

NEGRO SAYS HE SWORE FALSELY AGAINST BECKER

Witness at Trial, in Affidavit, Declares He Did Not Know Rose, Webber or Schepps.

PERKINS IS NOT SURPRISED

District Attorney Refers to Efforts Made to Force Man to Sign Statement That His Testimony Was Untrue—Argument Next Month.

PHILADELPHIA, February 13.—John H. Johnson, a New York lawyer, said here to-night that James Marshall, the negro who was a witness in the case of Charles Becker, under sentence of death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal in New York, had signed a statement in the form of an affidavit to the effect that he swore falsely at his trial.

Marshall signed a four-page affidavit in the presence of witnesses, setting forth that his words on the stand were false. He indicated in writing that the New York district attorney's office influenced him to testify as the prosecution wished, under threat of arrest and imprisonment.

MADE FALSE AFFIDAVIT CONCERNING RAID

Marshall declared in his statement that he had made a false affidavit concerning an alleged raid by Lieutenant Becker, and had signed a fictitious name, Moore, to it.

This affidavit, he continued, was laid before him when he was taken to the district attorney's office, and he was informed there that it would be used as a basis for criminal prosecution for perjury unless he adhered to the story that he had seen "Jack" Rose and Becker in conference at One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Street and Seventh Avenue, in Harlem, several nights preceding the murder of Rosenthal.

Immediately after he had testified at the Becker trial, Marshall continued, he was taken before a grand jury, and after his testimony had been read to him, he was warned by one of the grand jurors that if he at any time thereafter told a story at variance with that told on the stand, he would be guilty of perjury.

Furthermore, Marshall said he received three checks from the office of the district attorney while he was under subpoena, one for \$75, one for \$150, and another for \$700. Marshall said he did not remember whose name appeared as the maker of the checks.

COMPELLED TO USE ALLEYS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

The New York district attorney's office advised him, Marshall continued, to keep under cover, and actually compelled him to use back alleys, as much as possible, instead of the more open thoroughfares, before he took the stand for the prosecution. The prosecution, he said, demanded this "because the Becker people were after me, and I would have to be low."

Beginning with his arrival in New York City, where he said he had been summoned under pretext of a \$20-a-week theatrical contract, Marshall declared that he was presented with a subpoena as a witness in the Becker trial the minute he stepped off the train, and was then taken to the district attorney's office, where he met Assistant District Attorney P. B. Groehl.

"There I was questioned," he said in the affidavit, "concerning the outline of the testimony I was to give."

His affidavit goes on: "I was asked what I knew of the alleged meeting between Becker and the gunmen, and I explained that I did not know 'Jack' Rose, and had never seen him. Assistant District Attorney Groehl told me that I could be arrested and held in the house of detention until time for me to testify unless I testified willingly."

"Having theatrical engagements still unfilled in other cities, I explained that it would be impossible for me to remain in New York until the trial was called. The assistant district attorney then stated that he would have an attaché of his office accompany me outside of New York, and this man went with me everywhere I went, day and night, and never was I out of his sight a moment. We spoke frequently of the testimony I was to give at the trial."

"I met Assistant District Attorney Groehl in Washington and again talked to him concerning the testimony I was to give on the stand."

"During the time he was in New York, Marshall stated that he received from the district attorney's office the three checks."

LIFE VERY PLEASANT DURING THOSE DAYS

"Life was very pleasant for me there," says Marshall, "and there was nothing but theatre and auto rides through the park all day long. I went to the theatre almost every afternoon, and never got up before 11 o'clock in the morning."

"Concerning his acquaintance with Jack Rose, Marshall's signed statement says: 'I never knew 'Jack' Rose, and I did not know it was he who is said to have met Becker on the street that night. My only knowledge of Rose came from what Mr. Groehl said, and what I read in the newspapers.'

As Marshall was dictating his statement he was asked:

"Then you could not go on the stand

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Charles McCamie, local counsel for the company was questioned concerning the hiring of C. D. Elliott, former assistant-general to obtain affidavits from members of the commission. Although denying any offers of money had been made directly or indirectly to the commissioners to obtain from them affidavits that they had been requested to reduce the company's rates by threats from Governor Hat-

JURY FOR TRIAL OF MINERS

Secured to Sit in Murder Case After More Than Month's Delay.

PUEBLO, COL., February 13.—After more than a month's delay, a jury was obtained to-day for the trial of the so-called Laveta murder case, in which eight miners are charged with the murder of three mine guards and a chauffeur in the recent coal miners' strike. The trial began January 4.

The killing occurred near Laveta, Col., on November 8, 1913. The victims were on their way from Laveta to the Oakdale Mine, when, according to the charges made by the State, they were fired on by strikers.

CHICKENS IN GARDEN

Ten Thousand Cackle and Crow in Madison Square.

NEW YORK, February 13.—Ten thousand chickens are cackling and crowing in Madison Square Garden. They came from twenty-six States and two provinces of Canada to participate in the twenty-sixth annual poultry show.

Most Old People Are Constipated

The wear of years impairs the action of the bowels. With advancing age people are disposed to restricted activity and exercise, which is responsible for the constipated condition of most old folks. The digestive organs are more sensitive to the demands made upon them and rebel more quickly.

A mild, effective remedy for constipation, and one that is especially suited to the needs of elderly people, women and children, is the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that is sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

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NEW JAPANESE ATTACHE IS ABLE NAVAL OFFICER

TOYKO, February 13.—Commander Kichizaburo Nomura, who has been sent to Washington as the naval attaché of the Japanese embassy, is one of the ablest officers in the Japanese navy.

His naval career began in 1896, when he entered the naval cadets' school at Etalima. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1903, and took an active part in the Russo-Japanese War, at the close of which he was appointed instructor of the naval cadets' school and later made staff officer at the Yokosuka naval station. He served as naval attaché at Vienna and Berlin, where he became proficient in the German language, and recently served as adjutant.

REGINALD VANDERBILT HOST

Takes "Stag" Party in Private Car to Inspect His Farm.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT, R. I., February 13.—Reginald Vanderbilt inspected his farm to-day with a "stag" party, coming from New York in his private car.

He gave a dinner to-night on the car with colored entertainers from New York. He entertained Julian Little, James Deering, Samuel Willetts, William R. Hunter, Roland King, Reginald Norman and George Cozans.

and also an confidential secretary to two ministers, Admiral Baron Saito and Admiral Yashiro, the present head of the navy.

After the fall of Tsingchau fortress, Commander Nomura was ordered there on special inspection about the same time that he was gazetted for the post at Washington. In the past few years he has been the medium of communication between the Navy Department and the press, especially the foreign press. He is genial, and speaks English well.

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"Milady's Dress"

This model is one of the new springtime creations, made of taffeta silk. Eton effect waists over a pretty white silk. The waist line is finished with a long wide sash, which hangs down the front and is held together with a pretty pearl button. Wide flare skirt with the "cuff" bottom. A very smart and nobby dress, and we're featuring it at... \$22.50



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