

A DALTON ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

He Jumps Into the River at Topeka, but Is Rescued.

TOPEKA, KAN., May 28.—A cousin of the Dalton gang that was wiped out at Coffeyville last year in an attempt to rob a bank came to Topeka, and yesterday made a desperate leap from the bridge spanning the Kansas river thirty feet into the water. Dalton came into town Friday night, and went to the police station and asked for protection against a mob which he said was following him with intent to murder. He acted like a crazy man, and he was given shelter until morning. At 9 o'clock he walked to the river. When he reached the main current of the stream, he climbed over the guard rails and, with a wild scream, leaped into the water below. Parties crossing the bridge gave the alarm, and a boatman started out to intercept him. When Dalton struck the water he went under and was washed down the stream fully forty feet before he came up. He was almost exhausted, but he caught hold of a floating log and kept his head above water until the boatman overtook him. He was again taken to the police station, where he was given a dry suit of clothes and turned loose.

He said he wanted to die, as his life for six years had been a miserable one. He had no home and really wished that he had gone with his cousins at Coffeyville. He admitted that he was a cousin of the famous gang of bank robbers, and that since they were killed at Coffeyville he had been wandering aimlessly over the country. He was with the Daltons two days prior to their raid on Coffeyville, but he was laid up sick at their rendezvous in the Cherokee nation. When these facts were reported to the officials a posse was started after him, but he had escaped and no attempt will be made to arrest him.