



RUSSIANS ARE EVACUATING WARSAW TO SAVE GREAT ARMY

Fall of City Expected at Any Time; Will be No Great Battle For Its Possession.

GERMAN GRIP WAS TOO FIRM

Grand Duke Nicholas Prepares to Retreat from Polish Capital; All Property of Military Value to Be Destroyed—Citizens Leave City.

LONDON, July 30.—The Russians have begun the evacuation of Warsaw. They are removing public documents and treasures from the city today. Tomorrow it is believed Warsaw will be denuded of government stores. Most of the prominent citizens and their families have left the city. For days trains have been carrying refugees out of Warsaw along the railway lines still open to the east. Grand Duke Nicholas is concentrating the troops for a removal of the soldiers and the evacuation may soon be expected to be complete. With this information as the substance of advices reaching here, London is prepared for the fall of Warsaw anytime. Petrograd dispatches brought reports of measures taken by the Russian press to prepare the people for the surrender of the city. The grip of the Germans about Warsaw proved too firm to break. The Russian lines must be withdrawn and the city abandoned to save the great field army.

Dismantling Fortress.

The work of removing all the heavy guns from the fortress of Novo Gerglewsk, northwest of Warsaw, is being pushed to the utmost. Part of the armament of the fortress will be left intact, until the last moment so as to hold the Germans at bay until the vast Slav army escapes. Preparations are being made everywhere for stubborn rear guard actions to cover the retreat of the main body but a battle for the possession of the city as a whole is generally regarded as at an end. The Russians are preparing to dynamite everything of military value in the fortress and in Warsaw itself as the last bodies of troops retire.

MRS. ROSENTHAL IS UNSERVED BY EXECUTION

NEWARK, N. J., July 30.—Broken in health and spirits and unerved by memories of the execution of Becker, Mrs. Herman Rosenthal went to the cottage of a friend on Long Island that she might escape the attention again directed toward her. The widow of the murdered gambler is penniless.

WAS BECKER GUILTY IS POINT NOW RAISED

OSSINGTON, July 30.—"From your experience with condemned men, isn't your belief the guilty always confess in the last hour?" Father Cashin, chaplain of Sing Sing was asked following the execution of Becker. "Invariably," he replied. "Usually they confess after the sacrament is given. Father Curry said to Becker after the administering of the sacrament: 'Are you guilty by word, deed, or in any manner whatsoever of this crime.' Becker answered: 'Father, as I stand on the brink of my grave, I am not.'"

Two Steamers Sunk.

LONDON, July 30.—The Belgian steamer Prince Albert struck a mine and sank. The crew of twenty five was saved. The trawler Young Percy was submerged but the crew was rescued.

GERMANS SUFFER LOSSES IN CAMPAIGN IN WEST

PARIS, July 30.—Endeavoring to retrieve lost positions in the "Labyrinth" the Germans delivered fierce attacks against the French with hand grenades last night precipitating a bitter engagement of the war office announced. Heavy losses were also suffered by the enemy in the Vosges where an attempt was made to regain lost ground. The Germans were thrown back by a hot cross fire. Artillery duels are in progress about the Oise and Aisne rivers.

BRYAN AT ALBANY—IN PORTLAND TONIGHT

ALBANY, July 30.—Welcomed by a huge throng Bryan arrived at 11 o'clock. A reception committee of one hundred escorted him to a hotel. After dinner he delivered an address at the Chautauqua grounds. He leaves for Portland at 3. Mrs. Bryan did not stop off, continuing on the same train to Portland.

TWO BLUEJACKETS ARE KILLED IN HAITI

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The landing of marines at Port Au Prince following the revolutionary outbreak cost two American lives, two American blue jackets being killed from ambush by snipers Thursday evening. Admiral Caperton reported to the navy department this afternoon. The blue jackets killed were William Gompers of Brooklyn and Carson Whitehurst of Norfolk.

Eggs, Sunny-side Up.

LOS ANGELES, July 30.—Tired travelers who scale Mount Wilson's rugged heights may soon be able to enjoy an egg boiled or a leg of lamb roasted in the sunshine there. Drs. C. G. Abbott, F. E. Fowle and L. B. Aldrich are working on an apparatus designed to concentrate the sun's rays by means of a huge concave mirror. When collected the rays are said to be hot enough to cook anything.

CITY HAS RIGHT TO OPERATE A RAILWAY

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ROSEBURG IN INJUNCTION CASE BROUGHT AGAINST IT.

SALEM, July 30.—The supreme court has upheld the city of Roseburg in the suit to enjoin it from participating in the construction and operation of a railroad. Citizens recently voted three hundred thousand for the purpose.

Ship Went Ashore.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—The steamer Thor went ashore early today off Cape Flattery Wash, and was floated at high tide without serious damage, advices to the chamber of commerce stated.

PROCTOR STATUE IS SOURCE OF BIG INTEREST

The exhibition of A. Phimister Proctor's "Buckaroo" and cowboy head in the Frazier bookstore windows caused many people to stop in admiration last evening and all day today. Perhaps the greatest tribute yet paid the sculptor's latest work are the comments of the cowboys and others familiar with range life, for not one but admits the artist has created a perfect representation of a broncho buster astride an outlaw. Not only is the action of the bucking horse faithfully recorded in the plaster but the form of the rider in the saddle is perfect, according to the cowboys. "He's ridin' her straight up," said one bechopped individual, "and just look at him throw the steel." Besides the two plaster figures, some of the rapid-fire sketches which Mr. Proctor made during the 1914 Round-up and which served as his first study for his "Buckaroo" are shown while above some of his landscape paintings, valued at \$400, are exhibited. While being exhibited and while making his trip across the continent, the plaster of the "Buckaroo" is insured for \$5000. It will go by express tonight for New York where it will be cast into bronze and Mr. Proctor expects to have some of the bronzes here before the 1915 Round-up.

KH Hobcat in Portland.

PORTLAND, July 30.—For the first time in years a huge hobcat has been killed within the city limits. It was shot in the Laurelhurst park district by a citizen.

Club Bid Up Five Cents in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., July 30.—An advance of five cents a bushel in the bid price for club occurred today. Bid prices were club, 90; bluestem 95.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 30.—(Special)

At the close of the market.

July 31: 111; Sept. 110.5 3-4; Dec. 110.7 5-8, bid.

Liverpool.

Wheat—Spot, easy; No. 2 Manitoba, 11s 9 1-2d; No. 3, 11s 7d; No. 1 northern Duluth, 11s 7d; No. 2 hard winter, 11s 7d.

In American terms the Liverpool price is approximately \$1.72 per bushel.

Becker and Death Chair



NO POLITICS IN R. F. D. AFFAIR; AUTOS MAY BE BROUGHT INTO USE

That neither Senator Lane or any other senator or congressman has had anything to do with holding up the establishment of the proposed rural route from Pendleton to McKay creek south and west of town, is stated today by Postmaster T. J. Tweedy.

"From what Inspector Case told me I am convinced the only reason the route is not ordered is because the department is not establishing new routes at this time because it is following a retrenchment policy," says Mr. Tweedy. "I have told this to various parties interested. I don't know that the matter has ever been called to the attention of the senators or of Congressman Sinnott. Those men have little to do with such matters."

For the proposed new route there are 125 signers but this number includes the inmates at the county poor farm. It is possible objection may have been raised on this score, but it is the postmaster's view that economy is the chief reason the route is deferred. He believes the route may be established later.

Autos On Routes.

The most interesting development regarding rural mail delivery just now is the introduction of autos on rural routes. The department has adopted a general policy permitting the use of autos and their use is urged wherever practical. The following is a detailed copy of an order up on the subject.

Office of the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., July 22, 1915. Order No. 9048.

Ford Owners Will Get Heavy Rebate

Between \$5000 and \$15000 will be returned to Umatilla county automobile owners within the near future as a result of the announcement of the Ford Motor Co. that it will rebate all purchasers of Ford cars for the year ending August 1. The exact amount of the rebate has not yet been announced though it is understood it will be \$40, \$50 or \$60 on each car.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.

Russians are evacuating Warsaw. Becker dies protesting his innocence. German spies have forged American passports. Supreme court upholds city of Roseburg in suit.

Local.

Swimming pool to be free to all save on Saturdays and Sundays; rules are adopted. Local Ford owners will get some money back from company. Rev. Cornellson leaves to attend Indian conference in Elyco.

NATATORIUM TO BE FREE SAVE ON SAT AND SUNDAY

Ten Cents Charge to be Made During Two Days of Week to Provide Maintenance Fund.

USE OF TOBACCO BARRED

No Private Parties Will Be Given Exclusive Use of Pool, But Two Afternoons Are Reserved for Women and Children Accompanied by Mothers.

Pendleton's public natatorium will be free to everyone except only on Saturdays and Sundays when a charge of ten cents will be made for all bathers over the age of 12. This was one of the most notable decisions reached last night when the committee in charge adopted the rules and regulations which will govern the pool.

The committee believes it will secure sufficient revenue from this Saturday and Sunday charge, from the rent of suits and towels and from the checking of valuables to maintain the institution. The charge for a suit and towel will be 25 cents and for checking valuables five cents.

The pool will be open every day in the week from 6 a. m. until 10 p. m. save on Mondays and Fridays when it will not open until 10 a. m. From 2 until 5 on Mondays and Thursdays, the pool will be reserved for women and children under ten, accompanied by their mothers. At all other times it will be open to the whole public, the committee deciding against reserving one day for private parties.

Among the things taboo at the pool from now on is the use of tobacco. Heretofore, it has been the custom of some of the men bathers to smoke between swims but in order to preserve a high moral tone and make the environment for the boys and girls as well as the ladies wholesome, the committee decided to prohibit this practice.

Messrs. Tubbs and Thomas, who have charge of the pool, will have police power and will see that the rules and regulations are enforced to the letter. Minor infractions will probably be penalized by expulsion from the natatorium for a stated time but flagrant violations will result in arrests.

The following are the rules and regulations as drawn up by the committee:

- Hours.** 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. every day excepting on Mondays and Fridays when the pool will not be opened until 10 a. m.
- Reservations.** On Mondays and Thursdays the pool will be reserved from 2 to 5 p. m. for women and children under 10, accompanied by their mothers.
- Charges.** On Saturdays and Sundays a charge of 10c will be made for each bather over 12 years of age for the maintenance fund. Free at all other times.
- Suits and Towels.** Will be rented for 25c. No extra charge for checking. Towel only, 5c.
- Checking.** Valuables will be checked at a charge of 5c.
- Prohibited.** Use of tobacco. Profanity. Spitting in pool or on floors. Disorderly conduct. Throwing rubbish into the pool or on the floor. Writing on or defacing property.

GERMAN SPIES HAVE AMERICAN PASSPORTS

COMPLICATIONS MAY ARISE; GERMAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED BY CONFESSIONS.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Forgery of American passports by Germans are imperiling Americans in the allied territory, officials have privately admitted. The state department has considered itself justified in directing Ambassador Gerard to make inquiries of foreign Minister Von Jagow on the subject. The matter is being handled with extreme care to avoid offense, but statements that Germans arrested as spies, asserting they were furnished with forged American passports, are to be called to the attention of the German government.

If confessions of alleged German spies are true, German officialdom is involved. The source of this testimony is regarded as rendering it doubtful. Forged passports, it has been alleged, are furnished spies by superiors in the secret service. Nothing is made public as to the confession between Gerard and Von Bethmann-Hollweg, following the latter's return from the kaiser's headquarters.

BECKER DIES IN CHAIR STILL PROCLAIMING HIS INNOCENCE

In Dying State Police Official Asks Forgiveness for Enemies; Pays Tribute to Wife.

"SACRIFICED FOR FRIENDS"

BECKER'S STATEMENT

OSSINGTON, July 30.—The dying statement of Becker: "My dying declaration gentlemen: I stand before you in my full senses, knowing no power on earth can save me from the grave that is to receive me. In face of that, in the teeth of those who condemned me, in the presence of my God and your God, I proclaim my absolute innocence of the foul crime for which I must die. You now are about to witness my destruction by the state which is organized to protect the lives of the innocent. May Almighty God pardon everyone who contributed in any degree to my untimely death. And now, on the brink of my grave, I declare to the world I am proud to have been the husband of the purest, noblest woman that ever lived, Helen Becker. This acknowledgement is the only legacy I can leave her. I bid you all goodbye, Father, I am ready to go. Amen."

HISTORY OF BECKER CASE, 1912.

- July 11—Herman Rosenthal, the gambler accused Becker publicly of grafting.
- July 15—Rosenthal shot to death as he stepped from the door of the Metropole Hotel in West Forty-third street, shortly before 3 o'clock in the morning.
- July 23—Becker indicted.
- "Bald Jack" Rose, "Bridgie" Weber and Harry Valton confess.
- August 20—"Gyp the Blood" Horowitz, "Lesty Louis" Rosenberg, "Dago Frank" Cirofici, "Whitey" Lewis, "Jack" Sullivan, and William Shapiro indicted for murder.
- October—"Big Jack" Zell, alleged to have hired the gunmen who murdered Rosenthal, shot to death in Second avenue.
- Oct. 7—Becker's trial begins before Justice Goff in supreme court.
- October 24—Becker convicted of murder in the first degree.
- October 30—Becker sentenced to die in Sing Sing's electric chair during week of December 9.
- November 18—"Gyp the Blood," "Lefty Louis," "Dago Frank" and "Whitey Lewis" convicted of murder in first degree and sentenced to be electrocuted.
- December 1—Becker's case appealed, the appeal acting as a stay of execution.
- 1914.
- February 21—Court of appeals set aside verdict on Becker and ordered a new trial. Affirmed verdict in others.
- April 13—Four gunmen electrocuted at Sing Sing prison.
- May 6—Becker's new trial begins.
- May 22—Becker again convicted of murder in the first degree.
- May 23—Becker again sentenced to die in electric chair.
- 1915.
- May 25—Court of appeals affirms Becker's second conviction.
- June 18—Court of appeals denies motion to reargue appeal.
- July 25—Judge Ford denies motion for new trial.
- July 30—Becker is electrocuted.

first shock of death. Before stepping to the death chamber, Becker turned to Father Curry, his religious adviser, and said: "I am not guilty by deed, conspiracy or in any other way for Rosenthal's death. I'm being sacrificed for my friends." Previously in a "dying declaration" Becker passionately reiterated his innocence and left as his only legacy to his wife this acknowledgement: "I declare to the world I'm proud to have been the husband of the purest, noblest woman that ever lived—Helen Becker."

Becker "died game." He walked unshaken to the death chamber. He made no statement in the chamber. He helped tighten the straps which were to hold the body as it was shocked into eternity. Father Cashin and Father Curry constantly intoned prayers and Becker's lips constantly reiterated the words "Jesus have mercy." These were his last words.

Over and over he said them, even as his face was covered and voice smothered by the adjustment of head and face pieces. At 5:40 all the witnesses were seated in the death chamber. Absolute quiet prevailed. The guard retired. Suddenly the "little green door" swung open. Becker immediately appeared. His face was solemn, but his eyes were clear and unflinching. It was not with an air of bravado Becker stood alone there in the doorway. But no hand aided his step. No guard watched him, for fear he would collapse. The low voices of the priests and Becker's own whispered exhortations echoed throughout the chamber. Becker carried a black crucifix in his left hand. As he calmly sat back in the chair he raised the crucifix to his lips. Father Curry and Father Cashin intoned: "Oh, Lord, assist me in my last agony. I give you my heart and my soul." Meantime the guards worked swiftly, and deftly. It took but a few seconds to adjust the straps. The condemned man wore the prescribed black trousers and a loose black shirt open at the throat. They gave him more the appearance of a workman than of a belted, buckled police lieutenant familiar to the public. The official executioner in full view of the witnesses, calmly shut the switch. As the powerful current shot through the frame the body shot straight out, tugging at the creaking straps. Three shocks were administered before Doctor Farr, the prison physician, announced loudly: "I pronounce this man dead."

OSSINGTON, N. Y., July 30.—Charles Becker's three-year fight for life, which ended today when the big steel lever in Sing Sing's execution chamber crashed on the current that drove the life from his body, was the most bitterly fought in New York court annals.

Twice had the convicted lieutenant had his hopes raised only to see them tumble about his ears. Since June 15, this year, however, when the court of appeals that once had saved him from the chair, refused to grant a motion to reargue the appeal, he had been rather resigned to his fate, although he possessed hope to the end.

It was exactly three years ago that gambler Herman Rosenthal made the utterances that sealed his fate—when he first publicly accused Becker of being a grafter. Rosenthal, in a published statement, swore that Becker was his partner in the Forty-fifth street gambling house. The police lieutenant, he said, had invested \$1500 with him. Amplification of these charges followed daily from then until June 14 when Rosenthal made an affidavit of his charges, which was published in New York newspapers. The next day he agreed to go before the grand jury the following day and tell what he knew of New York's police graft.

Shortly after midnight of the 16th Rosenthal was eating a late supper in the grill room of the Hotel Metropole in Forty-third street, just off Broadway. A young man, whose identity was never clearly established, appeared at the door and established himself as much to District Attorney Whitman when he made his affidavit, but he rose from the table and went out the door.

As he stepped from the door into the street, his frame alighted against the brilliantly lighted hotel interior, four men standing on the curb, fired simultaneously and the gambler dropped to the sidewalk. His death was instantaneous.

The murderers ran across the street, jumped into a long grey car, the engine of which was running, and were whirled away while the crowd as gasping. Everything was confusion, but a citizen glimpsed the number on the car in the melee, and it is on this thread that District Attorney Whitman built the case that he sent five men to their death.

The next day, vigorously prodded by the New York papers, the police arrested Willie Shapiro and a man named Libby, owners of the car.

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