

1925-2025

un an avec Howard Phillips Lovecraft

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« Le soir, S. H. étant retenu en ville, j'ai emmené Mme G. dîner au Peter's, où (Dieu merci) elle a absolument insisté pour payer elle-même, comme elle l'a fait aux repas suivants. Nous nous sommes ensuite rendus à la réunion, où S.H. et Kleiner étaient déjà arrivés, et où Mortonius, Loveman et Leeds ont fait leur apparition peu après. La présence d'une personne venant directement de Paris donna un ton gallique à la conversation, et Morton évoqua avec un vif intérêt sa propre semaine à Paris, semaine qui, comme mes cinq jours à Philadelphie, semble l'avoir mis au courant de tout ce qui mérite d'y être connu, aussi bien l'historique que l'actuel. Leeds présenta un poème qu'il avait écrit sur Algernon Blackwood, le romancier du bizarre, et de façon générale notre réunion fut très animée. Mais elle se termina tôt — vers minuit et remi — et ceux de Brooklyn rejoignirent le métro en bande, Loveman et Kleiner descendant à mesure qu'ils atteignaient leurs stations respectives. Le trio résiduel s'est rendu au 169, où Mme Galpin, après avoir inspecté sa chambre, a décidé qu'elle ne pourrait pas s'y reposer. En conséquence, et avec toutes mes excuses pour avoir involontairement amenée une invitée dans une arène de monstres sanguinaires, S.H. et moi avons décidé que Mme G. ferait mieux de s'arrêter dans un havre indiscutable, aussi immaculé que désirable ; j'ai donc aidé à transférer ses effets au célèbre et digne Hôtel Bossert dans Montague Street, où elle a obtenu une excellente chambre au septième étage pour quatre dollars. Ensuite rentrés, lu, couché.

La vengeance de Mme Burns sera terrible : une chemise de nuit en soie de Lee Galpin, oubliée, ne sera jamais retrouvée. Quant au fait qu'à la réunion de ce soir, Lovecraft soit accompagné de Sonia et de Lee Galpin, pas de remarques sur la contradiction avec sa récente remarque sur la participation il y a quelques semaines de Sarah Kamin à leur assemblée de « Boys ». Quant à savoir si les souvenirs de Morton concernant sa semaine à Paris étaient si passionnants, on n'ira pas vérifier.

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Up early — SH find Mrs. G. gone — SH lv — write letters — Mrs. G. arrives — out to dinner Peter's — up to meeting — all present incl SH — lv. early — return 169 — take Mrs. G. to Bossert — return, write, & retire.

Levé tôt. Sonia découvre que Mme Galpin est partie. Départ de Sonia. J'écris des lettres. Retour de Mme Galpin. On va déjeuner au Peter's. Puis réunion, tous présents, Sonia compris. On s'en va de bonne heure, retour au 169. On déménage Mme Galpin à l'hôtel Bossert. Retour, écrit & couché.

Sonia comme à l'ordinaire prise par son travail dans la journée, et Lovecraft sera naïvement soulagé qu'au Peter's, où il accompagne Lee Galpin, ce soit elle qui paye la note. On comprend aussi qu'elle recherche un emploi dans presse ou édition, et enchaîne en vain les rendez-vous. Lovecraft doit gérer, on imagine avec quel plaisir, une chemise de nuit en soie laissée par Lee Galpin dans la chambre infestée de puces a disparu, Mme Burns prétendant n'être au courant de rien. Rattrapage le soir où, par exception, les deux femmes assisteront à la réunion du Kalem Club (présents Morton, McNeil, Kleiner, Loveman et Leeds qui leur lit un article qu'il vient d'écrire sur l'immense prosateur qu'est Algernon Blackwood). Et long passage enthousiaste de Lovecraft à l'amitié qui naît entre Lee et Sonia, laquelle l'invite à faire halte à Cleveland lors de son trajet vers Chicago. Lovecraft aussitôt y voyant une sorte de *remake* de son propre séjour avec Galpin à Cleveland en 1922 : « elles mangeront des salades de fruit avec de la glace à la vanille au drugstore de l'Euclid Avenue et s'en iront lire Baudelaire sur un banc Rockefeller Park » rien que pour cette phrase merci ! Dans le journal : dans la riche Newport, explose un vapeur de promenade pour montrer aux touristes, depuis la mer, les belles villas des milliardaires. Amnésie : on publie la photo de la victime. Exercices de défense sol air : des progrès mais encore beaucoup à faire.

New York Times, 19 août 1925. Trois cent soixante-trois obus tirés la nuit dernière sur deux cibles mobiles par deux canons anti-aériens lors d'essais à Fort Tilden, Rockaway Park, pour seulement deux qui ont touché leur cible. La cible visée par les canons anti-aériens était remorquée par un bombardier Martin, piloté par le lieutenant James J Welker, qui a effectué dix passages au-dessus du champ de tir, dont les batteries C et D ont chacune tiré cent quatre-vingts obus sur lui. Quatre petits trous ont été relevés sur la toile servant de cible, indiquant deux tirs au but. L'avion volait d'abord à 2 500 mètres, mais les canonnières ont ensuite obtenu qu'ils descendent à

moins de 1 500 mètres. Le deuxième avion était piloté par le lieutenant William Atkinson, qui, après avoir survolé le champ de tir pendant une heure à une altitude de 2 000 mètres, a reçu l'ordre par radio d'atterrir à cause d'un brouillard au sol d'une épaisseur de quinze mètres. Ses instructions furent d'enfiler un parachute, et de ne pas atterrir avant qu'on ait allumé un projecteur de 2 millions de bougies sur la piste. Il a exécuté les ordres sans tergiverser et a atterri sain et sauf sous le projecteur à 1 h 25 du matin. On découvrit qu'aucun des cent quatre-vingts obus n'avait atteint sa propre cible, ce que confirma Richard B Lowry, observateur de l'artillerie, embarqué à bord. Le lieutenant Welker eut d'autre part à faire face à un léger incendie dans son avion, dû à un court-circuit de l'appareil-radio. Le capitaine Walcott Hayes, opérateur radio sur le bombardier, réussit à l'éteindre et à remettre l'appareil en service durant le vol. Durant les deux journées précédentes, 16 000 obus ont été tirés sur les cibles, avec seulement 19 tirs concluants. Le général en chef Hagood, commandant le 2ème régiment d'artillerie a commenté ces résultats en disant qu'un général français avait calculé que 10 000 obus étaient nécessaires pour un tir au but.

GET ONLY TWO HITS IN NIGHT GUN TESTS

Fort Tilden Anti-Aircraft Batteries Fire 360 Shells at Marks Towed by Planes.

DAYTIME TRIAL PLEASES

Colonel Spinks Satisfied When Target Falls Into Sea After Forty Shots.

Three hundred and sixty 5-inch shells fired at two moving targets in two anti-aircraft gun tests at Fort Tilden, Rockaway Park, last night resulted, it was reported at 1:30 o'clock this morning, in only two hits on one target.

The target struck by the anti-aircraft guns was towed by Lieutenant James J. Welker in a Martin bomber during ten flights over the field when Batteries C and D of the Coast Artillery fired 180 shells at it. Four small holes in the canvas indicated, it was said, the two hits. The plane was flown first at an altitude of 8,000 feet, but it was lowered at the request of the gunners to 5,000 feet.

The second plane was piloted by Lieutenant William Atkinson, who after flying over the field for an hour at an altitude of 6,500 feet, was ordered by radio to descend because of a ground fog which covered the flying field for a depth of fifteen feet. He was instructed first to drop a parachute flyer and then not to land until a light beam was laid across the field by the 2,000,000-

candlepower searchlights. He executed the orders without a hitch and when the landing was safely made alongside the beam at 1:25 A. M., it was discovered the target he towed had not been touched by any of the 180 shells. Lieutenant Richard B. Lowry, the Coast Artillery observer in the plane, admitted the anti-aircraft gunners had not got even a theoretical hit.

During part of his flight Lieutenant Welker experienced some difficulty through a small fire in his plane caused by the burning out of a radio transformer. Captain Walcott Hayes, radio officer on the bomber, extinguished the blaze and repaired the damage while the plane was in the air.

The night tests were the last of the anti-aircraft gun trials at Fort Tilden and followed a continuation yesterday afternoon of the day tests, during which 3-inch shells were fired at a target flown 4,000 feet in the air. Forty rounds were fired then and the sleeve target fell into the sea and was not recovered, making it impossible to determine how many hits had been scored.

Colonel M. G. Spinks, who was in charge of the test, said he was pleased with the showing of the anti-aircraft guns and that he believed the target had been hit often.

The tests on the whole, however, were considered a poor showing for the anti-aircraft guns, although Coast Artillery officers asserted they were satisfied with the gunners' performances. On the previous day, when 10,000 rounds of machine gun bullets were fired at the targets only nineteen hits were recorded; but Major General Hagood, commanding the Second Artillery District, recalled that a French General calculated that 10,000 shots were necessary to score a single hit.

South Joins in Anderson Hunt.

Special to The New York Times.

ATLANTA, Aug. 18.—A cordon of armed forces is guarding roads into Atlanta and Chattanooga, following the receipt of a message Tuesday by E. L. Jett, Acting Chief of Police, from Earl Randolph, Chief of Police at Muncie, that a man answering "Dutch" Anderson's description left Chattanooga Tuesday morning in an automobile with another man and a woman. The automobile carried an Indiana license tag.

23 KILLED, 100 INJURED IN EXPLOSION ON EXCURSION STEAMER OFF NEWPORT; YACHTS AND NAVY BOATS AID RESCUES

Victims of the Steamboat Explosion.

THE KNOWN DEAD.
BAGHUS, MDCB, 62 Cherry St., New York City.
CALDWELL, ANNE, 12 Darlington St., Pawtucket, R. I.
DARSON, Miss GRA, 173 McGill St., Pawtucket, R. I.
DICKINSON, HENRY, 358 Warden St., Pawtucket, R. I.
DONDAHEFF, P. (7), address unknown.
OYSTER, GEORGE, GLADYS, 17 Cliff St., Attleboro, Mass.
HOPEWOOD, WINFRED, 44 Parker St., Central Falls, R. I.
HOPEWOOD, EMMETT, 56 Sharon Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
HUTCHIN, JOHN M., 320 Potter Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
JANSON, DELMA, 100 Beechwood Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
JANSON, DELMA, 100 Beechwood Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
JELLYSON, JOSEPH, 40 Hadley (or Healy) Av., Central Falls, R. I.
LANDERS, CHARLOTTE, 21 Emory St., Attleboro, Mass.
MCCARTHY, MILDRED, 125 Johnson St., Pawtucket, R. I.
MCCARTHY, Mrs. JAMES, 126 Johnson St., Pawtucket, R. I.
MOFFATT, JOHN, aged 12, 240 York Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
MCCARTHY, JOHN, Johnston St., Pawtucket, R. I.
BRENNER, M. T., 25 Bluff St., Riverside, R. I.
LIVALLEY, JOSEPH, Ledyard St., Central Falls, R. I.
PARTINGTON, ARTHUR, 172 York Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
SMITH, WILLIAM P., 185 Coll Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
WICKLAND, OLGA, 46 Benefit St., Providence, R. I.
WHITAKER, ELMER, 12 Carnation St., Pawtucket, R. I.

THE INJURED.
STEVENS, DAVIDINE, 1514 Newport Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
KOEFOED, CHARLES, 25 South Street, New York City.
HOLT, FLORENCE, 16 Temple Street, Pawtucket, R. I.
FORGET, MARIE, 23 Penner Street, Pawtucket, R. I.
COTE, CHRISTINE, 603 Main Street, Pawtucket, R. I.
MCCURIE, Mrs. P., 1 Masterson Street, Pawtucket, R. I.
POWERS, T. SARAH, 24 Park Street, Central Falls, R. I.
MITCHELL, HELEN, 44 Westchester Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I.
MCCURIE, Mrs. MARY, 3 Masterson Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I.
LEPHAM, EDWARD, 58 Beveridge St., Pawtucket, R. I.
DONOVAN, EDWARD, 116 Mineral Spring St., Pawtucket, R. I.
O'NEIL, MRS. JAMES, 70 Cleveland St., Pawtucket, R. I.
NANSON, DELMA, 100 Deacon St., Pawtucket, R. I.
POWERS, MARGUERITE, 24 Park St., Central Falls, R. I.
STEPHENSON, PAULINE, 1214 Newport Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
ROBINSON, WILLIAM, 227 Morris Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
PALMER, AMELIA, 270 Mineral Spring Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
MCCLELLAN, MARTHA, 438 Smithfield Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
GILLISMAN, SUGARMAN, 124 School St., Pawtucket, R. I.
TROEDER, MRS. EMILY, Thurber Av., Attleboro, Mass.
TROEDER, MISS VIRGINIA, Thurber Av., Attleboro, Mass.

PANIC WHEN BOILER BURSTS

Scores Terribly Scalded
on the Crowded
Mackinac.

MANY LEAP INTO THE WATER

Vessel With Its Load of Victims
Is Finally Beached Off
Naval Station.

RESCUERS RUSH TO SCENE

Yachts, Naval Launches and
Autos Take Wounded From
Steamer to Hospital.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19 (AP).—Twenty-three passengers are dead and sixty-one lie smoldering in hospitals here, several of them not expected to live, the result of a boiler explosion on the P. M. yesterday on the steamer Mackinac, bound from Newport to Pawtucket, R. I., with 87 excursionists, city who had spent the afternoon at the beach.
The explosion occurred while the steamer was in Coddington Cove in Narragansett Bay, one mile north of the Naval Station and opposite the Naval Training Station.
Early this morning the Mackinac was being steadily increased.
Boiler repaired at 81.
The Mackinac left Pawtucket this morning after a delay of 15 minutes, to get to the beach, to patch the boiler. It was off of this patch by the evening, according to others, which scalding steam to escape, those it enveloped.
Many of the passengers, ployers of the J. and P. Coat of Pawtucket and among the the third platoon of the Pawtucket Department. The Mackinac was in Newport at 1 o'clock a sightseeing tour of the city excursionists boarded the boat at P. M. and she started on back to Pawtucket.

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Simultaneously with the filing of designating petitions for the primaries on Sept. 15 by the five candidates for Mayor, Senator James J. Walker, the Tammany candidate, announced last night the following declaration of principles:

MAYORALTY RIVALS FILE THEIR PETITIONS

Two Democrats and Three Republicans Are Listed in
Primary Fight.

MANY OFFICES CONTESTED

Waterman's Petition Bears
20,000 Signatures — Walker
Has 25,000, Bennett 5,000.

All the expected candidates for Mayor filed designating petitions for the primary election on Sept. 15 with the Board of Elections last evening. State Senator James J. Walker will contest the Demo-

WEEHAWKEN'S MYSTERIOUS AMNESIA VICTIM



The young woman known as "V. L." who was taken to the North Hudson Hospital at Weehawken Sunday suffering from amnesia was not identified yesterday, and although she was reported to have improved mentally she seemed unable to recall her name.

The Weehawken police said they were satisfied she was an Englishwoman, apparently well-educated, for in her disjointed conversations with physicians and nurses she showed she spoke Italian and French, had read considerable poetry and was familiar with the opera. She continued to say she believed her name was "Vanessa" and that she remembered "Benjamin Levy" and "Lady

Alice." When asked what the name "Vanessa" recalled to her, she wrote at once: "Lady Vanessa St. Austell," although on the previous day she had written "St. Anstall." Her handwriting is the same as that on the mutilated passport photograph found in her purse.

During the day a woman reporter dressed as a nurse so the patient would feel more at ease was allowed to go into "V. L.'s" room and after her departure the patient was said to have remarked that her visitor "was not a nurse."

The woman's picture was taken for purposes of identification, although she demurred at first, saying "ladies never had it done; it was done only by divorcees and actresses."



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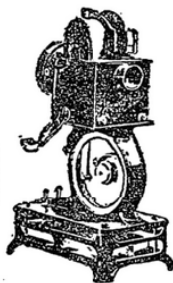
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