

Becker Guilty In First Degree

JUSTICE GOFF ACCUSED OF INFLUENCING BECKER JURY

JURORS WERE ALWAYS FOR CONVICTION

ONLY QUESTION WAS AS TO THE DEGREE OF CRIME

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENSE GIVES NOTICE OF APPEAL

Prosecuting Attorneys Had Expected Disagreement—District Attorney Is Threatened With Death by Denizens of the Underworld.

New York, Oct. 25.—Placing the blame for his conviction on Justice Goff's instructions to the jury and the refusal of his chief counsel to allow him to take the stand, Lieutenant Becker, who was found guilty of first degree murder, insists on his innocence.

"Goff's charge to the jury," said Becker, "was manifestly unfair to me. Had I got a square deal I would now be a free man."

Attorney McIntyre of the defense announced this morning that he would file notice of appeal Wednesday. He says that Goff's charge was so unfair that the jury was forced to convict Becker.

District Attorney Whitman and his assistants admitted that they had expected a disagreement. It was learned that all the jurors were agreed from the start that Becker was guilty, the only question being as to the degree of murder. On the first ballot eight were for murder in the first de-

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Y. M. C. A. TO STAGE BENEFIT

NOVEMBER 11 IS DATE SET FOR THE EVENT.

Committee Reports Suitable Date for Big Benefit.

Nov. 11th; remember the date. Dr. J. W. Laughlin, chairman of a committee recently appointed to arrange for an entertainment for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., reports that the date is set for Monday evening, Nov. 11th. The program will be given in the Tabernacle and will be in charge of the ladies of the city. The purpose of this entertainment is to raise funds for the better equipment of the local Y. M. C. A. The equipment when purchased will be of such a nature that it may be transferred from the temporary gymnasium to the new Y. M. C. A. building which all hope may be a part of the city within a short time.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHITMAN



Photo by American Press Association.

The New York prosecutor who brought about the conviction of Lieutenant Becker and who uncovered the scandal resulting from the murder of Rosenthal some time ago.

LAUNCH GREAT U.S. BATTLESHIP

DREADNOUGHT NEW YORK TO TAKE WATER NEXT WEEK.

Will Be the Most Powerful Ship in the United States Navy.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—The United States battleship New York is to be launched at the Brooklyn navy yard next week, and President Taft, Secretary of the Navy Meyer, Governor Dix, Mayor Gaynor and many other notables are expected to be on hand to watch the most powerful vessel in the United States navy take her first plunge into the water.

The keel was laid on September 11, 1911, and a board hoisted near the site where the ship grew says: "U. S. S. New York, battleship No. 34, length 573 feet; breadth, 95 feet 2 5/8 inches; displacement, 27,000 tons; mean draught, 28 feet 6 inches."

Since then the huge vessel has grown steadily and when she takes the water she will be nearly 70 per cent completed.

The New York and Texas will each carry ten 14-inch guns, mounted two to a turret, and so arranged that all of them can be fired in a broadside, or forward, or aft, at the same time.

The New York's engines will be of 28,000 horse-power, 3,000 more than those of the Florida. If the expectations of her designers are fulfilled she will be able to maintain a speed of 21 knots an hour or better. The engines are triple expansion, four cylinder reciprocating engines.

The armor of the new battleship will be of sufficient thickness for defense against torpedo boat attacks, and there will be strong bulkheads as an additional protection against mines and torpedo explosions.

BERNARD SANDLER.

Counsel For Sam Schepps, Important Becker Case Witness.



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MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST JACK J.

FURTHER WITNESSES ARE BEING SOUGHT BY AUTHORITIES.

Women of Chicago Urging United Action Against the Champion.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Further witnesses in the case against Jack Johnson, who is accused of abducting Miss Lucille Cameron, a white girl, are being sought. Miss Cameron is being detained at Rockford, Ill. Mrs. A. D. Barks, a negro entertainer at Johnson's resort, who is said to have shot at the champion, will probably be subpoenaed.

Mrs. Sarah Helm, president of the local women's clubs, has written Mrs. Pennypacker, head of the National Federation of Women's clubs, urging united action against Johnson.

E. S. NORRIS BUYS HOME.

The Fine Modern Residence Occupied by Assessor D. M. Clark.

E. S. Norris, one of the best known farmers in Grande Ronde, who has been living in the city for the past year, yesterday through the Geo. H. Currey Real Estate agency, purchased the new modern residence on the corner of M and Ninth streets from H. U. Rice of Winters, California. The property occupied since it was constructed by Assessor D. M. Clark. The consideration was \$3,000.00.

Orders Money Returned.

Oxford, Mich., Oct. 25.—Public announcement that Governor Wilson has ordered the return of \$1200 contributed to his fund by Cyrus McCormick, an official of the harvester trust, was made today by Bryan.

HEIR TO THE RUSSIAN THRONE IS STABBED BY AN ASSASSIN

Odessa, Oct. 25.—Reports that the Grand Duke Alexis, heir to the Russian throne, is not ill but is the victim of an assassin, are persistent today. The Odetsky Listok published the alleged true details of the case. The paper asserts that a nihilist named Wasselow, who was bayoneted dur-

ADRIANOPLE CERTAIN FALL BEFORE BULGARS

Greatest Battle In World's History Will Be Fought for Possession of Turkish Constantinople.

Sofia, Oct. 25.—The main column of the Bulgarian army is three miles from Adrianople and news of the Bulgarians storming the city is expected momentarily. Official dispatches state that the Bulgarians are closing in on the city, with the Turks making but slight efforts to repulse their advance.

London, Oct. 25.—Foreign Minister Coromilas of Greece has sent the following message to the London bureau of the United Press: "The king commands me to thank the United Press for the interest manifested in behalf of the American press in the war which Greece is waging for the cause of civilization and humanity. My army has been victorious everywhere."

Vienna, Oct. 25.—With more troops engaged than ever participated in battle of the Napoleonic wars, the Turks, Brigades and Servians are today battling for the possession of Adrianople, the gateway to Constantinople. The Bulgarians are believed to have captured a majority of the Turkish redoubts

about the city and are less than three miles from the main line of the defenses. The Bulgarians are attacking from the North and East, and the Servians from the West. It is said that only 70,000 Turks are defending the city, which is sure to fall. It is stated that if Salonika falls the Bulgarians can hold their position before Adrianople. With this victory virtually all Turkey in Europe will be dominated by the allied forces.

From every quarter of the widespread region covered by the advancing armies of the allies, come reports of victory today. There is every indication that the isolation of Constantinople will be accomplished soon. If Adrianople falls it is certain that the greatest struggle in the history of the world will take place for possession of Constantinople.

Podgoritz, Oct. 25.—The Montenegrins are in possession of the position dominating Tarabosch, the main fortress defending Scutari, according to a dispatch from General Martinovitch. Formal demand for the surrender of the town will be presented to the Turkish commander before the attack is made.

DEDICATE POLISH COLLEGE.

President Taft Principal Speaker at Great Gathering.

Cambridge Springs, Pa., Oct. 25.—Preparations are completed for the dedication here tomorrow of the Polish National Alliance college, the first college of the Polish National Alliance established in the United States. Thousands of visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada are expected to attend the dedication exercises tomorrow and President Taft will be the guest of honor and the principal speaker at the great Polish-American demonstration which has been planned for this memorable occasion. The Polish National Alliance in this country has a total membership of more than 100,000 members and branches in many states. The college to be dedicated here tomorrow is non-sectarian in its character and will be maintained by the united effort of the thousands of members of the Polish National Alliance.

Diaz Will Live.

Mexico City, Oct. 25.—General Felix Diaz will not be executed, according to the order of President Madero today. The rebel leader will be imprisoned instead.

WOMAN SAVES MEXICAN.

Alone, She Holds a Dozen Infuriated Men at Bay.

Barstow, Cal., Oct. 25.—Holding a dozen infuriated Mexicans at bay, Mrs. Edward Harris, wife of the constable, today saved the life of Jose Torrez, a Mexican who shot and killed Simon Ramos over a Mexican girl. Torrez fled to the Harris home for protection and Mrs. Harris arrested him in the absence of her husband. A dozen of the murdered man's friends charged the house but the constable arrived in time to prevent bloodshed.

POLITICS CAUSE OF BATTLE.

More Than 20 Cubans Wounded in a Fight on the Streets.

Havana, Oct. 25.—More than 20 persons were wounded here early today in a pitched battle between the conservatives and liberals. Several hundred shots were fired. The trouble started at the close of a liberal meeting when the supporters of Vice President Alferdoz Ayas for the presidency and a number of conservatives attempt to force the liberals from the sidewalk. The battle raged in the heart of the city until the mounted police and cavalry charged the rioters.

USED DICTAPHON.

Indianapolis, Oct. 25.—Ralph Douglas, an Indianapolis reporter, testified today at the trial of the labor leaders that he had discovered the presence of a dictaphon in the Iron workers' headquarters here by which the government agents listened to everything that transpired for two months before John McNamara was arrested. The dictaphon, the witness said, was placed under President Ryan's desk, and a government stenographer concealed below transcribed verbatim all the conversations.

ATTEMPTS TO KILL HIS WIFE WITH A DIRK

SLASHES HER NECK AND THEN CUTS HIS OWN THROAT

TRIED TO TEAR HIS HEART OUT THROUGH GAPING HOLE

Wife Rushed Into Street and Informed Officer, Who Found the Man in Dying Condition—Left Incoherent Note Saying Wife Would Leave Him.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Apparently insane over the fancied wrongs at the hands of his wife, Martin Bocarde, aged 57, entered the bedroom of his wife Jessie early this morning and cut a wide gash in her neck. He then slit his own throat from ear to ear with a dirk, and is not expected to live.

The terrific struggle was ended by Bocarde slashing his wife's neck and then she dashed into the street and fell unconscious. She attracted an officer who rushed into the house and found Bocarde trying to tear out his own heart through a gaping hole in his throat.

An incoherent note left by Bocarde stated that he believed his wife, who is 37, intended to leave him because of her interest in a matrimonial agency. Mrs. Bocarde, who is now in a hospital, denied this.

TEDDY WILL MAKE TWO MORE SPEECHES

Oyster Bay, Oct. 25.—Colonel Roosevelt is preparing two speeches to close up the campaign. He ate a hearty breakfast and put in a busy morning. Dr. Scoury Terrell, his personal physician, says that his condition is excellent and that he will soon be able to return to active campaign work.

WHITE RIBBON TRAIN TO STOP

RETURNING DELEGATES TO HERE TOMORROW.

Local W. C. T. U. and Commercial Organizations to Have Meeting.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock the White Ribbon special, carrying delegates from the National W. C. T. U. convention at Portland, will pass through La Grande en route to Chicago.

General Passenger Agent William McMurray has informed local Agent J. H. Keeney that the train will be held here ten minutes if local W. C. T. U. followers or the Commercial club wish to extend any courtesies to the Eastern visitors.

It is probable that Eastern Oregon delegates to the National convention will return to La Grande with the train—there are about 100 Easterners in the train.