# ROSE SAYS BECKER ORDERED MURDER

Gambler Testifies He Hired Gunmen, Afterward Paying Them \$1000.

DEFENDANT IS STOICAL

Man Who Has Turned State's Evidence Says Crime Was Deliberately Planned at Police Official's Request.

(Continued From First Page.) ceded for them with the District At Rose said he had no motive of his own for killing Resenthal, but had acted solely at Becker's direction

Time and again McIntyre quoted al leged conversations between Rose and men of the underworld, apparently in an attempt to prove that Rose himsel desired the gambler's death.

"No such conversation ever occurred." was his reply to these questions. "But you were Becker's graft col-lector, so you say." "I wan.

Rose had testified that Becker had entered into a gambling partnership with Rosenthal. Rose took charge of the police lieutenant's interest in the enterprise. Becker and Rosenthal fell out, and Becker made threats that he would raid the place, finally doing so.

"Later," Rose testified, "Rosenthal complained to Becker that policemen were still stationed in front of his place, and said he was sore because his wife's nephew was taken in the

Rose said his next meeting with Becker was at his own house, "He told me," Rose said, "that Rosen-thal had been calling him up every day asking a meeting to find out what he was going to do about the indictments against the men arrested in Rosen-thal's place. He put Rosenthal off. Soon afterward, Becker said, Rosenthal had begun to talk around street cor-ners that he was in partnership with

Rosenthal is getting dangerous. I said:
Nobody will believe Rosenthal.

"'Well,' he answered, 'so long as
Commissioner Waldo doesn't believe
him, I guess there's nothing to worry
shout."

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"Did you and Becker discuss newspaper interviews that Rosenthal had
given?" the witness was asked.

"Yes, Becker told me that I shouldn't
worry about that; that he had Jack
Sullivan looking after the papers and
that Rosenthal couldn't get anything
printed Later Becker told me a morning paper had gotten an affidavit from
Rosenthal and was going to print it.

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Rosenthal and was going to print it.

"Guess Rosenthal means to do what he said he would—to squeal and break me," Becker said.

"Til get a couple of gang men," I told Becker, "and go around and tell Rosenthal that if he does not stop his attacks on you something will happen to him."

"Oh, hell!" Becker said, 'I don't want the fellow beaten up. If I did I'd beat him up myself or have him beaten up for resisting arrest. But a beating up won't do for him. He must be put where neither you nor I nor anybody else will ever have to worry about him again."

Defendant Much Affected.

Before Rose was half through with his story, drops of perspiration were standing on the brow of the accused police defendant. He did not once take his eyes off the witness.

Mrs. Becker, who sat near her husband, looked steadily at the floor.

Attorney McIntyre, Becker's counsel, volleyed objection after objection until he was reprimanded by Justice Goff. Twice he demanded that court be adjourned on the ground that it was a legal holiday, and each time the court out his argument short.

"Bridged Webber gave me \$1000 after the shooting at Fifteenth street and

"T want him murdered, shot, croaked. dynamited or anything, Becker replied. Moss. 'I want him put where we will never have to worry about him again."

They agreed to do it that night.
Rose said they had delayed "doing the job," and Becker had insisted that they "hurry it along." He told of the plan to kill the gambler at the Garden Restaurant. It failed, he said, because of a suspicion that private detectives were present and guarding Rosenthal.
"Becker got hot at this." Rose added. "He kept asking, Why all this stalling? Why don't they get him?"
"One day he said: "Now this is going on too long, Elither you are stalling."

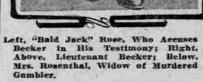
ing on too long. Either you are stalling them or these fellows are stalling. "I told Becker that a detective scared the boys off at the Garden Restaurant," Rose continued. "Detective," he said, "wake up and shoot Rosenthal in front of a policeman; Get through with it;

the events immediately preceding the murder. He told of going to "Bridgle" "You s Webber's gambling place and thehee to did you?" the Lafayette Eaths, where he met "Yen."

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THREE PERSONS WHO RIGURED YESTERDAY IN POLICE LIEUTEN-ANT'S TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE.







"Bridgie" Weber, near "Bridgie's"
gambling place.
"Tm glad it's done, Becker said.
"Becker said he was late in coming
down," Rose added, "because he had
stopped at the police station to see
Rosenthal's body.
"If it wasn't for District

Rosenthal's body.

"If it wasn't for District Attorney
Whitman being there, I'd have reached
around and cut his tongue out, Becker
said to me, slowly and deliberately.
"Don't worry, Jack,' Becker told me.
The only thing to do now is to lay low
till it blows over."
Rose said he hid at Harry Pollock's
home with Sam Schepps. Rose telephoned Becker, and was told not to
worry, but to stay where he was.

Thefendant Wuch Afforted.

If "How did you terminate your inter"How did you terminate your inter"It terminated when Becker raided
the place."

Relations With Gambler Strained.
"And you and Rosenthal fell out
then?"

"Yes, our relations were strained
after that."

"Weren't you known as stool pigeon
for the police?"

Defendant Much Affected.

"What do you want done with Ro-senthal?" I asked Becker during the conversation," the witness testified.

"When was this done?" asked Mr.

"On the Tuesday afternoon after the shooting. The shooting was early Tuesday morning."

The witness here told of Becker's alleged instructions to him to get out on hall "Big Jack" Zelig, the gang leader then in the Tombs, and have Zelig's men put Rosenthal out of the war.

Gunmen Agree to Plan.

Rose said he went to the home of the four gunmen, "Gyp the Blood" and his pals, and explained the Rosenthal.

Becker situation. He told them, he said, that Becker would "frame thefinup," if they did not "crosk Rosenthal."

They agreed to do it that night.

Rose said they had delayed "doing the job," and Becker had insisted that

"Are You a Murderer!" Asked. "Rose, are you n murderer?" was Mc-Intyre's first question.

"Did you procure the murder of Span-ish Louie?"
"I did not."

"Were you guilty of that murder?"
"No," shouted the witness.
"Did you kill Kid Twist?"

"Did you ever see him?"
"No; I've heard of him." "Did you procure his murder?"
"No."

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it over."

Was Sam Schepps with you when
you signed the affidavit sent you by
The witness then passed quickly to Becker at Policek's home? "Ho was."
"You signed that pare- under oath,

"And thereby committed perjury?"
"Yes, I did." admitted Rose coolly.
"Why did you do this?"
"I did ft for Becker. I would have
done anything for him that night."

"'I got it from a newspaper man,' he variously been a gambling house pro-Soon afterward, Becker said, Rosenthal had begun to talk around street corners that he was in partnership with Becker and was going to show him up. "Becker a few days later told me of having seen Commissioner Waldo, and that the Commissioner Mad heard of Rosenthal's charges and had not believed them. "Becker said to me: "That fellow Rosenthal is getting dangerous.' I said: "The glad it's done, Becker said. "Yes." "Yes." "Yes." "Yes." "Yes."

"I made up my mind," Rose volun-teered, "to quit gambling for the sake of my family, and lead a respectable "How did you terminate your inter-

for the police?"
"No. I was known only as a collector." When Rosenthal told the District

"When Rosenthal told the District Attorney about alleged relations with Becker, did you learn that Rosenthal had given your name to the District Attorney?"

"Becker told me so."

"And you felt that Rosenthal had squealed on you, didn't you?"

"I felt so, yes; I felt that Becker's interest and mine were the same."

"Did you tell a newspaper reporter that you resented Rosenthal's squealing on you?"

"I did not."

"Didn't you say that the squealer should be put out of the way?"

"No."

"Or anything resembling that?"

"Or anything resembling that?"
"Yes; I told that to Becker."
A moment later Rose declared had told Becker no such thing.

"Dollar John" Not Friendly. "When did you tell Webber that Rosenthal ought to be put out of the way?" asked Attorney McIntyre of

"At a meeting between Webber, Val-lon, Becker and myself later."
"Did you tell 'Dollar John' that some-thing should be done to Herman Rosen-

"No. 'Dollar John' and I weren'

friendly."
"Did you say that Rosenthal had put you out of business and that he ought to be done up?"

"I did not."

"Did you see Rosenthal in Luchow's restaurant on July 14 and offer him money to leave the city?"

"I did not."

"Didn't you tell him that if he didn't make himself scarce you would have

make himself scarce you would have "I did not."

"Did Rosenthal say that you were engaged in the white slave traffic in "No, no, no," rejoined Rose.

'Defense Seeks to Show Motive. As this line of examination continued it became evident that Becker's at-torney was endeavoring to show to the jury that Rose had a desire on his own part to see Rosenthal put out of the

"Did you say to Becker that you had a great fear of Rosenthal because he was a man who worked in the dark?"
"I might have said that he worked in the dark, but I didn't say I was in fear

Rose said he went to the Lafayette Baths and felephoned to Becker.

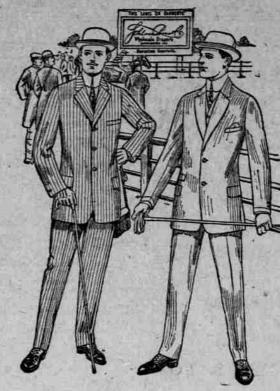
"Did you hear the news? I asked him. 'Yes.' Becker said. 'I congratulate you.'"

"How did you get the news so soon."

I asked Becker.

"Rose added that he had also been engaged in theatrical business and had william and Ann Streets, New York.

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meeting between Schepps, valion, Pitt the woives. The and the witness at the home of Dora Gilbert, Rosenthal's former wife, on the Sunday before the murder.

"Did you say at that time that Rosenthal was going to be killed?"

"At no time did I ever say that."

"But you knew all the time that there was to be a frame-up to kill by "First I we truth. Second I him?" Letter to Schepps Produced.

"Is the object of your testimony given here to escape punishment for your own part in the crime?"

"I have two objects," Rose said slowly. "First I want to establish the truth. Second I want to get consideration from the District Attorney."

Mr. McIntyre then switched his attack back to the murder plot. He called for the production by the District Attorney of a letter written by Rose to Schepps in Arkansas. Mr. Whitman handed over such a letter, which Mr. McIntyre perused eagerly with his associates. The letter was shown to Rose, who acknowledged writing it, and it was placed in evidence.

"Dear Sem" the letter road "I don't

Warning Telephoned to Wife.

"And did you ever during all this time give warning to Rosenthal?"

"I felephoned to Mrs. Rosenthal and told her that her husband's life was in danger."

told her that her husband's life was in danger."
At that time, when you were between two fires, Becker and the gangsters, why is it that you did not rescue yourself by telling somebody?"
"In the world that I found, no one would pay any attention to me," replied Rose. "I had a part in the murder, but I tried to keep them from doing it."
"When did you instigate this murder?"

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Third Degree Guarded Against. der?"

"It began some time in June."

"When did you first see the men who did the shooting?"

"The latter part of June."

"Did you ask them to shoot-to death Herman Rosenthal?"

"I asked them to murder him, to croak him."

"Did you mean for them to do as you asked?"

"I did."

Price of Crime Not Fixed.

Price of Crime Not Fixed. "Were you on intimate terms with these thugs?"
"Yes."
"Did you ask them that night to kill Rosenthal?"

"Did you pay them any money?"
"No."
"Did you fix a price for the crime?"

"No, none except that they should not be framed-up, like Zelig was." should

"You have been promised immunity butting you through the third degree. Don't say a word to anyone. "You know. Sam, you have been too "Yes; I signed a stipulation to that effect."
"You value your life?" repeated the

"Yes, I do."
"Yes, I do."
"And you are testifying now to save your own life?"
Rose hesitated.
"You are willing to swear Becker into the electric chair to save your own life, aren't you?"
"I am trying to save my life, of

life, aren't you?"
"I am trying to save my life, of course: if I had not come here and testified, I would have lost it. I am merely testifying against Becker because he was preparing to throw us to

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meeting between Schepps, Vallon, Plitt and the witness at the home of Dora fixed up for me."

That was what he had loyal a friend of mine for me to ask rested in Hot Springs, Ark., was this you to do this if I was not positive letter sent?" asked Mr. McIntyre.

Letter to Schepps Produced.

"Is the object of your testimony its the object of your testimony at Louie's house."

"Now, you stated in the letter you at Louie's house." (Concluded on Page 4.)

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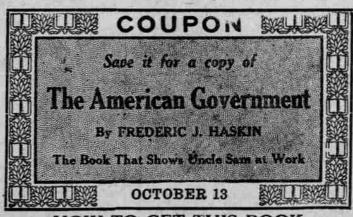
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