# AMERICAN KILLS GIRL AND SELF IN BERLIN

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The courtship of the couple was ruffled last year by Miss Fitzner's friendship with one of the men dancers of the Schauspielhaus. She is said to have desired to break her engagement with Goodrich, and last summer went to America to consult with her parents.

T avoid unpleasantness, she accepted a South American contract, but was dissuaded by the management of the Schauspielhaus, and agreed to appear here for the next year. Goodrich recently went to Zurich, Switzerland, to register at the university, but unexpectedly returned to Berlin.

Concord, N. H., March 25 (AP)—John B. Goodrich, American medical student who committed suicide in Berlin early today after shooting to death Miss Alice Fitzner of Cleveland, a dancer, was born 24 years ago in Monroe, N. H., where his father, Rev. George B. Goodrich, was a Methodist clergyman. The family moved to New York state nearly 20 years ago.

An older brother of the student, George Goodrich, served as an aviator in the World War, but his present address is not known here.

Cleveland, March 25 (AP)—Alice Fitzner, slain in Berlin today, was well known among Cleveland dancers and in theatrical circles. She left here three years ago for Germany to study ballet dancing, after working under a Cleveland instructor for several years.

Miss Fitzner visited her parents in Lakewood, a suburb, for two months last summer. Friends said she appeared much in love with John Goodrich, who shot her, and said she was soon to marry him.

# LINDER WILL DESCRIBE PROPOSED TAX CHANGES

**Charter Amendment Would Provide For Payment of Levy In Two Installments**

Thomas Linder, appraisal engineer with the board of assessors, will outline two important changes in New Britain's tax collection system which it is proposed to bring about through amendments to the charter next year, at a meeting of assessors at the state capitol Monday.

The changes which embody suggestions made some time ago by Mayor A. M. Paonessa bring the date of tax collection two months ahead and provide for payments in two installments.

The advantage of the first is to obviate the necessity of the city borrowing money for the first three months of the fiscal year, and would save a large annual interest payment. Taxes are now levied in February on the grand list of the preceding October. Payments become due in July. Since the fiscal year ends in March it is necessary to borrow money for the first three months to pay for the upkeep of departments. The second change would make it easier for taxpayers to meet their bills from the city, paying one half the full amount each six months.

# AMHERST CHAPEL CUTS GO ON HONOR SYSTEM

**Only Existing Schedule Missing—All Absence Permits Revoked Temporarily.**

Amherst, Mass., March 25 (AP)—Students of Amherst college are wrestling today with the problem of agreeing to an honor system of "cuts" from chapel for the remainder of the term.

Revocation of all cuts was ordered yesterday by Dean Thomas C. Estey when it was learned that the only existing list of these privileges had been stolen from the bulletin board.

Subsequently an indignation meeting was held on the campus. Student orators denounced the dean's action, and protested that all would have to suffer for the action of an individual. They pointed out that the revocation would rob them of many cuts which they had saved to insure an early start on Easter vacations.

A delegation was named to carry their grievances to President Olds and the dean, and, after a conference, Dean Estey announced that privileges would be restored if the students would pledge themselves not to take more cuts than they know are due them.

A vote today will determine the question, but in the meantime chapel attendance is obligatory for all.


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# END TO ROMANCE WHICH BEGAN HERE

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my eyes and I felt the cold steel against my forehead.

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Amend said his wife's lover subsequently was identified as Arthur Becker of New Britain.

"Becker said he came in the back way and was going to leave that way," the petitioner continued. "With this my wife put her arms around his neck and said, "Good night, Art, there will be no trouble.' And then she kissed him. He still had the revolver in his hand and, after pausing a moment or two, left by way of the fire escape."

Amend said Becker was fully dressed, but his wife was attired in tan pajamas and a Chinese yellow silk kimono. He declared he retired to the lobby of the hotel and while there listened in while Becker telephoned his wife.

"Becker said to my wife," Amend testified, "'If he lays a hand on you I will fill him full of lead' " Amend added that his bride then joined him, and when he refused to return to the apartment with her, she struck him in the face with a cigarette holder, smashing it.

Amend testified he learned Becker had made a practice of visiting his wife in the apartment via the fire escape. When taken ill in Jersey City, he declared, his wife visited him and begged forgiveness. On December 14, 1922, he received her photograph, with a note, "To one I love and can never forget."

Detective Lawrence J. Lowe of the Hartford police sought to arrest Becker in the Hartford railroad station. Becker shot him. For this the co-respondent was sentenced to Wethersfield prison for a term of from 10 to 20 years. Lowe recovered from the bullet wound.

It was also testified that Becker had threatened to kill Stuart English, a clerk in the Hotel Savoy, accusing him of being attentive to Mrs. Amend. Becker is known in Hartford and New Britain as "The Duke." Detectives Lowe, Robert T. Sutherland, John F. Madigan and Charles J. Keefe, of Hartford, testified.

# CRIMINAL CASE STARTS, CIVIL ACTIONS PENDING

**Albert And Samuel Block Of Newtown Arraigned While Their Own Actions Are Unsettled**

Bridgeport, Conn., March 25 (AP)—A criminal case, concerning which four civil actions against state and town officials are pending trial in superior court, went to trial this morning before Judge Frederick Huxford in the criminal court of common pleas.

Albert Block and his brother Samuel Block of Newtown are arraigned on charges of breach of the peace and assault. Allegations preferred against them charge that on December 22 last they attacked Edward Conger, Sr., Newtown, and his son, Edward Conger, Jr., and belabored them with horsewhips and flung stones at them.

Following their arrest and conviction the Block brothers brought suits against State Policemen Leo Carroll and Ray C. James, who took them into custody; against Grand Juror Patrick Gannon, Newtown, declared to have issued warrants for them, and against Justice of the Peace Arthur Taylor of Bethel, who is said to have assumed jurisdiction as a trial judge. It is stated in the civil actions that the Block brothers were victims of false arrests and that the warrants were issued improperly and that they were tried on the charges outside of proper jurisdiction.

## Former Court Official In Pittsfield Is Held

Pittsfield, Mass., March 25 (AP)—Thomas F. Conlin, former clerk of the district court of Central Berkshire, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of embezzlement of $6,316.70 of county funds, and two qualifying complaints of larceny, pleaded not guilty to the charges before Judge Charles L. Hibbard in the district court this morning. He waived a hearing and was held for the July sitting of the grand jury. Conlin was released on $5,000 bail.

**RIVER RECEDES**

Springfield, Mass., March 25 (AP)—The checking today of last night's storm which caused heavy precipitation in the upper parts of the Connecticut Valley served to allay fears of river interests that rapid melting of the thick snow blanket would bring an unusual flood. The river rose more than a foot at Holyoke in the 24 hours ending today but for an unexplained reason the water there had receded six inches at noon.

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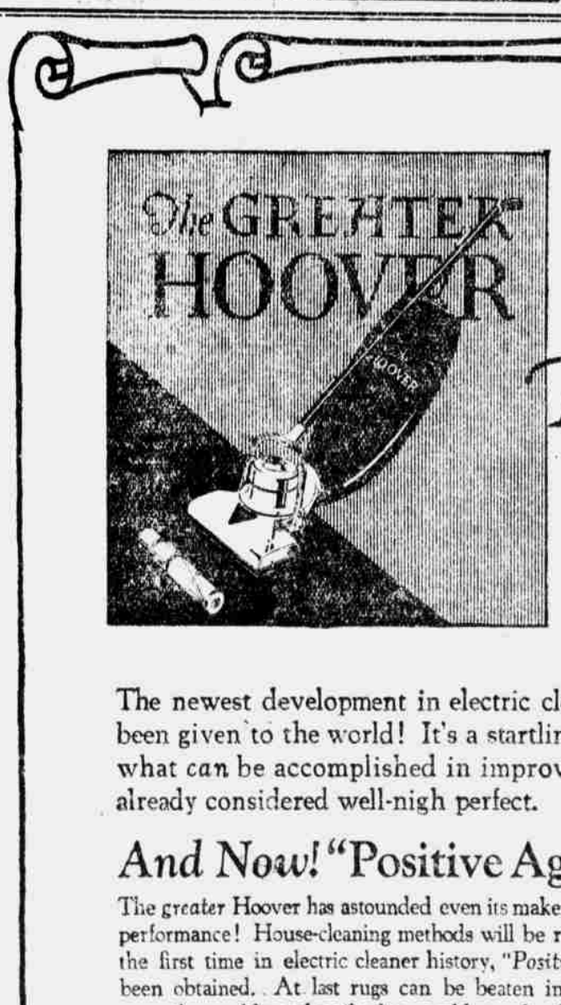


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