

BECKER AGAIN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

JURY REACHES GUILTY VERDICT IN FOUR HOURS

Former Police Lieutenant for Second Time Convicted of Instigating the Murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal—Took Court Three Hours to Deliver Charge.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Charles Becker was today found guilty of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal. The jury reached a verdict in four hours and four minutes. They asked for no instructions and reached an agreement without leaving the jury room.

When the jury entered the room the foreman, F. Meredith Blagden, was in tears. After Becker had been brought in, Clerk Penny requested the jury to arise. When Blagden was asked whether a verdict had been reached, he brushed the tears away with a handkerchief and answered: "We have. We find the defendant guilty as charged."

Pales Hearing Verdict
Becker, his hands grasping the rail in front of him, paled as the foreman spoke and swayed for a moment as if about to swoon, but immediately straightened and remained rigid while each juror confirmed the verdict.

Court officers and reporters were the only persons in the room besides the judge, the defendant and the lawyers. Mrs. Becker was not present. News of the verdict was carried to her in the office of the sheriff close to the courtroom.

Becker was brought from the presence of his wife into the courtroom to hear the verdict. His counsel asked for and received one week in which to make motions. Becker was remanded to the Tombs until May 29. He was taken from the courtroom to his cell.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The case of Charles Becker, on trial for the second time for instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was given to the jury soon after noon. Supreme Court Justice Seabury had been nearly three hours in delivering his charge.

"This defendant," began Justice Seabury, in charging the jury, "is charged with murder in the first degree. The people do not claim he fired the shot that killed Rosenthal. But they charge him with procuring the commission of the crime."

Charge by Judge Seabury
"If this defendant, as a lieutenant of police, had a murder done, justice demands he be convicted and punished by being sentenced to death. But he must be proved guilty beyond reasonable doubt."

Justice Seabury read the jury several statutes dealing with the crime of murder, to show that in law a man who procured or aided in the commission of murder is to be considered a principal.

"If this defendant," he went on, "either directly or indirectly procured the murder of Herman Rosenthal, he is guilty as charged."

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MELLEN LIED TO SHIELD MORGAN FROM PUBLICITY

Politicians Forced Tribute — Over 1000 Newspapers Subsidized—Prayer From the People to Legislature Paid For by New Haven—Story of Indictment.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, concluded his testimony before the inter-state commerce commission at 10:20 today after four days and a half of interrogation concerning the New Haven's financial affairs.

Mr. Mellen expressed his opinion of the "political bosses," early in the day. Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel for the commission asked Mr. Mellen about the purchase of the Tarrytown, White Plains and Mamaroneck railway, an electric line, which the New Haven bought at auction for nearly \$1,000,000.

"Who bid against you?" asked Mr. Folk. "The Third Avenue organization committee of New York."

Political Bosses Bidders
Mr. Mellen intimated the people who objected to New Haven's purchase were the political bosses. "They usually are on hand," he said. "I haven't had much experience with them. I had my experience with them in the West Chester transaction. That was enough."

Mr. Mellen testified the New Haven's entry into the lighting business was due to its leasing the Connecticut railroad and lighting company. The par value of the Waterbury gas stock was \$25.

Mr. Folk interrogated Mr. Mellen concerning the acquisition of the Worcester Railway and Investment company. He asked why William A. Read and company of New York got \$10, more a share than had been paid to others.

"That was a hold up," answered Mr. Mellen, adding, "An intimation came to me that if we wanted legislation it would be a good idea to trade for stock."

"Was this in writing?" "These things never come in writing, but they reach the spot nevertheless."

Thankful for Omissions
Mr. Mellen, repeating previous testimony given by him regarding the payment of \$140,000 in commissions to S. F. Kelly, was asked by Mr. Folk:

"Have you told us everything about this transaction?" "Well, after I go to bed at night, since I have been testifying, I think of things that might have been brought out and I turn over and congratulate myself that they were not."

In efforts to get control of the Worcester street railway, it was necessary for the New Haven to have a bill passed by the Massachusetts legislature.

"Finally we got our bill passed through the legislature by the uprising of the body politic in our favor," said Mr. Mellen.

HUNDREDS KILLED AND INJURED BY EARTHQUAKE AND ERUPTION OF MOUNT ETNA



The whole of the smiling countryside between Mount Etna and the Gulf of Catania, in Sicily, has been devastated by a terrible earthquake, which reduced a dozen villages to ruins and caused a number of deaths, which the first official reports estimated at 100, with 350 injured. It is believed that a greater catastrophe was prevented by the fact that the final severe shock of earthquake had been preceded by sixty others and many of the population had abandoned their houses and fled into the open country.

Railroad tracks were torn up, churches razed to the ground, houses shaken to ruin and telegraph poles overturned within a radius of several miles of Catania, at the foot of Mount Etna, which displayed a very active mood.

MEDIATORS HEAR WILSON'S SIDE OF MEXICAN CRISIS

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 22.—The question of allowing the constitutionalists to participate in the mediation was discussed at a conference between the American commissioners and the three South American mediators.

The conference lasted nearly an hour, but the talk, questioners were assured, was "of a confidential nature." The American commissioners, it was understood, presented the viewpoint of President Wilson as given them in dispatches sent after today's cabinet meeting.

It was also understood no definite answer was given by the mediators to the Americans and that no answer would be given until after the mediators had discussed the subject further with the Mexican delegates, who were to be accorded an audience after the Americans had been heard.

STAGNANT DAY IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, May 22.—The stock market closed firm today. Following their opening it soon became so stagnant that it failed to exercise the slightest influence in either direction. Sales amounted to less than 8000 shares.

WHITE STAR LINER BALTIC COLLIDES WITH CLARRIE

LIVERPOOL, May 22.—The White Star liner Baltic, which sailed yesterday for New York, collided with the steamer Clarrie off Holyhead. The Baltic did not suffer any damage and proceeded. The Clarrie was only slightly damaged.

BUD STILL THINKS CAN COME BACK AGAINST CROSS

The two decisive defeats Bud Anderson underwent at the artistic hands of Leach Cross did not entirely eradicate the notion from his system that he can whip the Hebrew, according to letters received in this city from the former Pride of Medford, who is in Vancouver, B. C., training for a return match with Frank Barribeau, May 25.

"They want to bring Cross up from Los Angeles for me to fight if I beat Barribeau," writes Bud. "They will have a chance to bring him up, for I can beat Barribeau within the limit, and nothing would please me any more than another crack at Leach. I will weigh in at 145 pounds, am feeling fine and expect to win in short order."

The latter part of June Bud and his mother are going to Los Angeles, and Medford friends see in this the beginning of a reunion with his old manager, Dick Donald. Bud will trade his 1913 Buick for a 1914 model and make the return trip by way of Crater Lake, spending the summer season in this city.

SENATOR BRADLEY RAPIDLY SINKING

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Senator Bradley of Kentucky is in a critical condition in his apartments here, according to physicians in attendance. The senator, who is 67 years of age, has been in poor health for several months and his illness was aggravated early this month by severe injuries sustained in a fall near the capitol.

WEST PROMISES PARDONS TO SEVEN PORTLAND MEN

SALEM, Ore., May 22.—Denouncing the indictment of T. Scott Brooke, J. C. Beck, E. T. Ames, E. Henry Wenme, T. Lintbicum, H. W. Pferong and J. A. Johnson, Portland business men, Governor Oswald West, in a formal statement to the press today, declared that if they were convicted he would pardon them.

The men were indicted by a Multnomah county grand jury a few days ago for the alleged criminal libel of George Heusner by means of cartoons at the time that Heusner sought to obtain a Portland street railway franchise. The governor, in his statement accused T. A. Ketchum the jury foreman, of having close relations with Heusner. "I look upon the indictments as most damnable," he said.

GANGPLANK FALLS; TWENTY PERSONS FALL INTO HUDSON

NEW YORK, May 22.—A gangplank leading to the Scandinavian-American line steamer Frederick VIII gave way today just before the vessel sailed from Hoboken and more than twenty persons, men, women and children, fell into the Hudson river. Many were rescued, but three are missing. They are: Mrs. J. W. Edwards of New York City and her 3-year-old daughter, Mary, and Oscar Feltshen, a 4-year-old boy from Astoria, L. I. Several persons were badly injured and were rushed to hospitals.

Every available ambulance in Hoboken was hurried to the scene. Estimates varied as to the number of persons who were thrown into the water. Some ran as high as fifty. Only quick work by the steamship's crew and by dock laborers with ropes and ladders prevented larger loss of life.

CHAMBERLAIN OF OREGON SPEAKS ON CANAL TOLLS

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, one of the most active democratic opponents of the bill to repeal the toll exemption provision of the Panama canal act, declared in the senate today: "The same insidious influences," that had been exerted for repeal would soon be "industriously at work cultivating a stronger sentiment in favor of opening the canal to railroad-owned ships."

He declared the trans-continental railroads had fought the construction of the canal and no wrought to have the toll exemption law repealed. The Oregon senator insisted the Baltimore platform bound the democrats to support the exemption.

The senator contended that the exemption was not a violation of the treaty.

DEFICIENCY BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, May 22.—An urgent deficiency bill carrying an appropriation of \$6,300,000 and including many items covering the expenses of the troops in Mexico, was passed by the senate today. The measure passed the house yesterday.

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SUFFRAGETTES HARANGUE KING, CUT PICTURES

King George and Queen Mary Are Forced to Listen to Militant Speeches—Valuable Art Treasures Smashed by "Wild Women" of Union.

LONDON, May 22.—King George and Queen Mary were compelled to listen today to the harangue of a militant suffragette while they were attending a matinee at His Majesty's theater. A woman rose in the stalls and began to address the king: "You Russian czar," she shrieked.

The attendants quickly rushed in and tried to get her out, but found she was chained to the seat. They had to file a link before she could be removed.

Shouting at Majesty
While this was in progress half a dozen women in different parts of the theater started shouting at his majesty. One of them jumped on the stage and commenced a speech. When she had been thrown out, others began.

Eventually all the disturbers were ejected. The police had a difficult struggle to save the disturbers from rough handling by the crowd. The "wild women" of the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant suffragettes' organization, continued today their terrorizing tactics by making two separate attacks on national art treasures.

Attack Art Treasures
The turmoil of the battle in the vicinity of Buckingham Palace, where a column of determined women yesterday attempted to reach the king with a petition, had barely subsided when early this morning a woman armed with a loaded cane ruined five masterpieces in the national gallery.

Almost simultaneously another woman wrecked a picture hanging in the Royal Academy of Art. Both women were arrested.

A little later the magistrate before whom were brought the fifty-seven women arrested in connection with yesterday's disturbances, was compelled to suspend the proceedings because the accused created such a din that nothing could be heard.

Pictures Destroyed
The pictures damaged at the national gallery were a "Madonna and Child with Infant Saints," a "Portrait of Girolamo Malatini," "Saints John and Christopher and the Dove," a landscape with the death of Saint Peter, and "Christ's Agony in the Garden of Eden." The painting gashed at the Royal Academy was "Primavera," by George Clausen.

The academy was filled with a fashionable throng when a woman drew a butcher's cleaver and dashed at the picture. Attendants at once seized her and it was only the presence of the police which prevented her from being roughly handled by the spectators.

Both women refused to give their names. The national gallery vandal left a trail of blood behind her from cuts from broken glass. The national gallery was immediately closed and all the students turned out.

INVITE REBELS TO MEDIATION MEET

WASHINGTON, May 22.—In circles close to the Mexican constitutionalists here it was definitely expected today that within twenty-four hours a renewed invitation would be extended to the constitutionalists to be represented at the Niagara Falls mediation conference. Whether General Carranza would accept the invitation was not known, but it was positively asserted that should he do so it would be without declaring an armistice or agreeing to check his campaign against Huerta's forces.

SILLIMAN SAFE IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Mex., May 22.—Vice-Consul John R. Silliman arrived in the federal capital this morning from Saltillo and was taken to the Brazilian legation.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Late today the Brazilian minister in Mexico City notified the state department that Vice-Consul Silliman had arrived here this morning with the British consul and was in the Brazilian legation.

The message added that Silliman would leave tomorrow for the States by way of Vera Cruz.

INTERSTATE TRADE BILL AGREED UPON

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The interstate trade bill, the first measure on the administration anti-trust program, was agreed on late today by the house in committee of the whole, and set aside for final passage in the house after the other two anti-trust bills are ready for passage.