

BUCKNER ASKS CROPSEY ABOUT POLICE SYSTEM

Wants to Know Why Officers Changed Testimony Against Capt. Tappan.

QUZZED ON OLD CASES

Ex-Commissioner Tells Why He Discharged Men Put Back by Waldo.

The "arsten" which has been mentioned before now in connection with Police Department affairs was noticed for the first time in the present Curran Aldermanic investigation at the session yesterday afternoon.

Emory B. Buckner, counsel for the committee, used the term in connection with the case of Police Captain John F. Tappan, who was dismissed by Police Commissioner Cropsey on charges and was reinstated by Commissioner Waldo.

Three out of fourteen policemen who had given James C. Cropsey, then Police Commissioner, information regarding Tappan, changed their statements when Tappan's case came up for trial.

Commissioner Cropsey told those three policemen for lying. These three men were reinstated by Commissioner Waldo.

The only witness at yesterday's session of the committee was Mr. Cropsey. The subject of the session yesterday was the reinstatement of policemen under a statute passed in 1907 giving this power to the Mayor and Police Commissioner except in certain cases.

Mr. Buckner contended that in a part of the cases taken up this exception should have held good.

Another of the cases taken up yesterday was that of Inspector John J. O'Brien, who was in command of Coney Island at the time acting Mayor John Purroy Mitchel made his investigation in the summer of 1910.

Mr. O'Brien is the only one of the several officers mentioned yesterday who was not reinstated.

Capt. John F. Tappan, whose affairs received considerable attention yesterday, was mentioned in an anonymous letter received at Police Headquarters in Commissioner Cropsey's time as showing alleged favoritism to certain policemen in the Sixty-third precinct, of which he was commander.

Commissioner Cropsey questioned twenty-five or thirty policemen and although he found no evidence of favoritism the men told him that Capt. Tappan had warned them against writing letters to the Commissioner.

Commissioner Cropsey questioned Capt. Tappan about it and the captain denied ever having made such a statement.

Cropsey had charges preferred against the captain for making false statements. At the trial three of the patrolmen reversed their former statements.

Mr. Buckner asked the witness if some of the patrolmen who stood by their original statements were not somewhat timid about repeating them at the trial and their memory was refreshed by the reading of their former statements.

Mr. Cropsey said that some of the men were a little uncertain until their memory was refreshed. The counsel for the committee sought to learn from the witness what had become of the eleven men who stood by their original statements regarding the captain.

Mr. Cropsey did not know where the men had admitted to him that one of the men had met Capt. Tappan before the trial.

Before and after he dismissed Foody Mr. Cropsey said he received letters from Mayor Gaynor transmitting communications from Thomas M. Mury, president of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank regarding the case.

WITNESSES AGAINST BECKER



MARGARET ROSE.

MRS. ROSENTHAL UNNERVES BECKER

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nervous, but she testified without weeping and with a steady voice.

Assistant District Attorney Frank Moss examined her.

Q. Do you know the defendant, Charles Becker? A. Yes.

Q. How many times, if you can tell, did you see Mr. Becker before your husband died? A. I saw him a number of times.

Q. Where did you first meet him? A. At the Elks Club Thanksgiving night.

Despite objection after objection by counsel for the defense, Mrs. Rosenthal was permitted to tell her story of the friendly talk between her husband and Becker at the Elks Club at the New Year's eve celebration. The testimony was:

Q. State what, if any, conversation you had between your husband and Becker? A. He put his arm around Herman's shoulder and said, "Well, Herman, how is things?"

Q. How long? A. About five years.

Q. Were you present at a time—about one month before your husband's death—when your husband refused to shake hands with Valton?

Q. Did you have any conversation with Becker? A. He turned around to me and said that any time I wanted him to do me a favor, and anything I wanted him to do, day or night, all I had to do was to call on him.

Q. When was the next time you saw him? A. He came to our house.

Q. Was that at the gambling house? A. It was on the floor where gambling was carried on, but there was nothing going on at that time.

Had Business Relations. Mrs. Rosenthal said that she knew that her husband and Becker had business relations.

Q. From whom did you learn of the loan? A. From Mr. Becker.

Q. Did you talk to Rose about it? A. No, I did not.

Q. When was this that you first learned of it from Mr. Becker? A. The night Mr. Becker broke into our home.

Q. Please tell the jury what conversation you had with Becker on the night of the raid. A. When I heard the hammering I ran downstairs to tell them that I would open the door. I tried to find the key but couldn't and then ran upstairs.

Q. Did you see any money pass between Rose and your husband? A. No.

Had But Little Money. Mr. Moss, taking his cue from the line of defense indicated by Mr. McIntyre's questioning of other witnesses, sought to bring out that Herman Rosenthal could not have had any large sum of money such as Mr. McIntyre had testified Herman had received from gamblers.

Q. How long were you married to the deceased? A. Five years.

Q. You were the second wife, were you not? A. Yes.

Q. At the time you say the raid was made did you have a nephew in the house? A. Yes.

Q. Did you not get angry with Lieut. Becker for arresting your nephew? A. Yes.

Q. Did you continue that ill feeling? A. I didn't feel kindly toward him.



JAMES E. HALLEN, former lawyer now a convict.

room once before and that was on Tuesday, when she got in by mistake, not knowing where to go, and stayed for about two minutes.

Mr. McIntyre strove to make it appear that she had been brought to court by persuasion of the Roses, but the girl ruined the whole cross-examination by withdrawing from her handbag a subpoena paper and showing it with the suggestion of a child who has something quite important, but something she does not precisely understand.

Further testimony as to Becker's visits to Rose's apartment was offered by Margaret Rose, a trained nurse and a graduate of the German Hospital.

Q. What did he say? A. Oh, just something about a fine baby.

Counsel for the defense wanted to remark about the fine baby stricken out, but Justice Goff saw no reason for excluding it.

Q. How long did Becker stay at your house? A. Until the next day.

Q. Did you see Rose after the killing of Rosenthal? A. Yes.

Q. When? A. The day after.

Q. Did he come to your home? A. Yes. He stayed there until the following Thursday.

Q. Did he ask you to do anything? A. Yes, he asked me to carry a message for him.

Q. Did you see Lieut. Becker on the seventeenth of July? A. Yes, at Police Headquarters about noon.

Q. Now, please tell the jury what conversation took place. A. I told Lieut. Becker that Rose wanted to communicate with him.

Q. Are you sure that was all of the conversation you had? A. Yes.

Q. How long did Rose stay at your house? A. Until the next day.

Pollok, a week later, called on Rose in the Tombs and at Rose's request tried to find Becker.

Q. How long did you see Becker in the house? A. About five hours.

Q. Did he stay for supper? A. Yes, sir. Mr. and Mrs. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Rose and my little nephew were all there.

Q. Did Mr. Becker remain in the parlor until supper time? A. I do not remember.

Q. Do you know what part of the house he was in? A. Sometimes in the parlor and sometimes in the dining room.

The witness smiled brightly at Mr. McIntyre when he stood up to cross-examine her, but he started at once to make it appear that she had been in the court room previously for the purpose of singling out Lieut. Becker and getting Becker's appearance fixed in her mind.



MRS. HERMAN ROSENTHAL.

noon for the reading and identification of documents.

James E. Hallen, a disbarred lawyer, who is serving a term in Sing Sing for grand larceny, was the first witness after the afternoon session.

Mr. McIntyre made him admit later, however, that he had been in prison for 10 months before the present term.

Mr. Hallen testified that Becker's comment on the visitor's news was "I'm not here to be a crook. I'm here to be a professional criminal."

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Kept a Memorandum. Hallen testified that Becker's words had impressed him at the time as so important that as soon as he got back to his cell he wrote a memorandum of them.

Inspector on Stand. Chief Inspector Max F. Schmittberger of the Police Department, who had been in the court room for some time listening to the testimony against his old enemy Becker, was called to the stand for an assignment Becker had had as a Central Office man.

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Advertisement for Sparks from the Telegraph, featuring text: "Sparks from the Telegraph. The Union Veterans Legion decided at Chattanooga, Tenn., to hold the next annual convention at Zanesville, Ohio, the second Wednesday in September, 1912."

ALLOWED TO GO SHOPPING. Gyp the Blood's Wife and Forbrey's Girl Visit Stores. Mrs. Lillian Horowitz, Gyp the Blood's wife, and Margaret Ryan, Reynolds Forbrey's girl, were absent from their temporary home in the House of Detention yesterday afternoon for a short while to make a shopping tour.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16.—John Bradshaw, May Gaynon and Florence Argo were arrested here to-day charged with murder, it being alleged that the automobile in which they were riding last April killed Michael Leonard in Delaware county.

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AFTER ROSENTHAL SOUVENIRS. Auction of Gambler's Belongings Brings Many Women. The auction sale of furniture, paintings and bric-a-brac said to have been in the Herman Rosenthal house at 104 West Forty-fifth street which was held yesterday attracted a large crowd of souvenir hunters, more than half of them women.

ROSE IS BROUGHT BACK. The ninth witness of the morning session was Frank Szrall, a waiter in the Union Square Hotel. He testified that he knew Rose and Becker and that he had served them often in the restaurant of the hotel.

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