

street. There she was carried in. Before they got her into the house the girl managed to free herself of the hand over her mouth and she began screaming.

F. M. Swain and M. Johnson, who live close by, heard the girl's cries and rushed toward her. The three men fearing discovery released the girl and escaped to the machine.

The police termed the affair as one of the most daring kidnaping attempts in recent years. The girl gave the police a description of the men, but neither she nor the two men who came to her rescue could tell the number of the machine.

While the federal agents are of the opinion that white slayers do not usually operate in such an open way as resorting to kidnaping, still they will follow up this case in the hope of getting a line on the men they are after.

TRAIN RUNS AWAY — ONE MAN KILLED—TEN INJURED

Cedar Rapids, Ia., March 1.—One man was killed and ten injured when a runaway Rock Island switch engine struck the Northwestern fast mail at a street crossing in this city early today. The switch engine was running 40 miles an hour.

The dead: Engineer E. H. Titzel, Cedar Rapids, Rock Island engineer.

Titzel tried to stop the train, but failed, and went to his death when the train struck the Northwestern fast mail at the first street crossing, crashing through the engine and one mail-car. Engineer Mansfield of the Northwestern saw the Rock Island engine coming, but was unable to do more than stop his train and jump.

JESSE WILLIAMS CAUGHT

After three hours of questioning Jesse Williams, ex-convict and "snake-head," confessed that he attacked and assaulted Mrs. Anna Schwartz, 75, in her home in Wheaton Saturday morning.

Williams was captured in Aurora.

He is now being held in the Du Page county jail.

U. S. WINS OVER STANDARD OIL

Washington, March 1. — A government scientist has defeated best of the world's experts in the employ of the great Standard Oil Co., and the people of the United States instead of a giant industrial combination will benefit.

Dr. Walter P. Rittman, chemical-engineer of the bureau of mines, has invented a process to increase the production of gasoline from petroleum 200 per cent and to manufacture toluol and benzol, the important bases for the manufacture of dyestuffs and high explosives, from crude petroleum.

It is stated by Sec'y of the Interior Lane that both processes will be so cheap that the United States must hereafter be considered a factor in the production of toluol and benzol and of necessity of dyestuffs.

BITS OF NEWS

Joseph Vanck, 21, dead, and Jas. Vaneck, brother, and wife nearly killed. Escaping gas at 1427 W. 21st.

Policeman Jos. Carroll, Sheffield av. station, shot in forearm rounding up burglars in Freeman Bros. grocery, 2701 Lincoln av.

American relief prevented wholesale starvation in Belgium says Rev. John B. de Ville, asst. pastor St. John Brechman Catholic church, 2617 Logan bldg., just returned from Belgium.

Wife of Dr. Duro Guca, 1735 S. Halsted, who accompanied husband to Austrian battle line, dead in army camp of scarlet fever, after nursing husband through disease.

E. B. Strong, 62, founder National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, dead in Pasadena, Cal.

Mrs. Leonora Z. Mader, public welfare dep't, advised giving unemployed work in cleaning up back yards.

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