

Governor Still Believes Becker Responsible for Rosenthal Death

Why Was Lewis Incident Not Brought Out at Trial?

ROSE WILL NOT RETRACT

He Says Becker Cannot Save Himself by His Statement.

Albany, N. Y., July 23.—Governor Whitman said today that a careful study of the statement of ex-Police Lieut. Charles Becker, now under sentence of death, had not changed his opinion of the guilt of the convicted man.

"There is only one thing new in the statement," the Governor said. "That is the allegation that the late Alfred Henry Lewis told Becker he was to be framed up." That would have been important evidence, if true; but if it were true, why was not Lewis called to the stand during Becker's second trial? Now, with Becker facing death, we hear of this matter after Lewis is dead.

The Governor said that during the trial of Becker he was familiar with virtually all the allegations made by the condemned man in the statement. The Governor adding that he would have questioned Becker concerning them if Becker had taken the witness stand in his own defence.

The Becker statement, the Governor declared, only confirmed Jack Rose's story that after the Rosenthal murder Becker sent to Rose, charging him not to tell anything he knew about the case.

Bernard Sandler, attorney for Rose and for Sam Schopp, another witness at the Becker trial, conferred with the Governor today.

"Sandler told me," said the Governor, "that he recently had talked with Rose and that he would not retract a bit of his testimony."

The Becker statement was delivered

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what Rosenthal was doing, that he was afraid Rosenthal would involve him, not only in his gambling house but also in some election funds in the East side. I'm said Rosenthal would do him immense harm if he dragged him into this mess. I'm said he had sent for me to tell me not to mention what he had sent for me in relation to Rosenthal opening his gambling house. I'm said if I did mention it, it would ruin him. I promised not to do so now matter what Rosenthal said. I'm said he had sent Appelbaum to see Rosenthal & offer him \$5,000 to leave town. I'm said Appelbaum had seen Mrs Rosenthal that day & given her a hundred or two hundred dollars. I do not know which it was, & that he had Rosenthal's promise to keep her husband from making any more charges. I'm said, "Now I want you to assure me you won't bring me this if you don't I'm alright". I made the promise not to do

to the Governor by John B. Johnston, one of the Becker attorneys.

SULLIVAN AND BECKER.

"Big Tim's" Secretary Tells of Lieutenant's Friendly Attitude Toward Rosenthal.

New York, July 23.—Corroboration of some features of the appeal of Becker was given here in a long statement issued by Harry Appelbaum, secretary of the late Timothy D. Sullivan.

Appelbaum said that following the publication of Rosenthal's affidavit Sullivan sent him to see Becker and to get the latter to come to Sullivan's office. Appelbaum brought Becker down in his car with Rose. On the way, Jack Rose, according to Appelbaum, indicated his bitterness toward Rosenthal, saying "someone ought to croak Rosenthal."

Appelbaum added: "I immediately protested at such a thought, and Becker spoke up and said, 'No they hadn't. He wants to be let absolutely alone. No friend of mine must harm a hair on his head, for if they do it will be blamed on me.'"

Reaching Sullivan's office, Appelbaum said that Sullivan suggested to Becker that perhaps it would be a good thing to have Rosenthal go away until this thing was tided over.

Becker objected, saying that Rosenthal would stay Sullivan's office to corroborate his affidavit. In the affidavit Becker declared that Becker was interested in his gambling house.

"There was never," Appelbaum continued, "any proposition made to Herman to do anything Tim asked him to do. Any meetings that I had with Becker or anyone else after the murder were for the purpose of keeping Sullivan's name from being used in connection with this matter."

Here Appelbaum said that Sullivan had loaned Rosenthal on several occasions sums of money aggregating \$2,500 each, just as he had done to many other friends.

Appelbaum said that he had been willing to make his statement at all times since Sullivan's death. Before the second trial he said he told John Becker, brother of Charles Becker, that the "proper thing for his brother to do if he was innocent, was to take the stand."

Appelbaum's statement concluded: "If there is anything in this statement that will create such reasonable doubt of Becker's guilt in the minds of the public, or those who have power to act, I am very glad to give it in the interests of justice."

Widow Says "Tim" Sullivan Was Not Her Husband's Partner; But the Gambler Knew Him.

New York, July 23.—"Tim Sullivan never was my husband's partner. The 11th hour excuse of Becker is cowardly," Mrs. Herman Rosenthal, widow of the victim of the murder for which Becker is sentenced to die, blazed with wrath as she commented on the plea from the death house.

"It is a pity he can't get some other

man to stand as dummy, but must drag poor big-hearted, unfortunate Tim Sullivan out of his grave," said Mrs. Rosenthal.

"I deny Tim Sullivan was ever my husband's partner. He never, never was. I know who my husband's partners were. Becker was one of them. I know too well."

"I deny that Mr. Sullivan ever gave Herman anything to go away. Not a dollar. If he had I should have known. I know my husband's desperate financial straits at that time. I know where every dollar came from. I had been offered the amount to leave he would have told me and he would never have gone or planned to go without me."

"What was your husband's connection with Tim Sullivan?"

"He simply knew him in a political way, and when Mr. Sullivan wanted any political work done Herman was glad to do it for him. Like every one else who knew him, Herman liked Tim Sullivan, and never had any grievance against him."

"SQUEAL IS TOO LATE."

Jack Rose Says Becker Cannot Save Himself by Despite Infamous Back of Him.

New Haven, Conn., July 23.—Jack Rose, passing through New Haven, gave out an interview concerning the Becker case. He said:

"Becker, by throwing up all this, thinks he can save himself, but he is doomed to be electrocuted next Wednesday. Becker is as guilty of murder as the other men who went to the chair. There are certain powerful influences trying to save him, but they cannot do it."

"Everything Becker said in his last statement is old stuff and common knowledge and I know that Governor Whitman, after prosecuting him, cannot now pardon him. Becker had his chance, but he thought he had so much influence that they couldn't get him. His squeal comes too late."

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