WOLFF MAKES PLAINT.

He Tells a Reporter All About His Downfall.

HOLDS COLLINGSWORTH TO BLAME.

Wolff Says Collingsworth is the Only Man Who Can Run a Gambling House in Topeka.

N. H. Wolff, the once prosperous clothing merchant in Topeka, now confined in the county jail awaiting trial on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, made a confession regarding his downfall to a JOURNAL reporter today.

Mr. Wolff spoke as a man whose cup of bitterness is overflowing. "I have only one friend in the world," he said, "and that is my wife. She is staying by me nobly. She is half sick and the children are half sick, and we are wretchedly poor. I doubt if they have the necessities of life. When a man is down everybody kicks him. A great many people whom I have done favors and some who owe me money, never come near or offer any encouragement."

The statement of N. H. Wolff is on the line generally credited at the time, that gambling was responsible for his downfall. Mr. Wolff said: "For fifteen years I lived in Topeka, and never knew what it was to gamble, or play cards for amusement. When I began running the billiard hall under the Windsor, I became associated with that class of people very largely but I never played cards.

"I lost my money during the past year gambling. I did not gamble at Dr. Hamilton's, but at Johnnie Collingsworth's place. He, together with Mike Thompson and Walt Richards, got over $600 of my money in a few months before I left.

"I see it all very plainly, now. A man is a sucker who will play there. They skin their customers very adroitly, and I know a great many young men who have lost every cent they possessed there. I did not begin going there voluntarily. They came and invited me, and urged me to go. They would come into my place of business, and insist on my going. I went, and the result is I am a ruined man.

"I protested against going at first, and said that a man in my position could not afford to be dragged by any consideration. Collingsworth said: 'Great ——! Don't you suppose Hank Linnsey knows what I am doing?' I gradually learned there was no danger of arrest, although that is as bad a gambling house as any in Kansas City.

"At Collingsworth's they do not content themselves with even the profits that are considered 'legitimate' in the business. Collingsworth is an expert and is up to every game known to the craft. It is my firm belief that he drugged his liquor. I never drank much whisky, but when a man is losing money rapidly he does things he never did before. I drank whisky there at 10 cents a glass and beer at 25 cents a bottle. It had the effect of making me dizzy and stupid.

"My wife never knew anything of my losses until I went away. I was brought back here December 23rd. On Christmas Collingsworth came to see me and brought me a dozen cigars. He said he would do anything he could to get me out of the scrape if I would keep still. He said he would give my family some money and otherwise 'do the right thing.' Since then he has changed his mind. He refuses to give us anything. A friend of mine went to him and said, 'you have $400 of Wolff's money, why not give the family $50 or $75?' But Collingsworth refuses to give up a cent. It is this action on his part after coming to me voluntarily that makes me bitter. I gambled there and I don't care who knows it. I drank liquor there and paid for it there and I don't care who knows that either.

"When I left Topeka I went to Kansas City. I really think I was out of my head for a time. From the time I left Kansas City I do not remember anything until I found myself in Alabama. Then I went to Chicago. The report that I evaded the officers is untrue. I loafed in the corridors of the Palmer House every day, and I wouldn't have done that had I been evading them. I next went to Cincinnati, where I have an aunt who was born in the same house I was in Germany. I intended to get enough money from her to return to Topeka and give myself up. I found that she had gone crazy. She didn't know anything or recognize anybody. Then the sheriff found me.

"I do not know what will become of me. My case has been continued until the April term of court. I hope to be able to get out before then.

"Regarding that letter about Dr. Hamilton, I do not remember anything. I may have written such a letter, but I do not remember it. Dr. Hamilton and I never played cards except for cigars. I think that Codingsworth and his methods should be exposed and thereby save others from doing what I did. I believe he is the only man who can run a gambling house in Topeka. I see by your paper Ed. Tyman and Cook Jones have been closed up. I believe Collingsworth was the one who had them closed, if the truth were known. He has electric bell appliances from every door so that it is impossible to catch a game in progress."

SUPREME COURT.

It Will Convene Tomorrow to Pass on Several Cases.

The supreme court will convene tomorrow morning, and will be in session the remainder of the week. On Wednesday the application of Mrs. Lease for an injunction to prevent the governor from removing her from the state board of charities, will come up for a hearing. The case will be heard on its merits.

The Dodge City and Montezuma railroad mandamus cases will also come up for hearing Wednesday.

New Line to California.

The Rock Island now runs daily a through tourist sleeper from Topeka to Los Angeles and San Francisco—via Ft. Worth and El Paso. This, the southernmost route, is free from snow blockades. The round trip rates of $65.50, good until July 15, and one way $35.00 are the lowest.

For additional information call on or address H. O. GARVEY,
City Passenger Agent.

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ALL IS READY

For Mr. Appleyard to Move His Woolen Mill to Topeka.

Mr. William Appleyard will move his woolen mill to Topeka, and promises to be making cloth here by the first of June.

The $20,000 subscription in stock which Mr. Appleyard asked as a bonus has been raised, and he says he will soon commence the construction of a building to cost $15,000 in which his factory will be located.

Among the subscribers to the stock of Mr. Appleyard's mill the following Topeka people have pledged themselves:

F. A. Brigham, $5,000; Markley & Son, $2,000; W. H. Storms, $1,000; Prescott & Co., $600; City Real Estate Trust Co., $1,000; Dr. W. S. Lindsey, $200; Crosby Bros., $200; Dr. M. M. Ward, $200; J. P. Davis, $200; Crane & Co., $200; Dr. J. C. McClintock, $200; Reed & Tomlinson, $100; Edwin Scott, $100; Dr. L. H. Munn, $100; A. J. Arnold, $100; J. W. Farnsworth, $100; Col. D. R. Holliday, $200; J. T. Clark, $200; L. Blackman, $200; Fleishman & Co., $200; Hall & O'Donald, $100; H. D. Rice, $700; A. A. Rodgers, $100; H. Wealing, $200; W. S. Kale, $100; P. G. Noel, $100; M. C. Holman, $100; T. B. Sweet, $100; Major Sims, $100; Charles McCabe, $100; Frank Brooks, $100; D. R. Hite, $100; Fred Parnell, $100; E. B. Gifford, $100; W. S. Kale, $100; A. J. Arnold, $100; J. W. Farnsworth, $100; Edwin A. Austin, $100; Judge Elliott, $100; General John Ives, $100; Leo Jones, $100; S. S. Ott, $50; Dr. C. B. Reed, $50; A. C. McKitrick, $100; A. Washburn, $100; Cuthbert & Sargent, $200; Mr. De Moss, $100; George Neil, $400; W. E. Sterns, $100; Col. J. W. F. Hughes, $100; F. Burleigh Johnson, $100.

In addition to those subscribing stock to the mill the following gentlemen signed an agreement by which they propose to buy the first product of the mill, and each of those named will pay $100 a bolt for the first bolt of cloth manufactured by the mill and delivered to them: Mayor T. W. Harrison, Judge J. R. Johnson, Thomas E. Ross, A. E. Jones, A. R. Quinton, W. C. Stevenson, J. H. Evans, J. S. Brauner, jr., A. K. Rodgers, John R. Mulvane, Lewis Kingman, Colonel James Burgess, P. W. Griggs, John Troutman and F. A. Brigham.

A meeting was held at the council chamber Saturday night at which the last $885 was raised.

Mr. Appleyard says as soon as the list of subscribers to stock is placed before him all properly signed, he will organize a company under the laws of Illinois, and will let the contract for the erection of the building at once.

By organizing the company under the laws of Illinois the stockholders are not liable for double the amount of their stock subscriptions, as would be the case if organized under Kansas laws.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Yesterday's sun spoiled the skating on the river.

It is reported that the Spooners have added "Cleopatra" to their repertoire.

Dr. M. B. Ward left today for the City of Mexico for the benefit of his health.

The city council and board of education hold their monthly meetings tonight.

Labor Commissioner Todd will hold his office until he is retired by the powers that be.

Marc Robbins proposes to open a school for teaching the dramatic art soon in Topeka.

The Christian Endeavor society is thirteen years old and its birthday was celebrated last week.

W. H. Finch the new editor of the "Ottawa Republican" is a brother of Charley Finch of the "Lawrence Journal."

The W. C. T. U. prayer meeting at the First Presbyterian church this afternoon was conducted by Mrs. L. O. Case.

The ice melted yesterday and several young men who couldn't go the minstrels went down to hear the ice make funny cracks.

"This Little Pig Stayed at Home" is the title of a new play, a three act comedy, that Malcolm Williams is busy preparing.

The total damage at the electric light plant for last week was $2.91, and the loss has been adjusted by the insurance companies.

Governor Lewelling attended the minstrels Saturday night, and he never misses a performance of that class, be it good, bad or indifferent.

The funeral of Louis H. Bartel, a former Santa Fe general office clerk, took place at 10 o'clock this morning from his home, 1427 Tyler street.

Rev. B. L. Smith left today for St. Louis where he will attend a national conference of the Christian ministers and will speak on "City Evangelization."

The Farragut Fire Insurance company of New York, has notified Superintendent of Insurance Snider that it will pay the 2 per cent tax for the support of the fire department of the city of Topeka.

Mayor Harrison has appointed the directors of the free library. Edward Wilder and Geo D. Hale are appointed to succeed themselves, and Eugene F. Ware is appointed to succeed the late T. Dwight Thacher, and J. P. Davis to succeed Senator John Martin.

Rev. O. S. Morrow of Lincoln, Nebraska, preached the dedication sermon of Liberty church yesterday afternoon. A series of meetings are to be held at this church in which the pastor, Rev. M. P. McKibben will be assisted by Rev. W. I. Brooks of Pawnee, Neb.

A. W. Dana will read a paper on "Profit Sharing as a Means of Solving the Labor Problem," before the next meeting of the Unity club. R. H. Foster will talk on "Communism," and L. A. Stebbins will read a paper on "Socialism, as the Means of Solving the Labor Problem." The Unity club meets Friday night.

An Important Difference.

To make it apparent to thousands, who think themselves ill, that they are not affected with any disease, but that the system simply needs cleansing, is to bring comfort home to their hearts, as a costive condition is easily cured by using Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

Reduced Rates South.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13th, the Rock Island will sell tickets to all points in Texas at one fare for the round trip. These tickets are good for thirty days with stopover privilege at any point in Oklahoma or Texas on going trip. Remember that the Rock Island has the short line to Ft. Worth, and makes the best time. Thus offering to its patrons, with close connection at Ft. Worth, the shortest and best route to all points in Texas.

Children's Fine Ribbed Fast Black Cotton Hose, worth up to 70c pair, tomorrow for 25c pair.

WIGGIN, CROSBY & CO.'S

Twenty Per Cent Discount on all Blankets, White, Red and Grey. Bargains.

GREAT SALE OF WHITE GOODS AND WASH GOODS.

We open this week the largest stock of White Goods and Wash Goods ever shown, including many special things that are of EXTRAORDINARY VALUE—Many that it will be IMPOSSIBLE to duplicate later in the season, particularly pretty designs in Dimities and Fine Ginghams—Besides the low prices, will make an extra inducement to buy them now.

BEAUTIFUL LINE

FINE WHITE INDIAN DIMITIES

In Checks and Stripes. Special values at **15, 20, 25, 30** and **35c per yard.**

INDIA LINEN.

Extra finish sheer and pretty qualities. Special values at **10, 15, 20, 25, 28** and **33c per yard.**

Victoria Lawns, Persian Lawns, Pure Linen Lawns, Linen Cambric, Soft Finished Nainsooks and Masalia, at very low prices.

Checked and Striped Nainsook,

In extra values at $8\frac{1}{3}$, **10, $12\frac{1}{2}$, 15, 18,** and **25c per yard.**

Soft Finish Cambric.

Extra qualities at $12\frac{1}{2}$, **18, 25, 30** and **35c per yard.**

Imperial Long Cloth.

A new and beautiful 36-inch soft fabric, **16c** per yd; **$1.62** for 12 yd. piece.

Fine all over Embroideries, Tuckings, Pique, Fleeced Pique, Etc., Etc.

DOTTED SWISSES.

Large selection. Bargains at **25, 28, 33, 45** and **42c per yard.**

One of the best things ever offered in a pretty

DRESS GINGHAM

In styles equal to some of the finest goods.

A Great Bargain at $8\frac{1}{3}$c per yd.

(See North Window.)

Another great bargain is on 36-in

PUNJAUT PERCALE

In white and blue grounds, figured and striped goods, usually sold at 16 and 18c per yard. **Will be sold for $12\frac{1}{2}$c per yard.**

A Beautiful Quality Figured Satine.

Equal to any usually sold at 20c per yd, for **$12\frac{1}{2}$c per yd.**

FINE FRENCH SATINES.

In plain and figured, worth 35c per yard, and Fine Scotch Ginghams, worth 25c per yard—Fine Pongee, all on counter in South room, **Your choice for 15c per yard.**

On the center counter you will find displayed the choicest things in Fine High Art Embroideries, on Cambric—on Nainsook—on Swiss—New Point Venise and Point Renaissance. Also New-Colored Embroideries, the correct thing, specially stylish for Ginghams, as also are the pretty White Embroideries.

LACES. Are showing a great variety, including many entirely new kinds—As the heavy Point de Venise in pretty edges and the stylish insertions which we also show in black. Great assortment of nice Torchons—Medici and Velenciennes at specially low prices.

A beautiful fine printed Dimity; handsome designs, usually sold at 35c yard, for 25c yard.

On Sheetings, Muslins and Housekeeping Goods generally, are showing many excellent bargains. Crochet and Marseilles Quilts, the very best value in the city.

Fine Heavy Crochet Quilts at 75c, 88c, $1.00 and $1.50. All Bargains.

MATTER OF SALARIES

To Come Before the City Council Tonight.

CHANGES ALREADY AGREED TO.

Interesting Reports to be Presented Concerning the City Finances.

The meeting of the city council tonight will be an important one. It is the first meeting since the one held January 1, and besides the large amount of routine business that has accumulated there will be other special and more important matters for disposal. It will be remembered that at the last meeting Mayor Harrison vetoed the socalled "star chamber" salary ordinance in vigorous language. Some of the councilmen object to the wording of the message and tonight one of the members, probably from the Fifth ward, will introduce a resolution to have this veto message expunged from the records of the council.

A new salary ordinance will be presented to the council tonight to regulate the expenses of the city for the coming year. It was framed at a meeting held in the city hall, (in the rooms of the board of education,) Saturday night, at which Mayor Harrison and all the councilmen were present except C. A. Fellows and S. Erdinger. Mr. Earnest presided and the following details of the measure were agreed to:

The salary of the mayor remains at $900.

The salary of the street commissioner is cut from $1,000 to $900.

The deputy street commissioner is raised from $60 to $75 a month.

The ordinance abolishes the position of foreman in the street department.

The city physician will get $75 a month instead of $50, out of which he must pay his own office expenses and keep the free dispensary supplied with the necessary drugs.

The city clerk is raised from $1,880 to $1,500 a year.

The city engineer's salary is reduced from $2,000 to $1,800 a year.

The fire marshal's salary remains at $1,800, and the assistant fire marshal received a cut amounting to only $20 a year.

Otherwise the fire department, street department and electric light department remain unchanged.

The office of assistant to the engineer at present filled by J. P. Rogers, was abolished.

The payrolls of the various departments for the month show an increase over last month, due to the fact that no salary ordinance except the one in force a year ago, controlled the expenses. The pay rolls are:

Street force	$1,089 84
City officers	617 66
Fire department	1,940 14
Police department	1,437 82
City engineer's deparment	861 67
Commissioner of elections	150 00
Electric light department (abt)	700 00

P. G. Noel, the city's financial agent, will not be able to report any sale in the case of the Kansas Midland $74,000 refunding bonds, but he expects to be able to do so, at par and accrued interest, within three days.

The report of City Treasurer H. H. Rowley, as prepared by the assistant treasurer L. H. Beal, shows a good condition of the city treasury. It shows:

Cash	$75,713 91
In Bank of Topeka	74,227 81
Fiscal Agency	34,201 00
General revenue fund	18,942 17
General improvement fund	19,015 89
Sinking fund	691 00
Interest fund	8,682 00

WRECK AT MC FARLAND.

A Rock Island Passenger Runs Into a Freight—No One Killed.

A wreck occurred on the Rock Island about midnight last night, at McFarland, a station 35 miles west of Topeka.

Passenger train No. 3, which left Topeka at 10:30 last night, westbound, ran into freight train No. 94 westbound, on the McFarland siding. The accident was due to an open switch. The switchman says he thought the trains were to pass at Paxico.

The freight train had stopped, but the danger lights were very dim. The engineer of the passenger train saw the lights when it was too near to stop the train, but he brought it to about eight miles an hour. Both engines were damaged some, but none of the passengers or train crew were hurt.

LOCAL MENTION.

"Eight Bells" will appear at the Grand probably next Tuesday.

Councilman Fellows is quarantined at his home on Lincoln street, between Seventh and Eighth streets. His little boy has diphtheria. He hopes to be released from quarantine so he can attend the council meeting tonight.

Ninety-eight thousand pensioners will be paid by the Topeka pension agency at the payment beginning today and it will cost the government about $\frac{3}{4}$ millions of dollars to pay them. Only about 1300 call personally for their checks.

Orlin Crawford's "Big Star Comedy company" will make its initial performance at Holton tonight. His friends here estimate about a $80 house the first night. He will appear in Topeka with his dramatical aggregation week after next.

State Superintendent H. N. Gallus will address the county teachers' association of Douglas county, at Lawrence, next Saturday. On the 23rd he will be one of the judges at an oratorical contest of the high schools of southwestern Kansas, which is to be held at Larned.

There will be a meeting of the Topeka Bimetallic league at Representative hall tonight to commemorate the life and public services of the late J. C. Hebbard. A memorial address and other sketches will be given touching his career. Other addresses upon bimetalism will be given.

An Interstate convention of woolgrowers called by Governor Waite, convenes in Denver today for the purpose of discussing the pertinent parts of the Wilson bill. Governor Lewelling was asked to send delegates to this meeting, but Kansas will not be represented in the convention.

The same prompt attention will be given the burial of the dead of ex-union soldiers and sailors of Kansas this year of 1894 as in the last. Fine hearse and palace coach furnished. J. M. Knight, 404 and 406 Kansas avenue and 843 North Topeka 'Phone 52.

ROBBERS WITH MASKS

Hold Up Men in Different Parts of the City.

TWO YOUNG MEN ARE ROBBED

On Sunday Morning on East Fifth Street and a North Side Citizen Fired at by Three Men Some Hours Earlier.

The boldest highway robbery that has been perpetrated in Topeka for several years, occurred at about 1 o'clock Sunday morning on East Fifth street near Madison.

At that time two young mechanics in the Santa Fe shops, one named D. J. Kutzer and the other George Lyman, were going home. As they were passing the stone building adjoining the Ohio house on the west, they saw three men standing in a stairway.

"Say," said one of the three men after they had passed a few feet, "will you know me if you should see me again?"

The young men stopped and looked around. They saw that the three men had handkerchiefs tied over their faces from the nose down.

"I don't know as I would," replied Lyman, as he and Kutzer started to go on, not relishing the conversation.

"Hold on! We want to see you," demanded one of the masked men. The three men then leveled revolvers at their victims. The largest of the three wearing a slouch hat, struck Lyman on the left side of the face with either a pair of brass "knuckles" or a revolver, he doesn't know which.

The robbers asked for their money, taking Kutzer first. Kutzer had given them his money, about a dollar in change, and he was in the act of taking his watch from his pocket with his left hand, when he caught the robber off his guard and gave him a heavy blow with his fist that staggered him. Kutzer then ran. Lyman tried to do so, but was held by the robbers. The men struck Lyman several more blows as though in revenge for the escape of Kutzer. Then they took away from him about three dollars in cash and a gold watch that cost $50, on which Lyman had just made the last payment on the installment plan.

Lyman and Kutzer appeared at the police headquarters yesterday and narrated their experiences, as told above. Several of the officers who are acquainted with the young men attest to their good reputation. They were unable to give any definite description of the robbers. They said it was very dark where they stood.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Humility never wears well as an overcoat.

The collegiate game of football resulted in 22 deaths during 1893.

An oculist says that scarcely 1 in 97 of watchmakers suffers from weak eyes.

New York city, like the mountains of the south, is infested with illicit stills.

Baltimore is proud of the fact that within her walls seven bishops have their homes.

Coal is dearer in south Africa than any other part of the world. It is cheapest in China.

In India and Ceylon tea leaves are rolled by machinery, but in China it is done by hand.

It is estimated that on our globe, which is inhabited by 1,500,000,000 human beings, there are 33,000,000 deaths every year.

Delaware has no state prison. State convicts are sent to the three county prisons or to the Maryland penitentiary at Baltimore.

Most of the numerous temples throughout China are painted red. Everything lucky and pleasant among the Chinese is of vermilion color.

The United States have 245 life saving stations—181 on the Atlantic, 48 on the lakes, 18 on the Pacific and one at the Ohio falls, Louisville.

Five years' continual residence in the United States and one within the state in which application is made are established as prerequisites to naturalization.

Notice.

The members of Topeka Lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W., are respectfully requested to assemble at the residence of Bro. John Plath, No. 509 Clay street, tomorrow afternoon, February 6th, at 2:30 o'clock, to attend the funeral services of his late wife. R. P. PAY, Recorder.

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