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Story of Shame Recited By Widow of the Murdered Man at the Inquest.

Letters Read By Attorney

While Defending Herself Witness Decries Character of Her Dead Husband.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 24.—"Have you received any information as to who killed your husband?"

"No, sir."

"You swear you have no knowledge or information as to who killed him?"

"I do."

These questions were addressed to Mrs. Alice Hull Burdick this afternoon by District Attorney Coatsworth at the inquest into the death of her husband. Answers were returned by Mrs. Burdick in a calm, clear voice. The questions came abruptly, while the district attorney was driving from Mrs. Burdick information about her relations with Arthur Pennell.

She had denied that Pennell took her key to the front door of the Burdick home while they were in New York together, and had a duplicate made of it. The district attorney put the question regarding the key to Mrs. Burdick in a number of different forms, but the answers were always emphatic denials that she or Pennell had ever ordered a duplicate, or that the key had left her possession during her last exit from home.

Mrs. Burdick was calmer and more collected today than yesterday while testifying.

To complete the examination of every one known to have been in the Burdick home on the night of February 25, when E. L. Burdick was murdered, the district attorney today called to the stand the two youngest Burdick children, Carol and Alice, aged respectively 13 and 10 years. The district attorney questioned the children closely on the events that occurred on the night before and the morning after the murder of their father. The children displayed no more sign of emotion than did their grandmother, mother or older sister, while talking about the death of their father.

Their recollection of happenings at the time of the tragedy was rather hazy. "I don't remember," was usually the answer they gave when the district attorney pressed them close upon any point.

Mrs. Burdick's testimony covered the week in which Burdick was murdered, and the name of A. R. Pennell was constantly upon her lips. She trusted him implicitly in everything. The district attorney read a number of letters written to Mrs. Burdick by Pennell, in which he said life was not worth living without her and that death would not be unwelcome.

She knew nothing of the document found in her safety deposit vault binding Pennell to pay her \$25,000 in the event of being unable to marry her. Although it was among Mrs. Burdick's private papers in the vault, she claimed to have been ignorant of its existence. Mrs. Burdick declared that the last time she saw Pennell was on Tuesday before the murder. He left her that night in Atlantic City, arriving in Buffalo Wednesday. She was informed of Mr. Burdick's death by a message from Mr. Hull on the following Friday, and hastening to her home she reached here Saturday morning.

A brief note of sympathy from Pennell came to her house that day. She never heard from him or saw him, she said, between that time and the day he was killed, by his automobile plunging into the stone quarry.

Before leaving the stand Mrs. Burdick took occasion to say in reply to questions from her attorney that nothing improper or immoral had occurred between her and Pennell. At the same time she said her husband was fond of the society of other women, and for some reason not quite clear she said that Mrs. Pennell was quite familiar with the dining room and "den" in the Burdick home.

Lone Robber Commits Murder

Driver of Stage Escapes Amid a Volley of Shots.

Ukiah, Cal., March 24.—A lone highwayman commanded the stage running between this point and Mendocino City to halt this morning. The bandit, seeing that a shot gun messenger sat beside the driver, fired instantly, killing Q. A. Overmeyer, the messenger. The driver Harry Owsley, amid a rain of bullets, escaped beyond the range of the highwayman's rifle uninjured. Sheriff Grace of Sonoma county is on the scene with his trained bloodhounds, and it is expected that the robber will be captured. The stage was held up in the same spot a month ago. It is thought by the same man. Today's stage carried a heavy treasury chest.

Rioters Kill and Destroy

Water Ordinance Causes Riots That Result in Awful Ruin.

Port of Spain, March 24.—Twelve natives were killed and 60 wounded, many of them non-combatants and women, during yesterday's rioting. The government building was destroyed by fire by the rioters and the police barracks was damaged by fire and water. The rioting had its origin in the new water ordinance, which reduced the water allowance per head and increased the water rate.

The court house was surrounded while the legislative council was in session discussing the water ordinance. The mob broke through the police lines and stoned the building. The rioters then demolished the contents of the lower floor of the government building and set fire to it.

Wife Murderer Judicially Dead

Ruling of Illinois Court in Insurance Case.

Chicago, March 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Mount Vernon, Ill., says:

The Illinois appellate court for the Fourth district has decided that when a man is sent to prison for the murder of his wife he is judicially dead and his children are entitled to the insurance on the life of the murdered woman even if it was taken out in favor of her husband. This is said to be a point of law never before raised or passed upon by the supreme court or either of the appellate courts of this or any other state.

Assistant for Cortelyou

E. E. Clark to Be Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Washington, March 24.—The Post today says:

E. E. Clark of Cedar Rapids, Ia., president of the Order of Railway Conductors, is slated for the place of assistant secretary in the department of commerce. Mr. Roosevelt told a caller recently that he had practically decided upon an assistant secretary and a western senator is authority for the statement that Mr. Clark is the appointee in view.

CONVICTS LEAD THEM

American Troops Relieve Surigao Recently Taken By Band of Ladrone

FLED AT APPROACH OF WHITES

Murderous Robbers Will Be Pursued By Three Companies of Infantry—Story of Capture.

Manila, March 24.—The town of Surigao, in the northwestern part of the island of Mindanao, which was captured Sunday by Ladrone, was relieved today. The American officials and foreigners were found to be safe.

Eighty Ladrone, led by 16 escaped convicts, participated in the attack on Surigao. They had 20 rifles and 40 bolos and succeeded in surprising and rushing the constabulary barracks, and stampeding the constabulary. Inspector Clark was killed at the first rush. The Ladrone captured 80 rifles. The American officials, the women and the foreigners sought refuge in the government building, where Treasurer Kelly, a former Indian scout, assumed command. The defenders of the building were armed with shotguns, and refused the demands of the Ladrone to surrender. They held out until the town was relieved today by a force of constabulary sent from Tacloban. The Ladrone fled at the approach of the constabulary. Three companies of United States infantry will reach Surigao and then probably will start in pursuit of the Ladrone.

The government forces operating in Albay province, island of Luzon, have established a concentration zone, in the center of that province, 27 miles long and 10 miles wide, and have a series of detachments of troops following the various Ladrone bands.

Anniversary of Queen Bess

Notable Gathering and Exhibition in Honor of Queen Elizabeth.

New York, March 24.—The Royal Geographical society commemorated yesterday the three hundredth anniversary of the death of "Queen Bess," says a London dispatch to the Tribune. There was a series of short addresses in the lecture hall of London university and the achievements of British explorers in the Elizabethan reign, and a deeply interesting exhibition of relics and curiosities were reviewed. Mr. Gosse delivered an address on the career of Sir Walter Raleigh, laying stress upon the versatility and accomplishments of the heroic figure of the Elizabethan age.

The exhibition of relics included mementos of Queen Elizabeth, Raleigh and Drake. Instruments, maps and charts used by early British navigators, a complete collection of the writings of William Gilbert, Queen Elizabeth's physician, many books from the Elizabethan period, the famous Moll-naux globe from Middle Temple and a miscellaneous lot of Italian dials, astrolabes and nautical instruments. Among these treasures were seals of Raleigh as governor of Virginia, Captain Lothor's spoon from the strait of Magellan and Richard Uakly's leather jugs from the Westminster school.

Will Receive Royal Homage

Princess Louise Will Continue a Princess in Spite of Saxon Court.

New York, March 24.—It is learned from an authoritative source, says the Vienna correspondent of the Herald, that the former crown princess will in future bear the official title of Princess Louise of Tuscany, with honors due a royal highness. Her father, as grand duke of Tuscany, has the prerogative of granting titles, and has conferred this one upon his daughter with the consent of the emperor. It is said that the king of Saxony's manifesto caused an unpleasant sensation at the grand ducal court, and that a reply, formally protesting against some expressions, has been drawn up and is now on its way to Dresden. The Allogemeine Zeitung announces that Princess Louise also is about to publish a reply to the manifesto.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES

Not Necessary to Stay in Jail So Long As the Prisoner Has Plenty of Money.

RECORDS WERE MUTILATED

Chief of Police and Detectives Stood In With the Lawyers and All Had a Share of Rake-off

Kansas City, March 24.—The investigation of the police department, started by charges of crooked work filed last week by Jailer Todhunter before the board of police commissioners, has already developed sensational disclosures and will be pushed. Todhunter, in his testimony, declared that the jailers have made a practice of taking money from prisoners who have any service rendered them, and also have regularly taken money from a lawyer for throwing cases his way. Other charges made during the investigation are to the effect that a sergeant and other officers in the station have stolen from drunken prisoners.

Another case testified to was that of a prisoner who was released without trial upon the payment of \$125 to a lawyer, who was, it was asserted, escorted to the man's cell by city detectives. These detectives later, it was stated, went with the prisoner to a pawnshop that he might pawn his diamonds to secure the money.

Something of a sensation was caused when Sergeant Snow, who had been directed to produce the police records of arrests in the Westport district, to show the entry of the arrest of a man from whom Todhunter was accused of having received money was called. The record had been mutilated, four sheets having been removed.

SILVER MARKET.
Silver, 48 1-4.

BLOW AT THE COAL TRUST

Companies and Operators Have Restraining Order Served On Them By Court

MUST NOT CONTINUE COMBINE

Determined Stand Taken Against Clique Formed for the Purpose of Keeping Up Prices.

Chicago, March 24.—Ten Indiana coal companies and 10 individual operators were restrained by Judge Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court today from continuing their combination for the regulation of coal prices and output. The defendants were given until April 9 to show cause why the order should not be made permanent. The corporations and individuals enjoined are the same recently tried in the state court on the charge of raising the price of coal and restricting the output in Illinois, thus causing the coal famine in Chicago last winter. Judge Chetlain dismissed the case on the ground that the charge was against the federal law and not against the statutes of Illinois. The injunction granted will stand until further order of the court.

No opposition was offered in court to entering the order. When the notice was first served upon the defendants some days ago the appearance of each was entered with the exception of the Wabash Coal company, which was represented in court by its attorney. In the meantime, however, the matter was taken up by the coal operators with the attorney-general at Washington, and by him referred back to District Attorney Bethea. Attorneys for the operators refused to state what action would be taken by the mineowners in the matter.

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