

Chase Across Continent For Gypsy Girl Held Stolen Ends In Napa

**Jack Lee, Gypsy King, Accused Of Stealing Girl, Declares That
He Bought Her From Father For \$2,000 Gold;
Matter To Be Aired Before Juvenile Court.**

(By Bee Bureau).

NAPA (Napa Co.), Nov. 17.—A chase across the continent and back for a daughter alleged to have been stolen by another Gypsy, a tale of paying \$2,000 for a girl for a wife and an apparent clash between the kings of two Gypsy bands has been brought out in the taking into custody yesterday at Myrtle Springs, near Calistoga, of Paraska John, a 16-year-old Gypsy girl. The girl was taken into custody on a writ issued by the juvenile court, and placed in the detention home.

Steve John, king of a Gypsy band and father of the girl, declares that four years ago at Boise, Idaho, his 12-year-old daughter, Paraska, was stolen by Jack Lee, king of another band of gypsies.

Overtaken in Chicago.

According to the story told by the parents of the girl, the pursuit carried them to Chicago, where Lee was overtaken, and an attempt made to rescue the girl. Lee, however, is a man of great physical strength and much feared among the gypsies and he succeeded in breaking away from his captors and again fleeing with the girl. Paraska's kinsmen did not give up the chase and continued in their wandering over the country until a few days ago they again came upon Lee and his band and found their daughter was still with him. They appealed to the

Napa authorities with the result that the girl was taken into custody last night by sheriff's officers.

Lee, however, tells another story of his possession of the girl. He declares that he paid Steve John, her father, \$2,000 gold for the girl and that she is his wife. While he did not resist when officers took the girl into custody he is expected to make a fight to retain her.

To Be Aired In Court.

The entire matter will be aired here next week when the girl's case comes before the juvenile court.

Steve John is the king of a band of about sixteen roving Serbian Gypsies. Jack Lee is the king of another band of equal number. According to John, the two bands are bitter enemies.

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