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un an avec Howard Phillips Lovecraft

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« En ce qui concerne le poids et le régime, ne vous inquiétez pas pour le vieux monsieur ! J'ai mangé à satiété ces derniers temps — des fruits et tout le reste — car S. H. nous rapporte ces aliments tous les soirs.

Sandwichs de langue de bœuf, jambon ou bœuf roulé — pommes et pêches — blé soufflé et crème — bière au gingembre — thé — et souvent aussi quelques glaçons pour les boissons froides. Et bien sûr nous avons aussi mangé du melon (*cantaloupe*) ! Mon programme, lorsque je suis seul, est en grande partie similaire, sauf que les haricots en conserve et les spaghettis tendent à remplacer les charcuteries, beaucoup plus chères. Noter que j'adore la crème glacée. Pour ce qui est de l'agenda, ma dernière note avait été écrite au crayon lors de notre promenade lundi soir dernier. Sur le chemin du retour, nous nous sommes arrêtés chez l'horloger pour la montre de S.H., c'est là que j'ai vu le plus beau petit chat noir que j'aie jamais vu depuis l'époque de mon propre chat nègre ! Il était dans une valise, et venait d'être ramené à la maison par le petit garçon de l'horloger, qui l'avait trouvé dans la rue et avait obtenu de son père la permission de le garder. Je l'ai pris un moment sur mes genoux — un petit diablet (*divvle*) mignon et enjoué, à peu près adulte, qui n'a pas un seul poil blanc sur son petit corps bien dessiné ! J'envie vraiment le petit garçon de l'horloger ! Nous avons ensuite acheté des fruits, les avons mangés à la maison et nous sommes allées nous coucher. »

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Up early — read — write letters — SH return — dinner — read *Weird Tales* — out for walk with SH — Montague St. terrace — fruit — black cat at watchmaker's — return, take fruit, read, & retire LDC///

*Levé tôt. Lu. Écrit des lettres. Retour de Sonia. Dîner. Lu Weird Tales. Dehors pour marcher avec Sonia, on va jusqu'au belvédère de Montague Street. Le chat noir de l'horloger. Acheté des fruits. Retour, mangé les fruits, lu, couché. Lettre à Lillian.*

Les grands événements qu'on décrit à la tante : les menus quand Sonia revient de Manhattan, sandwiches à la langue de bœuf par exemple, du melon parce que c'est de saison, céréales — mais il tient à affirmer que, s'il est seul, ça reste haricots et spaghettis. Au retour de la balade on achètera quelques fruits : c'est toujours la canicule à New York. De l'immersion *Weird Tales*, depuis bientôt une semaine, il ne dit rien sur le fond : idées qu'il recopie dans le *Commonplace Book* certainement, mais lesquelles ? Réflexion sur les formats et les thèmes des histoires (le mot *tales* et le mot *stories* étant employés indifféremment pour les désigner), s'il prend des notes on ne sait pas où elles sont — mais elles nourriront les grands pans de correspondance qui s'amorceront plus tard, et probablement aussi (mais c'est fini pour deux mois) les conversations avec Frank Belknap Long, puisque Kirk a déménagé et s'intéresse à autre chose. Et puis, dès l'agenda, mais développé comme événement principal dans la lettre à Lillian, le petit chat noir trouvé chez l'horloger. Quelle injustice : à quelques minutes près, c'est lui — et non le petit gamin, fils de l'artisan — qui l'aurait recueilli, mis dans la boîte à chaussures, et adopté. Dans le journal : plus de 6 millions d'habitants à New York. Première grosses escarmouches au procès Scopes, décidément d'envergure nationale. Deux avions militaires à la recherche de l'assassin Knapp. Les habitants effrayés par les hordes de rats fuyant un entrepôt en feu à Newark. 110 descendants à Staten Island pour ce couple marié il y a 52 ans. Thème très lovecraftien, ce squelette déterrée Bowery Bay. Toujours la canicule, records de fréquentation battus sur les plages. Et, dans les suicides du jour, cette vieille dame juive à trois maisons de distance des Lovecraft.

*New York Times*, 13 juillet 1925. Deux femmes se sont suicidées hier, l'une en avalant un poison et sautant dans la North River, l'autre en inhalant du gaz d'éclairage. Une troisième a essayé de se tuer en ouvrant le gaz dans l'appartement d'un ami. Des centaines de personnes, sur le quai de la Compagnie des vapeurs de fer, au bout de la 129ème rue Ouest, et sur les ferries qui passaient à ce moment ont vu la première de ces femmes se jeter à la rivière. H Del Bondio, le préposé aux billets, entendit le choc, se débarrassa de sa pointeuse et sauta à l'eau pour la rechercher. Il a failli lui-même se noyer, et en a réchappé de peu, frappé par la coque d'un ferry qui arrivait. Avec l'aide des agents Meany et Bernard H Kelly, la femme fut ramenée sur le quai. Un médecin du Knickerbocker Hospital tenta de la ranimer. On l'emmena en ambulance, mais elle mourut peu après son arrivée à l'hôpital. Une fiole qu'elle avait vidée avant son plongeon avait contenu du lysol. On ne l'a pas identifiée. Le deuxième suicide est une tragédie du grand âge. Son âge l'empêchant de trouver du travail, Mme Dora Honig, qui occupe la pièce arrière d'un appartement de deux pièces au 179 Clinton Street, a fermé portes et fenêtres et allumé le gaz. Elle a été trouvée morte sur le plancher, avec un livre ouvert du Kadish auprès d'elle.

### **Heat Kills 3, Prostrates Many; Cooler Today; Greatest Crowds on Record Jam the Beaches**

Yesterday's heat packed the beaches from Coney Island to Long Beach with the greatest crowds on record, and caused three deaths and several prostrations among those unable to escape the stifling city.

The temperature reached its maximum in this city at 4:45 P. M. when it was 91 with 46 per cent. of humidity. This was five degrees below the year's heat record which was on June 1. At 10 o'clock last night it had dropped to 80. The prediction is for cooler weather today.

Mrs. Katherine Walstead, 75 years old, of 559 Greenwich Street, fell yesterday afternoon as she started to walk up the front steps of the Franciscan Monastery at 151 Thompson Street. Father Tuttlarone administered last rites. When an ambulance arrived from St. Vincent's Hospital she was dead.

Wolf Wolfelson, 49 years old, of 139 Second Avenue, who was visiting friends at 2,069 West Thirty-third street, Brooklyn, was overcome by the heat. He was dead when a physician arrived from Coney Island Hospital.

The heat was an indirect cause of the death of Philip Vassell of West Broadway and Arlington Road, Cedarhurst, who was overcome while he was standing on the platform at Lynbrook waiting for the Long Beach train. He staggered and fell off the platform in front of the train and was instantly killed.

More than 750,000 persons sought to escape the heat by going to Coney Island. The crowds at Long Beach were said to be greater than any ever known there previously. About 20,000 automobiles were reported to have been parked there during the day.

Patrolman William Lau was assigned by Inspector Cummings to one of the most interesting jobs on the island yesterday. He was told to present with a summons every person whose bathing suit he did not consider sufficient to cover that person. He handed out sixty such summonses, the majority of offenders being men. They were charged with disorderly conduct and will be arraigned in Coney Island Police Court this morning.

### **TWO WOMEN SUICIDES; A THIRD MAY BE SAVED**

**Hundreds See One Jump Off Pier  
After Swallowing Poison—  
Two Inhale Gas.**

Two women committed suicide yesterday, one by drinking poison and jumping into the North River, the other by inhaling illuminating gas. A third tried to kill herself by taking gas in the apartment of a friend.

Hundreds of persons on the Iron Steamboat Company's pier at the foot of West 130th Street and on ferry boats near by saw the first woman's leap into the river. H. Del Bondio, the ticket agent, heard the commotion, rushed from his ticket booth and jumped in after her. He was nearly drowned himself, and narrowly escaped being struck by the bow of an incoming ferryboat. With the help of Patrolman Meany and Bernard H. Kelly, the woman was lifted to the pier. An ambulance surgeon from the Knickerbocker Hospital tried to revive her. She was taken to the hospital and died there soon afterward. A vital she drained before her leap had contained lysol. She was unidentified.

The second suicide was a tragedy of old age. Dependent because her age prevented her from getting work, Mrs. Dora Honig, who occupied the back room of a two-room flat at 179 Clinton Street, locked the doors and windows of her room and turned on the gas. She was found dead on the floor, with an open volume of the "Kadish" beside her.

Sadie Fuslick of 31 Attorney Street tried to kill herself in the apartment of Miss Gussie Kainer, 559 West 133d Street. She obtained the key from the janitress and after locking the door turned on the gas. She was found unconscious on the couch and taken to Columbus Hospital. Her condition is serious. She had been missing from home for several days, her disappearance having been reported to the police yesterday.

# DAYTON'S ONE PRO-EVOLUTION PASTOR QUILTS AS THREAT BARS DR. POTTER FROM PULPIT; BRYAN'S SERMONS ANGER SCOPES DEFENSE

## TRIAL STIRS LOCAL STORM

Preacher Is Told Church  
Would Be Wracked Over  
New York 'Infidel.'

## 3,000 LISTEN TO COMMONER

Judge and Defense Chief Hear  
Florida Climate and Democracy  
of Heart Extolled.

## UNDUE INFLUENCE CHARGED

Breach Between Rival Counsel  
Widens on Eve of Fight Over  
Evidence Agreement.

Special to The New York Times.  
DAYTON, Tenn., July 12.—The feeling of bitterness, which has been growing under the placid surface of Dayton life, forced its way into the open today and not only caused the resignation of the only preacher in town who believes in evolution but brought in open breach in the hitherto friendly relations between counsel for John T. Scopes and the State.

This was caused by Attorney General Stewart repudiating the agreement made in court on Friday to permit, out of the usual order, the argument on the competency of scientific witnesses.

East Tennesseans are naturally a taciturn people, despite their courtesy and hospitality, and they have carefully concealed from their out-of-town guests the tense emotional conflict which has been going on.

The first indication of the depth to which they have been stirred by the attack upon their simple faith came today when the Rev. Howard G. Byrd, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church North, admitted that he would resign his ministry rather than split his Church because of his invitation to the Rev. Charles Francis Potter of New York to occupy his pulpit.

### Built Church He Gives Up.

"People who say they know the Bible from cover to cover but don't act upon it cause the trouble in churches," said Mr. Byrd sadly, as he stood on the lawn in front of his little parsonage which he built with his own hands.



Photo Underwood & Underwood.

BRYAN—EVOLUTION'S FOE.  
A Close-up From the Scopes Trial at Dayton, Tenn.

## WILBUR TAKES HAND IN EVOLUTION ROW

Balances Theories Before San  
Francisco Class and Finds  
Truth on Both Sides.

## \$3,000,000 BUILDING PLANNED BY N. Y. U.

University to Purchase Remain-  
ing East Side Frontage of  
Washington Square.



# ARMY SENDS A PLANE AND 2 FLIERS NORTH TO SEARCH FOR KNAPP

Will Scout From Plattsburg  
Toward Thousand Islands  
for Alleged Slayer.

## SUSPECTS HELD AT ALBANY

Robber of Chauffeurs in Utica  
Sought—Taxi Men to Get  
Pistol Permits.

A swift army airplane from Mitchell Field, Mineola, L. I., was sent out yesterday afternoon to join the pursuers of Philip K. Knapp, former Cornell student and member of a prominent Syracuse (N. Y.) family, who is charged with the murder of Louis Danella, Hempstead (N. Y.) taxicab driver and desertion from the army. Lieutenant Marlon L. Elliott, Chief Operations Officer at Mitchell Field, and Lieutenant Walter H. Sargent hopped off at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and arrived in Plattsburg, N. Y., at 7 o'clock last night.

Although reports telling of the arrest of two suspects in Albany and of the hold-up of two taxicab drivers in Utica by a man answering Knapp's description were received at Mitchell Field yesterday afternoon, the police of Nassau County and the army authorities at Mitchell Field went ahead with their plans to search for Knapp all through Northern New York and along the Canadian border. Complete identification of the suspects has not been made and the search for the Utica hold-up suspect is still on. He robbed one of his victims of \$35 in cash and a silver watch and then tied him to a barn on a lonely road.

The army fliers will make their base at the National Guard Barracks at Plattsburg. Working from there they will aid Police Sergeant Harold King and Detective Gordon Hurley of Nassau County, and Private James B. Koulis of the First Observation Squadron at Mitchell Field, of which Knapp was a member, who are trailing the deserter toward the Canadian border. The police and army authorities believe Knapp is headed for the Thousand Islands.

He confessed before taking leave of Mitchell Field that he had been a bootlegger on Alexandria Bay. One of his military associates has told District Attorney Charles R. Weeks of Nassau County that Knapp tried to persuade him to desert and go to the Thousand Islands, where he said big money was to be made bootlegging.

### To Scout by Air.

Lieutenants Elliott and Sargent will scout over the Thousand Islands region. They will hold themselves and their plane ready to intercept Knapp if he is reported headed for some spot near where they can make a landing.

Major William N. Hensley Jr., Commandant at Mitchell Field, dispatched the De Havilland pursuit plane on his own initiative. But before sending the fliers north Major Hensley warned Lieutenant Elliott, who is his aid, not to try to bring Knapp back by air-plane if he is captured. He explained

## New York City's Population Now 6,103,384; Chicago's, 2,995,239, Census Bureau Reports

Estimated populations of fifty-four cities of the United States as of July 1 have been made public by the Census Bureau, the Merchants' Association announced yesterday. The population of New York City is placed at 6,103,384—more than twice that of Chicago.

The figures for Chicago are 2,995,239. Albany's population was 119,679, while Boston, with 783,166, yielded to Baltimore, with a population of 796,298. Buffalo, with 533,828, was ranked ahead of Cincinnati, which had 469,833. The total for Philadelphia was 1,979,364, and that of Pittsburgh 631,563. Newark's population was estimated at 452,613.

Estimated figures for the fifty-four cities follow:

Albany, 119,679.	Camden, 128,642.
Baltimore, 796,298.	Chicago, 2,995,239.
Birmingham, 235,670.	Cincinnati, 469,833.
Boston, 783,166.	Columbus, 279,898.
Buffalo, 533,828.	Dallas, 193,450.
Cambridge, 112,444.	Dayton, 172,942.

Denver, 280,911.	Oakland, Cal., 267,760.
Des Moines, 149,188.	Paterson, 141,695.
Duluth, 110,502.	Philadelphia, 1,979,364.
Fort Worth, 152,394.	Pittsburgh, 631,563.
Grand Rapids, 192,629.	Portland, Ore., 282,883.
Houston, 164,054.	Rochester, 231,530.
Indianapolis, 358,819.	St. Louis, 821,543.
Jersey City, 315,280.	Salt Lake City, 130,048.
Kansas City, Kan., 122,748.	San Antonio, 198,069.
Kansas City, Mo., 367,481.	San Francisco, 537,330.
Louisville, 259,259.	Schenectady, 152,161.
Lowell, 116,421.	Spokane, 139,897.
Lynn, Mass., 104,704.	Syracuse, 101,559.
Memphis, 174,493.	Tacoma, 104,455.
Milwaukee, 501,692.	Toledo, 287,380.
Minneapolis, 425,435.	Trenton, 132,020.
Nashville, 136,220.	Utica, 107,173.
New Bedford, 135,132.	Wilmington, 122,040.
New Orleans, 414,493.	Yonkers, 111,711.
New York, 6,103,384.	Youngstown, 129,870.
Newark, 452,613.	
Omaha, 211,868.	

It was explained that several of the larger cities were not included in the estimate because of insufficient data.

Kleiberbocker Grill, 41d St. at P'tway.—Dinner Supreme \$1.60. Dinning, Cool Place.—Adm.

## Couple, Married for 52 Years, Hosts to 116 Descendants

A hundred and ten descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Manee held a reunion yesterday afternoon at the Manee cottage, off Palge Avenue, Tottenville, Staten Island. Nine children, seventy-four grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren were present, ranging in age from 2 weeks to 43 years old. Mrs. Manee, who is 72, two years younger than her husband, prepared a dinner for the guests.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Manee are still in good health, although Mrs. Manee is deaf as the result of being shocked by lightning last summer. She still does her own housework, while Mr. Manee looks after the yard and does the odd jobs about the house. They have lived on Staten Island throughout their fifty-two years of married life and all their descendants are also residents of the island.

## FLEEING RATS SCARE WOMEN IN JERSEY FIRE

Blaze at Newark Stock Yards  
Routs Rodents as Hundreds  
of Motorists Look On.

Hundreds of motorists en route from New Jersey points to New York by ferry were held up more than an hour yesterday afternoon by a fire in the Newark Stock Yards, at Kearny, N. J. Many women who alighted from machines to watch the fire were frightened by large rats which fled the burning buildings and scampered along the Harrison Turnpike, bordering the Kearny meadows.

The fire is believed to have been started by a lighted cigarette stub thrown into a pile of hay inside the stock yards by some boys. On two occasions when a watchman routed boys from the premises he noticed they were smoking cigarettes. The hay blazed up swiftly and soon the flames spread to wooden buildings that extended more than half a mile, the length of the yards.

No cattle were in the enclosures, but four carloads of beasts arrived at the yards while the fire was burning and were removed to a siding. The damage was about \$10,000.

## DIGGERS UNEARTH SKELETON

Found Near North Beach—Believed  
to Be That of an Old Settler.

While digging in the sands of the old Steinway estate near North Beach, facing on Bowery Bay, yesterday, John McNamee, 373 Woolsey Avenue, and Henry Lantz of 777 Steinway Avenue, both of Astoria, unearthed an adult skeleton. The skeleton was removed to the Astoria Police Station.

The Steinway estate originally was the home of the late William Steinway, founder of the Steinway Piano Company, and now is the property of his heirs. About half a mile away is a cemetery several centuries old, and police are inclined to believe that the skeleton found yesterday is that of one of the oldest settlers in these parts, who frequently were buried on their own property.

**Women The Printed Cutting Line found only on McCall Pattern 1000.**