

BLACK MAGIC REALLY KILLS, SAYS EXPERT

Pennsylvania Murder Case
Explained by Student
of Voodooism.

BY SAM LOVE
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Witchcraft is as much a reality as an electric light, black magic as factual as a radio program, an expert approached by the United Press for a possible explanation of the strange murder of Nelson D. Rehmeyer, near York, Pa., calmly asserted today.

W. B. Seabrook, who has seen magic work on its victims in the jungles of Haiti, in Arabia among the Yezidees or "devil-worshippers," in Kurdistan and in the south of France, finds nothing strange in the eerie revelations now coming from a modern city in Pennsylvania. Near York, Rehmeyer was killed defending a lock of his own hair from the three charged with his murder.

Seabrook once saw a young woman bewitched in a manner hard to explain as she strolled unsuspectingly down Fifth avenue in front of the New York public library. Other and even stranger occult matters are embodied in "Magic Island," a book he has written after living for more than a year among the voodoo practitioners in Haiti, and which will become an automatic best-seller in January when it is published under the distribution system of the Literary Guild.

Magic Really Kills

"Black magic works—it even can kill without the use of poisons or material things," said Seabrook.

"Therefore, if this old farmer, Rehmeyer, really was a witch doctor and really put a spell on his neighbor, John Blymyre, and on the Hesses—and it could be proved—if I were on the jury I should be inclined to regard their retaliation almost as much a matter of self-defense as if Rehmeyer had gone after them with a gun."

"Assuming that these people do believe in their own powers, Blymyre, John Curry, 14, and William Hess, 16, went to the old man in fear of death, harm and destruction."

"Blymyre and the boys have been quoted as saying that what they wanted was a lock of the hair of Rehmeyer's hair to break a spell he had cast on them."

"I am not sure."

TWO YOUTHS HELD FOR AUTO THEFT

Arrested in Stolen Cars, Sunday Night.

Police held two young men on charges of motor theft after they had been captured in stolen automobiles Sunday night.

Glenn Hultz, 22, of Toledo, was captured on East Fall Creek boulevard in a car which he had stolen in Dayton. Police are seeking his companion.

Sam Graves, 27, who lives at the Brightwood Y. M. C. A., was captured as he started to drive away in a stolen motor car by two friends of the owner, Harry W. Munn, 2741 Stuart street.

CAPTURE BOY LOOTERS

"There are two and only two forms of destructive black magic, both of which have been practiced since the beginning of time by savage tribes, and which have their roots in civilization."

"Number one is imitative magic. In medieval Germany and Italy—among savages, too—the formula usually has been to make a wax figure of the victim and either to melt it slowly or to stick pins into it. In Haiti last year I saw a man dying, because he knew that up in the mountains an old woman slowly was unwinding the threads composing a little doll which represented him."

"Number two is sympathetic magic, or contagious magic. In this case you take some part, or some emanation, from the actual body of the person you plan to destroy. A lock of hair or a fingernail paring is quite usual, although a shirt that has been perspired on is also used. Having acquired this, you make your charm and repeat your incantations, placing the object in a place where it will slowly rot away. The theory is that the victim will decay with it."

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OH, HOW STOCKING!

Exit Bare Legs in Hollywood

BY DUANE HENNESSY,
United Press Special Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 10.—Hollywood is reforming and no longer does the fair sex parade the boulevards without stockings or boast that its costumes weigh only four and a quarter ounce.

The five and ten cent stores have sent out an SOS call for hair pins of all sizes and colors.

The stocking merchants are smiling once more and the garment manufacturers believe there is a Santa Claus after all.

"Why not?" asked Camilla Horn, pretty United Artists player. "I think girls are getting sensible at last. Why flirt with a cold and a cough by walking around half-dressed? I never did like that stockingless idea, anyway."

"It is silly, this no-stocking business," Lupe Velez, the Mexican actress, said. "I never go in public without plenty of stockings—high ones pretty long, you know?"

Hollywood has taken up galoshes in rainy weather again and hats and coats are more in demand than before, shopkeepers said.

The new year should witness an entirely new Hollywood as far as styles and dress reform are concerned. The influence of Broadway and New York will be felt in the importation of stage stars for the talkies. There are hundreds

of new personalities in the studios today due to talking pictures.

There has been a rather heavy invasion of European stars in the last few months, and they, too, should play an important part in setting Hollywood's fads of 1929.

It is not true that they are miracles. I think these methods are nothing except a technique by which the black magic practitioner manages to focus such subconscious or supernatural powers as he has.

"There is no question but that black magic can kill if the person on whom the magic is practiced believes in it. It is perhaps by auto-suggestion. But the thing I am in question about is whether this kind of black magic can kill or injure a person who absolutely disbelieves in it.

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He Says Service Body Can Control Contract.

Arthur L. Gilliom, attorney-general, today ruled that the public service commission has jurisdiction in the petition for temporary financing filed by the State Line Generating Company, a huge Inland production concern, with the commission some weeks ago.

Problems dealt with in the petition, such as the commission's power to approve contracts with four other Indiana companies, two in Indiana and two in Illinois, for purchase on a fifty-year basis of electricity distribution, are outlined in detail.

Commissioner Harvey Harmon, who laid the matter before the attorney-general, asked whether or not the commission would have rate making power should the contracts for a fifty-year period be approved. Gilliom says that they would. He points out that the contract is for wholesale distribution from the generating company to four other companies. He says the commission could rule, in the matter of distribution in Indiana of that power purchase, on what might be termed a retail scale.

TALKS TO CIVIC LEAGUE

City Engineer A. H. Moore will speak Tuesday night before the Sherman-Emerson Civic League at School 62, Wallace and East Tenth streets, on charges of petit larceny and delinquency. They were captured by a pessary.

Each of the boys had cartridges, knives and other small merchandise in his pockets.

DOKKIES INITIATE CLASS

Shambha Temple Members, Indianapolis, Attended South Bend Meeting

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 10.—A large class of candidates was initiated Saturday here by northern Indiana Dokkies. Several officers of the Shambha temple of Indianapolis attended the ceremony.

The northern Indiana group is part of the Indianapolis temple, but will become a temple in their own right when the quota of members is obtained.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

ALLEGED CAFE BANDIT'S TRIAL NEARS CLOSE

Case May Go to Jury Late
Today; Smith Has
Alibi.

BY ARCH STEINEL
R ED Saturday night! Six days' work sloughed off in one night of theater logs, buying diamonds, sewing machines and clothes—a dollar down'; dive keepers worn out punching the cash register; a black-jack game—"bet 'em high, wide and handsome, and sleep in the streets," the motto of a wide section of the population.

Red Saturday night, when the younger generation swings into Primrose path on two wheels, is up to forty in second gear and making eighty by the end of the first block to flash on to the end—whatever it may be—disregarding all the stop signs.

Or so you've been told by the



Camilla Horn

Ice Embers

Red Saturday's Flame Is
Only a Chill as Glow
Winks.

BY ARCH STEINEL

A criminal court jury this afternoon was to decide whether John L. Smith, 33, of Grand hotel, is guilty of robbing Charles Diner, operator of a restaurant at 109 Kentucky avenue of \$875 last Monday morning.

A jury was impaneled, opening statements made and all evidence before the jury before noon. Criminal Judge James A. Collins allowed an hour for closing arguments this afternoon.

The daylight robbery occurred in Diner's restaurant. According to state's evidence, Smith and a man dressed in brown" frisked Diner at the point of two guns. Then, Diner and Edward C. Hill, 48 South Belmont avenue, manager of the restaurant, were tied and pushed into a room in the rear of the place.

Diner and Hill told of chasing Smith after he and the unidentified robber left the restaurant. Traffic policeman John Madden, who arrested Smith, testified he threw a right, to necker-land we go.

Smith, however, testified he had gambled with Diner and "two other gentlemen" Saturday night. He said he won \$500 of the money at that time. He also said he went back to the place Monday morning and succeeded in "cleaning out" Diner within half an hour.

He said he was walking down a side street counting the money when Madden commanded him to halt.

Smith said he had lived here a month. He said he knew only "some of the boys around the hotel who placed pony bets with Diner and Pete Concilio, attorney."

Concilio was questioned in the probe of the Edward Traugott & Co. fire and explosion by William H. Remy, county prosecutor.

STOP 'GLOBE TROTTERS'

Boy Runaways From Muncie Picked
Up Here.

Two Muncie boys, Emil and Bernard Reiselman, 8 and 12 years old, set out to see the world Saturday, and got as far as Indianapolis on their globe trotting tour.

They were picked up at Raymond and Meridian streets, where they were hiding in a weed patch, and taken to police headquarters.

HOLD FUNF TONIGHT

American Society of Steel Treating to Stage Affair at C. of C.
Indianapolis chapter of American Society of Steel Treating will hold Christmas funfest tonight at the Chamber of Commerce.

H. B. Knowlton, metallurgist of the International Harvester Company, Ft. Wayne, will speak. A dance will follow the address.

TAKES POST JAN. 1

Professor D. E. Weidler, Columbia University will become head of the education department at Indiana Central college Jan. 1 succeeding Dr. H. W. Marshall who becomes head of the psychology department of the State Normal university of New Mexico. It was announced today by President I. J. Good.

Annexation of territory between Michigan and Sixteenth and Emerson and Arlington will be discussed.

Drab talk vivifies and the dimly-lit room brightens.

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children. She works among the city's poor.

"My hand—how did it get scratched? Oh, he didn't mean it. He's not—not all there, you know. I told him not to do something. He didn't obey. I tried to take hold of him, to talk to him. Then he did it—."

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ette's door.

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