

SAY WITNESSES HEARD
BECKER THREATEN ROSE

Informants Tell of Several Persons Whom Whitman Has Kept in Background.

WILL SURPRISE DEFENCE

District Attorney Said to Have Permitted None of Them to Visit His Office.

The case against Lieut. Becker is far stronger than has appeared from the reports published in the newspapers, it was said at the District Attorney's office yesterday. Mr. Whitman refused to disclose the nature of the evidence which has been kept secret, but it was learned that the prosecution has a surprise in store for counsel for the defence.

Information came to THE SUN yesterday that among the witnesses to be called to testify against Becker will be men and women who say they overheard conversations between Lieut. Becker, Jack Rose and Bridgie Webber two weeks before Herman Rosenthal was murdered.

These witnesses, according to the story, are prepared to say that they heard Becker threatening Rose and Webber and that they heard Rosenthal's name mentioned in the course of the altercation.

Other evidence from which much is expected by the District Attorney has to do with corroboration of the stories told by Rose, Webber and Senepps as to conversations that they had with Lieut. Becker after the murder.

It was said yesterday that William J. Burns found witnesses who will back up the accusations made by Rose and Webber. Mr. Whitman has kept secret the names of these and other witnesses.

At least six witnesses who will be used to help make a case for the State have never been to the District Attorney's office.

The determined fight that has been made by Messrs. McIntyre and Hart to examine the minutes of the Grand Jury that indicted Lieut. Becker was lost yesterday when Justice Goff denied five motions that had been made by Mr. Hart.

The five motions were for the right to inspect the Grand Jury minutes, for the court to direct that Hart's name be included as a witness on the back of the Becker indictment, for an incorporation in the minutes of the questions put to Hart before the Grand Jury and which he refused to answer until compelled to do so by the court, for a copy of Hart's testimony and for a copy of the complete Grand Jury minutes.

Justice Goff quoted a part of the Grand Jury minutes to show that the questions and answers were no violation of the relationship between lawyer and client. He closed with:

"Mr. Hart cannot control the record of the proceedings furnished to the court. Motion denied."

The decision of Justice Goff, it was pointed out, removed another possibility of delaying the trial. Justice Goff's decision, according to the District Attorney's office, can be made a matter of appeal only in case Becker is convicted.

John E. McIntyre, chief counsel for the defence, has said several times that no further delays would be asked for and that no fight for a change of venue would be made. Mr. McIntyre and his associates were pleased by the announcement of Justice Goff's decision.

In the Aldermen's committee, that no witnesses would be called to testify about graft or gambling. Mr. McIntyre was prepared to make a fight in the court against such testimony in the committee on the ground that it would tend to prejudice the community still further against Lieut. Becker.

Charles G. F. Wable, counsel for the four accused of the actual murder, Horowitz, Rosenberg, Muller and Crozier denied yesterday that their clients had made overtures of any sort to the District Attorney.

NAB PICKPOCKET IN SUBWAY.

Detectives Capture Youth in Act of Taking Woman's Purse.

Mrs. Evaline M. Faunce of 106 Park place, Brooklyn, was going to the Hippodrome with her son, Herbert, 10 years old, yesterday afternoon when she missed her pocketbook and tickets at the Grand Central station in the subway. She had hardly announced her loss when Detectives McKenna and Cassassa stepped up to her.

"You have lost your pocketbook, have you not?" asked McKenna.

Mrs. Faunce said she had.

"Here it is," said McKenna, "and here is the young man who took it out of your pocket while you were in the subway."

Cassassa brought Jacob Weingarten, 15 years old, known to the police as Shifty Jake, before Mrs. Faunce and told her she had had her pocket book by the West Weingarten was looked up in the West Forty-seventh street police station and will be arraigned this morning in the West Side court. The police say that Weingarten has been arrested twelve times. They found in his possession a pocketbook bearing the name of Amadeo Lauro. A man by that name was found to live at 243 West Forty-eighth street and the police expect to have him report his loss to-day.

"NO IRISH NEED APPLY."

Ad for Servant Amuses Montclair Women Who Can't Get Any Kind.

"No Irish need apply" was in an advertisement inserted by Mrs. J. P. Grant of 59 North Mountain avenue, Montclair, in a local paper calling for a white servant girl at \$25 per month. Mrs. Grant, who is the wife of a New York broker, said her objection to the employment of natives of Ireland as well as of Africa was a personal matter, and declined to state what her reasons are. The advertisement caused some amusement among Montclair housewives, many of whom are unable to engage domestic help of any kind.

STEEL CO. ADOPTS "BULLY."

But It is Not in Politics, Farrell Hastens to Add.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 28. The slogan of Old Roosevelt's "bully" is the motto adopted by the United States Steel Corporation, according to James A. Farrell, president of the corporation, here to-day.

ROAD BUILDER HONORED.

G. Howland Leavitt Guest of Queens Chamber of Commerce.

G. Howland Leavitt, who as Superintendent of the Highway Bureau under former President Connolly of Queens has had charge of the \$2,500,000 expended on good roads in that borough, was the guest at a luncheon given at the New York Athletic Club by the Queens Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

About 150 guests were present, among them being Borough President McAneny and Public Service Commissioner Mattheis. Others at the guest table were William H. Williams, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce; Borough President Connolly; Consulting Engineer Crowell; Louis Windmuller; John H. Prall and Robert W. Higbie.

President McAneny gave the Queens men some hope for rapid transit in their borough, saying that in the next batch of contracts for construction to be let by the Public Service Commission would be included the Astoria and Woodside lines in Queens. He said it would not take more than eighteen months to build these lines and that soon thereafter construction would be established between the Queensboro Bridges in Long Island City and the Steinway tunnel.

BELMONT GIVES MEN \$10,000.

Follows Custom of Remembering Employees of Kentucky Stud.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 28.—Following the custom of his forefathers August Belmont here this morning distributed about \$10,000 among the employees of his nursery and farm. The winnings of the St. Leger was the event to be celebrated. The checks were in his own handwriting. Mr. Belmont and his wife arrived here Wednesday and will leave to-night for New York.

DROP LINE OF INQUIRY TO AID BECKER TRIAL

Curran Investigators Adjourn for Week to Prepare to Question Waldo Again.

The Curran Aldermanic committee which is investigating the Police Department met yesterday morning only to adjourn for a week. The committee will abandon for the present its plan of questioning Commissioner Waldo on the subject of gambling and other forms of vice in order to avoid any possibility of interfering in any way with the trial of Lieut. Becker.

As soon as the members of the committee had taken their seats, Emory R. Buckner, counsel for the committee, suggested the adjournment and gave his reasons. He said that he had intended to take up with Commissioner Waldo on the stand, the admission of the Police Department, as it dealt with the specific methods of the department in handling vice.

"Counsel for some men under indictment," he said, "have expressed fear that these might be evidence brought out in this inquiry which would be prejudicial to a man who is about to be tried for his life. And we cannot be too scrupulous in considering that that might possibly result, however much we do not intend it."

In case such evidence was brought out, Mr. Buckner said, counsel for the defendant might make various motions, dilatory and otherwise, which would interfere with or embarrass the District Attorney in the highly important work he has on hand, the most important work he has had during his administration.

In order to avoid any possibility of complications, Mr. Buckner suggested that the committee postpone for the present the inquiry into vice and take up the examination of the Commissioner along another line, such as the detective bureau of the uniformed force. He said that he would need more time for the preparation of his questions on these other topics.

The Democrats on the committee will be away the greater part of this week, thus making Saturday the first practicable day. As Alderman Dowling expressed it: "We're going to name the next governor and that will take a little time."

The next hearing was set down for 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

District Attorney Whitman said last night that he had seen several evening papers that he was made to say unpleasant and complimentary things about Alderman Curran and his committee.

"I never referred to Mr. Curran as that miserable little Curran," said the District Attorney. "I did not attack the committee's work. I am in sympathy with the committee. The only difference I have had with Mr. Curran was over his statement that I recommended Max D. Steiner as counsel for the committee."

WOMAN POKER PLAYER HAD \$537

Five Arrested as Common Gamblers Held in \$1,000 Each.

The five women arrested when playing poker in the rear room of Mme. Ray's hair shop at 8 Second avenue, Monday night, were arraigned Tuesday at Market court yesterday morning, charged with being women gamblers and held under \$1,000 bail each for examination Tuesday.

The owner of the shop, Abraham Treibitz, was also held under \$1,000 bail with the others. He had \$16.26 when arrested. The others arrested and the amounts they had were: Sarah Levine, 30 years old, of 33 Stanton street, \$1.16; Lena Tule, 27 years old, of 28 East Third street, \$2; Mary Gold, 30 years old, of 331 East Fifth street, \$537; Mrs. Lewis, 40 years old, of 108 Essex street, 21 cents; and Mrs. Martha Hamber, 45 years old, of 208 East Third street, \$101.

People in the neighborhood have been sending in complaints about the noise made by early morning parties in the shop. One letter was from a husband, who pleaded with the police that they raid the place so that his wife might spend her evenings at home.

COURAGE WON HIM A BRIDE.

Brown Met Future Wife When She Called Him to Make a Rescue.

Frederick George Brown of Twenty-fifth street, Bayonne, who saved two brothers, 4 and 6 years old, from drowning in the Kill van Kull last summer, was married last night to Miss Edith Wells of Bostwick avenue, Jersey City, who witnessed the rescue. The ceremony was performed at the First Methodist Church at Bayonne by the Rev. C. A. Hordeman.

Miss Wells was on the dock of the Ogden Street Steamship Company when William and James Smith of Bostwick avenue, Jersey City, fell overboard. Neither of the boys could swim and they were being swept away by the strong current when the shouts of Mr. Wells attracted the attention of Brown, who was walking along First street. He jumped in and brought them ashore.

Brown met Miss Wells for the first time when she complimented him on his act.



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Mayor Gaynor made public yesterday a comforting letter from ex-Judge A. T. Clearwater of Kingston and the reply, in which the Mayor says that clamor and abuse make his job difficult, but that "every morning I just forgive everybody and then take up the work where I left off the day before and go right on."

Judge Clearwater's letter, inspired by the Mayor's account of police reforms in a recent letter to J. Noble Hayes, is in part as follows:

"Years ago, while I was on the bench, I wrote you expressing my warm approval of your efforts to do away with police oppression, to compel policemen to obey the law and to respect the rights of the citizen; from that time to this, despite tremendous opposition and astounding abuse, you have gone steadily forward along the line of true reform. Often I wonder how 'in the midst of din and fury' you manage to preserve your serenity. I long have been a student of Epictetus, but I shall never school myself to your imperturbability."

In his reply Mayor Gaynor said in part: "In the largest matter of encouragement which I have received since I became Mayor I find your letter. You speak of what you call the 'tremendous opposition and astounding abuse' to which I have been subjected, and say that you do not see how I stand it."

"I have to do the best I can. The clamor and false statements of vicious persons and newspapers no doubt hinder me some, but I have to overlook them and go right along. Every morning I just forgive everybody and then take up the work where I left off the day before and go right on. How else could I do it? In the din and clamor of falsehood I often repeat to myself the saying of Marcus Aurelius: 'There is but one thing of real value, namely to cultivate

MRS. HANNER ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING HUSBAND

Woman in Auto Mystery Thrice Married, Never Divorced, Police Say.

NIAGARA FALLS, Sept. 28. Mrs. Mary Maud Hanner was arrested this morning in Mount St. Mary's Hospital, charged with first degree assault in that she fired the shot that nearly proved fatal to her husband, George Hanner, after wounding herself by accident, when they were motoring near North Tonawanda on the night of September 12.

"I am innocent," she said. "I expected to be arrested. I knew it was coming, but do you think I am such a fool as to shoot myself? I will have counsel. I am entitled to it."

It is said records found in Canada show she has been three married, and so far as known has never been divorced from any of her husbands. Her first husband was named Webster, it is said, and her second appears to have been Walter Green. Then she met Hanner. She was extravagant, it is understood, but Hanner was loyal to her. Something separated them finally, but there was a reconciliation.

Still Hanner is understood to have felt the woman did not come up to his standard in devotion. Letters to a garage man, formerly of this city but now of Buffalo, the police say, have been found in Mrs. Hanner's possession.

Immediately following the arrest of Mrs. Hanner she was taken in the police patrol to Falls street, where she was held about an electric car and sent to North Tonawanda, where she was arraigned in court. When arrested she asked for her husband and inquired as to whether or not he knew what was going on. Seemingly she desired to rely on his help.

District Attorney Ackerson of Niagara county made public the evidence taken in the John Doe proceedings before Judge Smith. Many new features of the shooting affair have come to light and the authorities are now satisfied that they have a strong case against Mrs. Hanner. The District Attorney says he is ready to prove that Mrs. Hanner did the shooting. "We have a letter written by Mrs. Hanner to a man in which she said she was tired of her husband and wanted

FIRST CONN. AUTOIST IN JAIL.

He is Through, He Says, and Will Sell Car for \$200.

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 28. For recklessly driving an auto while intoxicated Adolph Pierson, 26 years old, an optician of Middletown, was sent to jail for thirty days in the Hartford police court to-day.

He is the first automobile driver or owner to be sentenced to jail in Connecticut.

"I'm going to send you to jail for a month," said Judge Edward L. Steel. "I think that any one who operates a car while drunk should go to jail and if you want to take an appeal I'll fix the bail at \$500."

Pierson was stunned when he heard the verdict and telephoned to Middletown for a bondsman. He offered to sell the automobile for \$200, explaining he had had enough of such riding.

FIANCE NOT TOO ILL TO WED.

Miss Broderick Goes Home as Mrs. Fedor and Takes Him Along.

On the United Fruit Company's liner Carrillo yesterday sailed Mr. and Mrs. Levan Fedor for Port Limon on their honeymoon. Mr. Fedor, a civil engineer, was carried aboard in a wheel chair. Two weeks ago the bride, Miss Lillian Broderick, came from Port Limon on her way to meet Fedor in Calgary, where she believed he was dying. Yesterday Fedor explained that when he was hurt in a street car accident he had asked his friends to cable to Miss Broderick, whom he had met while in Port Limon on business, that he was injured.

CITY JOTTINGS.

Ex-sheriff Alfred T. House of Brooklyn got home from the Syracuse convention early yesterday morning and not wishing to arouse his aged mother went to a hotel at Broadway and Bridge avenue. He sat down in a rear room and fell asleep. When he awoke he found that his wallet containing \$53 had been taken from the inside pocket of his waistcoat. A \$50 diamond scarf pin and a diamond ring were not distributed.

Henry A. La Chetiere, who was removed in July as deputy chief engineer of the Department of Bridges, filed a petition in the Supreme Court asking for a writ of mandamus compelling Bridge Commissioner McKee to reappoint him on the ground that he hasn't had a fair trial.

Supreme Court Justice Hoffmann granted \$15 a week alimony to Mrs. Mary Maud Hanner, each pending a suit brought by Albert C. Hertenbach to annul his marriage on the ground that when he married the defendant last June she was the wife of Joseph Brady. Hertenbach, under the name of Fred Fisher, is the author of "Come, Josephine, in My Flying Machine" and "Every Little Girl That's a Nice Little Girl."

The gasoline in the tank of a motor truck caught fire at Hoffman and Jefferson avenues, Jamaica, yesterday and was destroyed. The truck is said to have been worth \$6,000. It was owned by William Mayerbeck of Third avenue and Seventy-sixth street, Manhattan, and was being driven by William Joyce of Six East Sixty-fifth street.

When John Jenkins opened his saloon at 45 Carroll street, Brooklyn, yesterday he found his partner, John Adams, 65 years old, dead in a chair in the back room with a cane leaning from the gas jet in his mouth. An unidentified man of 30, whose clothes were wet, was found last night suffering from carbolic acid poisoning in the roadway of Pelham Park Bridge over the Bronx. He was taken to the Fortham Hospital dying. The police believe he jumped off the bridge intending to drown, but swam ashore and drank the acid.

Burglars blew a safe in an Italian grocery store at 54 Roosevelt street yesterday and got \$600.

An unidentified woman, believed to be a Pole, was run over and killed by taxicab in Washington street at Little Neck station last night at 5 o'clock. She became confused and stepped in front of the train.

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