

'BLACK MAGIC CURSE' FEAR PLACES WOMAN IN SHADOW OF CHAIR FOR KILLING MATE

Clandestine Love, Greed for Gold and Threat by 'Witch' Lead to Brutal Murder of 70-Year-Old Husband.

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SUNBURY, Pa., Feb. 20.—Fear of a "black magic curse" has placed Mrs. Mary Stancavage, 49-year-old Italian-American, in the shadow of Pennsylvania's electric chair.

The superstitious, mild-mannered woman now is under sentence of death in the Northumberland county jail here, charged with beating her aged husband, Jacob Stancavage, 70, a retired miner, to death with a hammer.

Clandestine love, greed for gold and a witches' curse, led Mary and Clement Kieselski, 52, crippled step-son of Jacob Stancavage, into one of the most brutal crimes in this section in history.

Mary was a widow. She washed clothes for Jacob and Clem. The trio became friendly.

Last spring Clem suggested that Mary and Jacob get married. Stancavage was a widower and lonely. Clem was a helpless cripple, and Mary was homeless.

Threatened With "Curse"

The wedding took place and the three lived at Jacob's home in Shamokin.

All went well for a while. Then Clem began to wield an uncanny influence over the household.

Mary and Clem entered an agreement to kill Jacob so they could have the house to themselves, according to trial testimony.

The woman testified that Clem "threatened to place a curse of blindness" on her unless she killed her husband.

First they planned to kill Stancavage with a razor, and later they planned to administer poison to the man. Both times they lost their nerve.

"Clem always urged me to kill him so we could have the place alone," Mary testified. "He had a hammer, which I put in a closet. I went down to the kitchen that night. Clem was in his room. He called through the open register. Tonight's a good night to kill Jacob. Barth was out in the back yard. He has a bad record. They will suspect him."

"I went down to bed. I could not sleep. I heard the clock strike one. I got up and put the hammer beside the bed. All was quiet.

"I waited and got up again. My husband was sleeping on his left side. I struck him on the side of the head with the hammer.

"He Was Still Kicking"

"I went over and told Clem. We came back. My husband was sitting up, trying to put on his trousers.

"I took the hammer with both hands and hit him on top of the head, as hard as I could.

"Then Clem hit him in the small of the back. We went out and had a couple of drinks.

"We came back to see if Jacob was still alive. He was still kicking. 'Clem hit him a couple more times than he lay still."

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Services will be conducted by the Rev. William A. Shulenberger, pastor of the Central Christian church. Burial will be in Memorial Park. Mr. Borton, a wood turner, was a member of the Red Men's lodge and the Central Christian church.

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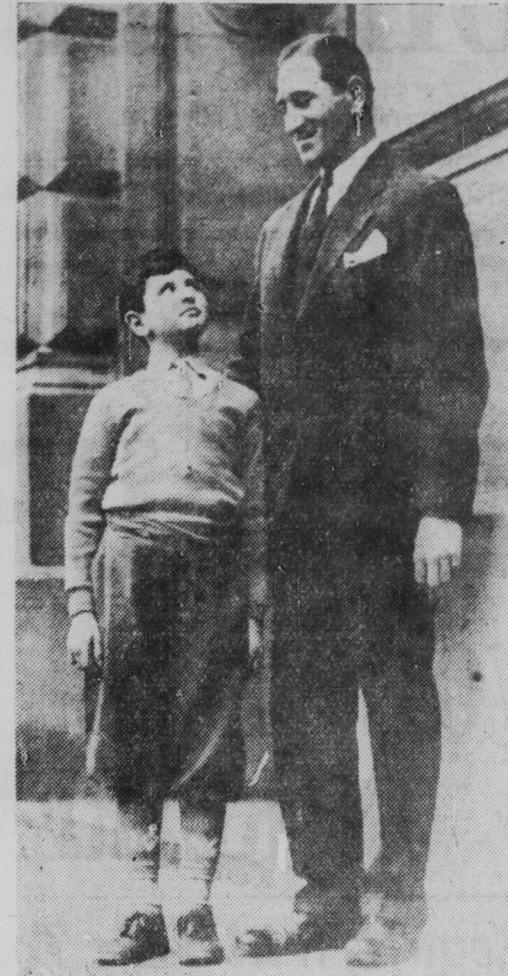
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GETS EARLY START AS RISING POLITICIAN



Although he is one of the youngest members of the senate, Senator Jacob Weiss (Dem., Indianapolis), already is planning an even earlier political start for his son, Richard Lawrence Weiss. Through the week "Dick" has been serving as a senate page. He is 9.

COUPLE WEDDED ON MONUMENT

Marital Rites Performed 228 1/2 Feet Above Downtown Area.

A new use has been found for the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument as result of the wedding of Miss Anita Hall and Frank Walker on the monument balcony, 228 1/2 feet above ground. Sunday afternoon.

The marital rites were performed by the Rev. F. T. Walker, East Park M. E. church pastor.

Both bride and bridegroom admitted they were nervous, contemplating the possibility of the balcony giving way and plunging them 228 1/2 feet to the earth, adding to the usual tension of a couple about to enter the bonds of matrimony.

Having the wedding from the lofty perch was decided on when it was found finances would not permit having the ceremony performed in an airplane, Walker explained.

Walker, a representative of the Hook Drug Company, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker, Columbus City, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hall, Roachdale. They will be at home at 631 North Tuxedo avenue.

CITY WOMAN SAVED FROM SMOKE DEATH

Nearly Asphyxiated in Home: Revived by Firemen.

Smoke from a furnace fire nearly caused the asphyxiation of Mrs. Anna Dobyns in her home at 315 East St. Clair street today.

The fire department rescue squad was called to the home and revived Mrs. Dobyns. She refused an offer to go to city hospital.

Police were told that Mrs. Dobyns had gone to the basement to refuel the furnace fire, but finding it nearly out, had added kindling and paper, and the house ended with smoke.

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SIX PHYSICIANS ADDED TO CITY HOSPITAL STAFF

Named to Handle Calls for Out-Patient Service by Board.

Heavy demand for out-patient service from city hospital led today to appointment of six additional practicing physicians to the staff and a reorganization in the method of handling cases. The new program was formulated by the board of health at the hospital Sunday.

Division of the city into eight districts with a practicing physician in each area handling out-patient calls from the city dispensary is expected to increase capacity of the department, the board declared.

Previously, out-patient calls were handled by two practicing physicians and two internes. Under the new arrangement, internes will remain in the dispensary at the hospital to handle patients able to call for treatment.

Physicians handling out-patient calls and their locations are:

Doctors Harry Rabb, 1204 East Tenth street, and Carl Reifeis, 117 East Palmer street, retained under the former plan, and Doctors E. J. Mathews, 4612 East Tenth street; John Parker, 15 North Oriental street; E. W. Scheier, 1706 Prospect street; Martin Ruth, Reisner and Howard street; Maurice Kahler, 3611 1/2 West Michigan street, and Paul Furgason, 3110 Clinton street.

Calls will be referred to the physician in the district through the dispensary. Requests are to be made to the dispensary as usual, it was said.

The board took under advisement a plan submitted by the Marion County Medical Association under which services would be provided by any physician in the city.

Payment for the services would be made by prorating the amount appropriated for out-patient calls on the basis of the number of calls made by each doctor.

Although receiving careful consideration, no action was taken on the plan because it was felt that there remained many organizations details still to be perfected, the board said.

TUBE TO TREAT CANCER

Giant X-Ray Equipment Will Be Installed in Chicago Hospital.

By SCIENCE SERVICE

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Cancer soon will be treated at Mercy hospital, Chicago, with a giant X-ray tube, with a voltage of 800,000 and a radiation output equivalent to radium worth \$75,000,000.

The new tube is about to be shipped from the General Electric laboratories here. The 800,000-volt instrument has several times the energy rating of the cancer treating tube installed about two years ago in Memorial hospital, New York.

The tube itself is fourteen feet long and it is being installed in such manner as to assure comfort and safety of patients and the hospital staff.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 Tuesday in the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, 25 West Fall Creek boulevard.

Creation will follow.

Mrs. Long was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the League of American Women, the Department Club, the Southern Club, Epsilon Sigma Omicron, National Business and Professional Women's Club, Daughters of the Confederacy, Kentucky Folk Lore Society, Guild of Seven Seals Chautauqua, Literary and Scientific Circle of New York, Woman's Rotary Club, Huguenot Society of South Carolina and an honorary member of Phi Beta, professional fraternity of music and dramatic art.

Among the signs were Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago; John Dewey, Columbia University; Waldo Frank, author; Jeanette Rankin, first woman member of congress; H. L. Mencken, editor and author; Paul Kellogg, editor of the Survey Graphic; and Hubert Herring, executive secretary of the committee on cultural relations with Latin-American.

Senor de la Torre has done much for Latin-American prestige. He belongs to the same international school as Rómulo, Senor Unamuno, Manuel Ugarte, and others.

The congresses of Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Ecuador have protested against his imprisonment. He is a native of Peru. The petitioners suggest he might be liberated on condition that he leave the country at once.

Burial Rites Are Set

Funeral services for William Woodall, former resident of Indianapolis, who died last Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. Felt, in Mt. Carmel, Ill., were held in Mt. Carmel Pentecostal Assembly Friday. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Linton, Ind.

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