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IS LUNACY VICTIM

Counsel for Aged Retired Manufacturer Defends Charge

DENIES GRIFFITHS

in Superior Court

NIECE ASKS FOR GUARDIAN

claim in the Superior Court today hat George Griffiths, of Wayne, has a rofound, dominating lunacy. Was puted vehemently by counsel for the ired manufacturer, who is eighty The legal battle, with an estate val

ued at \$150,070 and upwards at issue, was begun by Mrs. J. H. Kurtz, a nicce of the aged man, who seeks to have a guardian named for him. When the case was aired before Judge McCullen in Common Pleas Court No. 4 counsel for Mr. Griffiths asked to have the case dismissed from the local courts on the ground that the reired manufacturer is a resident of Delaware county

Claim Griffiths Is Sane

Attorneys for Mrs. Kurtz opposed the petition, claiming that Mr. Griffiths is insame and that he was legally incom-Insaie and that he was legally incom-petent to change his residence from Germantown, where he had been living, to Wayne, where he purchased a home. When Judge McCullen refused to dismiss the case counsel for Mr. Grif-fiths appealed to the Superior Court. In argument before the higher court today former Judge James Gay Gor-don asserted that the blind man has "a profound, dominating hunar." and that he "has been a hunatle for six-teen years, thirteen of which were spent in asylum."

but I was out

in an asylum. Russell Duane, of counsel for the

former manufacturer, disputed the hun-acy claim. He said Mr. Griffiths had taken a long rest cure after the death of his wife, but that his mind was por-

Charges Wealth Sought

Mr. Duane alleged that Mrs. Kurtz they knew he had gone to the ferry; has not seen her uncle since she was thirteen years old and that the suit is Delaware avenue and Market street. designed solely to probe into the aged man's wealth and to learn what dis-position will be made of the property. Owen J. Roberts, also of Mr. Griffith's counsel, stated the case should Design to the forry entrance the car had gene in an opposite direction. James appeared frightened and nervous when he told me that when the prosting to the forry entrance the car had gene in an opposite direction. Griffith's counsel, stated the case should be tried in Media, the Delaware county seat, because it was near Wayne. Mr. does investigate. '' the next day, Ward said, he met proceedings there, h asserted. Louis I. Reichner, a nephew of Mr. Coeffithe holds a nover of attornay Griffiths, holds a power of attorney from his uncle.

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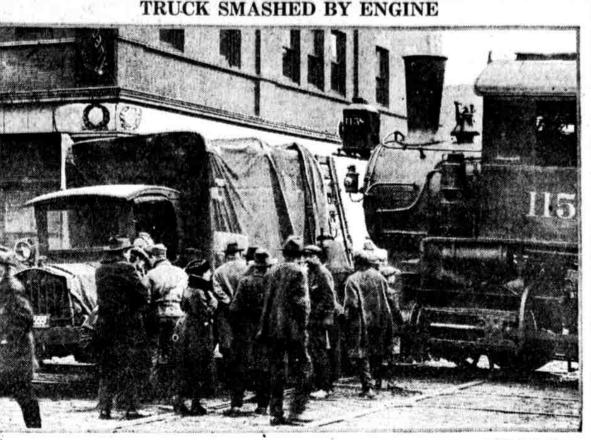
James and Schuck Indulged in Orgy

Continued from Pase On Adelphia Hotel, where the man who had ot in the car left us.

Gave Lavish Tips

"I was then instructed to take them to a suburban hotel for food, and I suggested going to Three Tuns, which we did. On the way I blew a shoe and James not only helped me a fix it but gave me a \$10 tip. Driving to Three Tuns we found the place closed, and returned toward the city, 1 blew an-the next witness was George John-son, Sr., a garage owner of Brooklawn and a neichbor of James. He testified other shoe and received another \$10 tip. James in giving it to me remarked. Ray will have to pay for the next next witness was George John-and a neighbor of James. He testified he had known the defendant for 'Ray will have to pay for the next one.' months, principally in a business way. Inserve, Prosecutor tragger with what James, he said, had stored a five-pas-I remarked, 'He had better pay it now.' senger touring car in his garage. The witness told Assistant Prosecutor James, he said, had stored a nyr-pas-senger touring car in his garage. the wi James' car had been taken from the Straw, Mr. as one of the shoes is pretty well gone.' which he did.

I then returned to Philadelphia and, garage on October 4. under instructions from James, I tried Story Surprises Wolverton to get rooms near Thirteenth and Wal "When did you next see the car?" he ne nut streets and, failing to do so, I too was asked them to a hotel near Fiftcenth and "I think it was on October 9," he return the next morning at 11 o'closed My bill was \$58 and James paid me \$65 Next day I returned to the here. "Next may I returned to the noise and found James and Schuck and ons-of the roung women. She said she was going shopping. I then took James and Schuck for a ride, going through the Overbrook section. I was instructed to witness had stated that the car had been in his garage at Mt. Ephriam from October 7 to October 13. Continuing his testimony., Mr. Johnson said he had a conversation with James on October 14, when the destop at a drug store at Sixty-third and Race streets, as James complained of feeling ill, and wanted to see a doctor. James on October 14, when the or-fendant came to see about some repairs. "When James came to the garage he edid not look himself, and I said to him: 'Hello, what's the matter with you? Looked for Apartments Then we went to Sixty-third and You must have been on a drunk. Market streets, where Schuck left us then drove James to Fifty-eighth "Why did you make this remark." looked different. I then drove dames to Physeight street and Baltimore avenue, where he bought a newspaper for the purpose of looking for apartments. We went to Fifty-minth street near Christian and also Sixty-first and Pine streets and What was James' answer?" "He said, 'Yes, 1 must have drunk barrel of whisky." The repairs to the car, Johnson stated, were to be new floorboards. looked for apartments, but James didn't like the neighborhoods. We then went There was some talk also about a new Sixtieth and Spruce streets, where The witness testified James had asked we had dinner. "I then took James for a ride out him to put in an old scat for a new one in the car, the defendant explain through Media, and then returned to the city and went to an address on ing that he was having some troub Green street below Sixteenth, where James rented an apartment, telling the woman in that place that he would re-turn with his wife that night. I then took him to Fifteenth and Berks streets. -Phone " Tom " Foleyfor Latest Records where James not one of the women who was at the Chestnut street hotel. Al-thig time James remarked he had to meet Ray at 7 o'clock. and Columbia Grafonolas Bell 3719 -1406 GIRARD AVE.-A neighbor of James related how James had telephoned on the night of October 7, two days after the murder, that he had "struck it right," an had in his possession \$17,000 or \$18 A Gonklin's Crescent Filler The witness was Kenneth A. Ward, of Brooklawn, N. J., the home town of the man who is on trial. Fountain Pen Ward explained that he was a neigh Make your Xmas bon and friend of the James family. He gifts both useful testified that he had known James about a year. He then told of James' teleand lasting As all people write why not give a Conklin? call to him October 7 phone call to him October 7. "What time of the day did he call?" queried Prosecutor Wolverton. "About 10.30 at night." unswered he witness. Tell what, if any, conversation you had with him at the time." At this point counsel for the defense objected, on the ground it was a quetion as to whether it was James on the other end of the wire. When the witess stated that he knew and recognized he defendant's voice, the objection was werruled. Tells of Telephone Talk Ward then testified that James said Is that you, Pop?" Another name Ward. Upon receiving an affirmative reply ames asked him if he would tell Mrs. ames, the defendant's wife, that he ad to go to Schneetady, N. Y., to see CAT Ward asked the defendant where he was at that particular time, and James replied he "guessed he wouldn't be nuch interested," but that he wanted HEADQUARTERS o tell Ward he had "struck it right etween \$17,000 and \$18,000." Yeo & Lukens Co. "I asked him if he had it with him." id Ward, "and he answered no, he STATIONERS I buried most of it but had about meand in his pocket. PRINTERS The witness stated he realized mes probably had been drinking, and **BLANK BOOKS** erefore told him that if he knew LOOSE LEAF LEDGERS way from him. Then James said he as only "kidding." "James also told me that he had ken Harold, his son, and fitted him up from head to foot. Now at 12 N. 13th ST. He also told me that he would have whatever amount of money 719 WALNUTST. ded up to \$10,000 if I had any



A Philadelphia and Reading Railway engine this morning smashed into a loaded truck at Sixth and Willow streets. No one was injured but traffic was delayed some time by the accident

thought of entering business. The fol-lowing day James called at my house, How James Flung Money After Paul Was Slain Nervous at Probe Prospect

"On October 12, Columbus Day, he at my house. He told me that

Fifty dollars a day for taxicab he had been on a spree, but was all finhire. ished now and said 'Never again.' He Five to fifteen-dollar tips to also told me that he had been sum more to the prosecutor's office and had been questioned very closely regarding chauffeur

Ten dollars for every tire blow the disaptearance of Paul. He said that they knew he was with Paul in Fur-collared overcoat, gift the car on the day he disappeared; that they knew he had gone to the ferry; chauffeur

Silks and other finery, and shoes for women friends.

opposite direction. James appeared frightened and with his wife, and not wishing her to know he had bought a new seat. The agarage at Mt Ephriam, stated that he witness refused to make the exchange. William F. Alberson, who conducts a garage at Mt Ephriam, stated that he had known James for about six or seven

car, a roadster, from Brooklawn to request of the prosecutor. Mr. Harris demanded in cross-exam-

"I wanted to cateb a train out of ination v town on business and I asked James to that the ination whether his books did not prove that the repairs were made on October with 13, the date when the Mt. Ephriam accompany me, to be could drive my car back from the station." Ward said. man asserted he had made repairs.

"Did you make any comment about the telephone call in talking to Mrs. Says Stories Changed "I am not certain of what date the

James?" was asked on cross-examinarepairs might have been made, but my "Yes, I told her I thought James was books show that the repairs were com-

not himself. It seemed to me he had rambled on the phone, and I told Mrs. James I thought he was intexicated." shown a tow rope, wh his son. shown a tow rope, which the prosecu-tion alleges was used to bind Paul's Mr. Harris wound up the cross-ex-amination by asking several questions emphasizing the point that James had offered to lend \$10,000 to Ward for a

"I saw it October 10." "Where was the machine? "In our garage at Brooklawn." he had known the defendant for seven "This testimony surprises me in-months, principally in a business way, tensely," Prosecutor Wolverton said to

"Now tell the court when you saw the rope in the machine?" on every ton bought "I think it was in the latter part of ptember," said the witness. optember. Harry Reeve, a storekeeper of Med-ford, identified a rake and a shovel as having been bought by James October 14. He identified the rake by the price mark on it, and showed where he had added the prices of two spades and the rake, in pencil, on the handle. He was asked how he fixed the date

the purchase. "It was a Thursday afternoon and trade had been dull. I remember be-cause when I saw the machine drive

up I thought I was going to do some big business."

Garage Man on Stand

torn and removed in various places. "At the time James was in your

At the time dames was in your garage, did you have any conversation with him?" asked the prosecutor. "I did; he told me that he had, been 'on a party' with the ear, which was the cause of its condition. He also told me that he would have a hard time ex-plaining its condition to his wife, and

plaining its condition to his wife, and he also spoke about a new suit that he was wearing. He told me he got the sult on the party, but that he didn't

know where. Alberson said that James called at his garage again on October 13, and received the car, paying the repair bill of \$92.64 with a check signed by his father for seventy dollars and a twenty -"When did you see it there?" he dollar bill, the remainder being in small Cross-examination failed to change.

shake this witness. Fiance Not Blamed

by Unmarried Bride

Wolverton sent a court attache Continued from Page One

Mr. Wolverton sent a pour attache to look for Mr. Straw and bring him to court, so he could confront the wit-ness. Mr. Straw was brought in and intro-duced to the witness. The witness was object in coming to America was not

Prosecutor Wolverton said he was arprised at this statement, as another in the that he had seen the rope in the I love car previous to the crime. asked did he remember making a statemarriage; it was marriage to the man "That's rather different, isn't it? PHOTOPLAYS PHOTOPLAYS. сполистионалистионалистионалистионалистионалистионалистист THESE THEATRES EXHIBIT THE FINEST PHOTOPLAY PRODUCTIONS IN PHILADELPHIA See the Best Movies in Your Neighborhood Theatre OVERBROOK HAVERFORD AVE ALLEN CHELTEN & STENTON NEAL MATTINES DAILY "SKY FIRE" "THE FAMILY HONOR" ASTOR FRANKLIN & GIRARD AVE. MATINEE DAILY GERTRI DE ATHERTON'S "OUT OF THE STORM" PARK RIDGE AVE. & DAUPHIN ST. Mat. 2.15 EVER. 6.45 to 11 CONSTANCE TALMADGE in "THE LOVE EXPERT" AURORA SISS GERMANTOWN AVE. POPLAR STIL AND FOFLAR "HELD IN TRUST" KATHERINE MacDONALD "THE NOTORIOUS MISS LISLE" BENN GITH AND WOODLAND AVIS. MATINEE DAILY POROTHY GISH IN A PARAMOUNT PICTURE. "LITTLE MISS REBELLION" SPRUCE ""TH AND SPRUCE WALLACE REID in "LOVE BURGLAR" BLUEBIRD BROAD STREET AND BRYANT WASHING AVE, "A FULL HOUSE" SUSQUEHANNA 17th & Susqu. CHARLES RAY in "A VILLAGE SLEUTH" CARMAN GERMANTOWN AVE. AROVE ALLEGHENY "BIG HAPPINESS" ha NIXON-NIRD' INGER CENTURY Erie Ave. and 6th-8t. AVENUE 25th St. and Allegheny Ave THOMAS "THE FLAPPER" Fay's Knickerbocker Markat & 40th WILLIAM FARNUM In "THE SCUTTLER" SIX ACTS VAUDEVILLE "A FIGHTING CHANCE" BELMONT 52D ABOVE MARKET AR CAST in "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath" FAIRMOUNT 26th & Girard Ave. CEDAR 60TH AND CEDAR AVENUE "A CITY SPARROW" JACK HOLT in FRANKFORD 4715 PRANKFORD AVENUE "HELD BY THE ENEMY" "HELD BY THE ENEMY" COLISEUM MARKET BETWEEN ID BENNETT in GERMANTOWN Matthee Daily 'HER HUSBAND'S FRIEND" "LOVE MADNESS" JUMBO FRONT ST. & GIRARD AVE GRAND SED AND MARKET "THE WHITE CIRCLE" SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LOUISE GLAUM In "LOVE" LEADER 41ST & LANCASTER AVE IMPERIAL 2D AND POPLAR, 2.13 MATINES DAILY LOUISE GLAUM 19 "HER HUSBAND'S FRIEND' "THE LEOPARD WOMAN" LOCUST MATE 130, 830, EVEN 630 to 11 MAE MURRAY in "THE RIGHT TO LOVE" JEFFERSON 20th & Dauphin Sta MATINEE DAILY ALLAN DWAN'S "THE FORBIDDEN THING" NIXON 52D AND MARKET STS. SUNSHINE COMPENDING 7 and "Her Dangerous Wedding" LIBERTY BROAD & COLUMBIA AV. "THE TIGER'S CUB" RIVOLI 52D AND RANSOM STS. MAMMOTH Girard Ave. at 6th Symphony Orchestra "The Mutiny of the Elsinore" "THE VICE OF FOOLS" MODEL 425 BOUTH ST. Orchestra." STRAND GERMANTOWN AVE. AT VENAND "A Roman/ic Adventuress"

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had a wire from him the other day, say-ing he would send for me and that he's so sorry for my troubles. He's all right, and if I had only sailed on the Baltic, as he advised, all this publicity would have been avoided." To see Miss Hight is to know how traine the color of the last work how

trying the ordeal of the last week has been. She arrived a rosy-checked lassie, happy in the prospect of seeing her beloved; but the suffering imposed by days of waiting and sleepless nights has left her face pale and her eyes full of sadness. The anxiety written there as more expressive than anything she

his: In speaking of the would-be hus-bands, Commissioner Hughes, in charge

of the immigration station, said : "We are doing what we can to pro-tect the little girl from these humiliations, but the proposals are natural, when you look to their source. You there is only a step, up or down lounge lizard, and lots of thes off-baked men are seeking notoriety. One man in particular, amused me, e is a widower, having lost his wife aite recently. He decided an offer of arriage to Miss Hight would solve his housekeeping problems, and said as much. Not a thought for the feelings of the lady in question. Well, we are hoping for a happy culmination, soon. and that her first Christmas in America will be bright."

Colby to Reach Rio Next Monday Rio Janeiro, Dec. 16 .- (By A. P.) -Bainbridge Colby, American secre-tary of state, and his party will arrive tere on Monday, according to a wire less dispatch received today from the battleship Florida, on which the secre-tary is coming to South America.

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national Communication conference before it recessed this week that a new modus vivendi must be found befere March 15 was planned with special reference to the change in administrations which is to take place in Washington on March 4, according to information

powers have been empowered to reprosent their governments in further ne-gotiations with representatives of the United States with regard to the disposition of the former German cables

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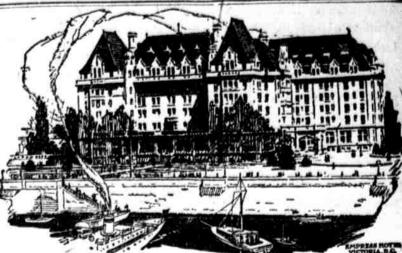
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