

# RIGOR OF PRISON CELL FAILS TO BREAK DOWN BECKER

## BECKER, 48 HOURS IN TOMBS, GOSSIPS ON GRAFT STORIES AND STILL SHOWS NERVE

### Plan of Defense Is That Informers "Framed Up" Whole Story of Ordering Murder — Will Fight to Last Ditch.

After two days of life in the Tombs Lieut. Charles Becker has fitted himself to the routine of the establishment and is taking his imprisonment philosophically. Long years of discipline in the Police Department have helped Becker to accommodate himself to his surroundings. He is in cell No. 120, on the south end of the ground floor tier, on the east side of the prison. In the tier with him, besides other prisoners, are Joseph Robin, the banker; "Doc" Waterbury, the confidence man, and Chester Yates, who is accused of a part in the Hammeroff bond robbery. Becker naturally mixes, has chatted with all these during the exercise hours. He knew Robin before the banker got into trouble and renewed the acquaintance yesterday.

Becker, according to the keeper who has charge of the tier, slept well last night. He had not slept at all the night before and was exhausted when he took to his cot, soon after dusk. At 6 o'clock this morning Becker was up tending his cell. He got his breakfast from a restaurant outside the Tombs and was the first man in the corridor when the exercise hour opened at 7 o'clock.

HE CHEERFULLY GOSSIPS OF NEWSPAPER REPORTS. For two hours Becker plodded up and down the corridor, swinging himself along rapidly. A man of tremendous vitality and boundless energy, he took all the opportunity possible of his chance for physical action. He was cheerful and gossipy and commented on the stories in the morning papers. Arrangements have been made to admit Becker's wife to see him between noon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon each day. He can see his lawyer at any time between 8 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Veteran Tombs keepers, familiar with the actions of prisoners, say they never saw a man who took his imprisonment more philosophically.

Jacob Rubin, alias "Black Sullivan"; Louis Libby, William Shapiro and "Dago Frank" Cirofeli, all looked up, charged with complicity in the Rosenthal murder, are in a section of the prison reserved for inmates. They are in cell No. 121, 122 and 123. Becker is in cell No. 120. The Tombs authorities regard with amusement the propositions of Wabber, Rose and Vallon that they feared for their lives if they were returned to the Tombs after they had confessed to the District-Attorney, Warder Vallon and Deputy William Higgins. They are three gamblers who in no physical danger, but they did lead an old Tombs institution, beyond the control of the authorities, which takes on the nature of a hazard.

#### HAZING OF AN INFORMER A FIERCE ORDEAL.

When a prisoner "squeals" to the District-Attorney the news travels through the Tombs like wildfire. As soon as the prisoner returns to his cell the hundreds of inmates begin to taunt him. Villain names are hurled at him hour after hour. Sometimes the imprecations and insults are heaped on the prisoner all night long and nobody in the Tombs is allowed to sleep. This, the Tombs directors say, was what the three gamblers feared.

In the West Side Court prison, in Fifth-third street, Eighth avenue, where Rose, Wabber and Vallon are confined, they are safe from such annoyances. They have three adjoining cells on the top tier, their cots are equipped with sheets, quilts and pillows, and extra provision has been made for their comfort.

All three slept well last night and were up early climbing for the morning papers, which they read while taking breakfast, sent from an Eighth avenue restaurant. After breakfast a barber was summoned and he shaved the trio. District-Attorney Whitman was the first caller on them. There is no special guard over the three prisoners. The keeper assigned to the tier on which their cells are looks after them as he makes his regular rounds.

#### CONFESSIONS FRAMED UP WILL BE HIS DEFENSE.

Lieut. Becker's defense will be that the stories of Rose, Wabber and Vallon are a "frame-up" concocted to save themselves by accusing him. Lieut. Becker's first public appearance since his arrest will be next Monday, when he is to be arraigned before Judge Mulqueen to make formal plea to the murder indictment.

Men who know him well predict that he will fight to the last ditch and if called on to pay the extreme penalty will do it protesting his innocence. Becker is saying nothing himself, nor is John W. Hart, his attorney, doing any talking. A statement made on behalf of Becker, however, outlines the defense. The statement says:

"To prove that the whole thing is a 'frame-up' on Becker we have the declaration of five witnesses, one of them a man of prominence in the community. Here it is: "On last Thursday, when three of the prisoners were over in the Coroner's Court they were scared to death. When they came back to the Tombs one of them, who figured in yesterday's confession, turned to a lawyer and in the presence of the other two, said: "My God, I can't stand this any longer. Why, they're trying to send me to the chair. Look here, just how

did they want Becker. What'll they do for me if I give him to them? "BECKER IS NO FOOL TO TELL EVERYONE HIS PLANS."

"And right here the 'frame-up' started. Why, you don't think that Becker is the kind of a damn fool that would trumpet his intentions from the house tops, do you? Even if he had made up his mind to murder Rosenthal how'd you do you think he would tell? He'd try to keep it this side of the Brooklyn Bridge anyway, but if you listen to those five fellows who are afraid to go back to the Tombs, you'd think he told everybody in the Eastern States."

"Now, Becker's no angel—we're not claiming that, but we do claim that he had nothing whatsoever to do with the murder of Rosenthal, and this can be shown. We will be able to prove that these three—Rose, Wabber and Vallon—thought they would be making sure their own escape by telling about Becker."

"Why didn't they tell what they knew at first? Then they would have saved all the trouble. They waited until they saw that the public was ripe to take their story at one gulp and then gave out their confession. ROSE WAS BECKER'S STOOL PIGEON, IT IS SAID.

"The only relation between Becker and Rose was that Rose was Becker's stool pigeon. He used Wabber too for the same work. Of course he was 'sold' by Rose, but that counted for little alongside of the valuable information he got from the stool pigeon. Becker's record in the department speaks for itself. He was arrested for a robbery, was fined, and Wabber has never been questioned. Why? Just because Becker made good. He would have raised his own brother."

#### BECKER'S BROTHER ADVISES "FULL STATEMENT."

That the family of Lieut. Becker, so far as it is represented by two brothers in this city, is ready to stand behind the accused man through thick and thin, was made known today by John Becker, Lieut. Becker's brother, and Jackson H. Becker, a broker at No. 80 Broadway, both gave assurances of their unwavering support to their brother in his fight.

John Becker visited his brother for the first time to-day. He was the only relative aside from Becker's wife, who visited the Tombs yesterday to see the former head of the "Strong Arm" squad. As he left the Tombs he made a "squeal" complete statement of his side of the case, but he says he is bound by the advice of his attorney.

When Becker was asked if he meant by that that he had urged his brother to make a confession, he denied that. He said that he had urged him to stick to the truth. A statement for the press is what he said he had asked his brother to give.

Jackson Becker said: "My brother John and I and all the family are behind Charles in his trouble, and we will stick behind him to the end. We believe absolutely in his innocence and will do all we can to help him."

When he was asked if he believed with his brother Charles that a "frame-up" had been concocted against him by Rose, Wabber and Vallon, Mr. Becker denied that he acted on the affirmative. He said that he acted on the order of John W. Hart, his brother's counsel, in refusing to discuss the case in detail.

His attorney is following the injunction placed on his client and his client's family. He would not utter a whisper on the case when reporters saw him leaving the Tombs after an interview with Becker, except to give a curt "Yes" to questions as to whether or not he believed in the "frame-up" theory.

#### TAKES A HURRIED TRIP TO SEE VINCENT ASTOR

W. A. Dobbyn, His Secretary, Books Passage Just Before Corona Sails.

W. A. Dobbyn, who was secretary to the late Col. John Jacob Astor, and who is continuing to act in that capacity for Vincent Astor, the new and youthful head of the Astor family, booked a passage on the Corona of the Cunard line shortly before she sailed to-day. Mr. Dobbyn is making a hurried trip abroad to see Vincent Astor, who is now with his mother, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor.

The Corona carried 200 first class passengers, among them 100 of the Empress of Britanny's, who had to turn back after that vessel was damaged in a collision. The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse also carried a number of Empress of Britanny passengers yesterday.

## Wife of Gambler Who Brought About His Complete Confession



MRS. "BRIDGIE" WEBBER.

## "STICK UP" MEN SLEW CAFE OWNER FOR CARD STAKES

### Detectives Sheny Varallo Was Slain Because He "Squealed" on "Dago Frank."

Neither Deputy Commissioner Dougherty, Inspector Hughes nor any of the detectives detailed to work upon the murder in the Dante Cafe at No. 163 West Thirty-fourth street early yesterday morning of James Varallo, the proprietor, by four armed men, played any credence in the story published to-day to the effect that the proprietor of the Dante was killed because he "squealed" to the detective upon "Dago Frank" Cirofeli, the suspect arrested last week and charged with complicity in the Rosenthal murder.

The new account of what occurred in the third floor card room of the Dante Cafe differs widely from the police version and has it that when the four men, who had been drinking in the cafe below, ran upstairs and broke into the card room, one of them exclaimed: "You will squeal, will you?" at the same time firing a shot through Varallo's heart. Detective Trojoff of the West Thirtieth Street Station was quoted in today's version of the murder tale as having obtained a confession from William Lorenzo, one of the two men who were caught by running away from the scene of the murder. The tale was also corroborated by the statement that Lorenzo had served many years in Sing Sing on a murder charge and had served time on Blackwell's Island besides.

#### DETECTIVES DENY TRUTH OF "SQUEAL" STORY.

Detectives Cassidy and Upton, who made the arrests of Lorenzo and Albert Contento, together with Detective Trojoff, who worked yesterday on the case, and Capt. Conroy, of the detective staff attached to the West Thirtieth street station, all denied today that a confession had been obtained from Lorenzo. They said that there was absolutely no truth in the report that Varallo had cried as he was strangled with a bullet in the chest.

"It was a stupid case of four men trying to 'stick up' a small game of pinocchio," Detective Trojoff said today. "There is nothing in the story of revenge for Cirofeli's arrest."

The records at Headquarters show that Lorenzo, though once arrested on the

charge of murder, was discharged by the Coroner's jury. There is no record to indicate that he has ever served any time, either at Sing Sing or Blackwell's Island. His picture was removed from the rogues' gallery by Commissioner Baker on Mayor Gaynor's orders.

Ex-Detective James J. Cain, who gained notoriety several years ago by arresting Caruso in the monkey house at Central Park and who has served as Varallo's manager and door man since Varallo obtained possession of the resort, which used to belong to former Senator Frank J. Gardner, was another who discredited the story attributing Varallo's death to revenge. He said that the men who did the shooting had simply attempted to raid the pinocchio game and had gone further than most gamblers' leanings do in such cases.

Walter's manager, who is now in the hospital, all unite in declaring the story of the killing of Varallo as the result of his acting as informer on "Dago Frank" in the case of the shooting of Varallo brothers took an Evening World reporter today that "Dago Frank" Cirofeli was not known to them, and so far as they had been able to learn from their employees, had never been in the cafe before.

According to Ernest Varallo, Clannett and Gagnon's version of the shooting, four men, two of them Americans and two Italians, sat drinking for some time at a table on the second floor and then made an excuse to go into the hall. They made their way upstairs to the third floor in a rear room of which were Varallo and his cashier, Pizzu. The noise of their stumbling on the stairs caused Varallo to leave the room, where a large amount of money was piled on the table, and order the four down to the street. When they refused to go a scuffle ensued and Pizzu, who had run out of the rear room to assist his proprietor, saw Varallo fall, then received a bullet himself.

All of those questioned said that they had never seen any of the four who did the shooting before.

## INSPECTORS DENY JACK ROSE'S STORY OF SHARING GRAFT

Cahalane, Hughes and Hayes All Repudiate Statements in Conference.

Inspector Cornelius F. Cahalane, who has charge of the First District, taking in the east side from the Battery to Fourteenth street, called at Police Headquarters at 9:30 o'clock this morning and appeared in uniform in the office of Commissioner Waldo. He refused to say whether he had been summoned by the Commissioner or had called of his own volition.

"Inspector," said a reporter, "it has been reported that Jack Rose, 'Bridgie' Wabber and Harry Vallon mentioned your name in their confessions to the District-Attorney."

"I don't know whether they did or not," replied the inspector, "but at any rate they have good reason to remember me. I drove Rose out of my district, from No. 64 East Fourth street, raided Vallon five times in four months. He moved four times and I raided him in four different places."

"My district is 50 per cent cleaner than it was when I took charge of it. If this statement cannot be substantiated I am willing to resign from the Police Department."

Police Inspector Hughes denied today that he had said he and Deputy Dougherty knew where the three men charged with murdering Herman Rosenthal were hiding and could lay hands on them at any time.

When asked if he had heard that his name was mentioned by Jack Rose to District-Attorney Whitman in New York, the men Rose says Becker told him received graft money, Inspector Hughes said:

"I have heard such a report, and I merely wish to say that if Rose or Becker or any one else makes such a statement it is unqualifiedly false so far as I am concerned. Of course, I am responsible for what anybody told Rose or what he repeats as having been told. But I have had nothing to do with any gambling raids. I have had no dealings with Becker and I deny fully that I was at all interested in any of Becker's affairs."

"Further than this I do not care to discuss the matter."

Inspector Cornelius Hayes of the Fourth District, which includes the New Tenorino, north of Forty-second street, was asked this afternoon if he had anything to say about published reports that he had been mentioned in the confession of Jack Rose. The inspector made this statement:

"If it is true that Rose mentioned me as having been named by Becker in any crooked connection the statement is an absolute falsehood. I welcome any investigation, because I know I will come out of it clean and clear."

"I had nothing to do with Becker or his work. The only way I know Herman Rosenthal was as a policeman arresting him or trying to get evidence against him. In fact, I was the same way I knew 'Bridgie' Wabber."

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#### Names Impeachment Counsel.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Attorney-General Wickersham has designated Wesley Brown, his special assistant, to act as counsel for the managers of the House in the impeachment trial of Judge Archibald. This action was in accordance with the request of the House managers. It will be the first time the Department of Justice has ever been represented at an impeachment.

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## NO PRIVATE FUND TO AID WHITMAN IN HUNTING GRAFT

Contributions of Schieffelin Apply Only to Trailing Rosenthal Slayers.

Repeated rumors that William Jay Schieffelin, through the Citizens' Union, had offered to guarantee District-Attorney Whitman the expenses of an investigation of the various departments of the city government by William J. Burns's Detective Agency have been proved to be unfounded.

While Mr. Schieffelin, as well as a number of other prominent men, whose names are known only to him, has guaranteed Mr. Whitman's services in following the trial of the Rosenthal murderers, he has not, and will not at this time, sanction a far-reaching investigation of all the branches of municipal affairs.

In the first place, this is said to be because no such project has been broached to Mr. Schieffelin and in the second place because he thinks that District-Attorney Whitman will have his hands full canvassing the police situation. No stated sum has been named in any of the several conferences which Schieffelin has had with Whitman and so far as is known no written guarantee has been passed. Schieffelin simply told the District-Attorney that he and a number of his country-places in Maine, one of the last things he did was to call up Whitman on the telephone and tell him over again that he and the men with him would guarantee Burns's expenses, and urging that the detective be engaged at once. According to Schieffelin's friends, this closed the deal, and since then the matter has been on the trail. The undertaking is a purely private and personal one on the part of the Schieffelin camp, and the Citizens' Union as an organization has nothing to do with it, although it is understood that many of its members are on Schieffelin's private list.

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#### CITIZENS' UNION TAKES NO HAND IN THE WORK.

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not been approached in connection with the affair and did not contemplate joining in any citizens' crusade for the purging of the Police Department. In fact, none of the names mentioned in connection with the citizens' fund, except that of Schieffelin himself, has been correct. According to J. O. Hammit, secretary of the Citizens Union, it is not the intention of the contributors to let themselves be known.

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