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BIG ANXIOUS CROWD AT THE BECKER TRIAL

Famous Murder in New York Will Again be Probed in the Courts--New Evidence will be Submitted.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

NEW YORK, May 6— Crowds of curious men and women jammed the corridors of the Criminal Court Building to-day for the opening of the second trial of Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant and head of the "strong arm" squad, for the murder of the gambler, Herman Rosenthal. Four men, the gunmen, so-called, recently paid for the murder with their lives; but Becker, the alleged instigator, was saved by a ruling of the Court of Appeals. After months in the death house, he was transferred to the Tombs in this city, out of which he was brought to-day, across the Bridge of Sighs for the second battle for his life. The scene of the trial was the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, the same as the first trial, but Justice Samuel Seabury, presided in the place of Justice Goff.

Charles A. Whitman, District Attorney, appears for the State, as he did at the first trial, but John A. McIntyre is succeeded as chief counsel for Becker by Martin T. Manton.

The opening of the case was set for 10 o'clock and an additional panel of 100 tolesmen was on hand. The utmost caution will be employed in the selection of the jury. Among other things the talesmen will be asked whether the fact that the gunmen paid the penalty for the crime will prejudice them. It was thought that the remainder of the week would be required to complete the jury and that the trial will last three weeks or a month.

Nearly a hundred witnesses have been subpoenaed by the state and the defence. Many of the witnesses at the last trial have been summoned by the district attorney. It is not believed that Sam Schepps one of the principal informers at the previous trial, will be called. On the other hand new witnesses have been discovered; and it has been intimated that several witnesses at the first trial will change heir testimony at the second. A chauffeur named Cohen who testified for the defence at the first trial has, according to rumor, come over to the side of the prosecution and will supplant Schepps as a corroborating witness concerning an alleged meeting between Becker and the conspirators prior to the murder.

It had not been definitely decided to-day whether Becker will take the stand. There were rumors during the first trial and again of late, that he desired to testify, but what will be the outcome only progress of the case will disclose.

Of the informers who turned state's evidence "Bald" Jack Rose, Harry Vallon and others, all except Schepps, it is understood, will be called upon to repeat their story at the present trial.

Seven Directors On 1914 Board

The directorate of the Greater Brantford Board will in future consist of seven members in place of five. One of the additional members will be the president of the Board of Trade, this year Mr. Reg. Scarfe. The board this year consists of W. D. Schultz, A. K. Bunnell, Joseph Ham, Ald. Broadbent, Joseph Ruddy, R. Scarfe and G. S. Matthews, all of whom were appointed yesterday. The auditors are H. T. Watt and K. V. Bunnell. The directors are meeting this afternoon to consider some new industrial propositions.

GOLF CLUB GETS $7240, AWARD IS ANNOUNCED

The award in connection with the arbitration proceedings over the land taken from the Brantford Golf and Country Club by the Lake Erie & Northern Railway was taken up this morning by Mr. W. S. Brewster, K.C., acting in behalf of the railway. The Golf Club is to receive $7,240 under the award, which was signed by two arbitrators only, Judge Snider and Mr. A. E. Watts, K.C. Mr. Thomas Woodyatt refused to sign. The arbitration, which was held recently, lasted several days and brought out conflicting evidence. One witness placed the damage to the golf course at $85,000.

Acting for the railway, Mr. W. S. Brewster contended that a new course could be laid out on the grounds as cut up by the railway, and this contention was upheld by the two arbitrators, Judge Snider and Mr. Watts.

GREATER BRANTFORD BOARD MAKES REPORT

Some New Industries Were Not Successful Here Last Year But Progress Has Been Made—Features of Work

The annual meeting of the Greater Brantford board was held yesterday afternoon and a resume of the entire year's work was submitted:

The Directors of the "Greater Brantford" Association reported as follows:

During the year the following new plants have been established in Brantford:

(a) The A. J. Reach Company, manufacturers of Sporting goods.

(b) Spalding and Company, manufacturers of Sporting goods.

(c) The Brantford Piano Case Co., Limited, manufacturers of piano cases, cabinets for phonographs, jewelry cases and such like high-class woodwork.

Prospective Plants.

An agreement has been entered into by which, subject to certain conditions being fulfilled, the Niagara Silk Mills Company, will establish their Canadian plant in Brantford. One of the conditions is that in the Canadian company there shall be a substantial local financial interest. The other condition is that the mill building shall be provided for the company on a fair rental basis. The first condition your board has under taken to comply with. The second condition the Brantford Industrial Realty company will undertake should the city under the power recently granted to it by the legislature co-operate with the company. The affairs of the company have been thoroughly investigated by and on behalf of your board, who can, without any reservation, commend the enterprise to parties seeking for safe and profitable investments.

Keeton Motors Limited.

This company has been re-organized and as your board stated in a letter to the company sent for publication, bids fair to become one of Brantford's successful industrial enterprises, financial and otherwise.

Brantford Motor Truck Company.

Your Board regrets that this company has had to suspend operations. This company has, from all reports, a first-class truck, one that can command a market, and that only needs a reasonable amount of capital and good business management to make it successful. Your board has tendered its services to assist in the re-organization of this company, but so far has not been approached by the management. It recommends that the board of next year lend any assistance in its power to place this business on a satisfactory footing, as the board feels that it is fully as important to promote the interests of industries now here as it is to secure new industries.

Brantford Autocycles, Limited.

Your Board regrets that this company has, for reasons it is not necessary to state, been unsuccessful, and has gone out of business.

Brantford Industrial Realty Co., Limited.

Through the efforts of members of your board and others the Brantford Industrial Realty Company has been organized with an authorized capital of $100,000 of which $50,000 is subscrived. The objects of this company are the erection of factory buildings, on a rental basis to make it easier for new industrial concerns to commence business here; also to provide suitable homes for workingmen. With its present capital it is evident that this company's efforts to advance the industrial interests of the city must be very limited. This can be readily understood when one factory building alone, the Brantford Piano Case Company, has cost the company over $35,000. This difficulty, however, can be much lessened, and the objects of the company greatly advanced if the city will lend its assistance under the powers recently granted to it by the

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WOMEN OF THE WORLD MEET IN ROME TO-DAY

Efforts Made to Oust Countess of Aberdeen as Pres. of the Association.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

ROME, May 6.—The second day's meeting of the International Council of Women now being held in Rome, under the presidency of the Countess of Aberdeen, developed an effort to depose the countess from this position which she has had for twenty years.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall of Maine, has caused to be circulated to the delegation a book entitled "The Genesis of the International Council of Women. Whether or not it should be permitted to go out caused a heated discussion. Its purpose is to bring about the removal of the countess from the Presidency of the organization" to which post the council plans to re-elect her during the present session, for another five years.

Mrs. Sewall is at the head of a faction favorable to rotation in the presidency. She maintains that the principle of the organization cannot be international if one nationalty always is represented in the presidency. Mrs. Sewall does not advocate an American for the post, but she does want some woman other than an Englishwoman. She advances the argument that twenty years under the Countess of Aberdeen has gradually transformed the International Council into a purely English organization.

The inaugural address of the Countess of Aberdeen, distributed yesterday, lays particular emphasis on the impetus obtained by the women's movement throughout the world. Women, says the countess, being true to the Golden Rule, comprehend the needs of humanity better than do men. She reviewed previous sessions of the council, and said the meetings gave us all a new understanding of the significance of the International Council of Women.

The countess then greeted the delegates from the twenty-three national councils in Rome to-day, and especially the women from Servia, Finland and Portugal, which countries have recently joined the International movement. She regretted that illness had prevented the coming of the delegates from South Africa.

The countess draws particular attention to the handbook distributed to the delegates present, entitled the position of women in the laws of nations, in which she says that virtually every country in the world has laws making distinctions between men and women which are unjust to the latter. This, she declares, is an argument for women suffrage.

Reviewing the fundamental ideas of the constitutional council, the countess described these as favorable to international arbitration; the extension of suffrage to women, the improvement of the public health, the protection of immigrants, and betterment in existing systems of education and opposed to the white slave traffic. She invites the council to form standing committees to deal with the subjects of anti-alcoholism and professional occupations for women.

Umpire Bedford Assigned Here

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

TORONTO, May 6.—The Canadian League baseball season opens at St. Thomas to-day, when the Saints play Ottawa. This game was put ahead one day on account of the visit of the Duke of Connaught. The umpires for the opening series were announced by President Fitzgerald this morning as follows: At St. Thomas, Walsh. To-morrow's games: Hamilton at Brantford, Umpire Bedford; Toronto at London, Umpire Riley; Peterboro at Erie, Umpire Miller.

TWO HORSES LOST TODAY IN THE RIVER

J. E. Park, Their Driver, Had Very Narrow Escape.

Team Walked Into Deep Hole and Was Dragged Down.

An accident which nearly resulted in death for J. E. Park,, and caused the drowning of two valuable horses occurred this morning in the Grand River.

Park, who is a young man, was hauling gravel from the city pit in West Brantford, and to save time he and another carter took a short cut across country which saved over three parts of the journey. This short cut included the crossing of the river by the ford at the end of Gilkinson street, and it was while crossing the ford that the horses were drowned. and Park thrown into deep water. Park was driving his own team across and was following a man named Mott, when he felt his wagon slip from under him and before he knew what was happening his horses were floundering in deep water and he himself was struggling for dear life. He managed to regain the ford and saw his team in their last struggles and rushed away for assistance. Before it was procured the animals were no more, and all that could be done was to remove them from the water. It appears that the current was fairly strong this morning and Park had not allowed for this and had got upon the edge of the ford and then was borne over the edge. It is peculiar that Mott should get across in safety while Park, who was supposed to be following him, should fall into such an accident. He is the principal sufferer through the occurrence. having lost two horses which were his own.

MORE DETAILS OF BURNING SHIP TODAY

Story of Rescue is Told by Captain Miller of the Franconia.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

BOSTON, May 6.—The local office of the Cunard Line to-day received a report from Captain Miller of the Franconia telling of the rescue of a part of the crew of the Steamer Columbian which was burned at sea. The wireless message was dated today and follows:

"Received wireless from Steamer Georgic 11:24 a.m. May 4; 'Seydlitz passed in 41.27 N, 59.07 W, a large steamer burning all over. Hull high out of water, foremast and funnel gone, no people on board."

"At the same time a wireless from Sable Island requesting me to endeavor to identify the steamer should I pass close, was received. At 1.15 p.m. I received from the Associated Press, Boston: "Great alarm over Seydlitz report of a big ocean liner afire. Rescues by Franconia. Please send brief despatch.'

"At that time rumor of rescue was not true. On receipt of Georgie's message I changed my course to cross a given position of the burning steamer, arriving there at 3 p.m. I could discern no trace of wreck, but decided owing to false report and fearing influences on other possible rescuing steamers to encircle position at six miles and at 3.30 p.m. sighted a boat on starboard bow. Being already prepared, the occupants thereof were taken on board in a few minutes. A heavy swell was running at the time, so took precautions of putting out my sea boat to cover their embarkation. The boat contained 13 men and a corpse lying awash in the bottom of the boat.

"The survivors had used trouser legs from the corpse on end of boy hook for distress signal. Some of them had been burned by fire.

"They state that they had been adrift forty hours. Six were put under doctor's care in hospital and others were given brandy and soup and bathed in hot water and put to bed. They immediately felt asleep. Little information can be obtained from them.

"The carpenter says the ship was the Columbian, sailing from Antwerp and about 12,000 tons register. He wts asleep and heard the alarm of fire and was coming along the deck and had arrived about midships when an explosion occurred under his feet, which blew him overboard. He was picked up by a small boat.

"A lamp-trimmer's son states that his father was coming forward calling for him when the deck blew up and the lamp-trimmer fell from the burning hold. A quartermaster says that Capt. McDonald, chief engineer, chief officer and several others were getting a third boat out when a big explosion took place. He does not know if the captain and his boat were saved. The second officer got away with about 24 men, ten minutes before the boat that was picked up.

KATHLEEN ROBB ALLOWED TO GO AT TORONTO

St. Thomas Girl Charged With Defrauding Several Banks.

TORONTO, May 6—Kathleen Robb, arrested Friday and in jail until last night, charged with securing money from several banks here on checks against which she had nowhere any deposit, was let go on suspended sentence at the women's court by Col. Denison. Her father and mother who came here from St. Thomas last evening and bailed her out, were in court. Two or three long nights in jail and several remarks of the magistrate are her punishment. Her counsel, T. C. Robinette, represented that there had been no real intent to defraud. She had sold several water color sketches of her's in New Yorkand in payment, being in need of money, thought it no harm to draw checks for less that that amount knowing she could presently cover the amounts.

Col. Denison said the plan was too well thought out. If she were not punished it would encourage others to do the same. Mr. Robinette protested she did not know what she was doing. She knew her parents were behind her. "You mean she is insane," said the magistrate; "then you had bettter have her locked up in an asylum."

As the ufortunate girl dissolved in misery. laid her head on the table, her gentle grey haired mother came over and laid her hand on her shoulder.

"Why did you let her come away from home?" asked the court.

"We thought she would have better advantages for art study," returned Mrs. Robb "We thought her strict training at home would keep her from going astray."

After some further scathing remarks from tthe Colonel about "artistic temperament," Miss Robb was allowed to go on suspended sentence and was led from the room, her head resting on her mother's shoulder, even the hardened habitudes of the court showing their relief.

Chancel Guild

The annual meeting of the Girls' Chancel Guild of St. James' Church was held last night, when the principal business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The elections resulted as follows: Honorary President, Mrs. Ayres; honorary vice-president, Mrs. (Rev.) H. A. Wright; president, Mary Petrie; vice-president, May Underwood; secretary-treasurer, Evelyn Riley; flower committee, Mrs. Simmons, Olive Whitham and Edith Mallandine. Other business was expeditiously got through and the meeting was formally closed.

Globe Girdlers Are in City

Trying to Make Tour of World For $10,000 Prize.

Two more globe girdlers walked into the city this morning en route for Vancouver. The pair were Mr and Mrs. James Hartley of Montreal. They are walking around the world for a prize of $10,000 which they will receive providing they complete the trip in five years. The prize is being presented by the Montreal Daily Mail.

Mr. and Mrs Hartley left Montreal one month ago and have traversed 426 miles to date. Since starting Mrs Hartley has worn out three pairs of shoes and Mr Hartley has worn out two. They were dressed in corderoy suits and heavy topped boots pegged on the soles.

For a living they sell post cards with a description of their tour on the back. They are not allowed to sell more than one postcard for every mile they travel. The gentleman is also a singer. From here they will go to Woodstock, thence to St Thomas, Chatham, Windsor, Detroit and then to Chicago. From Chicago they will again enter Canada, and head for Vancouver. At Vancouver they will board a boat for Australia which will be the next continent visited.

Both are small of stature but wiry looking and their faces are tanned with the wind and sun. On their backs they each carry a club bag and a blanket. Providing they can get an engagement they may be seen in one of the local theatres for the next two nights. They are not allowed to stay more than two nights in each place.

POLICE ON DECK

Department Enters Clean-Up Campaign For Duke's Visit.

The police are making special preparations for the visit of the Duke of Connaught and they expect a busy time. There has been a general round up, and every man with a shade of suspicion attached to him will be kept under observation during the visit. All men who are hanging around are being listed up, and nothing will be left undone that will appertain to the aspect of the city for the auspicious occasion. The men who have been listed up by the hotelkeepers are asked to get work the police say, or more will be heard of the matter. The chief is determined to make this a model city.

OF INTEREST TO WOMAN

Special demonstration at Elliott's Hardware to-morrow. Something of interest to every woman in Brantford.

Lantern Lecture

A very interesting lantern lecture was given last evening in Colborne St. Church by the pastor Rev T. E. Holling. The lecture was in two parts part one illustrated with 50 views, telling of the life and work of the late Thos. Crosby missionary to the Indians on the Pacific Coast left with the listeners a new impression of Dr Crosby known among the Indians as the "Lion Hearted Man," and a deeper interest in mission work. The lecture closed with 25 views on Uncle Tom's Cabin—the story which never fails to arouse interest. A goodly sum was realized for the work of the intermediate mission band.

Got Medals

Dufferin School Lads Are Proud in Possession Today.

Yesterday afternoon the presentation of the Strathcona Trust shooting competition medals were made to the Dufferin School team which won first place from all the other schools of the city. Each school had a team entered, consisting of eight men, and the shooting was done last winter in the armories.

Col. E. C. Ashton of the new Artillery, assisted by Battalion Leader E. E. C. Kilmer, made the presentation and the following boys were presented with sterling silver medals. John Ash, Walter Brewster. Jack Duncan, Jack Littler, Roy Pollock, C. Chapman, Russell Sweet and Archie Turnbull. The Dufferin School cadets formed a hollow square around the team, and a company of 20 girls assisted in the ceremony.

A medal was also presented to Lloyd Colquhoun, son of Capt. Colquhoun of A Co. of the Dufferin Rifles, who won the high score award of the competition.

After the presentation the girls of the school gave a luncheon to the team and the visitors.

Those in attendance were Col. Muir, Capt. Towers, Col. E. C. Ashton, Cant Cutcliffe, Sergt. Major Oxtaby. Principals Joyce of Central, Foster of Alexandra, Dixon of King Edward, Rowe of Dufferin, Lieut. Bingle the adjutant of the cadets, Lieut. White, who has charge of the Victoria school cadets. Mr. and Mrs Sweet, Mr and Mrs Turnbull, Rev. Mr. Gordon, Mrs (Capt.) Colquhoun and all the teachers of the various schools.

Pathetic Case

Young Girl Tells a Sad Story in Police Court Today.

A good looking young girl of about twenty, Dorothy Tilson, by name was given a chance by Magistrate Livingston this morning. She was charged with vagrancy and pleaded guilty, and upon saying she had no friends but a sister in Toronto, it was decided to send her to the Queen City. A pathetic story, however, lay behind the charge, and showed a spirited girl may be made to taste the bitter sweet of the underworld. The girl, who was respectably connected before her father and mother died some years ago, commenced to work at an early age and she proved a good worker and was employed at the Temple Cafe, for a considerable time. Going down to Hamilton she there met a colored man, John G. Smith of about 26, and they became intimate and before long they were living as man and wife. Smith came to Brantford three weeks ago and again cohabited with the girl at No. 1 Rawdon street and the police got wind of his movements and as he had not worked since he arrived, they decided to investigate, and last night three officers, Sergt. Wallace, High Constable Kerr and Provincial Officer Mounce paid a visit to the dwelling and there found the two together. They made the arrests and the girl was charged, as also was Smith with vagrancy. Smith will depart from Brantford with all possible speed to his native Hamilton, and the girl will be looked after at present by the authorities who look with compassion upon the deluded woman, who is glad that the man has been sent away. She is tired of the life and will endeavor in future to live a good and a straight life.

Will Bulletin Ball Scores

Commencing to-morrow, the Courier will bulletin the scores of all games played in the Canadian, American and National leagues. As the wires connect directly with the ball parks in every circuit, the scores come in on the minute after every inning, and are given out officially.

LLOYD GEORGE RAISES LARGE EXTRA AMOUNT

But His Budget is Subject of Bitter Criticism in the Press.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

MONTREAL, May 6.—Many financial experts assert that Chancellor Lloyd George has underestimated his tax revenue, some declaring that this is a deliberate trick to secure a substantial surplus, says a London cable to The Daily Mail.

The correspondent adds that the Chancellor's decision to avoid touching the pockets of the working class has naturally aroused the ire of the plutocrats who accuse him of penalizing success, talent, enterprize and foresight.

The Daily Telegraph prints an elaborate analysis showing that Mr. Lloyd George will probably raise a hundred million dollars more than last year, which in the next budget he can apply to social reform measures calculated to secure votes.

"It is a budget of bribery,' says The Daily Express, backing its assertion with this indictment:

"Fathers of families with incomes below £500, forming the great bulk of the income tax payers, receive a bonus—they have votes.

"Widows and orphans, left a few hundred pounds by their rstwhile breadwinner, pay an addition two pence in the pound—they have no votes.

"The ratepayer, forming the backbone of the electorate, are promised rating relief equal to nine pence in the pound—they are many and have many votes.'

"The owners of large incomes pay a heavier ta xand a greater sur-tax—they are few and have few votes."

TRINITY CADETS.

A proposal is on foot to form a cadet corps in connection with Trinity Church among the senior boys. A meeting is being held to-night to organize a staff and arrange to see the work started.

ELEVEN PRISONERS.

There are 11 prisoners detained at the jail at the present time.