

2 GIRLS TELL JURY OF SORDID TORTURE

Murphy Is Identified by Witness as Gangster.

TESTIMONY IS UNSHAKEN

Young Women Still Show Signs of Terrible Ordeal Undergo in San Francisco Shack.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Jessie Montgomery, scarred target of the Howard-street gangsters, passed unscathed through a searing session of cross-examination tonight as complaining witness against Edmund (Spud) Murphy, first of several men to face the bar of justice as despoilers of young womanhood.

It was the opinion of spectators that Miss Montgomery emerged unscathed from her fiery ordeal. Rather, the spectators concluded her cross-examination by Ernest Spagnoli, Murphy's attorney, merely served to heighten the awfulness of the hours of horror that she underwent in the Howard-street shack early on last Thanksgiving morning.

And if there were more to be added to the crime drama on earth, it was the appearance of Miss Jean Stanley on the witness stand.

Girl of 19 Testifies.
A little girl of 19 is Miss Stanley, a blonde with the face of a baby, slow of speech and still bloodshot of eye, circumstances resulting from her heartless beating on that unforgettable morning when the Howard-street gangsters lured the two girls into the house of horror.

Murphy's eyes never left Miss Stanley, nor did they shift from the countenance of Miss Montgomery as she detailed the dreadful occurrences.

Every effort of Attorney Spagnoli to break the unsteady calm of both witnesses on cross-examination failed, in the opinion of the spectators.

Courtroom Is Packed.
Perhaps the experiences in the Howard-street vice den had stabbed so deep into the souls of the girls that no human juggling of words by an inept attorney for the defense could possibly shake them from their recital of the facts; perhaps the deadly calm evident in the attitude of the girls was prompted by lingering imprints of heavy fingers and heavier fists, but it appeared to a packed courtroom that both Miss Montgomery and Miss Stanley stepped down from the witness stand unshaken as to their stories, but unstrung in the telling.

It was not a little pathetic to see Policewoman O'Connor lead Jean Stanley by the hand out of the vulgar gaze.

Miss Montgomery sat in the courtroom, after an ordeal in the reveling court spectacles, unmoved by the casting eyes of hate at "Spud" Murphy, and ever and often looking upon Murphy with a cold stare at his side, with wonder and doubt.

Miss Montgomery Is 17.
Miss Montgomery is only 17 years old, and she sat unmoved through the afternoon. Her companion, Miss Stanley, two years older, had to be taken by the hand even as a child past the table at which sat "Spud" Murphy and his wondering but faithful wife.

In the witness stand Miss Montgomery was a marvel of self-poise, in the opinion of spectators. Clearly she was laboring under a terrific strain at all times, but when Murphy's attorney took her in hand on cross-examination and dramatically asked: "Miss Montgomery, would you break up this man's home?"

Amid a silence that was nearly oppressive came Miss Montgomery's answer:

Identification Is Positive.
"Even to the breaking up of his home, even to the sending him to the gallows—if hanging were the penalty—would I be positive that he is the man who abused me so fiendishly."

Spagnoli attempted to confuse Miss Montgomery as to her identification of Murphy and Miss Stanley's identification.

"But didn't Jean Stanley express some doubt when Murphy brought before her at the San Francisco hospital by the police for identification as one of the men who attacked her?" pleaded Spagnoli.

Answers Are Direct.
"Jean wasn't sure whether or not Murphy was at the Stroller's cafe, but she was positive he was one of the gangsters who abused her in the Howard-street place. That's the man that beat me so cruelly," she said when she pointed him out.

These and other direct answers on the part of Jessie Montgomery during what Judge Ward characterized as "fishing expeditions" on the part of Murphy's attorney only set his frowning deeper and deeper into the hidden slough of unexpected testimony developed today which now threatens completely to engulf the latter.

At 10:30 o'clock the hearing was continued until tomorrow morning.

DOG FRIGHTENS BURGLAR

Intruder Flees as Scotch Collie Begins Barking.

Presence of a Scotch collie dog in the kitchen caused a burglar to make a hurried exit after he had opened the back door of the residence of Mrs. E. Wimbles, 6535 Eighty-second street, Southeast, about 2:10 A. M. yesterday. A burglar thought by the police to be the same man entered two other houses in that neighborhood, however, and obtained a miscellaneous assortment of loot.

Two watches, a gold watch chain, a vest were taken from the residence of R. S. Parker, 6504 Seventy-seventh street, Southeast. A Stephenson, 7169 Sixty-third street, Southeast, reported the loss of an overcoat, a suit, a pair of shoes and some keys. He awoke while the thief was in his room, but could not see him plainly in the darkness. Mrs. Wimbles awoke and went downstairs when her dog barked. She found the kitchen door open, with the 1½-in. leather revolver holster lying on the floor. Nothing had been taken from her residence.

Eastern Oregon Moonshiner Fined.
BEND, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Charles Nickell of Bend was fined \$100 and costs of \$25.50 by Judge J. A. Eastes. A complete still, quantities of mash and five gallons of moonshine were found in Nickell's home. He pleaded guilty to the charge of making whisky.

YULE SEASON BRINGS YOUNG STAR CASE OF HOMESICKNESS

Francesca Cappellano Is Far Away From Beloved Family at Christmas-tide, for First Time in Her Life.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

FRANCESCA CAPPELLANO is homesick. For the first time in her young life she is outside the family fold at Christmas-tide and she says she feels a million miles away from New York, where Mother and Father Cappellano and seven youthful sisters and a brother or two live.

"All Italians make a great event of Christmas," she said yesterday, "and besides, we are, of course, Catholics in our family and the deeper significance of Christmas is always observed in my home. My father and mother came from Italy, but I am American born. I speak both English and Italian, and French besides. My knowledge of these languages has helped me materially in attaining the accent of the French-Canadian girl Tiger Rose. It seems to come easily and naturally."

"I am passionately fond of the character. To me she is absolutely fine and fearless, untamed and genuine. That is a quality I admire most in women—genuine anything. Even if a woman is genuinely bad, or genuinely a thief or a liar, she has the quality I admire—consistency and courage of convictions. It is the type of woman who is one thing today and another tomorrow, with a different face and faith for every friend, and never an honesty of purpose, whom I particularly dislike. I am always studying their complexities, looking for material for my acting. I put my observations in a sort of mental pigeonhole and catalogue them. When I get a certain part to play I read the character closely and proceed to draw out from my storehouse certain gestures, expressions, accents and even clothes affected by the women I associate with certain characteristics."

Miss Cappellano, a member of high school into a stock engagement, after enjoying the usual reign as the prize child elocutionist and dancer in the home town, and a dozen other maids participated in a musical revue at the stock theater and all the girls had a line or two to speak. All of a sudden one day at rehearsal the manager took the lines away from all the girls and gave them in a bunch to Miss Francesca Cappellano, and that is where the seed of ambition was planted that rooted and grew and is still flourishing.

This is her first trip to the far west and if she weren't so tremen-



Francesca Cappellano.

dously homesick she says she would enjoy it vastly more.

"As it is I can only see the shopkeepers, busy and happy, getting the Christmas things ready and my Christmas will be spent in a hotel in Seattle," said the actress. "I hear that the actors who are in Portland for the Christmas are to enjoy a wonderful party—a tree and a dance and supper through the hospitality of one of your big hotel men—and I think it is a lovely idea. Our company will have a tree and give each other presents. We will be playing in Seattle. I have been making my purchases to send home all along the way and the last gift was mailed yesterday. I have decided that next season when I sign the contract for my tour to go over it with a train map and see where I will be marooned at Christmas, and, as it is so far away, I run in and see my family I'll decline with thanks, even if it is a starring trip in the world's greatest play."

"I guess a girl who loves her mother as much as I do mine should not aim at any career that will take her too far away."

being elected to the office of department commander of any veteran organization, the commander automatically will become a member of the council.

Major Clarence R. Hotchkiss was elected president and John W. Jones, adjutant of the council, their terms of office being for one year. Authority to call the next meeting of the council was vested in the president.

The council unanimously went on record that it will try to influence the various organizations to present a petition to the legislature on that body to take steps to appropriate a greater sum to the upkeep of the soldiers' home at Roseburg. Members present stated that the home present is inadequately supported and is not on a par with similar institutions of other states.

Those who attended the luncheon were John W. Cullen, grand commander of Indian War veterans of the department; J. T. Luttrell, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic; Major Clarence R. Hotchkiss; John W. Jones, junior vice-commander of veterans of foreign wars; and Major William Gilbert, department commander of the American Legion.

INSPECTION IS ARRANGED
STRAWBERRY GROWERS OF CLACKAMAS MEET.

California Chief Deputy Plant Inspector Pelated With Healthy Condition of Tracts.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A large delegation from the Oregon Strawberry Plant Growers' association of Clackamas county and others interested in the strawberry industry in Clackamas county attended a meeting in the Multnomah county courthouse today. Lee B. Strong, California's chief deputy plant inspector, expressed satisfaction as to the healthy condition of the strawberry plants of Clackamas county.

Arrangements were made whereby O. E. Freytag, state horticultural inspector of Clackamas county, who organized the Oregon Strawberry Plant Growers' association last Saturday, will make an inspection tour of the various strawberry tracts in Clackamas county on Tuesday, December 21, when he will be accompanied by Professor Lovett, chief entomologist of the Oregon Agricultural college; Dr. Atwell of Hillsboro and J. E. Stansbury, state horticultural inspector employed in Portland.

ARREST THOUGHT HOLDUP
Alleged Bootlegger Taken in Custody by Prohibition Agents.

Joe Beeman, prohibition enforcement officer, arrested B. H. Clark, 191 Eleventh street, at Eleventh and Yamhill streets last night.

In the meantime Clark's partner, who also was wanted by the officers, telephoned the police station that his pal had been held up, slugged and kidnapped in an automobile. Investigation by the police continued until two members of the anti-saloon league cleared up the mystery.

The two members of the league alleged that they had purchased four pints of moonshine from Clark and his partner, paying \$5 per pint.

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FIRE APPARATUS NEEDED

BOND ISSUE URGED TO MEET PRESENT DEFICIENCIES.

Commissioner Bigelow Will Ask Council to Submit Question at First City Election.

Lack of adequate equipment in the Portland fire bureau is the cause of constant worry to the heads of the bureau, and at the first special election called for any purpose, City Commissioner Bigelow will propose a bond issue of not less than \$150,000, with which to purchase necessary apparatus.

The apparatus said to be absolutely necessary to the department are additional pumps, hose-tenders, city fire trucks, a water tower and a number of other units, together with new hose.

Many of the pumps in service are used as combination pumps and hose wagons. In all such cases it is necessary to use one vehicle for two purposes, for a pump must first lay the hose and then connect with the fire hydrant. Fire Chief Young and Commissioner Bigelow say every pump should have a hose tender in order that valuable time might be saved at fires.

Fire officers claim a water tower is necessary for fighting warehouse fires, and at the first special election they will ask the council to submit a bond issue for fire apparatus.

SCHOOL CHANGES URGED
DIRECTOR WOODWARD FAVORS FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Measures Will Be Introduced at Coming Session of Legislature, Declares Official.

Three measures affecting the public school system of the state will be introduced at the next legislative session by W. F. Woodward, school director, he announced yesterday.

These proposed measures will come from Mr. Woodward personally. "I have not talked these matters over with the board," Mr. Woodward said. "They are matters which I have watched for several years, before I had any connection with the school board."

The first measure proposed is "a law which will remove the inhibition attaching to non-taxpaying voters at school elections."

The second measure would make school elections coincident with city and county elections so that more persons would vote.

The third would provide state-wide distribution of textbooks to children attending public schools. The so-called "free textbooks" are not free, inasmuch as no such term can be applied to books loaned to the students any more than seats in which they sit," said Mr. Woodward.

Mr. Woodward believes these measures "will remove the inhibition attaching to non-taxpaying voters at school elections."

During the period that the company is held to have operated in conjunction with other manufacturers in the partition of territory, Hollister testified he had accepted orders south as far as Ashland, east to Baker and north to Olympia, Aberdeen and Hoquiam. The government is trying to prove that the outside companies withdrew from Oregon with the entry of the Oswego firm.

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MOTORCARS ON RAMPAGE

AUTOMOBILES RUN AMUCK IN QUEST OF GORE.

Drivers Refuse to Accept Blame for Accidents So Police Lay It Upon Vicious Machines.

Police measures for curbing vicious automobiles may become a necessity, was the report that found its way through the whispering corridors of the police station last night. Traffic officers said the daily grail of accidents could be well and truly a tail peevish dispositions on the part of cars.

Some of the automobiles being driven, unmannered and crazy, through the city streets, to the dismay of the pedestrians and more easy-going machines, have developed such temper that the mere sight of a man on foot, or a woman or child, or another machine, sets them hankering for gore and they dart madly from their path to the attack.

Rain, sleety pavements and other conditions which affect traffic cannot be blamed, say the police. There are certain automobiles that have developed a taste for blood. In no other way can accidents be explained.

As proof of their contention it is cited that in the thousands of accident reports which have been filed at police headquarters it is always the other fellow's fault. As each party to an accident must file a report, it is apparent that each of blame on the part of the individual necessitates the belief that the cars themselves are becoming depraved, dissolute and vicious.

CEMENT PACT IS DENIED
WITNESS FOR DEFENSE SAYS TERRITORY IS UNLIMITED.

Sales Manager of Oregon-Portland Company Testifies Competition Rules in Northwest.

C. T. Hollister, sales manager of the Oregon Portland Cement company at Oswego, Ore., on the witness stand most of yesterday in the United States district court, as a witness for the defense in the government prosecution of R. P. Burchart, president of the Oregon corporation, and Clark Moore, former sales manager, for alleged violation of the Sherman antitrust law.

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BIG DISTILLERY RAIDED
120 GALLONS OF WHISKY IS SEIZED BY AUTHORITIES.

Three Men Are Captured and Will Be Arraigned Today Before Federal Commissioner.

Christmas cheer—120 gallons of it—made in a modern distillery, was taken in a raid near Gresham, Or., by Sheriff Wilson and a squad of revenue officers at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Nick Pakaras, 55; Crony Grivakis, 25, and K. Tsitsilis, were at work in the distillery when it was raided. They were captured so quickly they did not have time to resort to the sluttish and sawed-off shotgun which the raiding party reported were found at the still.

Revenue officers said that it was the most complete outfit they had captured in Oregon, and that the product turned out was high proof and of good quality. They said it was apparently the intention of the moonshiners to turn out 150 gallons of whisky for Christmas sale. A 40-gallon still was running full blast.

Pakaras, who is a native of Greece of 18 years' alien residence in the United States, has been sought by revenue officers for several months. It was said, Grivakis and Tsitsilis were of the same nationality. Their arrest occurred near the Clackamas boundary line, and they were locked up in the Multnomah county jail. Arraignment under the federal prohibition law will take place this morning.

Automobile Hits Bridge Rail.
P. T. Ainge, Fifteenth and Knott streets, went home on the streets last night after his automobile struck the curb in the Broadway street "down the slow down" sign. The bridge was not damaged, but the machine lost a front wheel and was badly smashed and overturned. Ainge was cut over one eye and a wrist was slashed.

Exercises for Children Given.
Before each of his performances, Sam Kramer, who will be one of the attractions at the Hippodrome next week, gives a short lecture to the children, telling them how they can make their children strong and healthy by a system of simple physical culture exercises which he describes. It is said to be well worth every parent's attention.

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