

Note on Dead Bandit Clears 2 of Murder Two Life Prisoners in Iowa Pen May Get Liberty as Result of Written Confession.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 30.—An unidentified man believed to be the man who robbed a branch of the Marine Trust and Banking company of New Orleans of \$12,000 on Christmas eve was shot and killed in a pistol fight at the Louisville & Nashville depot early today, but it was not until after the man had seriously wounded Charles Ferrer, special agent of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, and Patrolman Walter Pistole of the Mobile police force.

The shots that killed the man were fired by Detective Gibby Wilcox after a running fight from the platform of a Pullman car through the station to the fruit warf, where the man dropped dead.

Superintendent of Police Guy Molony of New Orleans and William Friess, manager of the bank which was robbed, are en route here today. The sum of \$2,033 was taken off the man's body, mainly in \$20 bills. The money was strapped around his body beneath his shirt. He also had two pistols, said to have been stolen from the New Orleans bank.

A notebook also was found in his pockets. It bore the name of W. E. Wright and had been pierced by one of the bullets which killed him. In this notebook was an entry which stated that he had killed a man by the name of Thomas Griffin in Des Moines, Ia., on November 16, 1923, and that two innocent men had been convicted of the crime and now were in prison.

Entries in the notebook added that "in case I get killed I want the truth to come out; it isn't right for two innocent boys to suffer. But as long as I am alive I would not confess." In the next paragraph an entry said: "I hereby swear that I killed a man named Thomas Griffin in Des Moines on November 16, 1923."

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 30.—The death of an unidentified man shot by detectives at Mobile and in whose pockets was found a confession that he killed Thomas Griffin here in November, 1923, may bring the immediate reopening of the case in which two men were convicted and now are serving life sentences, officials here announced when informed of the confession. The men convicted of slaying Griffin were Cecil Mickle and "Spikie" Gaskill.

Griffin was killed when walking his beat as a railroad detective, he came upon two men believed to be box car robbers in the Rock Island switch yards here. Mickle, described by the police as of low mentality, twice confessed, once declaring he shot the detective and later placing the blame upon Gaskill. The latter contended he was innocent. Both men are serving life sentences at Fort Madison prison.

Beatrice Ex-Serviceman Married at Council Bluffs Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 30.—Robert Warren and Miss Helen Bott, both of this city, were married at Council Bluffs, Ia., Mr. Warren served as a first lieutenant overseas and is employed as a fireman on the Union Pacific with a run out of Beatrice. He is a son of Fred Warren of this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bott of this city, where they will make their home.

Glenwood Congregational Church Damaged by Fire Glenwood, Ia., Dec. 29.—Glenwood Congregational church suffered damage to the amount of \$5,000 Sunday by fire caused apparently by an overheated furnace. The entire interior, recently redecorated, was ruined. Windows of art glass were cracked by heat. Floors, carpets and pews, will have to be renewed.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION Harney at 17th St. AT 1600

OMAHAN NAMED IN DEATH PROBE

(Continued From Page One.) William McNally, the coroner's chemist, indicated that he would have the complete report ready by Friday. Dr. James P. Simonds of Northwestern university, who had been retained by Shepherd to make identical tests declared he had found nothing to indicate that McClintock's death was due to other than natural causes. The state's attorney's office today continued its investigation into the drawing up of the McClintock will by which Shepherd received the bulk of the estate, estimated at from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 and Miss Pope, McClintock's fiancée, was bequeathed \$3,000 a year. Lewis L. MacArthur, assistant trust officer of the Northern Trust company testified that the estate at the time the will was drawn, when "Billy" reached his majority, was in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000. MacArthur recalled that "Billy" seemed "very much in love" and talked frequently of his forthcoming marriage to Miss Pope. He planned to marry Miss Pope either in January or early in February of this year.

Omaha Man's Romance. Shepherd voluntarily revealed circumstances surrounding the drawing up of the final will of Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, mother of Billy, years ago. As in the case of her son, death cut short a romance. Had Mrs. McClintock lived, she would have become the wife of Carl Sigfrid, an attorney of Omaha, Neb., and a first cousin and foster-father of Mrs. Shepherd. Their romance was broken in the early days," said Shepherd.

"Later Sigfrid married and so did Emma—who became Mrs. William McClintock. Sigfrid was divorced and came to Chicago after Mr. McClintock's death. He and Emma renewed their friendship and there was a fervid period of courtship but Emma died before the marriage could take place."

In Mrs. McClintock's will, it was revealed, the Shepherd's were named guardians and foster-parents of the orphaned Billy and Mrs. Shepherd, a life-long schoolmate friend of Mrs. Mrs. McClintock was given a cash bequest of \$5,000. Shepherd declared that this will was made on Mrs. McClintock's deathbed and that he would produce witnesses who would testify that the document was not read to Mrs. McClintock before she signed it.

Boys Talk by Radio When Telephone Lines Are Down Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 30.—With the farm telephone lines out of commission in the village of Adair and vicinity, Robert Kelsey, local radio amateur, and Dan Davis, farmer boy living near town, constructed small radio casting outfits and are able to carry on conversation with one another. They use a five-watt tube for transmission. Their sets have a radius of about five miles.

See WANT Ads Produce Results.

Reed Brands Child Labor Bill Despotie Missouri Senator, Addressing Nebraska Bar, Points Out Fallacy of Federal Amendment "Epidemic."

"The desire to amend the constitution has become an epidemic," declared Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, in an address before the Nebraska State Bar association Tuesday afternoon. The senator complained of the woman suffrage amendment, the prohibition amendment and the "so-called child labor amendment now before the legislature, 'which passed congress by a fluke.'"

Lester M. Shaw, former governor of Iowa and former secretary of the federal treasury, looked more hopefully upon the conduct of government and confidently predicted the renomination and election of Calvin Coolidge in 1928.

"When President Coolidge receives the nomination four years hence," said Shaw, "he will not be seeking a third term. Up until next March 4 he will be only vice president performing the duties of president. He will then enter his first term as president. It was not necessary for him to take an oath when President Harding died because he had taken an oath as vice president to discharge the added duties of the president in the event of a vacancy in that office."

Senator Reed declared that "there seems abroad the idea that the states are untrustworthy, but that the federal government is infallible."

Federal Amendments Futile. The senator declared the prohibition amendment a failure, the woman suffrage amendment unnecessary and the "so-called child labor amendment" a misnomer and a mistake. "The dockets of our federal courts are crowded with cases hitherto cognizable by state courts," he said. "Federal officers by the thousands swarm over the country, assuming rights of espionage and arrest, which are repugnant to the genius of our government, and offensive to our civilization."

FIGHT OVER CHILD LABOR BILL LOOMS

(Continued From Page One.) That department is misnamed, for it is really an inspection job and has comparatively little to do with agriculture. But a farmer is slated for the job. It is known that two or three who would be highly acceptable have declined to allow their names to be considered. Before leaving for Omaha today, Governor Bryan was flying around, giving orders about clearing off the walks and front approaches to his suite of offices in the new capitol, preparatory to the New Year's reception he plans. The new quarters lack much of being ready for occupancy. They have little furniture in the place, and when the decorators start on their work it will be necessary to either move out or close the big rooms one at a time. But Governor Bryan got his picture in the papers as the first governor to preside in the magnificent new capitol. That, you know, is the big thing.

Bryan Retires January 8. Saturday and Sunday will see practically all the legislators on the scene of action. Monday and Tuesday night will see the conferences and caucuses, all held, and Tuesday morning Secretary of State Pool will formally open the session. Then the decisions of the republican house and senate caucuses will be ratified and the permanent organizations effected. Wednesday the governor will be notified that the legislature is in session and ready to receive communications. And Thursday, unless there is a hitch, Governor Bryan will appear before the joint session to read his retiring message. Governor McMullen and the other executive state officers will be sworn in and Governor McMullen will read his inaugural address. At its conclusion some member will solemnly move that a few hundred copies of the inaugural address be printed, and the motion will carry. Then another member will get his name in the record by moving that the joint session adjourn.

It will be very official and very solemn. Later the air of solemnity will be rudely shattered by the remarks of the disappointed.

25 Below Zero Registered at Atlantic at Week-End Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 30.—The mercury descended to new low levels for the past 25 years here over last week when the government weather observer reported 25 degrees below zero.

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Publishing Men Further Protest New Postal Rates

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Protests from business publishing and other national organizations against the proposed increases in postal rates were made before the joint congressional sub-committee today as it practically concluded hearings on the administration bill providing for increased rates to meet the cost of proposed postal salary advancements. Bill to Senate Monday. Chairman Moses announced tonight the hearings would be finished tomorrow morning and that the senate sub-committee would be asked immediately to consider the bill with a view to getting it before the full post office committee and reported to the senate by Monday. At that time the senate is scheduled to take up President Coolidge's veto of the postal pay bill. While representatives of various organizations were declaring before the sub-committee today that the proposed increases threatened the future of their business, J. L. Suter, representing the National One-cent Letter league, urged the committee to consider a reduction in first class mail rates.

Wallace O'Dell of the National Editorial association, in a statement read by William L. Daley, informed the committee that an increase in second class rates would imperil the existence of 12,000 weekly and small daily newspapers.

The state's attorney's office today in a statement placed in the record by E. B. Reid, its Washington representative, protested vigorously against the proposed advance in parcel post rates.

Would Increase Bills. The increases in second-class rates would boost the postal bills of the National Geographic society, the

American Medical Association, and the National Education Association by 40 per cent, Dr. Gilbert Groves, president of the Geographic society, declared in a statement read to the committee. He urged, however, that if the increases were approved, sufficient time be given for the magazines to re-arrange their advertising contracts to help meet the added cost.

William R. Denny, executive assistant to the postmaster general explained the case used in working out the cost ascertainment report on the cost of handling each class of mail to show that nothing but actual service given by the department was charged against any class of mail users in compilation of the report. Joseph Stewart, who was in charge of preparing the report, will appear before the sub-committee tomorrow in defense of the report.

MICHAEL GOLD DIES ON TRAIN

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 30.—Michael Gold of Nebraska City, Neb., died of heart failure on a Santa Fe train near Fort Madison, Ia., Sunday as he was returning from a trip to Germany. He was an uncle of Leland Goldberg, Shenandoah student at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. A sister-in-law, Mrs. A. Goldberg of Shenandoah, has gone to Miami, Fla., to spend the winter. Mr. Gold's wife was formerly Miss Bessie Goldberg.

John McMahill, 85, Dead; Funeral at Shenandoah Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 30.—John McMahill, 85, of Salisbury, Mo., was buried in Shenandoah Tuesday. Mrs. W. H. Cummings, William McMahill and Mrs. Jessie Walsher of Shenandoah are surviving children with Mrs. Dwight Cort of Beatrice, Neb.; Mrs. Ed Finney of Princeton, Mo.; Arthur McMahill of Tabor; Mrs. J. B. High of Beatrice, Neb.; James McMahill of San Francisco; J. C. McMahill of Salisbury and Achial McMahill of Salisbury. The wife survives.

Red Oak Store Closed. Red Oak, Ia., Dec. 30.—The Curtis-Blass clothing store has quit business and its merchandise and fixtures are being shipped to Morrison, Ill., where the proprietors, G. L. Curtis and Leo H. Blass, have purchased another store.

Sixty Children Wait for Shoes

Resolution to Aid Fund Suggested for New Year. Previously acknowledged: Mrs. Charles Carlson, \$1.00; Omaha chapter, American War Mothers, 10.00; C. H. Metelbauer, Arlington, Neb., 1.00; E. J. ... 2.00; Mrs. John Kruse, Oakland, Neb., 2.00; ... 1.00; D. F. Bowden, ... 2.00; Freda and Willis Oswald, Abvora, Neb., 2.00; J. Gabriel, ... 2.00; Anna S. McFarland, ... 2.50; A. Lloyd, Imperial, Neb., 1.00; S. H. A., ... 1.00; Total, \$1,682.06

Resolved, "That I will give a contribution to the Free Shoe Fund to help put shoes on the feet of some waif."

How's that for a New Year's resolution? We can't think of a better one. What a happiness to remember, all through the year 1925, that you have done this fine thing for a child. Perhaps a child you have never seen and never will see. But it will be a credit to you—this good deed—all through your life, and longer. Cash, check or money order may be mailed or brought to The Omaha Bee office. Checks should be made to "Free Shoe Fund."

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Oklahoma Bank Robbed. Chandler, Okla., Dec. 30.—Four masked bandits held up the Farmers National bank of Chandler early today, escaping with an unestimated sum in cash and securities.

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