WEST DULUTH

GIRL VICTIM OF

SIX NEGROES

Attacked on Circus Grounds While Watching Loading of Show.

Pistol at Head Keeps Her Escort From Raising an Outcry.

Three Negroes Under Arrest Confess to Their Part in Crime.

Six negroes, three of whom have admitted their guilt, are being held at police headquarters here for criminally assaulting a well-known West Duluth girl on the circus grounds at about 10 o'clock last night. The girl with her escort were behind the animal tent watching the loading, when they were surprised by a number of negroes, one of whom placed a gun against the head of James Sullivan, the escort, 2814 West Wicklow street, at the same time pinning his arms behind his back. Two others grabbed the girl, who is not over 18 years old, and, placing a hand over her mouth to stifle her screams, carried her to a clump of bushes near the Missabe tracks and there one after another assaulted her. Her escort was compelled to accompany the negroes and witness the assault.

When released, the girl and her escort were allowed to leave by way of the varying some of the negro party watching to see that they did not return by way of the circus grounds and give a warning.

Girl Weak and Hysterical.
The young woman was in a hysterical condition and very weak and had to be assisted to a street car and her home. Mr. Sullivan acquainted his father with the facts this morning, and he in turn called up the girl's father, and they reported the matter to the police.

Immediate steps were taken by the police department to prevent the circus from leaving the city, and a strong force was sent to the grounds, arriving there just as the train was about to leave. Every colored man was compelled to line up and a close examination of all was made with Mr. Sullivan's assistance in making an attempt to recognize the one guilty.

Twelve Taken by Police.

Twelve of the crew were taken to police headquarters and subjected to a rigid examination. After being "questioned" for some time, three of the negroes, Nathan Green, Elmer Jackson and Leroy Billings, admitted the charge and were locked up. One of the negroes, while believed to have been one of the accomplished, stoutly denied his guilt.

Members of the circus management remained in the city to assist the police and will accompany detectives, who will go to Virginia today in an effort to continue the investigation.
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still apprehend the other three who were

Both Badly Scared.

According to reports this morning the
young woman is ill at her home and in a very nervous condition, suf-
fering mostly from shock. James Sul-
ivan, her escort, stated to The Her-
ald that he was helpless and unable to
give any warning and that, following
the assault, he and the young woman
were so frightened that they im-
mediately left for home without giving
the warning until this morning.

"We were standing just behind the
tent where the animals were kept,
watching the crew load the equipment
and tear down the tent," said Sullivan
this morning. "Without any warn-
ing, several negroes stepped up be-
hind us, and one of them placed a gun
behind my ear and told me to keep still
or he would blow my brains out, and
at the same time holding my arms be-
hind my back. Another of the
negroes grabbed the girl, and one of
them placed one of his hands over her
mouth to keep her from screaming.
They took her to some bushes down
in the ravine and made me go also. One
of them held me while the others took
turns assaulting the girl. There were
six of them.

Had to Go Through Ravine.

"Then they told us to go, but not
back through the circus grounds, and
so we had to go up through the ravine
and the deserted street and around
until we came to the street car line.
We were both so frightened that the
only thing we could think of was to
get home. I didn't know what to do.
I had to go to work at 12 o'clock and
did not see my father until the morn-
ing when I told him. He called the
father of the girl and they notified the
police.

"I have tried to recognize the
negroes who committed the crime, but
it was dark and they all look alike. I
feel sure that I would recognize the
voice of the man who held me, but I
did not get a glimpse of his face as he
kept behind me all the time."

No effort is being spared by the
police to ascertain the identity of the
other three who were implicated, and
according to Chief of Police John Mur-
phy they hope to have these men be-
fore they day is over.