

"VICTIM OF PLOT" IS THE DREADNOUGHT THE LAST WORD IN DEFENCE?

BECKER'S DEFENSE Will Plead That New York Gamblers Killed Rosenthal

Made Police Lieutenant a Scapegoat Out of Revenge For His Raids--Republican Leader to Testify That Accused Official's Big Bank Deposits Were the Result of Successful Speculation in Wall Street.

New York, Aug. 27.—John P. McIntyre, counsel for Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, indicted for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, today obtained a writ of habeas corpus for Becker by serving the writ on the district attorney's office. The writ was served this morning on Assistant District Attorney Ruben and John Mulvey, who were present at the hearing. Becker was to have been arraigned today for pleading, but his counsel obtained an adjournment until today. Today Becker did not appear in court. Mr. McIntyre obtained the writ on the ground that he needed more time to make an motion he might deem necessary.

"Victim of Plot"
Becker's lawyer, it is learned, expects to show that he was the victim of a gambler's plot, headed by "Bald Jack" Rose, and the men who have supported Rose's "confession." Rose and these men, counsel will assert, all have testimony to offer to seek revenge on Becker for his activities against them. It will be alleged further by counsel that a plot to murder Rosenthal was conceived three months before he was actually killed, but the plan was abandoned at the instance of certain East Side gamblers. It will be contended that Rosenthal was offered \$10,000 to go to Canada, but that when he demanded \$2,000 it was decided to make away with him.

James F. March, Republican leader in the third assembly district, announced today that he would appear as witness for the defence in the trial of Lieutenant Charles Becker. March says that he has to do with the bank accounts of Becker which, according to March, were made in speculation in Wall Street. The politician says that he has the power to prove that Becker made his money in this way and not, as has been charged, by blackmailing disorderly houses and gambling resorts. March says that he and Becker were together in the Wall Street ventures. He put up the capital for all of them, he said, but Becker shared in the gains.

Evidence is expected to be presented to show that it was in the execution of the plan that one of the gangsters who had been secured to take part in the kidnapping plot matters into his own hands, told his pals he was going to "put the sucker" anyway, and was the man who actually shot Rosenthal. Rosenthal appeared in front of the Hotel Metropole in the early morning of July 11.

Sullivan (Jacob Reich) is said to have recently come into possession of some important and sensational documents evidence bearing upon Becker's defence. Sullivan, though charged as an accomplice, may be a witness for Becker. It was said, as the defence expects to be able to corroborate his testimony by other witnesses. Sullivan is expected to testify that he merely acted as a stool pigeon for Becker, and to discredit parts of "Bald Jack" Rose's story which implicates Becker in the murder of Rosenthal.

Why Becker is Silent.
Explaining why counsel had had nothing to say for Becker to the public in the face of the accumulating charges which have been made against him during the developments of the case, Becker's lawyer today said that the subject of graft had overshadowed the real issue of homicide in the case. It was made plain that the defence was against a charge of murder, and that Becker's lawyers were not retained to defend him against allegations of extortion or graft, of which he had not yet been officially charged.

What Becker may know or later divulge in regard to the police graft from gambling and disorderly houses is of little concern to his lawyers at the present time, it is said. They had been retained solely to defend him on the charge of murder and were devoting all their efforts to that end. It was pointed out that the defence of Becker on the charge of murder, "like any other citizen charged with crime, and it entitled to the presumption of innocence until found guilty by a fair and impartial jury of his peers."

There has been no call to speak for Becker, as any explanation to the charges material to the issue in the case would be on a dead case. The real issue involved in the charge that he was the instigator of the murder of Rosenthal has been bogged in the public mind by the irrelevant blinding of police graft that have been made indiscriminately.

Revenge on Becker
"We expect to prove that some of the best and honest members of the gambling fraternity have lauded the efforts to drag Becker, who has been their worst enemy, into the mire of a foul murder plot, which was conceived and executed by these same men in spirit of the hatred and revenge on this man Rosenthal, who threatened the structure of their craft by the means through an inordinate ambition to act as informer and boss of power and influence with the police which he never had."

It may be that these men did not intend to murder Rosenthal at the time in the dramatic fiction in which he was killed, but their plotting to get him before the reach of the authorities led to the crime, nevertheless, it was said. The matter of Becker's bank accounts which have been uncovered by District Attorney Whitman would be satisfactorily explained at this trial, it was said, as pointed out by one of the accounts on

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SHOULD WAIT FOR BORDEN'S POLICY

F. E. Smith, Unionist M. P., at Winnipeg, Says Speculation About Form of Canada's Contribution to Naval Defence Should Wait Till Premier Makes Up His Mind.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27.—"The question of the Canadian contribution to the navy is a very delicate one," said F. E. Smith, K. C., M. P., the young Unionist leader today. "I personally think that no English public man is entitled to express his opinion openly until the premier of Canada has made up his mind as to the form of contribution that the Canadian and home government are prepared to make. It is for Mr. Borden on behalf of the whole of the Canadian community to announce what are his intentions and to let the public know what he has to anticipate. I might say, however, without indiscretion that the general tendency of Mr. Borden's views has been received with gratitude by all parties in England. No proposal has so touched the imagination of the people in regard to the imperial conception since Canadian cooperation in the South African war."

NEW YORK WILL HAVE 730,000 IN THE SCHOOLS

But 85,000 Can Attend Only Part Time for Want of Room—Fifteen New Buildings Under Way, With Manv Additions.

New York, Aug. 27.—Two weeks from yesterday the public schools of New York city will open with the largest enrollment in their history, and in spite of the fact that appropriations were made for the construction of a score of new buildings there will be a larger number of pupils on part time than ever before. It is believed that after the three days of registration next week there will be approximately 730,000 children enrolled. About 85,000 of these will be short-day students. This will be an increase of 18,000 for the short time pupils compared with last year, and their number is growing constantly because the board of education never has been able to induce the city to appropriate a sufficient amount for new schools to keep up with the increasing number of children. Fifteen new buildings and as many additions to present school houses were designed with the budget for this year, but practically none of them will be ready for the start begins on Sept. 2. The greatest disappointment probably of all will be in the failure to complete the Washington Irving High School, at Irving place and Sixteenth street, to which more than 4,000 girls have been looking forward with the greatest expectancy. The building, which will cost \$2,000,000, is to be the largest of its kind in the world, even greater than the De Witt Clinton High

WE WERE HERE FIRST FOR A SINGLE TAX

Able Papers Read at Convention of Union of Municipalities

Vancouver and Edmonton Tell of Benefits of Not Taxing Improvements--Discussion Shows Eastern Delegates Are Opposed to Assessing Land Values Only--Every Province in Canada, But P. E. Island, Represented.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 27.—The Mayor of Halifax (N. S.), shook hands with the Mayor of Victoria (B. C.), in Windsor this afternoon and greetings were exchanged by scores of mayors and prominent civic officials from other cities, between the two extreme points of the dominion who are gathered in Windsor for the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Union Canadian Municipalities.

Many of the delegates will not register until the afternoon, more than 100,000 on the opening day was sufficient to indicate that the convention in Windsor is to be one of the largest ever held and the means of the city. With the exception of Prince Edward Island, every province of the dominion is represented and among the delegates are some of the most prominent figures in municipal affairs in Canada.

LONDON TIMES ON THE PANAMA CANAL

The Panama Canal bill is not yet law. It has to pass the House of Representatives as amended by the senate, and it has to receive the signature of President Taft, while even should it immediately become law a year or two must elapse before it can take effect in practice. We shall therefore have time to consider what course it will be desirable and necessary for the British government to take, should it be placed upon the statutebook in its present shape, or in any shape equally injurious to British interests, and to what the whole nation, supported by a large and authoritative body of American opinion, hold with out hesitation to be British Treaty rights. Unfortunately our Washington correspondent does not afford us much ground for hope that the objectionable provisions of the amended bill will either be rejected or modified by the house, and the measure will be voted by the president. He tells us plainly that the house will probably adopt the bill as sent down without substantial alterations, and that Mr. Taft is believed to have signified his readiness to sign it in its present form. The summary which he gives of the main provisions of the measure affecting British and Canadian interests would seem very fully to bear out his statement, that the protest made by our government against the bill, could not have been more completely ignored. The bill on its face creates a system of such distinct indignities, as it seems to us, from a system of discrimination against foreign shipping using the canal, that it is not possible to see how it can be justified. The payment of dues, first, all American coastwise shipping, and next, upon certain terms, all American deep-sea shipping, and that Mr. Taft is believed to have signified his readiness to sign it in its present form. The summary which he gives of the main provisions of the measure affecting British and Canadian interests would seem very fully to bear out his statement, that the protest made by our government against the bill, could not have been more completely ignored. The bill on its face creates a system of such distinct indignities, as it seems to us, from a system of discrimination against foreign shipping using the canal, that it is not possible to see how it can be justified.

BRANDON POLICE INQUIRY ORDERED

City Council Appoints a Judge to Look Into Charges Against the Force and City Magistrate.

Brandon, Man., Aug. 27.—Resulting from certain charges brought against the local police force by leading members of the Social and Moral Reform League, the city council has appointed Judge Cumberland to conduct a thorough investigation into the charges. The city and Social and Moral Reform League will have legal representation. The resolution appointing Judge Cumberland was passed at a special session of the city council and mentions the names of every member of the police force, and it is understood that the chief and his force have been negligent in the performance of their duties with regard to the trial and prosecution of bawdy houses and prostitutes in this city.

WANT TOWN TO SLEEP TILL 7

Englewood Suburbanites Ask Authorities to Subdue Milkmen, Bakers and Newsies.

New York, Aug. 26.—It has been said of Englewood that it is the wealthiest town of its size in the United States, due to the fact that so many bankers, brokers, manufacturers and business men live there. They have demanded that the board of health decree that henceforth there shall be no deliveries of goods of any sort until 7 a. m.

These wealthy residents are commuters, but the majority of them leave town around 9 o'clock on what is known as the Northern Railroad as the "Bankers' Express." They say the milkmen, bakers and newsies disturb their slumbers by their early deliveries. The board of health will take up this vexed problem tomorrow evening.

U. S. IN ANNUAL CONVENTION, HEAR CHEERING REPORTS

Membership in Maritime Provinces is 1,882, and is Increasing Rapidly.

St. Stephen, Aug. 27.—The A. O. H. convention of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia opened in St. John's, Nfld., this morning. At 8 o'clock about 200 delegates, preceded by the Milltown Church band, marched to St. Stephen's Hotel, where the convention was celebrated. Rev. E. Doyle, pastor of the church, presided at the conclusion. Father McLaughlin, vicar of the parish of St. John's, presided at the opening of the convention. He stated that he would have the honor to be the first citizen of the land, the first citizen and the glory of his country.

This afternoon's session, in the absence of President McManus, of Halifax, was presided over by Vice-President Francis, of Sydney. John P. McIntyre, of New Brunswick, was elected secretary. Telegrams were received from President McManus and Rev. P. W. Wilson expressing regret at their inability to be present.

A large number of members of the "auxiliary" were present and held their session in a smaller room adjoining the main hall. Reports of the president, secretary-treasurer and chairman of scholarship board, which is educating eight boys in colleges of the maritime provinces, were given. The secretary's report showed that there are 29 divisions in the jurisdiction with a membership of 1,882. This membership is not only larger than that of the other provinces, but it is increasing more rapidly than that of any province in Canada. It also showed the property and the cash on hand to be \$1,000.00.

DR. MOORE BUSY AMONG I. C. R. EMPLOYEES
London, Aug. 28.—Among the deaths reported for the month by Secretary W. Paver, of the I. C. R. and P. E. I. Railway Employees' Relief and Insurance Society, four were accidental, an unusually large number. The employees who died were Charles M. Steves, 32, insured for \$200, killed on Transatlantic, struck by train; Fred McKelvey, 51, John, porter, insured for \$1,000, killed by train at Norton; Hugh K. O'Neil, insured for \$1,000, killed collision at Richmond (N. S.); Louis Williams, member Temporary Benefactor Fund, killed at River du Loup, he dying from natural causes were John A. L. Hand, retired employe, \$500; Malcolm MacArthur, retired employe, Campbellton, \$200; H. B. Sample, animal agent, Levin, \$250; Francis D. Hill, fireman, River du Loup, \$200; Albert Smith, retired employe, St. John, \$50; Fess and Levis for Montreal area, \$25; class B, \$1.80; class C, \$1.00.

THE NEW BRITISH BATTLESHIPS TO HAVE CURVED DECKS
London, Aug. 27.—The new battleships provided for by the current year's estimates, the Times says, will be longer than the Iron Duke class now building. They will be armed with 14-inch guns and will be provided with a curved armored upper deck and funnel protection to resist attacks from air craft.

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