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STARTLING STORY OF ROSENTHAL MURDER PART OF CONFESSION

"Bridget" Webber and Jack Rose Make Affidavit to Tale Unparalleled in History of Crime in America.

\$1,000 PAID TO SLAYERS OF GAMBLER

Jack Rose Paid Money to Schepps Day After Murder, on Request of Becker.

New York, July 31.—Declaring on oath that Lieut. Charles A. Becker, of the New York Police Department, gave the order with his own lips to kill gambler Herman Rosenthal, "Jack" Rose and "Bridget" Webber, from their cells in the West Side Prison to-day, made public the entire story of the killing.

They told how an order was given by Police Lieut. Becker to kill Rosenthal ten days before the assassination was finally accomplished. They told how this plot was frustrated by the fear of gunmen hired to do the job that they were being followed by detectives, and they declared that the price for the murder of the "squealing" gambler was a paltry thousand dollars.

Rose and Webber, freed from the fear of death which overhung them in court and in the Tombs, told a story, which for dramatic intensity exceeds any confession ever made to the authorities of New York. They told a story which may send Lieut. Becker to the electric chair; when they had finished, they made oath that it was true.

This is what Rose and Webber said: "The Garden Restaurant, Fifth Street and Seventh Avenue, was to be the scene of the killing in the first orders received from Becker to murder Rosenthal. The time was between 11 and 12 o'clock ten days before Rosenthal was actually murdered. Harry Horowitz, known as 'Gib the Blood,' who figures as the arch murderer in the final killing of Rosenthal, was in charge. On this night Rosenthal, his wife, and Jack Sullivan were dining in the Garden Restaurant.

Paid After Killing.
The price placed upon Rosenthal's head by Becker was \$1,000, and at 2 o'clock on July 11, the day after Rosenthal was killed, this was paid to 'Gib the Blood' and Lefty Louis by Sam Schepps, acting for Bridget Webber, who in turn acted for Becker.

"A day before the murder, Becker came to me and said that Rosenthal had been seen by the district attorney, Becker's information came from Jack Sullivan, to whom Rosenthal had told everything. His confidence in Sullivan was not shaken. Becker said to me: 'You have got to get that man out of the way. If he gives up to Whittman we are all ruined. If we put him out of the way things will go along just the same, and all this talk about graft and gambling will be hushed soon.'

"The demands made by Becker were so insistent that we passed the word along to Big Jack Zelig, and it was planned to kill Rosenthal immediately. On the night designated we met at Bridget Webber's place and runners were sent out, who returned at the first sight of Rosenthal was in the Garden. The men hired to do the job were 'Gib the Blood' and Lefty Louis and two others who do not figure in the murder in front of the Metropolitan. The remainder of the party included the men now involved. At 11 o'clock we left Webber's place at Sixth Avenue and Forty-second street, and went slowly toward the restaurant.

"Gib the Blood" Loses Nerve.
"Gib the Blood" became possessed of the idea that we were being shadowed. We had no automobile at that time, and we were walking when the word of fear was passed, and we scattered. Everything had been planned to call Rosenthal out and shoot him, but Zelig's men, fearing Burns' detectives, who were reported to be busy in town, refused to go on with the job, and we abandoned the effort.

"Then Becker's sources showed me that the maddest man you ever saw. He said: 'You are a lot of cowards. This man has got to be killed if it is necessary for me to kill him myself. And if it does not fall to me to have the dirty work I will frame up every one of you fellows.'

"The conversation with Becker took place near Webber's gambling house shortly after midnight of the first night set for the killing. Becker was waiting for us when we returned from the Garden restaurant. From that time on we lived in fear that Becker would carry out his threat to do the killing himself and we were very nervous about the consequences of arresting us for some other offense.

"From that time on Becker hounded us constantly. It was always his threat, 'If you don't do it, I will.' Becker is a coward and he certainly was afraid of Rosenthal.

"To this affidavit 'Bridget' Webber added the details of the payment of the money for the murder as finally accomplished. He said:

"After Rose had telephoned to Becker that Rosenthal had been killed at the Metropolitan, Becker came down to meet us. 'We have done the dirty work I will follow you out of town,' referring to the men who had done the shooting. Turning to me he said: 'Bridget, you let Rose have a thousand dollars to pay them. After receiving the money from Webber, I met Sam Schepps. I handed the money to Schepps and saw him give it to

EVERY POLICEMAN HAS HIS TROUBLES.



PHILADELPHIA ATTORNEY ASKS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPEACH JUSTICE WRIGHT

Philadelphia, July 31.—Francis Tracy Tobin, Philadelphia attorney and former candidate for Congress from the Sixth Pennsylvania District, to-day asked the House of Representatives to impeach Associate Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Tobin alleges that Justice Wright was influenced by the Buck Stove and Range Company in sentencing Samuel Gompers to a term of one year and John Mitchell to nine months recently on a charge of contempt.

ROOSEVELT HAS HIS SAY IN GRAFT SCANDAL

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 31.—In a dispatch to the press to-day, Col. Roosevelt expressed himself as to the graft disclosures evolved in the gambling scandal in New York, comparing them to the graft revelations that resulted in the expulsion from the State Senate of Senator Aldis two years ago.

NO IMMUNITY IS PROMISED BECKER

New York, July 31.—"Dago Frank" Croft, one of the gangsters arrested as involved in the murder of Gambler Rosenthal on the night of July 15, this afternoon made what is reported to be a complete confession to District Attorney Whitman. This confession, it is understood, corroborated the statements of other sources, and shows not only in regard to the killing of Rosenthal, but also in regard to the extent of the distribution of gambling house graft.

BULL MOOSE SEEKS DEMOCRAT OF SOUTH

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 31.—A Southern Democrat for Vice President on the third party ticket is being sought by the Roosevelt cohorts.

DIVERS TO COMB OCEAN DEPTHS FOR LOST NINA

Revenue Cutter Asks Permission to Have Hulk Off the Virginia Coast Explored.

MORE AMERICANS FLEE FROM MEXICO

El Paso, July 31.—All Americans are fleeing from Northern Mexico to El Paso. The Mexicans started the exodus, but the trains last night and to-day brought hundreds of refugees. They all tell the same story of confiscation of their belongings. Many declare that they were held up and robbed of their money while making their way to the railroad.

GIFFORD PINCHOT DRAGGED SIXTY FEET WHEN AUTO HITS KANSAS CITY CAR

Kansas City, Kans., July 31.—Gifford Pinchot, former Chief Forester of the United States, was dragged sixty feet near here this evening, when the automobile in which he was riding with two companions was demolished in a collision with an interurban electric car. Pinchot and his companions escaped serious injury.

NOTE BEARS NAME OF MAJ. A. BUTT

Block Island, R. I., July 31.—A bottle with a badly corroded metal top was found on the beach here to-day containing this note on an official wireless blank:

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REVENUE CUTTER ASKS PERMISSION TO HAVE HULK OFF THE VIRGINIA COAST EXPLORED

Reports so far received at Washington are such as to indicate that the appearance of the sunken hulk offers to those who have seen it, and the problem of its identity so far only offers ground for speculation. No formal report at all has been received by the Navy Department. It was said at the Bureau of Navigation yesterday.

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The accident occurred at Gunda Springs, a health resort, seven miles west of here. The two men with Pinchot were W. L. Cunningham, an attorney, and S. J. Gilbert, a banker.

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CONGRESS MAY ATTACK DOLLAR DIPLOMACY PLAN

Charges in Connection with the Chinese Loan Arouse House Members.

WANT CHINA RECOGNIZED

Resent Inaction of the Executive Branch Following Congressional Action.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.
Secretary of State Knox and his "dollar diplomacy" policy are threatened with a Congressional hot blast this session unless some satisfactory explanation is made of the delay over the official recognition by this government of the new Chinese republic.

Following the statement in The Washington Herald yesterday morning of the charges that the State Department is being used as a club to force China into a \$500,000,000 loan from the allied powers, members of Congress who follow international affairs closely expressed the opinion that action from the executive branch of the government looking to recognition of the new republic is long overdue.

A new turn was given to the loan affair last night by the announcement from Shanghai that arrangements have been completed by Dr. Sun Yat Sen and former Minister of War Huang Sing for the formation of a bank to finance the new government, and that the making of a foreign loan. The new bank will be capitalized at \$10,000,000.

Whether the announcement will have any effect upon this government's attitude toward the new republic is problematical. It is not to be understood that Great Britain, Russia, Germany, France, Japan, and the United States, the six powers which were to figure in the \$500,000,000 loan, will allow the prize to slip from their hands without some protest. But the movement to organize a national bank in China may result in a compromise effect by the powers to withdraw some of the stipulations of the loan.

Would Protect Republic.

However these features may work out, a number of members of both houses of Congress are unwilling that the success of the new republic be jeopardized by the single error of the loan at least as far as the banking interests which expect to benefit by the loan to force it down the unwilling throat of a struggling government.

Message Found in Bottle on Beach Tells of Titanic Hero Being Adrift on Raft.

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STATE SCORES IN GRACE CASE; LETTERS READ

Court Allows Introduction of Epistles Alleged to Have Been Forged by Wife.

ACCUSED ON STAND TO-DAY

Mrs. Grace Declares that She is in Hurry to Tell Her Story and Have Trial Ended.

Atlanta, Ga., July 31.—After scoring two important victories in the trial of Mrs. Daisy Grace on the charge of shooting her husband, the State this afternoon rested its case. Mrs. Grace is expected to take the stand at the opening of the court to-morrow and tell her story.

The two victories were: First, the admission of the now famous "alibi letters," which the State expects the jury to believe Mrs. Grace wrote to herself; second, the admission of the bedside conversation between Mr. and Mrs. Grace, when Mrs. Grace stood beside her stricken husband's bed and asked what was the accusation he was making against her when, the State claims, no one had told her of the accusation, and it was her guilty conscience impelling her.

George C. Bullard, city detective, was the witness who was permitted to tell of the meeting at the hospital.

"Who spoke first?" asked Solicitor Dorsey.

"Mrs. Grace."

"What did she say?"

"She said: 'How did this happen, Gene? What have you been telling these people; they tell me you say I shot you.'

"Did she kiss her husband?"

"Yes, she stood straight up beside the bed."

Judge Ryan would not permit the witness to relate to the jury the subsequent conversation between Mrs. Grace and her attorney. He admitted her first statement because the prosecution claimed that it had proved by witnesses who were with Mrs. Grace from the time she heard the news until she got to the hospital, that no one had told her she had been accused.

Although the prosecution attached great weight to the "alibi letters," and contends that they show that the shooting of Grace was planned by his wife, the defense claims that Mrs. Grace was not even contacted with them in any way by the evidence.

Mrs. Grace did not receive either of the two letters, which, it is alleged she wrote, signed with her husband's name and addressed to her at Newman, Ga., in order to establish an alibi.

Letters Go Astray.
The letters in one envelope were post-marked Atlanta, Ga., 4:30 p. m., on the day of the shooting. They reached Newman after she had returned to Atlanta in response to a telegram message that her husband had been shot. They were forwarded to her, but fell into Grace's hands and were turned over to the attorneys by him. The handwriting on the envelope has been identified as that of Grace by witnesses, but none of them were able to identify the handwriting of one of the letters, which was scribbled with a pencil.

The first of these letters, written on a typewriter, follows:

"My Dear Wife Daisy—After saying good-by to you at the station to-day, I ran into an old friend of mine from Charleston, S. C. He was down and out. My heart went out to him. He was dead broke. It is a pitiful story. He is out of a job. I am going to take him home with me to Newman. Hope you will see all night with me. He can wear a suit of my clothes. For he is a tall fellow."

"I am sorry I was delayed and missed my train to Philadelphia, which will throw me a day late going and coming back. You bring mother back to Atlanta with you, instead of waiting for me to come to Newman. Hope you wrote to your mother. With all my love,

"GENE"

Sends Billion Kisses.
The second letter, written with a pencil, reads:

"My Own Darling Wife: After I put you on the train, I got left. I shall be a day late getting back. I shall bring something nice for you. My friend is here at the house with me now. I've been telling him how sweet you are. I am sorry for everything I said. I shall be as good as I know how. With a billion kisses,

"GENE"

Attorneys for the State admit that their case would have been gone if the court had barred these letters. They claim that the letters complete the chain of circumstantial evidence against Mrs. Grace.

The jury was out of the room most of the time to-day while the attorneys fought over the admission of the letters. During one of these clashes Solicitor Dorsey attacked Mrs. Grace adversely.

"This woman was so mercenary," said the solicitor, "that she put extra sheets and an oilcloth on the bed when Grace was lying wounded to prevent damage to the furniture, because she was becoming the furnishings covered in the lease."

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