

MRS. J. C. GROOME AT THEFT HEARING

Society Woman Tells of Having Handbag Snatched From Arm

"DUTY TO PROSECUTE"

Two Negro Suspects Are Held After Testimony Is Given

For more than two hours today Mrs. John C. Groome, of 1018 Clinton street, prominent society woman and active in the Emergency Aid, waited in the hearing room of the Twelfth and Pine streets police station to prosecute two negro boys charged with snatching her purse. The negroes were held in jail for court.

Outside the station negro loungers lastly eyed the big blue limousine that had brought the society woman and her attendants, and commented on the hearing in which Charles Watson, of South Mole street, and William Mitchell, of South Eighteenth street, were the defendants.

Mrs. Groome sat with Miss Martha Robertson, one of the witnesses, in a small recess of the hearing room, looking out upon a motley gathering of alleged criminals; of witnesses, patrolmen and loafers. She and Miss Robertson were the only white women in the room.

Duty to Prosecute
"Naturally, I hate this stay at the police station," commented Mrs. Groome, "but I feel it is my duty to see this matter through. It isn't enough to report a theft and leave it to the police to find and punish the criminal. I believe if more persons who have been robbed would prosecute crimes would greatly decrease. Certainly it is appalling to feel that your own city is so unsafe and unprotected."

When brought before Magistrate Imber the negro boy confessed they had snatched a purse from "some woman" at Spruce and Rosewood streets about 2:20 o'clock last Friday evening. They said it was a black purse containing something more than \$30, some of it in an envelope, and a pair of glasses.

"I believe they must have had some of the money," explained Mrs. Groome in the courtroom. "There were two envelopes containing donations to the Emergency Aid and another envelope holding \$25 in new bills just from the bank. Aside from that there was small change in a card case and a coin purse."

Mrs. Groome, whose husband is Colonel John C. Groome, head of the military police in France, was walking east on Spruce street near Fifteenth when she stopped in front of 1415 Spruce street to talk with a friend.

Bag Snatched from Arm
"As we stood talking, I held my bag on my left arm," Mrs. Groome explained. "Suddenly it was snatched from behind and I turned to see two figures running down Rosewood street. I could not say positively whether the men were white or negroes."

Miss Martha Robertson, who was passing on the other side of Spruce street and saw the men snatch Mrs. Groome's purse, appeared as a witness. "I am not sure that the men were negroes," she declared. "But I saw them run up behind Mrs. Groome, snatch her purse and run down Rosewood street."

Detectives McLaughlin and Toland subsequently arrested Watson and Mitchell.

Commanded by Magistrate
"If all women acted as you did, there would be fewer robberies and hold-ups in the city."

Magistrate Harris made this statement at the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station today when Mrs. Loretta Moore, 3699 South Eighth-fourth street, told of foiling a would-be robber in her home yesterday afternoon.

Joe Rivers, who claims Detroit as his home, entered the Moore home late yesterday afternoon and demanded a sandwich. When Mrs. Moore's daughter refused it, he asked for money. This was refused. Mrs. Moore went upstairs, while the daughter held the man in conversation.

The next thing Rivers knew he was being held up by a revolver and told to get out of the house. He backed out of the front door into the arms of Patrolman Cavanaugh, of the Fifty-fifth street and Woodland avenue station.

PA. BASE HOSPITAL UNIT RETURNS SOON

Colonel William J. Taylor Brings Message Members Are in Good Health

"Tell the parents and friends of the members of the Pennsylvania Hospital unit not to worry. The boys are in good health and are awaiting orders from the British Government to be released and a transport to come home."

This is the message brought by Lieutenant Colonel William J. Taylor, 1425 Pine street, president of the College of Physicians and former head of the surgical service of the Pennsylvania Hospital unit, who came from France on the steamship Susquehanna, which docked at Newport News last Sunday.

Lieutenant Colonel Taylor is home on a furlough from Camp Dix.

The unit had charge of Base Hospital No. 10, which is located at Treport, France, and which was filled with patients when the British Government returned it over to the unit when it arrived on June 12, 1917.

The personnel of the hospital staff included twenty-eight hospital surgeons and specialists, 149 enlisted men and sixty-five nurses. Later these were increased to thirty-six officers, 240 enlisted men and 148 nurses.

"The members of the unit did the best they could," said Lieutenant Colonel Taylor. "They did not spare themselves, and often they did not have more than a few hours sleep. The enlisted men were college students from the best families. They had to do the work of ordinary soldiers, and they became extremely efficient."

Grand Organ, 9, 11 and 4:50
Chimes at Stroke of Noon

WANAMAKER'S **DOWN STAIRS STORE** **WANAMAKER'S**

WEATHER Fair

Spring Fashions Are Flourishing in The Down Stairs Store



700 New Spring Hats \$3.75

Every one is fresh and shining and radiating Spring! There are close-fitting little toques in the glowing henna shade, broad-brimmed hats with silk or Georgette facings, hats with quills, with ostrich tips or with wreaths of wee Spring flowers.

Many Other Delightful Hats at \$5 and \$8

Here are hats of fine and glistening lisse and the new rough braid that is so light in weight. Particularly interesting are the small tailored hats designed to be worn with Spring suits.

A First Showing of Hats for Children

Spring hats are ready for the kiddies— all sorts of hats, from simple little tailored hats for school to quite fetching things for Sunday-best. Prices start at \$2.75. There are some especially fine Milans at \$3.75 and \$5.

Spring Wraps Are Charmingly Different

and more interesting than they have been in many seasons. Some take the form of coats, some of capes and some of both. These last are called dolmans, and they have the grace of a cape and their loose sleeves give the comfort of a coat. Sports coats, too, are beginning to appear. Materials seem to include most everything from rough tweeds, durable serges and Poiret twills to soft duvety, silverette, bolivia, crystal cloth and velour.

Clearaway Prices on Three Lots of Winter Coats

30 Coats at \$50
These are the finest winter coats remaining. They are of handsome velours, duvet de laine and silk velours, beautifully lined and often trimmed with fur. Many are less than half price.

60 Coats at \$14.75
Incomplete sizes in velour coats and mixtures in all sizes. Most of the velours are lined throughout and trimmed with fur.

30 Coats at \$10
Velour, cheviot and burella coats, some full lined. But few coats of a kind and all much reduced.

Miss Springtime Carries a Silk Bag

Perhaps it is moire, perhaps it is striped with satin, or it may be all satin, or again it may be faille. But it must be silk.

The bags in the Down Stairs Store are such as Miss Springtime, herself, would be glad to carry. There are so many that she would have difficulty in choosing. Linings, too, are lovely. And the majority of the bags have the handy pocket which opens apart from the main bag.

Frames are covered, or of celluloid, or of imitation Dutch silver in unusual designs, \$3 to \$10. Special at \$3.

A Little Sale of Toothbrushes at 25c

We are glad to have a generous quantity of these Wanamaker Faultless toothbrushes. Their regular price would be half as much again. They are in many different shapes with bone or transparent handles.

Waltz Dream

is a delicate, floating fragrance of flowers—real flowers. Have you ever tried to place the elusive, delightful fragrance that lingers in a large room where there has been a party? Crushed flowers, isn't it? That is Waltz Dream.

Face powder in all shades is 50c a box. Talcum powder is 25c a can. Toilet water and extract are \$1 a bottle.

You will recognize them by their yellow boxes and the picture of a dancing nymph.

Bag Rings Half Price at 50c Pair

Large celluloid bag rings are in green, red, amber and shell.

New Veils Special at 55c

They may be had in black, brown, taupe and navy and are in diamond or octagon meshes with chenille or velvet dots or designs ornamenting them.

Wide-Wale Corduroy Is Scarce

We are told, but not here. A good heavy quality, 30 inches wide, at \$1.25 a yard comes in Belgian or navy blue, old rose, brown, gray and white.

300 Good Wanamaker Suits for Men Reduced to \$19.75 and \$24.50

Wanamaker clothing in every particular, from the pure wool material of which it is made down to the last button. They are in the right weight for immediate wearing and are of mixed cheviots in a number of dark, well-chosen patterns.

For men whose tastes don't change much there are two and three button business suits. For younger men there is good choosing among the waist-line coats. The usual prices for such suits as these would be \$8.25 higher.

Every Overcoat Is Reduced

There are no exceptions—every single coat is marked at a lowered price. These coats are all-wool through and through and are well worth buying for next Winter.

Men's Furnishings Are Marked at Special Prices in the Spring Sale

Shirts are 95c, \$1.35, \$1.70 and \$2.65. Nightshirts are \$1.15, \$1.45, and domet pajamas, \$1.85.

Hose supporters are 15c and 30c; suspenders are 40c. Wool mufflers ("seconds") are 60c; fiber mufflers are \$1.35.

Cardigan jackets and sweaters are \$3.90. Silk neckties are 60c. Mercerized lisle half hose, black, tan, gray and navy, are 30c a pair.



Another Lot of Men's Soft Hats at \$1.65

The first lot went out quickly last Saturday, and every man who bought a hat was well satisfied. There are various shades of brown, green, gray and mixed colors.

Boys' Hats and Caps Reduced to 60c

This is a clearance of our own stock of boys' hats, overseas caps and regular caps. The mixtures are in various light and dark tones.

Spring Neckwear Is Prettier Than Ever

It goes in for colors and is very effective on the dark serge and silk frocks of Spring.

Sets are of plain-color organdie in red, tan and Copenhagen and of checked organdie. One of the daintiest is a Peter Pan set of colored checked dimity with wee white ruffles.

Hand-embroidered pique vestees and lace net collars are new arrivals. All are \$1.

Women's Duplex Chamois Lisle Gloves \$1 a Pair

Women know how well these gloves fit and hold their shape. These good ones are in mode, brown, gray, butternut and white; some have spearpoint backs, others are plain. They are worth a third more, at least.

Six Important Groups of Women's Inexpensive Frocks

Serge Frocks, \$11.25
These simple little dresses are mostly in navy blue. Some show loose panels edged with fringe.

Serge Frocks, \$12.75
One pretty dress is cut on loose lines with fine pin tucks and buttons for trimming. Another has a collarless bodice, wide cuffs and a braid-trimmed skirt.

Serge Frocks, \$16.50
There are just 50 dresses in this group of navy serges. The Coesack blouse is shown in a frock that is trimmed with much silk braid.

Dancing Frocks, \$16.50
These fresh, pretty frocks have just been unboxed. They are of pink or blue point d'esprit with full, fluffy skirts and bodices of pastel satin. Other frocks are of gleaming taffeta combined with Georgette crepe or silver lace. The minimum saving is \$10.

Serge Frocks, \$19.75
One of these new dresses is sketched. It is trimmed only with rows of pin tucking and the skirt is caught at the sides in a new way. All of the dresses are in navy blue.

Crepe Meteor Frocks, \$23.75
These are in conservative models that will appeal to matronly women particularly. They are in navy, taupe, brown and black and are beaded or trimmed with braiding.

New Dresses of Soft Silks

Crepe de chine is in high favor with so many women that these new Spring things will be doubly welcome. They are in white, gray, navy and Copenhagen blues. \$24.75, \$27.50 to \$32.50.

Black satins are gracefully draped; some are quite elaborate with beads and you will notice some high collars. \$27.50 and \$29.75.

In Georgette crepe there seems to be no end to the lovely colorings. Skirts boast a number of new touches and many of the frocks are embroidered with beads or with heavy silk. White, beige, rose, flesh pink, turquoise blue, coral and navy are some of the good colorings. \$25 to \$59.75.



\$19.75 \$24.75

Wool Jersey Frocks

Plenty of variety among these pretty things! There are frocks with little coat effects, frocks with many tucks and frocks embroidered with heavy silk or wool. They are in turquoise, Pekin blue, rookie and beige at \$15, \$25, \$28.75 to \$37.50.

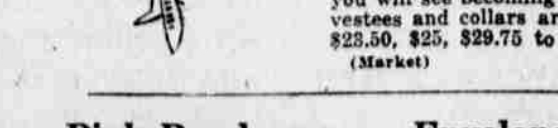
Sunny Days Bring Out Spring Suits

Tweeds in their fresh greens and browns seem the most Springlike of all the suits. Their jackets have youthful sports lines with inverted pleats and roomy patch pockets. Plain or striped silk lines them. In women's and young women's sizes at \$25 and \$29.75. The suit that is sketched is \$29.75.

Among the navy blue and black suits there are charming tailored models of mannish serge, wool poplin, tricotine and Poiret twill trimmed with rows of military braid, little cordings and pleatings ending in embroidered cuffs' feet. The coats are prettily lined with silk. \$35, \$37.50 and upward to \$57.50.

For Young Women Particularly

there are youthful suits with box coats or with high waist lines. Here and there you will see becoming ripples. Gay little vestees and collars are of silk or pique. \$22.50, \$25, \$29.75 to \$35.



Pink Bandeaux Special at 50c

They are nicely made of pink figured material. They fasten in back, where there is elastic. The shoulder straps are of strong tape.

Pink Corsets at \$1.25

Figured pink poplin corsets for slender figures are quite low and have elastic about the top.

Adora Corsets at \$2

These excellent Adora corsets are well-boned for average figures. The skirts are medium long and the bust lines are medium low, forming really practical corsets for comfort and good lines.

Envelope Chemises

At \$1.25, soft, dainty chemises of novelty white voile are well made. They are trimmed at the tops and the hems with lace. The shoulder straps are of satin ribbon.

At \$2 you will find much daintiness. These envelope chemises of soft white nainsook are trimmed the same in back as in front. Insertion, lace, pretty ribbon and fine tucks all help to make them some of the prettiest chemises we have ever had.

Hundreds of fresh, new corset covers are 50c, 55c and \$1.

Furs

have a long season ahead of them, for they will be worn long after heavy wraps are discarded. The Fur Sale still is carrying on and all furs are marked average half price.

New Shoes for Springtime

Four Styles of Women's Shoes Special at \$4.90 a Pair

Dark tan calfskin lace shoes are cut high. They have straight tips, welted soles and medium heels.

Brown kidskin lace shoes with fawn cloth tops have high, curved heels.

Lace shoes of gray kidskin with cloth or kidskin tops have welted soles. The heels are medium or high and curved.

Dull black leather shoes with tops of gray cloth that lace high have welted soles and high, curved heels.

Sensible Shoes for Girls

Black calfskin shoes on good toe shapes are in lace style, in sizes 8 1/2 to 2. \$3.75 and \$4.25 a pair.

Dull black leather and black patent leather button shoes for children are in sizes 6 to 2, at \$3 to \$4 a pair.

Specially priced are shoes in sizes 2 to 5 at \$1.15 a pair; sizes 5 to 8 are \$1.35 a pair. They are made of tan kidskin, black kidskin and black patent leather; some have white tops.

A Five-Dollar Bill From a Man's Pocket

will buy him a jim-dandy pair of special shoes in the Down Stairs Store. The shoes are made of dark tan calfskin and of dull black leather on English lasts. The soles are sturdily welted.

Special—at \$3.85 Silk Petticoats

Taffeta petticoats and petticoats with jersey tops and messaline flounces are in lovely colors. Materials are all excellent and the quite unusual at this price. There are many changeable colorings and plain navy and black.

The Sale of Rag Rugs Gets on

In some cases prices are lower than the mills are quoting today on similar rugs.

Colonial rag rugs—hit-or-miss patterns—are 65c to \$1.50. Plain-color rag rugs are 75c to \$1.25.

Durable Japanese matting rugs woven in carpet patterns are 9x11 feet, \$5.50. 9x11 1/2 feet, \$6.50.

Spring Frocks for Junior Girls

Two are of navy blue serge. One at \$18 is trimmed only with circular rows of braid on the skirt, bodice and sleeves. The round neck is finished with a Georgette crepe frill. The other, at \$18.75, is box-pleated from a shoulder yoke and has a loose belt at the waist. The over collar and cuffs are of white satin. Both models are in sizes 14 years and 16.

Blue Taffeta, Too.

forms a very pretty frock with a round neck finished with a Georgette crepe frill. The skirt is tucked in numerous circular pin tucks. For girls of 10 years to 16 it is one of the most attractive frocks one could hope to find for \$15.

Spring Cottons—Special

Percales, 22c a Yard
Fresh, clean patterns, mostly stripes and tiny figures, in blues, pinks and plenty of black-and-white combinations. Excellent for aprons, house dresses and children's frocks. 36 inches wide.

Voiles, 29c a Yard
There seems no end to the pretty patterns in these fine, sheer voiles. There are stripes, circles, fine challis designs and big, indefinite scrolls. The colorings are lovely. All of this voile is 38 inches wide and of qualities that we have hitherto had to mark at a third more to twice this price.

Ginghams, 30c a Yard
Sturdy, firmly woven ginghams in big cheerful plaids, in small checks and in plain blue, pink and tan. All 32 inches wide. One of the Springiest sights we have seen is this table of fresh, colorful ginghams.

A Sale of Women's Fine Sweaters at \$5

The Majority at Half Price
Others are less than half and some not quite half, but every one is a good buy. Most of them came in a special purchase, but others are reduced from our own stock. Most of them are coat sweaters, but there are many attractive slip-overs as well.

The coat sweaters are in plain colors and have brushed wool collars and cuffs or contrasting collars and cuffs. The slip-overs are in many styles and there are only a few of a kind.

There are bright colors and dark ones, but they are just the things that you'll want all this Spring and Summer.

All Boys' School Coats Reduced to \$12

Some are worth almost twice as much, and every one was priced a good bit more. Sizes run from 10 years to 18. The good, all-wool coats are made in ulsterette fashion with belts in back. Most of them are double-breasted and have convertible collars. A few are single-breasted. The coats are half or fully lined. You may choose brown, gray or green mixtures.

Soothe Your Troubled Skin With Cuticura

Absorbent quality with a narrow blue border. It would be more than half as much again regularly.