

MELLEN SHOULDERS THE BLAME TO SHIELD MORGAN

Continued from page 1. The crowded court room listened with intense interest as this closing testimony was given.

"What part, can you tell, if you know?" asked Mr. Folk. "I did not know that Mr. Morgan knew there was negotiation on until he came into my office when I had an appointment with Mr. Smithers and Mr. Chamberlain, and that he thought they ought to do in order to have peace between the New Haven and the Grand Trunk interests."

"This negotiation, he said, was with Mr. Smithers' predecessor, Sir Charles Wilson. He thought it was a great mistake that they had not kept faith with him, and he was quite emphatic in thinking they had not done as they should do—did not keep faith with him. And he told them that they should give up the New Haven road, and that he would ever remain in permanent peace between the two properties. Then he retired from the room. I think Mr. E. C. Smith was present during part of that interview."

"Mr. Morgan retired and left Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Smithers myself to continue the conference. I told Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Smithers that we would continue the conference on the basis that they should give no further attention to the question of surrendering the New London Northern road; they might do so as they pleased with me, but I did not care. The worst punishment I wished to see inflicted upon them was the completion of their line in permanent peace between the two properties. In the situation to warrant taking a traffic agreement with us for the interchange of business for the joint use of the lines along the Connecticut River between Windsor and White River Junction, and between Windsor and Brattleboro—and we had nearly completed our own line between Brattleboro and South Vernon—that I was glad to do it."

"I was asked to put my views in the form of a proposition, or in the form of a letter, and I did so. It was submitted to them, and within a week the grand jury proceedings commenced in New York and I was indicted."

"Did you write a letter to the district attorney taking the responsibility of what I did?" asked Mr. Folk. "I did, and I did it for the sole purpose of shielding Mr. Morgan."

"At whose instance did you write the letter?" asked Mr. Folk. "I wrote that letter at the instance of Mr. Lewis C. Leyard and Mr. Edward D. Robbins."

"Who dictated it?" asked Mr. Folk. "I dictated a letter, which was redrafted by Mr. Robbins and corrected by Mr. Leyard. I signed it in my presence and sent it to the United States district attorney, and I nearly killed everybody in the office to keep Mr. Morgan's name out of what was written."

"Out of the whole proceeding, did Mr. Morgan have subpoenaed in that matter?" asked Mr. Folk. "I have learned through my counsel—I did not know it at the time—that he was subpoenaed and his subpoena was quashed, or nolle, whatever your legal term is for that action."

"Did you have any conversation with the present director of the road, Mr. J. P. Morgan, Jr.?" queried Mr. Folk. "The present director?" "Yes, sir."

"At the time Mr. Morgan called upon me and thought the change in the presidency was desirable, I called his attention to the fact that I had been suffering under the humiliation of an undeserved indictment, which he seemed quite affected; he turned to the window to compose his feelings, and returned to the conversation with the remark that his father's condition of health at that time was such that it undoubtedly would have killed him if he had been indicted. That was the condition I understood he was in when I took the responsibility upon myself and took the indictment that belonged to him."

"Where did you meet Mr. Leyard and Mr. Robbins when that letter was framed?" "In my office in New York."

"Did they make an appointment to meet you there?" "I think there was an appointment. I think the other matter that was discussed at that time was the employment of special outside counsel for my defense, and that was the way Mr. Crim came into the case. I may be wrong. It may have been a day or two afterward."

SECOND TRIAL OF BECKER ENDS IN MURDER VERDICT

Continued from page 1. Becker's counsel announced that he would appeal, and gained a week's stay for the preparation of his future case. Becker was granted a short meeting with his wife and his brothers, and then taken back to his cell in the morning.

Becker and his wife were talking shortly before five o'clock in a room adjoining the sheriff's office when a court attendant from the judge's chambers announced that the jury had reached a verdict. Mr. Becker was not permitted to accompany her husband to the court room. Newspapermen, court attendants, counsel for the defense and District Attorney Whitman and his staff were the only other persons allowed admission. The defendant's two brothers, Jackson and Becker, the latter a detective lieutenant, hurried to a side entrance, where they stood awaiting the verdict. All other doors to the court were locked.

Hopeful to the Last Minute. When the little group in the court room had found seats a door at the back was opened and the jury, the twelve men who alone knew Becker's fate, filed silently in, with Foreman F. M. Blagdon at their head. All twelve faces were expressionless. Justice Seabury mounted the bench. He glanced quickly at the faces of the jurors but he learned nothing there.

Becker, in the room overhead, was still talking to his wife when Justice Seabury took his seat. Clerk Penny called "Charles Becker to the bar," and a balliff was sent for the defendant. Becker kissed his wife and left her.

"It's all right," he told her. "Don't worry; they will free me. The jury has passed through but a minute before. He walked briskly to the rail, facing Justice Seabury and gripped it with both hands. Clerk Penny asked the jury to rise and reach their verdicts. Blagdon, a young man, blond and slim, brushed his eyes with a handkerchief, already damp. He said softly, "We find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree."

Becker's face was grey as he gripped the bar in front of him with all his strength. The big muscles in his neck jumped out in heavy rolls. The veins at his temples swelled. His great frame swayed and drooped; then with quick control he became himself again and answered the questions put to him.

Justice Seabury then thanked each of the jury for his services and they left the room. Mantou, told by the court he would be granted a reasonable time in which to make any objections he deemed advisable, asked for one week and received it.

"Charles Becker, you are remanded to the Tombs prison until May 29," the court announced. The whole proceedings from the time Becker was pronounced guilty until a recess was declared occupied scarcely four minutes.

Wife Collapses on Hearing the News. In the meanwhile, Jackson and John Becker, standing at the door to the court room had heard the verdict. Jackson sank into a court attendant's chair and buried his face in his hands. Mrs. Becker's brother, John Lynch, and John Becker, both of them doers, hearing their grief, hurried to the room where Becker's wife was waiting. Everybody in the building and even a crowd in the street outside knew that Becker had been found guilty. A balliff had shouted the news across the rotunda of the court house. But Mrs. Becker, sitting behind closed doors, did not know it until John Becker entered the room. He did not say a word to her then. He did not have to. His face showed what had happened. His shoulders were bent and shaking. Lynch begged his sister to be calm, but that did no good. She collapsed completely and was still sobbing when her husband was led into the room. She threw her arms around his neck and buried her face on his shoulder. "Oh," she cried, "I'm so sorry, so sorry, I didn't expect it."

Becker stood looking down at her as she wept. Handcuffs were then locked around his wrists; he was taken from the room and around the middle door to the other side of the building, across the Bridge of Signs and into the Tombs.

Becker's Counsel to Prepare an Appeal. Immediately after court adjourned Mr. Mantou said: "I fail to see how the jury managed to convict Becker in view of the conflicting evidence that was presented by the witnesses of the state and the testimony that our witness gave, however, it has been done. I will immediately set to work to prepare an appeal. We will fight and fight hard to have Becker cleared of this charge."

District Attorney Whitman expressed himself as highly gratified with the verdict. "It speaks for itself," he said. "Becker is guilty. It was proved. He must pay the penalty of his crime."

SIR JAMES WHITNEY DENIES THE REPORT Won't Contest Toronto Riding So Long as Electors of Dundas are Satisfied With Him.

Toronto, May 22.—Sir James Whitney in an interview today gave an emphatic denial to a report that he would at the next provincial election contest one of the Toronto ridings. So long as the electors of Dundas would return him that would be his constituents, said the premier.

Five adjoining buildings were badly damaged.

HON. MR. HAZEN SCORES EX-MINISTER

Continued from page one. This ally was loudly cheered by the government supporters and Mr. Pugsley looked less smiling than usual.

Finding himself bested Mr. Pugsley made another effort to get an advantage but found that he had caught a tartar instead. With a bland air he disclaimed any intention of being offensive and claimed that all the government had done in St. John was to continue work started by its predecessors.

Although nothing he had said had anything to do with dry dock subsidies, he went on to discuss the withdrawal of the Embayes and Allan lines from St. John and alleged that Mr. Hazen was a consenting party to what he called an outrage against St. John.

Hon. Mr. Hazen stated that Mr. Pugsley's remarks had no reference whatever to the dry dock question and that he was no more unfair opponent than that gentleman. He was strong on promises and weak on fulfillment. Mr. Pugsley should be the last man to blame the government for the Gutelius-Bosworth agreement.

At the opening of the Intercollegiate, Hon. Mr. Hazen declared that the government had agreed to refer that contract to the railway commission and although Mr. Pugsley was counsel for the St. John Board of Trade he had yet taken any action to bring the case to a hearing.

This completely settled Mr. Pugsley and he made a hat-headed remark that the government had not acted in the case. But Mr. Hazen kept after him and pursuing the advantage he had gained reminded Mr. Pugsley that the initiative rested with the St. John Board of Trade and that as Mr. Pugsley was counsel for the Board he was responsible.

Ottawa, May 22.—The proposal of the government to increase the percentage subsidy to dry docks was the principal subject of discussion in the House during the morning and afternoon sittings. It incidentally brought the recent rivalry between Halifax and St. John respecting the selection of a winter port for the Canadian Pacific and the St. John Valley Railway bill was given a third reading.

Sig Wilfrid Laurier asked that the order-in-council in regard to the naval reserve should be laid on the table of the House. The Premier replied that he would do so.

In reply to Mr. Kye of Richmond, Hon. Dr. Reid said that survey parties had been sent to the coast of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to make any objections he deemed advisable, asked for one week and received it.

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PERSONAL. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Spencer are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son at their residence, Onanette, on the 22nd inst.

H. C. Green left last evening for Regina to attend the Grand Lodge of British North America sessions. He has gone as a representative of the great Ridout of the Moncton police force, who was in the city yesterday, returned home last evening on the Halifax train.

Commissioner Wigmore and Mrs. Wigmore will leave this morning for Wolfville, where they will attend the closing of the Acadia institutions.

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