

PEKIN BANK WAS ROBBED

**ROBBERS BURN LOCK OF VAULT
AND GET AWAY WITH NOTES
AND LIBERTY BONDS**

Robbers entered the State Bank of Pekin, Friday night, and robbed that institution of notes and Liberty bonds which were attached for collateral. The bonds, amounting to about \$300 or \$400, were the only things taken of any value to the robbers.

Entrance to the vault was made by means of burning off the locks with a welding outfit. After completing their job all of the tools were left in the bank.

The robbers took every precaution to avoid capture by cutting all the telephone and telegraph wires. No clues have been unearthed yet that warrants the arrest of any suspects. However, the day previous and following the robbery three suspicious characters were in Pekin, selling cigars and it was noticed that at no time was their automobile left unoccupied.
