

PENNELL IS ACCUSED

Burdick's Partner Creates a Sensation at Inquest.

STATES HIS BELIEF IN PLAIN TERMS

Considers Victim of Recent Automobile Accident or Some One Hired by Him Responsible For Buffalo's Mysterious Murder.

BUFFALO, March 18.—The name of Arthur R. Pennell, who was named as respondent in the Burdick divorce proceedings and who met a terrible death in Gehre's stone quarry two weeks after Edwin L. Burdick was murdered, constantly came to the surface in the inquest before Judge Murray yesterday.

Four of disclosures growing out of the divorce proceedings instituted by Mr. Burdick against his wife, Mr. Parke firmly believed, was the motive for the crime. Mr. Parke told of conversations he had had with Burdick relating to the trouble with Pennell. On one occasion Burdick told Parke that Pennell had threatened suicide if the suit was not stopped.

Mrs. Gertrude B. Paine, the wife of Dr. Seth T. Paine, a close friend of the Pennells and the Burdicks, was closely questioned regarding the relations between the two families and especially of the feeling displayed by the men toward each other.

Dr. Paine was examined. He was on the stand for only a few minutes. He was in Batavia on the night of the murder.

Charles S. Parke, Burdick's business partner, was the star witness of the day. He had been associated in business with him for fourteen years and had known him for eighteen years.

"Then the man who made all the trouble was Pennell?" "Yes." "Did he say he was afraid of Pennell?" "He said he had been warned to look out for Pennell, but he believed Pennell was a physical coward, and he had no fear of him. He said he carried a revolver when he went out of town just as a matter of precaution."

"Did you form any opinion as to who committed this murder?" asked District Attorney Costworth. "Yes, sir." "Is it an opinion based on information or upon supposition?" "Upon both."

"You have some information?" "Yes, sir." "Are you sufficiently satisfied that your opinion is correct to state whom you think the murderer was?" "I think so."

"All the circumstances lead me to that conclusion. I am satisfied that the murder grew out of the divorce proceedings."

Mississippi Still Rising. MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 18.—The Mississippi here is at a stage of 39.5 feet and rising. There is a break in the levee fifteen miles above Memphis on the Arkansas side, and the levees at Lumbard and Pecan Point are reported to be in danger.

Battleship's Gunners Accurate. WASHINGTON, March 18.—The battleship Massachusetts, at Pensacola, Fla., in firing with subcaliber guns at a moving target distant 200 yards, but so reduced in size as to be equivalent to a target 17 by 21 feet at a distance of 1,700 yards, made ten hits out of ten shots with a turret gun and six hits out of seven shots with a broadside gun.

Mad Woman's Crime. PENN YAN, N. Y., March 18.—In a frenzy of mania Mrs. James Strobbridge of Guyanoga village, five miles from here, killed her daughter, aged twenty-six years, and her mother, aged eighty years, and after setting fire to the house in which the bodies lay deliberately entered it and perished in the flames.

LONDON PROMOTER CAPTURED.

Whittaker Wright, Wanted on Criminal Charges, Nabbed in New York.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Whittaker Wright, managing director of the London and Globe Finance corporation, limited, in search of whom twelve Scotland Yard detectives are now scouring Europe, unexpectedly turned up in New York and was arrested. He is charged with having swindled English investors out of \$11,000,000.

The crash of the companies floated by Whittaker Wright came in December, 1909.

Few millionaires lived in the same princely style as Whittaker Wright. In Park lane, London, he had a miniature palace, in the drawing room of which was a copy of the famous "Cabinet du Roi de Louis XV." It took three years to complete and cost many thousands of pounds. At Godalming he owned a country seat, in beautifying which 600 workmen were employed. It contains costly fountains and statuary brought from Italy. Wright's stables alone cost a small fortune. They have upholstered oak and leather settees and polished gun metal fittings, while valuable paintings and bas reliefs adorn the walls. His private yacht was fitted up with similar luxuries.

One of the victims of the crash was the late Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, formerly governor general of Canada and British ambassador at Paris.

STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED.

New York, New Haven and Hartford Men Feel Encouraged.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 18.—That marked progress has been made in the conference between members of the joint grievance committee representing employees of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company and a committee appointed by the board of directors is distinctly felt.

Today the situation is being discussed informally by the men alone. They will remain in the city until they receive word from the board of directors again. The subcommittee appointed by that body will report to the directors at a meeting soon to be held, and a reply will then be framed to be sent to the joint grievance committee.

Among the men there is a quiet feeling of confidence. They are greatly encouraged by the outcome of the conference and express themselves as much pleased with the frankness of the members of the directors' subcommittee and their treatment of the grievance committee.

ULTIMATUM TO MINERS.

Illuminous Operators' Wage Offer is Quickly Rejected.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 18.—At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the coal operators of bituminous district No. 2 submitted their ultimatum to the miners. It was briefly an offer of an increase of 12 1/2 per cent for pick mining, an increase of 14 per cent for machine mining and a nine hour day at \$2.70 per day for drivers, other mine laborers to receive a proportionate increase. The miners immediately went into executive session to consider the offer and promptly rejected it, being in session only a few minutes.

In refusing a nine hour day on a basis of \$2.70 a day and insisting upon an eight hour day on a basis of \$2.50 a day on a tonnage of 28,000,000 tons annually the miners voted to relinquish \$1,100,000 in wages annually to enforce an eight hour day. The joint scale committee met again at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Germany Gets First Payment.

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 18.—The Venezuelan government accepts without reserve the protocol signed by Minister Bowen and the representatives of the powers at Washington. Proof of this was shown yesterday in the payment to the German minister of the first installment, amounting to about \$70,000, of the \$340,000 pledged to Germany in satisfaction of that country's claims of honor. Minister von Pellgram was conducted to the Venezuelan foreign office by United States Charge d'Affaires Russell, and the sum was paid out to the German minister at 3 o'clock.

Kansas City Strikers Won.

KANSAS CITY, March 18.—After arguments lasting more than eight hours the attorneys and representatives of the striking teamsters and transfer companies reached an agreement, and today every transfer wagon in the city is running as usual. By the terms of the settlement the transfer companies agreed to recognize the union and made other concessions which amount to almost a complete victory for the strikers. With one exception the provisions of the wage scale were adopted as presented by the teamsters.

No Maple Sugar.

CHESTER, Vt., March 18.—Reports received from maple sugar makers in this vicinity indicate that owing to unfavorable weather very little sap has been collected, and the season is likely to prove a failure, at least in the lowlands. In the mountain towns, however, where the run of sap is later, the farmers may have more success. Frost is out of the ground, and the trees are already in bud.

Hunan Leaves Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 18.—Attorney General Harlan has sailed on his way to Washington to personally hand to President Roosevelt his resignation, which will take effect on April 30. A large number of officials and citizens and a band of music were at the wharf to give him a farewell.

Strange Disease Among Horses.

FORT PLAIN, N. Y., March 18.—A strange disease resembling paralysis has appeared among horses in this region. Three valuable animals have died in the past few days.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly Chronicled.

Tennessee passed an anti-trust law.

Violent earth tremors were felt at Helena, Mont.

Cleveland Democrats renominated Tom L. Johnson for mayor.

Admiral Tyrtao, minister of marine, died at St. Petersburg of heart failure.

Ten passengers were slightly hurt in a collision on the Moon road at Cyclone, Ind.

Miss Astor, daughter of William Waldorf Astor, was reported engaged to Jonel Bratiano, Roumanian foreign minister.

The budget committee of the reichstag appropriated \$750,000 for Germany's representation at the St. Louis exposition.

Leuel H. Cobb, editor and proprietor of the Daily Press, died in Portland, Me., from pneumonia after a short illness.

An attempt of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to lay tracks in the streets of Parkersburg, W. Va., was forcibly prevented.

Tuesday, March 17.

Prayer held a church fight in Spencer, Mass.

The British naval estimate for the year calls for nearly \$180,000,000.

Five distinct earthquake shocks were felt in the vicinity of Dalton, Ga.

Lieutenant General Miles attended the Evacuation day exercises in Boston.

Five men were killed by an explosion in the Cardiff coal mine near Springfield, Ill.

The Chicago Democratic city convention renominated Carter H. Harrison for mayor.

The safe in the postoffice at Lincoln, N. C., was blown open and \$700 in money and stamps secured.

The bill providing for a municipal electric plant for New York city is to be presented in the legislature.

Five miners were sentenced to prison at Pottsville for participation in the riot at Shenandoah in which Joseph Beddall was killed.

Mining engineers in Peru have discovered sixty-five miles northeast of the Plura railway a mountain of iron sesquioxide which is 50 per cent pure.

By direction of Secretary Root the war department has embarked on the extensive work of compiling and publishing a complete roster of the officers and enlisted men of the Union and Confederate armies.

The First National bank of Jacksonville, the oldest national bank in Florida, was closed by order of the comptroller of the currency. The late F. E. Spinner, treasurer of the United States under Lincoln, was one of its founders.

The senate spent six solid hours in executive session in its effort to pass on the amendments to the Panama canal treaty in preparation for the final vote on the treaty. The greater part of the day was devoted to debate on the matter of insuring American defense of the canal, the Democrats contending that the United States should be given the initiative in that respect and the Republicans urging that the interests of this country are sufficiently safeguarded by the terms of the treaty as it stands.

Monday, March 16.

Italy has formally announced a decision to participate in the St. Louis fair.

Mule spinners at Woonsocket, R. I., struck to enforce a demand for an increase in wages of 10 per cent.

Venezuela's first payment on the \$340,000 pledged to Germany was deposited in the bank at Caracas.

Masked robbers entered a restaurant at Pueblo, Colo., and shot two citizens. One of them was instantly killed.

A wonderfully rich gold strike has been made in the Veta Grande mine, situated in the Parral district, Mexico.

Two farmers of Dallas county, Tex., fought a duel from boats. One of them met death, and the other surrendered to officers.

The condition of Justice Day of the United States supreme court, ill at Washington with pneumonia, was considered encouraging.

An explosion followed by a fire did damage amounting to \$75,000 at the works of the Arlington Manufacturing company, Arlington, N. J.

Admiral Douglas's British squadron, consisting of the warships Ariadne, Indefatigable, Retribution, Tribune, Fantome and Columbine, from Kingston, Jamaica, arrived in Havana harbor on a visit.

An injunction has been issued in the Waterbury trolley strike prohibiting the trolley men's union, all other Waterbury unions and all other persons from interfering in any way with the trolley company's business.

A bold robbery took place near Cridersville, O. Fourteen masked men entered the house of Mrs. Jacob Reichelderfer, an aged and wealthy widow, and took possession. The inmates, five in number, were bound and blindfolded. About \$1,200 in cash and \$7,000 in notes besides silverware was secured.

Saturday, March 14.

The Orinoco river blockade has been raised.

A nine-year-old boy committed suicide at Belleville, Ill.

The work of recouping Hawaiian money was begun in San Francisco.

Whitcaps terrorize parts of Arkansas. Eleven arrests have been made at Wynne.

Negro laborers in Florida turpentine camps had a general battle. Eight reported killed.

Mexican bandits held up a stage in Sonora and killed the six passengers and the driver.

Four men lost their lives by a rush of

water which flooded a mine at Iron Mountain, Mich.

In a wreck on the Illinois Central railway at Pomeroy, Ind., five passengers were injured.

August Krauss, the Bellefontaine (Mo.) farmer who killed his wife and six children, died.

Consul Sawler, who refused to take post at Guayaquil because of yellow fever there, arrived in New York.

The coal operators and miners of the bituminous district No. 2 in convention at Altoona, Pa., were deadlocked on the wage scale.

Fred Pray, aged twenty-one, died at his home in Sberburne, N. Y., from typhoid fever contracted while a student at Cornell university.

The Venezuelan revolutionary forces under General Riera and General Juan Penabaz, numbering about 1,250 men, have been defeated in a three days' fight.

By a vote of 15 yeas to 14 yeas, with three declining to vote and three absent, the Delaware house of representatives defeated a local option bill for the state.

The governor of Natal has proclaimed the king's pardon for all persons who are awaiting trial for treason or other offenses committed during or arising out of the recent war.

The Caribbean squadron, under command of Admiral Coghlan, has been ordered to Honduras, where the revolution is assuming serious proportions, to protect American interests.

The grand jury has returned new indictments against Dr. Joseph Alexander and Surgeons at Indianapolis and Rufus Carroll, the aliened ghost.

In the senate Mr. Spooner made an elaborate reply to Mr. Morgan, especially defending the validity of the title the Panama Canal company can give to the United States. Mr. Dewey also spoke in favor of ratification.

Friday, March 13.

A levee gave way at Red Cloud, Ind., and children were rescued in boats.

At Massillon, O., the 2,000 miners of that district decided to strike April 1.

Charles M. Schwab sailed for home from Cherbourg on the Kronprinz Wilhelm.

Five governors of states, all Methodists, were guests of honor at a banquet in Chicago.

United States customs officials and Japanese consuls have united to break up slave girl traffic.

An Omaha flier was wrecked on the Union Pacific near Gilmore, Neb. One killed, several hurt.

Townsend & Downey put 375 men to work in their shipyards at Shooter's island to replace strikers.

Former Mayor Ames, arrested in New Hampshire on an embezzlement charge, decided to return to Minneapolis.

Dr. Frederick Muller, assistant to Dr. Lorenz, the eminent specialist in congenital hip disease, has returned to Chicago.

The Very Rev. George Granville Bradley, dean of the Order of the Bath and lately dean of Westminster, died in London in his eighty-second year.

The Townsend-Downey Shipbuilding company, crippled for several days by a strike of union employees, has resumed operations with a new set of workmen.

It was decided in the senate to vote on the Panama canal treaty on Tuesday, the 17th inst., and the Cuban reciprocity treaty was reported by the committee on foreign relations.

At Albany Senator Baines introduced the higher license bill, increasing the liquor tax 50 per cent in every part of New York state. It was immediately referred to the excise committee.

The czar of Russia has issued a decree providing for the abolition of the restrictions that have been placed upon nonorthodox religious worship, establishing a considerable measure of self government in the towns and promising greater and continued reforms in the same line.

Thursday, March 12.

The Kaiser pardoned Lieutenant von Grawert, who killed Dr. Aye in a duel.

Mad Mollah has lost 1,600 men and maintains authority only by severe measures.

St. Petersburg police have caught the priest's son who robbed the St. Isaac cathedral.

Secretary of the Navy Moody has left Washington for a cruise in the West Indies.

Seven boys were badly injured by an explosion of dynamite in Buffalo. At least one will die.

The Cuban senate by a vote of 16 to 5 has ratified the reciprocity treaty with the United States.

After several skirmishes the government troops have scattered the ladrones in Rizal province, Philippine Islands.

Three hundred more men at Townsend & Downey's shipyard, at Shooter's island, N. J., have struck, making 375 out.

Tests of the De Forest system of wireless telegraphy are being made between Fort Hancock and Wadsworth in New York harbor.

The Republicans of the New York assembly by a vote of 62 to 10 decided to pass the increased liquor tax bill and by a vote of 60 to 8 the proposed mortgage tax bill.

The blacksmiths, boiler-makers and machinists formerly in the employ of the Colorado and Southern Railway company have declared their strike and boycott off.

The California and Hawaii Sugar company shut down its plant near San Francisco and announced withdrawal from business. Spreckels is said to have purchased the concern.

Mrs. Pennell, wife of A. R. Pennell, who was instantly killed in an automobile accident at Buffalo, died in a hospital as a result of the same accident without regaining consciousness.

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