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LIEUT. BECKER AGAIN ON TRIAL

Like Cochran Asks That Whitman Be Adjudged in Contempt For Certain Statements.

TRIAL IS DENIED FOR TIME BEING

Change of Venue Refused—Cochran Attacks Whitman For "Talking For the Newspapers."

New York, May 6.—Charles Becker, former police lieutenant, today placed on trial for the second time charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, in July 1912. A recent ruling of the court of appeals granted him a rehearing after he had been convicted of the murder and sentenced to death. Admission to the court room was restricted only and hundreds were turned away. It was 10:37 when Justice Seabury ascended the bench. Shortly afterward Becker was brought in. Bourke Cochran, of counsel for the defense, immediately asked the court that District Attorney Whitman be adjudged in contempt for "having made statements tending to prejudice the public" against Becker. The motion was denied for the time being as the court agreed to hear arguments on it later. Mr. Cochran then asked for a change of venue. Again he censured the district attorney for talking about the case for the benefit of "the newspapers." He presented affidavits from newspaper men and others to the effect that an alleged confession of Carl Becker, recently quoted as having admitted that he committed perjury in the gunnery matter, did not come from Dressner himself but was given by Mr. Whitman with the suggestion that the story be made to read as if it had been given to the newspaper men by Dressner from his cell in the Tombs. Judge Seabury denied the motion for a change of venue and the examination of witnesses was begun. Mrs. Becker, after remaining in the back of the room for some time, joined her husband at the counsel table.

TWO NEGROES INDICTED FOR LYERLY MURDER

Greensboro, N. C., May 6.—Sid Finner and Floyd Alexander, two negroes charged with the murder of Preston Leroy and the burning of his store at Arbor Junction, on the night of February 24, 1914, were indicted at Salisbury yesterday for murder in the first degree. Finger was first indicted and used as a witness before the grand jury against Alexander. Both prisoners were brought here last night for keeping. Finger's trial is set for May 14 at Salisbury.

VILLA SENDS ANSWER TO MAAS' PROPOSAL

Torreon, Mex., May 4.—(Via El Paso, May 5.)—The answer of General Francisco Villa to a request from General Maas, in command of the Saltillo garrison, that Villa in the federalists in avenging the Mexican occupation of Vera Cruz, is delivered to the federal messenger today.

STEAMER AGROUND

Duluth, Mich., May 5.—The steam-George S. Baker, bound from Ashland to Erie with a cargo of iron ore, got aground on Sawtooth reef in dense fog today. Her crew of 25 were taken off. The Baker is one of the largest vessels on the Great Lakes.

Unveil Monument June 10

Raleigh, May 5.—A monument to the women of the Confederacy, which was made possible by the donation of \$5,000 by the late Ashley Horne, will be unveiled in Capital square on June 10. At the same time the North Carolina Confederate veterans will hold their annual reunion here.

Will Reconsider

London, May 5.—The British government will reconsider its decision not to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco and probably will be represented in a distinctly modified form, it was announced today.

Treaty in Reading

Bogota, Colombia, May 5.—The treaty between Colombia and the United States settling the long standing dispute over Panama passed its reading in the Colombian senate today.

CARRANZA NOT TO BE INCLUDED

Mediators Definitely Decide to Conduct Negotiations Without Constitutionalist Leader.

WILL MAKE NO MORE ADVANCES TO HIM

Conferences to Be Held at Niagara Falls, Canada—Huerta's Position Excites Speculation.

Washington, May 6.—After a short session with Secretary Bryan one of the mediators announced that they had definitely decided to proceed without Carranza. The possibility that the attitude of the chief of the constitutionalists was merely temporary was considered doubtful by the mediators. Washington, May 6.—Renewed efforts of the South American envoys to bring Carranza, constitutionalist chief, into preliminary mediation negotiations came as a swift turn of events that excited sharp interest in the Mexican crisis today. While it had appeared Carranza had been eliminated temporarily from mediation preliminaries because of his refusal to declare a truce, yet it developed today that the envoys were seeking to have him send an agent to conferences between Huertistas and representatives of the United States to be begun in Niagara Falls, Canada, on May 18.

No formal mediation of the broad Mexican problem could be attempted until an armistice were arranged between contending factions in the southern republic but the mediators' present aim was said to be to meet a Carranza agent for a direct discussion of the situation. How far that effort would succeed was an absorbing question. Many observers thought that on its result would hinge to a large degree the hope of general mediation of Mexico's ills.

Routine Arrangements

Confident of a reply from the rebel chief, the mediators today began routine arrangements for the Niagara Falls conference. Huerta's representatives were expected to start from Mexico City this week but the members of the United States mission have not yet been appointed. President Wilson resumed consideration of many names today, seeking trained diplomats to handle the delicate questions to be discussed in the Canadian border city.

Federal Activity

While interest in diplomatic developments overshadowed all other features of the international situation, changes in Mexico were not overlooked. Huerta's position excited speculation. Observers who reached Vera Cruz from the federal capital declared Huerta had done little to indicate he expected an American advance or intended to offer serious resistance if that happened. However, numerous reports stated the federalists were mining railway tracks between the capital and the east coast. Huerta was said to recognize the menace of Villa's army in the north and the chance of a Zapatista attack from the south. Bombs for use against both those leaders were being turned out in the federal arsenal. Zapata's reported threat to attack Mexico City yesterday did not materialize. It served, however, to renew interest in the possibility that Zapata may emerge as a figure to be reckoned with in future happenings.

Fighting at Tampico

Renewal of fighting for possession of Tampico was reported by Rear Admiral Mayo today. There was no indication that it had resulted decisively. The investing rebels were said to have received additional artillery and reports persisted that Villa would take personal charge of the attack. The army and navy departments today continued working out their plans to meet any future happenings. The army intended to mark time but it was known that if a campaign against Huerta's capital became necessary General Leonard Wood would be in supreme command with General Funston directing the advance movement.

Choice of Americans

Secretary Lane of the Interior, called at the Argentine legation at 9 o'clock today and had a conference with Dr. Nao, one of the mediators. Mr. Lane has been consulting with Secretary Bryan and President Wilson as to mediation plans and the choice of Americans to represent the United States at the Niagara Falls conference.

After he left the legation Secretary

Lane would not discuss his visit. It was authoritatively denied today that the mediators were trying to get Carranza to reconsider and come into the conference. Their position is that Carranza must re-enter the negotiations voluntarily or not at all. It is believed some pressure is being exerted on Carranza to reconsider his withdrawal, but this is not through any further overtures.

CORDIAL WELCOME TO CONFEDERATES

Mayor Park Trammell of Jacksonville Pays Tribute To Veterans.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 6.—United Confederate veterans and allied organizations, in twenty fourth annual reunion here, were extended a cordial welcome today by Governor Park Trammell in a fervid address at the veterans first official meeting. "Veterans and friends," said Governor Trammell, "Floridians are loyal to the stars and stripes and are ever ready to sustain the banner of our republic. Today, in the life of our nation, and in the search of progress for the upbuilding of the greatest country on the globe, we know no north, no east, or west, but are a reunited people under one flag, with a common purpose and a common destiny. The bitterness of yesterday, engendered by the civil strife, is but a memory—and now we esteem, respect and appreciate our brothers in the north as our friends, our neighbors and fellow Americans."

"The city of Jacksonville and the state of Florida have entertained many important conventions and we have welcomed them as friends. But veterans we do not welcome you as friends—you are our own people—the same red blood courses through our veins; on the battlefields upon which you poured your life blood, Floridians, too, gave their life blood. We are southerners; our sentiments are southern and the history and traditions of the south are entwined eternally around our hearts."

"We honor you, veterans, to the only because you went forth in defense of our land but as well for your loyalty and courage in bringing back to life, prosperity and influence in our southland. "Every nation boasts of its soldiers and brave deeds but no nation has a greater right to feel proud of its soldiers than the American republic. Today as war is impending in the far southwest, the fire of patriotism is burning at white heat within the bosoms of our southern people, and at a moment's call our men would gladly rally to the flag and again, undaunted, face death upon the battlefield."

"Veterans, sons and daughters of the confederacy, you will find here a congenial spirit and good fellowship. May you stay be full of pleasure and may you long remember with fond recollection your visit to the land of flowers."

PRESIDENT RECEIVES LETTER OF MR. OLNEY

Says He Could Not Give His Whole Time to U. S. Reserve Board.

Washington, May 6.—President Wilson has received Richard Olney's letter in which the former secretary of state declined the governorship of the federal reserve board. It was as follows: "My Dear Mr. President: 'I feel honored quite beyond words by your letter of the 30th ultimo, by the important offer and by the friendly expression of confidence which accompany the offer. 'But the act of congress which very properly requires each member of the federal reserve board to give his entire time to his work is an insuperable obstacle to my acceptance of the offer. In the course of a long life I have in various instances assumed duties and undertaken trusts which, from their personal nature, cannot properly be devolved upon others. 'If the conclusion I have come to is a disappointment to you, I greatly regret it. But you can hardly be surer than I am, that I am able to do so little in aid of an administration whose first year of achievement makes it one of the most notable the country has ever known. 'Trusting you will not suffer your health and strength to be impaired by the strain of the unusual difficulties now attending the duties of your great office, I am sincerely yours, (Signed) 'RICHARD OLNEY.' The letter was dated Boston, May 4."

BODY OF GEN. SICKLES IN NATIONAL CEMETERY

New York, May 6.—The body of Major General Daniel E. Sickles will be buried in the national cemetery at Arlington, Va., among the graves of many of his old comrades of the third army corps. The family reached this decision upon the receipt of a telegram from Secretary of War Garrison saying that a plot had been selected and a military escort, firing squad and chaplain assigned to meet the train bearing the general's body. Funeral services will be held Friday morning in St. Patrick's cathedral here. It is probable the body will reach Arlington Saturday.

NINETEEN MEN STILL ADrift

Twenty-Seven of the Crew of Steamer, Columbian, Burned at Sea, Have Been Picked Up.

THE VESSEL CAUGHT FIRE SUNDAY NIGHT

Flames Spread Quickly and the Boats Ill Prepared For Exposure.

Sable Island, N. S., May 6.—Captain McDonald and thirteen members of the crew of the British steamer Columbian, burned at sea, were saved by the steamer Manhattan. A wireless dispatch to this effect was received from the Manhattan by the Marconi station here early today. The Manhattan, bound from New York for Antwerp, had been near the scene of the burning of the Columbian for some hours and was known to be searching for boats containing members of the Columbian's crew. Her success was announced in the following message: "Manhattan picked up one boat of Columbian, captain and thirteen others. One engineer killed in explosion and one man drowned leaving ship. Manhattan still searching for other boat."

The rescue, it was added, was made early this morning in 41.19 N. latitude, and 59.35 W. longitude. Yesterday the Cunard liner Franconia picked up one of the Columbian's boats containing thirteen men and the body of Chief Steward Matthews, so that twenty-seven in all have been rescued. The other missing boat, for which the Manhattan and other steamers are still searching, contains the first and second officers and seventeen men.

The steamer Columbian, bound from Antwerp for New York, caught fire at sea Sunday night. According to the wireless advices the flames spread quickly and were followed by explosions which necessitated the hasty abandoning of the steamer. The crew got away in three boats but in their haste were ill prepared for a battle with the seas in open boats. The first survivors when picked up had been adrift for thirty-six hours and suffered severely. Captain McDonald's boat, picked up early today by the Manhattan, was adrift for more than fifty hours before help reached them.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS HAS BEGUN

Conference Will Continue For Three Weeks—Bishop Wilson Presides Today.

Oklahoma City, May 6.—Somewhat later than the scheduled time of opening, the seventeenth quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, convened in St. Luke's Methodist church this morning. The conference will extend over three weeks. Bishop Wilson, senior member of the bishopric, called the great body to order and announced the devotional service. The roll call by the Rev. A. F. Watkins, secretary of the last conference, the appointment of conference committees and the reading of the bishops' address reviewing the work of the past four years is expected to consume today's session.

SEC. GARRISON ORDERS 100,000 3-INCH SHELLS

Philadelphia, May 6.—Orders for 100,000 three-inch shrapnel shells were received last night at the Frankford arsenal in this city from Secretary Garrison of the war department. Colonel George Montgomery, in command at the arsenal, said this was one of the largest orders ever received and that while he had been given until June, 1915, to fill it he expected to complete the order before that date. He issued a call for 150 skilled workmen in addition to the 1200 already employed. The plant will be run 24 hours a day.

Concerning Identities

Editor of The Gazette-News: I would like to state to the public that the George W. Bryant who was tried in Police court May 5 on a charge of retailing was not the George W. Bryant who is cook at the Candy Kitchen. GEORGE W. BRYANT. Asheville, N. C., May 6, 1914.

FUNSTON WILL EXTEND LINES

LITTLE NAVY MEN BEATEN IN HOUSE

Amendments to Two-Battleship Program Lose by a Large Vote.

Washington, May 6.—"Little navy" men in the house have lost their fight against the two battleship construction program in the annual naval appropriation bill. An amendment by Representative Buchanan of Illinois to provide for one ship was defeated 148 to 91, while a motion by Representative Witherspoon, of Mississippi to eliminate all provision for battleships was swamped 152 to 41.

Democratic leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann, with several other prominent figures in the house voted with the one ship advocates. When the house adjourned the remainder of the building program was pending, with a motion by Representative Mahon of New York, that at least one of the new battleships be constructed in a navy yard, and one by Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, that both contracts go to government plants. Representatives of districts in which private yards are located are making a vigorous fight against these propositions.

Representative Jones of Virginia said the battleship New York built at the Brooklyn navy yard, cost a million dollars more than her sister ship, the Texas, the product of a private builder.

Chairman Padgett of the naval committee, said that on account of congestion of work it would mean a delay of at least a year to build the ships in government yards. Consideration of the bill will be resumed Thursday.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY IN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Charlotte, May 6.—The second day's play in the southern Inter-Collegiate Tennis tournament resulted as follows:

Preliminary round doubles—Oates and Chambers of the University of North Carolina defeated Gardner brothers, Georgia Tech, 6-4, 6-1; Hurt and Lanier, Georgia, Fleet and Hallman, Georgia Tech, 6-1, 6-2.

First round doubles—Oates and Chambers, North Carolina, won from Pim and Johnson, Davidson, 6-1, 6-4; Anderson and White, Trinity, Peacock and Carter, Georgia, 10-8, 4-6, 6-2; Erwin and Thornton, Clemson, Combs and Walke, North Carolina, by default.

Second round singles—Oates, North Carolina, defeated Crawford, Davidson, 6-3, 6-4; Anderson, Trinity, Walke, North Carolina, 6-3, 6-3; Waring, South Carolina, Erwin, Clemson, 6-2, 6-2.

Consul Bonney Safe

Washington, May 6.—The Brazilian minister in Mexico City informed the state department today that American Consul Bonney, previously reported under arrest in San Luis Potosi, had arrived in Mexico City with Mrs. Bonney. The minister added that at last accounts all Americans in San Luis Potosi were safe.

Accept Johnson's Claim

Paris, May 6.—The French Boxing federation, the principal authority in ring contests in France, which hitherto has refused to recognize "Jack" Johnson as heavyweight champion of the world, today accepted his claim to the title.

War Department Gives Commander Free Hand in Deal in With the Situation at Vera Cruz.

HEAVY FORTIFICATIONS ARE TO BE THROWN UP

Funston Believes Concentration of Federals Is Only For the Purpose of Defense.

Washington, May 6.—Orders have gone from the war department to General Funston, it was learned today, authorizing him to extend his lines about Vera Cruz as far as "in his judgment it is necessary." This, it was explained, gives the American commander virtually a free hand in dealing with the situation at Vera Cruz and it was said that the American lines would at once be extended and heavy fortifications thrown up.

General Funston at Vera Cruz reported to the war department today that he had no definite information regarding movements of Mexican troops and said he thought it probable that such concentration as the Mexican forces had made was only for the purpose of defending the lines of both railroads in case the United States troops should advance.

Mexican natives reported that the track of the Inter-oceanic is being torn up. General Funston adds that while food is not coming in from the west it is being brought in from along the beach from the north and from Tajar on the south.

Rebels Attack Federals

Washington, May 6.—Admiral Badger reported to the navy department today that constitutionalist forces made a sharp attack yesterday upon exican federal troops in the northwestern portion of the province of Vera Cruz and to the west of Tampico. There was no decisive result as far as he could learn, the report stated.

Admiral Badger's report, said further that Admiral Mayo informed him of persistent rumors current about Tampico that General Villa was on his way there with reinforcements and intended to "take and burn the city." Admiral Mayo stated he did not put the slightest faith in the rumor supposed to have been arranged between the constitutionalists and federalists at Tampico. There had been no trouble recently in oil district, he added.

Bostonian Defeated

London, May 6.—In the final round of the British amateur court tennis championship played at Queen's club today, E. M. Baerlein, the ex-champion, defeated Joshua Crane, Jr., of Boston in the first set, six games to two. Baerlein won the second and third sets and the British amateur title.

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