

WORRALL IS DEAD

PROMINENT NEBRASKA GRAIN MAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

EXPOSED THE GRAIN TRUST

Instrumental in the Downfall of the Combine, Having Furnished Much of the Evidence on Which It Was Prosecuted.

Thomas D. Worrall, a prominent grain merchant of Nebraska, committed suicide in his office in Lincoln by drinking carbolic acid.

He had been in ill health and it is believed that it was to escape the torture of sciatica that he drank the deadly poison.

Mr. Worrall was last seen probably by S. R. Beman, watchman at the federal building. Mr. Worrall was at the federal building between 7 and 7:30 Friday evening, where he mailed some letters.

In a letter written to his attorney, T. S. Allen, it was shown that his mind was not clear. It was written upon two sheets of paper, the first dated January 1, 1903, and the second was dated January 2, 1907. In this letter instructions were given to the effect that all of the property was to go to Mrs. Worrall, and in the event of her death it was to be divided between the two sons, Byron and Markwell.

Mr. Worrall was the son of one of Lancaster county's earliest settlers, Isaac Worrall, who settled in West Oak precinct in 1867 after living two years in Otoe county. He was the oldest of twelve children.

The details of his life he was reticent about divulging, disposing of them as follows in the preface to his book, "The Grain Trust Exposed."

"Just where and when I was born, and what the name of the attending physician and nurse are matters of little interest to you. You are not concerned whether that important event took place in a sod house, a log house or a palatial mansion. You don't care whether I can trace my ancestry back to the Pilgrim Fathers and the Mayflower or not. Perhaps I could if I tried. I never tried. For I don't care either.

"What you are interested in is the story I have to tell. It is for that you are paying your money. Before you pay it you may want to know what the story is, why I have written it, and why I am competent to write it. That is what I purpose telling you right here, and in the fewest words possible.

"My story is of a band of broad clothed 'respectables' who have grown rich at the expense of the farmers. Unlike the James gang this band has not ridden the prairies armed with Winchester, taking their lives in holding that Capt. Kulp, while he may hand, to commit crimes in bold and open violation of the law. Methods now are more modern. A plan has been evolved for obtaining the maximum of loot with the minimum of risk."

Mr. Worrall started the campaign against the trust which led to its disruption.

WILL CALL EXTRA SESSION.

Governor Sparks of Nevada to Summon Legislature.

A special session of the Nevada legislature will be called by Governor John Sparks. The governor said Sunday that he would issue the proclamation and the date of convening will be in about two weeks. The call will be made at the request of President Roosevelt, who has notified Nevada's governor that such action must be taken, or the troops now stationed at Goldfield will be removed.

Notification of the decision to assemble the legislature has been transmitted, Governor Sparks says, to Washington. County Commissioner Rosenthal of Goldfield, whose resignation has been requested by Governor Sparks, has refused to vacate his office.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY WIRELESS.

French Inventor Claims to Be Able to Produce Them.

Pascal Berjonneau, a Paris inventor, exhibited before the French postmaster general and a number of persons interested in scientific investigation, a telephotography apparatus which can be adapted to the wireless system or to the ordinary telegraph wire system. He transmitted the picture of the postmaster general without the aid of wires from one end of the hall to the other. The inventor claims that distance does not interfere with the effectiveness of his method. Photographs, he says, can be sent by it between New York and Paris.

VALUABLE RECORDS FOUND.

Dr. Belton Unearths in Mexico Documents Taken From Lieut. Pike in 1806.

Mexico City.—What is considered a very important historical discovery has resulted from the efforts of Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, the American historian, who is here engaged in research work under the auspices of the Carnegie institute of Washington. The discovery consists in the unearthing in this city of 18 or 20 documents taken from the person of Lieut. Zebulon Pike, of the United States army by Spanish soldiers in 1806 when he was captured while making his famous trip up the Arkansas and Missouri rivers, visiting the Osage and Commanche Indians, at the instance of Gen. James Wilkinson, then governor of Louisiana. The whereabouts of the other three documents cannot be learned. So important is the discovery considered in the United States that Secretary Root has sent Dr. Belton his congratulations.

THE NEW STATE LEADS.

Oklahoma Legislature Asks That Convention of States Be Called to Amend Constitution.

Guthrie, Ok.—Gov. Haskell, after a conference here, issued a statement to the effect that he would ask the legislature to pass resolutions calling on congress to assemble a convention of states, as provided in article five of the United States constitution, for the purpose of amending the constitution so as to provide for the election of United States senators by popular vote. The resolution also provides for a commission which will carry on the fight for the Oklahoma plan in other states.

This is the first time in the history of the nation that an endeavor has been made to secure changes in the constitution of the United States in this manner. The governor states 11 states stand ready to follow the lead of Oklahoma.

Denver's Newspaper Row.

Denver, Col.—A warrant was sworn out Thursday night for the arrest of Fred G. Bonfils, one of the proprietors of the Denver Post. The warrant was sworn to by ex-United States Senator Thomas M. Patterson as the result of an encounter between the two men at an early hour Thursday morning during which Senator Patterson was knocked down and painfully injured. The encounter was the culmination of a newspaper fight which has been going on for some years between the proprietors of the Post and Senator Patterson, who is the principal stockholder of the News-Times Publishing company.

*Reprimand for Capt. Kulp.

Des Moines, Ia.—The court martial trying Capt. Kulp of Company B, 54th regiment, for alleged failure to stop a prizefight upon the orders of Adjutant General Thrift on the night of November 21, returned a verdict late Friday Winchester, taking their lives in holding that Capt. Kulp, while he may hand, to commit crimes in bold and open violation of the law. Methods now are more modern. A plan has been evolved for obtaining the maximum of loot with the minimum of risk.

Would Dissolve a Union.

Goldfield, Nev.—To carry the fight into the federal court will be the next move of the Goldfield Mine Owners' association. Thursday a suit will be filed in the circuit court of the district of Nevada, asking not only for an injunction against picketing and interfering with, but for the final dissolution of the Goldfield Miners' union.

Something New for Japan's Navy.

Paris.—The Echo de Paris announces that the Maxims are constructing for Japan a new type of ship for the transportation of small submarine vessels to the scene of battle. The submarine will be stowed in a species of tunnels in the hold of the vessel whence they can emerge unperceived by means of locks.

Strong Gales at Boulder, Col.

Boulder, Col.—For the past 24 hours the wind has blown from 30 to 60 miles an hour here. At times disaster was threatened to the whole town. No less than six fire alarms were turned in while a forest fire is raging two miles up Boulder Canon. It is expected the fire will burn itself out without serious damage.

Fleet At Trinidad.

Port of Spain.—The first day of the officers and men of the American battleship fleet at this port proved to be an enjoyable one. Bright sunshine favored the visitors and after everything was made shipshape on board the battleships' 2,000 men were permitted to come ashore.

Indians Make Raids.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Colorado Ute Indians are traveling in bands in Southern Utah, raiding sheep and cattlemen, according to a report received Friday by Gov. John C. Cutler.

WAITING TO SEE THE SHIPS GO BY.



NO DEPRESSION IN NEW YORK

Bursting of the Bubble of Frenzied Finance Forgotten.

Never Before Had the Good Things Been Distributed So Lavishly in Gotham.

New York.—There was no spirit of depression in this city this Christmas day. From the Bronx to the Battery and over into Brooklyn to the point where Coney Island points its nose into the sea, there was merry-making that must have satisfied the jolliest soul and those who had no cheer of their own were bountifully supplied by those who had enough and some to spare. Those in a position to know, say that never before has the good things been distributed with so lavish a hand or so many of the less fortunate made happy with gratuities. The Salvationists, Volunteers, Young Men's Christian association and 100 other public and private humanitarian organizations vied with each other in supplying to all who would accept, bountiful repasts, surprise gifts of clothing and toys, with music and bright lights and well wishes thrown in. In fact the good cheer could not be dispensed with in the traditional 24 hours, and beginning at noon Tuesday, Christmas festivities were in full swing. Even at the stock exchange the scene of recent financial disaster for many; the walls were hung with holly and mistletoe and the brokers proved they were not broke, by making a pool of \$12,000 for the 350 exchange employes. Nearly every public school had its Christmas program.

The Dutch Cabinet Has Resigned.

The Hague.—The Dutch cabinet, or council of ministers, comprising nine members, by whom the executive authority of the government is administered, Wednesday presented its resignation. It is thought that the dissolution of the parliament is likely to follow. The resignation of the cabinet is due to the defeat of the army estimates in the second chamber of parliament. The opposition in the discussion of these estimates contended that the efficiency of the Dutch army was not proportionate to its cost.

Need More Locomotives.

Fargo, North Dakota.—Twenty trains are tied up on the division of the Northern Pacific between Jamestown and Mandan, N. D., for lack of motive power. Nine engines left here Christmas morning to relieve the congestion. Every effort will be made to move the trains as soon as possible as a snow storm is now raging in North Dakota.

A Great Maneuvering Field.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Major D. H. Boigh-ton, U. S. A., head of the war college at Fort Leavenworth, has plans for a great maneuvering field in Platte county, to be used jointly each year by the National guard of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. He has recommended to the war department that 12,000 acres of farm land be purchased in Platte county, Mo., adjoining the reservation already owned by the government in connection with Fort Leavenworth. Altogether the maneuver field would include 19,000 acres of almost every conceivable topographical formation.

Supreme Court Reporter Dead.

Washington.—John Chandler Bancroft Davis, for the past 24 years reporter for the United States supreme court, and formerly United States minister to Germany, died here Friday.

HE'S AGIN 'EM.

Speaker Cannon Declares He Won't Even Wear a Silk Hat When He Becomes President.

Washington.—Uncle Joe Cannon has never worn a silk hat, and never will. "I won't even wear one when I become president," said he the other day. "I am agin 'em."

There is an unconfirmed rumor that once upon a time, far secluded in his chamber when the lights were burning low and the bands were playing funeral marches in a soft key, he tried one on and looked at himself in the mirror. Immediately, says the rumor, the lights went up and the noise of the bands was drowned by his expressions of opinion concerning the appropriateness, appearance and beauty of silk hats.

He is a sworn enemy of silk hats. He never has worn one. He never will. The persuasion of relatives, the arguments of friends and the calls of custom have failed to put a silk hat above his beard.

Mine Swindlers Sentenced.

Denver, Col.—Promoters, mining engineers and other persons convicted of using the mails with intent to defraud in connection with the sale of stock in the Lost Spanish Bullion Mines company, were sentenced by Judge R. E. Lewis in the United States district court here Thursday as follows: George S. Dubois, Lee Dubois and C. L. Blackwell, 30 days in jail and \$1,000 fine each; Wm. H. Wilson, W. B. Cameron, A. E. Keables and Arthur Lawrence, 15 days' imprisonment and \$500 fine each; Arthur Levan and E. W. Sebben, \$100 fine and costs amounting to \$200; R. C. Hunt and Danton Pinkus, \$50 fine and \$150 costs.

A Special Session Probable.

Topeka, Kan.—Gov. Hoch Friday, in discussing the probability of a special session of the legislature, said: "Something must be done. If I knew the legislature would pass the right kind of a guaranty deposit law and enact into law the other measures that are needed I would not hesitate to call a special session." The governor further declared he had not definitely made up his mind. Attorney General Jackson declared there will be a special session "and soon."

The Kansas Teachers.

Topeka, Kan.—The enrollment of the teachers at the annual state association is smaller this year than usual, less than 1,000 being present. The nominating committee Friday reported the following officers for the ensuing year: For president, J. E. Boyer, Kingman; first vice-president, C. E. St. John, Marion; second vice-president, M. G. Kirkpatrick, Frankfort; third vice-president, H. H. Girard, Norton; auditing committee, W. S. Reese, F. L. Pinet and E. G. Kelly.

Accepted Jesse's Resignation.

St. Louis, Mo.—At a meeting here Friday of the board of curators of the University of Missouri, located at Columbia, the resignation of President R. H. Jesse was accepted. A committee headed by C. B. Faris, of Caruthersville, was appointed to choose a successor to the presidency of the state university. It is stated that President Jesse's resignation was tendered because of ill health.

A Test of Executive Power.

Washington.—War department officials are much interested in the reported action of a firm of New York lawyers in bringing a test case in a federal court in New York to determine the right of the executive to discharge a battalion of the 25th infantry as an outcome of the rioting at Brownsville, Texas.

BATTLE WITH BANK ROBBERS

The Citizens of Camden Point, Mo., Called to Arms in the Night.

After Hot Chase Two of Three Men Engaged Were Captured—Part of Money Found.

St. Joseph, Mo.—The Bank of Camden Point at Camden Point, Mo., three miles southeast of here, was robbed by three men at 3 o'clock Friday morning and \$2,700 in currency was taken. A fierce battle between citizens and the robbers took place in which many shots were exchanged, but the robbers escaped. They were pursued by a posse. The robbers were discovered by Prof. Barhan, president of the Camden Point college, who saw a light in the bank and aroused the citizens. Three explosions occurred after the alarm was given and the safe and interior of the bank were wrecked.

Mr. Perrin armed himself, called J. E. Pullins and M. S. Wilson to his aid and hurried to the bank. Two robbers could be seen at work inside the institution. Another was on guard at the door. Mr. Perrin and the officers concealed themselves on the college campus and opened fire in the bank shooting through the windows.

In the meantime the night telephone operator had been busy arousing the town. Men were called from their beds and told to arm themselves and hurry to the bank. Quite a group of residents had answered the call when the robbers, having secured all the money in sight, about \$2,700, emerged from the front door. Calling back an airy good-bye to the townspeople indistinctly to be seen in the darkness, the robbers started on a run to the northward. The telephone having done its work well a posse was quickly organized for the pursuit.

About \$1,000 of the money that the robbers secured was in silver, and the weight of the metal retarded them in their flight and enabled their pursuers to get within sight of them. Perceiving that they must part with the heavier part of their plunder if they could hope to escape, the robbers hid the silver in a haystack on the farm of John McCain near Edgerton Junction, where it was recovered later.

The fleeing men had unburdened themselves too late, however. Their pursuers were upon them, and two of them gave themselves up. The other one escaped.

Great was the surprise of the captors, when the two robbers had given themselves up, to discover that one of them was Clyde Reed, son of John Reed, owner of a farm near Edgerton Junction, and one of the most widely known men of this section of Platte county.

Liquor Business Did Not Pay.

Raleigh, N. C.—By a majority of 545 Raleigh Thursday voted out its liquor dispensary and becomes a prohibition city, the dispensary to close at noon Friday. In the city there were 928 votes for prohibition, 381 for dispensary and two for saloons. The dispensary has been in operation here for four years. The sales have amounted to about \$250,000 a year, with about \$75,000 profit, this being placed to the credit of the school fund, the road fund and the city expense account. It reduced taxation but the voters here felt that its influence was not for the city's best interest.

Missouri Teachers' Meeting.

Joplin, Mo.—The Missouri State Teachers' association met in 46th annual session here Thursday. About 500 teachers, representing all parts of the state, were in attendance and the three days' convocation promises to be of exceptional interest and profit to the pedagogues. The opening meeting at the high school auditorium Thursday was preceded by an informal social session during which the teachers proceeded to meet on a basis of friendly terms of equality which augurs well for the attainment of the entire meeting.

Jury Must Decide.

Boise, Ida.—Judge Wood Thursday morning denied the motions filed by the defense in the Pettibone trial that a verdict of acquittal be advised by the court. In considering the motion to advise acquittal for want of sufficient corroborative evidence, Judge Wood reviewed the independent testimony on each of the crimes confessed by Orchard and stated that in his opinion there were sufficient corroboration of each of them to require the submission thereof to the jury.

Attended Races at Port of Spain.

Port of Spain.—The captains of the American battleships and their staffs were entertained at luncheon Thursday by Sir Henry Moore Jackson, the governor of Trinidad, and later were the guests of the governor at the races. The weather was ideal and the race course was thronged with officers and men of the fleet together with a holiday crowd from the city.