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## BECKER'S TRIAL WILL COMMENCE ON MONDAY

Case of Former Police Lieutenant of New York is Attracting Much Attention--District Attorney Whitman and His Aides Have Been Busy Rounding up Witnesses--Speculation as to what effect Testimony of Dago Frank Will Have

New York, May 1—District Attorney Whitman and his aids have practically completed their end of the preparations for the second trial of Charles Becker, former police lieutenant, on charges of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, for which the four gunmen were recently executed in Sing Sing. The district attorney will be ready for the trial to proceed next Monday, which is the tentative date fixed by Justice Seabury of the Supreme Court. If there is any postponement when the case is called it will be on motion of counsel for the defense.

The principal work of the district attorney's office in preparing for the new trial has been in the rounding up of the witnesses. Since the first trial which took place a year ago last fall the witnesses for the state, or the most of them, have forsaken their old haunts in the metropolis and some of them have taken up permanent residence outside the city and state. As soon as the Supreme Court granted Becker a new trial Mr. Whitman went to work to place himself in communication with those who had testified for the prosecution at the first trial. Within the past two months he has had assurances from each of them, either in person or by letter, that they will be on hand ready to testify when the case is called for the second time.

### THE STATE'S CASE.

It is known that the district attorney feels that he has the state's case in good shape. The general supposition is that Mr. Whitman will rest his case upon the testimony of Rose, Weber and Vallon. In that respect the case will resemble the one which was reversed by the higher court. But the testimony in corroboration, it is said, will be almost entirely new.

Jack Rose, "Brillie" Weber, Harry Vallon and Sam Schepps were the principal witnesses for the state at the first trial. They are the four informers who testified to having conducted the negotiations between Becker and the gunmen and to have been otherwise concerned in the preliminaries of the plot that ended in the murder of Rosenthal.

The testimony of Schepps was not of an entirely satisfactory character and was freely criticized in the decision of the Court of Appeal. For this reason, and also because Schepps has talked so freely and told so many contradictory and highly sensational tales since Becker's first conviction, it is considered probable that the district attorney may not call him to the stand at the new trial.

### BALD JACK ROSE.

Rose, Weber and Vallon are counted upon to take the stand and repeat the testimony they offered at the first trial. Since their release from jail, where they were held for many months as witnesses, the trio have kept in touch with the district attorney's office. Rose now makes his home in Connecticut when he is not filling dates as a lecturer and evangelist. Vallon has been employed of late as a cigar salesman. Weber is engaged in a manufacturing business in Passaic, N.J.

There is much speculation in and out of legal circles as to the part that "Dago Frank's" confession, made within less than two hours of his death, will play in the second trial of Becker. The friends of the former police lieutenant hold that the confession if admitted, will amount to an exculpation of Becker as the instigator of the Rosenthal murder, and furthermore they declare that it shows the worthlessness of the testimony given by Rose, Weber, Vallon and Schepps. On the other hand, District Attorney Whitman does not consider the confession as vital to the case, either from the standpoint of the defense or the prosecution. In the opinion of the district attorney, the confession in many ways corroborates the contention of the state—that there was a conspiracy and that as a result of that conspiracy the gunmen were hired to murder Rosenthal a week in advance of the assassination.

The second interesting point in connection with the new trial is the probability that Becker will take the stand in his own defense. It is said that the ex-police officer strongly desired to take the stand at the first trial but was dissuaded from doing so by his counsel. If he takes the stand at the coming trial he will be subjected to a severe cross-examination. He will be asked in particular to explain how he managed to accu-

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## GERRYMANDER IS LOOKED FOR

The Redistribution Bill May be Dropped This Session

Tories are Hopeful of a Government Majority in the Senate by Next Year

Ottawa, April 30—There is possibility that the government will not press the redistribution bill this session, preferring to leave the final passage of the bill till next session, when with the addition of the increased senatorial representation from the west, there might be a government majority in the Upper House. That would pave the way then for a much more drastic redistribution to the advantage of the Conservative party than is now apparently contemplated.

According to information received from a reliable source tonight, it is said that when the majority and the minority reports of the Commons committee on redistribution are presented to the House the government's bill will be put through with a few obviously unfair conditions in regard to some constituencies in the expectation that the senate will send it back to the Commons with a recommendation for amendment in these instances.

Then it will be quietly dropped for the session to be reintroduced again next session with further changes calculated to make a considerable larger number of seats safe for Conservative candidates. If there should be then a Conservative majority in the senate, Mr. Rogers to cultivate all possible amendment, despite anything the Liberals may do.

In connection with this game of astute politics there is a shrewd suspicion that Hon. Robert Rogers is also playing a game of his own. During the present session Mr. Rogers has been assiduously cultivating the good will of members on both sides of the House. He has done little to keep him in the public eye. He has taken a comparatively small part in the debate and has avoided as far as possible giving any new opportunity for public criticism. In the redistribution committee it is Mr. Rogers who has assumed the role of fairness. He has professed a desire to moderate the demands of his colleagues, Hon. L. P. Pelletier and Hon. Dr. Reid for a gerrymander.

Mr. Rogers is evidently trying to popularize himself in every possible way and to give the public a chance to forget the criticisms of the last two sessions. There are two ideas in view, Mr. Rogers may either succeed to the Canadian high commissionership at London or else he may let Premier Borden go there and then succeed Mr. Borden as premier. The latter eventuality is the most probable. In either case it is politics for it can be finally passed without good will in parliament and to avoid being held up before the public as "the bad man of the administration."

If Premier Borden wants to go to London Mr. Rogers will probably facilitate his exit from active Canadian politics. It is stated in well informed circles here that Premier Borden would willingly forsake the leadership for the honor and comparative ease of the high commissionership, with a peerage thrown in. Then Mr. Rogers would assume the mantle and become the titular as well as the real head of the party in federal politics. Then, too, with the bird in hand he could devote his energies next session to putting through a redistribution bill, according to his own peculiar ideas of the game of politics.

## WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, May 1—Colorado operators refuse to affiliate with miners' union.

United mine workers of America at Peoria, Ill., adopt resolution asking international organization to request American Federation of Labor to call general strike.

Pennsylvania all lines March net \$4,429,140 increase 751,687.

Holiday on London Stock Exchange.

## STOCK MARKET IS BUOYANT

Supreme Court Decision Gives Union Pacific Ry., Quite A Boost

Directors Will be Allowed to Distribute Large Sum in Extra Dividends

New York, May 1—Trading was quiet at the market opening but stacks as a rule showed gains on Thursday's close. The advances being however, confined to small fractions in nearly all cases. There was an advance of bullish enthusiasm. There was a good deal of interest in Missouri Pacific on account of definite rumors that Kuhn Loeb would undertake the financing of the road if they found its condition satisfactory generally.

As was forecasted Union Pacific was the leader of the sharp advance, which set in shortly after the opening. This stock advanced over two points during first hour, on strength of Supreme Court upholding Union Pacific by refusing to grant injunction restraining directors from distributing \$80,000,000 extra dividends.

### MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, May 1—The market was quite active this morning and some stocks advanced in price. C.P.R. sold up to 193 1/2, Crown Reserve 131, Power at 220 1/2, Steel at 26, R. & O. at 192, Toronto Rails at 137 1/2, Laurentide at 180, Shawinigan at 132.

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Fredericton, N.B.)

	Open	Noon
Copper	72 1/2	73 1/2
Smelters	62 1/2	62 1/2
C.P.R.	192 1/2	194 1/2
Brooklyn	90 1/2	91 1/2
Great Northern	122 1/2	123 1/2
Northern Pacific	110 1/2	111 1/2
Lehigh	137 1/2	139 1/2
Penna. ex-div.	109 1/2	111 1/2
Reading	162 1/2	163 1/2
Soo	122 1/2	123 1/2
Union Pacific	154 1/2	156 1/2
U.S. Steel	58 1/2	59 1/2
Sales to 12 o'clock, 230,700.		

## DUKE OF CON- NAUGHT'S BIRTHDAY

Ottawa, Ont., May 1—Cordial messages from King George, Queen Mary and other members of the British royal family were among the many felicitations received at Rideau house today on the occasion of the birthday anniversary of the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada and the only surviving brother of the late King Edward. There was no official observance of the anniversary in the capital, save that the flag was flown on the Parliamentary tower in honor of the event. His Royal Highness is sixty-four years old, having been born May 1, 1850 in Buckingham Palace.

## TOO MUCH DELAY IN NAMING THE COMMISSION

Moncton, N. B., April 30—The Transcript today prints a vigorous editorial protesting against delay in appointment of the royal commission to investigate the Dugal charges. It says: "There is willingness on the part of the opposition to await a reasonable time for investigation and decision of the royal commission, but there is no disposition to await an indefinite period."

"If a royal commission cannot find the facts, or if a royal commission does not act this inaction does not by any means limit the possibilities of educating public opinion through the disclosures. They can be made in the columns of an independent press and should be so made. The lieutenant governor should either act or say that he does not intend to act in the appointment of a royal commission. The hour has come for plain speaking."

## MEXICO SITUATION NOT MUCH CHANGED

Diplomats of South American Republics Will Undertake to Solve the Whole Problem of the Pacification of Mexico--Americans are Maintaining Martial Law at Vera Cruz--Rebels Reported to Have Fired on a Ward Line Steamer

El Paso, Tex., April 30—While General Carranza has not replied officially to the proposition of the South American envoys for a federal armistice, his answer is said to be flying the Cuban flag. The by officials here to be plainly forecasted in orders promulgated today for a concentrated attack on Tampico.

The federal gunboats and the land defenses of Tampico have proved to be a task for the troops of General Gonzales, and orders were issued today for the mobilization of 12,000 troops from the states of Coahuila, Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon.

### PREPARING FOR PEACE OR WAR

Washington, April 30—Restrained but none the less steady preparation for any military eventualities that may become necessary, and the definite progress of the mediation programme being worked out behind closed doors—these were the two outstanding features of the Mexican situation here today.

The three mediation envoys of Argentina, Brazil and Chile continued their private sittings through the day and evening. Their first move for an armistice was succeeded by the practical suspension of hostilities, between the forces of the United States and the Huerta regime, although there were still ominous sounds of conflict between the Huerta and Carranza forces.

Secretary Bryan formally notified the three South American envoys that the government took it for granted there would be no hostilities during the mediation proceedings and had intended no further acts of aggression while the conferences were being held. But the attitude of Huerta and Carranza on the cessation of hostilities was still unknown tonight.

It appears that while the attitude of General Huerta was definite in accepting intermediation as between the United States and the Huerta government it has not yet been made clear that his acceptance will apply also to intermediation which includes Carranza.

During the day the intermediaries received word of the encouraging attitude of some of the foremost European powers, notably Great Britain.

Should Carranza refuse to accept any armistice with Huerta the work of the diplomats, it is realized, would be confined solely to settling the differences between the United States and Mexico, though they have by no means given up the idea of solving the whole problem of the pacification of Mexico and its international complication.

### AMERICAN RULE IN VERA CRUZ

Vera Cruz, April 30—The task of guarding the City of Vera Cruz and its environs was taken over from the navy today by Brig-General Frederick Funston and the Fifth Infantry brigade of the United States army.

While material law still continues in force the actual municipal government is being conducted by Robert J. Kerr, the American civil governor, who has enlisted the aid of Mexican officials to act under his superintendency and in accordance with Mexican laws.

After a morning enlivened by the marching to and fro of the large bodies of American sailors, soldiers and marines, the city resumed its normal and somewhat sleepy life, made more gay (in the evening) by outdoor dinner parties at the numerous cafes and restaurants accompanied by music and sometimes by dancing.

The American troops began their disembarkation from the transports at an early hour in the morning. Once on shore they were lined up along the docks and in the railroad yards and, before noon all had marched to the posts assigned to them in various parts of the city and its outlying suburbs.

Vera Cruz, April 30—The Ward line steamer Antilla was fired upon by both the federal and the rebels at Tampico yesterday, according to a despatch received here today by wire-

less telegraphy from that seaport. The steersman of the vessel was struck by one of the shots and killed. The Antilla left New York April 18 and was flying the Cuban flag. The line was first raked by the federal guns and then as she was running out from the city the rebels from their position near the mouth of the Panuco River, opened fire on her.

The commander of one of the British boats lying off Tampico filed a protest with the federal and rebel governments.

Washington, April 30—No report of firing on the Ward liner Antilla at Tampico had reached either the navy or war departments late today.

Washington, April 30—Secretary Bryan announced today that the South American envoys seeking to mediate in the Mexican crisis had been notified that this government "would assume that there would be no hostilities between the United States and the Huerta government during the progress of mediation."

### HUERTA ACCEPTS.

Washington, April 30—General Huerta tonight accepted the proposal that there be no further hostilities between the United States and Mexico pending the efforts of envoys of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to bring about a settlement of the difficulties between the countries.

## "MOVING DAY" SEES VERY FEW CHANGES

Demand for Dwellings is Large--Some Changes Which Have Taken Place

"Moving Day" has seen much less moving among the residents of Fredericton than is usually the case. This is due to the scarcity of desirable dwellings for rent in this city. A few business and residential changes have taken place.

W. R. Dunbar and family are removing from the corner of Regent and Brunswick streets to the Torrens property, Queen street, recently purchased by Mrs. Dunbar. W. H. Maxwell, who has been occupying that house, will break up house-keeping and board. Mrs. Mary Hatt is moving into the house vacated by Mr. Dunbar.

W. W. Heard, United States consular agent, has removed from R. W. McLellan's house, Brunswick street, and will board at Elliott's Boarding House. The house vacated by him and F. P. Colter will be occupied by H. J. McGrath and T. C. Burpee. Bedford Green has moved to the dwelling on George street owned by H. C. Mackey.

Among the business changes are the removal of Walter Suter from the Calder building on Phoenix Square. A. Murray & Co are to remove to the store recently occupied by Tennant & Holder.

## ABANDON HOPE FOR ENTOMBED MINERS

Eccles, W. Va., April 30—Hope that any of the 172 men caught in the mine No. 5 of the New River Collieries Company wrecked by a gas explosion Tuesday are alive, was abandoned absolutely tonight by government and state experts. At none o'clock fifty bodies has been located in the mine and it is expected all these will be brought to the surface before daylight.

Mr. A. D. Holyoke, police magistrate of Woodstock, is a guest at the Barker.

J. H. Burbridge of Ottawa, is registered at the Queen.

## DUTY AND IMPORTS FELL OFF DURING APRIL

Returns From Customs House Show Slight Decreases--Free Goods Much Less

Customs returns for Fredericton for the month ending yesterday shows a decrease, in value of imports and also of duty collected. The decrease in duty and value of dutiable goods is slight, however.

The returns furnished by Collector L. C. Macnutt are as follows:

### APRIL 1914.

Free goods	\$24,055.00
Dutiable goods	39,770.00
Total	\$63,825.00
Duty collected	\$9,274.93

### APRIL 1913.

Free goods	\$59,941.00
Dutiable goods	39,449.00

Total \$99,390.00  
Duty collected \$9,876.65  
The decrease in duty collected in April 1914, as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year is \$601.72.

## THINKS MR. BIDLAKE HAS A SURE THING

North Shore Paper Comments on the Police Magistracy of Fredericton

Discussing the appointment of a successor to Col. Marsh, The New-castle Advocate says:

"Mr. George Bidlake, formerly editor of The Advocate, was some time ago given the promise of this position, on the strength of which he resigned from the editorial chair of this paper and moved to Fredericton, with the expectation of receiving his appointment ere this."

"As the bill retiring Col. Marsh goes into effect on May 1st it will be necessary for an appointment to be made at once. Messrs. Guthrie and Young, M.P.P.'s, are working in Mr. Bidlake's interests and there does not seem to be any doubt but that he will receive the appointment."

(Any newspaper man who would resign a good position on the strength of a political promise is very likely to experience some difficulty in making the public believe that he possesses the necessary qualifications to fill an important judicial office. Possibly this may account for the fact that Mr. Bidlake's expectations in regard to the office of police magistrate have not been fulfilled ere this.)