

**BANK ROBBER SHOTS SELF**

Earl Ward Commits Suicide Surrounded by Posse of Farmers.

**CAUGHT AFTER FIVE-HOUR CHASE**

Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars Which Were Stolen by Fugitive Recovered Intact—Accomplishes Robbery Without Aid.

PALENA, Kan., Dec. 16.—Earl Ward, 30 years old, who, it is said, yesterday robbed the State Bank of Paradise at Paradise, Kan., securing \$250, killed himself, when surrounded by a posse of farmers, fourteen miles north of that place late today.

Ward's suicide came as a climax to one of the most sensational robberies in central western Kansas in recent years. He had made a hard ride for liberty, but at the farmers over the posse of farmers, he was notified by telephone, the posse easily picked up his trail.

For five hours he succeeded in eluding the farmers, who were after him, but about sundown he was surrounded at a place fourteen miles north of Paradise. At first he seemed to be seeking a route to liberty through the lines of the determined farmers, but failing to find this, he turned the gun he had bought earlier in the day, upon himself and sent a bullet into his brain.

All Money Recovered.

When the members of the posse reached his hide, they found \$250, which Ward had stolen from the bank. The bank officials say all of the stolen money was recovered.

Ward, who lives twelve miles northeast of Luray, Kan., went to Paradise last night. He told people there he was riding across the state on a wagon and he attracted only casual notice.

This morning he went to a hardware store and bought a revolver, ammunition and a coil of rope. He then went to the bank, where he covered Cashier Bert O'Brien and four other men with the weapon. After the safe had been opened by the cashier at Ward's direction, the five men were marched into a back room and forced to lie on the floor. The lone bandit then tied the men and gagged them with a gunny sack. After searching the vault, securing \$250, Ward walked over to the hardware store, purchased a rifle and a large number of cartridges and mounting his horse, rode rapidly away.

In a short time the men in the bank were discovered by customers and were released. A posse was formed and started after Ward, catching up with him late today.

**SOUTH DAKOTA CROP REPORT**

Output of Farms, Ranches and Mines Show Decrease of Twenty-One Millions.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 15.—(Special).—The tenth annual review of the progress of South Dakota for 1910, compiled by the department of history, contains the following general summary:

Wheat, 85,200,000 bushels.....	\$7,500,000
Corn, 75,471,000 bushels.....	\$5,700,000
Oats, 41,297,000 bushels.....	\$1,147,000
Barley, 15,592,000 bushels.....	\$1,342,000
Speltz, 1,500,000 bushels.....	\$60,000
Flaxseed, 4,000,000 bushels.....	\$840,000
Rye, 800,000 bushels.....	\$72,000
Grass, clover and alfalfa seed.....	100,000
Potatoes, vegetables and fruit.....	\$6,000,000
Hay, 2,750,000 tons.....	\$19,000,000
Dairy products.....	\$3,750,000
Poultry and eggs.....	6,000,000
Honey.....	30,000
Live stock.....	\$9,137,000
Wool and hides.....	\$25,000
Minerals and stone.....	7,500,000
<b>Total, 1910.....</b>	<b>\$181,188,000</b>
<b>Total, 1909.....</b>	<b>\$209,362,000</b>
<b>Decrease.....</b>	<b>\$28,174,000</b>

The decrease will be found to be chiefly in the items of wheat, corn, oats, potatoes and fruit and is due to reduced yield and smaller price for the cereals and a failure for fruit and potatoes. However, the decrease only indicates a smaller degree of great prosperity, for apportioned to a population of 500,000 it gives \$323.27 per capita and retains for South Dakota supremacy in per capita production of the fruits of the soil.

**MISSIONARIES IN CHINA SAVED FROM MASSACRE**

Prompt Measures by Commander of Native Military Force Averts Fatalities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—American missionaries at Lienchow probably were saved from a massacre during the riots several weeks ago in the northeastern part of the Kuangtung province, China, by prompt protective measures adopted by the commander of the small Chinese military force stationed there, according to details of the disturbance made public at the State Department today. No Americans were killed, but considerable missionary property at San Kwong was destroyed.

The American consul general at Canton, in reporting the situation to the department says that Colonel Liu during the riots at Lienchow on September 15 personally took a small guard to the American Presbyterian mission and by removing the rioters across the river, thereby undoubtedly saving the mission and missionaries. All of the Chinese schools in Lienchow were destroyed by the mob.

**Gulled From the Wire**

Wade H. Ellis of Ohio declined an appointment to a judgeship in the customs court of appeals tendered him by President Taft.

Miss Dorothy Lawson, daughter of Thomas W. Lawson, was married to Henry McCall, son of Congressman McCall, at Mr. Lawson's estate, Dreamwood, Mass.

Mrs. Bird S. McGuire, in Pawnee, Okla., divorced wife of Congressman McGuire of Oklahoma, was married to George O. Lemott, a former foot ball player for the Haskell Indian school.

Latest developments show that Major-General Pino Guerra of Cuba tendered his resignation as commander in chief of the army and that the president returned it, requesting its withdrawal.

The body of Henry Evans, the seaman of the United States battleship North Dakota, who was fatally injured by the explosion in the coal bunkers of the warship, was buried at Cherbourg with military honors.

The Chinese government has not yet come to terms with the American financial syndicate over the proposal of a loan of \$50,000,000 to be used by China in furthering currency reforms and other interests of the empire.

What is declared to be a distance record for the transmission over land of a wireless message was established when the new wireless tower at El Paso, Tex., was put into operation and greetings exchanged with San Francisco.

Rev. Edward Arthur Temple, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church of Waco, Tex., has been consecrated bishop of the North Texas Missionary diocese. Rev. Temple is 40 years old, the youngest bishop in his church.

The opening session of the thirtieth annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform association was notable for the lengths to which those of the association desire the government to go in the adoption of their views.

Announcement was made by the Yale university authorities of a gift of \$100,000 to the Yale forest school by Mrs. Edward H. Harriman, for establishing a chair of forest management in memory of her husband, the late E. H. Harriman.

**Mrs. Turnbull Tells Story of Her Alleged Marriage to Baldwin**

Bridegroom Took Marriage Contract from Her, Lest She Lose It, Says Woman.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 15.—The mottled fabric of Elias J. "Lucky" Baldwin's variegated past began to unwind today in the trial of the contest instituted by 17-year-old Beatrice Anita Baldwin Turnbull, his putative daughter, for a \$250,000 share of the big estate left by the noted turfman, when he died nearly two years ago.

Mrs. Lillian Ashley Turnbull of Brookline, Mass., mother of the girl, took the witness stand for a long siege of direct and cross-examination.

Miss Turnbull was not in court during her mother's testimony; neither were the recognized daughters of Baldwin.

The story of the turfman's association with Mrs. Turnbull had a sentimental setting in the park of an old manse at Winchester, a suburb of Boston, where she said she first met Baldwin, following a correspondence, which began by her asking for a clipping from the manse of a famous race horse.

Mrs. Turnbull, or Lillian Ashley, as her name then was, was 22 years old, and Baldwin was 63. He wanted to adopt her as a daughter, she said, but two years later when she came to California, he suggested she become his wife. That was on March 3, 1893.

Baldwin said he had been divorced, but instead of seeking a clergyman or a justice of the peace, she added, he drew up a contract on hotel stationery, which both signed. Four days later, Mrs. Turnbull testified, he took the contract from her, telling her that she might lose it and that he would put it in a safe place.

Photographs of Mrs. Turnbull, taken at the time of the alleged marriage, were introduced in evidence.

One of them bore the number "22." "That does not refer to my age," said Mrs. Turnbull. "I had counted on the morning after our marriage, the number of kisses Mr. Baldwin gave me. They numbered just 22, and he told me to write that on the back of the picture."

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**Oklahoma City Wins Point in Capital Fight**

Legislative Deadlock Ends When the House Adopts Senate Resolution—Final Roll Call Today.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 15.—The legislative deadlock ended this afternoon when the house adopted the senate resolution recommending the northeast capital site, and the senate in turn passed the amended house bill locating the capital at Oklahoma City.

Final roll call on both measures will be taken tomorrow, and if they pass they will go to Governor Haskell for his signature.

The capital bill provides that Oklahoma City be made the permanent capital and that a capitol commission be appointed by the governor. Fifteen acres of the northeast site is reserved for the capitol. The state is guaranteed \$1,000,000 for the erection of the building.

**Births and Deaths.**

Births—Charles Flehback, 233 Dewey avenue, girl; W. J. Turner, 1207 South Seventeenth street, boy; John Rinda, 231 South Fourteenth street, girl; William Week, 816 South Thirty-eighth avenue, boy; George R. Wagenseller, 124 Emmet street, girl; George Keller, 192 South Twentieth street, girl.

Deaths—Joe Negelman, 30; Josephine Dice, 227; Willis Avenue, Andrew P. Knudson, 50; Tekamah, Neb.; Frances Trumb, infant, 2936 Arbor street; Pearl D. Stone, 23, 115 North Ninth street; Ida Alexander, 25, 120 South Sixteenth street; Henry N. Coeling, 42, 514 North Twentieth street; Anna Shramek, 14.

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