

CONFESSIONS OF GAMBLERS CAUSE BECKER'S ARREST

New York Police Lieutenant Charged With the Murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal Who Was to Make Expose.

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alleged tools in the murder of gambler Herman Rosenthal in the hands of the authorities, New York today is all agape for the arrests of "higher-ups" in the most sensational police-gambling-murder scandal in the history of the city. Any hour may bring the indictment of a score of police officials and some prominent citizens alleged to have been involved with them in the grafting which led to murder, and a score of the biggest sporting men in the city have already fled.

With the details of the confessions which caused Becker's arrest fresh in their minds, the members of the grand jury which indicted him last night re-assembled today to hear further testimony in the case which District Attorney Whitman has relentlessly followed since the hour when Herman Rosenthal was shot down by four thugs in front of the New Metropole hotel, while hundreds of New Yorkers were in sight of that corner, the hottest spot in the night life of the city.

Jack Rose Confesses.

Becker today is in the Tombs, where he was taken last night immediately after his arrest, followed by the confessions of "Bald Jack" Rose, who, with "Bridge" Webber and Harry Vallon, told the grand jury the story of how they "framed" Rosenthal's murder after threats by Becker to "send them up for seven years" if they refused. The three charged that Becker said:

"I'll do the job myself if I have to. But first I'll put you fellows away if I have to plant guns on you. You're all gamblers and confidence men. What chance will you have?"

Becker slept soundly in the Tombs, and this morning greeted his counsel, J. W. Hart, with the remark: "What an awful plight for an innocent man to be in!" He made no comment on his arrest.

Dougherty Disclaims Interest.

Intimations that Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty might be concerned in some way with Becker's alleged boasts of the influence in the police department which the three reformers claim, he declared would protect them for the Rosenthal murder, were disclaimed today by Dougherty. He issued a statement declaring that he had never had anything to do with Becker, who always reported direct to Police Commissioner Rindge.

Waldo refused to make any comment on the alleged police grafting, the Rosenthal murder, his connection with Becker, or the possible arrests which the persistent unravelling of the murder plot by District Attorney Whitman seem to make more probable with every passing hour.

In Terror of the Police.

"Illustrating the belief in the power of the system," which is held in the underworld of New York, Rose, Webber and Vallon, after their confession was made to the grand jury, pleaded with the district attorney not to have them returned to the Tombs.

"If you do," said the three men, "we will be dead before morning."

Whitman apparently believed there was some basis for the fears of the gamblers, for he arranged that they should be held in the city prison instead of the Tombs. He also detailed half a score of his own picked detectives to keep guard over the trio and see that no harm came to them at the hands of those whom he still hopes to arrest and bring to book as the "higher-ups" in the world of graft, who are threatened by the stories of the men which so far have brought only Becker behind the bars.

Informers Cannot Sleep.

All three of the informers were asleep last night and Becker, a fighter of terror, did not sleep an hour. He is still almost hysterical with fear. It is reported today that Webber's wife, warning that the police planned to "railroad" Rose, Webber and Vallon to the electric chair, to save themselves and "the system," persuaded the three men to confess all. It is believed they did so under promise of at least partial immunity.

In addition to Rose's fears for himself he declared to District Attorney Whitman that he did not doubt revenge for his baring of the murder plot might be wreaked on his wife and children.

"I want you not only to see that the wife and kids do not suffer," he told Whitman before he would agree to confess, "but I also want them guarded against death or injury at the hands of those my story will hit."

Gambler's Family Guarded.

Whitman was well satisfied that there was reason for Rose's fears, that he at once detailed four detectives to guard Mrs. Rose and the children. They will be on duty until the case is cleared up, and have orders, in case of any one.

HEAT ENDANGERS LIVES OF ELDERLY PEOPLE

Sickness and Misery Follow Inattention to the Minor Ills.

Older people should be especially careful of their health during the hot months, as high temperature has a peculiarly enervating effect that tends to disarrange the entire digestive system. The slightest indigestion in diet is almost sure to be followed by bowel trouble and indigestion, but if care is taken to keep the bowels open by using a gentle laxative stimulant at the first sign of any irregularity, a great deal of the misery and distress can be avoided.

CORONER'S COURT SCENE AND SOME ACTORS IN THE ROSENTHAL MURDER DRAMA



Above—Dramatic scene in the New York coroner's court during the hearing in the Herman Rosenthal murder case. On the left, "Bridge" Webber (leaning forward), is shown smiling in triumph as the witness, John J. Reiser, broke down before the eyes of the "gun man" and denied his previous testimony. Reiser is shown sitting in the witness stand on the extreme right. The man standing in the center of the picture is District Attorney Whitman. Below, left to right—Harry Vallon, gambler, held for murder; Lieutenant Charles A. Becker, New York police, who was arrested last night; John J. Reiser (John the Barber), who saw "Bridge" Webber running from scene of murder.

attempted to molest the Rose family, to "shoot first and ask questions afterward."

Exactly what stories Rose, Webber and Vallon told to the grand jury after they had opened their hearts to Whitman, is, of course, not fully known. Much of what they said, however, Whitman has revealed. Rose, he admits, gave the most complete story of the killing and the events which preceded it, starting from the days when he first began as "collector" for Becker of gambling graft on the east side.

For weeks, Rose told Whitman and the grand jury, Becker had been "after him" to kill Rosenthal. When the first sign came from the dead gambler, Rose said, that he would no longer submit to the police graft and that he was likely to "squawk," Becker declared that if Rosenthal had "lived too long," and he "put the screws" on himself, Rose, Vallon and Webber to do the trick.

Four Murderers Kiled.

Urged by the fear of being railroaded to Sing Sing, Rose declared he and the two other informers saw "Big Jack" Zeelig, and through him secured the services of the four actual murderers—Harry Harrowitz (Gyp the Blood), Frank Muller (Whitey Lewis), Louis Rosenzweig (Lefty Louie), and "Doc" Frank (Croffey), the gangsters who rode to the Metropole in the mysterious big grey automobile and shot down Rosenthal to cold blood as he came out of the hotel.

Rose swore that just as soon as Rosenthal was murdered, he called Becker on the telephone and told him of the fact, saying:

"My deal, this is awful."

And Rose declared that Becker, over the telephone, replied:

"Oh, don't worry. I will protect you. I will come right down."

Becker Promises Protection.

Rose and Webber both declared that when Becker came down town he stood with them on the street less than two blocks from where Rosenthal fell, and assured them that no trouble would come to them. "Don't worry," they were declared, "I am strong enough to take care of the police."

When Becker was arrested on the grand jury indictment in his police station, he was at once taken before Judge Mifflin, and, on the grand jury indictment, was at once committed to the Tombs.

District Attorney Whitman declared today that the arrest of Becker by no means satisfied him. He declared that all evidence has been uncovered, and that a number of prominent sporting men, several police officers higher than Becker and certain politicians of known power, are involved in the "system" which has long been suspected, but not definitely revealed in the Rosenthal killing.

No Immunity for Guilty.

Whitman issued a statement today warmly defending the rank and file of the New York police department, who he asserted is generally clean of all alliances with the powers that prey. He asserted that in no circumstances would any of the four men who are alleged to have actually fired at Rosenthal be given immunity.

Police Inspector Hughes was advised today that a man arrested at Turnersville, near Syracuse, on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, answers closely the description of Harry Harrowitz (Gyp the Blood), one of the four gangsters alleged to have shot down Rosenthal. An investigation of the suspect's identity is being made.

Mrs. Becker conferred with her husband today. She will stay with friends until the case is finished. She is about to become a mother.

Playground Circus Will Be Given by More Than 300 Children Tomorrow

More than 300 children, representing the eight public playgrounds in Portland, will participate tomorrow afternoon in a playground circus at the Sellwood park playground.

Miss Alice Ryan, supervisor of the Brooklyn playground and director of the circus, promised today that the circus would include everything usually seen in the real thing, even to the clowns and performing animals. Parents who come to view the birds and beasts are advised not to be surprised if they recognize their children as galloping horses or man eating lions.

Young Emperor to Call Parliament

Tokyo, July 31.—Emperor Yoshihito today plans to call an extra session of parliament to outline policies for continuing the modernization of Japan inaugurated by his father, Meiji, who died here early Tuesday morning.

Worried as the result of his vigil at his father's bedside, no elaborate ceremonies are making Yoshihito's accession.

It was announced today that the reign of Yoshihito, Japan's new ruler, would be called "era of Taisho." The late Meiji's reign was called "era of Meiji."

Billiard-Loving Pastor Insists on Resigning

(Special to The Journal.)

Pondicherry, July 30.—By a two to one vote, the congregation of the local Presbyterian church voted against acceptance of the resignation of Pastor Frank J. Milnes last night. Upon being notified of the vote, however, the pastor declined to remain owing to the fact that his views have aroused in the church.

Pastor Milnes is fond of billiards and Sunday evening defended his pastime vigorously, warning the church not to fall behind modern trends of thought. He was also accused of unorthodoxy.

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From the Woman's Home Companion.

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Customer:—Certainly. What would I be doing?

Clerk:—I thought perhaps you might be taking an inventory.

DREDGE CHINOOK TO DIG IN ASTORIA HARBOR

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, July 29.—The Astoria chamber of commerce has been informed by Senator Chamberlain that the dredge Chinook stopped work owing to the unsettled condition of the channel.

It will resume operations when favorable opportunity comes.

New Postoffice in Umatilla.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, July 28.—A postoffice has been ordered established at Edgewood, Umatilla county.

A Wayside Encounter.

From the Kansas City Journal.

"My good man, they need laborers badly in the next town."

"Thanks for the warning, boss. I'll make a detour."

HOUSE LIKELY TO RETURN SENATE BILLS

Washington, July 30.—When the house today resumed consideration of the wool, sugar and excise bills already passed by the senate, it seemed likely that the bills would not meet with further action. Majority Leader Underwood urged that all three measures be returned to the senate without concurrence, objecting to the amendments to the excise bill repealing reciprocity with Canada and establishing a tariff board.

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DEATH OF EMPEROR, LOSS TO UNITED STATES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, July 30.—President Taft motored to the Japanese embassy here today and personally offered the condolence of his country on the death of the late Mikado.

In reply to President Taft's cablegram, the new emperor, Yoshihito, replied:

"I am deeply touched by your sympathetic message, and offer my sincerest thanks."

The dowager empress replied: "Accept my sincere thanks for the heartfelt sympathy so cordially expressed by you and Mrs. Taft on this sorrowful occasion."

MONTANA "BULL MOOSE" CONVENTION HAS ROW

Helena, Mont., July 30.—The third party state convention, which met here yesterday, broke up in a row at the first recess. At later sessions a number of delegates refused to participate. Delegates were present from 27 of the 31 counties of the state. Sixteen delegates were elected to the national progressive convention to be held in Chicago August 6.

Thought It Was an Abbreviation.

From the Popular Magazine.

Cardinal Gibbons was discussing Gilmore and his band.

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