KIDNAPER DROPS GIRL VICTIM AS FATHER APPEARS

Screams of 6-Year-Old Child Attract Neighbors — Attacker Escapes In Chase Which Follows.

Hazel Wright, 6 years old, 2605 Dodge street, was the victim of an attempted kidnaping early Saturday night in the rear of her home. The little girl's screams attracted the attention of the neighbors who rushed to her rescue.

H. S. Felthorne, 2709 Dodge street, L. E. Pryor, living at the Wright home, and the girl's father, gave chase to her attacker for some distance before he dropped the little girl.

Felthorne told police the girl's assailant was a young man, dressed in a neat grey suit, and respectable looking. He said he had enticed the little girl from her play in the rear yard of her home with promises of candy.

He escaped between two store buildings at Twenty-fifth and Dodge streets.

New Packing Company Buys Its First Cattle On Market

The Skinner Packing company purchased its first cattle on the market here yesterday. The shipment was from H. D. Strudhoff of Pender, Neb., one of the first out-of-town men to buy stock in the new packing concern.

The purchase was made through the agency of the American Live Stock Commission company, with C. R. Murray as its representative. The Skinner company has purchased hogs previously, but no cattle until today.

MORALS SQUAD IS ACTIVE AGAIN; 22 PERSONS TAKEN

Detective Samardick and Squad Raid Five Places Saturday Night.

Twenty-two persons, caught in the net of five raids by the morals squad Saturday and Sunday nights, were arraigned in Central police court yesterday. They received fines ranging from $5 to $50 and costs.

Detective Samardick, in charge of four plain clothes policemen, conducted the raids.

Mrs. Leone Chambers, 2408 Davenport street, was fined $50 and costs for keeping an illegal disorderly house. Four inmates were fined $25 and costs each. They gave their names as Albert Hart, 2520 Pacific street; George Marmeier, Eleventh and Nicholas streets; W. L. Miller, 2418 Jones street, and Hazel Hutchinson, 1924 South Twenty-ninth street.

Three gallons of home-made wine were found in her home, police say.

Four persons arrested in the Plaza hotel, Fourteenth and Howard streets, were fined on charges of disorderly conduct. They gave their names as G. M. Wilkerson and Ethel Vamsky, both of Lincoln; Leslie Walton and LaVerne Lindstron of Council Bluffs.

Fines were levied upon Pearly Stewart, 2112 Nicholas street; L. Harper, Twenty-fourth and Paul streets, and Pearl Hawkins, Twenty-sixth and Hamilton streets. All were arrested when police raided Pearl Stewart's home. Dice, cards and poker chips were gathered as evidence of gambling.

Nine persons, mingling with liquor, guns and knives, were arrested when police raided the home of Hazel Pickett, 1111 South Fourteenth street. All were fined $5 and costs.

ORDINANCE TO REJECT GAS BUY AGAIN PUT OFF

Indications Appear That Measure Will Never Be Passed by Council—Mayor Remains Confident.

City Commissioner Zimman and four other city commissioners who are behind the ordinance to reject the gas plant appraisal of $4,500,000, are not ready to pass their measure and there are indications that it will not be passed.

Mr. Zimman informed the city council committee of the whole yesterday that W. H. Taylor, general manager of the Omaha Gas company, agreed to arrange a conference between representatives of his company and the city commissioners within the next few days. W. F. Douthitt of Philadelphia, representing the United States Gas Improvement company, is on his way here from the east.

In view of Mr. Zimman's explanation, the council deferred action on his ordinance, proposing to submit to the voters an ordinance calling for another appraisal of the gas plant. The pending ordinance to reject the appraisal was not called up Monday.

The ordinance to reject the appraisal must be passed not later than next Monday, if passed at all. Mayor Smith is still confident that it will not be passed and he insists again that it is a "political ordinance."

The mayor was so confident that the city council would accept the appraisal price that he went to Chicago last week and conferred with prospective bond buyers, learning that when the city reaches the point of offering the gas plant bonds for sale there will be no difficulty in obtaining bidders.

Scouts Distribute "Complaint Cards" In Omaha War On H. C. L.

The Boy Scouts of Omaha began the distribution of "complaint cards" yesterday as part of the campaigns to lower the high cost of living being conducted by Mrs. C. G. Ryan, federal fair commissioner for Nebraska.

Complaints of profiteering in the prices asked for rental properties in the city continued to pour in. They are being turned over to the Omaha Real Estate board for investigation.

Sub-committees of the fair price commission appointed by Mrs. Ryan Friday, are continuing their investigation of complaints on file, giving special attention to retail meat prices. The four sub-committees will make a report to the price commission Wednesday. This report will suggest possible methods for reducing prices of women's and children's clothing, dry goods, men's clothing and furnishings, shoes, groceries and meats.

Mrs. Ryan was away from the office yesterday, leaving Mrs. C. H. Chisam in charge.

Women Attack Police Officer Who Draws Gun On Proprietor of Store

A number of women attacked Policeman W. O. Lickert Sunday morning in the grocery store of Charles Sapp, 1202 South Thirteenth street, when the policeman sought to arrest the proprietor for alleged violation of the Sunday closing ordinance.

Sapp threatened the policeman with a meat clever, witnesses say. When the officer drew a gun on Sapp, four women in the store took a hand. Lickert's cap was torn from his head and several feminine fists struck at him. He fired and more women surged into the store. Holding the women at bay with drawn gun, the officer called Central station for reserves.

Sapp was arersted. Charges of violating the Sunday closing ordinance, assault and battery and resisting arrest were placed against him.

Woman Protects Baby, But Is Hurt Herself by Truck

Mrs. Edwin MacMartin, 3525 Redmond avenue, was injured yesterday when an Omaha Printing company truck, driven by James Burge, backed into her as she was crossing at Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets.

Mrs. MacMartin was carrying her 2-year-old child in her arms. She turned her back to the automobile just as it struck here and protected the baby from injury. She was taken to the Swedish Mission hospital, suffering from internal injuries.

PRESIDING JUDGE REBUKES OFFICER FOR HIS 'MEDDLING'

Justice Who Sentenced Donaghue Indignant at His Sudden Release From Prison.

Expressing "utter indignation" and "a feeling of surprise and outrage," Presiding Judge A. C. Troup sent a letter yesterday to Adult Probation Officer M. Andreasen, reprimanding him in severest terms for his "meddling" in the case of James C. ("Red") Donaghue, who was pardoned by Governor McKelvie on recommendation of Andreasen March 4.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Coffey, who prosecuted Donaghue, District Judge Troup who presided, and Eugene O'Sullivan who defended Donaghue, knew nothing of the pardon until Mr. Coffey learned of it by accident last Friday, a week after it had been granted.

Andreasen sees these men nearly every day and why he never mentioned it to them is a puzzle.

Donaghue was convicted of assault and battery in Judge Troup's court February 11, after a trial lasting three days. The complaining witness against him was pretty Marie Honach, who testified that Donaghue attacked her at Seventieth and Center streets about midnight, August 17. They had driven out there in an automobile after being at Krug's park. The girl's screams attracted a woman from a near-by house, she said.

Landslide In Canal

Washington, March 15.—A landslide in the Panama canal has closed the waterway to deep-draught vessels, the War department was advised today by the commander of the canal zone.