for speculation, however.

My mother-in-law was waiting for an answer, and that truculently. "I—I was afraid you would not believe me," I said, blurring out the truth. "That you might think I was just making that an excuse."

And—I do not think I was insolent. I did not mean to be.

My mother-in-law put her hands behind her back and looked me up and down.

"Whether I should have believed you or not then I shall certainly know how to appraise your statements in the future," she said icily. "Such a thought could only enter the brain of one accustomed to such facile deceit."

"Oh, come now, mother!" Dicky protested hotly, but I signalled him to keep quiet. Woman-like, I should have fiercely resented it if he had not taken my part against his mother, but as soon as I knew he was ranged upon my side of the controversy I was perfectly willing to let her have all the honors of combat.

She was not slow to take them. "Keep quiet!" she commanded, as if he had been a noisy child of three.

"And carry Richard Second down. You will take me for a ride now, and then if there is time enough afterward you can risk your life, and your wife's in any way you please."

Madge's Great Satisfaction. She swept out of the room, closing the door after her decidedly—to put it mildly, Dicky threw his hands above his head as she left.

"Police! Help! Also, murder! Fire!" he exclaimed. "I haven't seen her in such a wax in moons. Better get under the bed, old dear, and stay there for a day or two. When she refers to you as your wife, Richard, it is time for you to take tall timber. Well! I'm not so awfully sorry for you. It serves you right for trying to pass the buck to me."

"I would advise you not to spend too much time in introspective analysis," I said drily, "or she will be looking for you."

Dicky made the door in two strides. "Oh, wise young Madge! Oh, excellent young woman!" he paraphrased. "Never mind, old dear, I'll be back for you, it's all right to give her a ride, first, but I'll be blasted if I'm going to let her spoil your whole afternoon."

"She couldn't do that, dear," I said softly. "Not when you stood by me you did just now."

Dicky stared at me, then give a low, long whistle as he opened the door. "And I thought I understood women!" he said as he went out.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

TERMINAL FOR MAIL AIR ROUTE TO BE IN OMAHA

Planes Will Carry Mail to Every Important City in This Part of Country From Here.

Omaha will be the western terminal of the aerial mail system, with sub lines running to every important middle west city, according to Col. John A. Jordan, superintendent of aerial mail construction and extension.

Colonel Jordan arrived in Omaha yesterday morning. He will remain for two days, holding conferences with business interests in Omaha, and hopes to complete all arrangements for establishing an aerial mail system here before leaving, he said.

"I was rushed here by Second Assistant Postmaster General Praeger, who intends to extend mail lines to Omaha at once," said Colonel Jordan. "Omaha will become a great western terminal for the aerial mail service before spring. Large shops and hangars will be established, and several hundred skilled mechanics will be employed at high salaries."

Planes Now Ready. There are two large Martin planes now ready to be used between Chicago and Omaha, Colonel Jordan said, and should be making regular daily trips within the next few weeks.

The Martin plane will carry 1,500 pounds of mail, or about 60,000 letters, and is one of the most powerful types of plane in use. It is equipped with two Liberty motors and carries two passengers.

"We could start the service today if the field here was ready," Colonel Jordan declared. "I have the exact specifications for the hangar to be built and for other arrangements to be made. The hangar must be 150 by 200 feet, large enough to contain four planes."

The route, when extended to Omaha, will simply take the Chicago terminal to Omaha. New York and Omaha will be the two great terminals until the line is extended to San Francisco. Cleveland and Chicago will be the only two stops between here and the Atlantic seaboard.

Direct Route to Coast. Commenting on the efforts of Kansas City, Mo., to secure a place on the main line, Colonel Jordan explained that Omaha was the most direct route to the coast. Kansas City will receive mail from Omaha via smaller planes which will be stationed here shortly after the lines are extended.

"We expect to extend the line to the coast by the first of next July," said Colonel Jordan, "and this extension will make Omaha the only great inland terminal.

"The aerial mail service is no longer an experiment. Planes have flown on regular schedule between Cleveland and Chicago for the past 175 days without mishap.

New Type of Plane. "I expect to see at least six large planes flying between New York and Omaha before Christmas. It will take just 12 hours of flying to make the trip. A new plane is now in the process of construction known as the L. W. F. type, carrying three Liberty motors, which will greatly reduce the flying time. It will be in operation here by spring."

Colonel Jordan conferred with representatives of Ak-Sar-Ben, the Aerial club, the aerial navigation committee of the Chamber of Commerce and other business organiza-

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When constipated avoid strong cathartics. Take a mild laxative such as Chamberlain's Tablets.

house-to-house canvass have not been able to reach much more than one-third of the homes of the city.

One subscription of \$500, that of Dr. Jonas, was handed in yesterday morning.

In the campaign carried on by Harry Tostiven, who has charge of the job printing houses, a 100 per cent subscription is reported. He has \$500 in cash on hand, numerous

pledges and a considerable sum of cash yet to collect.

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