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ACTION IS CONDEMNED TESTIMONY OF WIDOW

Business Men of New Orleans Pass Strong Resolution. Swears That She Does Not Know Who Killed Her Husband.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM BURDICK CHILDREN.

It Is Set Forth In the Document at No Time Was There Any Necessity of Alarm Being Felt For City's Safety. The Two Youngest Were Put Upon the Stand—Pennell's Name Was Constantly Upon the Lips of Little Ones' Mother.

New Orleans, March 25.—At a meeting of representatives of the combined business exchanges of New Orleans, held in the rooms of the Progressive union, resolutions were adopted denouncing a dispatch sent by a news or correspondence agency of this city on March 14 and others sent by a private newspaper correspondent, which were of so alarming nature as to cause serious distress and anxiety to a great many people residing in the United States who have friends or relatives residents of this city.

Some of these dispatches were to the effect that New Orleans was in danger of being cut off by the river and becoming an island; others stated citizens of New Orleans were panic stricken and feared an overflow which might destroy their homes and probably cause serious loss of life.

The resolution says: "Under no stage or condition of the river could the levees protecting New Orleans be destroyed or the water break through it, and there is absolutely, and all the citizens of New Orleans know it well, not the remotest risk, nor has there been for a quarter of a century, of the city of New Orleans being seriously discommoded or in danger from high water in the Mississippi."

The resolution is signed by M. J. Sanders, New Orleans Progressive union, chairman; S. P. Walsley, cotton exchange; C. M. Smith, stock exchange; W. F. Kohne, board of trade; P. M. Schindler, merchants' and maritime association; Delaney, mechanics', dealers and lumbermen's exchange.

MUCH RELIEF.

Levees Are Undergoing a Severe Strain but Expected to Hold.

New Orleans, March 25.—Though reports from all points south of Helena of a rising river, the Mississippi in front of New Orleans is practically stationary, the gauge marking 20.1. That fact naturally causes much relief here, since it means the river will have less difficulty in carrying off high water that is coming this way. The levee board continues preparations for maximum flood promised by the weather bureau. Trouble is being experienced with reckless craft in the river which exceed the speed allowed by governor's proclamation. In other flood years it has not been altogether a rare occurrence for people living along the levees to take into their own hands the enforcement of the proclamation by the use of rifles, and threats along that line are being made now. It may be said, however, that a large majority of steamboat and steamship men are obeying instructions of authorities.

Good reports come in as to condition of levees in Pontchartrain district on the east bank of the river from Baton Rouge to New Orleans. They are now upholding a severe strain, but President Leake still believes the entire system will be held. The Mississippi and Illinois Central railroad, which would both be affected by any serious break in this territory, are co-operating with the levee board and planters in the work of strengthening the line.

Wednesday's River Bulletin.

Washington, March 25.—Special river bulletin. River at Memphis has now fallen one foot below maximum stage, 49.1 feet, but continues to rise below. At Vicksburg the stage was 51.4 feet, and at New Orleans 29.1 feet, a rise of 1 foot at each place since Tuesday morning. The river continues to rise slowly at both above named places, and the crest will probably pass Helena about Friday or Saturday.

Break Not in Levee.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 25.—Break in at La Conia Circle was not as bad as at first reported. It was only in an embankment and not in levee.

Confidence in Pennell.

New Haven, Conn., March 25.—Miss Nellie Lamb, sister of Mrs. Arthur Pennell, declares that faith in Mr. Pennell has not been shaken so far as his widow's family is concerned, by revelations in the Burdick inquest at Buffalo. "I believe the half has not been told yet," she declares, "and we certainly will not sit in judgment on my brother-in-law until all facts are known."

More Fighting.

San Domingo, March 25.—The inhabitants of this city were again thrown into a state of alarm by the fact of further fighting taking place at San Carlos near this city. The commission has left San Domingo for Arica and Barabona on the warship Independencia in order to bring about surrender of the places.

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BURDICK CHILDREN.

The Two Youngest Were Put Upon the Stand—Pennell's Name Was Constantly Upon the Lips of Little Ones' Mother.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 25.—"Have you received any information as to who killed your husband?"

"No, sir."
"Can you swear you have no knowledge or information as to who killed him?"

"I do."
These questions were addressed to Mrs. Alice Hull Burdick Tuesday afternoon by District Attorney Coatsworth at the inquest into the death of her husband. The answers were returned by Mrs. Burdick in a calm, clear voice. The question came abruptly while the district attorney was drawing from Mrs. Burdick information about her relations with Arthur R. 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 duplicates made of it. The district attorney put the questions regarding the key to Mrs. Burdick in a number of different forms, but the answers always were emphatic denials that she or Pennell had ever ordered duplicate keys made or that the key had left her possession during her last exile from home.

To complete the examination of every one known to have been in the Burdick home on the night of Feb. 25, when Edwin L. Burdick was murdered, the district attorney called to the stand the two youngest Burdick children, Carroll and Alice, aged respectively thirteen and ten years. The district attorney questioned the children closely about the events that occurred at their home on the night before and the morning after the murder of their father. The children displayed no more sign of emotion than did their grand mother, or mother, or older sister while talking about the terrible death of their father. Their recollection of the happenings at the time of the tragedy was rather hazy, and "I don't remember" was usually the answer they gave when the district attorney pressed them closely on a point.

Mrs. Burdick's testimony covered the week in which Burdick was murdered and the name of Arthur 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 a document found in her safety deposit vault bounding Pennell to pay her \$25,000 in the event of his being unable to marry her. Although it was among Mrs. Burdick's papers in the vault, she claimed to have been ignorant of its existence. She denied immoral relations with him.

Mrs. Burdick declared that the last time she saw Mr. Pennell was on Tuesday before the murder.

Bear to Be Preserved.

Tucson, Ariz., March 25.—Fifty Rough Riders of Southern Arizona finding that President Roosevelt will confine his itinerary to the northern part of the territory have arranged an excursion to Grand Canyon, where they will greet their former leader. Desiring to give the president some appropriate token of their esteem, they have secured a large bear, captured in Coconos and will present it to him when they meet him at the canyon. They realize that it will be somewhat awkward for the president to carry a live bear around with him, but they have decided he shall get at least one bear on his western trip.

Governors Will Assist.

Washington, March 25.—The secretary of war has received letters from the governors of Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Virginia and North Carolina, promising their hearty co-operation in the plans of General Almsworth in behalf of the record and pension office for the publication of names of officers and enlisted men who bore arms for the union or for the confederacy during the civil war.

Appeal to President.

Washington, March 25.—Estes G. Rathbone, former director of posts of Cuba, has appealed to President Roosevelt from the action of Secretary of War Root in dismissing the charges filed against General Leonard Wood. The substance of the charges and of Secretary Root's endorsement on the papers have been published recently.

President's Photo Sold.

Panama, March 25.—Chilean papers just received here contain announcements of the recent sale of the Chilean cruiser President Pinto to an agent of President Zelaya of Nicaragua.

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