# CHARLES BECKER IS FOUND. GUILTY AT SECOND TRIAL.

## Dramatic and Pathetic Scene Enacted As Jury Silently Files In and Pronounced Dooming Verdict, Reached on First Ballot.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, May 22.-Twelve men today decided for the second time that Charles Becker was the archconspirator 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 today decided that the gunmen were Becker's agents.

# First Ballot Unanimous.

One ballot decided Becker's fate. It was taken almost immediate after the jurors returned from luncheon at an uptown hotel, where they went when Supreme Court Justice Samuel Seabury had 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 jourymen. 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 accomplic who turn informers, had been furnished by new witnesses at the second.

## Counsel Will Appeal.

Becker's counsel announced that he would appeal and 'gained a week's stay for the preparation of his future campaign. - The defendant was granted a short meeting with his wife and brothers and then was taken back to his cell in the tombs. Becker and his wife were talking shortly before 5 o'clock in a room adjoining the sheriff's office when a court attendant announced that the jury had reached a verdict. Mrs. Becker was not permitted to accompany her husband to the court room. Newspaper men court attendants, counsel for the defense and District Attorney Whitman and his staff were the only other persons allowed admission. The defendant's two brothers, Jackson and John Becker, the latter a detective lieutenant, hurried to a side entrance, where they stood awaiting the verdict.

### Jury Expressionless.

When the little group in the court room had found seats the twelve men who alone knew Becker's fate filed silently in with Foreman F. Meriden Blagden at their head. All twelve faces were expressionless. Judge Seabury mounted the bench. He glanced quickly at the faces of the jurors, but he learned nothing there. Old court attendants who declared long practice had made them able usually to tell the verdict by the jurors' looks. admitted that on this occasion they were at a loss.

Becker, in the room overheard, wa still talking to his wife when Justice Beabury & gripped it with both hands sent for the defendant. Becker kissed his wife as he left her.

"Its all right," he told her; "don': worry. They'll free me."

Becker walked briskly through the courtroom to the rail facing Justice Seabury and griped it with both hansa His face was colorless. He glanced hopefully at the jury, but he did not catch the eye of a single man. To all outward appearence the jury did not even know the defendant was in the room. The clerk asked the jury to rise. "Foreman," he said "have you reached a verdict."

The Foreman Weeps

Becker didn't answer immediately, Almost in a whisper he repHed "Yes." As to his occupation, he said he was

a "former pólice officer in the city of New York, a Catholic and of temperate habits." Justice Seabury thanked each man

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of the jury for his services and they left the room. Counsel Granted a Week.

Attorney Manton when told by the court he would be granted a reasonable time in which to make any motions he deemed advisable, asked for one week and received it. "Charles Becker, you are remanded

to the Tombs prison until May 29," the court announced. The whole proceeding, from the time Becker was pronounced guilty until a recess was declared, occupied scarcely four minutes.

In the meantime Jackson and John Becker, standing at the door to the court room, had heard the verdict. Jackson sank into a court attendant's chair and buried his face in his hands. Mrs. Becker's brother, John Lynch, and John Becker, hurried to the room where Becker's wife was waiting.

# Pathetic Scene Enacted.

Everybody in the bullding and even a crowd in the street outside knew that Becker had been found guilty, A bailin had shouted the news across the rotunda of the court house. But Mrs. Becker, sitting behind closed dcors, did not know it until John Lecker entered the room. He did not say a word to her then. He did not have to. His face showed what had happened. His shoulders were bent and shaking and his cheeks were wet, Mrs. Becker collapsed and was still sobbing when her husband was led into the room. She threw her arms around his neck and buried her face

on his shoulder. "Oh!" she cried. "Charlie, I'm so sorry, so sorry. Poor Charlie. I didn't expect it."

She could say no more. She released her husband from her embraceand dropped into a chair.

#### Across Bridge of Sighs.

Pecker stood looking down at her is she wept. Handcuffs were then locked about his wrists; he was taken from the room and around the corridors to the other side of the building across the Bridge of Sighs and into the Tombs. On his way around the corridor friends expressed their SOFTOW.

"I am very very sory for myself," he declared grimly "I have nothing more to say."

Immediately after the court was adjourned, Mr. Manton said:

"I failto see how the jury managed to convict Becker in view of conflicting evidence presented by witnesses for the State and evidence that our witnesses gave. However, it has been done. I immediately will set to work to prepare an appeal. We will fight and fight hard to have Becker cleared of this charge."

## Whitman is Gratified.

District Attorney Whitman expressed himself highly gratified with the verdict. "It speaks for itself, he said "Becker is guilty. It was proved. He must pay the penalty of his crime." Mrs. Becker remained in the sheriff's office a long time after her husband had been returned to the Tombs. She was too overcome with grief to leave immediately. When she went at last she had to be assisted from the building.

## Plitt Damaging Witness.

This the sixteenth and last day of the second trial, was devoted to the judge's charge and deliberation of the jury. In his review of the evidence Justice Seabury directed the jury that to find the defendant guilty they mus: decide that the stories of Rose, Vallon and Webber were supported by witnesses not involved in the crime. This centered emphasis on the testimony of Charles Plitt, Jr. who was Becker's

Mrs Becker was even more hope ful. "I cannot conceive," she said. "that any twelve sensible men can give credence to such cooked up stories as those told by Rose; Webber, Valon and Plitt. I don't expect a conviction. The worst that can happen is a disagreement. Charles is innocent, and he will be exonerated.

## Hence Hazelwood Shot

Hence Hazelwood, was shot on last Sunday afternoon about two o'clock, at Nina Ruffins near Memorial Springs by George Washington-all colored It seemed there had been bad feelings of long standing between the negroes, and on this occasion a desperate fight arose and the shooting followed. From the reports we can get both were drinking. Hence is still living and getting along as well as can be expected, although his chances of recovering were considered small. George Washington made good his escape and no trace can be gotten of his whereabouts.

#### The Entertainment.

The entertainment given on last Thursday night for the benefit of the nonument fund by several young ladies and gentlemen from Raleigh, was a most interesting and pleasing one. Each number was fine and re ceived its share of applause. Quite a good number were present,

and enjoyed the evening and the receipts amounted to over sixty dollars.

#### Vulcanizing Plant Changes Hands, The Louisburg Vulcanizing Company formerly run by Messrs W. J. Cooper and Joe Mitchell was purchased Monday by Messrs. W. H. Perdue and R. H. Strickland. They will continue the business at the same location and Mr. Mitchell will continue as manager This is quite s nice little plant and is doing a good business.

#### Saw Mill Burns.

The saw mill of Mr. H. C. Gupton located on the P. C. Joyner land near Sandy Creek was destroyed Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock by fire. It is thought the fire caught from the slab pit.

The total loss is estimated at about \$1.250,00 with no insurance.

It isn't often that anyone gets ahead of a uewspaper man. A burglar tried it the other night. He broke into an editor's house by mistake. The lat-ter was awake and he watched the burglar search through various packets and drawers but of course found nothing. Just as he was about to depart the editor drawed out, "Say partner, won't you land me a dollar?" The burglar was suprised, but appreciated the joke, tossed the editor a doltar and took his departure.

# Consuming.

"She says her love for you is a con suming passion!" "It is. It takes five pounds of candy

week to keep it alive."-Town Topics.

tion.

Pocomoke Items. The dry weather is causing our, people to have grave fears about the crop. Human weakness cannot forsee

he wisdom of God's plan in withholding the rain. Some people believe that the rain comes each year, according to a great fixed plan in the beginning. I have no argument for this class of people. Their opinion may be right, but I believe that God, sends, and withholds the rain at his pleasure, and that whenever, he with-Hearld. holds it, it is done to show us our de-

pendence upon him. Miss Maggie Harris, who recently

Miss Maggie Harris, who recently DOES DANGER linton, died last Friday night. Her gentle, and innocent life won for her, the confidence of the people in this section.

Misses Hattle Perkinson, and Helen Winston, of Youngsville, visited Pocomoke Sunday. Mrs. Ann Fuller is spending some-

time with her son, G. R. Fuller. She has recently returned from a long visit to her daughter, near Mebane.

We are glad to see Mr. Tonie Wood lief traveling around occasionally. He is just recovering from a long spell of sickness.

Mr. J. A. Catlett and family went to Willow Springs Saturday.

Mrs. Etta Bragg, who has been visiting her brother, near Youngsville, came home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce Edwards, of Franklinton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Best. Misses Katie, and Ethel Mitchell.

spent Saturday night at Ballard Briggs.

Mr. Ressie Suit, was taken quite sick at Franklinton, Saturday.

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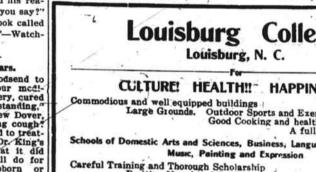
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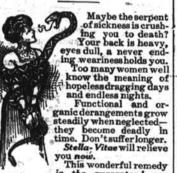
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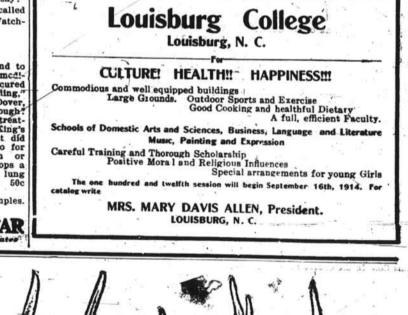
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. The undersigned, having been ap-pointed and duly qualified as adminis-tratrix of the estate of L. G. Jordan, leceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to ex-hibit the sme before her on or before the 23rd day of May, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate

ettlement. This the 19th day of May, 1914. ELLA G. JORDAN, Admrtx. Bland Mitchell, Atty. 5-22-6t

#### NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executor upon the estate of John M. Sherrod, de-ceased, late of Franklin County, this. is to notify all persons holding claims against his estate to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of May, 1915, or "this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement

This May-18th, 1914. A. D. MITCHINER, Extr. 5-22-4t.



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slim, brushed his eyes with a hapkerchief, already damp.

"We have," he said sofuly. "We find the defendant—"he hesitated a moment and continued in a whisper: "We find this defendant guilty as charged in the indictment-guilty of murder in the first degree."

Becker Is Stunned.

Becker's face was gray as he gripped the bar in front of him with all his strength. The big muscles in his neck jumped out in heavy rolls. The veins at his temples swelled. His great frame swayed and drooped, then with quick control he became himself again.

Big tears welled into the eyes of the foreman. He wiped them away and then the clerk began to ask the questions required by law. The roll was called and each individual juror was asked if "Guilty" was his verdict too. Becker stood motionless while these questions were being put the jurors. Immediately upon their conclusion the clerk began to take Becker's "pedigree." To the first questions Becker answered in a steady voice that he was 34 years old, was born in the U.S. and that his parents were born in Germany. Married?" quiried the clerk.

Blagden, a youngish man, blond and lieutenant and master of the old Strong Arm Squad. Plitt was a witpess for the defense at the first trial. but at the second, he took the stand at the call of the district attorney Becker's attorneys tried to prove that Plitt also was an accomplice, but the court left this question to the jury and their verdict showed they decided he was not.

"This point it was said tonight, might form the basis upon which Becker's attoneys promised to take the case once more to a higher court. It was a similar question involving the status of Sam Schepps, a witness at the first trial, but not at this, which enabled Becker to gain a new trial from the Court of Appeals, after his first conviction.

Beckers counsel, Martin T. Manton, entered formal objection to Justice Seabury's remarks to the jury: I take exception," he said, "to the entire charge on the ground that is is an animated argument."

Beeker Expected Acquittal. The verdict caught Becker unpre pared, for when' the jury first retired his lawyer told him that he looked for an acquital. The defendant at that time declared he did not believe/ it possible he could be convicted.,

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