

DIVORCEE ACCUSES SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

C. V. Crumley Is Held on Complaint of Addie Ritter.

WIDOW ATTACKED, CHARGE

Head of Local Business College Locked in County Jail in Lieu of \$2500 Bail.

C. V. Crumley, head of the Crumley Business college of Portland and the Columbia Business school of Tacoma, was arrested last night and locked in the county jail in lieu of \$2500 bail, charged with a felonious attack on a woman in his apartment at Fourteenth and Columbia streets last Sunday night. He has been connected with school work in Tacoma for many years and has a wife in that city.

The story of an assault in which her clothes were stripped from her, and her hips and arms bruised, was told in the office of District Attorney Myers yesterday by Addie L. Ritter, aged 27 years, divorced wife of Morris Ross of Tacoma. She was accompanied by her father, Charles A. Ritter, of Tacoma, employe of the F. S. Harmon Furniture company of that city, and brother, Frank Ritter, sales man for a local real estate firm.

Relatives Restrained.
In the course of her story, which the brother was hearing in detail for the first time, both men restrained their anger with difficulty. When the girl concluded and exhibited some of the marks on her body, her brother rushed from the office, muttering, "I'm going to kill that..." John Mowry, special agent for the district attorney's office, intercepted the young man in the hallway and brought him back. The father swore to the complaint, charging assault with intent to commit a crime.

"It's a frameup to get money out of me," was the comment of Crumley after he had been lodged in jail. He admitted the young woman had spent Sunday night in his apartments, but said she went there willingly and that he had not attacked her, though admitting a "playful struggle." No one had attempted to extort money from him as a price for not bringing the criminal action, he conceded, but reiterated his assertion that the affair was a badger game.

Old Acquaintance Claimed.
Miss Ritter said that she had known Crumley since 1913, when she was a student in one of his commercial classes in the Lincoln high school at Tacoma. Crumley declared last night that his acquaintance with the young woman dated back only about six weeks. He admitted that her younger sister, Sophia, is attending his business college in Tacoma at present.

The story of the woman began with a chance meeting with Crumley on the train en route from Tacoma to Portland Sunday afternoon. There was casual conversation and Crumley invited her into the dining car, he said. After arriving in Portland he told her she was going to stay here with an aunt on the east side, Mrs. V. E. Ritter.

Divorcee Tells Story.
Her story to Special Agent Mowry, who prepared the complaint, was as follows from then on: Crumley suggested that he take her to his aunt's home, saying that he would take her in a taxi to his apartments at Fourteenth and Columbia streets, that he would get the key to his machine and drive her across the river. She consented. Arriving at the apartment house, he took her bag and dismissed the taxi. Rather than allow her to stand alone on the street—it was then dark—he suggested that she go to his apartment while he found the key to his machine.

Knowing Crumley for years, realizing that he was 10 or 15 years her senior, and with further assurance from the fact that he was approaching the improper had been said or done by him, she accompanied him, and said something about "tying up" the apartment. He spilled some sugar on the kitchen floor, swept it up, fussed with pillows and rugs, and she became nervous. She asked several times if he was not ready to go. "In a moment," was the assurance.

Struggle Is Described.
Finally angry at the delay, she rose and said she was going. "You're going to stay right here—the door is locked," was the reply. They wrestled for hours, it seemed to her. She screamed and fought. No one came to assist her. She fainted. When she woke she was lying half across the foot of the bed, nude except for a silk chemise. Crumley was trying to put her clothes back on. When he saw she was conscious, he expressed contrition. He was "awfully sorry" and pleaded with her not to tell any one of the night's events. She said she would not leave the room until she promised to keep it a secret. Finally, to gain her freedom, she promised. She was released at 4 o'clock Monday morning, hysterical, unnerfed and weak.

Nothing Told Aunt.
She went to the home of her aunt. For family reasons she told her nothing. She was burning to communicate her experience to her father in Tacoma. She went to the station in the afternoon to inquire about trains. She was too late for the 4 o'clock train and left on the owl. Tuesday morning she saw her father and told the story.

The father reported to the prosecuting attorney of Pierce county, who informed him that any prosecution against Crumley would have to be brought in Portland. He telephoned his son in Portland.

Frank Ritter called on Special Agent Mowry Tuesday, but said that nothing could be done unless the divorcee would come to Portland and repeat her story. The young man left.

Doctor Examines Woman.
Before the district attorney's office was opened yesterday morning the brother, father and sister were waiting at the door. The story was told in detail. Before issuing a complaint, Mowry insisted that a physician examine the woman. Dr. H. Kitch Fleckenstein conducted the examination and reported that there were bruises on the thighs and arms of the girl and that her breasts were badly inflamed. The complaint was issued.

Crumley's version of the affair tallies with that of his accusers in some particulars. He said he met her on the train and that she told him her father thought that she had left Tacoma the day before, but that instead of doing so she had stayed all night with her ex-husband, Ross. If her father knew it he would make them remarry at once, and they did not want to remarry before January, she explained, according to Crumley.

woman had been drinking home brew prior to getting on the train, and was somewhat dizzy when she arrived in Portland and did not want to go to the home of her aunt just then. He asserted that she suggested that they go to his apartment and have a cup of coffee, after which she would go to her aunt's home. He assented.

After arriving at the apartment Miss Ritter refused to leave, declared Crumley. About midnight he tried to persuade her to go, but she would not, he said, so he agreed that she might stay. She occupied the bed and he lay down on the davenport in the apartment, he declared.

Later, he conceded, he went to the bed, but said he did not stay there long. When, after a "playful struggle," she got angry, he remained in the bed and she spent the rest of the night on the davenport, declared Crumley. In the morning she left. He denied absolutely that he had attacked her, saying that he had acted "better than some men would under the circumstances."

Prisoner Head of School.
Crumley is conducting the local business college in partnership with Charles F. Walker. The school was known formerly as the Holmes Business college.

Before a complaint was issued, Special Agent Mowry warned Ritter Sr.: "You understand that if this is filed it means a prosecution and not a chance for settlement for money."

"I'd offer me a million I wouldn't dismiss this complaint," was the reply of the father.

PUPILS WILL GIVE PLAY
Couch School Children to Represent Fire Hazard.

Pupils of the Couch school will give a playlet tomorrow afternoon as a part of the fire prevention week programme. The children will be dressed to represent various fire hazards. They have been rehearsing for some time under the direction of L. A. Wiley, principal. One of the features will be a mock trial in which causes of fire will be cross-examined by a district attorney.

Included in the cast are: Homer Wright, kerosene; Dunlap Taylor, cigarette; Muriel Walther, matches; Jane Friedlander, electricity; Edwin Mills, rubbish; Florence Horn, gas; Marie Warr, defective chimney; Marion Look, gasoline; Billy Henry, lightning; Fay Howe, bonfire; Ruth Wilhelm, spontaneous combustion; Joe Friedenthal, carelessness. The court personnel will include Jack Rice, judge; Rodney Banks, district attorney; Roy Hottel, attorney for defense; Jack Davis, clerk, and Edward Sewell, jury foreman.

WHEAT SALES ARE SLOW
Number One Club Quoted at 90 Cents, Walla Walla, Wash.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The last ten days has seen 300,000 bushels of wheat change hands, according to dealers. Prices have ranged from 85 to 90 cents. No. 1 club wheat was quoted today at 90 cents, Walla Walla. Dealers estimate that to date 3,000,000 bushels, or about half the crop, has been sold. Early sales were around \$1 a bushel. Lots sold within the last few days have been mostly small ones, the largest being W. F. Lusk, 21,000 bushels; Fred Hofer Sr., 23,000 bushels; James Stephens, 2300 bushels; A. J. Keith, 11,000 bushels.

MISSION SOCIETY MEETS
150 Women Delegates at Session of Presbyterians in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 12.—More than 150 delegates from all parts of the state of Washington were in attendance Tuesday at the annual meeting of the women's synodical home and foreign missionary society of Washington, which in session at the First Presbyterian church.

Miss Lucy Dawson of New York, general secretary, spoke on the work of the women's board of home missions. Mrs. E. L. McCartney, president, spoke in behalf of a memorial for Mrs. J. A. Hays. Mrs. Adelaide Woodard, a recently returned missionary from India, gave an illustrated talk on Indian missions.

Hatchery Plans Announced.
HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The state fisheries department will take out silverfishes but no chum salmon for propagation purposes at the Satsop river hatchery, E. A. Seaborg of that department, said in a letter received here today.

The Stevens creek hatchery will not be operated. Larry Rice, member of the field crew of the department, came down yesterday to remove the traps from the river so the fish can go up to the spawning grounds. Harbor business men donated more than \$800 last year to supply new troughs for the hatcheries here, and the fish were all taken out of the county. This year the troughs are not being used at all.

Episcopals Close Session.
HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Episcopals of Grays Harbor district last night closed a two days institute conducted by Miss Emily Elliott of New York. The sessions were well attended. Rev. and Mrs. George Ware had charge of arrangements and the women of the church here served luncheon both days. Miss Tillotson left today for Portland to discuss plans for the general Episcopalian convention in the Rose City next year.

SMALL COLLEGE INDORSED
Portland Presbytery Tells of Value of Christian Education.

The importance of Christian education and the valuable services performed by the small college were discussed yesterday at the closing session of the Portland presbytery. "It is the growing sentiment among the leading thinkers of our land that there is real value in Christian education, and a real danger in an education lacking positive religious grounds," stated the report of the committee on Christian education, which was unanimously adopted. "We are most profoundly thankful for the growing appreciation of the Christian college and for the returning tide of candidates for the Christian ministry."

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CULINARY WAR STARTED

WAGE CUT RESULTS IN WALK-OUT AT SEATTLE. Indications Are Trouble Will Be Spread and Involve Several Hundred Workers.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—War between the Seattle caterers' association and the three local unions of the culinary crafts was precipitated today, when cooks, kitchen helpers and waitresses refused to accept a wage cut declared by the association and quit work in six restaurants operated by the Chaney Wright Restaurants company, and in a number of smaller establishments.

Statements made by representatives of the unions and of the caterers' association indicated that the trouble probably would be spread to a majority of the larger downtown restaurants and involve several hundred workers. About 25 cooks and kitchen men and between 125 and 150 waitresses were employed in the Wright restaurants.

Paul Jensen, secretary of the caterers' association, declared that the association was seeking merely to reestablish the wage scale that prevailed up to May 1 of the present year, and was hopeful that the unions could be brought to realize the necessity of a wage cut in view of the precarious condition of the restaurants.

The caterers' association is proposing a graded scale of \$4, \$4.50 and \$5 a day for cooks; \$2.50 for kitchen helpers; \$3 for waiters, and \$2.50 for waitresses. The scale the unions are standing pat to retain is \$6 and \$7 for cooks; \$3.50 for kitchen helpers; \$4 for waiters and \$3 for waitresses.

Auto Camp Big Success.
MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The money expended by the city council on the city auto camp grounds this year was well spent, according to the record of the tourists and cars stopping overnight at the grounds.

From May 9, when the season opened, to September 30 there were 6247 tourists and 2925 cars. The expense of the improvements at the grounds this year, together with the salary of the caretaker up to October 1, was \$1117. The camp is still open and enjoying a large patronage of tourists daily.

School Enrollment Increases.
NEWBERG, Or., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The total enrollment at the Newberg high and the grammar schools has been considerably increased this year through late listings. The enrollment at the high school now totals 235 and at the grammar school there are 615 pupils. This is a large increase over last year. It has been found necessary to put on an additional motor truck to haul the pupils in from the district just west of town, which has been consolidated with the city school district for a number of years.

Apple Storage Sought.
SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—With the co-operation of the Seattle chamber of commerce several representatives Wenatchee apple growers Tuesday discussed with officials of the Seattle port commission the feasibility of finding space in the port terminals for the storage of several thousand carloads of Wenatchee apples that are imperiled by the railroad refrigerator car shortage. No definite conclusions were reached, but it was said unofficially that prospects were good for some relief.

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