

WITNESS TELLS OF BECKER'S THREAT

Lieutenant Said to Have Declared He Would "Croak" Rosenthal Himself.

"GUNMEN" ARE IDENTIFIED

"Gyp the Blood" and "Lefty Louie" Seen by One Man and Another Says "Whitely" Lewis Was One of Slayers.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The first testimony implicating Charles Becker in the murder of Herzog Rosenthal was given at today's session of the trial of the former police officer, accused of instigating the murder of the gambler. It was testified by Maurice Luban, a hanger-on of the underworld, that Becker had said to Jack Rose about three weeks before the murder: "If that Rosenthal is not croaked, I will croak him myself."

Luban, who was an eye-witness of the murder, identified in court today "Gyp the Blood" and "Lefty Louie" as two of the men who fired the shots that killed Rosenthal and William Shapiro as driver of the murder car. He also said that "Dago" Frank, likewise an acquaintance, was in the group when the shots were fired.

Luban was discovered by District Attorney Whitman a day or two ago. He was found with his brother Jacob, in jail in Newark, N. J., on a forged charge, which the brothers said had been "framed up" by somebody. The New York prosecutor procured their release on parole and, according to Maurice, the witness, promised to "help them in every way, if they would prove their frame-up."

Luban said he heard Becker make his alleged death threat against Rosenthal in the grill room of the Lafayette baths and that he stood within two or three feet of the police officer at the time.

Luban Does Not Hesitate. Luban's identification of the gunmen was made without hesitation. When they were brought in for his inspection it was their third appearance in the courtroom during the day. Giovanni Stanich, another eye-witness, had previously identified "Whitely" Lewis, and there had been lined up also before Thomas Ryan, a chauffeur, who declined, in a frightened manner, to identify any of them, although he, too, had seen the murders.

The gunmen on their third appearance, made a protest.

"We don't object to being identified, but we think we ought to have a chance like everybody else to be lined up with more men," said Lefty Louie. "We want this thing cleared up, but we want a square deal."

Attorney McIntyre for the defense dwelt long on the fact that Luban had been in jail on a forged charge and in other ways attacked the character of the witness.

KLICKITAT AWARDS MADE J. J. Brown, of Goldendale, Wins Louis W. Hill Trophy.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—Judges were busy today making up awards in various departments of the Klickitat County Fair. J. J. Brown, of Goldendale, was awarded the silver trophy cup offered by Louis Hill, president of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway, for the best individual exhibit of agricultural products. William Olsen, of Huzum, captured the first prize offered by the Fair Association for the best collective exhibit of fruit, grasses, grains and vegetables. The exhibit made by the "Grand Old Time" party, in charge of Al Bertschel, got first prize for grange exhibits. George Garner, of Centerville, got the sweepstakes prize in the first department. Special events held in front of the grandstand were: Women's nail-driving contest, penny shower for children, boys pie-eating contest, and best carder race exhibition. The latter was won by Frank Brunton.

All events on the racing programme were closely contested. In the second heat of the 215 pace the judges declared a foul on Brain, driver of McN., and H. C. Davis, driver and owner of Sunny Jim, which was the result of approval of the large crowd. Brain left his position at the pole on the home stretch in an effort to shut out Nightspook, North Yakima pacemaker. Sunny Jim was the favorite in the race, but was beaten by a length in each heat, including the second heat, which was declared off by the judges. Race results:

215 pace, mile heats—McN., first; Sunny Jim, second; Nightspook, third; Frankie Dale, fourth. Time, 3:15.

230 trot, mile heats—Kate Guy, first; Song Sparrow, second; Payment, third. Time, 3:20.

Half-mile dash—Anna Phoon, first; Zietta Bronna, second; Len Jr., third. Time, 3:12.

Fourth and best carder race—Littie S., first; Belle of Portland, second; Little Jim, third. Time, 3:12.

Third day of relay won by Fred Teackel. Stage coach race won by Toppish team. Gift pony race (seven starters)—Won by Hughetta McCrow.

GUN BALKS, ROCK LANDS Army Prisoner Would Escape Only to Be Felled by Missile.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—When a sentry of the Twenty-First Infantry was guarding two prisoners in the garrets while they were doing police duty, Private Brozinski, being held for the larceny of \$50, attempted to escape.

The sentry pulled his gun, loaded with National Guard ammunition, and the cartridge stuck. The sentry threw the gun, yelled to a nearby sentry to look out for his own sentry, and gave chase, picking up and throwing a rock as he ran. The rock struck Brozinski, and stunned him long enough for the sentry to overtake him and march him back to work.

CHAMPION DIVER WRECKED

(Continued from First Page.) previous record was held by the Seal, which dove 256 feet in Long Island Sound June 24.

The F-1 was christened the Carr, but was renamed November 17, 1911.

Greek Destroyers Reach Algiers.

ALGHIERS, Oct. 11.—One of the Greek torpedo boat destroyers recently purchased in England, which was expected to have sailed for Philadelphia, arrived here today and three others will arrive tonight.

CONSPICUOUS FIGURES IN TRIAL OF NEW YORK POLICE LIEUTENANT ON CHARGE OF CONSPIRING TO MURDER GAMBLER.



Above, Mrs. Charles Becker, Wife of Defendant—Below, Left, "Whitely" Lewis, Identified Yesterday as One of Men Who Shot Rosenthal, and Frank Muelieri; Right, John W. Hart, Counsel for Becker.

ERLANGER IN DARK

Manager Doesn't Know Leonard Was Wife's Husband.

SUIT ENDS IN MISTRIAL Relationship of Defendant With Miss St. Clair Conceded, but Inquiry as to Other Women Is Blocked by Court.

GOVERNOR REPRIEVES FOUR

Hunt, of Arizono, Compares Death Penalty to Witch-Burning.

DARROW TRIAL GOES OVER

Illness of Chief Counsel Is One Reason for Delay.

ERLANGER IN DARK

There was a sensational ending to the suit of Edith St. Clair against Abraham L. Erlanger, the theatrical manager, before Justice Page in the Supreme Court today. The Justice withdrew a juror, making the case a mistrial, and fined John V. Bouvier, of counsel, \$50 for contempt of court. The suit by Miss St. Clair was for recovery of \$2500 claimed as due as an installment on a \$25,000 contract.

The climax came after a long encounter between Mr. Bouvier and William T. Jerome, Mr. Erlanger's lawyer, as to whether Erlanger should answer for the suit. Mr. Jerome insisted on terms of undue intimacy. Mr. Bouvier maintained that he should be forced to answer. Jerome bridged the difficulty by concealing such relationship and Mr. Bouvier pressed the witness as to his relations with another woman.

He was blocked at this point by the court. Then the lawyer asked abruptly: "Who is Leonard?"

"Leonard is a man and an actor, I guess."

"And a husband?" continued Mr. Bouvier, extracting from a portfolio affidavits sworn to by Erlanger in the suit brought in June, 1911, by Mrs. Erlanger.

"I don't know that," replied Erlanger.

"You do not know that Leonard was the husband of the lady you married?"

"I do not know any such thing," responded Erlanger.

TOKAY FESTIVAL OPENS

FIRST ANNUAL GRAPE SHOW HELD AT GRANTS PASS. Several Hundred School Children Take Part in Parade—Scenes to Go into Film Shows.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—The first annual Tokay grape festival was held in this city today. A parade of automobiles took place after luncheon, in which about 25 autos participated. Many of them presented beautiful spectacles as the clinging vine of grape hung gracefully about the machine with large clusters of luscious fruit interwoven, giving the cars an appearance of a veritable vineyard, such as are only found on the red lands that surround this city.

Several hundred school children took part in the parade. A large auto truck from the Country Club orchard carried many boys and girls along the line of march. The scene was photographed for the purpose of being used in moving-picture shows. Dealers, carrying grapes in wagons, sold fruit along the streets during the celebration at 5 and 10 cents a bunch in order that all might be able to have Tokays with which to decorate.

FARM CREDIT URGED

Method Declared to Reduce Cost of Production.

SUBSIDY NOT NECESSARY

Essential Point, Says President, Is That State and Nation Shall Assume Responsibility for Honest Institutions.

(Continued from First Page.) That problem faces the people of this country today—not in so severe a form as it threatened the older countries of Europe, but, still, as a great and pressing economic problem.

Added Capital is Necessary. "In Europe this problem has been successfully met, first by reducing the cost to the farmer of producing his crops, and, secondly, by increasing his production through the adoption of improved methods of cultivation. Both the Federal and state governments in this country have done much to afford the farmers instruction in improved agricultural methods. But it still remains for us to reduce the cost of the farmer's production by affording him the necessary means for the exploitation of his soil upon the most advantageous terms. He must be afforded the money necessary for him to adopt improved methods. It must be made profitable for him to place every acre of his ground under cultivation. This offers the consumer relief from increasing cost of foodstuffs."

President Taft strongly deprecates any idea of establishing co-operative credit in the United States through the support of Government subsidies. "We must establish a credit system of, and by, the farmers of the United States," he writes. "The country enjoys today great prosperity. Factories are busy, the workmen are employed and everywhere the wheels of industry hum. The farmer shares in this general prosperity. The proposal which I make is not to subsidize the American farmer. Fortunately for the country he does not need it, nor would he accept it."

President Taft warns the Governors that in this plan, as in all financial schemes, there is room for harmful exploitation for personal gain.

Government Guarantee Essential. "The most essential point to bear in mind is the need for the assumption by the Federal and state governments of the responsibility for economically and honestly conducted institutions. Such assumption is the essential precedent for obtaining the confidence of the American as well as of the European investing public."

If this safeguard is given the farm-land banks President Taft is convinced that he can secure the farmers a market for their surplus loans not only in all of the big money centers of this country but also on the exchanges of Europe and thus afford the farmer the means of obtaining credit for the full exploitation of the entire agricultural resources of this country.

Elaborating his thought concerning the farm-land banks, he says: "I believe that the new methods of production, the President says: 'Why, then, will not the investor furnish the farmer with money at as advantageous rates as he is willing to supply it to the industrial corporations? Obviously, the advantage enjoyed by the industrial corporation lies in the financial machinery at its command, which permits it to place its offer before the investor in a more attractive and more readily negotiable form. The farmer lacks this machinery, and, lacking it, he suffers unreasonably. This is not theory. Through the farm-land banks, the farmer is to obtain the soundness and practicability of such financial machinery, based upon the peculiar credit needs of the agricultural community.'

"It is natural that some of the European governments should have extended a national protection over the systems of agricultural finance and to have given them financial as well as legal assistance. This, however, must be guarded against in this country. We must establish a credit system of, for, and by, the farmers of the United States. It were better, otherwise, not to consider the matter at all. It is an interesting commentary on the value of paternalistic governmental assistance to note that this plan of agricultural co-operative credit has thrived best—in fact, has enjoyed a substantial de-

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where the movement has grown up development only in those countries from the farmers and where the Government has to the greatest degree refrained from attempts artificially to nurture the plan by subsidy and has restrained its interference to the proper field of imposing restriction legislation for the purpose of preventing speculation.

The entire field of agricultural co-operative credit is properly divisible into two parts: First, the co-operative societies of farmers, formed for the purpose of obtaining personal credit; and, secondly, the societies or private corporations formed to create a sound security in land mortgages for the purpose of gaining a National or international market for bonds based upon farm-land mortgages. Both of these forms of co-operative credit may be found in many of the European countries under varying forms of organization. The general principles, however, are very much the same.

It is not practicable here to go into the details of the organization followed in European countries in the formation of these co-operative societies. A very good law has been enacted by the State of Massachusetts allowing the incorporation of credit unions, which should furnish an excellent example for other states. Their establishment is generally a matter for state legislation and encouragement; their organization and management are wonderfully simple, and the experience of the European countries shows that their success is practically inevitable where the environment is congenial to their growth and where proper laws are passed for their conduct.

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TAX TOPICS DISCUSSED

Meeting at Ashland Largely Attendance—Dunn League Formed.

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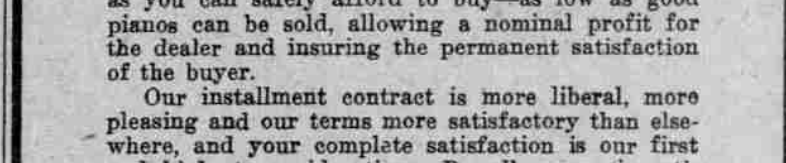
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