

JULY, 1925

up early - read *Weird Tales* <sup>SUN.</sup>  
all day - about town **12**  
arranged dinner at ginger ale place -  
read more & wrote

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un an avec Howard Phillips Lovecraft

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« S. H, qui était sortie pendant la journée, est revenue le soir avec de somptueuses provisions ; nous avons dîné de sandwichs au bœuf, de cornichons, de pudding, de soda au gingembre et de glace. [...] Quant à cette histoire Scopes, ce fut pour moi une véritable révélation d'apprendre à quel point l'esprit du Tennessee est resté parfaitement et naïvement médiéval. Il est évident que la logique et l'information ne peuvent avoir aucun effet sur une psychologie aussi arriérée ; on pourrait tout aussi bien laisser cette localité tranquille jusqu'à ce qu'elle se développe naturellement au cours des générations suivantes.

La seule chose qui exige des mesures actives est l'obligation de freiner ce pauvre vieux Bryan avant qu'il n'installe les rouages politiques qui étoufferaien la science dans les régions moins défavorisées de la nation. Les catholiques et les gluants débris conservateurs (*mossbacks*) de tout le pays ne seraient que trop heureux de l'aider dans cette tâche. »



*Honneur à l'Amérique : pour le centenaire de l'ouverture du procès Scopes, ces jours-ci, tout un monde d'articles et de photographies d'archives...*



[1925, dimanche 12 juillet]

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Up early — read *Weird Tales* all day — SH out & return bringing dinner & ginger & ale & ice — read more & retire.

*Levé tôt. Lu *Weird Tales* toute la journée. Sonia sort et revient avec de quoi dîner, de la limonade au gingembre et de la glace.*  
*Lu encore et couché.*

Régime estival pour le numéro du dimanche du *NYT*, le supplément littéraire doit puiser dans les réserves non publiées des mois précédents. Évidemment de nouveau l'affaire Scopes, à la Une, dans l'intérieur du journal et même dans la partie magazine. Quelqu'un dans le jury ne sait même pas lire. Consolons-nous avec les publicités, la nouvelle gamme des très jolis camions Ford, Rickenbaker qui produit des voitures et pas encore des guitares, plus le nouveau Kodak Pocket (vendu 26 dollars) pour vos vacances... Et on n'a pas retrouvé Robert Kapp, en passe de devenir l'ennemi public numéro 1. En tout cas, pour le pique-nique du soir des Lovecraft, il y avait des cornichons sur les tranches de bœuf, par solidarité ce soir j'en ferai autant !

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*New York Times*, 12 juillet 1925. De Dayton, le 10 juillet. Le jury de douze hommes qui jugera John Thomas Scope pour avoir enseigné l'évolution a été choisi en quelques heures à l'ouverture du procès aujourd'hui, et la question d'admettre le témoignage de scientifiques et de spécialistes de la Bible est venu dramatiquement se mettre en avant. La défense conteste qu'il y ait des témoins compétents des deux côtés et le procureur a annoncé qu'il combattra l'admissibilité de telles preuves. Le jury comporte dix agriculteurs, un instituteur à la florissante moustache grise et un comptable. L'un d'entre eux ne sait pas lire. Tous ceux-là se prétendent la capacité de juger si M Scopes était dans l'illégalité en enseignant l'évolution et de lui proposer un jugement équitable. La sélection du jury a fonctionné parfaitement, et même le juge Raulston a exprimé sa surprise de la vitesse à laquelle elle a été obtenue, tant la défense a décidé de prendre tous ceux qui se présentaient. L'État ne s'est pas même donné la contrainte d'interroger plus de trois ou quatre des douze jurés. « Si vous pouvez trouver n'importe qui ici qui croie à la théorie de l'évolution, je vous invite à le féliciter », a déclaré M Darrow pour la défense. Après le vote du jury, la cour a évoqué la question de savoir si la défense pouvait convoquer des scientifiques et des théologiens pour prouver que l'évolution n'est pas en conflit avec la religion, ou, plutôt, qu'une croyance en l'évolution n'est pas nécessairement incompatible avec le christianisme.

# ARMY OFFERS PLANES TO SEARCH FOR KNAPP AS THRILL MURDERER

Mineola Soldiers Help Police as Formal Charge Is Laid Against Deserter.

## PURSUERS READY TO SHOOT

Fugitive's Father Gets Lawyer and Is on Way Here to Stand By Son.

## PROSECUTOR'S CASE READY

Will Be Presented to Grand Jury July 27—Circumstantial Evidence Is Held Adequate.

Philip K. Knapp, soldier, Cornell University man and member of a prominent family of Syracuse, N. Y., who deserted from Mitchel Field, Mineola, on June 30, was formally charged yesterday with the murder of Louis Panella, Hammett, N. Y., taxicab driver. Captain Frank McCahill of the Nassau County Police, went before Justice of the Peace Walter R. Jones at Mineola and obtained a warrant for Knapp's arrest on that charge.

The taxicab owner was murdered and his body partly buried under slabs of plasterboard in the ruins of the old army base hospital on the site of Camp Mills, on Hempstead Plains, some time between 1 A. M. and daylight on July 1, the police say.

At 9:30 on the night of June 30 Knapp left Mitchel Field, where he had served three months as an enlisted man. Early on the morning of July 1 he was seen with Panella, and that was the last time Panella was seen alive. Panella's body was found by three of his friends in the ruins of the old base hospital on July 4.

Soon after the warrant for Knapp's arrest was issued by Justice of the Peace Long, District Attorney Charles R. Weeks of Nassau County asserted that he would present the evidence in the case before the Nassau County Grand Jury when it meets on July 27. The evidence is entirely circumstantial so far. But it is so strong, according to the police, that they have no doubt they seek the right man.

## Lightning Strikes the Dome Of the Capitol at Washington

*Special to The New York Times.*  
WASHINGTON, July 11.—The dome of the Capitol, surmounted by the colossal statue of Liberty, was struck by lightning yesterday. It was dislodged today. There was no damage. It was said that this was a usual occurrence during electrical storms.

William Tyler Page, Clerk of the House of Representatives, and others in the big building said they felt the shock distinctly.

## DAYTON'S POLICE SUPPRESS SKEPTICS

Free Thinker Held as a Disturber—Dr. Potter Forbidden to Preach.

## SHOW EVOLUTION IN FREAKS

Farmers View a "Cat-Rabbit" and "Two-Species Hen," but Scout Implication of Atavism.

*Special to The New York Times.*  
DAYTON, Tenn., July 11.—Evolution became a more lively issue in Dayton today than it was yesterday, although court was adjourned and the town's visitors were mostly blue-veined mountaineers come to "trade."

Everywhere in the tiny business section of the village, moving with the sun to keep in the shade, or else sitting in rocking chairs, the "old-timers" all started, the backwoodsman defended Fundamentalism against Modernism and free-thinking to the point where once the police had to come to the rescue of one man by arresting him for "disturbing the peace."

And while most of the demonstrators of the arguments against Fundamentalism were, of course, verbal, there were also brought to the attention of visiting two freaks, which were produced out of practical demonstrations of the theory of the origin of the species. They were two kittens which had the hind legs and the tufted tail of a rabbit, and a pellet which on one side had the perfect markings of a well-bred lared Plymouth Rock and on the other the markings of a prime Rhode Island Red.

Scenes Go Swimming.

## Indict Nine in Boston Dance Club Collapse; Architect, Club Head and Lessee Arraigned

*Special to The New York Times.*

BOSTON, July 11.—Nine men were secretly indicted today by the Grand Jury that has been seeking to fix responsibility for the collapse of the Pickwick Club with the loss of forty-four lives a week ago tonight. Three of them were arraigned immediately in Suffolk Court on charges of manslaughter.

They were Timothy J. Barry, President and Treasurer of the Club; Hyman Bloomburg, lessee of the building, and George C. Funk, architect.

Three more have been summoned for arraignment on Monday. They are John L. Pultz, a local contractor, who is constructing a garage in the empty lot adjoining the club site; John M. Tobin, Pultz's superintendent, and Nathan Fritz, a contractor employed by the estate of the late Robert W. Keay, owner of the property on which the club was situated. Fritz was engaged to renovate the upper stories of the structure after it was vacated there.

The names of the other three men who were indicted cannot be learned until they appear at the Court House on Monday.

Barry and Funk are specifically charged with having caused the death of Patrolman Paul Halloran, one of the victims. Arraigned before Judge Lumma, each of the defendants pleaded not guilty and was released in \$2,000 bonds for trial Wednesday. Hall was furnished.

Funk, the first to be arraigned, wilfully killed the complainant and was not guilty. His counsel asked for time to file special pleadings. The court said that Monday should be time enough to file a dilatory plea.

Judge Lumma asked the newspaper reporters to hold their comments "until that this case may be tried in court not in the newspapers."

The Grand Jury has sat seventy hours since last Monday.

## HOSTILITY GROWS IN DAYTON CROWDS; CHAMPIONS CLASH

Bryan and Darrow Gird for Monday's Battle, Contending Over Testimony by Scientists.

## SECTIONAL FEELING RAISED

Bryan Scores "Invasion of Outsiders"—Defense Counsel Tilts at Commoner's "Chinese Wall."

## TALK HERE OF RETALIATION

Ignoring by Universities of Credentials From States With Such Laws Urged.

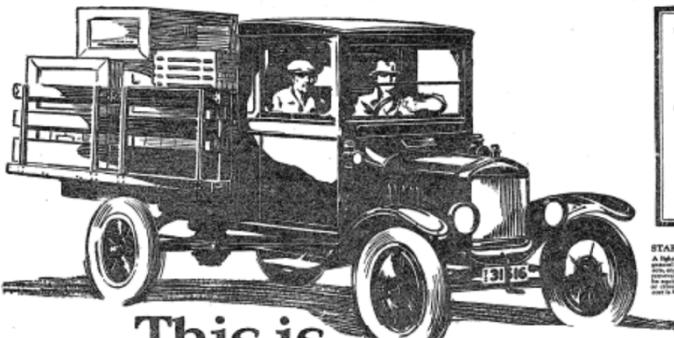
*Special to The New York Times.*  
DAYTON, Tenn., July 11.—Clarence Darrow is girding himself today for the effort he will make when court opens on Monday to break through the walls of obstruction which the world-wide hearings Bryan has erected around the State of Tennessee and open the way to introduce the evidence of scientists who will tell what evolution is. If he fails, the defense case falls to pieces and the trial will relapse into a monotonous legal discussion of constitutional rights.

There is a growing feeling of hostility on both sides, their honestly held views being so far apart that each regards the other with a kind of aid incredulity that man should be so obtuse. There is no common ground on which they can meet except in the exchange of ordinary social amenities.

While arrests were made in Dayton today for "free-thinking" and a too inquisitive inspection of a scissors-grinder's toolbox, both sides in the Scopes trial kept up the battle which started yesterday when Attorney General Stewart announced his intention to bar the defense's scientists. Mr. Bryan sat under the tree shaded by an admiring crowd and pronounced against the proposed foreign invasion of educators. Mr. Darrow reposed on a mattress in the old mansion known as "the Big House," just outside town, and told Mr. Bryan that if he succeeded in isolating Tennessee intellectually there would be no scientists in the State.







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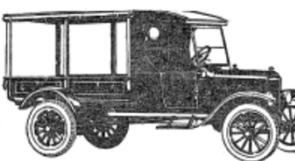


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