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MURDER TRAIL LED TO BECKER

New York Police Official Indicted For Murder and Other Arrests Expected

BECKER PLANNED CRIME

District Attorney Thinks He Has Strong Case Against Becker—Three Confessions Taken Separately Confirm Each Other—Becker Told Rose That Rosenthal Had Lived Too Long and Must Be Put Out of the Way—Promised Police Protection to the Murderers—The Three That Made Confession Spent Night in Prosecutor's Office, Declaring They Were Afraid To Stay in the Tombs.

New York, July 30.—The arrest and indictment of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker for the murder of gambler Herman Rosenthal followed soon after the confession of "Bald Jack" Rose, "Bridgie" Webber and Harry Vallon, repeated today to District Attorney Whitman, the "police system" in all its hideousness. Whitman, following the trial of the three confessions, continued his search for evidence implicating those "higher up" than Becker, and more indictments of police officials are expected by the prosecutor. Becker's arrest lays bare a police department scandal that threatens to shake it to its foundations, for Whitman believes that the story of "police graft" has only half been told. "Bald Jack" Rose confessed that Becker came to him, and fairly desperate over Rosenthal's intention of telling all he knew of his relations with Becker, said:

"Rosenthal has lived too long. He's got to be put out of the way." Rose told the prosecutor and grand jury how the murder band was hired at Becker's instigation, and that after the killing Becker promised complete police protection. The confessions show that the murderers of Rosenthal were:

"Lefty Louis," or Louis Rosenzweig, Harry Horowitz, or "Gib the Blood," Frank Muller, or "White Jack" Lewis, and "Dago Frank" Cirofici. Cirofici was apprehended. These gunmen, members of notorious "Big Jack" Zelig's gang, plied themselves with liquor, then went out and shot Rosenthal for a price, said to be five thousand dollars.

Terror stricken, Rose, Webber and Vallon spent the night in the prosecutor's office, fearing they would be murdered if taken to the tombs prison. The prosecutor believes his case against Becker is without a flaw; that the confessions, taken separately, dove-tailed and confirmed each other and cannot be broken down.

Rose, who says he was Becker's gambling house collector, felt the ground slipping from under him day by day, and without money or friends, he realized he was being made to bear the weight of the crime alone. His counsel advised him to confess, thereupon Rose confessed.

BIG SEABOARD IMPROVEMENT

Will Add Greatly to Its Rolling Stock—Agreement Filed Today

An agreement between the Bankers Trust Company and the Seaboard Air Line Railway was received at the office of the register of deeds today to be recorded, and will, of course, be recorded in all other counties through which the Seaboard runs. An inspection of the agreement shows that the Seaboard is preparing to make extensive additions to its rolling stock. By the terms of the agreement the trust company is to acquire and sell to the railway, date of first delivery, August, 1912, 1,000 box cars, 200 steel hopper cars, 10 70-foot steel coaches, 7 70-foot combination passenger and baggage coaches, 7 70-foot baggage and mail cars, 25 caboose cars, 25 engines of two or three different types, 2 wrecking cranes, 3 express cars and 6 dining cars. All of this equipment is to be of the first-class and of the latest improved model in construction. All of the engines but two or three are to be of the high-powered giant type. The road is to pay to the trust company for this equipment \$2,300,581.42.

NEW BANK PLANNED.

Louisburg Will Have New Bank—Tobacco Crop Good.

Louisburg, July 30.—There will very soon be organized a new bank here, largely in the interests of the farmers, called the Farmers National Bank, with large capital, a store house is now being remodeled and equipped for it.

It is said that another cotton seed oil mill is contemplated by parties here with ample capital, to be organized in a short time.

We have had hot '86-'92 dry weather, but the crop and fruit prospects are very good.

The tobacco crop is good, and farmers have commenced curing it. It is said the market for its sale will be opened here in about two weeks.

Cotton is said to be irregular in sections where weather was unfavorable. The Hill Live Stock Company have commenced the building of a large cotton gin, it is said it will be operated by the Monger system. Fifty horse power noiseless gasoline engine, and capacity of 40 bales per day with modern double box revolving press.

Stock Train Derailed.

Boise, Idaho, July 30.—One man was killed, and seven injured, and eighteen hundred sheep killed when an Idaho Northern stock train was derailed near Guffey last night. Fourteen loaded stock cars rolled down an embankment.

Two Lives Lost in Fire.

Pairlee, Vermont, July 30.—Two persons were burned to death, and three injured, one probably fatally, when fire destroyed the Danforth house. Two persons were incinerated, Misses Effie Perkins and Florence Albee.

Steamers Collide.

Rockport, Mass., July 30.—The steamer City of Rockland, bound for Boston, collided in a fog with the collier Chisholm thirty miles north-east of Boone Island. The Rockland's passengers were transferred to the steamer Belfast.

SIDEWALK SKETCHES

By Howard L. Rann.

CATILINE.

Catiline was a Roman demagogue whose chief occupation was starting festering sores on the body politic. His system was to run for office on the reform ticket, get defeated, and then assassinated the successful candidate when he was wholly unprepared for anything of the kind. Catiline's first name was Lucius Sergius, but people called him "Lute" behind his back. He was one of the most expensive demagogues Rome ever had, as he was continually inducing some prominent citizen to act as the deceased's public funeral. It was a dull day for Catiline when he didn't scatter a little poisoned soup around or leave a stiletto adhering to somebody's person.

Catiline made quite a hit as a political boss, and packed all the caucuses from the Pantheon to the Appian Way, but whenever he ran for anything himself the populace would rise up and step on him with so much enthusiasm that he never had to ask for the official count. He ran against Cicero for the consulship at one time, but Cicero had packed the election board with his wife's relatives and buried Catiline under one of the most voluptuous mafias ever recorded.

The more Catiline brooded over his defeat the more discontented he became, so he hired two assassins, who had built up a large business and contracted with them to stab Cicero violently in the tunic. This plan being frustrated, Catiline got an army together and announced that he would now start one of the most irritating holocausts in the history of Rome.

When Cicero heard of Catiline's threat he rose to a point of order and denounced the traitor in some of the most vindictive Latin adjectives then in use, adding to them a few of his own invention. The senate then had several of Catiline's friends cremated in public, and sent an army in search of Catiline. The army and Catiline found each other about the same time, and Catiline did not give up until he had become too porous to hit back. His death was greeted with sustained applause and numerous demands for an encore.



"WHY IN TH' TARNATION SHOULD I WORRY?"

WHOLE NATION IN MOURNING

Japanese People Seem Overcome With Sorrow—President Taft Sends Message

Tokio, July 30.—Great state ceremonies in connection with the change in the rulership of the Japanese empire caused by the death yesterday of Mutsuhito and the accession to the throne of his son, Yoshihito, continued today. An official decree says the new era will be known as Taisho. The era changes with every reign. Custom prevails throughout the empire. The nation appears completely overcome with sorrow. All the people wear mourning. All festivities and public functions stopped. In the meantime state functionaries confer at the palace where they are making arrangements for the funeral. The new emperor and empress, also the dowager empress, remain in seclusion. The only persons permitted to see them being high functionaries.

COUNTY ENGINEER

Lee County Commissioners Re-Elect R. P. Coble—Teachers Institute Yesterday.

(Special to The Times.)

Sanford, July 30.—The Lee county highway commissioners met again yesterday to elect an engineer, not having been able to agree upon a man at their previous meetings. They today re-elected Mr. R. P. Coble, of Oxford, they having been advised that he would now accept and enter upon the work as soon as desired. The commissioners now feel sure that work can begin on the roads without delay.

Arrangements have been made with each commissioner to have necessary repair work done on old roads in their several townships, until permanent work can be done. Lee county teachers institute is in a two weeks' session here, using the Sanford graded school building for same. The institute is conducted by Prof. John A. McLeod, of Carthage, and Prof. M. A. McLeod, of Broadway, and Miss Addie St. Clair, of Sanford. Attendance is good; there being forty to fifty teachers in attendance and profitable work is being done. County Superintendent E. M. Judd is also attending the institute. At the same time an institute for colored people is being carried on at the colored graded school building, under the instructions of Professor McLeod.

Persident Sends Message.

Washington, July 30.—President Taft accompanied by an aide, Major Rhoades, called today at the Japanese embassy, and expressed in person to Ambassador Chinda deep regret at the emperor's death. The president received the following cable from the new Japanese emperor: "I am deeply touched by your sympathetic message and offer my sincere thanks."

BRITISH FINDINGS IN TITANIC DISASTER

London, July 30.—The judgment of the British board of trade court of inquiry into the Titanic disaster, in which 1,517 souls sank in mid-ocean after collision with an iceberg, April 14, was pronounced today by Lord Mersey, the presiding judge. The court found that the collision was due to the excessive speeds she was going. That proper watch was not kept; that arrangements for manning the boats were insufficient; that the liner Californian might have reached the Titanic if she had attempted. The court exonerated J. Bruce Ismay, the judgment recommends more watertight compartments in sea-going ships, provision of life-boats for all aboard and more efficient drills of the crew.

THE GRACE TRIAL.

Outline of Defense Expected Today—Grace Appeals For Protection.

Atlanta, Ga., July 30.—The name of Rebecca Sams, a mullatto dressmaker, was brought into the Grace shooting mystery yesterday, but her connection with the case was unexplained. Interest in today's trial of Mrs. Grace centered upon the probable disclosure of her defense. It is intimated Mrs. Grace will try to show her husband is not paralyzed from the waist down. Grace underwent the first day in the courtroom better than the physicians expected. His nervous condition is indicated by his fear of death. He has appealed to the detectives for protection in the courtroom. Grace said: "I don't trust that woman and I fear her friends still more," he said.

Mrs. Grace On Stand.

How Mrs. Daisy Grace once declared, "If anybody shot her husband Eugene, it was J. C. a negro butler," was reiterated on the stand today by Mrs. S. L. Hill, Grace's mother. His mother testified to what Daisy said, on a visit to her home at Newman, Ga. Mrs. Hill said that when Mrs. Grace arrived she told the latter that Eugene had been shot. Mrs. Hill testified that "Daisy said she didn't believe it. I told Daisy I was afraid Eugene had shot himself accidentally." Mrs. Hill said Mrs. Grace exclaimed, "If any one shot Gene, it was J. C. (negro butler)." Yesterday he nearly beat Martha to death. Gene told him if he touched her again he'd wear his cane out on him. The mother said he daughter inquired where Gene was shot and was told through the lung. When later she told Daisy that Eugene was alive at the hospital, Mrs. Hill said Daisy inquired about the proximity of the lungs and heart and remarked she didn't know anybody who had been shot through the heart could live. Asked whether Mrs. Grace ever spoke about insurance, the witness said she remarked in 1911 that she thought Eugene should have his life insured for her protection." Then following, Mrs. Hill said Mrs. Grace told her Eugene had his life insured.

Three Killed in Explosion.

Cleveland, July 30.—The explosion of three magazines in the Austin powder plant this morning caused the death of three men. Serious property damage was done.

MR. LAMB WAS A DEVELOPER

General Regret That Head of N. S. Is to Leave This Section

As published in yesterday's issue of The Times Mr. E. T. Lamb has resigned as president and general manager of the Norfolk Southern to become the operating head of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic which position he assumes on August 1. There had been rumors for some time that Mr. Lamb intended to resign, but as no definite information could be obtained regarding the matter it had been hoped by the people throughout this section that the rumor would prove false, and that Mr. Lamb would continue to devote his time and energies to the development of this immediate section. But the announcement came yesterday confirming the rumor that Mr. Lamb would cease official connection with the Norfolk Southern.

Mr. Lamb had been at the head of the Norfolk Southern for three years, going to this road from the Southern. He is a Virginian and well understands the needs of this section and of the south in general. Knowing the need he set himself as head of the Norfolk Southern to bring about such development as would mean the greatest prosperity for the section through which his road operated. First of all he sought to give good railroad service, not only good service, but satisfactory service to all the people. To this end complaints, from individuals against the road, no matter how trivial, received prompt attention and amicable settlement. Then again he saw the vast undeveloped resources of eastern North Carolina and he sought to make of his road not only a carrier, but a developer and through various means and agencies the Norfolk Southern has worked for the upbuilding of this great section of the state. Again, largely through him the road was constantly pushing out for a greater territory and is today engaged in the greatest railroad building project that has been undertaken in this state in years, this being the projected line from Raleigh to Charlotte by the buying up and connecting of short lines and by new construction. This work is well under way and much of the grading for the new road has already been done.

With Mr. Lamb at its head the business of the Norfolk Southern improved every day. He has merit and has had the thorough cooperation of the directors of the road. He has made good in every place he has held and promotion has come to him because of this good work. Perhaps no other railroad man in the state was so generally liked and trusted by the people. They naturally feel kindly towards him and wherever he may go this kindly feeling will follow him.

DIXON MURDER CASE TRIAL

Frank Gladden Will Be Placed on Trial Thursday For Murder of Mrs. Dixon

(Special to The Times.)

Shelby, N. C., July 30.—H. G. Daniels, who is holding court here today ordered a special venire of 100 men out of which to select a jury for the trial of Frank Gladden, (white), alleged murderer of Mrs. John Dixon. A motion was made to quash the bill of indictment found against him in January on the ground that that was a special term. The motion was overruled and the case will be reached Thursday, tomorrow will be consumed in trying minor jail cases.

Yesterday there was a disappointed crowd in town because Judge F. A. Daniels who was scheduled to hold the court was detained in Charlotte on an important case and could not reach here to open court. He wrote Sheriff D. D. Wilkins that he would be here this morning. The sheriff called the court to order yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and again at 12 o'clock, but adjourned both times.

It is rumored on the streets that the attorneys for the defense will make a motion to move the case to another county on the ground that the minds of the people are too prejudiced to get a fair and impartial hearing. It is thought, however, that the motion will not be pressed if it is made. O. M. Gardner, L. B. Wetmore and N. F. McMillan are representing the accused man while Solicitor George Wilson is being assisted in the prosecution by Clyde R. Hoey and Thurman B. Falls.

The Dixon murder case is the most noted criminal action that has ever been tried in Cleveland county and the biggest attendance ever drawn to a court room in this county is expected. At the special term in January when sleet and snow covered the ground, the crowd could not get in the spacious new court building.

Just what new evidence the prosecution has is not known. They refuse to divulge just what they hope to prove other than the implication by the condemned man, Mr. and Mrs. Jax Dixon were killed in their pretty country home near Fallston on the night of December 12. He was called out of the house and brutally murdered with an axe, Mrs. Clayton Dixon was then murdered in the house with a blunt instrument, supposedly an axe, the infant by her side being the only member of the household whose life was spared. John Ross was arrested as suspect along with Cullen Mull, Will and Frank Ross. These were later released. Ross told several stories about the crime, implicating various individuals, but just before the special term in January he confessed that he wielded the axe that killed Mr. Dixon. He claimed that Frank Gladden, a white man when living in the community persuaded him to aid in the crime and that a mysterious, unrecognizable man was a third party. Gladden was arrested, having moved to Shelby in the meantime and established himself in the barber business. True bills were found against him for the murder of both, but he was acquitted to the murder of Mr. Dixon. Ross' unsupported testimony not being strong enough to convince the jury that he was telling the truth in view of the many varying stories he told. Gladden was released until a month ago when he was re-arrested. Detective S. L. Branch worked 60 days trying to ferret out the crime and it is thought he has some startling new evidence. When Gladden was placed in jail Ross was brought from Raleigh and put in an adjoining cell, but the white man refuses to converse with him despite his prayers and pleadings. Ross was given two respites. He is scheduled to die in the electric chair, August 14th.

FOR NEW DEPOT

Southern Railway Likely to Give Concord New Station Soon.

Concord, July 30.—Mayor Wagoner has received a telegram from Chief Architect T. H. Griffin, of the Southern Railway, requesting him to arrange a meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed new depot for Concord with the city aldermen. Mayor Wagoner telegraphed Mr. Griffin that the board would be ready to meet the representatives of the railroad at any time.

For more than two years the people here have been agitating the movement for a new depot. The railroad finally agreed to build one and had plans made of the building. The citizens, however, were not satisfied with the proposed building, alleging that it was inadequate for the needs of the town. In the meantime the railroad made ready a site for the new station. The matter was then dropped and this is the first move that has been made in the matter in several months.

The matter will probably be here in a few days and it is likely that an agreement can be reached as to the kind of station that will be acceptable to the people here.

GOOD WORK BY FIRE TRUCK

Demonstration on Streets Today Attracts a Big Crowd

(Special to The Times.)

Brings Back Recollection When Chemical Apparatus First Became Known and When All Fire Fighting Equipment Was Pulled by Hand—Sixty-Five Miles Per Hour on Fayetteville Street is First Running—First Motor Driven Fire Wagon Seen in Raleigh.

(Special to The Times.)

That famous poem, "The Night Alarm," is all out of date now. The thrilling dash through the streets of splendid steeds with manes a-flying and hoofs a-tattering is to be a thing of the past in Raleigh. The small boy who used to stand with mouth wide open will continue to take an interest in fire fighting. He will look on the iron horse with a new sense of wonder. There will be no hoof-beats on the pavements now—there will be no plunging horses held by a strong-armed driver and there will be no more escort of boys, dogs, delivery wagons and niggers. The escort will become the rear guard and the noisy clatter of hoofs will be replaced by the thundering exhaust of a modern gasoline motor.

It was 17 minutes after 9 o'clock this morning when Driver Weiland, of the LaFrance motor truck received the signal to start from the Municipal school gate, where a big fire of dry goods boxes and crates had been lighted. The big truck shot away smoothly and quickly, its 75 horsepower motor, running without a muffler, doing full duty up Fayetteville street to the capitol, around Morgan, Wilmington, Edenton, Salisbury, and back into Fayetteville, dodging wagons, trolley cars, building material and pedestrians with perfect ease under the steady guidance of Mr. Weiland, as the passengers on the truck distinctly felt their hearts thumping in their throats.

The streets were lined, packed and jammed with spectators, but there was no dispute about right of way, and the fire truck's bell on this occasion was practically superfluous. From the south entrance of the capitol to the Masonic Temple, a distance of one block, the truck attained a speed of 58 miles per hour, and the speedometer hand did not drop below that until it reached Cabarrus street. At the school gate a beautiful stop was made, and Raleigh firemen themselves manned the chemical apparatus and extinguished the fire promptly. From the moment of starting until the first stream on the fire, the time for the entire journey was three minutes and fifty-eight seconds. This is truly a remarkable record, considering the course covered. The big truck behaved splendidly as it has ever since it came to Raleigh, as each fireman are elated over the prospect of having a modern fire fighting machine, which will enable the city to successfully handle a blaze before it gains headway.

The demonstration today brought back recollections in the minds of some of the city's old ex-firemen, who did valuable work years ago, even before the time of horse-drawn equipment. In the early eighties a test of chemical apparatus was made in a manner similar to this morning's performance. The vehicle, though, was not a motor truck, nor even a horse truck—it was a hand wagon. At that time the Rescue company had a steamer, also hand-drawn, and a new chemical cart was to be demonstrated through a competition with the steamer.

Two big bonfires were prepared in the city lot, both the same size. The Rescue steamer company, of which the late W. M. Ross was captain, made a spectacle of run. Its human motive power and promptly extinguished one of the blazes. The other bonfire was lighted and the new fangled chemical contraption was turned loose on it. The chemicals put the blaze out at once and the firemen were all so jubilant that they went in a body to Market Place and put themselves on the outside of anything they wanted, compelling the proprietors, while exulting over their then-wonderful machine, the pile of rubbish blazed up again and the old Rescue had to put it out—while the chemical outfit waited for a recharge.

The same old outfits, discarded years ago, now repose peacefully in the city lot, a pathetic picture compared to modern fire fighting equipment. Many of Raleigh's best citizens recall brave service that the old hand wagons did, and many of them also recall those various hats (Continued on Page Five.)