

NOT SAFE TO SQUEAL ON PARDS

Men Who Reveal Inside of Graft Operations are Believed to be Marked for Death

LIEUTENANT BECKER CLOSELY WATCHED

Fearful Accused will Commit Suicide—Corrupt Collections of Police Alleged to Amount to Millions

Telegram by United Press.
New York, July 31.—That everyone who squeals and aids the authorities in uncovering the graft between the police and the underworld will be marked for death, was the belief today.

James Vercella, proprietor of a cafe, was murdered, and it is declared, that he was slain because he betrayed a Dano, Frank Cirueli, who is alleged to be one of the actual murderers of Rosethal.

Becker was constantly watched in his cell today and all persons visiting him were searched. Warden Honley at the Tombs said while he didn't take any stock in reports that Becker might commit suicide, he wasn't taking any chances.

Whitman indicated today that he realized he would have a hard time convicting Becker unless he can corroborate the testimony of the three informers from an independent source. He hopes to show a motive through Mrs. Rosenthal and others.

Sworn statements, tending to show that the annual graft collected by high officials in New York city from gambling houses and other illegal resorts has amounted within the last year to \$3,400,000, are in the hands of District Attorney Whitman. The statements were made to the district attorney by "Bald Jack" Rose, self-acclaimed graft collector for Police Lieut. Charles Becker, head of the "strong-arm squad."

This annual yield of \$3,400,000 protection money was equally divided according to the story told by Rose, among four high officials of the police department, one of them being Becker, and from other evidence the district attorney has collected he has reason to suspect that such \$600,000 was further distributed. In other words, there were four separate systems or bureaus of graft collection, each headed by a high police official.

Mr. Whitman, it was learned, has the names of the other three police officials whom Rose has named and his further efforts in this now most sensational "police exposure" that New York has ever seen will be directed toward strengthening the evidence which points against them. One of the officials named, it was learned, holds a position at headquarters, and is, in a strict sense, a civilian employee.

The name of a former prominent city official has been brought to the attention of the district attorney.

It also became known that if Lieut. Becker will tell all he knows, not only in respect to his own alleged complicity in the murder, but will unfold the inner workings of the graft system, inasmuch as it may involve the "top higher up," no effort will be made to enforce the extreme penalty for the crime of which he now stands accused—the murder of Rosenthal—but he will be granted leniency on that condition only.

The alleged fact of the \$2,400,000 graft fund was told to him by Becker, Rose said in a sworn statement. Becker, he said, told him that he handled \$600,000 a year and that equal amounts were handled by three other officials. This, he said, came in collections from gambling houses, poolrooms, houses of ill repute and the like.

Rose said he had collected gambling graft for Becker for months and he promised the district attorney that he would obtain for him the rates paid by gambling houses, make a tabulation of what these receipts amounted to monthly and yearly and how the money was handled. That there were other collectors beside Rose is the assumption of the district attorney, who hopes to identify them.

Urges Farmers to Save for Exhibits

"Farmers should save the specimens of their best products, for the exhibits this fall," said C. C. Goetting today. "Grady county can win a string of prizes at the state fair if our farmers will take sufficient interest to prepare the exhibits. No doubt on every farm prize winning specimens could be secured. We ought to go in for the grand prize for Grady."

Suiting his action to his words, Mr. Goetting showed some fine German millet that he will exhibit. He has seven acres of it on his farm about six miles northwest of town. It is about five feet long and the heads are from six to seven inches in length. Mr. Goetting reports that his early corn and cotton are in fine shape to make a good yield.

ONE KILLED IN STRIKE ON DOCKS

Telegram by United Press.
London, July 31.—One man was killed and score of strikers and strike-breakers injured today in a series of desperate fights on the Victoria Albert and West India docks.

Revolvers, clubs and knuckles were used. At the Victoria docks alone seven were shot, one fatally.

The strikers had the best of the situation and drove the strike-breakers from the dock. The police had the greatest difficulty in restoring order.

DELIVUK COMES TO LIFE AGAIN

Our old friend, long lost, but not forgotten, by the broad smile and broader brow, one Chas. Delivuk, the Austrian grappler, sat himself down somewhere on his chicken farm in Wichita, Kan., and penned the following column to the Express:

"City Editor, Daily Express:
Dear Sir—I must quit back from a 6 weeks' trip from Colorado and pick up a Chickasha Daily Express on the train and see the Big Advertising of Wrestling Matches. You know Charley is always ready to wrestle the best man in the world. Now it the Managerment at Chickasha is able to pay me \$100.00 and \$250.00 on the side I am willing to come in your City and will show the Chickasha sport how I am able to dump the Terrible Greek. Give also the best regard to all Sport in Oklahoma.
Yours truly,
CHARLEY DELIVUK."

Now, after having analyzed and pondered deeply over Charley's letter, it appears that he is desirous of obtaining a match in this city with the Terrible Greek, whose name you don't dare speak out in public for fear some one will mistake it for a cuss word. A match between the two might prove interesting, but would hardly draw well after the fiasco pulled off by the Greek and Chief Montour a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. James Watts of St. Louis and Thomas Butler of New Orleans are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lutz, 619 South Fourth street. Mrs. A. Witz is a sister of Mr. Lutz.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Thursday, probably local showers, but much change in temperature.

Start Democratic Dollars This Way

Have you that dollar ready for the Woodrow Wilson campaign fund. If you have, remember that, at the request of the Democratic national committee, The Express has agreed to accept all dollar contributions out of Grady county, publish the names of the contributors, and forward its collections to the national treasurer.

SEN. GORE SELECTED

Telegram by United Press.
Searight, N. J. July 31.—It is reported today that Wm. C. McAdoo of New York and Senator Gore of Oklahoma will be vice chairmen of the national committee to aid Chairman McCombs. McAdoo will have charge of operations in the east and Gore in the west.

Wilson laughed at the report that his name was withdrawn from application to the Manhattan club of New York because his friends warned him that political friends of Senator Smith of New Jersey would blackball him. Wilson said he hadn't made application for membership.

TAFT MEN ATTACKED BY TEDDY

Flays Kansas Leaders—Bartholdt Defends Taft Nomination

Telegram by United Press.
Oyster Bay, July 31.—In a bitter attack of the Taft leaders in Kansas, Roosevelt today declared the application for a writ of error to the supreme court to keep Roosevelt electors from the ballot was a "wicked effort to twist the constitution to protect privilege against the people."

The Colonel said this action was a fresh illustration of the attitude of the bosses and privilege-ridden machine masquerading as the Republican party. Roosevelt leaves for Chicago Saturday.

READY FOR PRIMARY

With the string of candidates galloping along in a furious home-stretch, each hoping to be the first to pass under the pole next Tuesday, the county election board held a meeting today to fill vacancies in the precinct election boards and to finish up other preliminaries.

Secretary Walter Griffin says the boxes, ballots and all other election supplies will be ready to send out Saturday and the inspectors will begin to call for them at that time.

Interest is intense throughout the county and a heavy vote is expected. The Express has arranged to secure returns from the county precincts by telephone.

Subscriptions are acceptable now, and names of all contributors sending in money will be published. Let's make them "sit up and take notice" when Grady's contributions shall be counted.

The money is needed NOW. It will do but little good in six or ninety days. SEND IN YOUR DOLLARS TODAY.

TAX LEVIES FIXED BY EX. BOARD

Levies are Completed for All Divisions of County Except the School Districts to Come Later

SEVERAL DIVISIONS TO HOLD SP. ELECTIONS

People Must Vote Where Levy Exceeds Legal Limit—Figures Given for Towns and Townships

To raise the amounts called for by the estimates submitted to the county excise board, the following tax levies are required: County, 3.55 mills; city of Chickasha, for general purposes, 6.35 mills; Chickasha funds for bonded indebtedness, 6.35 mills; Chickasha township, 1.3 mills.

The board has completed making all of the levies except those for the school districts and these will be made as soon as the valuations are figured out, probably in a few days.

In several towns and townships it will be necessary to hold special elections to vote on levies in excess of the legal limits, if the amounts called for by the estimates are to be raised. County Clerk Lindsay will send notices to that effect to the various towns and townships concerned. The legal limit for cities of the second class is 5 mills and for townships 3 mills. In all cases where these levies will not raise the amount called for by the estimate, the excess levy must be approved by vote of the people.

The board made levies on the basis of estimates submitted, taking the view that the people know what they want and it is up to them to decide how much money they desire to raise by taxation.

The towns and townships in which excess levies are required, together with the extra amount to be voted upon, are as follows: Rush Springs city, 2.31 mills; Mingo city, 3.67 mills; Alex city, 3.3 mills; Alex township, 3.96 mills; Harrison township, 1.15 mills. The levies fixed for the other towns and townships are as follows: Verden city, 1.34 mills; Chandler township, 2.46 mills; Tabler township, 2.53 mills; Hillsboro township, 1.84 mills; Burton township, 2.50 mills; Tuttle township, 1.21 mills; Amber township, 2.73 mills; Cross township, 1.30 mills; Shirley township, 1.04 mills; Nunnich township, 2.05 mills; Washington township, 2.81 mills; Sassa Springs township, 2.92 mills; Walden township, 2.62 mills; Bradley township, 3.0 mill; Tuttle city, 1.91 mills.

The excise board is composed of County Attorney J. H. Venable, County Sept. O. F. Newell, County Treasurer W. T. Cloud, County Clerk J. D. Lindsay and Judge N. M. Williams.

STAGE COACH HELD UP

Williams, Cal., July 31.—Masked robbers held up the stage coach near here and robbed tourists of all their money, and jewels, totaling \$2500 and escaped.

The hold-up was executed in genuine motion picture style. Efforts to locate the bandits have been futile so far.

VAG HAD RICHES.

Tulsa, July 31.—A man of seedy appearance found sleeping under the Arkansas river bridge and arrested charged with vagrancy, started officers and speculators when arraigned in municipal court, by unfolding a rag containing a number of pearls, said to be genuine. He gave his name as C. W. Knight and said he had found the pearls along the banks of the Verdigris river during the past six months. Local jewelers estimate the gems to be worth \$20,000.

John Bell, well known to the barber trade of Chickasha, has resigned his position with the Copeland Abstract Co. and is back in the barber business at Thoma.

FOURTEEN ARRESTED

Telegram by United Press.
Clarksville, Tex., July 31.—Fourteen negroes were arrested here today to attempt to gain information concerning Leonard Potts, the negro who shot Sheriff Stevens last night and escaped.

The negroes with Potts was killed by the sheriff's posse. It is reported that Potts is surrounded four miles from here and a battle seems inevitable.

VALUABLE RECORDS BURNED

R. I. Master Mechanic's Office Badly Damaged by Blaze

This morning at 8:15 o'clock fire broke out in the stationary room of the master mechanic's office in the Rock Island yards. The fire having started on the second floor soon had that floor enveloped in flames and was burning through the roof when the fire department arrived. The damage done causes the loss of valuable records in the office and a total destruction of all the fixtures, including an adding machine, costing \$250, which belonged to the office force. The downstairs rooms, which are occupied by the yard office, the telegraph office and the roadmaster's office, were not

damaged, except by the water coming from the hose of the fire fighters above.

This morning the lawn around the building resembled a picnic party, at a casual glance from afar off, but by closer inspection nothing but piles of charred records, a collection of desks and chairs and a few doleful looking individuals was evident. The office clock absolutely refused to be put out of commission and though the framework is charred and burnt to a cinder, and the glass in the face broken out, the clock is faithful to its post and was working away this morning as if nothing had happened.

The department worked under a handicap from the start. The fire having originated in the stationary room, spread rapidly and had gained great headway in the piles of paper on the shelves which caught like dry powder. The second and worst handicap was the difficulty in reaching the fire with the hose. Because of the tracks the wagons could not get close to the fire and were compelled to use more than 2000 feet of hose. One line was run from the plug on First and Chickasha, near the Savoy hotel, east on Chickasha avenue and around the Geronimo. The other line came from the First and Kansas plug and approached the burning building from the south.

Chief Gettis stated this morning that the cause of the fire was probably a defective light wire. The office force in the downstairs office was at work this morning, regardless of the bed-ragged state of furniture and office supplies. The master mechanic's office force will be out only temporarily. It is not decided where the temporary office will be located.

SPEAKING THIS EVENING.

L. N. Barbee, candidate for the legislature, announces that he will speak in front of the old postoffice this evening. R. L. Glover, candidate for the same place, will also speak, offering to divide time with other candidates.

PARIS BOUND OVER.

Bill Paris, who was arrested in Purcell, on a bootlegging charge, was this morning bound over to the action of the grand jury.

MRS. JAMES A. REED OF MISSOURI



Mrs. James A. Reed is the wife of the junior United States senator from Missouri, and during her first season in Washington she has made many friends.

FEDERALS DEFEATED BY REBELS

Use Arms Taken from Americans and Drive Blanco's Army into Mountains at Sonora

DESPERATE BATTLE LASTED TWO DAYS

Reported that Rebels are Pillaging Deserted Homes of American Colonists—Orozco Issues Statement

Telegram by United Press.
El Paso, July 31.—With the ammunition which they seized from American colonists, Gen. Salazar's rebel forces have driven Blanco's federal army of 1500 from Ojitos in to the mountains of Sonora after a desperate battle lasting two days. Word came today stating that both rebel and federal losses were heavy.

The rebels made a forced march and attack on the federals, riding horses stolen from the Mormon colonists.

Refugees from Casas Grandes say the rebels are stripping American homes, abandoned by flight, and are destroying crops. Two thousand more colonists will be brought here today.

Gen. Pascual Orozco, commander in chief of the Mexican rebels, late yesterday gave an answer to the demands made on him by Secretary Knox regarding the raids on American properties, particularly relating to the ensuing Mormon colony situation.

Orozco had given out a strong announcement that he had sanctioned the disarmament of the American settlers in the Casas Grandes district.

"We intend to disarm every foreigner living in the zones dominated by the revolutionary party if it will enable us to gain the means to unseat Francisco I. Madero," Orozco declared yesterday. "But, at the same time, we will afford foreigners every protection, regardless of their sympathies or affiliations, for their homes and families. We do not contemplate killing anyone except in open warfare. We are not savages."

"Reports are current to the effect that our soldiers entered the homes of foreigners living in Colonia Durban and Colonia Juarez and heaped indignities upon women and children. These charges I deny in the strongest manner possible."

Gen. Salazar requested representatives of the Mormons in these places to meet him, which was done, and Gen. Salazar made demands for all arms and ammunition in the colonies, demands which the colonists acceded to without resistance. There was no violence, no indignities offered anyone, nor will there be any unless the foreigners bring it upon themselves."

Trump Card in the Grace Trial Played

Telegram by United Press.
Atlanta, Ga., July 31.—The prosecution played its grandest card in the Grace trial today. A letter was introduced purporting to have been written by Mrs. Grace the night of the attempted murder, saying she had delayed making a trip to Philadelphia on account of the arrival of a friend. The state alleged that the letter is a forgery.

GLEE CLUB ORGANIZED.

Last night a meeting was held in the office of S. C. Durbin for the purpose of organizing a men's glee club in Chickasha. That the proposition is destined to be a big success was manifested by the interest shown in the proposition by those present. It was definitely decided last night that the club will put on a first class minstrel show in the city during the first week in September. Final organization and definite arrangements for the first productions will be decided upon at the meeting next Tuesday night. The organization will be one of only a few of its character in the state.