



1925-2025

un an avec Howard Phillips Lovecraft
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« Samedi, le 11, je me suis levé tôt, j'ai lu un peu et reçu un appel téléphonique de Small Sonny, dont l'adresse estivale, jusqu'à nouvel ordre, sera l'hôtel Wellesley, Thousand Island Park, N.Y. Lui et moi avions eu des nouvelles, ce matin-là, du puissant Alfredus-Child qui, loin de venir à N.Y., se trouve dans un siège de la gauloiserie tout aussi approprié que Paris lui-même ! Le petit coquin a quitté la Nouvelle-Orléans (en 3e classe) le 14 du mois dernier et s'est depuis imprégné de l'accent et des couleurs de Paris, tandis que sa femme étudie à la Sorbonne. Ils habitent un hôtel plutôt coûteux dans la rue Madame, et Galpinus ne semble pas être déçu le moins du monde — jusqu'à présent — par la ville historique de ses rêves. Il promet de nous en écrire des descriptions détaillées avec ses impressions. Pour en revenir au samedi, en début d'après-midi, je suis allé chez Sonny et j'ai passé le reste de la journée à discuter de littérature et de science. À 6 h 30, nous sommes allés à pied au bureau de poste et à la bibliothèque, puis nous sommes revenus au 823 pour le dîner et d'autres discussions. À 9 heures, tout le monde — Sonny, sa maman, son papa et grand-père Theobald — s'est rendu à une séance de cinéma locale et, à 11 heures, les adieux généraux s'en sont ensuivis, pour des retrouvailles à l'automne. Puis métro, retour au 169 et couché.

Des nouvelles de Galpin, une soirée chez les Belknap, la vie de New York en été est bien familiale. Heureusement quand même qu'on a parlé science.



C'est fréquemment, dans les années à venir, que les Belknap Long passeront à Providence pour embarquer Lovecraft, qui partagera avec eux — Vermont ou Cape Cod — voyages et vacances. Mais, là, c'est la séparation jusqu'à l'automne : ils rejoignent le Wellesley Hotel, à Wellesley, une des « Thousand Islands ».

Dock at Fine View, Thousand Islands, N. Y.



[1925, samedi 11 juillet]

Up early — read — Sonny telephone — over to Sonny's for afternoon & evening — out to P.O. & Library — dinner — cinema show at Symphony — bid adieu — return & retire.

Levé tôt. Lu. Frank Belknap Long téléphone. On va chez lui tout l'après-midi et le soir. Puis à la Poste et à la bibliothèque. Dîner. Spectacle de cinéma au Symphony. Grands adieux. Retour et couché.

Pour l'été, Frank Belknap Long accompagne ses parents dans les Thousands Islands, l'archipel des Mille Îles, 590 kilomètres au nord, au débouché du lac Ontario tout près de la frontière du Canada (tiens, c'était aussi le pays de John Ravenor Bullen, pour lequel Lovecraft a écrit ce grand article dans le *United Amateurs* à paraître). à la frontière des États-Unis et du Canada, dans l'estuaire du Saint-Laurent, d'où les adieux. En attendant, hier le cinéma avec Sonia, aujourd'hui avec Sonny, son papa et sa maman : mais, une fois de plus, le programme ne semble pas l'avoir marqué. On ouvre à Newark un cinéma « Symphony Hall », mais ce sera seulement en septembre et c'est un peu loin. Des nouvelles de Galpin, mais c'est Sonny qui a reçu la lettre, en tout cas rien dans le volume Hippocampus des lettres à Galpin : on fera connaissance de son épouse fin août, lorsqu'elle leur rendra visite à New York. Puis cette étrangeté d'écrire dans un carnet avec agenda réglé : l'expression & retire qui vient boucler cinq fois le carnet, c'est bien la première et dernière fois, comme un amen de missel. Cinq cases par pages, de taille égale : parfois l'écriture de Lovecraft se fait minuscule pour en mettre le plus possible dans le petit espace. D'autres fois, s'installe dans la marge pour un complément. Et si vraiment ça déborde sur le jour suivant et qu'il refait le trait à la main, le lendemain devra bien tenir en une ligne. Dans le journal, retour sur le meurtre de ce chauffeur de taxi de Long Island, c'est froid, sordide et violent, on se croirait dans un mauvais film (celui que Lovecraft et les Belknap Long ont vu ce soir-là ?), ce qui n'empêche pas le *NYT* de publier en page 2 sa glorieuse photo — on le recherche. Que la ville de New York se voit interdire de jeter ses ordures à la mer ? Quelle idée (on en a déjà parlé). Et début officiel du procès Scopes à Dayton près Nashville : oui, le monde s'étonne, il y a de quoi... Enfin petit point météo : une averse géante dure trois heures et transforme en lacs les rues du bas Brooklyn.

New York Times, 11 juillet 1925. Philip K Knapp, un ancien étudiant de la Cornell, et fils d'une famille renommée de Syracuse (New York), est recherché par la police de Nassau County, en relation avec le meurtre de Louis Panella, un chauffeur de taxi de Hampstead (Long Island, et comme déserteur de l'armée. Le capitaine Frank Mc Cahill, chef de la police de Nassau County, a dit qu'il s'était rendu devant le juge de Mineola aujourd'hui et avait demandé un mandat d'arrêt au nom de Knapp, avec suspicion de meurtre. Le meurtre de Panella a beaucoup de points communs avec les affaires Leopold et Loeb, ont déclaré la police et l'armée. Knapp a laissé une lettre pour son père, William W Knapp, 209 Lincoln Park Drive, Syracuse, et pour le commandant de son escadre aérienne, le capitaine H C Drayton, avant sa désertion de Mitchel Field le 3 juillet, et une absence de trois jours. Il n'est jamais revenu. Dans sa lettre, il avoue être hanté par l'idée qu'il trouverait le frisson suprême qu'il recherche en prenant une vie humaine. Il dit dans cette lettre qu'il a d'abord pensé prendre sa propre vie. Mais en a conclu que le frisson serait trop court, ou, selon ses propres mots : « la jouissance de contempler le visage qui meurt serait absente ». Knapp a été la dernière personne vue avec le chauffeur de taxi avant qu'on retrouve le corps de Panella à demi-enterré dans les ruines du vieil hôpital de Camp Mills, sur Hempstead Plains. Selon le capitaine McCahill, cinq témoins ont reconnu Knapp, parmi des photographies, comme étant l'homme qui avait revendu le taxi de Panella. à la Knickerboker Auto Sales Company, se faisant passer lui-même pour le chauffeur de taxi. Knapp aurait présenté vendredi la licence de taxi de Panella et le permis d'exercer de son employeur, pour négocier la vente à 1000 dollars. On lui a dit de revenir lundi pour un prix convenu de 900 dollars. La signature au nom de Panella pour retirer le chèque à la Pacific Bank a été identifiée comme celle de Knapp.

YEAR'S BIGGEST RAIN FAILS TO COOL CITY

Sudden Downpour Forms Big Lakes in Brooklyn Streets and Stops Many Cars.

ONE DEATH DUE TO HEAT

An Aged Man, Prostrated, Falls on the Street and Fractures His Skull.

The city and suburbs were drenched yesterday by the heaviest rainstorm of the year, when 2.89 inches fell between 1:10 and 3:35 P. M. The three-hour downpour gave temporary relief from the intense humidity that permeated the atmosphere during the forenoon, but as soon as the skies cleared the humidity arose again until it was hovering near 90. At 10 o'clock in the morning it had reached the peak of 91. The highest temperature recorded during the day was after the rainstorm, when the mercury mounted to 79 degrees.

Despite the intensity of the rain, virtually no damage was reported in Manhattan and the Bronx, though streets and cellars were flooded in parts of Brooklyn.

There was one death due indirectly to the heat yesterday. Falling to the pavement when he was prostrated, Alexander Vassilieff, 70 years old, of 125 Avenue, the Bronx, suffered a fractured skull and died in Fordham Hospital.

In various sections of Brooklyn the storm was almost a cloudburst. The tremendous volume of water found the sewers in some places entirely inadequate, and it backed up.

At Flatbush Avenue and Clarendon Road the water formed a pool several feet deep and extending several blocks. At 2:45 P. M. the Brooklyn City Railroad Company found it necessary to re-route the cars of the Flatbush Avenue line because of the impossibility of passing the flooded section.

In Bayonne, N. J., trolley and bus service was hampered.

EX-COLLEGE STUDENT ACCUSED OF SLAYING TAXI MAN FOR THRILL

Army and Police Hunting Philip Knapp, Scion of Prominent Syracuse Family.

DESERTER FROM MINEOLA

Last Man Seen With Slain Taxi Driver Near Camp Mills—Said to Have Sold Victim's Car.

TRAILED TOWARD CANADA

Note He Left In Camp, Seemingly
Deranged, Makes Case Look Like
That of Leopold and Loeb.

Philip R. Knapp, a former Cornell student, and member of a prominent Syracuse (N. Y.) family, is being sought by the police of Nassau County and the army authorities at Mitchel Field, Mineola, in connection with the murder last Wednesday of Louis Panels, a taxicab driver of Hempstead, L. I., and as a deserter from the army.

Captain Frank McCallan, in charge of the police of Nassau County, said he would go before County Judge Long at Mineola today and ask for a warrant for Knapp's arrest on a charge of murder. The Fanella murder has many features similar to the Leopold and Loeb case, according to the police and army officials.

Knapp left a letter for his father, William W. Knapp, 200 Lincoln Park Drive, Syracuse, and for his air squadron commander, Captain H. C. Drayton, before he departed from Mitchel Field on July 3 on a leave of absence of three days. He never returned. In his letter he admitted that he was haunted by the idea that he would find the supreme thrill for which he was seeking in taking "human life."

He said in his letter that he had even contemplated taking his own life. But he must have concluded that the thrill would be too short, or, as he put it, "the utter enjoyment of facing death was absent."

Knapp was the last man seen with the taxicab driver before Panella's body was found partly buried in a trench in the ruins of an old hospital building of Camp Mills, on Hempstead Plains. According to Police Captain McCahill five witnesses have identified a picture of Knapp as that of the man who sold Panella's taxicab to the Knickerbocker Auto Sales Company, and who posed as the taxicab driver when he disposed of it.

EX-COLLEGE STUDENT ACCUSED OF SLAYING

Don, who worked in the cleanup room, was forced to knock the Simpson door and to help the police in their Statewide search. Sergeant Harold King, of the Albany police, said that the men were hot on the trail of the fugitives according to reports they made to Captain McCallum.

Fugitive Traced Up-State.

The pursuers said they had traced Knapp to Albany, where he had been staying at the Hotel Albany, 100 South Pearl St., N. Y., where he was seen yesterday afternoon. Captain McCallum instructed Captain W. H. Clegg, of the Albany and Western New York to send out a general alarm for Knapp, who apparently had been in Albany for a week.

Under the name of P. P. Rogers of Buffalo, Knapp is believed to have been staying at the Hotel Albany, an Albany hotel. He left Wednesday morning but failed to pay his bill. The fugitive was traced to Albany by means made possible by a photograph which

In the letter he wrote to his father and commanding commander Knapp admitted that the next step he would know to all "absolutely," and further admitted that he had "no desire to involve himself of the utter impossibility of detection." The letter was drawn in military form. It was a full drawn in military form.

First Observation Squadron (R. S.)
Mitchell Field, L. I., N. Y., 1923.

Subject: Disappearance of Phillip K. To: William W. Knapp, 200 Lincoln Park Drive, Syosset, N. Y.
Commanding, 1st
Oba. Sqdrn. (Copy.)

1. In view of the disappearance of Mr. William Knapp on Mitchell Field June 25, 1923, the father of the missing man would like to call the attention of the writer to the wisdom of conducting a search for him.

PHILIP K. KNAPP,
Educated Youth, Now a Fugitive, Accused of Wanton Murder for Sake of a Woman.

Left Clothes to "the Boys." Knapp also wrote a letter to Privates Dufour before he took leave of Mitchell Field. In that letter, he left instructions for his clothes to be given among a few of his army friends, according to Major Hendren. After asking that his children should be given to the boys, Knapp specifically requested that his light coat be given to Sergeant Major J. B. Britton of the First Observation Squadron. The postman, Albany, N. Y., Wednesday, July 8, 1:20 P.M., was received from Knapp by "another army friend at Mitchell Field." Private William Hendren, of the First Observation Squadron, wrote: "I am going to stay in Albany for a few days. It is too hot in New York." Captain McEachin made public the sub-

stance of a letter that Knapp had received at Mitchell Field from Miss Faye Knapp, in which she gave the name and address of the young woman's address, and also described the young woman's appearance. The letter also contained descriptions of airplane flights that had been made by the young woman, who, she expressed apprehension for the safety of the young woman, and asked that she be given no information. The girl told him she was the daughter of a man who had been killed in the air raid.

house, he told his landlady that he intended to go to the beach on Saturday, but did not return on the next day. His disappearance was reported to the police.

Statewide search was made for Knapp and the police and other searchers concluded that his disappearance was voluntary. He had been seen and disclosed that he had purchased a motorcycle and made a tour of the

End Incompletely Buried

HOME KNOWS KNAPP AS ROVER
Fugitive's Parents Prominent in
Syracuse Social Circles.

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CITY WARNED TO END GARBAGE DUMPING; SILZER COMPLAINS

Acting War Secretary Writes
Mayor Hylan, Reporting Beaches
Ruined, Health Menaced.

WILL WITHDRAW PERMIT

He Vetoed Suggestion to Take
Refuse Further Seaward and
Urges Haste on Incinerators.

CITY DECLARED POWERLESS

Commissioner Taylor Says Nothing
Else Can Be Done Just Now,
and Denies Refuse Is City's.

Special to The New York Times.
WASHINGTON, July 10.—New York must cease dumping its garbage at sea. A warning to that effect has been sent to Mayor Hylan by Colonel Dwight F. Davis, Acting Secretary of War, as a result of a complaint made to the department by Governor Silzer of New Jersey.

The New Jersey Governor asserts that the refuse washed up on the beaches of that State has almost destroyed the resorts for bathing purposes, and created a condition detrimental to health. His complaint suggested that the difficulty might be overcome by requiring the New York authorities to send the garbage much further out to sea, but the War Department has come to the conclusion that the sea dumping must cease altogether, "as soon as possible."

This decision was reached by the War Department after it had also received a report on the garbage-dumping situation from Captain John C. Fremont of the navy, who is supervisor of New York Harbor.

In a previous effort to cure the situation complained of, the point of dumping New York City garbage some time ago was placed further seaward than was at first required, and it now is twenty-two miles from Seabright, the nearest point on the Jersey coast, and fourteen miles from High Island Beach, Long Island. Captain Fremont stated in his report that he was taking steps to minimize and obviate the nuisance, but that it would take some time. He believes the conditions complained of by Governor Silzer are caused by more than the dumping of New York garbage at sea, and this point was emphasized by Acting Secretary Davis in a letter to Governor Silzer, when he informed the latter that "there is reason to think that the city is not wholly to blame."

SCOPES JURY CHOSEN WITH DRAMATIC SPEED AFTER PRAYER OPENS PICTURESQUE TRIAL; STATE FIGHTS TESTIMONY BY SCIENTISTS

Who's Who and What's What in Scopes Trial

Plaintiff—The People of the State of Tennessee through their legal officers, who have the aid of volunteer outside counsel.

Defendant—John Thomas Scopes, 24 years old, native of Paducah, Ky., teacher of biology in the Rhea County High School at Dayton.

The Charge—That Scopes taught his pupils that man descended from some other order of animals, in violation of a State statute forbidding such teaching.

Possibility—A fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for each offense.

Counsel for Prosecution—William Jennings Bryan, ex-Presidential candidate and ex-Secretary of State; General Ben McKenzie, ex-District Attorney of Dayton; J. Gordon McKenzie, his son; Sue and Herbert Hicks, young Dayton lawyers; E. T. Stewart, Circuit Attorney General; W. E. White, Superintendent of Schools and County Prosecutor; W. C. Harwood, Lawyer.

Counsel for Defense—Clarence Darrow of Chicago, noted criminal lawyer; John E. Neal, Knoxville, former acting Dean of the University of Tennessee Law School; Dudley Field Malone, New York attorney.

The Jury—W. F. Robertson, tenant farmer; J. W. Dayley, farmer; James Riley, farmer; W. J. Taylor, farmer; F. L. Gentry, farmer; James Taylor, J. R. Thomas, farmer owner (retired); W. D. Smith, farmer; W. J. Dyer, retired farmer; J. G. Gandy, shipping clerk; J. H. Wright, farmer; J. H. Bowman, farmer; H. L. West, farmer.

Trial before Judge J. T. Rountree of Winchester, Tenn., Judge of the Eighteenth Tennessee Circuit, in Rhea County Court House, Dayton.

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It is enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That it shall be unlawful for any teacher in any of the universities, normal and all other public schools of the State which are supported in whole or in part by the public funds of the State, to teach any theory that denies the story of the Divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals.

*If it further enacted, That any teacher found guilty of the violation of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. **

If it further enacted, That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

EUROPE IS AMAZED BY THE SCOPES CASE

British and Continental Press
Report the Proceedings and
Comment on its Significance.

NOTED SCIENTISTS PROTEST

Lloyd George and Theologians
Are Also Quoted in Condem-
nation of Tennessee Law.

Special to The New York Times.

LONDON, July 10.—The Scopes trial at Dayton, Tenn., attracted considerable attention of the British press, scientists and public men. All the published opinion strongly condemns the prosecution of the teacher, and especially the statement that an American State should attempt to prevent its teaching of the known facts of evolution.

Lloyd George, in his opinion to the London *Times* on British newsmen on the Dayton trial, in a special article to be published in the *Sunday News* the former premier, according to The Christian Science Monitor, could never arise in Great Britain.

"With us the question of teaching Darwinism in the schools has never arisen, for we say, 'Let the children come to us to that it ever could arise, but the better or non-biased in the Darwinian theory fails to become the text book of the teacher,'

William Jennings Bryan's "duty to the dead" with "the enemies of the Bible" was quoted.

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up noon - read paper & Wards
Tales - bread part - wrote

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letters for SH - read - out w/

SUN. SH in open car to Prospect

5 Park - walk around & to
track down Flatbush Ave. - Chi-
restaurant in Times Plaza -
via State St - read & retire

up noon - dusted room - wrote letters

MON.

6 Stars - dinner - more
writing - out for groceries -
read & retire. LOC III

7 Early - Lays call briefly & go
out - write all day - dinner

TUES.

SH return - write more
7 - read & retire

up early - sweep room - write -
read Autograde book - out with SH
Gowanus & Brooklyn - groceries
dinner

WED.

- write more - start for
meeting at Sonny's - only

8 Leeds, Kirk, Lays, Sonny
SHPL project. She's new sat-
get Leeds material. Ly. 1.00 a day
subway home & retire.

THUR.

up early - read Wards

9 Tales - out with SH
walk Prospect Park - Flatbush - dinner
cafeteria - walk back - 25¢ - park
read again - walk home - dinner &
given old tie - read & retire

10 up early - read - out with SH
errands - dinner Joe's - cinema -
are same People - walk around
Bklyn 14th - retire, read, & retire.

11 Early - read - Sonny, telephone.

12 over to Sonny's for
to P.O. & Library - dinner - business
show at Symphony - bid at rally
return & retire.

Table of Wages by the Month.

\$18	19	20	25	Ds.	30	35	40	60
.50	.53	.67	.83	1	1.00	1.17	1.33	2.00
.69	.73	.77	.96	1	1.15	1.35	1.54	2.31
1.38	1.46	1.54	1.92	2	2.31	2.69	3.08	4.62
2.08	2.19	2.31	2.88	3	3.46	4.04	4.62	6.92
2.77	2.92	3.08	3.85	4	4.62	5.38	6.15	9.23
3.46	3.65	3.85	4.81	5	5.77	6.73	7.69	11.54
4.15	4.38	4.62	5.77	6	6.92	8.08	9.23	13.85
4.85	5.12	5.38	6.73	7	8.08	9.42	10.77	16.15
5.54	5.85	6.15	7.69	8	9.23	10.77	12.31	18.46
6.23	6.58	6.92	8.65	9	10.38	12.12	13.85	20.77
6.92	7.31	7.69	9.62	10	11.54	13.46	15.38	23.08
7.62	8.04	8.46	10.58	11	12.69	14.81	16.92	25.38
8.31	8.77	9.23	11.54	12	13.85	16.15	18.46	27.69
9.00	9.50	10.00	12.50	13	15.00	17.50	20.00	30.00
9.69	10.23	10.77	14.46	14	16.15	18.85	21.54	32.31
10.38	10.96	11.54	14.42	15	17.31	20.19	23.08	34.62
11.08	11.63	12.31	15.38	16	18.46	21.54	24.62	36.92
11.77	12.42	13.08	16.33	17	19.62	22.88	26.15	39.23
12.46	13.15	13.85	17.31	18	20.77	24.23	27.69	41.54
13.15	13.88	14.62	18.27	19	21.92	25.58	29.23	43.85
13.85	14.62	15.38	19.23	20	23.08	26.92	30.77	46.15
14.54	15.35	16.16	20.19	21	24.23	28.27	32.31	48.46
15.23	16.08	16.92	21.15	22	25.38	29.62	33.85	50.77
15.92	16.81	17.69	22.12	23	26.54	30.96	35.38	53.08
16.62	17.54	18.46	23.08	24	27.69	32.31	36.92	55.38
17.31	18.27	19.23	24.04	25	28.85	33.65	38.46	57.69
18.00	19.00	20.00	25.00	26	30.00	35.00	40.00	60.00

Table of Wages by the Week.

\$3	3 1/2	4	4 1/2	Ds.	5	12	15	20
.43	.50	.57	.64	1	.77	1.71	2.14	2.86
.13	.15	.17	.19	1 1/2	.21	.50	.63	.83
.25	.29	.33	.38	2 1/2	.42	1.00	1.25	1.67
.38	.44	.50	.56	3 1/2	.63	1.50	1.88	2.50
.50	.58	.67	.75	4 1/2	.83	2.00	2.50	3.33
.75	.88	1.00	1.13	5 1/2	1.25	3.00	3.75	5.00
1.00	1.17	1.33	1.50	6 2/3	1.67	4.00	5.00	6.67
1.25	1.46	1.67	1.88	7 1/2	2.08	5.00	6.25	8.33
1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	8 3/4	2.50	6.00	7.50	10.00
1.75	2.04	2.33	2.63	10 1/2	2.92	7.00	8.75	11.67
2.00	2.33	2.67	3.00	12 1/2	3.33	8.00	10.00	13.33
2.25	2.63	3.00	3.38	14 1/2	3.75	9.00	11.25	15.00
2.50	2.92	3.33	3.75	15 5/8	4.17	10.00	12.50	16.67
2.75	3.21	3.67	4.13	16 3/4	4.58	11.00	13.75	18.33
3.00	3.50	4.00	4.50	17 1/2	5.00	12.00	15.00	20.00

These tables are on the basis of 26 working days to the month and 6 working days to the week. The one day in Italic at top of tables is on the basis of 30 working days to the month and 7 working days to the week.