

SOME DOUBT OF SCHEPP'S BRIBE

District Attorney Hears Witness Against Becker Received \$10,000.

So much information of a doubtful nature has been brought to the attention of District Attorney Whitman lately at the case of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, soon to be placed on trial again as the moving spirit in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler, that the public prosecutor scrutinizes every scrap of it with the utmost diligence and sincerity.

Mr. Whitman received word yesterday that Sam Schepps had been paid \$10,000 to disappear from the horizon of the new trial so that he would not have to testify against the police officer.

This is interesting news because it is bound to excite public curiosity as to the financial well from whence the handsome bribe was brought to the surface.

But when it is truthfully related that Lieutenant John Becker of the detective branch of the West Third Street station some months ago pawned a diamond ring he had worn for many a year in order to help pay the legal expenses of his kinsman, there seems to be good reason to take the story of

Schepps's opulence with a large grain of salt.

Said to Be in South America.
The announcement that Jack Rose's lobbyist, on whom the prosecution depended at the first trial to corroborate Rose, Vallen and Bridgie Weber, had left town, was published a few weeks ago. At that time little credence was placed in the report by District Attorney Whitman and his chief aide in preparing the Becker case for retrial. Assistant District Attorney Groehl. Both treated the story told by Bernard Sandler, counsel for Schepps, as more or less of a joke. Since then, however, secret investigation by the District Attorney has heard that Schepps was paid to leave the country and is now in South America with no desire to return.

While Mr. Whitman is unable to confirm the assertion it has been stated to him that certain officials connected or at one time with the Police Department raised the money to pay the bribe. The names of the persons alleged to be involved have been supplied the District Attorney. According to the information that has come to Mr. Whitman the collectors of and donations to the reported "hush fund" fear Becker's knowledge of their activities when the "system" was waxing rampant on graft tolls.

An Unnecessary Expense.
But if \$10,000 was turned over to Schepps by those interested in preventing his reappearance on the stand at the second Becker trial the money was practically thrown away. District Attorney Whitman does not intend to call Schepps as a witness.

A new witness has been found to replace the elusive Sammy in the prosecution's scheme of evidence for the next trial. In the interests of justice and to avoid injuring the State's case, it is deemed advisable at present to withhold the name of the new witness and the alleged circumstances to which he will testify.

When Mr. Sandler, counsel for Schepps, was communicated with he said that he had not heard from his client for many weeks and had been told Schepps was in South America. Regarding the report that Sam had been supplied with \$10,000 Sandler remarked: "Well, the last time I saw him, just before he disappeared he seemed to be very 'flush,' but offered no explanation as to the source of his wealth."

That an alleged effort was made to bribe Morris Luban, another witness against Becker, with \$10,000 was told March 2. The story was revived with additional details.

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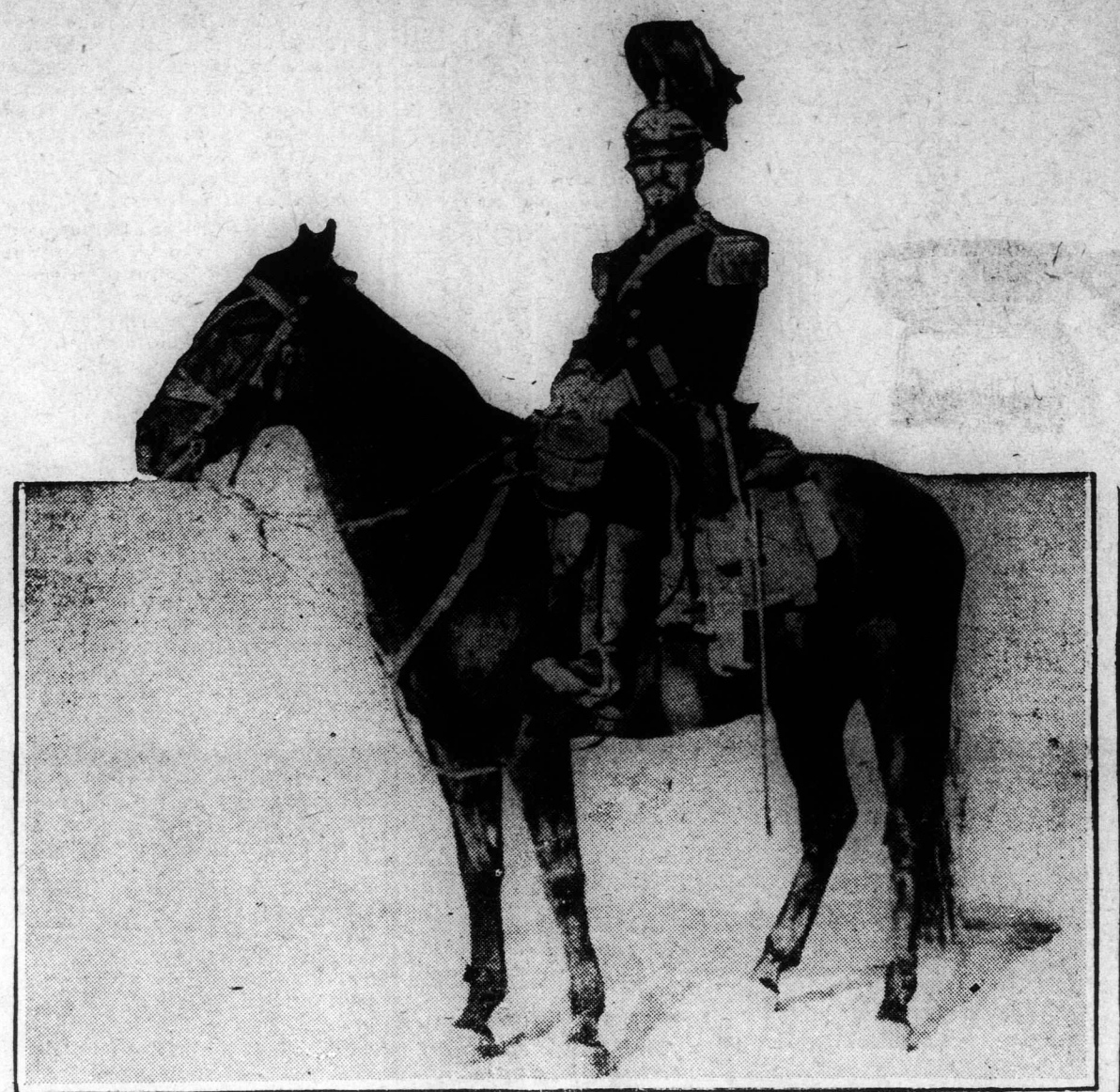
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GIRL KILLED IN WILD AUTO RIDE

Two Men Companions Are Hurt When Car Turns Turtle.

LONG ISLAND, April 17.—One young woman and her companion, two college men seriously injured was the toll of a wild joy ride on Long Island early yesterday.

The fatal accident came at the Long Island Railroad crossing on the Queens Road, near Woodside. The heavy touring car plunged from a temporary wooden bridge and down an embankment, where it turned turtle. The girl was instantly killed, her skull being fractured, while the two men were taken to St. John's Hospital, Long Island City. Where one of them is not expected to survive.

The dead girl was Miss Betty Mack, a pretty 19-year-old cloak model. She lived with Mrs. Clara White at 212 West Ninety-ninth street.

Otto Schneider, owner of the car and a brother of Mrs. Joe Ridder, daughter-in-law of Herman Ridder, is so badly injured that he is expected to die. His spine was hurt and his head badly crushed.

His companion was Charles Richter of 46 Fort Washington avenue. Richter is a graduate of Columbia University. Schneider was graduated last year from Stevens Institute in Hoboken. Schneider lived at the home of the Psi Sigma Kapa fraternity at 550 West 114th street, of which Richter was also a member.

It was said that there was another young woman in the car at the time of the accident. She was said to be Mrs. May Lyons, who is believed to live at Broadway and 157th street. Coroner Vogel went to the hospital in the afternoon and found Richter able to talk. Richter denied that Mrs. Lyons was in the car at the time.

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"KISSING PASTOR" DENIES CHARGES

However, Another Woman Declares That Preacher Insulted Her.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Rev. Jacob E. Price, pastor of the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal Church, who is being tried before the Ecclesiastical Court of the Methodist Conference on charges of improper conduct with women members of his flock, took the stand in his own behalf and denied all allegations against him.

Prior to this the court was thrown into a turmoil of excitement by the appearance of the reserves from the W. Seventeenth street station who were called to prevent Jane East, an I. W. W. agitator, from entering the trial. After "battling" their way through a crowd of several hundred, the police were successful.

Testimony is Sufficient

The Rev. Dr. Frank I. Belcher, who is defending Dr. Price, announced that Dr. Price's story would likely be ample and sufficient to result in his entire vindication.

Mrs. Dohl was one of the first witnesses, and as she emerged from the trial room she told the waiting newspaper men that she had testified that she had not only been insulted by Dr. Price and subjected to great indignities by him, but that an attempt had also been made to intimidate her. Mrs. Dohl declared that a man and a woman, both members of Dr. Price's congregation, had called on her and

told her that if she testified against him she might expect to spend her remaining years in weeping and sorrow.

Mrs. Dohl refused to tell the names of the man and woman, but quoted them as saying: "If you never weep in your life before, you will after you say anything against Dr. Price." Other witnesses were William F. Bruce, whose evidence was not admitted, the court ruling that it was hearsay, and Hedley C. Black, an inspector for a fire insurance company, and who was formerly a Sunday school teacher in Dr. Price's church.

Witness Weeps on Stand

Mrs. Lillian Miller of 189 Claremont avenue was also a witness and swore that the charges she had made and which were read to her were all true. As they were being read she cried and blushed deeply in turn.

Replying to the formal statement of the Rev. Ralph Kelles Keeler, assistant editor of the Sunday school publication of the Methodist Church, who was appointed by the Methodist Conference last night to explain to the public the procedure in the trial of Dr. Jacob E. Price, Claude B. Dore, attorney for the complainants, declared this morning that Mr. Keeler disregarded the facts.

The Rev. Mr. Keeler said that the trial yesterday brought forth no testimony such as the stories given, in advance by the aggrieved members of the little band attacking him seem to promise.

"That statement," said Mr. Dore, "is absolutely false. The testimony of Mrs. Leger, Mrs. Dore and myself, who testified of facts known to us of our personal knowledge, supported all the allegations made as far as we were concerned. And these facts certainly show that the pastor has indulged in the disgracefully unministerial conduct of which he is charged."

First News Section

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

QUICK PRO WOULD

Man Who Tried to Kill Mahoney Just a Hobo Against Other Is Questioned.

(By Special Wire to The Courier)

NEW YORK, April 18.—The arraignment to-day on a charge of assault with intent to kill of Michael Mahoney, to whose erring aim a man who tried to kill Mahoney was marked the first move in the prosecution outlined by District Attorney J. P. Mahoney. On Monday Mr. Mahoney will present the case to the jury and an immediate indictment is expected to be returned, making possible to bring Mahoney before Supreme Court Justice for trial early date.

Mahoney faces a possible sentence of twenty years, but should he be adjudged insane he will be committed to an asylum for the insane.

Frank L. Polk, corporation counsel who was struck in the jaw by the let intended for the mayor's speechless night and suffered much. The bullet was removed early night and the patient is expected to recover rapidly.

The study of Governor of the aged man, District Attorney Mahoney expressed the opinion that Mahoney was of the "bitter sodden-type of hobo." This meant forecasted the probable of the district attorney; that he not oppose action to have the prisoner adjudged insane.

The temporary assignment by Mahoney caused Police Commissioner Woods to-day to assign a secret vice squad of eight men under the command of a police captain to Mayor Mitchell. The commission has ordered that the mayor be guarded night and day and members of the squad will watch his home, accompany him to and from his home at the city and go with him on about the city and out of town.

Mayor Mitchell, after seeing Mr. Polk was made as comfortable as possible at the New York hospital turned to his office and finished day as customary. Last night he dined at the New York Press Club, where he told the members of that organization that he expected some such happening as that of Mahoney, but that it seem unfair that anyone else should have to take the consequences, a hazard that properly belongs to the mayor.

The mayor went on to say that he did not believe the attack on him due to the concerted action of agitators. He believed confident he said, that "we have not cornered that point in this city or in this

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The regular meeting of the legislative board was held last night at the Collegiate. There were present the Chairman, W. Lahey; G. P. E. Sweet, Dr. Hart, Principal Mr. Seace and Mr. Ryerson.

Several communications were received from Mr. G. C. Dunlop one of the members of the staff who is leaving at the close of the present term to resume his studies at the university.

The boiler inspector who examined the boilers at the Collegiate reported them in splendid condition. The report of the inspector, J. Houston, was read, and for the time in its history this school commended No. 1. About the commendation made was the presence of an English dictionary in each of the school. Otherwise the school was in excellent condition and staff very competent.

Mr. Houston says: "I have pleasure in giving Grade I of approval for current year. I must congratulate all concerned upon the generally satisfactory conditions which exist in this school. The work seems to be going on pleasantly and success and both staff and pupils appear