

## SECOND TRIAL OF BECKER ENDS IN MURDER VERDICT

Jury Find Unanimously For Conviction After Being Out Four Hours.

PRISONER'S WIFE BROKE DOWN ON HEARING NEWS

Finding a Severe Shock to Ex-Policeman — His Counsel Will Appeal in Montreal — Deed One of Most Brutal in Years.

New York, May 22.—Twelve men decided today for the second time that Charles Becker was the arch conspirator responsible for the Rosenthal murder, which nearly two years ago awoke New York to a realization of corruption in the police department and opened a new era of police reform. Becker, once a police lieutenant, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Only a pardon or interference again by the Court of Appeals can save him from following to the electric chair the four gunmen who shot Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, early on the morning of July 16, 1912. The jury decided that the gunmen were Becker's agents.

Jury Unanimous for Conviction.

One ballot decided Becker's fate. It was taken almost immediately after the jurors returned from luncheon at an uptown hotel, where they went as soon as Supreme Court Justice Seabury finished his charge. It was unanimous for conviction. Tears streamed down the foreman's face as he announced the decision, and tears stood in the eyes of several other jurors, but sympathy did not warp their judgment. They had agreed that the corroboration which the district attorney failed to present at the first trial to support the stories of Rose, Vallon and Webber, the three accomplices who turned informers, had been furnished by the new witnesses at the second.

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## ACADIA WINS TRACK EVENTS FROM MT. A.

Carry off Honors in Interscholastic Sports at Moncton by Comfortable Margin — St. John Man Did Well.

Moncton, May 22.—By a total of fifty-six points to thirty-four, Acadia defeated Mount Allison in the interscholastic sports on the Moncton athletic grounds this afternoon. One record went by the board. Higgins of Acadia broke his own record of 10 feet, 3 3/4 inches in the pole vault by going 11 feet, 3 1/2 inches. Higgins was the top scorer for Acadia making 15 points while Grant Smith of St. John headed the list for Mount Allison with exactly the same number.

The time in the sprints was slow owing to the track being soft. Smith was the star runner of the day and it is understood that he will represent St. John in the annual C. A. A. U. championships in Charlottetown this year.

## AVIATOR HAS ARMS BROKEN AND SERIOUSLY HURT DURING FLIGHT

Forced to Make Sudden Landing is Badly Smashed up — Passenger Jumps and Escapes.

Hamburg, May 22.—Another serious accident occurred today in the Prince Henry aviation contest, started on Sunday from Darmstadt, in which three aviators were killed in the first two days.

Lt. Kraft, while flying today near Northern, was compelled to make a sudden landing, in doing which his two arms were broken and he also suffered severe injuries to his head and legs. A passenger with him escaped unhurt, having jumped from the aeroplane before it reached the earth.

Von Thunau won the first prize in the reliability contest, flying the total distance of about 1,100 miles in 1,035 minutes. Lt. Werner von Beaulieu was second in 1,050 minutes, and Lt. Waldemar von Buttlar was third in 1,065 minutes.

## ITALIAN DIES ON SCAFFOLD FOR MURDER

Bernardi Pays Penalty for Killing Compatriot in Montreal—Deed One of Most Brutal in Years.

Montreal, May 22.—Tomasso Bernardi was hanged at six minutes to eight at Bordeaux jail this morning for the murder of Luigi Scroli committed over a year ago. As Ellis, the executioner pulled down the black cap the condemned man shouted three words in Italian interpreted as meaning "grace, grace, pardon."

Rev. Father Garceau, the priest of the jail, who had been with Bernardi all night, stood by him on the scaffold. Just as Ellis was adjusting the noose the priest murmured in the ear of the condemned man "courage brother."

Then Ellis completed his work and the slip knot was placed beneath the left ear. Immediately afterwards the trap was sprung and Bernardi was dropped to his death.

The priest remained standing by the vacant space in the door where a live man had stood a moment before and murmured a last prayer for the departed.

Bernardi spent a troubled night, frequently starting up. This morning he asked for an egg and a cup of tea and after breakfast he prayed. Then, contrary to general custom his feet were tied in the cell and he was carried by guards to the scaffold two yards away from his door. It was feared he would collapse and make a scene.

Bernardi's crime was a brutal and daring one, committed on one of the busiest thoroughfares in the city during the lunch hour, at the corner of McGill and Notre Dame streets. Scroli and an Italian woman, Angela Regiani, with whom Bernardi had formerly been living, were walking quietly along the street when Bernardi ran up and shot both.

The man died almost instantly while the woman after several months in hospital recovered and appeared as the principal witness against the slayer. Miss Regiani said she had come from Italy to his boarding house, but after a few days she became convinced that he did not intend to marry her. She left him then, and had sought the protection of Scroli, against whom Bernardi swore vengeance.

Montreal, May 22.—If Jose Vasconcelos, said to be a representative of the Mexican constitutionalists and en route for Niagara Falls, Ont., to attend the A. B. C. conference there, is or has been in Montreal, he has succeeded in keeping well under cover. The United States consulate and the Mexican consulate have heard nothing about his visit to Montreal except information contained in press despatches, while financiers handling Mexican business know nothing of his whereabouts. He is not registered and has not been registered at any of the hotels.

## INQUIRY INTO CHARGES IN N.S. LEGISLATURE

Royal Commission Will Investigate Matter of Halifax and Southwestern Ry. Lands Negotiations.

Halifax, May 22.—Premier Murray in the House of Assembly today made the following statement: "In view of the discussion which has taken place in this house in respect to the Halifax and Southwestern Railway lands so-called, the government has determined to make the entire matter, in so far as it concerns the public interest or the conduct of any person or persons concerned in the transfer of such land the subject of such judicial inquiry by royal commission as we believe will be satisfactory to the people of this province."

The premier's statement, evidently came as a complete surprise to the opposition who had refrained from making any direct charges. The premier contented himself with the brief announcement and the opposition made no response.

NO STANDARD MONDAY. ON MONDAY, VICTORIA DAY, THE STANDARD WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.

## Principals in Becker Trial



T. Meredith Blagden, Foreman of the Jury; M.T. Manton and W. Bourke Cockran, counsel who defended Becker.

## HON. MR. HAZEN SCORES EX-MINISTER FROM ST. JOHN

Pugsley Got More Than He Bargained For in Tilt With Minister of Marine.

DRAGS THE GUTELIUS CONTRACT INTO HOUSE.

Ex-Minister of Public Works Tries to Place Onus For His Own Misdeeds and Neglect on Mr. Hazen.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., May 22.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley tried to make political capital against Hon. J. D. Hazen in the house today, dragging in the Gutelius agreement and endeavoring to make Mr. Hazen responsible for his own sins and short comings while a member of the Laurier cabinet. The effort failed. Mr. Hazen is too good a campaigner to be caught at disadvantage by Mr. Pugsley and he dressed down that gentleman in such fashion that he aroused the enthusiasm of the Conservatives. He described Mr. Pugsley as a most unfair opponent.

The tilt began in this way. The bill regarding dry dock subsidies was read a second time and in committee. W. F. Carroll of Sydney, N. S., urged that the new rate of four per cent, be given to all docks irrespective of size. The present law, he said, discriminated against small ports.

This suggestion was supported by Hon. William Pugsley and Hon. Robert Rogers replied that if any cases arose where a smaller dock could not be financed he would be glad to take the matter into consideration.

Mr. Rogers moved an amendment to declare that the old rate of three one-half per cent. should continue applicable to dry docks for which contracts are already signed.

Mr. Pugsley objected that the amendment would take the government's hands and prevent the enlargement of the dry dock at St. John. He hinted that Hon. J. D. Hazen's influence with his colleagues in the capital had declined.

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## News of Safety of U.S. Consul Helps Situation

U. S. Vice Consul Silliman is Safe at Mexico City — Most Serious Aspect Cleared Up — Peace Mediators Held Three Conferences Yesterday.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 22.—Three separate conferences between the three South American envoys and the American delegates today constituted the work of the mediation conference here. The Mexican delegates were not called into consultation.

While the subject of constitutional participation in the mediation was a subject of absorbing interest to all the principals to the conference it was learned tonight that neither the American delegates or the mediators had broached it in the formal sessions today.

Originally, it is understood, the Huerta government had no objections to the entry of the Constitutionalists in the negotiations. The Mexican delegates, however, in their statement tonight emphasized that they had no official word on the subject as yet.

One of the United States commissioners said tonight no common ground had been reached, but there was no hitch in the negotiations, and the progress was being made at each session.

Between the conferences of the day, while the telegraph wires were transmitting communications to and from Washington the mediators and the American and Mexican delegates went sightseeing about the "falls."

The night conference between the mediators and the American delegates adjourned at midnight. It was declared afterwards by one of those present that the progress being made was very satisfactory.

U. S. Consul Silliman Has Been Heard From

One of the most threatening complications to mediation was removed today when definite word reached the state department that Vice-Consul John R. Silliman, arrested at Saltillo and long sought for, had arrived safely at Mexico City, accompanied by the British vice-consul at Saltillo, Mr. McMillan.

Silliman's personal safety relieves the situation of its gravest aspect, but the other difficulties, if officially verified by inquiries going on, remain to be stated for in the ultimate settlement.

New York, May 22.—Jose Vasconcelos, the special agent of Carranza, who, it had been reported, has been chosen as a constitutionalist representative to the Niagara conference, emphatically denied in a statement tonight that he was to receive such an appointment or that Carranza would ever consider mediation as a solution of Mexico's internal affairs.

"As long as the Huertistas are at Niagara we shall not be represented there," said Mr. Vasconcelos. "The only way my party meets Huerta is on the battlefield."

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER DROPS THREE FEET BELOW NORMAL DEPTH

Unusually Dry Weather for this Time of Year is Responsible for the Lowering.

Montreal, May 22.—An unusual drop of over three feet in the normal depth of the St. Lawrence has alarmed shipping authorities here. The depth is now 32 feet, 11 inches.

## MELLEN SHOULDERED THE BLAME TO SHIELD MORGAN

## HINDUS TO BE KEPT OUT OF CANADA

Party Which Have Arrived at Vancouver Will Not Be Allowed to Land on Canadian Soil.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 22.—Orders have been issued from the immigration branch of the department of interior here that the contingent of Hindus which has just arrived at Vancouver shall not be allowed to land on Canadian soil. Quarantine inspection will be instituted on the vessel and the intending settlers will not be allowed to disembark.

The prohibition of these immigrants is based upon the order-in-council recently passed by the Dominion by which none but agricultural laborers and domestic servants shall be allowed entry to British Columbia until such time as the present serious labor conditions are overpast. It is further contended that the immigrants in question have not come by direct passage from the land of their birth.

Malcolm Reid, immigration agent at Vancouver, has been entrusted with the responsibility of dealing with the new arrivals.

## THUGS SHOOT CASHIER AND MAKE BIG HAUL

Opened Fire on Him When He Entered Office with Money for Payroll—Escape Across River on Raft.

Calgary, May 22.—John Wilson, cashier of the Canada Cement Company at Exshaw had his head blown off by thugs this morning at 10 o'clock as he was about to enter the works with the sum of \$2,314 in cash to pay the hands.

The robbers opened fire without warning and the bullets entered the unfortunate man's head. They then grabbed the bag and escaped across the Bow river on a raft, making for the bush, where it is reported they are surrounded by a force of one hundred men who started on their trail within a short time of the incident.

The robbers cannot get away without coming into the open country and it is believed their capture is only a matter of hours.

## EXPECT THIS TO BE RECORD SEASON AT PETEAWAWA CAMP

Largest Mobilization in History of Canada Looked For — Twelve Thousand Men Under Canvass Next Month.

Ottawa, May 22.—Combined training of troops in large numbers will be carried on at Petawawa Camp under the Militia Department during the latter part of June, when it is expected that the largest mobilization in the history of Canada will be gotten together. The department anticipates that by the end of next month there will be gathered at the big training grounds upwards of 12,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery.

This large force will unite for several days in combined training. Hitherto there has been little of this kind of training, the various branches of the militia usually coming separately to the camp.

Coy. Hughes believes that all the necessary facilities for such a mobilization with the least possible cost, exist at the Petawawa Camp, and that much experience will be derived by the various units from tactical manoeuvres in combination with other arms.

Mr. Hughes will personally supervise the manoeuvres and it is expected that His Royal Highness, the Governor General, will be present.

## GOV. GENERAL TO VISIT ANCIENT COLONY IN JULY

Will Arrive on Warship Essex and Spend Week—H. R. H. the Duchess Unable to Accompany Him.

St. John's, Nfld., May 22.—It was officially announced today that the Duke of Connaught will arrive on the west coast in the warship Essex July 7th, visiting the different points the following week. He arrives at St. John's on the 15th, returning he will reach Quebec on the 19th. The Duchess is not coming owing to ill-health.

Lowering of the river level, though a small drop has been reported for year past.

Submitted to Criminal Indictment for Fear Blow Would Kill Aged Financier.

CROWD MOVED BY STORY OF HIS SELF SACRIFICE.

Tells Court of Inquiry that Morgan Took an Active Part in Grand Trunk Negotiations on Which He Himself Was Indicted by Grand Jury.

Washington, May 22.—A dramatic climax marked the close of the sensational testimony of Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven railroad, before the Interstate Commerce Commission, when with evidence of deep emotion Mr. Mellen declared the late J. Pierpont Morgan was cognizant of the Grand Trunk negotiations, on which he (Mellen) was criminally indicted for violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, and that he "took the indictment that belonged to him, (Morgan), believing it would have killed the aged financier if he had been indicted."

Mr. Mellen spoke with intense feeling as he recited his efforts to shield the elder Morgan. This turned quickly to a show of resentment, however, as he told how the present J. Pierpont Morgan had suggested a "change in the presidency of the New Haven," at which suggestion, Mr. Mellen declared with emphasis: "I called his attention to the fact that I had been suffering under the humiliation of an unreserved indictment to protect his father."

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## STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION ON LAKE HURON

The W. H. Gilbert and Caldera Struck in Fog—Crew of the Sunken Steamer are Safe.

Port Huron, Mich., May 22.—Steamer W. H. Gilbert, owned by the Pittsburg Steamship Company, was sunk early today as the result of a collision with the steamer Caldera about fifteen miles below Thunder Bay Island, in Lake Huron. The vessels came together in a heavy fog.

Captain Cummings of the Gilbert, succeeded in getting all his crew on board the Caldera before the Gilbert went down. They were landed here tonight.

The Caldera, which is owned by the Croton Steamship Company, of Cleveland, was badly damaged about the bow. She will proceed to Cleveland for repairs, being bound down without cargo. The Gilbert was upbound with coal.

The Gilbert is a steel steamer of 2,829 gross tons, 328 feet long. She was built in 1892.

## DR. MILLS APPOINTED LIBRARIAN OF RAILWAY COMMISSION BOARD

Hon. Dr. Reid Announces that Hon. Mr. Nantel Will Not Be Appointed to the Railway Commission.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 22.—Dr. James Mills, one of the railway commissioners, has been appointed librarian of the board. His term of office expired last January and the term being ten years and his salary will be \$3,600. His salary as commissioner was \$5,000.

The announcement was made in the commons this evening by Hon. Dr. Reid in reply to questions by Mr. LeMieux who asked if successors to Dr. Mills and Hon. N. E. Bernier had been appointed. He said that Hon. Mr. Nantel was to go to the railway board. Dr. Reid replied that the recommendations would be made by Hon. Mr. Cochrane. However, he said that Mr. Nantel would not be appointed to the board. When asked if Mr. Price of St. Thomas would be one of the appointees he assured the house that he knew nothing of the matter.