

FELL FROM GRACE.

Rev. C. D. Nickelsen, of Colfax, Threatened Suicide.

SPokane, Nov. 29.—Rev. C. D. Nickelsen, 32 years of age, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Colfax, who alarmed his friends and church members by causing the rumor to spread that he had come to Spokane to jump from the Monroe-street bridge, was unearched in Spokane yesterday, and, after discussing his love affairs and domestic troubles with local church dignitaries, decided not to end his life, but to return to Colfax instead. He started for Colfax on the 3:45 o'clock train yesterday afternoon.

It developed yesterday that Rev. Mr. Nickelsen had not only planned to end his own life, but had telegraphed an invitation to a young married woman in North Yakima to join him here. "We will go together," was the way he phrased his ardent telegram, or, to be more exact, one of his telegrams, for Rev. Mr. Nickelsen kept the wires hot. The result of his correspondence was that he came to Spokane on Monday expecting to meet the North Yakima woman at the Pacific Hotel. She, however, did not appear at the tryst. Rev. Mr. Nickelsen, much perturbed, commenced writing again. He was in a dreadfully distraught condition.

Finally, however, his invitations to North Yakima brought an answer, in the person of Attorney L. O. Meigs, of that place, representing the woman. It transpired that she was alarmed by the warmth of Mr. Nickelsen's missives, feared he would commit suicide, and had Mr. Meigs send a telegram signed with her name, making arrangements to see her hero. Mr. Meigs' first aim on reaching Spokane was to locate the ardent preacher. That was no easy task. He was not keeping the tryst at the Pacific Hotel. At last, however, Mr. Meigs got in touch with the preacher, who had been the guest of Captain McColland at the Door of Hope Mission. What happened at the conference cannot be told. At any rate, Nickelsen returned to his home in Colfax, after consulting with members of the committee from his parishioners who came up here to investigate the case.

In conversation with a reporter, Rev. Mr. Nickelsen said: "I have had trouble in my family, and told my wife what my plans were when I left home to come to this city, but I presume all married men have their family jars occasionally."

"What statement do you care to make Mr. Nickelsen, regarding your infatuation for a former member of one of your churches?" was the next question asked. "That question I refuse to answer; yes, either to confirm or deny it. It is my wish that all of this trouble cease. Later I shall give a statement to the correspondent in Colfax. My plans are to return to my church and finish my year's pastorate, which closes with the conference year in September. I am a young man, and propose to valiantly face the trouble which now confronts me."

Rev. Mr. Nickelsen, although a young man, is one of the strong men of the Columbia River Conference, and for four years he has been conference secretary. He is regarded as one of the strongest pulpit orators in the conference, and came to Colfax with the highest recommendations. He is about 30 or 35 years old, and a man of fine appearance. He is genial and affable, and made many friends in Colfax.

Town Is Closed.

SEATTLE, Nov. 30.—At last the municipal ball, which has been blustering and blundering for months past on the body politic, has burst and a veritable flood of scandal is expected to flow over the city in the ensuing six months. Last night at 9 o'clock, Chief of Police Sullivan, who has labored under tremendous odds to hold the criminal elements and the politicians in check, took the bit in his teeth, closed every gambling game in the city, barred the doors to the dance and concert halls and through his police officers and detectives arrested something over 50 disorderly and suspicious characters. Two things impelled the Chief to this step. One was the fact that Mayor Humes has practically deserted him at a time when certain influences combining together in strange alliance are out after his scalp. The other was the determination to rid the city of a large number of well-known crooks who, congregating a veritable carnival of crime.

Last night the story was abroad, and apparently well authenticated, that a demand had been made on Chief Sullivan for his resignation. There is no doubt that had he not taken the step he did last night the pressure would have been so strong on him that he would have been forced to resign or else face a grand jury.

Dr. G. L. Cook, a throat specialist in New York, recently gave up practice because of his age. He lived comfortably with his sister and had nothing to do, but times hung heavy on his hands. A day or two ago he went home and calmly said: "I am getting old. I'm in the way and don't like to go on like this. I don't want to bother anyone and I don't want anyone to bother me. So it's better for me to die. I have taken three grains of morphine." A physician was on the spot in a very short time, but the old man was beyond recovery and died in an hour or so.

General News.

By the explosion of a boiler in the electric building of Swift & Co.'s packing plant at the stockyards, Chicago, a number of men were killed and a score injured.

Binger Herrman, ex-congressman and now commissioner of the general land office of the United States, a resident of Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, is a candidate for the United States Senate.

Rural free delivery grows. If the funds are forthcoming 15,000 free delivery routes will be in operation May 1. It is estimated that \$24,000,000 will be required to give the entire United States rural free delivery. Some \$6,000,000 is now expended for this branch of the service.

An orange trust is now formed. It is known as the Southern California Trust company, with a ready capital of \$4,500,000. They propose to get title to the majority of the California orange groves to do away with all middle men, and through their own warehouses at all important towns sell directly to retailers.

A gang of Apache Indians employed on a reservoir at Dulac, Colo., near Durango, have gone on a strike for an increase of 50 cents a day in their pay. One of the Indians gave it out that they had lived several thousand years without working on reservoirs and that they could exist until their demands were complied with.

Richard K. Adams, long noted in the Coeur d'Alenes for his daring and bravery, was caught in the machinery of Bunker Hill and Sully Mill at Wardner, Idaho, and crushed to death. Just how he became entangled in the machinery is unexplained, as he was working alone at the time. His body was frightfully mangled.

Private telegrams received in Geneva at the headquarters of the Armenian refugees in Europe, confirm the report of a massacre in Macedonia. Most of the leaders in the recent insurrection have been killed under various pretexts. Turkish troops formed cordons around villages, cutting off their communications. It is feared a majority of the villagers have perished.

The Orange Judd Farmer of November 15, from returns from its large corps of correspondents scattered through the corn raising states, estimates a corn crop larger in number of bushels than any previous one, but on account of drought in the south and frosts in the north estimates its feeding value not to be more than that of the average yearly corn crop.

President Castro, of Venezuela, handed, probably on Thursday last, to the German Minister at Caracas, a written acceptance of part of Germany's claims, sufficiently comprehensive to delay the presentation of a joint ultimatum by Germany and Great Britain, if not rendering it altogether unnecessary. It is also understood that Great Britain's demand will be satisfied.

There is a strange rejoicing in Seattle over the strong likelihood that the government transport business will be secured by J. J. Hill and will be moved to the Orient from that port. Wild excitement is said to reign at San Francisco, but the people of Seattle care little for consternation brought to their commercial rivals, providing they may reap the advantages which such a trade would bring.

Professor Asser, the Dutch jurist, who has been arbitrating the claims of American sealers for the seizure of their vessels by the Russian Government about 10 years ago, has delivered his award in favor of the United States. He appraises the damages in the case of the American schooner C. H. White at \$32,444; in the case of the James Hamilton Lewis at \$28,588; the Kate and Anna at \$10,488, and the Cape Horn Pigeon at \$33,750.

The Secretary of the Interior, in his annual report, incorporates liberal extracts from the annual report of Governor Brady, of Alaska. As usual, the Governor contends most earnestly for the extension of the general land laws of the United States to Alaska. He points out that at present none but mineral entries can be made. Although Congress several years ago extended the homestead laws to Alaska, there have been no surveys of the public lands, consequently no homesteads.

Jealousy because of the fickle affections of a woman caused her death, a struggle for life between two men and an arrest on a charge of murder. Mrs. James Arberry was the victim, at Warner, Idaho, and the fatal shooting was done by A. Goode, a gambler. Mrs. Arberry had formerly lived with Goode, although not married to him. Later she married Arberry. The gambler entered a restaurant where the Arberys were eating dinner and shot the woman five times. Then he and Arberry grappled and struggled until the police came.

Mosely Reynolds, aged 16, employed as a clerk in the bank of Westville, Ind., was shot and killed at an early hour in the morning by robbers, who had broken into the place and were about to

blow open the safe. The men escaped in a stolen rig. Beside Reynolds' body when found were an empty revolver and another partially empty. Examination showed evidences of a desperate battle. More than 20 shots had been exchanged. From the trail of blood left by the robbers, it is believed one of the men was wounded. A posse of men are scouring the country for the men. A reward of \$1000 has been offered for the apprehension of the robbers.

James E. Adams, of Council Bluffs, Ia., on November 15 fell 150 feet, from the top of an electric light tower. The cable of an electric elevator broke and fell with him to the ground. The bystanders expected to see him mashed to a jelly, but to their surprise he was able to climb into his buggy and ride home.

Admiral Dewey resumed active sea duty Monday for the first time since his return to the United States from his ever-memorable cruise in Philippine waters. His four-starred pennant was hoisted on the President's yacht Mayflower at the Washington Navy-yard about 9 o'clock, and, accompanied by the members of his staff, the Admiral sailed away to assume direct command of the large fleet engaged in the maneuvers in the Caribbean Sea.

The battleship Texas had a narrow escape from being blown up. She left the Portsmouth Navy Yard to the Capes, where gun practice was held. Two of the large turret guns exploded, filling the gunroom with glycerine and water, but the magnificent work of the gunners saved the vessel from serious damage, as well as the lives of those on board of her. The ship returned to Old Point, and a special inspection board is making an examination of the injury.

Some 2,000 Doukhobers, a religious sect from Russia, lately left their homes in Manitoba, after turning their cattle and horses loose. They started for Winnipeg, 200 miles distant, without food and scantily clothed. Their purpose was to convert the world to their religious beliefs. They were overtaken by a blizzard and the mounted police and the farmers carried them bodily aboard a train and guarded them to prevent their escape while they were being taken to their deserted homes.

The efforts to restore agriculture in the Philippines have been blocked by a dearth of field animals. Ninety per cent of the carabaos died in the original epidemic of rinderpest and of the small number left many have since died. The government had planned an extensive importation of these animals to meet the crying need and had arranged to have them immunized. It was forced to abandon this plan on account of the lack of money to meet the purchases. The general cultivation of the plantations is impossible without them and the absence of any immediate prospect of getting the field animals leaves the agricultural situation in a serious condition.

Captain Pershing with 60 men, has completed a march across the island of Mindanao from Camp Vicars to Iligan. This is possibly the first time that white men have made the journey. Captain Pershing visited the Villages of Madaya and Maraput. On his way to Madaya he found the Moros were surprised to learn that Americans were not monsters 10 feet tall with horns and tails. At Maraput he addressed 500 Moros, telling them of the friendly purposes of the Americans. Representatives of the Nato and Bocayntan tribes, which are now at war, asked Captain Pershing to arbitrate the differences between them. The Captain agreed to visit them and give his answer on his return to Camp Vicars. No hostility was shown toward the column on the march.

The second session of the Fifty-seventh Congress convened at noon Monday. Long before the gavel fell in the two Houses large crowds thronged about the doors of the visitors' galleries seeking admittance. A bright, sunny day brought out many women who were conspicuous among the visitors. As the hour for the opening approached the crowds about the doors increased, but many were necessarily disappointed, as the space allotted to outsiders was claimed early. There were many out of town visitors. To be seen in the corridors and lobbies on both sides were many public officials, who left the departments to witness the opening. The correspondents were early on the scene, preparing for the three months' work ahead of them.

Mother Poisoned Daughter.

DEXTER, Me., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Hattie Whitten, who was arrested yesterday on the charge of having poisoned her 9 year old daughter, from whose funeral she had just returned, committed suicide today by hanging while in the custody of the Deputy Sheriff. Her death ends a case which promised to be as sensational as any inquired into in many years.

Mrs. Whitten is suspected also of having caused the death of an elder daughter, aged 11, on September 19 last, and this body has been exhumed. Both children died suddenly. Mrs. Whitten's husband also died suddenly two years ago. The children were insured for \$56 and \$85, respectively. An autopsy of the body of the younger girl disclosed arsenic and strychnine.

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