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**A WOMAN'S ATTEMPT TO GET HER HUSBAND PROPERLY JAILED**

It may seem strange to some for me to say that on Friday last I desired above everything else to get my husband into the county jail. But such is the fact, as the county sheriff and jailer can testify.

I have had many experiences in my forty-seven years of up and down, but I never expect to see the day when I would work for and hope for a sentence of my husband to the county jail.

But it was a case of the county jail or the city jail and the county jail is almost heaven when compared with that Black Hole of Seattle, the City Jail!

Was It Planned for a Purpose?

For some unexplained reason my husband was first sent to the County Jail, and then transferred to the City Jail. Nobody knows whether or not some official who was not wholly in accord with Wapenstein's desires in the matter attempted to sneak him into the County Jail for humanitarian reasons, or whether or not it was an intentional and illegal mistake to put him in the City Jail (or dungeon), where Wapenstein has complete sway.

Whichever way it was there was one thing certain, Wapenstein had Dr. Titus where he wanted him, and before the day was over many things happened to prove it.

The County Jail Compared With the City Jail.

No jail is supposed to be a high-class hotel but the County Jail is not such a very bad place after all. The jailer and the sheriff who had us in confinement for two or three hours proved that they could be courteous and kind even though the law assumed us to be criminals.

Don't tell Wapenstein that, he'll have them arrested! One of the officials remarked that "he didn't believe in persecuting a man and punishing him afterward for being persecuted." Bad alibi, but we'll never give him away! One of the other county officials said, "there were a lot of people arrested who never ought to be arrested and a lot more going free who ought to be arrested." But that is something of a chestnut.

Another remark was that, there were some very "nice" people in the County Jail. I was quite delighted when it looked as though my husband would get a "nice" to be in the cell with all the "nice" people. I felt quite honored to notice that some of the officials considered him "nice" enough to go in with the rest of the "nice" people.

For my husband is a Socialist, you know, and embezzlers, forgers, burglars and automobile murderers are supposed to be saints when compared with him.

Luxuries in the County Jail.

In the County Jail you can have a mattress to sleep on, you can have bedding to cover you, you can get out side air to breathe, you can have food brought to you by friends and you are not obliged to eat the food near an open toilet bowl. You can see air to read or write, and the place is sanitary. You do not have to work on the chain gang at all, much less be put on bread and water in a dope cell with no light, ventilation, or blankets, if you are sick and refuse to work.

All these things are luxuries which are denied the city prisoners, though the latter are supposed to be men guilty of "petty" crimes only.

Was It Planned?

You can now see why I worked and hoped to get my husband transferred to the County Jail, where some of the best legal talent of the city still claim was the proper, that is, the lawful place, for him to serve his sentence.

We had three lawyers, and others besides myself, who worked from 8 a. m. till 5 p. m. to get this transfer. I asked Judge Frasier, the Prosecuting Attorney, Detriener, ask Wapenstein. Did we accomplish anything? Oh, yes, we learned a whole lot!

The Spider's Web.

We learned that some big spider, who represents corporate interests in Seattle and the state has woven a big web in which he has caught such big fish as the mayor, the chief of police, the majority of the city council, the board of health, and even the county judges. And the lawyers and other wise men stand by in a helpless condition! They say, "what can we do, they'll all stand together, for that is the understanding!"

We learned that one little man (did it say man, I mean one of the Devil's creations; I don't know what the Devil himself would call him), could with a wave of his hand compel a lot of physical specimens called men, to become insolent, heartless and brutal. We learned that Seattle's chief of police could commit murder under the guise of the law (through the opposition) by putting a sick man in such unsanitary conditions that he could not survive.

Must Hold Their Jobs.

We learned some things about Seattle's chief of police we never knew before. We learned more about the brutality of men than we ever knew be-

fore. We learned that men will not only sell their brains, but their souls, to keep their jobs. But some of us knew that before.

We learned that if a man didn't work fast enough on the chain gang his head might be split open with a cart.

We learned that a city physician can make a diagnosis to suit the chief of police, when told to do so. We learned that if the chief smiled, the rest of the force smiled; if the chief growled, the rest growled; if the chief snarled, the rest snarled. How we craved those who hold our bread and butter!

Legal Murder.

We learned that Chief Wapenstein, this chief of all the Seattles, can punish by torture, can even condemn a man to death, if he takes a notion, and that the city council and the board of health provide him with the weapons. In other words Chief Wapenstein can commit legal murder and under the guise of the law, he is not held responsible.

A Few Facts in the Day's Experience.

As soon as Wapenstein arrived in the morning, one of the Doctor's attorneys had an interview with the chief. The substance of the interview was as follows:

The attorney, who had known my husband for nearly sixteen years, told the chief about the Doctor's physical condition so that he, Wapenstein, would understand why it was necessary to take the health of the prisoner into consideration. He stated in brief that Dr. Titus had for years been afflicted with gastric ulcers from which he had had several hemorrhages. For the past month he had had a recurrence of this trouble and had been obliged to confine himself to a milk diet. (Every physician who reads this, knows, if these are facts, what the danger is, and how necessary it is to keep such a patient on milk diet, to avoid a hemorrhage or possible perforation.)

The attorney said the Doctor's condition of health made it impossible for him to work on the chain gang, etc. Wapenstein answered, that Mrs. Titus could bring him any food she liked, that Doctor Titus could see anybody he wished to see, that he thought it would be better if he would put him in the best cell he had. The attorney offered to bring certificates from two leading physicians in Seattle, who were acquainted with the case. Wapenstein said that was not at all necessary; that he would take his word for it.

Almost immediately after the conversation the city physician was called to examine Doctor Titus. His report was to the effect that he was in good physical condition. Dr. Titus asked if he believed what he said himself about his own case and the answer was: "I recognize that you have a motive, Doctor." Then Dr. Titus said he could bring his own physicians who were acquainted with the history of the case to support his statement. Any physician knows you can't determine whether or not a man has asthma, unless by taking his pulse, and that was about all the city physician did. But all efforts to give a man whose life was endangered by prison fare and unsanitary conditions, a chance to escape the inevitable results of such treatment, failed.

When I went again with the milk and such food as physicians prescribe for such cases I was told in a gruff voice: "You can see Dr. Titus, but you can't take him any food." "But," I said, "the chief gave orders that I could bring the food."

"That order was countermanded two hours ago," he said, "Dr. Titus is to have nothing but prison fare."

I further learned that other orders were to put the Doctor on the chain gang in the morning, and if he balked it would be solitary confinement with two meals a day of bread and water with no blankets and bad ventilation.

Such conditions imposed on a man with such a malady mean certain relapse and danger to life itself. That is why some friend, unknown to Dr. Titus, thought it best to save him from such risks.

The order to allow the Doctor to see his friends was also countermanded. One of these friends was an educated, refined woman. Her request to see Dr. Titus was answered in such a way she could hardly believe it possible that such treatment would be accorded a courteous request from a woman (who is every inch a lady), when she herself was not a prisoner, but merely asking to see a prisoner.

I want to say that I was accorded courteous treatment by some of the officers. Only when the chief's orders were capitally hostile, and the rest reflected his hostility, did I notice the unconsiderate and almost brutal treatment accorded prisoners and their friends.

HATTIE W. TITUS.

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