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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

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COUNTY OF LANCASTER :

Before me a Notary Public, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared RALPH F. KNEELAND who, being duly sworn, deposes and says, to wit:-

I am a resident of 231 Northup Street, Edgewood, R. I., and am thirty-seven years of age.

On November 13, 1913 about 12 P.M. I met KENNEDY ECKERT in The Palace Pool Room, and he wanted to take me around town to different parlor houses than we had yet been in. He took me first to 252 N. Prince Street, a \$2. house. This house is elaborately furnished and has high class girls.

From here we visited the HOTEL ROSELYN next door and asked for JOE BRUDERLY, the proprietor. The bartender told ECKERT and me that JOE was over to 244 N. Water Street, a house of prostitution. We went over there but the Madam said JOE wasn't there. We remained here a short time.

We then visited 240 N. Water Street but the girls were all busy.

The next place was 236 N. Water Street and here we remained about one hour.

When we came out about 1:30 A.M. we met four fellows coming out of 244 N. Water Street. Two of the fellows are musicians in the COLONIAL THEATRE orchestra. They wanted us to join them and we did so. The party tried to get in at 315 and 317 N. Market Street but there was no answer to knocks and rings.

They were also unable to get in at 340 N. Market Street. One of the party named HAYNES said, "Well we can get into MAME CARMAN'S" so we went to her house at 217 W. Lemon Street and remained here about one hour.

When we came out ECKERT and I left the party and ECKERT tried to get in at 340 N. Market Street but could not, it being about 3 A.M.

We went to BISSENGER'S all night saloon at Chestnut and N. Queen Streets and met a pimp named KLINE. KLINE declared that he could get us into some of the houses and if he couldn't he would take us to his own girl.

We hired a taxi and KLINE superintended the proceedings. He tried to get in at 238 N. Water Street, 317 N. Market, a house at the corner of N. Market and W. Lemon Streets, and then took us to W. Mifflin Street where both he and ECKERT rang bells and knocked at several houses - 220, 226, 236 W. Mifflin Street.

Then he pounded on the doors at 241 Howard Avenue, then down the street at 325, 327 Howard Avenue, where the Madam opened a window on the second floor and said, "The girls are all in bed."

KLINE then took us to 401 N. Water Street, corner of W. Lemon, and tried to get ECKERT and I into a tumble down shanty. ECKERT said it would be dangerous to go into this dive and we surely would be robbed and maybe worse. The chauffeur also urged us not to

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take a chance so we evaded KLINE and left in the taxi.
This outline of what takes place in the middle of the night
shows that houses of prostitution are widely scattered and are very
numerous.

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