

ALLEGED WHITE SLAVE OPERATIONS IN OPEN COURT BRING NASTY MESS TO LIGHT

Alleged white slave operations in open court have put a girl in jail and caused the citing of two men before Judge Bowles. The affair may result in some long jail sentences.

The following story told by Ass't State's Att'y John Herren reads like fiction.

Mrs. Lucille Special was convicted several months ago in Judge Bowles' court for larceny. She got six months in the Bridewell.

Chas. Kreten, bailiff in the court, showed a great interest in the woman during her trial.

A month after the sentence he told the judge that he had found Henry Huerckes, 5604 Ada street, the woman's uncle, who would take care of her if she was freed.

They were given a hearing, and, according to Herren, Huerckes said he was the girl's uncle.

The story sounded good to the judge and she was paroled.

On Aug. 6 the woman was taken

in a raid on a disorderly hotel. She told Chief Justice Olsen that when she was paroled to Huerckes through the work of Kreten, the bailiff, she was placed in a rooming house on W. Madison street, where Huerckes visited her often.

She denied all this at a first hearing yesterday and was charged with perjury by Judge Bowles.

Huerckes and Kreten will be summoned for contempt.

That similar practices are common in the criminal courts is the charge of Judge John W. Houston, head of the probation office.

"Such conditions are the result of mixing politics in the criminal courts," said the judge. "Many bailiffs have been doing favors for a long time by getting prisoners off on probation or seeing to it that they are released with a light fine. This is the result of a political regime in the courts. Many of the bailiffs take money for these favors and such practices are criminal."

WOMAN SHOT—MAN HELD

Police investigating mysterious shooting in the Empress Hotel on N. Clark st.

A man, with a woman, registered as "Mr. and Mrs. H. P. James of St. Louis" and were given a room on the second floor.

An hour later the woman was shot in the forearm and scalp. At the hospital where her slight injuries were treated she gave the name, Cora Thompson, 6206 Dorchester av. Detectives followed the pair to the hospital and there took the man into custody. His name as given was A. B. Drummond, 2224 Warren av. He is held.

650 met at the Netherwoods Hall, corner Taylor and Marshfield, last night, to consider means of regaining their money or prosecuting the wreckers of the bank.

A committee of ten was elected to represent the depositors. Wm. Cunnear was given the job of their attorney with a unanimous vote.

WILKERSON STILL ON THE JOB

After bluntly accepting his resignation, the government retained former U. S. Dis't Att'y Wilkerson to prosecute the pending case against the sanitary district. Admitting that no one else in the office could carry on a prosecution with any hopes of success, the Washington authorities grasped Wilkerson's offer to work until the sanitary district case was cleared up.

PEEVED DEPOSITORS MEET

Depositors of the defunct Ashland-Twelfth St. Bank to the number of