COMMITTED SUICIDE.

He Won One Hundred and Fifty Thousand

Francs and the Next Morning He Was Found Dead Clasping a

> Woman's Red Morrocco Pocket Book.

MONTE CARLO, June 23 .- Tom Culbertson, from Texas, murderer and suicide; Marietta Torini Culbertson, of New York and Texas, strangled and robbed; the bank of Monte Carlo a remark within my hearing. So Ma-"burst" and the prince of these realms and the French republic richer by 150,000 francs because the bank-burst er burned up his winnings-such are a single night's happenings in "gay" Monte Carlo.

As your correspondent stops at the Hotel de Paris, opposite the Casino, where the tragedies were, in part, enacted, he is in a position to supple ment the scant cable reports.

"Paris" were awakened by a pistol shot. My room mate said at once: 'It's a colt, I smell copy," and hasti ly donning our trousers we ran out in the hall. The lights had already been turned on full blast. Watchmen, night clerks, scrub women, porters, etc., came scurrying up the stairs. A hundred questions in a dozen tongues. Every door on the corridor was successively tried, the occupants responding, save that of No. 13.

Burst in the door," cried several unlocked. The room was pitch dark. but the fumes of powder and burned paper meeting us a we entered, indicated that we were on the right track. I turned on the electric light. On the lounge, fully dressed, was a man's

By G-- the American, who burst the bank," I heard the night clerk whisper. Indeed, Tom Culbertson, of Texas,

the man who premised me "a big story" only a few hours before. Here ing lazily, but a minute ago it must have gushed forth like a fountain. There was a big pool on the carpet and in the midst a giant colt revolver, lying below the now lifeless right hand. The left, raised to the heart, clutch-

ed a red something, a woman's pomevery way I tried to move her cold padaur, velvet and gold, it proved to heart for our dead Maud's sake. But be. Strange, the silken carrying cords were cut. Meanwhile a police sergeant and

three Carabinieri had marched in They took charge of the body, the it. The sergeant held a whispered conversation with the manager and night clerk. Then he demanded aloud: Does anyone recognize this dead per-

Half a dozen men and women re sponded and your correspondent, deposited what he knew about Tom Culbertson's story in Monte Carlo. Followed the preliminary investigation As to the body: . Life had been extin guished some fifteen or twenty minu tes. Contents of the pockets: A box of cartridges, some American silver have this crime added to my list of anchor in the harbor, and its coming coin and a blood stained hankerchief. deadly sins. The officer dispatched his men to permitted to leave here." The order book hanging on her arm. guest prisoners were requested to withdraw to one part of the very large apartment, while the sergeant an hotel officials continued the search for the missing fortune. Suddenly they came upon a letter stuck behind the rate card at the door, adressed to the "The American reporthotel keeper. er living on the same floor, will translate this for you," said a note in the

corner of the envelope. 'To the Hotel Keeper and to Whom it May Concern: I am Tom Culbertson, of Texas, was a well known cotton planter up to ten years ago. Hav- ed my cheek and walked to the Casino ing no relatives, the authorities can do with my carcass as they please; garded myself in one of the high mirbetter sell it to the saw-bones to pay rors. Nothing in my appearance reexpenses. As the story of my life con eys valuable lessons to old and young, utes ago, recalled my crime. the American newspaper chap whom I met in the cafe yesterday, may have it for what it is worth.

in Marietta Torini, daughter of an left original winnings on the same Italian violinist. Her father used to card, 'Rouge again,' I won. 'Rouge,' Telephone association Wednesday, of play in the Bowery cafes and restau- 'Rouge,' 'Rouge,' ten thousand on rants, Marietta accompanying him on rouge,' 'twenty thousand!' I won and the guitar. I fell in love with the gritar sight. She became my wife, and after settling a comfortable in and burst the bank of Monte Carlo. come on the old man, we moved out to our lonely ranch. I am a man of 40, she having just budded into wo-bullet from a catapult-rich because manhood. I tried my best to make I had mardered my girl-wife. her forget the difference in our years. happy because she was dead, and here, Her faintest, inarticulate wishes were under my coat was the talisman, her commands to me. I bought her every-thing she could think of, but in the end had to recognize the fact that I was too old, too serious minded for my after I had changed my load of gold girl-wife. Frequently I found Mari- into thousand francs notes. Up to etta in tears. She said she was very then, such is the utter baseness of a homesick, but I wouldn't let her go. gambler's nature, I had actually en-She was my first love, and the very thought of a seperation was maddening to me. Then an angel came to us. a daughter, beautiful as the mother. But Marietta hated the child. She pockets with papermoney, I realized fact that he had failed to provide suf-

"This was the signal for much domestic unhappiness. One fine morn- money, in the safe last night thought the river from J. ff-rson City, the box, The roof of the Roberts building, oc ing Marietta was gone. My telegrams, I was; 'celebrating.' As a matter of in which he was securely nailed up, cupled by the Peninsula Telephone bring her back. But I had Maud. notes as possible. May they do some lng from the bex. The bex was opened young lady operators, none seriously. ter to me. I was her slave. And Yellow Jack came and robbed me of her. That happened when I was 48. It whitened my hair and life lost all its room. charms for me. I no longer took any interest in tusiness. Caring only to forget, I took to drink and whiskey did me up in the usual space of time. I was forced to sell the plantation and, gathering the rest of my money, be-

better life. I calculated that to do so, I must have money and resolved to go to Monte Carlo, to win a fortune. It luck smiled upon me, I would return and begin all over in the cotten.

Today two fresh graves were filled in the "Suicide's and Murderer's

"A week ago I set foot in this earthwhen, for some reason or other, my mind and heart became flooded with of her all the time, saw her every-where. Every fresh red mouth seem-burned his winnings, did not even ed to be Marietta's, in every dark, tlash eye I recognized Marietta's.

Yesterday, late in the afternoon, as I was going up the Casino steps, I thought I saw her, a lovely vision, on the arm of one of those international The Confederate Dead Honored in dandies with which Monte Carlo is running over. I felt sure it was her, my poor, beloved, deluded wife. She smiled, she coquetted, she behaved outrageously. I heard her laugh-

netta used to talk. "I felt that I must not risk my all restored my equilibrium. I ventured to the Casino. "Try black," an inner voice advised. Black lost. I forced it. 'Noir perd!' announced the rou was written by lister lette manipulator five or six times in The gold in my pocket

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning most of the second story lodgers of the ing of quitting when I heard behind me the frou-frou of silken skirts, when I perceived Marietta's laugh,

signedly I walked out to take my medicine. As soon as I found a half way secluded spot, I would end it all. Harnden Camp Nt 2, Sons of Vet-Once I thought I had discovered a place of safety, but a carabinleri, memory of the Gray resting here. excited guests. Not neccessary, it was making the rounds, cuased me to move The members of our G. A. R., Lucius on, and not knowing the roads I found Fairchild Post No. 11, marched into myself, after a while, in the neigh- the enclosure and stood there with about to sit down for a moment's were being observed. rest, when I espled an elegantly dressed woman on a nearby bench. figure of my Marietta, she had Ma- wards you who fought for the Confed-

story" only a few hours before. Here was the story: A hole large enough to last ' last ' Don't make a scene, she re talk it over.' I took her to the out-

skirts of the park, from where the pa-

trol had just driven me. It was safe "And there I talked to her like a father, like a lover and a father, in every way I tried to move her cold the minute she saw that I was softening, her diabolical spirit returned She called me crazy, mad. She said such as berself, beautiful, young talented was not for such as I, old grizroom and the semi-dressed mob filling zied, wedded to life in the semi desert. And then the devil took hold of me too: I reached for my revolver. Ma rietta tried to call for help but, losing all self-control, I took hold of her by

> I was doing I held a dead woman in my arms.
> "The fright, the horror of my mis deed nearly killed me on the spot.

guard the doors. He also sent for assistance. 'Until further notice, I self-preservation and I dragged the small boots. Then allowed to regard you as my body further into the bushes. Then crew pulling what they thought support the property of the vessel came a number of small boots. The natives could see the body further into the bushes. Then crew pulling what they thought support the property of the vessel came a number of small boots. The natives could see the body further into the bushes. Then prisoners," he said politely but firmly as I bent over Mariet's to take a last 'Please take notice that not a soul is look at her. I noticed the red pocket was not surprising. At eleven p. m. venir,' I thought, they shall bury it with me.' I cut the strings and, the bank money. Five hours latter he was dead, maybe murdered, and not a hundred-franc bill left. The erisp thousand francs note. And my thoughts of suicide were gone all at once, the craze of gamble, gambler's madness seized me.

"'Play red, red,' whispered the your talisman, rouge means a fortune

to you.'
"I raised my hand to my feverish temple and, withdrawing it, found it red with blood from the wound Marietta had inflicted upon me with her fan. More red, it was inevitable that I should win, I stilled the blood, clean called the adventures of a few min-

'With the feelings of a winner 1 walked up to one of the Trente at Quarante tables 500 on rouge.' I won. Ten years ago when on a business I left original and winnings on the trip to New York, I met my destiny same card. 'Ruge again,' I won. I

"I burst the bank, I was rich, but -the recollection struck me like a

"These thoughts came to me only joyed my triumph, though never quite forgetting that it was won at the expense of the dreadfullest of crimes.

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"Those who saw me throw away research by the authorities, thousands fact I was anxious to get rid of as spent on private detectives did not many hundred and thousand francs form and the agent heard groans com-'The money I could not spend, in the short space of time allowed me, I burned in the open fire place in this

> "This is all I have to say. "TOM CULBERSON, from Texas, U

came a wanderer, following the race retta's body. We soon found it in the ernor of Iowa.

tracks, for excitement at first, finally to eke out a scant and disgraceful living.

spot ind/cated, where it would have been discovered anyhow in the early morning, when the Prince's police This spring I happened to win a search the woods for suicides. considerable amount at 'Frisco and a sergeat recognized Marietta as a well good woman, whom I met there, per- known demimondaine, that hung suaded me to try and begin a new, a about the gambling establishment

Today two fresh graves were filled in the "Suicide's and Murderer's Cemetery." The gambling concern buried Tom and Marietta side by side ly paradise, and had no sooner done so in the clothes they wore at the time

when fate overtook them.

The Prince of Monaco and the reminiscences of Marietta. I thought French Republic who profited about

EMILE BERDAU.

THE WAR IS OVER.

send flowers.

Wisconsin by Union Veterans. The Atlanta Journal says Governor Terrell is in receipt of a letter ah, it was Marietta's laugh. She passed from the son of a Madison, Wis., longer wandered about aimlessly in son, Wis., were cared for on National from the bay and the salt air finally was written by Herbert Siggelko, a

Madison, Wis., June 16, 1905. To His Excellency, The Governor of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga.

Respected Sir:—You are doubtless aware of the fact that in our cemetery are buried many Confederates who her voice. And I gathered up all I died here while prisoners of war. possessed in the world and put it on Among the number are many from the state of Georgia. It give me thank "'Noir perd!" I was a beggar in a strange country, with nothing to look Memorial day, May 30th, the graves forward to but death. Quietly, re of these Confederate dead, as has long been the custom, were decorated with flowers and uniformed squad of Henry borhood of the Casino again. I was heads uncovered while the exercises

I am sure I voice the sentiment of the old soldiers and of the veterans in She had the sylphlike, yet luxurious saying that bitterness and enmity torietta's eyes, her hair, I saw it all in eracy has passed away forever and will the blazing are light, And as I faced never again be harbored. We realize her, she instinctively recognized me.
"'Mother of my dead Maud,' I and conscientiously, believing your whispered hoarsely, 'so I found you at cause to be right, and the soldier of the north fought in the same way, believing his cause to be right. turned; let's go where it's quiet and may clasp hands across the bloody charm of war and by word and by deed we make known to one another that we are brothers. In submitting this, I have the

nonor to remain. Very respectfully. HERBERT S. SIGGELKO. 1st Sergeant, Henry Harden Camp

KILLED SY PIRATES

Over One Hundred and Fifty People Slain on Tyberian Coast.

A dispatch from San Francisco says details of a terrible massacre by pithe neck. She struggled, pushed her rates of 150 natives on the Tyberian beleweled fan into my face. Her re-sistance ceased, before I realized what from Petropavlovski, on the coast of Kamchatka. A Moregravienof has written to bis brother, a resident of deed nearly killed me on the spot. San Francisco, that in the early part 'Why didn't I use that revolver an of the year, the natives in one of the hour ago?' I maned, 'then I wouldn't | small settlements down the coast obplies into the smaller craft. Then the ples into the smaller craft. Then the plies into the shore. During that "Aunt Easter," as she was called, men pulled for the shore. During that "Aunt Easter," as she was called, was born in 1770, and while in slavery riole tale of pillage and massacre was ner Clayton in her last days.

brought to light. voice of passion. 'This pocketbook is of friendship the pirates had gained a ransacked, and anything of marketable ed in the least of having an ache or value had been taken. Who the marauders were, those who managed to yound giving the information that some Japinese were in the party. When Moogravienof sent his letter the people of Petropavloski feared an attack on that town.

> Died Making a Speech At Chicago S. P. Sherin, formerly steretary of the democratic national committee, dropped dead on the floor of the convention hall in the Auditor-ium hotel while making an address before the delegates to the convention f the National interstate independent apoplexy. Mr. Sherin was president of the new long distance telephone com-pany of Indianapolis, and had been selected by arrangements of the committee to deliver the address of welcome. He had proceeded well along stepped backward and fell to the floor, expiring within a few minutes Mr. Sherin, a moment before his collapse, remarked to Col. Powers, of charge of the remains.

Left Prison in a Roy

Missouri state penitentiary sent up interpreted them." and Hammond was taken back to the penilentiary.

Drowned in River.

Virgil White, a promising young awyer, was drowned in the Des the New York and New Haven road. Moines river Monday morning by the The dead are Firemen Schalatzer and capsizing of a canoe at Des Moines, John Dennis Liw and Brakemen Lew-Curtis Attails lumber plant exploded his arms outstretched. Your correspondent went out with E. White, ex member of congress and neld responsible for the accident, was Rosson, Gus Cash and Marion Mad-

A GREAT FRAUD.

Quaker City Banks Fleeced for About One Million Pollars.

A Banker and Broker, Who Died Four Weeks Ago, Bought Gilt Edged Stocks and |Raised Their Face Value.

At Philadelphia one of the most ever been brought to light in financial circles of that city was disclosed last week when it was announced that of shares of stock had been fradulently raised to hundreds of shares, causing a loss to certain banks and trust 000 to \$1,000,000. The forgery involves the name of Benjamin H. Gaskill, who went to his grave four weeks Grand Army veteran, in which he is ago. Gaskill was the sole member of rain is indicated for the central and ter religious ceremonials of the Peni informed that the graves of many the banking and brokerage concern while excited and for half an hour or Georgia Confederate veterans at Madi- known as Benj. H. Gaskill & Company. He had offices in the financial the gardens. There was a good breeze Memorial day, May 30th. The letter district and his credit was considered gilt edged.

Gaskill died about four weeks ago, lion dollars. He left no will and adwhose name is not given, bought from agree with the company's bocks, and an investigation showed that the cershares to 100. The stock exchange, of which Gaskill was a member, then sent out notices to its members not to not been finished. receive stock certificates from the Gaskill estate.

A further investigation brought to light a surprising state of affairs. It was found that Gaskill had credited himself on his own books with 6,000 shares of Palladelphia traction stock. valued at approximately \$600,000 while the traction company's books showed he had only 400 shares. It was also discovered that he had raised stock certificates of the United Rulways of New Jersey from 2 to 200 and the certificates of the Frankford and Southward Street Railway company of this city from 2 to 20. The latter steck is worth \$450 a share. Gaskill kept two accounts, one re-

ording the transaction of his customers, which was correct, and another giving his own transactions. His books showed that he was losing from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year in his bust ness. His method of operation was to obtain certificates of gilt edged securities calling for one, two, three or some other small number of shares, raise the figures and give them as securities for large loans. At least six banks and trust companies of this city admit holding fraudulent securi ties for large loans. A financier who has been making an investigation said that the amount of money loaned on between \$750,000 a. is believed that very little will be recovered from the estate.

DEATH OF AUNT EASTER

Said to Have Been the Oldest Woman

in the United States. The oldest person in Augusta, and 91, New Pine street-her age was 135

firing of arms, and, later, smoke and she belonged to a number of promifire were observed. This led to an in nent families of the city. She had vestigation from Petropavlovski and for her last owners, the Clayton famother towns on the coast, and a hor- ily, and she often spoke of Mr. Tur-

The old woman died from old age, About the streets of the settlement writes Moregravlenof, were strewn the bodies of 150 of the inhabitants, shot and cut to pieces. Under the pretense of friendship the pirates had gained a years. The people whom she was landing on the coast. Robbery was living with at the time of her death their motive, for every hut had been claimed that she had never complain-

pain. One of the ways the old woman had make their escape could not say, be- of telling her age was that she remembered several years before the Springueld Baptist church was built In the city, and this institution is 105 years old. She claimed that she remembered when the spot where the church now stands was in a swamp.

The o'd woman was liked by all of the people, both white and colored, as she often interested them by telling of the times she used to have in the days gone by. Her recoll ction was perfect, even in her last days.

Crew to Biame. The rathroad commission Wednesture on the wreck of the Ogden special at Greenville. The report fulofficials that the blame attaches to with his reading when he suddenly Acker of the special for failure to ob crew down with this finding: appears from the evidence that they bad been furnished with the rules and Harry Hammond, a convict in the but simply in this action at least mishad been examined on and knew them,

Frightfut Storm my situation in full: I was a mur- ficient air holes would probably be a an electric storm and cloudburst, test. I upbraided, I threatened her, derer, may worse. I had taken the free man. Hammond conceal d him- which occurred at Tampa, Fla., Wedif she dared raise a finger against my wages of my poor wife's sins to gain a self in the shoe box in the prison factory and was started on the trip to aged 7, was killed by lightning while Killed In a Wreek.

At Newington, Conn., three men were killed in a collision between two freigh trains Wednesday morning on the police sergeant to seach for Matter the police sergeant the police sergeant to seach for Matter the police sergeant the po

WEATHER AND CROPS.

There Has Been a General Improve ment in Cotton Conditions

In his last crop report Section Direc-

tor Bauer says the week ending June

19 had a mean temperature slightly above normal, with extremes of a maximum of 98 degrees at Blackville on the 13th, and a minimum of 66 degrees at Greenville on the 13th. The sunshine averaged about normal, alsensational cases of forgery that has though in parts of the state there was considerable cloudiness the latter part. There were no destructive high winds, or other damaging conditions. certificates calling for small numbers of thunderstorms and local showers. The rainfall was heavy in places in the eastern counties, where it ranged from half an inch to over two inches, companies of this city of from \$750,- of the state that had no rain or amounts too small to be beneficial. There were some heavy showers in

nearly all fields have been rid of grass and weeds, except where laborers were scarce, or where the ground has become too hard to plow and cultivate. and at the time of his death he was believed to be worth about half a milis nearly finished except for spring ministrators began to close up his oats. There was a general improvebusiness. A patron of the firm, ment in the condition of cotton, with exceptions in the case of fields that the estate 100 shares of Philadelphia have not been thinned or cleaned of Traction company stock. This was grass, but only in exceptional insent to the Philadelphia Traction stances have the plants attained norcompany's office to have the transfer mal growth, being generally under-The certificate did not sized. Blooming is still sporadic, though fairly general in the eastern counties. Sea island cotton is in good tificate had been raised from six condition, but as yet blooming sparsely. Lice are still present in sections, but are disappearing. Chopping has

There has been only slight improvement in corn, which continues small and yellow, except on fields that received early and thorough cultivation There are many complaints of corn tasseling low, and of damage by worms. There is considerable land yet planted to corn. There is little change in the condition of tobacco. which shows the effects of too much rain, and lack of cultivation. Rice is receiving its harvest water in the Colwell. Gardens and pastures need rain in the central and western paris Melons are quite promising. Wheat is yielding poorly at threshing. Oa's also are generally poor, but with numerous exceptions where the yelds range from good to excellent. A large soon as it rains.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Says Archbishop Farley, Is Undermining the Walls of Society.

Archbishop Farley declared at Car negie Hall, in New York, one night last week, at the commencement exercises of St. Francie Xavier that the evils of divorce were fast undermining the raised certificates will aggregate the walls of our scolety and that the be should no hand be raised to ward off the advance of this tendency. The Archbishop said in part:

"A continuance of the evil of divorce, of the slightest regard for the marriage, must shortly lead to the downfall of society, nay, it is even now falling, and must soon be dragged in the dust. We see that it is

he deplores the awful condition of so-

ciety in this regard.
"I believe no president since Washington's time has made a more beneficial effects on the roots of society and the family than Roosevelt has by means of his frank declaration. Not only does the president preach the doctrines he believes, but he exemplifies it in his own life, and his own family stands as an illustration of what the nation's executive thinks

and says of the race standards. "It is likewise gratifying to find that the president has not confined his labors in this direction to his own circle, wholly, but the fact is made known to me that the cabinet has taken this question up and will deal with it. When the heads of our gov-ernment take up a problem of this grave nature there can be no need of the people doubting that the ques tions must be gravely considered, and we feel that much good will be done f effort is properly directed."

Lightning Freak. During a thunder storm last Friday evening, lightning struck a tree in the yard of Mr. J. C. Martin of Donnalds. A clothes-line was attached to the tree, extending by another, and was made fast to a third tree within two feet of the house. The current followed the wire, striking all the tress, day finished its report to the Legisla- and jumped the space between the last tree and the house. It followed the special at Greenville. The report ful wall plate, wrecking columns, brackev sustains the position of the railroad ets, etc., until it reached the sitting room at the opposite corner of the Engineer Hunter and Conductor house. Here it seems to have grounded at three points, tearing up the serve the rule which required them plastering and wainscoting. Fortunto come into the Greenville yards un ately no one was in the house, as the der full control. It finds this rule is lightning entered that part of the ceal their faces with black cloths, and in accordance with the best practice house most used. The only living Louisville, temperary chairman, that he was not feeling well. S. P. Sherin, Jr., his son, was present when his promote safety." The report lets the "It were uninjured.

He Had to Go.

forced to leave Swaledale, where he tions of the cross.' had just been given a charge. The

Fatal Boiler Explosion. A boiler at the saw [mill of the

A STRANCE SECT

Who Nailed a Young Man to a Cross Good Friday.

AS A RELIGIOUS RITE.

His Hands and Feet Were Spiked to th

cruciating pain to the victim, but he never utters a complaint. The cross is then maintained in its position by Cross Beams of the Structure ropes and loose stones thrown into the They Called the Cross, Where the Victim Remained Until Taken Down Dead. Oa "Calvary Hill," near Torres, Colorado, in Las Animas County, an accident happened on Good Friday. the northern border counties, but they A young man named Jesus Gonzales officers were crowns of thorns and

and his wrists and ankles had been firmly bound to the cross with ropes. At his own request nails were then pseudo Christ was limp and uncondriven through his hands and he was scious. spiked to the cross beam of the cross. and the ceremonial continued.
Following literally the New Testa-

ment narrative of the Saviour's crucifixion, every incident and episode was crowd returns to town to a lively tune imitated. Some of the Penitential from the piper, but a chosen few re-Brothers performed the part of Ro- main to apply restoratives and resurman soldiers, and one of them pressed rect the erstwhile Christ. If no missponge of vinegar to the lips of Gonzales. The pseudo Christ smiled quickly recovers and by evening will feebly and whispered the Saviour's strut about the town, the most imporlast words, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." The Penitentes then divided Gonzales's clothes and cast lots for them, as told in the Scriptural account. A brother then seized a spear and plunged it into Gonzales's side, and his face lighted up with the beatific smile of a mar-

Meanwhile the various episodes of the crucifixion were executed with solemn zeal, while the victim hung weak and bleeding on the cross overhead. A priest approached and repeated the words of St. Luke, leton district, and is generally doing saved others; let him save himself. if he be Crist, the chosen of God." Some f the brothers who took the part of Roman idolaters, then crowded up to the cross, macking and scoffing and shouting, "If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself!" Finally the Finally the in-cription, written in Spahish, "This acreage of peas, for forage, being is the King of the Jews," was nailed sown, and more lands will be sown as on the cross, and then Mary and Martha and the women of Galilee (mpersonated by women of the s.ct) a;-

> This was the signal for lowering the cross-but the smiling lips of Gonzales were silent forever; the eyes upturned to the sky were rigid in seath. The Penitentes looked at each other in startled surprise and said "Gcd's will be done." The agony of the cross had been too much; the half hour they had intended to keep him there had stretched to nearly two hours; in a religious frenzy of lamentations the Penitentes carried the swollen, bleeding body of Gonzales to tomb in the cemetery over the hill. The county authorities have made

efforts at an investigation of this Good Friday tragedy, but with little success. The Penitentes are Mexicans, speaking little but Spanish, and they refuse any information what-"But now; voices in the distance; was hailed with cries of rejoicing. Off the vessel came a number of elf-preservation and I dragged the body further into the bushes. Then mote mountain places where the could conduct their rites without in-

terference. The writer witnessed a part of the ceremonials of Easter time as performed by the Penitentes near Clayton, New Mexico, last year. Starting from Clayton, a small town on the Gulf road, we rode all day across the hot, dry prairies on which the only signs of life are herds of cattle, plenty of antelope and the shrill whistling curlew. We knew the danger of ex citing the Brotherhood, but we determined to see, and photograph all we could of the ceremonies, and to that end had literally armed ourselves to the teeth-dressed like Mexicans to attract less attention, and hid the camera under the writer's coat. Ascending a hill we unexpectedly came upon the scene of aztion, and never can we forget the sight. It was late in the afternoon of a hot, clear day, not a breath of wind was stirring. Below us stretched a small valley whose side hills were scantily covered with a growth of scrub oak and pine. The little stone chapel was at the head of the valley; about five hundred feet away on a small knoll, represent ing the hill of Calvary, was erected a

huge wooden cross. Grouped about this, kneeling de voutly, were perhaps fifty people, and when they began to chant the erere" in a melancholy wail the (flect was wonderfully weird. When this ceased, the "Procession of Cross Bearers" left tho chapel. Men chiefly take part in the actual ceremoni's though women are present. The crosses are large wooden affairs, and weigh over two hundred pounds each. Those doing penance frequently con the officers may be known by the fil ets on their heads. The procession is ng a crucifix. He is followed by the comrades, who are naked, except for short cotton trousers, and these occa At Rockwell City, Mo., because the sionally are lined with cacti, and Rev. C. H. Marsh, of the Baptist bound tight to make the suffering the church, flirted with a pretty parish-ioner, jealous members of his flock is among their number. At short infollowed him about and he was finally terva's they stop to make the 'sta

Arriving at Calvary, the cross bearother evening Mr Marsh met one of ers lie at full length with the heavy the Swaledale girls, and went with her for a five mile crive. He had pre viously been requested to leave the procession returns to the chapel, the church there because of his atten men going ins de for meditation, and tions, and when he came to Rockwell the women rema ning outside. These City his new congregation watched him Five members followed him on day and the climax of the tragedy oc a five mile drive, and when he dropped curs in the afternoon, when the chief the girl war home, halted his buggy enters the chapel and comes with the and told him they expected him to pick out a member of his own flock. In some places he is a volunteer, and when he went driving. He is young in others he is chosen by lot. Cal-and handsome. He has left town. him and he walks to the spot, lies at full length on the now recumbent cross, his back to the standard, and

> The attendants take stout ropes and lash the arms and legs of the pentightly that the strands actually sink

into the flesh, but not a sound is heard from the martyr. It is customary to spike the victim to the cross, but public opinion has wrought a com promise in some localities and the actual driving of nails into the hands is omitted. Even in the very remote old Mexican towns, where a crucifixion always takes place, the victim of the crucifixion usually survives the ordeal, and proudly shows the scars as evidence. Long ropes are fastened to the head of the cross to steady it, and other brothers raiss it to an urright position. As its base meets the the excavation the whole mass slips down with a thud that must cause ex

The poor penitente must suffer the most intense agony—his skin puffs up and discolors and his face betrays great anguish. The silence was impressive—no sound of bird or insect in this desert land and all the brotherhood were in silent prayer. Some were lying on masses of cacti; all the some were beating themselves with the prickly Spanish bayonet plant. southwestern counties, generally, and tentes, and expired in view of the It seemed as if we could not endure In places elsewhere.

Southwestern counties, generally, and explicit in view of the strain. About half an hour after cultivation made rapid progress and unteered to take the part of the Saviour in the solemn ritual of the sect, order to lower it. The bonds were loosed and the blood began to freely circulate in the victim's veins, but the

> Then following the testamental At a signal from the high priest of story, a few women gather about the the Penitentes the cross was elevated and the ceremonial continued.
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> oross, wailing dismally and impersonating Mary and Martha. The body is wrapped in a cloth and borne to a cave in the foothills. The general

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