

# Becker Goes to His Death on the Chair Protesting His Innocence to Very Last

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### "I AM NOT GUILTY" DECLARES BECKER AS HE GOES TO CHAIR; DEAD AT 5:55 A. M.

Protests His Innocence to the Last; Three Shocks Sent Through His Body; Retains His Composure Throughout Ordeal; Last Words a Prayer

PINS PHOTOGRAPH OF WIFE OVER HEART

Bids Newspapermen Good-by in Statement; Praises Wife as "Purest, Noblest Woman That Ever Lived"; Mrs. Becker Said Farewell at Midnight; Negro Murderer Follows Former Policeman

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., July 30. — Charles Becker was put to death in the electric chair here this morning for the killing of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler. The former New York police lieutenant retained his composure and protested his innocence to the last. He went to his death with a photograph of his wife pinned on his shirt over his heart. Three shocks were given before the prison physicians pronounced him dead at 5:55 o'clock.

Becker led the way to his execution. The condemned man sat up all night on the edge of his cot calmly talking to Deputy Warden Charles H. Johnson. "I've Got to Face It" "I have got to face it," said Becker, "and I am going to meet it quietly and without trouble to any one." The deputy warden led Becker about an hour before the time set for the execution and when the priests, Father W. E. Cashin, the prison priest, and Father Curry of New York, came to administer the last rites they found the man who instigated Herman Rosenthal's murder, with his face resting on his hand gazing at the pri-

### Mutt and Jeff Are Coming Back!

YES, and right in the midst of the vacation period, too. A cablegram from the European War Zone to the editor of The Telegraph brings the glad tidings. Mutt and Jeff have been "all shot to pieces" at times since their disappearance last February, but it takes more than a German rapid fire gun to "get" Mutt and Jeff. And they're coming home. Yes, sir. No fooling this time. The editor of The Telegraph who has missed their smiling countenances for so many weary months will count the days until August 9. Yes, that's the date.

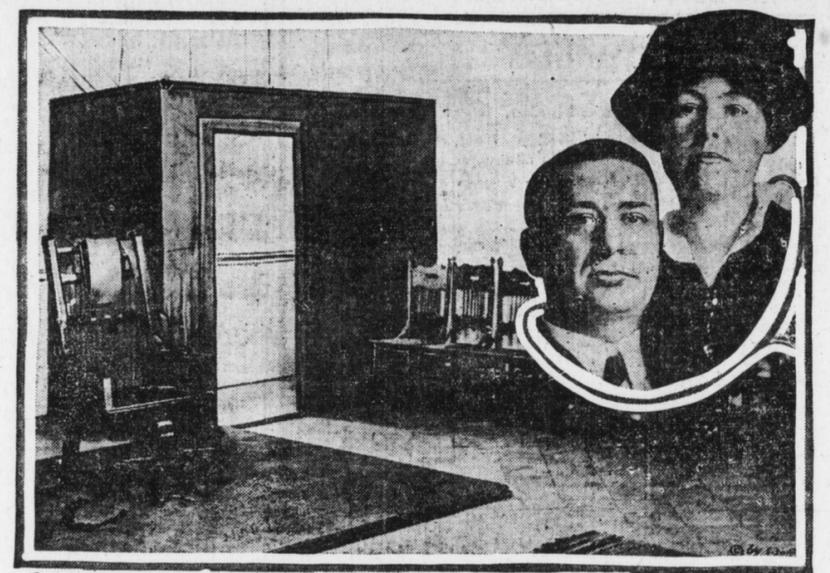


Up in the mountains, down at the seashore, or anywhere you may be spending your vacation days, the Harrisburg Telegraph is reaching you every day in like receiving "a letter from home." Did Harrisburg win the ball game? Who pitched? Is the weather hot? Where was the big fire? Your favorite newspaper, the Harrisburg Telegraph, will have all the story—a paper published in a distant city might give the item in a few lines. Phone the Circulation Department now.

### THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday; probably thundershowers; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday, with probably occasional showers; not much change in temperature; light, variable winds. River The Susquehanna river and its principal branches will probably fall slowly. Local rises may possibly occur as a result of heavy local rains. A stage of about 5.0 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning. General Conditions Pressure is relatively high over the Southeastern and Northwestern States and has increased somewhat over the Missouri Valley. Showers have cleared over part of the Lake Region, in the Upper Ohio and Lower Missouri valleys, in the Middle Atlantic and New England States. Temperature: 8 a. m., 70; 2 p. m., 88. Sun: Rises, 5:02 a. m.; sets, 7:22 p. m. Moon: New moon, August 10, 5:52 p. m. River Stage: 4.1 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 88. Lowest temperature, 70. Mean temperature, 79. Normal temperature, 75.

### BECKER, HIS WIDOW, AND DEATH CHAIR IN WHICH HE PAID FOR HIS CRIME



CHARLES BECKER, MRS. BECKER AND DEATH CHAMBER AT SING SING

### CONCRETE DRAIN IN 13TH WARD STREETS

Another Quarter Mile of 4-Foot Sewer to Be Constructed Before Winter Sets In

Bids for the construction of another quarter of a mile of four-foot concrete sewer in the Thirteenth ward were opened at noon to-day by City Commissioner W. H. Lynch, superintendent of streets and public improvements. The bids: M. Sheesley & Son, \$7,359.49. Stucker Brothers Construction Company, for reinforced concrete, \$8,915; for amco block, segment, \$8,652. Henry Opperman, reinforced concrete, \$7,949. William H. Opperman, reinforced concrete, \$7,949. [Continued on Page 12.]

### COLORED WOMAN MURDERED

Doylestown, Pa., July 30.—Mrs. Susan Jenkins, colored, 80 years old, was found with her head crushed at her home in Fallington, this county, today. A railroad bolt was found in her house. Mrs. Jackson was a dealer in produce, and her murder was probably actuated by robbery. Her husband, two grandchildren and a boarder have been arrested by the Bucks county authorities pending an investigation.

### AMERICAN FORCES DISARM HAITIANS

Marines Will Not Be Withdrawn Pending Establishment of Stable Government

Washington, D. C., July 30.—Secretary Lansing announced to-day that a committee of public safety, organized in Port Au Prince Haiti has taken charge of the capital and is conducting the de facto government. After a conference with American naval officers and the American Charge D'Affaires, the committee decided upon disarmament of the city which began yesterday. With the disarming of Haitian soldiers and civilians at Port Au Prince by American forces, it was believed here that this was the beginning of the restoration of permanent order in Haiti. The committee considered likely that the American marines under Rear Admiral Caperton would be withdrawn pending the establishment of a stable government. The gunboat Nashville to-day was ordered from San Domingo to Cape Haitien to reinforce the gunboat Eagle. The Navy Department is expecting from Admiral Caperton a detailed report of conditions in the Haitian capital which are now said to be quiet.

### Pennsylvania's \$65,000,000 Bond Issue Approved

Trenton, N. J., July 30.—The Board of Public Utility Commissioners to-day approved an issue of \$65,000,000 of bonds for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The bonds are secured by a general mortgage on the railroads' property and franchise. The mortgage will be executed to secure the railroads bonds to be issued from time to time there under, insofar as the mortgage will be lien upon the leasehold interests of the United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Company and the Belvidere, Delaware Railroad Company, corporations of New Jersey. The mortgage will mature June 1, 1925 and will bear interest at 4 1/4 per cent, payable semiannually on July and December 1.

### RACING MOTORBOATS WILL BE ARMORED

New York, July 30.—J. Stuart Blackton, who owns a fleet of fast motorboats, said to-day that after the motorboat races in August he will have his boats armored so that they can be used as auxiliary coast defense vessels.

### TO ASK INDICTMENTS IN EASTLAND CASE

Captain Pederson Says "Fault Is Not Mine"; Death Lists Now Total 1,071

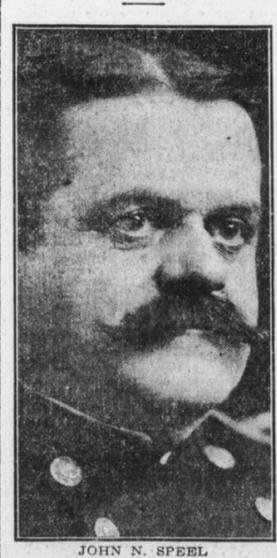
Chicago, Ill., July 30. — Federal and State Grand Juries and the board representing the steamboat inspection service resumed their inquiries to-day into the responsibility of the capsizing of the steamship Eastland last Saturday. State's Attorney Hoyne was prepared to ask to-day for indictments in response to recommendations of the coroner's jury, but he has not decided whether to ask for indictments of Federal Steamship Inspectors Reid and Eckloff. Secretary Redfield had informed Mr. Hoyne of legal technicalities. [Continued on Page 12.]

### Motorcyclist Hits Girl at State and 13th St.

While running across the street in front of her home to join her playmates, last evening, Elizabeth Dunlap, aged 7, of 1244 State street, was struck by a motorcyclist. The child sustained bruises and lacerations of the body and legs. Five stitches were required to close a gash in her forehead.

### "JACK" SPEEL GOES ON RETIRED LIST

In U. S. Navy Service 40 Years; On Numerous Trips Around World



A Harrisburger, John N. Speel, 124 Walnut street, was included in the list of United States Navy officials, retired to-day. "Jack" Speel, as he was known at home, has been a member of the corps of pay directors for many years. [Continued on Page 12.]

### TEXANS LYNCH MEXICAN

Alleged Murderer and Horse Thief Hanged by Masked Men Brownsville, Tex., July 30.—Adolfo Munoz, a Mexican, was lynched near this place late last night. Eight masked men took Munoz from Deputy Sheriff Frank Carr, who held him on a charge of murder and horse theft, and hanged him to a tree.

### U. S. WAITS REPLY TO DEMAND ON MEXICO

Insist That Warring Factions Permit Food to Reach Capital

Washington, D. C., July 30. — Responses from the Mexican military factions to urgent representations by the United States Government that they allow food supplies to reach the starving people of Mexico City were to-day awaited by officials here. Notes addressed to Generals Carranza, Villa and Zapata demand that the railroad lines from Vera Cruz to Mexico City be kept open for the transportation of food supplies. These faction leaders are in control of the road. The demand was made upon humanitarian grounds. The dispatch of the notes followed the receipt by Secretary Lansing of a communication from the Red Cross sent by Charles J. O'Connor, in charge of the Red Cross relief work in Mexico City. He pictured conditions in the Mexican capital as more chaotic than ever. People are actually dying of starvation, despite the fact that they have the money with which to buy food. The action of the United States is a forerunner of a more definite step in the near future in the form of a final demand that the hands of the warring factions settle their differences and restore peace in the southern republic.

### WORK OUT BIG WAR PROBLEM AT GRETNA

Regular Army Troops Mingling With Militiamen; Keep Them Posted on Points

Mount Gretna, Pa., July 30. — The big tented city over the hills from Mount Gretna, where have dwelt for the last six days the militia cavalrymen of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland and a detachment of two Regular Army troops, mingling with militiamen; keep them posted on points. [Continued on Page 12.]

### Driver Seriously Hurt When Hurling to Street by Runaway Horse

Frightened by a train passing under the state street bridge shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon, a horse driven by Maurice Press, a junk dealer of 1102 Cowden street, tore down the bridge and hurled the driver to the street and scattering papers and junk over the street for almost a block. Press was hurried to the Harrisburg Hospital in a jitney before the ambulance arrived. His condition is said to be critical. Severe bruises of the body, lacerations of the face and head and other injuries were treated by the physicians.

### HERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

August 24—Final day for filing primary petitions for State offices with Secretary of Commonwealth. August 26, 31 and September 11 — City registration days. August 31—Final day to file primary petitions for county and city offices with County Commissioners. September 1—Final day to be assessed for November election. September 2—Return day for registration lists to County Commissioners. September 21—Final day to pay poll taxes for primary election. September 22—Final day for out-of-town voters to pay taxes in order to vote in Pa. elections. November 2—General elections.

### NO RELIEF FROM HOT WAVE YET IN SIGHT

No immediate relief from the present hot wave is in sight. The entire country east of the Mississippi is in the grip of abnormally high humidity. Occasional thundershowers accompanied by light winds are expected to tone the temperature down during the next few days.

### FAINTS ON TENNIS COURT

Miss Ruth Stary, 33 South Eighteenth street, one of Harrisburg's popular tennis stars, was taken ill at Reservoir Park last evening. Near the close of the match in which she played, Miss Stary fainted. She recovered soon after and was about again to-day.

### SPOT, SIX TIMES EARTH'S DIAMETER, APPEARS ON SUN

St. Louis, July 30. — A spot, six times the diameter of the earth, was observed upon the sun yesterday, by astronomers at Christian Brothers' College. The spot appeared to-day and will be visible until August 10. It first appeared last February and now is on its seventh rotation with the sun.

### LIGHTNING DESTROYS BARN AND BIG CROP AT NEW KINGSTON

Bolt Hit Barn Just After Farmer Closed It to the Storm

CATTLE SAVED; LOSS \$4,000

Trees and Fences Blown Down Through Surrounding Countryside

Lightning struck and set fire to a barn on the John Kutz farm, four miles north of New Kingston during the storm of last evening. The barn, with this season's crop of hay and wheat, and a number of farming instruments was destroyed. The stock was saved. The total loss is estimated at \$4,000.

Charles Lentzer, the tenant, with two other hired men, went into the barn when the storm came up and closed the doors. Mr. Lentzer had just left the barn when the lightning hit the barn. He called to his farm hands and they got the cattle out in safety. The barn was a substantial structure. The farm was at one time known as the Roland Winger farm. This year's crops of hay and wheat was large. The wheat was placed in the barn ten days ago, and preparations were being made to thresh it. It is estimated that between 300 and 500 bushels of wheat were destroyed and several tons of hay.

Machinery used in threshing, five ploughs, three wagons and other farming machinery, along with four sets of harness and twenty or more bushel of potatoes, were destroyed. It was impossible to save the barn, or even a part of the contents. Mr. Lentzer with his men used their efforts in preventing the flying sparks from setting fire to the house. His loss is partially covered by insurance. The storm last night did some damage about Harrisburg. A number of trees were reported down along the Harrisburg Railways Company's lines between the stations of Linglestown and near Middletown. Along the lines of the Valley Traction Company, in the vicinity of Shiremanstown, trees and fences were blown down. The wires of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company were burned off in several districts by the lightning and the city was in darkness for a short time.

### Shot at Georgia Governor Sixteen Times; Missed Each Time; They're Friends

Atlanta, Ga., July 30.—The fact that he shot at Governor Harris of Georgia, sixteen times—and missed each time—may win for I. C. Wade, of Cornelia, Ga., an appointment on the Governor's staff. Wade, a legislator, can prevail upon the state legislature, now in session, to abolish the age limit of 60 years. Governor Harris is a Confederate veteran. Mr. Wade served in the Northern army. When the present Governor was campaigning a year ago he met Mr. Wade at Cornelia. Talk turned to the fighting at Moorefield, Va., in the sixties. "Where were you on the morning of the second day's battle when you fellows were making it so hot for us?" asked the Confederate veteran. "I was on outpost duty on the extreme end of the upper right wing and I thought every minute would be my last," replied Mr. Wade. "You don't mean it! Well, tell me, did you see a man saddle a horse and ride off at top speed?" "Did I see him? Why, I shot at that man sixteen times, and missed him every time." "It's a good thing you missed," laughingly concluded Mr. Harris, "or I wouldn't be here. I'm the man you shot at." A close friendship resulted from the meeting and culminated to-day in Governor Harris announcing he would try to have the legislature change the age limit in Mr. Wade's favor.

### AUTOIST HITS BRIDGE AT SIGHT OF "SEPTEMBER MORN"

Phillipsburg, Pa., July 30. — With his eyes intent upon a real "September Morn" taking a dip in Clearfield creek, the driver of an auto, carrying four passengers, lost control of the car and sidwiped the bridge crossing the stream. The occupants got a bad scare and the car left some of its paint and decorations on the iron work. The innocent cause of the near-accident vanished during the commotion.

### Will Make Civic Club Contest Awards July 31

Flies killed in the Civic Club's contest will be measured at 11 North Market Square from 9 to 12 o'clock, morning of July 31. Five cents a pint will be paid for all flies and nearly \$20 is offered in prizes.

### EXPECT NEW DRIVE AT PARIS ON FALL OF POLISH CAPITAL

Triumphant Entry of Kaiser at Warsaw Is Expected Hourly; Third City of Russia in the Throes of Abandonment; Problem Now to Move Czar's Armies Intact and to Save Railroad

"Situation Serious, if Not Perilous," Declares British Minister of Munitions; Expect Heavy German Attacks in West With French Capital as Goal When City Falls; Trench Warfare Continues in West

London, July 30, 12.02 P. M.—Warsaw, the third city of Russia and the goal for which the German armies in the east have been striving since October, is at last in the throes of abandonment. Germans in overwhelming numbers are at the gates of the Polish capital and dispatches both from the city itself and from Petrograd say that further resistance would be unwise. It is estimated that between 300 and 500 bushels of wheat were destroyed and several tons of hay. Machinery used in threshing, five ploughs, three wagons and other farming machinery, along with four sets of harness and twenty or more bushel of potatoes, were destroyed. It was impossible to save the barn, or even a part of the contents. Mr. Lentzer with his men used their efforts in preventing the flying sparks from setting fire to the house. His loss is partially covered by insurance. The storm last night did some damage about Harrisburg. A number of trees were reported down along the Harrisburg Railways Company's lines between the stations of Linglestown and near Middletown. Along the lines of the Valley Traction Company, in the vicinity of Shiremanstown, trees and fences were blown down. The wires of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company were burned off in several districts by the lightning and the city was in darkness for a short time.

The Warsaw post office already has been shifted to some point to the eastward, the populace has been warned to remain calm and presumably for days Russian troops have been stripping the city of everything of military value. German aviators over City German aviators are hovering over the city and according to German aviators plans have been completed for the triumphant entrance of the German emperor accompanied by his consort. With Warsaw captured, whether or not it proves a conquest of lasting strategic advantage, a great wave of enthusiasm will sweep over Germany and Austria-Hungary, and it is predicted here that the armies of the central powers will then seek to force a period of trench warfare in the east, meanwhile throwing a great weight of men and guns to the west with the idea of resuming the battering toward Calais and perhaps toward Paris. In the west just now there has been little worthy of note to break the monotony of mining and bombing from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier.

Situation Perilous The British public is so little impressed with the events in the East that David Lloyd-George, the minister of munitions, in a speech yesterday apparently thought it necessary to drive home the gravity of the situation in the minds of those inclined to over-optimism, reminding them that reverses in Russia would mean increased pressure on the western allies. He summed up his opinion with the admonition that "the situation is serious if not perilous."

### CONCERT TO-NIGHT

A concert will be given this evening at Reservoir Park under the auspices of the Harrisburg Band Concert Association by the Municipal Band.

### VILLA FORCES DEFEATED

Calveston, Tex., July 30.—General Alvero Obregon, in command of Carranza forces operating against Torreon, reports that he cut off and defeated a large force of Villa troops south of that city.

### FOOT CRUSHED BY WHEELS

Harrisburg. — G. P. Tawney, aged 41, 423 Cumberland street, sustained a badly crushed foot, this afternoon when it was caught between two wheels at the Central Iron and Steel plant. He was taken to the hospital.

### REFUSES \$27,000,000 ORDER

Pasadena, Cal., July 30. — E. T. Burrowes, a wealthy manufacturer of Portland, Maine, who is spending the summer here, announced to-day that he had refused a telegraphic offer to supply \$27,000,000 worth of rifles to the allies.

### AUTO HITS GIRL

Helena Foessel, aged 5, was struck and injured this afternoon by an automobile near her home, 1136 South Cameron street. The little girl was treated at the Harrisburg Hospital.

### ENGINEERS TO BE DROPPED

All of the engineers of the Board of Public Works, except Chief Engineer Justin, will be dropped from the city's service this week. The work on which they have been engaged has been completed. On Wednesday, August 4, the Board of Public Works will make an inspection by automobile of the Paxton creek improvement, leaving the courthouse at 9 o'clock.

### QUELL FOOD RIOTS

El Paso, Tex., July 30. — An incipient food riot was quelled in Chihuahua City, Wednesday, according to arrivals from the south to-day. A mob of Mexicans marched to the State palace and demanded reduced prices on food stuffs.

### TO GIVE STRIKERS MORE MONEY

New York, July 30. — Notices of immediate wage increases of from five to fifteen per cent. in wages were posted to-day at the Bayonne, N. J., plant of the Tidewater Oil Company, whose 1800 employed were on strike last week in sympathy with the employes of the adjoining plant of the Standard Oil Company.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

James Marvin Cooke and Eva Elizabeth Oyster, city.