

NEW WITNESS PUTS MURDER ON VALLON

"Conscience" Forces Buffalo Clerk to Make Affidavit for Gunmen.

PICTURE SERVES HIM FOR IDENTIFICATION

Sweats He Saw "Informer" Leaving Scene of Rosenthal Shooting on Gray Car.

Harry Vallon, one of the four informers at the trial of Charles Becker, was on the running board of the "gray car" with a revolver in his hand as it left the scene of the murder of Herman Rosenthal in the early morning of July 16, 1912, according to the affidavit of a new witness, given out yesterday by Charles G. F. Wahle, counsel for the four men under sentence of death for shooting Rosenthal.

The gunmen's counsel says this affidavit tends to support the statement of "Lefty Louie" and his three companions, made in the death house on Sunday, in which they accused Vallon and "Bridie" Webber of doing the shooting. The witness identified Vallon by a picture, he said.

Samuel Kalmanson, a clerk of Buffalo, made the affidavit, which was as follows:

On the night of Monday, July 16, 1912, in company with a young man whom I know by the name of "Tony," I visited the premises on West 14th street, in the borough of Manhattan, city of New York, which is between First and Second avenue, which premises we left about half-past 1 on the morning of July 16, 1912. We then walked east on 36th street, turned north to the east side of Broadway. We walked up the east side of Broadway until we reached the southeast corner of 14th street and Broadway, and then proceeded east on the south side of 14th street going toward Sixth avenue.

Sees the Automobile.

As we reached the entrance to Cohen's Theatre, on 14th street, I noticed an automobile of a light color, the hood of which was up, standing on the south side of 14th street, just west of the entrance to Cohen's Theatre, the engine of the automobile was working. We proceeded east about fifty feet when I heard shooting and both my friend "Tony" and I ran toward Sixth avenue. When we got to the entrance of about 14th street west of Sixth avenue, I turned around, and as I did so I saw the same light colored automobile which I saw standing in front of the entrance to Cohen's Theatre, the engine of which was working, come along.

There stood on the running board of that automobile a man whom I now know to be Harry Vallon, and I met Harry Vallon again at that time. When I saw the machine coming along, a pistol in his hand, Harry Vallon was on the running board nearest the curb as the machine passed me.

About three or four months ago I told my present employer that I was on 14th street at the time Herman Rosenthal was shot and that I saw the automobile and described it, and after the shooting I saw the automobile come toward me and that there stood on the running board of that automobile Harry Vallon with a pistol in his hand. The reason I told him this was as a matter of justice I should inform the attorney for Becker what I know and what I saw at the time of the shooting.

Matter of Conscience.

I wrote to Mr. Shay, Becker's counsel, on the 25th day of February, 1914, a few days after writing to Mr. Shay I received a letter from the office of Wahle & Kruegel, who, I am since informed, are the attorneys for the four men convicted for the killing of Rosenthal, and who are now in Sing Sing awaiting execution under the judgment of the Court of Appeals.

Mr. Wahle and Jacob Rosenberg came to Buffalo on the 13th of March, 1914, and met me, and told Mr. Wahle and Mr. Rosenberg that I have embodied in this affidavit. They asked me to come to New York so that I could go over the second and the neighborhood of New York on the night of July 15 and the morning of July 16, 1912. I came to New York.

I make this affidavit because I am convinced that Harry Vallon did not tell the truth when he met Harry Vallon with a pistol in his hand on that automobile at the time I have heretofore stated, and I make this affidavit because my conscience compels me to do so in justice to those who await the judgment of death.

Mr. Wahle said that Kalmanson had been shown the photographs of "Bald Jack" Rose, "Bridie" Webber, Sam Scheppe, Harry Vallon and the four gunmen, and that he picked out Vallon from this group of pictures as the man he had seen on the running board of the car with a revolver in his hand.

HOOKER FOR CONTROLLER

Schenectady Official To Be Candidate for State Place.

James P. Hooker, Controller of Schenectady, has announced to his friends that he will be a candidate at the primaries this fall for the Republican nomination for State Controller. He has received offers of support from all over the state.

Born in New York City in 1873, Mr. Hooker has been active in Schenectady business and Republican circles for some years. He is a manufacturer and as president of the Mohawk Clothing Company has earned the good will of organized labor. He is president of the Schenectady Board of Trade.

In 1910 Mr. Hooker was the choice of the progressives in the Republican organization as the candidate of the party for Mayor. Defeated in the convention, he made a strong fight on the stump for the nominee. When he was elected Controller, last fall, he cut into the Progressive vote to a considerable extent. Since that time he has adopted a number of improvements in the financial system of the city, for which he has received high commendation.

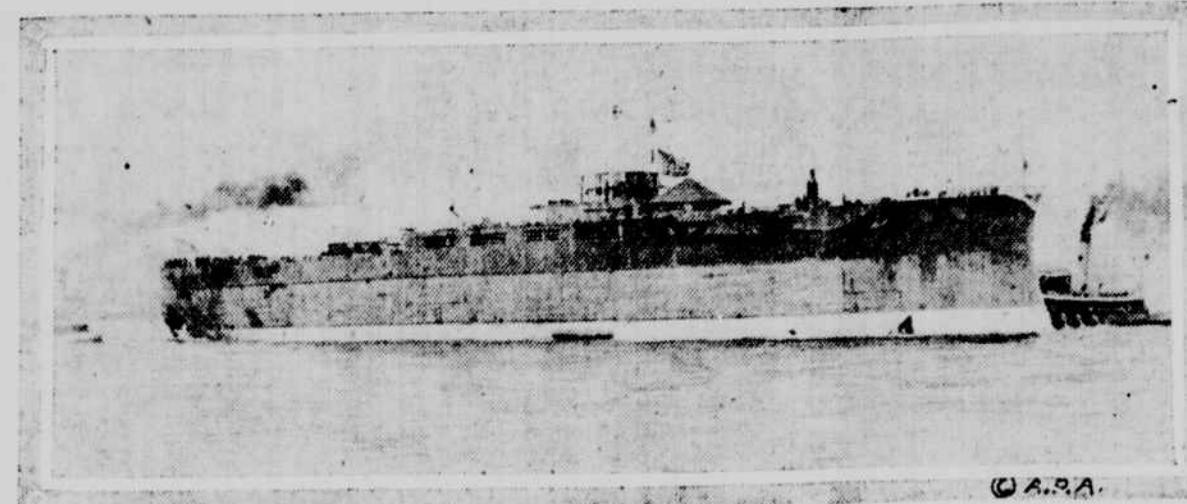
Mr. Hooker was graduated from Yale in 1895, and from the Columbia Law School, and is a member of the New York Bar. He is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Loyal Legion and an associate member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

If he receives the nomination, Mr. Hooker says, he is prepared to make an active speaking campaign throughout the state.

Hobble Skirt Her Downfall.

Miss Mabel Burk, of No. 367 West 12th street, discovered last night that a hobble skirt is not a running costume. While hastening to catch a train at Tarrytown she tripped and fell down the station stairs. She was severely bruised on the arm and hand.

THE OKLAHOMA BEING TOWED TO BERTH AFTER LAUNCHING.



SEES BURIAL, THEN SUES Widow of "Wealthiest Cop"

Begins Fight for Dower.

Believing she would not be welcomed if she tried to enter one of the carriages hired by her husband's relatives at his funeral yesterday, Mrs. Annie L. Reilly, widow of former Policeman John J. Reilly, who was called the "wealthiest cop" in Queens, hired a conveyance for herself, attended the service at St. Mary Gate of Heaven, Catholic Church, Ozone Park, then re-entered her carriage and tried to have it follow immediately after the hearse. In this site was frustrated, and had to content herself with taking a place far back in the line of carriages.

She went to Calvary Cemetery and then visited Jamaica, where she consulted John B. Merrill, whom she engaged to institute proceedings to secure for her her dower rights in her husband's \$2,000 estate. Reilly and his wife had had some differences and did not live together for several years. Prior to his death, according to the widow, he gave all of his property to his brother and two of his sisters, Michael Reilly, Mrs. Mary M. McGuire and Mrs. Elizabeth O'Rourke.

"Learning that my husband lay dying in the Lutheran Hospital, Brooklyn, I hurried to see him," said Mrs. Reilly yesterday. Mrs. Reilly informed her attorney that she had signed no papers relinquishing any of her rights.

UNEMPLOYED HORDE LOSE THEIR HERO

Passaic Lad Called "Victim" of Capital Arrested in Rutgers Square.

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Stademure said he had taken twenty-two cents from his mother's purse, as he was being introduced to the unemployed army in Rutgers Square last night as a victim of the capitalistic system, Harry Stademure, a sixteen-year-old boy, of No. 94 3d street, Passaic, N. J., was arrested by Detective Egan and taken to the Madison street station. He said he had been tempted to become a Tannenbaum recruit by reading stories of that leader's arrest.

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