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BECKER PAYS DEATH PENALTY

WAS FIFTH MAN TO GIVE LIFE FOR MURDER OF ROSENTHAL

Charles Becker, who had been twice convicted for aiding in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, was electrocuted at Ossining, N. Y., Friday morning, last, and went to the electric chair declaring his innocence to the last.

For over two years one of the greatest legal battles ever fought has been going on to save Becker's life, but after the last card had been turned, Becker lost and he was called upon to pay the penalty of a most dastardly murder, by surrendering his life. That he was guilty no one doubts, and being an officer of the law and aiding and abetting crime in the Great city of New York, he was possibly more to blame than the one who fired the shot that killed Rosenthal.

Becker's dying statement is as follows:

"Gentlemen, I stand before you with my full senses, knowing no power on earth that can save me from the grave. In the face of them, in the presence of those condemning me, in the presence of my God and your God, I proclaim my absolute innocence of the foul crime for which I must die.

"You are about to witness the destruction of life by the state organized to protect the lives of the innocent. May God Almighty pardon everyone who contributed in any degree to my untimely death.

"Now on the brink of my grave I declare myself proud to be the husband of the purest, noblest woman who ever lived—Helen Becker. This acknowledgment is the only acknowledgment left."

ELSIE JANIS AT THE GRAND SATURDAY

Miss Janis is here depicted in a comedy written by herself and in her own vivacious manner drives home the pitfalls into which any inexperienced girl is apt to stray.

When Betty arrives home from the convent to visit her uncle's family, they are careful to hide all extreme low-necked gowns and other worldly things lest they shock the devout convent girl. Betty finds them and instead of shocking, they fascinate. They instill in her a desire to know more about such things which the world contains. Therefore when Jim, (Owen Moore) a young bachelor, proposes to her, she frankly tells him she loves him, but must see the world first. Angriely he leaves her as she sits before the quaint old fireplace, whose dreamy flames seem to paint wonderful pictures, which tempt her to a knowledge of things to her unknown. Get into the world she goes. She learns, but she pays for her lesson with many a pang and heart-ache. Her experience—Thrills galore. At the vital moment, when Betty is about to faint dead away, Jim the faithful appears just in time to catch her in his arms.

What a relief then for Betty to awaken and find it is all a dream. The warm hues the flames throw upon the leather panels of the beautiful room make her appreciate the full meaning of a home. Jim, coming to plead his cause anew, has no trouble in convincing her that the world and its false pleasures are not what they seem.

At the Grand Only, Saturday, Matinee 3 p.m., and Night.

HENLEY LAYS FIRST BRICK

The brick work started on the new Elks home Tuesday morning and Chas. Henley one of the local building committee of the Elks, was on hand to lay the first brick, this honor being accorded him. As Mr. Henley is an old brick mason he was right at home with the trowel in his hands, and the way he did the job was not slow.

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ST. PAUL PEOPLE FURNISH ENTERTAINMENT

The special train bearing about 75 members of the Association of Commerce of St. Paul and a good band arrived in this city Thursday evening last, and remained over night. Soon after their arrival they furnished us with considerable music, and after supper a number of local men took the whole party in their automobiles and drove them out to see some of our crops, which they thought were simply wonderful. In the evening they put on a moving picture show in the open air and a band concert for the entertainment of the people of our city, and after this was over there was a smoker at the Commercial club rooms and a most pleasant evening was spent.

The impression this party of business men took away with them seemed to be of the best relative to our city and surrounding country, and coming here and meeting many of our business men and getting better acquainted we believe is along the right lines and was much appreciated by all.

COMMUNICATIONS TO MEXICO CITY RESTORED AGAIN

PROVISIONS BEGIN TO ENTER CAPITAL AND TRAIN LOADS ARE ON THE WAY.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Telegraph communication between Vera Cruz and Mexico City have been restored. Provisions began entering the city yesterday and other train loads are enroute.

Zapata Troops Retreat. Other reports from Vera Cruz say that in the battle between Zapata and Carranza troops on the streets of Paso Del Macho on the night of July 30, the Zapata troops were forced to retreat.

In another battle on July 29, on the losses were small.

FEDERAL INSPECTION

Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce says the federal inspectors of steamboats have no power to pass upon the stability of a boat. It may be, we are given to understand, any kind of an old tub, built in any shape a designer pleases, top-heavy, or lop-sided, and the inspectors have nothing to say. What then, in heaven's name, is the purpose of inspection? It is the common notion, although it seems to be a mistaken one, that ships are inspected with the object of ascertaining their general seaworthiness, and it has been supposed that a vessel so inspected and passed was officially declared to be safe. It appears now that this idea is entirely wrong. A ship may run "on its ears" or on its back, it may list as it pleases, or turn bottom side up with impunity. That is no concern of the inspector. Such idiosyncrasies, we are told, are not covered in the statutes made and provided. The inspector, acting for the Government of the United States, will give the owners of a vessel authority to carry one passenger for every 9 feet of deck space, but it is not for him to say whether such a load will make the ship top-heavy and dangerous to life. Nine feet to a passenger is the rule, we are informed, and there the responsibility of federal inspection seems to end as to that part of the service. The Eastland had for years been known to those in the lake service as an unreliable boat, one that handled with great care to keep it on its feet, so to speak, yet the federal inspectors by their approval gave it a good character, and the 2,500 passengers went aboard it the other day serenely confident of its safety. If federal inspection doesn't justify that feeling then there is something radically wrong with federal inspection.

WAR DEPRESSES MAN; KILL SELF

BOTTINEAU N. D., FARMER SUICIDES THROUGH ANXIETY OVER RELATIVES.

Bottineau, N. D., Aug. 4.—John Bollinger, a Russian, living on a farm twelve miles southwest of this city, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver while alone in the upper room of his home. It is believed that he did the rash act during the temporary fit of insanity. Both Bollinger and his wife have a number of relatives in the Russian army and Bollinger has been sitting up till 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning for some time reading war news. It is believed that the strain together with the worry over relatives from whom, it seems, he has not heard for a long time and who are in the army, unbalanced his mind.

He was a man of industry and energy, owning a section of land and being well fixed financially.

He came in from the field where he had been at work and went up stairs to his room. His wife called him soon afterwards to come to dinner. He replied that he would be down shortly. A moment later a shot rang out and when members of the family rushed to his room they found him lying in a pool of blood and dying. He leaves a wife and eight children.

POPULAR PEOPLE ARE MARRIED

The marriage of Mr. Thomas L. Briggs of Overland township, this county and Miss Pearl Coykendall, of near Freshwater Lake, were joined in wedlock the latter part of the week.

Mr. Briggs is one of the well known young farmers of the county, owning and operating several hundred acres of land in Overland township. The bride is an accomplished young lady, being a daughter of the Coykendall family, who live near Freshwater lake north of this city. She is a graduate of the Mayville normal and for some time has been teaching school in this county.

The happy couple will live on Mr. Briggs' farm in Overland. A large circle of friends will extend congratulations.

Geo. Sarles, one of the thrifty farmers of Newbre township, was an overnight visitor in the city Monday. Mr. Sarles was at one time a passenger conductor running out of this city, but for nearly twenty years has been farming.

AUTO TURNS OVER WITH NINE PEOPLE

THREE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND TAKEN TO HOSPITAL—OTHERS BADLY SHAKEN.

Wahpeton, N. D., Aug. 4.—An automobile heavily loaded with nine passengers, turned turtle between Doran and Foxhome, seriously injuring three persons and bruising all the others.

The automobile was owned and driven by Roy McDowell of Foxhome. He with his wife and four children and Glenn Hall with his wife and mother, had been to Doran to witness the ball game, and had started home. Striking a bad culvert, the machine turned over, throwing out all the occupants. Mr. McDowell had his shoulder broken, while Mrs. McDowell was severely injured. Mrs. Hall was badly lacerated, and remained unconscious for several hours. They were taken to St. Francis hospital, and have since been taken to their homes, where their condition is reported as improving.

NEW DESTROYER IS DELIVERED

HAS ENGINES OF 17,000 HORSE POWER AND WILL GO 21 KNOTS AN HOUR.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 4.—The new torpedo boat destroyer, Ericsson, built by the New York Shipbuilding company was delivered to the government at the Philadelphia navy yard yesterday.

The Ericsson, which is three hundred feet long, has engines of 17,000 horse power and on her trial trip developed a speed of twenty-nine knots—after being placed in commission she will be sent to the torpedo boat station at Newport, R. I., for further tests and trials.

BIG TIME AT GARSKE

Friday night there will be a big dance and basket social held in the hall at Garske, the proceeds of which will be for the benefit of the Mercy hospital. There is a big crowd expected that if the weather is favorable several are planning on autoing up to take it in.

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CIRCUS DAY NEXT MONDAY

LAST ADVANCE CAR OF CARL HAGENBECK-WALLACE ARRIVES

With only a few more days remaining before the appearance of the Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus considerable interest is being manifested not only by the younger generation, but by some of the older "boys". The big American circus is now looked upon as a national institution. Year after year the big show comes for its annual visit. Each season sees an improvement until finally it is believed the limit has been reached. Yet the Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace circus, which comes to Devils Lake Monday, Aug. 9, always affords a new and novel entertainment. It is true the oldtime circus features remain. Yet novelties and European thrills are added each year as fast as they are discovered.

Foremost among the equestrians to be seen with the big show this season is the Cottrell-Powell family with their tango horses from the London Hippodrome; Miss Dallis Julian, a little Australian, who looks more the part of a debutante than a somersault rider; Fred Ledgett, who comes from the Crystal Palace theatre, Berlin, Germany, with a novel tandem act, Mille Bedini, with her stable of high school horses, recently a feature at the Follies Bergere, Paris, France, and Oscar Lowande, the peerless English bareback rider, who turns a somersault from the back of one running horse to another. In the past Lowande has only appeared in England and on the Continent. Altogether there are more than 60 noted equestrians with the Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace circus. In addition to the 400 performers appearing with the show this season will be seen the famous Carl Hagenbeck trained wild animals appearing in a mammoth steel giraffe arena.

A million-dollar street parade will be seen on the down-town streets at ten a. m., preceding the first exhibition. Doors to the big show will open at 1 and 7 p. m. The performance will begin at 2 and 8 p. m.

TOTAL NUMBERS OF MISSING IS 981

THIS IS FINAL REPORT OF WESTERN ELECTRIC COMPANY

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Nine hundred and eighty-one persons lost their lives in the Eastland disaster, according to final figures by the Western Electric company, which completed the checking of its employees and their friends who started on the excursion. There are still 141 bodies still missing.

PRESBYTERIAN CORNERSTONE LAID THURS.

REV. THOMAS J. GRAHAM OF FARGO GIVES AN INSPIRING ADDRESS.

MANY PAPERS PLACED IN STONE TO GO DOWN FOR THE AGES TO COME.

The cornerstone for the new Presbyterian church was laid Thursday afternoon with fitting songs, readings and addresses.

Rev. C. E. Stinson of the Methodist Episcopal church gave an appropriate address of greeting from the great and noble denomination which he worthily represents, and he led the congregation in the prayer after the placing of the stone.

Rev. Thomas J. Graham, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Fargo, laid the stone and gave an inspiring address suited to the occasion. Gratefully referring to the worthy pioneers of faith who carried on the work of the various churches in the early years when the country was being settled and whose toil amid hard conditions made possible the splendid prospects in this era of the erection of the more adequate edifices commensurate with our needs and with the prosperity which is ours because of the sacrifices in the early days.

Rev. T. T. Hanson of Bethel Free church pronounced the benediction.

There was placed in the cornerstone a copy of the last minutes of the Synod of North Dakota, the Presbyterian Handbook, a photograph of the former church building, an Amethyst, a Forward, a copy of each of the city papers, five printed sermons of the pastor, and a copy of the Historic Statement printed to be placed in the stone, and certain other articles; and some time in the future years it may be interesting to those who open it to see these things which will be curiosities.

In connection with this event the ladies Aid Society served a dinner in the vacant store of Albert Bell adjoining his drug store, the same being appreciated by the large company who showed an interest in the work being accomplished.

A brief statement of the general principles of the Presbyterian denomination which are held in common by 40,000,000 of Lutherans in America and elsewhere, by all Independents of Congregationalists in the world, by 10,000,000 Baptists of various schools, in practically every point, also by all the millions of Church of England people and Episcopalians in the world and by 10,000,000 Methodists in the world, was placed in the corner stone. That statement is as follows and was printed in both city papers last week:

"The Presbyterians as a denomination stand for representative or democratic government of the church, loyalty to God as revealed in the inspired scriptures and in Jesus Christ, the official equality of all gospel ministers, fraternal recognition of all friends of Jesus Christ, devotion to the teachings of Jesus Christ and his original apostles as set forth in the inspired scriptures as the only primary and reliable guide to right religious thinking and Christian living, liberty to think and to speak and to act as one comes to see the light without wronging others, and brotherly recognition of all others who live the truth though they see things differently; and they believe this large liberty is essential to individual development and to the safeguarding of the truth and the inalienable rights of the people.

"We believe that it is the right and the duty of all gospel ministers to interpret the teachings of Christ and his apostles and to discuss all matters of the church and of the Christian life in its relation to society at large with frankness, just as men do matters of science and government, and that there is no reasonable ground for unpleasant feelings towards others who see things differently; for it seems plain to us that the truth is arrived at not by assumed infallible authority but by enlightened men seeing things from all viewpoints, since all men know more than any one man."

The corner stone itself was a present from Mr. J. E. Elliott, Sheldon, Iowa, who represents the Sheldon

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT NEAR CRARY

THOS. SPICE OF CATO TOWNSHIP AND HIRED MAN MEET A TERRIBLE DEATH.

A terrible automobile accident occurred in this county north of Crary Wednesday evening of last week, when Thos. Spice, a well known and prosperous farmer and his hired man Chas. Mitchell, whose home is in Spooner, Wis., had their lives snuffed out.

Some time ago Mr. Spice purchased a Cadillac car and Wednesday evening he and his hired man started to go to Crary, and Mitchell was driving the car. When they got on a narrow grade near the J. H. Smith farm the driver lost control of the car and it turned turtle rolling five or six feet down an embankment and pinning Spice and his hired man under the steering wheel. Spice was on the ground and Mitchell on top of him, with the steering wheel resting on his abdomen. The gasoline tank sprung a leak and the dripping gasoline on their bodies blistered them in horrible shape. In this condition and with the spark of life gradually being pressed out of them they lay there until 9 o'clock the next day, their cries feebly to bring any aid, when Mr. Murray who lives near there found them, but single handed and alone he was unable to release them. He phoned to Crary and several cars with helpers came out and the poor unfortunate fellows were released and taken at once to their home, and medical aid summoned, but Mitchell died soon after he was released from the car and Mr. Spice lived for some time. Both were conscious when released from under the car, and Mr. Spice was able to tell just how it happened and for a time it was thought he was not fatally injured, but the terrible pressure on his body for nearly fourteen hours had been more than he could withstand and he too passed away.

The funeral was held from the church in Ontario township and their remains were laid at rest there. It was one of the worst accidents that has ever happened in this county, and the thoughts of those two men lying pinned under a car for nearly 14 hours suffering the untold tortures is terrible to even think of.

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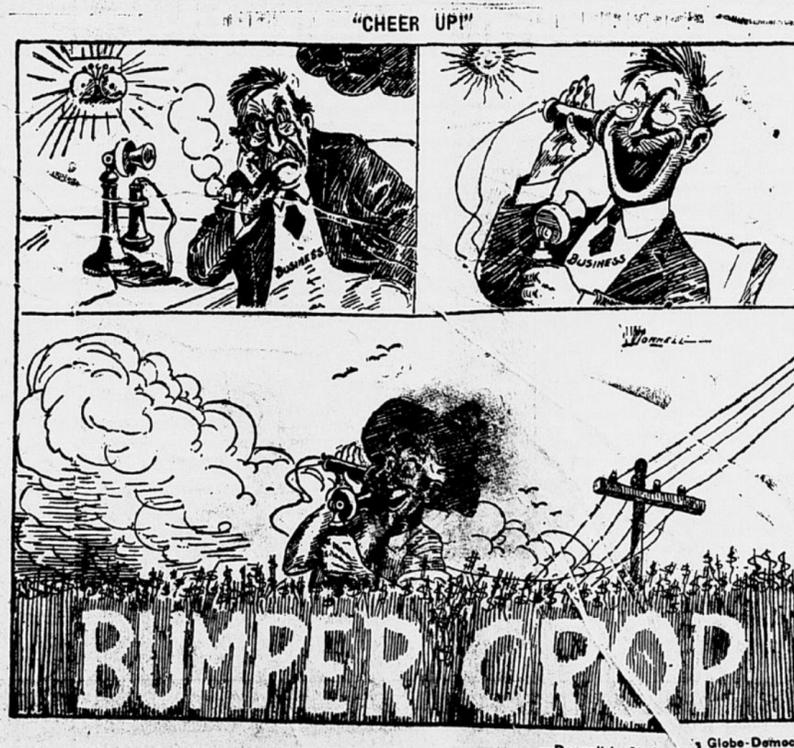
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—Donnell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.