

School Girl on Stand Tells of Promoter's Acts

Sarah Schoenfeld Testifies Against "Tex" Rickard—Says She Visited Apartment.

New York, March 21.—An under-sized, tousled-haired schoolgirl in short dress, Sarah Schoenfeld, just over 15 years old, sat in a witness chair in supreme court for more than two hours today and told Justice Wasservogel and a jury of alleged assaults upon her by George L. (Tex) Rickard, internationally known sports promoter.

As she recited her story in a lisping voice, the man who had arranged some of the greatest pugilistic encounters in history, sat with arms folded, staring at her. Only occasionally did he relax and then to whisper in his counsel's ear or to make notes with a pencil.

The girl told how she had been introduced to Rickard by her chum, Nellie Gasko, last summer at the swimming pool in Madison Square Garden. He gave them both money, she said, and told them to come and see him at his office in the tower of the building. Upon their visit, she testified, Rickard gave them a note and asked them to call at an apartment in West Forty-seventh street. They called at the apartment later and there the alleged assault took place. He gave them each \$10, she said, and asked them to call again.

Tells of Other Visits.
Then followed a story of other visits, all but one, when she was alone, in company with the Gasko girl. These visits covered several months. She said Rickard also tried to assault the Gasko girl, but that she repulsed him. The amount of

money he gave them, she said, varied from time to time, ranging from \$5 to \$20.

After each alleged assault, Sarah testified, the promoter asked them to tell nothing of what had happened. Once she asked Rickard to help get her brother Samuel out of jail in Milwaukee, where he had been arrested for stealing. Rickard promised to help, she said, and later she brought her mother to see him.

A letter was introduced in evidence, alleged to have been written to Mrs. Schoenfeld by Rickard on January 18, in which he enclosed a letter to the governor of Wisconsin, asking that steps be taken to release Samuel from prison. The letter asked Mrs. Schoenfeld to write directly to the governor and to enclose the other letter.

Returned to Prison.
Sarah was on the stand when adjournment was taken until tomorrow. In outlining the cases to the jury, Ferdinand Pecora, assistant district attorney, said that the state would prove that when the news of Rickard's arrest in connection with the alleged assaults on other girls was printed the Schoenfeld and Gasko girl met him by telephonic appointment, that during an automobile ride for more than an hour through Central park he urged them to tell the authorities nothing of what had happened. He told them, Mr. Pecora said, to say, if necessary, that "another man did it." He warned that if they told, they would "be sent away" until they were 18 years old and that he would give them no more money. The girls promised that they would obey, Mr. Pecora said.

After adjournment, Rickard was led back over "the bridge of sighs" to Tombs prison, where his cell mate is Alfred E. Lindsay, alleged swindler of wealthy society women.

Steele City Schools Head Named for Another Year
Steele City, Neb., March 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Smimia, superintendent of schools, has been named for another year at the same salary and has accepted.

Mafia Scorns Chicago Police, Declares Chief

"Spits in Face of Justice," Fitzmorris Asserts Before Representatives of Civic Organizations.

Chicago, March 21.—Law enforcement in Chicago, is on the edge of chaos, Charles C. Fitzmorris, general superintendent of police, told more than 100 persons representing 34 civic and industrial organizations last night.

Kickham Scanlan, chief justice of the criminal court; Robert E. Crowe, states attorney, and James A. Patten, board of trade member and civic leader, in addresses agreed with the police head.

"We are on the edge of chaos," Mr. Fitzmorris said. "The work of the police department is being undone as fast as we can do it."

"There is an organized band of criminals in Chicago, well entrenched, a mafia, which considers itself above and beyond the law, which not only laughs in the face of justice but spits in the face of justice," Mr. Crowe said.

Judge Scanlan attacked crooked lawyers, whom he called greatly responsible for crime conditions, and scored business men for evading jury service.

"There are judges on the criminal bench of Cook county (Chicago) who should be removed," Mr. Patten said. Earlier, Chief Fitzmorris had asserted "there is an organization of criminals here—they have their judges and lawyers."

Attempted Jail Delivery.
The second attempt in two days at a jail delivery was frustrated yesterday when armed guards under Warden Wesley H. Westbrook, checked the uprising and forced 70

prisoners back to their cells. When the prisoners refused to return to their cells after the exercise hour, Mr. Westbrook stationed guards with riot guns at advantageous positions, stepped to the front and told the prisoners he would give them 10 minutes in which to obey the command, or direct the guards to begin shooting. Watch in hand he tolled off seven minutes and all the mutineers had disappeared.

Invalid Robbed.
Peoria, Ill., March 20.—Mrs. Charles Wilson, invalid wife of Chief of City Detectives, was bound, gagged and robbed of \$6 in her home by two robbers. Revenge for Chief Wilson's activities against thieves is believed the motive for the attack. Mrs. Wilson begged for her life and was told to keep silent or she would be killed.

Leisurely Robbers.
New York, March 21.—Leisurely robbers spent the week-end stealing \$30,000 worth of shoes from the Novelty Footwear Manufacturing company, M. Gustin, president of the firm, reported to the police.

The robbers started Saturday night and working all day Sunday wrapped up and tossed down the elevator shaft from the 11th floor about 400 bundles of shoes. The loot weighed nearly six tons, Mr. Gustin said.

Bandit Locks Up Cashier.
Danville, Ill., March 21.—Forcing Charles W. Murray, cashier of the Danville Street Railway and Light company, into a vault late yesterday, a bandit closed and locked the door, grabbed all the money in sight and escaped.

The company last night announced that about \$1,700 is missing from the day's receipts, which was being counted by the cashier at the time. There was no eye witnesses of the robbery.

Shot to Death.
St. Louis, Mo., March 21.—A statement to police by Elizabeth Wissler, 11, that Earl Bolin, 25, whose bullet-riddled body was found in his automobile here August 25 last was shot to death shortly after

he attempted to attack her, last night led the police to arrest her father, James Wissler, 36. Wissler, police claim, corroborated his daughter's statement, but did not say whether or not he was involved in the shooting.

Masked Men Slay Man
Nashville, Ark., March 21.—The police today were searching for masked men who late yesterday shot and killed Walter Gibbs, 25, as he attempted to protect Joel Harris, about 60. Harris was taken outside of town and whipped severely after the killing of Gibbs.

Coal Miner's Strike Ordered on March 31

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in New York meeting with anti-racite operators.

The miner's membership, excluding that in Nova Scotia, which will not be affected by the strike, is about 300,000 men. Of these, approximately 75,000 are in the three anthracite districts of Pennsylvania and the remainder scattered over the soft coal fields. Past suspensions in the anthracite fields, however, have practically stopped all operations, leading to the official estimate that almost 600,000 men will be called out of the mines.

The order was not sent into Nova Scotia because the miners there were said to be working under an arrangement made sometime ago when a contract expired, and the injection of the strike order might complicate the situation as to making any future agreement impossible.

Refuse Separate Scale.
Columbus, O., March 21.—Southern Ohio coal operators, in a letter addressed to Lee Hall, president of the Ohio miners, tonight invited the miners of their district to meet them here March 27 for the purpose of negotiating a wage scale and working conditions, effective April 1. The check-off would not be considered at the meeting, it was announced.

President Hall immediately replied that he could not accept such an invitation for a district conference, pointing out that it was contrary to the recently announced policy of the United Mine Workers of America forbidding regional conferences.

The operators' letter declared that southern Ohio operators had refused to attend a "four-state" scale meeting because "the conditions that confront the coal industry of southern Ohio could not and would not receive the consideration that the local situation absolutely demands."



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