

ADMITS HE LIED TO AID GUNMEN; BECKER INVOLVED

Dresner, Scared, Tells Mr. Whitman Testimony at Hearing Was False.

FIRST SAW BROTHER OF ALLEGED PLOTTER

Prosecutor Thinks Perjury Now Held for Trial, Was Paid for Affidavit.

GOFF'S RULING UPHELD

District Attorney Quizes Clancy—New Trial Set for May 6—"Dago" Frank Buried.

District Attorney Whitman is convinced that he eliminated a prospective witness for the defence at the second trial of Charles Becker, which was set yesterday for May 6, when he obtained from Carl Dresner, one of the witnesses who testified in behalf of the four gunmen on the motion for a new trial before Justice Goff last Saturday, an affidavit refuting his testimony at that time and admitting that he committed perjury.

Dresner came to the District Attorney's office yesterday after he had read in the papers that Mr. Whitman was to investigate the affidavits made by the witnesses before Justice Goff, and confessed his perjury to the District Attorney through fear that his false testimony would be found out.

Later Dresner was arraigned before Justice George J. O'Keefe, in Special Sessions, and held in \$1,000 bail to await the action of the grand jury. He was committed to the Tombs.

Thinks Dresner Was Paid.

The District Attorney is reasonably certain that Dresner received money for making his affidavit, though Dresner denied it yesterday. It is believed that a few days in the Tombs, prior to his formal indictment and arraignment in General Sessions, will give the young bartender time to realize his whole duty and tell all the circumstances leading to the making of the affidavit.

Dresner made his affidavit at the office of Wahle & Kringsel, counsel for the four gunmen, the day before he testified at the hearing before Justice Goff. He told the District Attorney that he made two affidavits at that time. The first one was drawn up by H. Lionel Kringsel, of the firm, and later when Judge Wahle appeared he made a second one, which he said was "much stronger" than the first. He said he signed both of them.

Judge Wahle said last night that Dresner did not mention that any one had sent him to the gunmen's counsel. He said that a rough form of affidavit had been drawn up before he arrived at the office, and it not being clear and satisfactory he had drawn up a second one, which Dresner signed. Dresner told the story to him as he told it on the witness stand, Mr. Wahle said, and he believed that the young man was telling the truth at the time.

"He came to our office on Friday last," said Mr. Wahle, "and declared that he wanted to tell what he had seen of the shooting of Rosenthal, because his conscience bothered him. He gave no other reason for wanting to tell his story. I submitted him to a sharp cross-examination and became convinced that his story was true."

Talked with Becker's Brother.

Dresner told the District Attorney he had seen and talked with John Becker, Charles Becker's brother, and had communicated with Joseph A. Shay, who was Becker's counsel until he withdrew from the case Tuesday, before he went to Mr. Wahle. Shay and John Becker

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This Morning's News.

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HUERTA'S CENSOR STRICT

Telegrams Sent to Mexico City Returned Undelivered. (From The Tribune Bureau.) Washington, April 15.—The strictness of the censorship which Huerta is maintaining over dispatches entering, as well as leaving, Mexico is indicated by the fact that the Washington correspondent of a foreign newspaper telegraphed the correspondent of his paper in Mexico City to-day, telling him to send everything possible on Huerta's attitude, and the dispatch was returned undelivered by Huerta's censor.

PORTILLO OPTIMISTIC

Huerta's Foreign Minister Sees No Ground for Alarm. (By Cable to The Tribune.) Mexico City, April 15.—When The Tribune correspondent told the Foreign Minister, Señor Portillo, to-night that uneasiness continues to prevail in the public mind over the international situation the minister said:

"There is no ground for such alarm. I am holding frequent conferences with Mr. O'Shaughnessy and our chargé d'affaires at Washington is conferring with Mr. Bryan. These conferences are marked by a spirit of comity and conciliation on both sides. "We are endeavoring to find a solution in harmony with international law and justice and the traditional friendship between the two countries, and there is every reason to hope for a satisfactory issue of negotiations."

\$15,000 GEM HAUL BY WINDOW BANDIT

Smashes Glass and Locks Door While Broadway Crowd Pass.

A slight young man wearing a soft gray hat and a tan raincoat stepped out of the stream of pedestrians going north in Broadway about 6:30 last evening and stopped in front of a jewelry store opposite the Hotel Marlborough-Blenheim. He drew a brick from under his coat, tapped a hole in the window, drew out a tray of diamonds worth \$15,000, leaped across the sidewalk into a taxicab, and sped off toward Seventh avenue.

Michael Rosenthal, the jeweller, was in the shop with his daughter, a nephew, Harry Rosenthal, and a salesman. The sound of the broken glass startled Rosenthal into action. He got to the front door to find that some one had chained and padlocked it from the outside. He and his assistants finally ripped the door open and stumbled out into Broadway yelling for the police.

Patrolman Burdick was blowing his whistle merrily and trying to command a taxicab. The excited crowd in Broadway split, half of it charging Rosenthal and his salesman and the other sweeping down on the policeman. Traffic was held up for several minutes, and by the time Burdick was in position for action the thief and the tray of diamonds had a mile start.

Detectives who hurried out on the case were convinced last night that the robbery was carefully planned and timed. The chain on the shop door connected the door handle with a vertical bar set into the building, to which an iron gate is attached every night at the closing hour. Padlocks were used to fasten the chain at both ends, and the padlock on the handle was of just the size to fit, although the handle is unusually thick.

The chain was wound with tape to deaden the noise as it was attached to the door.

Patrolman Burdick saw the thief jump into the taxicab as the chauffeur threw on full speed, but the press of traffic cut off his view of the license number. He gave the detectives a good description of the escaping man.

BELMONT TRUNKS SEIZED

August, Jr., Sails After Filing Bond to Appear in Court. (By Telegraph to The Tribune.) New Orleans, April 15.—Only quick action and the posting of a \$100 bond for his appearance in First City Court here saved August Belmont, Jr., of New York, who has been at a hotel here, from missing his Panama boat at 11 o'clock this morning.

The posting of the bond was to rescue Mr. Belmont's trunks from the hands of a City Court Sheriff, who held them as surety for a \$17 damage claim made against Mr. Belmont by John Remley, a New Orleans automobile dealer.

Mr. Belmont made a hurried trip to the City Court on Tuesday night when told of the damage claims, shook a \$1,000 bill under the nose of Mr. Remley and said he would fight the case to a finish.

PLAN FOR SUFFRAGE BALL

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont Confers with Committee in Washington. (From The Tribune Bureau.) Washington, April 15.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont arrived in Washington this afternoon to complete the final arrangements for the suffrage ball, to be given under the direction of the Congressional Union next Tuesday night.

Mrs. Belmont is the chairman of the ball committee, and has been in correspondence for several weeks with Mrs. William Kent, wife of Representative Kent, of California, Mrs. Robert Baker and Mrs. Nevil Monroe Hopkins, composing the local committee on arrangements.

SHIP SHATTERED; BUT 1 MAN SAVED

Three-Masted, Name Unknown, Goes Ashore Off Seabright, N. J.

SURVIVOR WINS IN BATTLE WITH DEATH

Tells of Another Aboard Craft Which Is Pounding to Pieces on Sand.

Seabright, N. J., April 15.—After an eight hours' vigil in the wind and storm a crew of lifesavers and several score of citizens watched a three-masted schooner wrecked off the beach here to-night. The name of the craft is unknown.

The schooner was first sighted at 4 o'clock this afternoon several miles off the beach, making hard weather in the heavy wind and the rough sea. Despite the efforts of her crew the boat drove steadily in toward the beach, until at 9:30 o'clock to-night she was plainly visible to searchlights erected on the sand.

Though held off by the tremendous undertow, the schooner continued to drift in, until at 10:30 o'clock it was decided by the lifesaving crew to try a line. One was shot out, but fell short by several hundred yards, blown aside by the heavy gale.

There was no attempt to launch a boat to the rescue, owing to quantities of lumber, which, swept from the decks of the laboring vessel, thrashed and swirled in the breakers and undertow.

With the aid of extra lights the form of a man could be distinguished clinging to a piece of mast far forward.

Soon after the schooner rolled and struck the beach. For an hour the solitary man held his position at the mast, but a little after 11 o'clock he was seen to be moving about, and the lifesavers realized that he was tying a rope about his waist. Then a wave washed the deck clear of rigging, but a few moments later the man's form could be made out struggling among the wreckage, and he was seen to make a try for the shore.

At once the lifesavers manned their line and hauled with all their might. They quickly found they had the man at the other end. Amid the cheers of the crowd that had remained on the beach they finally landed the man through the wild surf. It was one of the most spectacular rescues ever witnessed along the coast.

The man was unconscious and badly cut about the head and body and hands. A doctor found he was alive, and he was rushed to the Monmouth Memorial Hospital.

There he said there was one other man aboard.

The gale was then estimated at more than seventy miles an hour.

MURPHY IN, O'DWYER OUT?

"Chief's" Return to Club May Mean Judge's Resignation.

It was common talk in Democratic circles yesterday that Judge Edward F. O'Dwyer would resign from the presidency of the National Democratic Club because of the reinstatement of Charles F. Murphy, George W. Plunkitt and Thomas F. Foley as members of the organization.

Mr. Murphy's friends would be pleased with this, and as one of them put it yesterday, "there was nothing now for the Judge to do but to get out. He tried to put the chief and his friends out, and his own board of governors repudiated him."

The leader of Tammany Hall was all smiles when newspaper men called on him at wigwam yesterday. He looked pleased with the whole world—Judge O'Dwyer included.

"I'm reinstated and will remain a member of the club," said Mr. Murphy to the newspaper men. "I've no inclination to retaliate by resigning and inducing my friends to resign."

ASTOR PAST DANGER POINT IN ILLNESS

Irritation on Lung Relieved by Nature—Temperature Now Normal.

Vincent Astor has passed the danger point in his illness, according to the physicians' report issued late last night.

He has been suffering from an abscess on his right lung. This has discharged, causing great improvement in the patient, who is still at the country home of his fiancée, Miss Helen Dinsmore Huntington, at Staatsburg, N. Y. The statement read:

"Mr. Astor has had an abscess in the lower part of his right lung. This has now discharged. His condition has greatly improved. His temperature has been normal for the last twenty-four hours."

Wilson Accepts New Honor.

Arthur von Briesen, president of the Legal Aid Society, received yesterday a letter from President Wilson, in which he accepted the honorary vice-presidency of the society.

The President said he had "long followed the work of the society with the deepest sympathy and genuine admiration."

FLEET OF GREAT BATTLESHIPS SPEEDING TO FORCE REPARATION FOR MANY INSULTS BY BLOCKADING MEXICO, EAST AND WEST



LOADING STORES ON THE LOUISIANA.

\$942,500 CITY'S BOND SALE PROFIT

Many Seek to Get Supply That Kuhn, Loeb and Read & Co. Obtain.

232 BIDDERS; BEST PRICE SINCE 1909

Mexican Trouble Halts Rush for \$65,000,000 Issue—Sells at 101.45.

The city's bond offering of \$85,000,000, bearing an interest rate of 4 1/2 per cent, was awarded last night to the syndicate headed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and William A. Read & Co. Their bid was 101.45, which nets the city a premium of \$942,500.

The issue was largely oversubscribed. There were 232 bids in all, representing \$193,187,350. This represented an income basis of 4.18. There were 147 bidders who came within \$2,387.27 of the successful bid.

Mayor Mitchell and Controller Prendergast, who were present at the opening of the bids, were highly gratified, and Wall Street, where the new 4 1/2s were in active demand, looked upon the interest in the city bonds as having more significance than a mere "strengthening of the city's credit," to use Mayor Mitchell's expression.

Mexican Row Halts Bids.

When the number of bids became known in the Street, as compared with the 492 subscriptions for the \$45,000,000 4 1/2 per cent loan in May, 1913, it was said that the recent developments in the Mexican imbroglio kept many firms from bidding.

The "all or none" bid of the successful bidders caused little surprise, in view of their success in handling the recent issue of state bonds.

On the curb market yesterday the new 4 1/2s were actively bid for. The opening price was 101 1/4, but the demand later became so strong that they sold up as high as 102 3/16 and closed at 102 1/4. On the Stock Exchange the old city 4 1/2s closed at 101 1/4, following a rise to 101 1/2.

Before the January sale of state bonds it was estimated that nearly \$10,000,000 of the \$51,000,000 issue had been traded in on a when issued basis, but heavy losses sustained, due to short covering, led the curb brokers to be more cautious with the new city offering, and the trading, consequently, was a great deal less.

In commenting on the sale Mayor Mitchell said: "It was splendidly successful. It is a gratifying show of the strengthening of the city's credit. It is a good opening for the administration. It is especially gratifying in view of the fact that the successful bid was higher than that of the last issue of city bonds, which carried 4 1/2 per cent interest."

The 4 1/2s of last year sold at 100.137, or on an income basis of 4.49 per cent. The total number of bids then—369—represented \$76,083,010.

Controller Prendergast, in awarding

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Wilson Decides to Bring Rebels in the North Also to Task.

DEMONSTRATION ON PACIFIC COAST, TOO

Army Seeking Transports and Otherwise Making Ready for Action.

HUERTA SUBMITS DEMAND TO SENATE

President Expects to Send Message to Congress in a Few Days.

General Huerta submitted to an executive session of the Mexican Senate late yesterday the demands of the American government for a salute to the flag. No word had been received by the Washington government late last night as to the result of the deliberations.

Although no definite information was available, the fact that General Huerta had submitted the case to the Mexican Senate, which is specially charged with the conduct of foreign relations, and not to the entire Congress, led to the belief in Washington that he had sought authorization from the Senate for arbitration of the question under the treaty of 1848 between the United States and Mexico.

Rear Admiral Badger, commanding the Atlantic fleet, led the first of the great ships out of Hampton Roads yesterday to fulfil President Wilson's demand in Mexico for a salute to the American flag.

More of the Dreadnoughts and other types composing that fleet will be under various parts to-day, completing the first and second divisions that—under rush orders to proceed to Tampico. They will be followed by the third division of four battleships now at Boston in two weeks, if necessary.

With the beginning of this big movement of warships the administration announced still another naval demonstration against Mexico, order having been sent to Rear Admiral Steward, in command of the Pacific fleet, that an increase of the ships of the west coast of Mexico has been decided on.

No formal orders have been issued by the Secretary of War, but the army, too, is making ready for action. A search, it is said, is being made of transports, and everything else being done that would enable an immediate response to any need for a branch of the service.

President Wilson is declared to have been so thoroughly aroused that he has decided to call the Constitutionalists also to task.

The battleship Louisiana is to sail from New York, while the chorus "Show us a Mexican!" The super-Dreadnought New York was placed in commission yesterday at the navy yard.

(From The Tribune Bureau.) Washington, April 15.—President Wilson has determined that the time has come to obtain a satisfactory agreement of conditions not only from the government of General Huerta in Mexico City, but from that of the Constitutionalists of the north as well.

For weeks the attitude of the Constitutionalists toward the administration has verged on the intolerable. No satisfaction has been offered in cases involving the deaths of certain Americans and other foreigners. The Benton case is a notable instance, and latterly the attitude of the Constitutionalists concerning American representations as to the safety and protection of Spanish subjects has been most unsatisfactory to the administration.

Now demands are to be made on Carranza and Villa. Possibly they have already been submitted. President Wilson intends to make the Constitutionalists as well as Huerta realize the power and force of the United States. While details are withheld it is believed that Washington's next representations to the rebels of the north will come close to being a threat of action.

Intervention Indicated.

Intervention rests at the other end of the string the President is playing. That this is so was forcibly indicated to-day, when orders were issued directing six vessels of the navy and a regiment of marines to proceed to western Mexican waters. It is obvious to observers that sending the force to the west coast has little or nothing to do with the firing of a salute at Tampico on the Gulf of Mexico. Information reached administrative officials to-night that Huerta was

AT SEA ON MISSION TO COMPEL SALUTE TO FLAG

Dreadnoughts in War Paint of Gray and Other Ships Leave Various Ports to Concentrate at Tampico—Activity in Pacific Coast Harbors.

On Board the Arkansas, at Sea, April 15.—Four Dreadnoughts of the Atlantic fleet, under Rear Admiral Badger, commander in chief, steamed out of Hampton Roads at noon to-day and headed southward to join the American naval force off Tampico, Mexico.

Under orders to maintain a speed of 11 1/2 knots an hour, the ships should make the Mexican port next Wednesday.

In the squadron that felt its way out to sea through the heavy fog hanging over the roads were the great flagship Arkansas, the Vermont, the New Hampshire and the New Jersey.

The last man to leave the Arkansas for shore was Rear Admiral Fiske, chief of the navy bureau of operations, who had brought Rear Admiral Badger his orders from Washington.

The battleship fleet was off Cape Hatteras at midnight, making eleven and a half knots an hour. No additional orders have been received since sailing, and there has been no hint as to what programme was mapped out for the fleet upon its arrival at Tampico. The crews of all the ships are ready for any emergency.

The battleship Michigan is expected to join the squadron en route, and the North Dakota will be picked up two days afterward, according to the present plans.

The New Hampshire Starts.

Norfolk, Va., April 15.—The battleship New Hampshire was the first of the warships here to get under way for Mexico to-day. All were in their war paint of gray.

The activities in Hampton Roads almost equalled some of the scenes preceding the departure of Rear Admiral Schley's flying squadron during the Spanish-American war.

To complete the hasty coaling of the New Hampshire it was necessary to work all last night. Eighteen hundred tons of coal were placed in her bunkers. The New Hampshire's regular crew was augmented by fifty apprentice seamen and a detail of seamen from the receiving ships Franklin and Richmond for distribution among the vessels of the fleet.

The dispatch boat Yankton is to accompany the ships to Tampico. She occupied a position close by Rear Admiral Badger's flagship, the Arkansas, to-day. The torpedo boat destroyers Parker, Cassin, Cummings and Benham are at anchor here.

The Tacoma Steams Out.

Boston, April 15.—Preparations were made overnight for the departure of the third class cruiser Tacoma, which was ordered yesterday to proceed to Tampico, with a preliminary stop at Newport, R. I. She started about 1 o'clock this afternoon and is expected to make Newport before morning.

During the night the Tacoma crossed the harbor to Hingham, where ammunition was taken on board from the naval magazine. Meanwhile, naval officials, assisted by the police, scoured the city and rounded up members of the cruiser's crew who were on shore leave.

The Tacoma is commanded by Commander Nathan C. Twining and carries 300 men. At Newport she will take on eighty ordinary seamen and coal passers.

Newport, R. I., April 15.—Additional orders were received at the naval training station here from Washington to-day to place several petty officers and a wireless operator aboard the Tacoma when she puts in here to-morrow morning on the way to Tampico. It is expected that she will be ready to proceed at 8 a. m.

The Michigan Leaves Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, April 15.—The battleship Michigan left the Philadelphia Navy Yard shortly before 4 p. m. to-day. Despite a heavy rain several hundred persons were at the yard when the Michigan left her berth and cheered as the big ship turned her prow down the Delaware and called away.

Officers and crew of the ship worked all night preparing the big fighter for sea duty in response to the order for the concentration of the Atlantic fleet at Tampico. A number of barges loaded with coal went alongside last

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