

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 his victims in the jungles of Haiti, in Arabia among the Yezidee 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 just 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 conviction 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 Wilbert 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 Rehmeyer's hair to break a spell he had cast on them."

"That is not so—a lock of hair in black magic is used only to put a death spell on the person from whom it came. If they went to get a lock of Rehmeyer's hair, they were after an ingredient for a death charm against him. Had they buried it eight feet underground where it would rot, as they apparently intended, it is conceivable that Rehmeyer would have sickened and died."

Two Forms

"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 parallels in civilization."

"Number one is imitative magic. In medieval Germany and Italy—among savages, too—this 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."

"I am a rationalist about these

OH, HOW STOCKING!

Exit Bare Legs in Hollywood

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

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.

Gilliom, I do not believe 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 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."

"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 declared he and another youth 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

Four Youths to Be Tried by Juvenile Authorities.

Four 11-year-old boys, apprehended looting the Stout hardware store at 1701 Howard street Sunday afternoon, are held for juvenile authorities on charges of petty larceny and delinquency. They were captured by a passerby.

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

DOKKIES INITIATE CLASS

Shambah Temple Members, Indianapolis, Attended South Bend Meeting.

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

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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GILLIOM GIVES RATE RULING

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 Insull 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 Insull 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 sale.

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.

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

ALLEGED CAFE BANDIT'S TRIAL NEARS CLOSE

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

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 away a gun.

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 has 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 Trautogt & 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 Relselmann, 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 FUNFEST TONIGHT

American Society of Steel Treating to Stage Affair at C. of C.

Indianapolis chapter of American Society of Steel Treating will hold a 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. Welder, 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.

Ice Embers

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

BY ARCH STEINEL
RED Saturday night! Six days' work sloughed off in one night of theater loges, 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 dyspeptics.

TO necker-land, then, to find out where the (Y) East begins. One who remembers the days when necking was done in vine-hidden porch swings or in dim-lit living rooms with no one at all around, still young enough to set in on Red Saturday night and not be suspected.

All right, to necker-land we go.

INTO the shaded glow of a North Meridian kitchenette, where the slogan is "Take your coat off and start the Vic."

Dramatic persona: A glue salesman from "Chi," who refuses cigarettes and hands out cigars from a never-ending supply; a black-mustached clerk with a flair for 1928 neckties; "down-souther" with a "suh" at each request for a cigaret light; two Indiana co-eds, heavy footed, but happy; a seller of "Trader Horn's" and Van Dine's work who aspires to be an Ann Pennington—and "Scratches."

GINGER ale misses the glasses and spits at the ceiling. "This uns got too much in it."

"Put on another record, Trader Horn."

Couples slide on the apartment's concrete floor to the wheezy melody of a phonograph on its last table-legs. Bodies close together? Wrong. A public dance hall could not ask for better decorum.

ICE is cracked. Glasses shine with chilled promise of inward warmth. They're "tossing" now. This—maybe—is the "necker-ing" hour.

Nope! A surreptitious kiss perhaps, a hug and then shrugging shoulders that flounce from her companion's into the waiting arms of the southerner who wants to dance.

Drab talk vivifies and the dimly-lit room brightens.

"SCRATCHES" talks—of her 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—"

"There's a rainbow 'round my shoulder," moans the phonograph. Slipped feet skid on the kitchenette floor dodging divans and chairs.

SMOG sifts through the opened window to mingle with the stale odor of empty glasses and cigaret butts.

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And blushes, thinking of wilder nights in a vine-shaded porch swing or a dim-lit living room.

SUMMER WHITE HOUSE URGED BY COOLIDGE NOTE

President Gives Need in Letter Felicitating Newspaper.

BY UNITED PRESS
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 10.—Establishment of a summer White House "in the hills within easy striking distance of Washington, where the President could get a complete change of atmosphere," is advocated by President Coolidge in a personal letter to Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, felicitating that paper on its fiftieth anniversary edition, Sunday.

The President intimately discussing his personal health habits since attaining office, asserts, "I have been the healthiest President that the country has ever had," but points out that any chief executive who "permits himself to be engaged in all kinds of outside enterprises will last in office about ninety days."

"As a President about to retire," Mr. Coolidge writes, "I feel at liberty to write of certain phases of that office which one who was entering upon its duties might feel some hesitation in discussing. It is of course obvious that the President should not burden himself with details. Those should be attended to by his department and his office staff."

"There is, however, one thing which the government could do which I think would be of great physical assistance to the President. Washington is practically at sea level. Its climate is exceedingly good all the year round, but at times the humidity is high, and, unrelieved, it becomes monotonous."

"The only avenue of escape for the President is the naval boat Mayflower. The handicap about the Mayflower is that it must necessarily go down the Potomac, which is a change of view and of considerable relief, but affords no change in altitude and very little in climatic conditions."

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Black Sheep

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A flock of sheep faces accusations of stealing—and eating—eleven money orders for a Postmaster W. L. Clemmons, at Temo, Tex., postoffice inspectors were advised today.

Clemmons reported loss of the orders. He said he slept in the sheep lot in warm weather. The money orders were under his mattress. Clemmons said the sheep pulled eleven orders out and ate them.

LINER AGROUND; 255 LANDED

Celtic Goes on Rocks in Iceland.

BY UNITED PRESS
QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Dec. 10.—The White Star liner Celtic, carrying 255 passengers from New York to Liverpool, was aground today off Roches Point, near here. The passengers included twenty-nine survivors of the steamship Vestris which sank last month off the Virginia Capes.

The passengers have been landed by tenders at Queenstown. The sea was calm and there was no danger. There are 412 members of the crew still to be taken off.

First efforts to re-float the vessel, which grounded at 5 a. m., have been unsuccessful. The Dutch tug Geelze and the local tug Morescock, are standing by after the failure of their first attempt to get the boat off.

The tide was ebbing at noon and another attempt to re-float the ship will be made at 5 p. m. when the water rises.

The ship itself, although high on the rocks, is in no immediate danger. The groundswell did not affect it and the southwest wind was light.

The Celtic grounded in the darkness, 300 yards south of Roches Point, near the Carlisle and Camden forts.

LEAVES BLOOD TRAIL

Burglar Badly Cut When Entering Broken Window.

Although apparently severely cut when he crashed through a plate glass window to gain entrance to a filling station at Shelby and Morris streets Sunday night, a burglar went through his task of ransacking the station and found \$42 in a hiding place.

Several blood soaked rags gave evidence of the seriousness of his wounds.

E. A. Stockdale, proprietor of a barber shop at 23 North East street, reported the theft of two slot machines Sunday night from his shop.

The A. & P. grocery at 2617 East Eighteenth street, was entered Sunday night by prowlers, who took a quantity of candy and cookies, the proprietor, W. H. Young, reported to police today.

STATE HOSPITAL FOR MENTALLY SICK IS URGED

Social Work Conference Meets; Passage of Bill Is Sought.

Establishment of a state psychiatric hospital is urged in the annual report of the Indiana State Conference on Social Work, and an effort to pass a bill in the state legislature providing for the erection of such a hospital will be made at the next session of the lawmaking group.

A paper prepared by Monsignore Francis H. Gavisk, president of the social group, read before the thirteenth annual convention of the Indiana Society for Mental Hygiene at the Claypool this morning, outlined the need of a psychiatric hospital as part of a state program for the care and treatment of the insane, feeble minded and epileptic.

The annual meet of the mental hygiene society began this morning with Amos W. Butler, president, presiding. It closes tonight.

A psychiatric hospital, the paper said, would save the state thousands of dollars and restore to normalcy large percentage of persons who are consigned to insane asylums.

A state-wide clinical service and a more thoroughly organized psychiatric social workers unit, to care for out patients also was urged.

"What Psychiatry Can do to Prevent Crime" was the subject of Dr. Herman H. Adler, director of the Institute for Juvenile Research, Chicago.

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