

STATE CLOSES ITS CASE; BECKER MAY NOT ENTER A DEFENSE



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DREAM OF THEIR RESCUE BUOYED UP MEN STARVING 14 DAYS IN BOAT AT SEA

Four Survivors of Steamer Columbian Tell of Prediction in Vision That Brought Hope While Eleven Mates Died of Hunger and Thirst.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 18.—The United States revenue cutter Seneca brought to this port to-day four survivors of the wreck of the Leyland liner Columbian. These men, who had been afloat in an open boat for fourteen days, when sighted yesterday morning by the Seneca forty miles south of Sable Island, tell a story of suffering and hardship such as has seldom been heard even here in Halifax, which is a place at which have been revealed many thrilling and pitiful tragedies of the sea.

There were fifteen men in the small boat when it was launched at midnight on May 3. Eleven of them died during the fourteen days of drifting at the mercy of the wind and tide. The last of those who succumbed passed away yesterday morning. He had dreamed, weeks ago, that he would leave a sinking ship in a small boat and be adrift at sea 14 days before being rescued. The Seneca was almost at hand when he succumbed. The prediction in the vision was constantly before the men and the four survivors were buoyed to the last by the hope that it would come true in their case.

How the four lasted is not conceivable to any but the most vigorous and determined seamen. They were short of water all the time and for seven days before being picked up had no food except some cracker crumbs which were carefully doled out by First Officer Robert Tiers. The men ate their boots, chewing the greasy leather to allay the pangs of hunger and thirst. Four almost supermen stood the strain and all will recover, although it is feared that Tiers may lose his feet, which were frozen.

Besides Tiers the Seneca brought in Sailors Oscar Kendall and Peter Belanger and Fireman Michael Ludwigsen. They had life enough in them when the Seneca was sighted to try to row toward the vessel, but were too weak to make any headway.

The Columbian belonged to the Leyland line and was en route from Antwerp to New York with a miscellaneous cargo when the fire started at midnight on May 1. The crew had time only to launch their three boats. One of these contained thirteen men and the body of the chief steward and was picked up by the Franconia of the Cunard line on May 5. Late the same day another boat carrying thirteen men was sighted by the steamer Manhattan and her crew rescued. Hope for the third boat had been abandoned when the Seneca found them.

The revenue cutter was on her way to Halifax for fuel and stores when a man on the bridge made out a lifeboat apparently empty. Drawing near, Capt. Johnston of the Seneca found it contained four men more dead than alive.

On reaching here the condition of the survivors had improved and bit by bit their story was patched together. They left their ship so hurriedly that there was no opportunity to supplement the lifeboat's usual stores of water and biscuit. A single cask of water stowed in the stern was soon exhausted, but frequently rain fell and the men suffered less from thirst than from hunger. One hundred pounds of hardtack furnished their only food. This was used up in the first week.

Day after day the men made desperate efforts to attract the attention of passing shipping. In the first two days three steamers were sighted and for nearly a week the boat remained directly in the path of transatlantic traffic, but none saw them. At the end of the first week they had drifted about 120 miles to the north from where the Columbian was abandoned and gradually they moved away from the winter track of the liners. The immediate vicinity of Sable Island is carefully avoided by merchant ships, and apart from the ice patrol and ships leaving and returning from Halifax, practically no

QUIMET IS YANKEE GOLF HOPE WITH TRAVERS BEATEN

American Open Champion Plays Fine Game in Tourney for English Title.

OTHER AMERICANS WIN.

Hale, Chick Evans and Herreshoff Return Winning Cards at Sandwich Links.

TO-DAY'S RESULTS.

Francis Ouimet beat C. G. McGregor of Manila, 7 up and 6 to play. Chick Evans defeated W. Stanston of England, 5 up and 4 to play. Fred Herreshoff beat H. St. John of England, 4 up and 3 to play. Fraser Hale won from W. Whigham of England, 5 up and 4 to play. Jerome D. Travers lost to Charles A. Palmer of England by 2 down. Henry Toppings was defeated by E. W. Holderness of England, 1 down. Edward S. Knapp lost to A. Chadwick of England, 5 down. C. W. Inskip lost to J. Murray of England, 2 down.

SANDWICH, England, May 18.—The United States landed four of her leading golfers safely through the first round of the English amateur championship here to-day. Francis Ouimet, open champion of the United States; Fred Herreshoff of New York; Chick Evans and Fraser Hale of Chicago, all showing to-day may bring one of the quartet to the final round.

The sensation of the first round was the elimination of Jerome D. Travers. The young American amateur title holder, before the tournament was regarded here as America's chief reliance in the international matches. Travers' slump in the first round was a pleasant surprise to the home experts. In practice he performed brilliantly, but his showing against Palmer to-day was miserable. He appeared staid and his shots were all poorly played.

Travers' failure to remain in the competition was a severe loss to the United States, but to offset this was the remarkable golfing of Francis Ouimet, who won a clean-out victory over C. G. McGregor of Manila. After sorrowfully seeing Travers go down to defeat the American delegation in the record gallery turned its attention

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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

AT BUFFALO.

JERSEY CITY.

BUFFALO.

AT TORONTO.

NEWARK.

TORONTO.

Batteries—Curtes and Heckinger, Herbert, Sullen and Kelly.

AT ROCHESTER.

PROVIDENCE.

ROCHESTER.

Batteries—Schultz and Koerber; Merkle and Williams.

AT MONTREAL.

BALTIMORE.

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Batteries—Danforth and McAvoy; Mason and Madden.

AT BALTIMORE.

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Batteries—Stone and Easterly; Quinn and Russell. Umpires—Anderson and Green.

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Rochambeau, Havre 10 A. M.
California, Glasgow 11 A. M.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

AT CINCINNATI—

GIANTS

CINCINNATI

Batteries—Demaree, Wittse, Meyers and McLean; Douglas, Yingling, Benton and Clarke. Umpires—Rigler and Emslie.

AT ST. LOUIS—

BROOKLYNS LOSE

ST. LOUIS

Batteries—Reubach and Miller; Sallee and Snyder. Umpires—Klem and Hart.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

AT NEW YORK—

HIGHLANDERS LOSE

ST. LOUIS

Batteries—James, Baumgardner and Agnew; McHale and Nunamaker. Umpires—Chill and Sheridan.

FEDERAL LEAGUE

AT BROOKLYN—

BROOKLYNS WIN

INDIANAPOLIS

Batteries—Mullin and Warren; Sommers, Seaton and Land. Umpires—Goeckel and Kane.

GIANTS STARTED BADLY AGAINST HERZOG'S REDS

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BATTING ORDER.

Cincinnati.	New York.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Moran, cf.	Becher, cf.	0	0	3	3	0
Herzog, ss.	Burns, rf.	0	1	1	0	0
Groh, 2b.	Fletcher, ss.	0	0	0	0	0
Marsans, lf.	Doyle, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Hoblitell, 1b.	Merkle, 1b.	0	1	1	0	0
States, cf.	Snodgrass, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Niehoff, 3b.	Stock, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Clarke, c.	Meyers, c.	0	2	4	6	1
Douglas, p.	Demaree, p.	0	0	12	1	0
Umpires—Rigler and Emslie. Attendance, 7,000.						

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CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 18.—The second debate between the Reds and Giants, which drew a noble crowd for a Monday, was conducted with much

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BROOKLYN

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Dalton, cf.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Dalton, cf.	0	2	2	0	0
Cutshaw, 2b.	0	0	3	3	0
Daubert, 1b.	0	1	7	0	0
Wheat, lf.	0	0	1	0	0
Smith, 3b.	0	0	2	1	1
Stengel, rf.	0	0	2	0	0
Egan, ss.	0	1	0	1	1
Miller, c.	0	0	7	2	0
Reubach, p.	0	0	3	0	0
Ragon, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Hummel, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	4	24	10	2

Hummel batted for Reubach in 5th.

ST. LOUIS

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Huggins, 2b.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Huggins, 2b.	0	1	2	3	1
L. Magee, cf.	1	1	2	0	0
Dolan, 3b.	1	0	1	2	0
J. Miller, 1b.	0	2	8	1	0
Wilson, rf.	0	0	3	1	0
Cruise, lf.	0	0	2	0	0
Snyder, c.	1	2	6	0	0
Beck, ss.	0	0	3	2	0
Sallee, p.	0	2	0	2	0
Totals	2	6	27	14	1

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HUERTA WILL QUIT IF IT IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT A WAR

Mediation Delegates Have Authority to Eliminate the Provisional President.

WILL PUNISH SLAYERS.

Promise Reprisals if Private Parks Was Murdered Inside Mexican Lines.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Gen.

Huerta has authorized the Mexican mediation delegates to submit his resignation as Provisional President, in case such a course is found necessary to a settlement in peace negotiations. This was stated positively in dispatches to-day from a thoroughly competent diplomatic source in Mexico City, to one of the foreign representatives here, and confirms intimations given by friends of the delegates here yesterday.

The United States will demand the retirement of Huerta as the first move toward peace.

According to information from Mexico City, Gen. Huerta at first authorized the delegates to discuss only the question of the Tampico conflict, leading to the American occupation of Vera Cruz. Later the Mexican Dictator, it is explained, came to recognize the necessity of a broader settlement and then conveyed to the delegates assurances that he was prepared to step down should this course be found necessary by them.

Porfirio Diaz jr., son of the former President of Mexico, arrived in Toronto to-day with Col. Antonio Del Rio, a representative of the Mexican Constitutionalists. The two came from Niagara Falls, Ont., and concluded themselves.

MEXICAN DELEGATES KNEW OF HUERTA'S DECISION.

The information of Huerta's attitude, now received through foreign diplomatic channels, agrees with the view obtained by some of the close friends of the Mexican peace delegates during their stop here. According to this view the delegates realized that the present administration at Mexico City was fast going to pieces, and it was inevitable that Huerta must give place to some other authority. They did not, however, disclose that Huerta had authorized his resignation if they considered that course necessary, and this most definite phase was first made known in the despatch through diplomatic channels.

The Mexican delegates are not "Huertistas," but represent broadly the best elements in the Federal districts, desirous of bringing about an orderly government in that section and throughout Mexico. In that respect their wishes are believed to correspond with the wishes and intentions of the American Government.

Who will come after Huerta—whether an individual or a provisional commission—still is an open question, but it is gathered that the succession will not be likely to fall on military leaders who have come to prominence "by arbitrary force."

TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

The problem causing chief concern to diplomats in Mexico City now is that of the form of administration to be established during the interregnum before the constitutionally elected President could assume office.

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WHITMAN WINDS UP PROSECUTION'S CASE AT TRIAL OF BECKER

Manton Announces That He May Put No Witnesses on Stand for Former Head of Strong Arm Squad.

WARNED PLITT TO KEEP CROSS-EXAMINATION

Refuses to Say Whether He Wrote Certain Letters and Admits District Attorney Pays Him \$30 a Week.

The prosecution rested in the Becker case at 4.40 o'clock this afternoon and court adjourned until 10.30 o'clock to-morrow morning, when the plans of the defense will be made known. Lawyer Manton said, as he was leaving court this afternoon, that he might decide to let the case go to the jury on the evidence presented by the State, he holding that the District-Attorney has not established a charge of conspiracy against Becker.

The last witness for the State was Harry Pollok, the promoter of sporting events, at whose home Jack Rose hid after the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

Pollok told of carrying a message from Rose to Becker at Police Headquarters of Becker saying to tell Rose everything would be all right. "Moe Levy" Cohen, the chauffeur, who, it was announced at the beginning of the trial, would furnish the necessary corroboration of the Harlow conference, was not called, nor were Steinert and White of Becker's old strong arm squad.

Charles B. Plitt, Becker's former press agent and confidant, was the principal witness of the day. He fared badly on cross-examination.

Plitt swore that Becker warned him to keep away from Times Square the night of Rosenthal's murder and to "get an alibi ready." Also, that Becker told him after the murder to look up Jack Rose and the others who are now informers and find out whether they were to "stick of squeal."

BROOKFEDS

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Cooper, lf.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Cooper, lf.	2	2	0	1	1
Myers, 1b.	2	2	9	0	0
Evans, rf.	1	1	1	1	0
Holman, 2b.	0	1	4	3	1
Shaw, cf.	0	1	1	0	0
Westfall, 3b.	1	1	1	5	0
Gagnier, ss.	1	1	2	4	0
Land, c.	1	2	8	2	0
Somers, p.	0	0	0	2	0
Seaton, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Griggs, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	11	27	18	2

Griggs batted for Sommers in 7th.

INDIANAPOLIS

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Campbell, cf.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Campbell, cf.	2	2	3	1	0
McKechnie, 3b.	2	2	0	3	1
Kauff, lf.	0	1	2	1	0
Laporte, 2b.	1	1	2	6	0
Dolan, 1b.	0	0	10	0	1
Emmond, ss.	0	2	3	2	1
Scheer, rf.	1	1	0	1	2
Warren, c.	0	0	3	0	1
Mullin, p.	0	0	1	0	1
Billiard, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	10	24	14	7

First Base on Balls—Off 14; 14; 5; Mullin, 5; Seaton, 1; Billiard, 1. Struck Out—By Sommers, 4; Billiard, 1. Left on Bases—Brooklyn, 7; Indianapolis, 7. Home Runs—McKechnie, Three; Base Hits—McKechnie, Emmond. Two-Base Hits—Kauff, Campbell, Laporte. Stolen Bases—Meyers, 2; Warren, Emmond, Scheer, Cooper, 2; Westfall, Double Plays—Evans to Land; Emmond to Laporte to Dolan; Gagnier to Meyers. Hit by Pitcher—By Sommers, 1; Mullin, 1. Umpire—Goeckel and Kane. Attendance—660.

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BECKER'S PRESS AGENT GOES ON THE STAND

Plitt is a thin young man with deep sunken eyes. He spoke in such a low tone it was scarcely audible six feet away. Repeatedly he was asked to raise his voice.

Q. Do you remember July 14, 1913?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you see Becker that day?

A. Yes, outside Police Headquarters.

Q. Did you have a conversation with him?

A. Hecker told me he had received a communication over the telephone from a man named Brown, who said he could get additional

Dunn Gilbert, Boston.

Sunday World Wants York Wonders.

Latest Huerta story.

VERA CRUZ, May 18.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta will step out of the Provisional Presidency of Mexico—provided the United States will loan Mexico \$500,000; will lease Magdalena Bay for \$250,000; and will let Venustiano Carranza from the Presidency, allowing Huerta to have some choice in the naming of his successor.