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tion in a new death house which had been built adjoining the old execution chamber, where the four gunmen were put to death over a year ago for killing Rosenthal. When the witnesses were seated Deputy Warden Johnson nodded to Principal Keeper Fred Dorner, and they left the room through a small wooden door that led to the death cells beyond where Becker was praying with his spiritual advisers.

MESSAGE TO PRIEST

Becker arose to his feet when he saw Johnson, and took a crucifix from the hand of the prison priest. To Father Curry Becker gave his last message as he took his place at the head of the little file of men that marched to the room of death. Becker's message, which he uttered to the priest was:

"I am not guilty by deed or conspiracy, or in any other way of the death of Rosenthal. I am sacrificed to my friends. Bear this message to the world and my friends. Amen."

The one time police officer hesitated as he entered the execution room. It seemed to the witnesses as if he was startled that the little chair was so near at hand. He looked quickly at the double row of witnesses, glanced at the floor, swept with his eyes the whitened walls of the room and then suddenly, as if coming to himself walked briskly over the rubber mat and seated himself in the electric chair. Behind Becker followed the prison priests chanting the prayer of death which was repeated by the condemned man.

THREE SHOCKS

"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, have mercy on my soul," nervously spoke Becker as Deputy Wardens stepped forward and adjusted the electrodes. Hardly a minute elapsed before the electrode was applied to the right leg, a slit having been previously cut in the trouser leg from the knee down. After the electrode had been firmly adjusted against a shaven spot on the back of the condemned man's head, the state executioner looked at Deputy Warden Johnson who surveyed the figure that was still mumbling the death prayer in the chair. Johnson half turned his head and the executioner jammed the switch. The first shock lasted a full minute and

the executioner said that it was 1,850 volts and ten amperes in strength. It came while Becker was still commending his soul to His Maker. The two prison physicians stepped forward to examine the collapsed figure that sat supported in the death chair by the thick black leather straps. The stethoscope was applied to the heart and Dr. Charles Farr, the prison physician pressed his finger against an artery in the neck. There was still a feeble fluttering of the heart. The physician stepped back from the rubber mat and again the electric current pulsed through the body. The shock lasted seven seconds and the current was then turned off. After a hasty examination, Dr. Farr asked that a third shock be given. This lasted five seconds. An examination that took several minutes followed.

Three physicians among the witnesses then made an examination, and Dr. Farr at 5:55 o'clock quietly announced: "I pronounce this man dead."

During the night Becker pencilled on a piece of paper what he captioned "My dying declaration." It was taken to the warden's office, where two copies were typewritten, which Becker signed with his fountain pen in bold hand. To Deputy Warden Johnson, who had charge of the execution in place of Warden Thomas Mott Osborne, who does not believe in the death penalty, the one-time police lieutenant gave his fountain pen as a gift. "It is the last thing that I have to give away and I want you to have it. I want you to give this statement to the newspapermen."

Becker's message, given out just before he went to his death, read:

BECKER'S MESSAGE

"Gentlemen: I stand before you in my full senses, knowing that no power on earth can save me from the grave that is to receive me. In the face of that, in the teeth of those who condemned me and in the presence of my God and your God, I proclaim my absolute innocence of the foul crime for which I must die. You are now about to witness my destruction by the state which is organized to protect the lives of the innocent. May Almighty God pardon everyone who has contributed in any degree to my untimely death. And now on the brink of my grave, I declare to the world that I am proud to have been the husband of the purest, noblest woman that ever lived—Helen Becker. This acknowl-

edgement is the only legacy I can leave her. I bid you all goodbye. Father, I am ready to go. Amen.

(Signed) "Charles Becker."

After his wife had said farewell, shortly after midnight, Becker maintained a casual conversation with Deputy Warden Johnson, who sat beside the screen in front of his cell. Some times he smoked cigars, after which he would let his head fall upon his hand and gaze reflectively at the concrete floor for minutes at a time. Dawn found him seated on the edge of his cot carefully pinning a photograph of his wife on his white shirt, just over his heart. Then Becker put on a thin black alpaca coat which he tightly buttoned.

THE AUTOPSY

An autopsy on the body of Becker was performed according to law immediately after the execution. After Becker's body had been removed from the electric chair, Samuel Haynes, a negro murderer, was brought into the execution room and electrocuted.

IN DEEP DISTRESS

New York, July 30.—Returning from her last visit to the death house at Sing Sing prison, where she had taken her farewell of her husband, Mrs. Charles Becker arrived at the Becker home in the Bronx at 2:40 a.m. today. She was accompanied by one of Becker's brothers who half carried her into the house. Mrs. Becker showed evidences of the deep distress she was undergoing. No effort was made to question her about her visit to Sing Sing. She was met by her sister, Miss Mary Lynch.

THE CRIME

New York, July 30.—Herman Rosenthal, the gambler for whose murder Charles Becker was sentenced to die in the electric chair, was shot to death by hired gunmen in the early morning of July 16, 1912, in front of the Hotel Metropole on Forty-third street, a few steps from Broadway. The murder was the swift culmination of sensational charges made a few days before by Rosenthal against Becker in which Rosenthal asserted that Becker then head of the Strong Arm squad of detectives, freely sold police protection and had accumulated thousands of dollars of graft money.

Rosenthal went further than that. He swore that Becker was his silent partner in a gambling enterprise that failed and that Becker, angered by losses where he had expected large profits, raided the Rosenthal establishment and drove Rosenthal out of business by stationing uniformed policemen on his premises day and night.

These charges were published and district Attorney Whitman began an investigation of them. He summoned Rosenthal to the criminal courts building and listened to his story. An appointment was made with Rosenthal for the next day. Before the time came Rosenthal was murdered.

THE LAST APPEAL

Mrs. Becker's last effort to save her husband was made yesterday when she appealed personally to Governor C. A. Whitman, who as district attorney of New York, had prosecuted the case against Becker, for a reprieve so that an appeal might be taken to the state court of appeals from the decision of Justice Ford. Missing the governor at Albany Mrs. Becker met him at Poughkeepsie. The appeal was fruitless and the untiring wife hurried to Sing Sing to bid her husband farewell. Mrs. Becker was with her husband for an hour, leaving the death house at 12:50 o'clock this morning. She left the prison at 1:15 o'clock for New York outwardly displaying no effects of the severe mental strain. John Becker, her brother-in-law, and John Lynch, her brother, accompanied her.

Becker met his death three years and a day after his indictment and arrest and slightly more than fifteen months after the execution of the four gunmen convicted of the actual murder of Rosenthal.

Becker is the first man who left the death house when granted a new trial to return there and suffer the death penalty. All others who have left Sing Sing's death house after being granted a new trial, have failed to return there for some reason or other.

Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—A statement credited to Mrs. Becker was given out here shortly after her husband's death. "I shall never rest," she was quoted as saying, "until I have exposed the methods which were used to convict my husband. Whether he was guilty or innocent, there was no justification for the means employed to convict him."

"I would rather lose all the other members of my family, as dear as they are to me, than lose Charlie. No one can take his place. In all of the ten years of our married life I never had occasion once to regret that I was his wife."

"Charlie was no angel. He made no pretense of being one. He was just an ordinary human being—and perhaps that is why I loved him so." Dr. W. O. Stillman of Auburn, who assisted in the autopsy, said that Becker showed unusual resistance to the electric fluid. After the autopsy, Dr. Stillman said: "I noticed no unusual effects upon

Becker's vital organs. The way he resisted the strong current was remarkable, showing him to be an unusually powerful man."

It was expected that Becker's body will be removed some time today to New York, where funeral services will probably be held on Sunday. New York, July 30.—Mrs. Helen Becker, according to her brother John Lynch, was bearing up well today after the strain she underwent yesterday and last night. She is resting at her home today.

An undertaker was despatched today to Ossining to get the body of Charles Becker. The funeral, it was announced, will take place Monday. A solemn high requiem mass will be said at the Church of St. Nicholas of Tolentin by the Rev. Nicholas J. Murray. Interment will be at Woodlawn cemetery.

Junior City League

The following is the schedule for the second series of the Junior City Baseball League, adopted at a meeting of the representatives of the league last night in the Y. M. C. A.

- Monday, Aug. 2—Boy Knights at Eagles; Stars at Park. Wednesday, Aug. 4—Stars at Boy Knights; Park at Eagles. Monday, Aug. 9—Boy Knights at Park; Eagles at Stars. Wednesday, Aug. 11—Eagles at Boy Knights; Park at Stars. Monday, Aug. 16—Boy Knights at Stars; Eagles at Park. Wednesday, Aug. 18—Park at Boy Knights; Stars at Eagles. "A" Section—Second Series. Monday, Aug. 2—Boy Knights at Eagles; Stars at Park. Wednesday, Aug. 4—Stars at Boy Knights; Park at Eagles. Friday, Aug. 6—Alerts at Climbers; Maple Leafs at Alerts. Wednesday, Aug. 11—Alerts at Orioles; Maple Leafs at Climbers. Friday, Aug. 13—Climbers at Orioles; Alerts at Maple Leafs. Wednesday, Aug. 18—Climbers at Alerts; Maple Leafs at Orioles. Friday, Aug. 20—Orioles at Alerts; Climbers at Maple Leafs.

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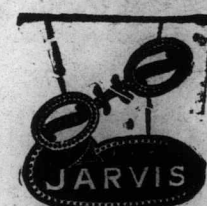
TO CORRECT A WRONG IMPRESSION

The title DOCTOR is the right form of address for men of different sciences, but it often results in confusion.

Many address me as Doctor without discriminating as to whether I am a Doctor of the science of medicine, or some other science. I am a Doctor of the science of Optometry—not a doctor of medicine. There is a wide difference between the science of Optometry and the science of medicine. As a Doctor of Optometry, I examine eyes to determine if glasses are needed, and if needed, what kind. In rare cases my examination shows that eyes are diseased—that glasses are NOT needed. In such cases I, as a Doctor of Optometry, refer the case to a physician, the Doctor of Medicine. When eyes are not diseased, but need glasses to improve the vision, I design, make, and fit glasses. In cases where both glasses and medical treatment are needed, I co-operate with the physician, each of us doing the work that comes within the province of our respective sciences.

I have a sincere appreciation of the title of Doctor. It is a recognition of my studies in the Optical College from which I was graduated, and the practice of Optometry—but I am a Doctor of Optometry, NOT OF MEDICINE.

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