

SAYS WIFE MADE EFFORT AT SUICIDE

Colonel Griffith of Los Angeles Has New Explanation.

Declares That He Sought to Protect Her by First Story.

Millionaire Breaks Down When Sympathy Is Extended and the Woman Is Still in a Critical Condition.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 6.—Colonel Griffith J. Griffith broke down and cried today when offered sympathy by a friend. He spent the day at the residence of Dr. E. M. Griffith, sixteenth and Valencia streets, and the day proved the hardest one for him since the shooting of Mrs. Griffith Thursday night.

A friend of the colonel called at the house to extend his sympathy and found him lying on a couch on the front porch, with a light blanket thrown over him. Griffith arose and extended his hand with his usual cordiality, but the hand was hot and feverish and lacked the energetic grip which generally accompanies his hand clasp.

"I have but a moment to stay, Colonel Griffith," said the friend, "but I want to know how you are getting on and see if there is anything I can do for you. No man was ever placed in a more terrible position, and I feel for you. No matter whether you shot your wife or not, no man can ever make me believe that you did so with malice aforethought. You have my sympathy, and I pity you from the bottom of my heart."

Such sympathy proved too much for Colonel Griffith, and this strong man, who was never before known to lose his composure, broke down. His face twitched as he tried to answer and the cords in the back of his neck moved up and down, the veins on his forehead swelled, and his eyes filled with tears. He cried like a child. He was apparently suffering agony, and, placing his hand over his eyes, he said in broken words: "I am very tired. I am feverish. I do not feel well, and I am slowly turning and entered the house, assisted by Dr. Griffith.

FRIENDS HAVE EXPLANATION.

It was the reaction from the intense nervous strain under which the man has been since Thursday and the after effect of long-continued drinking, for it is positively known that Colonel Griffith has been drinking heavily for many days. In fact, many of his peculiar actions since the shooting have been attributed by his friends to drink.

Contrary to the general opinion that the defense will make a claim of accident, it is stated on well-grounded authority that the defense will claim that Mrs. Griffith was shot by her own act in an attempt to commit suicide. Colonel Griffith would never consent to the insanity claim, notwithstanding the fact that his wife and relatives take that view of the matter and would be glad to have such a verdict rendered by the jury.

"We are not prosecuting Colonel Griffith," said I. B. Dockweiler. "We simply feel that he should be incarcerated and if the jury delivers a verdict of insanity we will be pleased that he may have the comforts of a private asylum, but if it delivers a verdict of attempt to murder we believe that he should go to jail, and lastly, if the defense endeavors to prove that Mrs. Griffith attempted to commit suicide, in the event of her death within the next week, I hope that she will have the honor of the name of Mrs. Griffith."

COLONEL IS SURPRISED.

"We will be able to prove that all the statements which Colonel Griffith made on the night of the shooting were made to defend his wife. He has not thought of himself in this matter at all until forced to do so by his arrest. The arrest was as unexpected to him as the shooting was and he was more surprised that his wife should make her accusation of attempted murder than he was that she should shoot herself."

It is further understood that the defense will go back in the history of the family and attempt to prove that at the time of the death of Mrs. Griffith from blood poisoning Mrs. Griffith threatened to take her life; that suicide had been in her mind for many years.

On the other hand the prosecution is far

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COLLISION CARS

Four Persons Are Killed and Nineteen Badly Injured.

Collision Is Due to a Misunderstanding of the Starter's Orders.

PELHAM, N. H., Sept. 6.—Through a head-on collision to-day two electric cars, each carrying, it is said, at a rate of more than twenty miles an hour, four persons were killed and nineteen were so seriously injured that they are under physicians' care and several of these are expected to die. There were seventy passengers on the two cars and many others received cuts and minor wounds which did not prevent their going to their homes. The accident occurred on the line which runs through this town between Lowell and Nashua and one of the cars which was coming from the latter city, was nearly filled with people on their way to a summer resort.

The collision was due, according to the officials of the road, to a misunderstanding of the starter's orders by the motor-man of the car bound for Nashua. The car starter endeavored to rectify this mistake by shutting off the power and trying to recall the Nashua bound car, but it failed. The accident occurred at a curve on either side of which were long stretches of straight track. The dead as reported up to 10 o'clock to-night are:

CHARLES H. GILBERT, 50 years, Nashua.
GABRIEL COLLETT, 25 years, Nashua.
GEORGE C. ANDREWS, 36, Postmaster, Hudson, N. H.
SAMUEL MAYS, motorman on the Nashua car, Hudson.

As the accident took place at some distance from any large city the injured were distributed among the hospitals of Lowell. The accident occurred on the Hudson, Pelham and Salem division of the New Hampshire Traction Company's electric road.

The car from Nashua carrying fifty-four passengers for Cannon Lake, a summer resort, approached the curve a quarter of a mile west of Pelham Center at terrific speed, accentuated by a down grade. The cars met on a curve, the Nashua car leading the approaching car until too late to avoid a collision. Neither was there time for the passengers to escape by jumping when the cars came together with a force that threw the westbound car directly under the forward part of the other, crushing the top of the car down upon the passengers and pinning those occupying the first three seats in the wreckage.

Persons who witnessed the collision stated afterward that it came so unexpectedly that it seemed some minutes before the passengers realized what had happened. All were silent and the passengers made no outcry, appearing dazed by the shock.

Near the accident were a number of campers who at once rushed to the scene. With crowbars and other instruments the wrecked roofs of the cars were pried up and the imprisoned passengers released. None of the passengers escaped injury of some sort, although a number were not seriously hurt.

A Day in Sunny Marin.

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from idle. Assisted by several detectives, they claim to be weaving a skein of evidence which will convince a jury that Mrs. Griffith's sworn statement that her husband shot her deliberately is true and that he did attempt to murder her. Before the shooting all seemed serene in the Griffith family, but after the shooting a fifth living at death's door there has developed a degree of bitterness between the two sides of the family which bodes no good for Griffith in the event he endeavors to prove his suicide theory, which is a new feature in the case.

Officers went to Santa Monica to-day and took the sworn statements of many persons. Some new witnesses were found who gave important testimony, but what they were of course, not been disclosed and will not be until the case reaches the courts. As to a portion of what has been discovered Deputy District Attorney James said to-night:

GRIFFITH DIDN'T PHONE.

"One of the worst disclosures made to-day at Santa Monica was the fact testified to by several witnesses that Colonel Griffith did not telephone to Los Angeles for Mrs. Whipple or Dr. Moore, as he stated that he did. He did not telephone for either of them, but the telephone call was made by the clerk under the instructions of the son. Mrs. Griffith told her son to telephone for her sister, Mrs. Whipple, and for the doctor, and the son went to the office of the hotel, looked up the telephone numbers and waited while the clerk did the telephoning for him. Griffith made no effort to summon assistance."

The condition of Mrs. Griffith to-night is far from favorable to early recovery. Fever has developed and she is unable to obtain much rest. She is nervous and the slightest noise startles her. Within forty-eight hours the crisis will have been reached and it will then be known just what her chances of recovery are. The physicians fear meningitis will develop.

COLOMBIANS INSIST ON SOVEREIGNTY

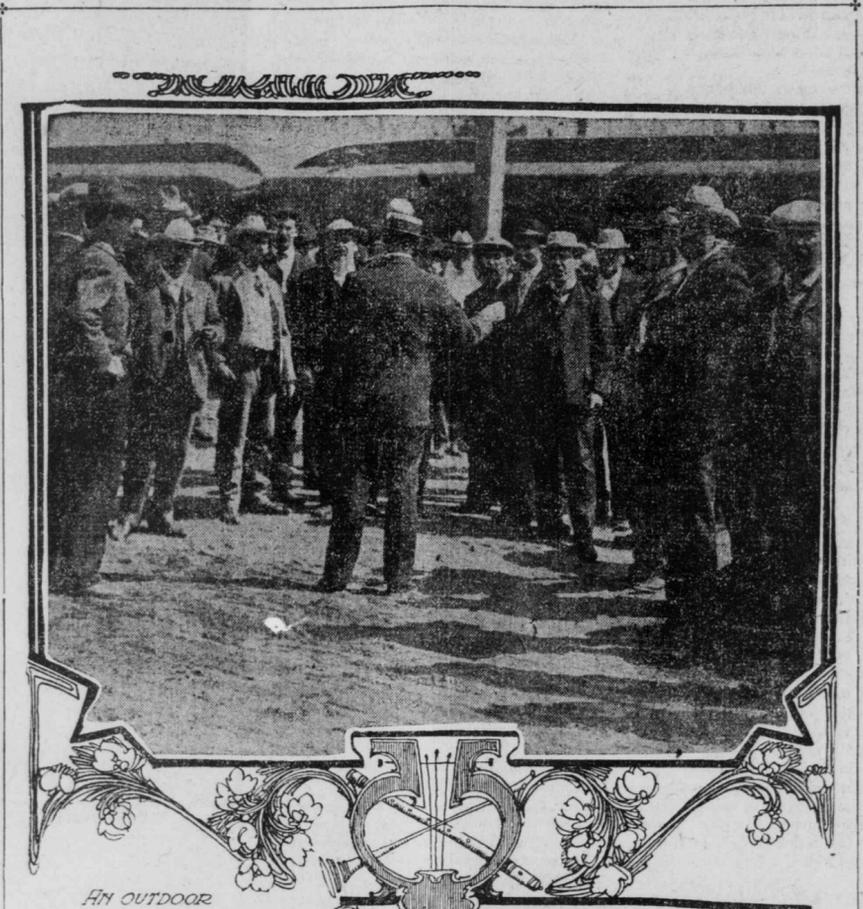
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from his Government have given no intimation of such action. The three Senators from Panama with one exception (and he was bitterly opposed to the treaty), and the six members of the House of Representatives have assiduously worked for the ratification of the treaty. Their defection at this time, Dr. Herran realizes, will be a serious blow to the prospects for ratification. The one Panama Senator who has opposed the treaty has never lived in Panama, although being elected to the higher body from that department. The defection of the Panama delegates, it is suggested here, might be in the nature of a protest over the attitude of the opposition to the treaty, with the possibility of secession from the National Government. Dr. Herran still clings to the hope that a way will be found whereby the present treaty will be ratified. He lays much stress on the possibility that the Senate may agree to a measure to be subsequently passed by the House, where there is said to be a majority for the treaty, giving President Marroquin authority to negotiate directly an instrument along the lines of the present treaty.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The Daily Mail attributes this morning for the formation of a British syndicate to forestall the attempts of an American company to buy up all the Dorsetshire and Devonshire clay mines with a view to obtaining control of the British pottery trade.

HARMONIE SINGERS ENJOY SPORT IN MOUNTAIN WOODS

Outing of the San Francisco Society at Ben Lomond Made Interesting by Contests in Bowling, Shooting and Swimming, With Melodies at All Hours



AN OUTDOOR CONCERT

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BEN LOMOND, Sept. 6.

—Having recuperated from last night's festivities, the members of the Harmonie Singing Society, who are enjoying a three days' outing in the Santa Cruz Mountains, were prepared for another strenuous day. The high jinks held last night will live long in the annals of the society. It was for members only and the fun was unconfined. Max Dunov's clever sketch was up-to-date and created a great deal of merriment.

To-day's programme opened with ceremony. Toasts to absent members were drunk and then breakfast was served in the big dining-room. After breakfast the members gathered in front of the hotel and made the woods resound with song. Professor Rigger led the singing, which was of high order. Luncheon was served in the open air.

In the afternoon the members took part in bowling, shooting and swimming contests for prizes. The competition was very keen and the sports afforded great amusement to onlookers.

During the course of the second banquet this evening President Henry Plagemann delivered the following definition of the word "harmony":

"The simple utterance of the word 'harmony' produces a soothing effect. The sense is complete. The word 'harmony' means much more. Something that has been accomplished, acting together to a common end; agreeing in action and feeling; living in peace and friendship, as a harmonious family. This word should be graven upon every man's heart."

Speeches were also delivered by John Plagemann, Professor Rigger, Charles Alpers and others. The evening's entertainment consisted of a concert at the hotel. The Harmonie orchestra, led by Julius Haug, rendered selections. The concert lasted until a late hour and was enjoyed by scores of visitors.

The organization will depart from here to-morrow afternoon. Every one is having a good time and is loath to leave for the moment. Among those here are the following:

W. Starke, Charles Loesch, William Lowe, J. C. Plagemann, William Plagemann, R. Mohr, A. Becker, E. M. Buck, L. Mayerhofer, Joe Rode, R. Rock, E. W. Anderson, J. Lerner.

BULGARIAN VILLAGES ARE PILLAGED AND BURNED BY TURKISH TROOPS

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massing on the frontier. Turkish Troops Are Ready to Pour Across the Border.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Special dispatches from Constantinople published here this morning all concur concerning the gravity of the situation and that the warlike feeling has been increased by the fact that the Sultan last Friday reviewed and presented colors to two new hussar regiments recruited from the tribes which produced the Ottoman dynasty, this being the first time that the Sultan has presided at such a ceremony. The Turkish papers are making patriotic appeals to the loyalty and devotion of the nation.

It is said that an infernal machine was found in the baggage of a Bulgarian passenger on the Greek steamer Margarita bound from Burgas to Piraeus. The machine was thrown overboard and the passenger arrested. In consequence of the bomb outrage on the steamer Vaskapu the Austrian Lloyd Steamship Company refuses to take passengers' baggage between Burgas and Constantinople.

A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Constantinople says the military party is clamoring for war, but the Sultan hesitates. Nevertheless troops are being massed along the frontier in readiness to take the field.

Advices from Salonica are that the authorities have received from Constantinople orders to prepare lists of the Armenians and Servians living in Salonica, who will be subjected to the strictest police surveillance.

On the Sultan's fetes day the Manfas clubs, composed of the lowest elements of Turkish population, had made an organized preparation to massacre the

WOMAN ATTACKS FORMER SENATOR

Sensational Sequel to the Brown-Bradley Scandal.

Erstwhile Statesman Suffers Loss of Four Teeth in Encounter.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
SALT LAKE, Sept. 6.—Former United States Senator Arthur Bradley's notorious intrigue with Mrs. Annie Bradley, a scandal which extended from New York to San Francisco, terminated to-day in an encounter in which the Senator cast off the woman, but lost four front teeth. Severe relations which have existed between the couple for several years. Brown's infatuation for Mrs. Bradley has been a common scandal for years. Mrs. Brown, who is a society woman, attempted to break off the liaison and on three occasions had Senator Brown and Mrs. Bradley arrested on criminal charges. Both are now under bond in these cases. Mrs. Brown declared she would break the hold Mrs. Bradley had on the Senator if it took the rest of her life. Steadily she has fought Mrs. Bradley and finally she succeeded in exacting a promise from Brown to cast off Mrs. Bradley, under a promise to dismiss the charges now in court.

To-day the former Senator sent for Mrs. Bradley. She visited him in his office. Goaded to desperation by Brown's heaped upon her by the man who sought to renounce and discard her to save himself from occupying a cell in the penitentiary, Mrs. Bradley declares, she attacked Brown during the interview. Attaches of the office soon forced the woman to desist in her attack, but not before she had disfigured her enemy to the extent of breaking four of his front teeth. No arrests were made.

YELLOW FEVER IS STILL EPIDEMIC AT LIANARES

MONTEREY, Mexico, Sept. 6.—A fund for the yellow fever sufferers of Lianares, where the disease is epidemic, has been started by prominent citizens of this city. Business has been partially suspended, and those who are not afflicted with the fatal disease are idle, though not in direct need as yet. Scores of fever cases have been reported and among the afflicted are the Mayor and his secretary. A representative of the Texas health authorities is expected to arrive here next Tuesday to supervise the disinfecting of the city and to make another thorough investigation, after which, if the quarantine measures established by the Monterey authorities against Lianares and other infected points are found to be efficacious, the quarantine against Monterey will be lifted.

No Word from Leishman.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The administration is awaiting with some interest reports from United States Minister Leishman at Constantinople and Admiral Cotton in Turkish waters, and whose cruisers, the Brooklyn and San Francisco, are now at Beirut, as to the condition of affairs in their respective localities. Nothing came from either of them to-day. On their advice will depend the disposition of Admiral Cotton's ships—whether they remain in Turkish waters or to return to their regular places on the European station.

Abolishes Defense Fund.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Following the direct charge that money thus far collected by assessment from the various labor unions of Chicago had been wasted and consumed in the purchase of unnecessary labor in Labor to-day abolished its defense fund committee after a stormy session, during which lies were passed, incriminating charges were made and fistfights were narrowly averted.

James Bowman, formerly president of the federation, and J. J. Fitzpatrick, organizer, said that the proceedings of the meeting and the events that led up to them were a disgrace to the labor in the United States. Charges of dishonesty were openly made against several prominent labor leaders and recommendations were made that these men be suspended. After a stormy session the federation decided to adopt a compromise plan and to appoint a committee to investigate the charges against the men mentioned.

St. Louis Secures Next Conference.

VIENNA, Sept. 6.—The conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for Arbitration will open here to-morrow. A session of the council was held to-day to consider business. Congressman Richard Bartholdt, the American delegate, succeeded in securing the next conference for St. Louis in 1904 to be held in connection with the Exposition upon the condition that the invitation be extended to the conference by either the United States President or Congress. Bartholdt assured the council that such an invitation was sure to be issued.

Commits Suicide While in Jail.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 6.—F. J. Carr, a shoemaker from Denver, committed suicide by hanging himself in the city jail here to-day. He had torn a strip from a blanket, which he used as a rope. He evidently stood on a stool while making preparations and then kicked the stool from under him. Carr had been drinking heavily for the past few days.

Picks a Quarrel and Is Killed.

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., Sept. 6.—Marshall Gray shot and killed Lee Smith at Nicholson's mines late last night. Smith was from Bell County and known as a desperado. He had picked a quarrel with Gray and later stabbed James Looney. Then Gray came to Looney's rescue and shot Smith. Gray fled to the mountains.

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