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Total.....	\$190,810,545 39	Surplus.....	30,673,348 39

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Arrival of fabrics within the past few days has practically completed our stock of SUITINGS, OVERCOATS, TROUSERINGS, ETC. The display is very complete, embracing all the new designs and colorings. These will be popular during this season.

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CONFIDED TO A FRIEND

The Late Mr. Burdick Told an Indianian His Troubles.

WHAT RICE RELATES.

Murdered Buffalo Manufacturer Unbosomed Himself and Spoke of the Alleged Relations of His Wife and Pennell.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 25.—F. L. Burdick, the murdered Buffalo manufacturer, confided his troubles to Herbert Rice, advertising manager of the Nordyke & Marmon Co., in this city, only a few weeks before his dead body was found in the Burdick mansion. Mr. Burdick and Mr. Rice were personal friends. The former's last visit here was on Jan. 27, when he called on Mr. Rice. He appeared troubled, and he took the first opportunity to unbosom himself to Mr. Rice. "He said Pennell and his wife went to Buffalo and were taken into society," said Mr. Rice, "and that the acquaintance of his wife and himself with Pennell soon ripened into friendship and the Pennells had the freedom of the Burdick home."

"He said Pennell was a brilliant chap socially, and that he admired him and knew his wife admired him also. He said Pennell and Mrs. Burdick seemed to enjoy each other's company particularly, but that he had no suspicions at first."

"Burdick said he afterward learned that Pennell and Mrs. Burdick were having clandestine meetings. He said he confronted both Mrs. Burdick and Pennell with accusations, and both confessed to having had improper relations."



MRS. BURDICK.

"On promises of Pennell to leave Buffalo and the promises of his wife not to meet Pennell again, Burdick said he agreed not to take any action in the matter. Neither promise was kept, he said."

"When Burdick learned of the matter he threatened to bring suit for divorce. Again the guilty ones pleaded with him, he said, and on the solemn renewal of the promises first made, he again let the matter rest. These promises were also broken, he said. Burdick said he found a slip of paper containing a list of meeting places and dates made out in cipher. On this paper was one address and date Burdick thought he deciphered correctly."

"Accompanied by detectives he went to the address and found Pennell and Mrs. Burdick together."

"He determined to obtain a divorce, he said. Burdick held a conference with Pennell and Mrs. Burdick and Pennell and the woman agreed that they would not contest the suit for divorce, but would aid in securing it in a quiet way, to avoid notoriety as much as possible. Instead they put detectives on the track of Mr. Burdick, having resolved between themselves that they would contest the suit."

"Burdick said the detectives followed every move he made and trumped up a lot of false evidence against him which involved his friends, respectable people, of whom he thought a great deal."

"Burdick did not know of the evidence obtained against him until after the detectives had reported to Pennell and Mrs. Burdick. They then endeavored to get him to withdraw his suit for divorce, threatening to use such evidence as would tend to besmirch the character of several respectable persons. Mr. Burdick said that this evidence was all untrue."

"He said Mrs. Burdick called on him and pleaded with him for the privilege of having the children with her and that he consented to let her have one at a time if she would deliver into his hands the false evidence she prepared against him, and not to make use of it. This she refused to do. He said Mrs. Burdick told him that she loved Pennell in a way she could never love him."

"He said that on more than one occasion Pennell had threatened to commit suicide."

"Burdick was heartbroken and com-

pletely crushed. Tears stood in his eyes as he told me of his troubles."

Mr. Rice said he asked Burdick why he did not kill the man who had wrecked his life and Burdick replied that such a thing could not be thought of on account of the children. Mr. Rice has written District Attorney Coatsworth at Buffalo, telling him of Burdick's confession to him with a view of contradicting the evidence that tends to besmirch Burdick's character. Rice said Burdick had not bad habits that he knew of, and that he always considered him an estimable man.

BREAK AT BRIERS.

One Reported at the Famous Historic Plantation of Ante-Bellum Days.

Natchez, Miss., March 25.—A break in the private levee at The Briars, one of the best plantations in the county, located about twenty-one miles below this city, flooded the place, and it is now from four to five feet under water. The Briars was protected by a large private levee running all around three sides of it, and as a protection from the rear, a levee was built through the place separating the old ante-bellum residence, the quarter houses, gin, stables and barns. This back levee broke Wednesday morning, and a messenger was dispatched to Natchez for the steamer St. Joseph to go down for the stock, some 100 head being on the place. There are also 5000 sacks of cottonseed on the ground under shed, and it is feared all this will be lost. Adjoining plantations will not be affected by this break, as they have been under water for almost two weeks.

The Briars is one of the most famous places along the river, as it was there that Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, courted and married the wife who survived him. The place is now the property of Frank E. Lowe, of Cairo, Ill.

DIMINISHED RATE.

Believed That the Rich Yazoo Delta Will Be Spared Devastation.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 25.—Another day of fair weather combined with a diminished rate of rise in the river has raised high hopes in the hearts of the dwellers behind the levees, and while the danger is not yet past, it is not believed that the rich Yazoo delta will be spared the calamity of an overflow. The river here came to a standstill Tuesday evening at 51.4 and remained stationary all day Wednesday. This is a foot lower than the 1897 record.

The most serious feature just now is the danger that rail communication to the north will be entirely severed. For ten miles north of the Yazoo bridge the Valley tracks are from a foot to eighteen inches under water with the tide steadily rising. If train service is suspended it will mean much distress, as the people living in that territory will have no means of getting supplies.

CASTRO'S MESSAGE.

Says He Felt That His Abdication Was a Duty Imposed Upon Him.

Caracas, March 26.—In his special message President Castro says:

"When I abdicated it was not from my small minded nor interested calculation, still less was it the result of any sorry or ridiculous farce, which has no place in a heart warmed by the best of great ideals."

He then says that he believes his abdication was a duty imposed upon him in the interest of the peace of the republic.

"With my separation to-day," he says, "nobody would lose and all would gain since this would imply that my efforts and my sacrifices were always and under all circumstances at the service of the republic at its first call."

After passing in review the other difficulties in the way of the government he says he saw how his intentions were misrepresented and he was disheartened and at that moment resigned, but now will continue as president.

SENSATIONAL STORY.

Alleged Attempt to Kidnap Three Members of the Cabinet.

Winona, Minn., March 26.—An alleged attempt to kidnap and hold as prisoner in Montana or Colorado, Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, Secretary of War Root and Attorney General Knox was confided to Congressman Tawney by J. C. Fremont, a negro orator of Watertown, S. D. Fremont refused to divulge the source of his information, but insisted that it was correct. Congressman Tawney places no credence in Fremont's story, but has advised Secretary Shaw of the report. Fremont also said it was intended to assassinate the president on his western trip, but this was given up.

Mississippi River Commission.

Memphis, March 26.—This Mississippi river commission on its steamer Mississippi, en route from St. Louis to New Orleans on a high water inspection tour arrived at Memphis shortly after noon Wednesday. The commission left at 3 o'clock for the south. Stops will be made at all points of interest and at most of the larger towns. The commission is taking advantage of the present unprecedented flood to inspect the levee conditions and it will be guided largely by the data and information secured on this trip in making the next allotment of funds.

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