

True Ghost Stories

By Famous People

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Theatrical Producer.

"ARNOLD ROTHSTEIN always fascinated me, although he was a menace to organized society. I had known him as a boy. He came from upright people, who felt disgraced when he ran away from home, to follow the career of a gambler. I always followed news of his career," related Arch Selwyn, the theatrical producer. "Rothstein had a weird and definite premonition of fate that was going to overtake his later career, and he didn't run away from it."

In the fading twilight of a day, wherein Mr. Selwyn had watched the rehearsal of his new play, "The Devil Passes," and wherein later he would watch its premiere, he had turned from talk of the theater to talk of colorful personalities in the arena of daily life who live dangerously, and of the dangers, seen and unseen, which pursue them.

"I once told Rothstein," he continued, "that I would like to see a certain gambling house where, it was reputed the leaders of gamdom gambled with one another, and where fabulous sums were exchanged in cash."

Mr. Selwyn is a good theatrical producer and the sight of \$50,000 in cash is a good show, even to a veteran theater man, he admitted.

"Rothstein promised to take me to a private house in New York city to watch the gambling. One night he called me for dinner. A Mr. B. joined us and Rothstein exacted from us a promise that neither of us would gamble. 'This gang,' he said, 'has a code and a language all its own, and you fellows can't play with it.'"

"Rothstein started to throw the dice. The first bet was \$25,000."

"Mr. B., an indefatigable gambler, who made large sums, but who was in the habit of letting them slip by, was soon gambling, despite Rothstein's warning. Rothstein scolded him, but he started to play again, and won \$1,500. He wanted to get away from the place. They were too many 'bruisers,' too many desperate-looking characters staring at his winnings to let him feel easy. Rothstein commanded him to wait for him, but he refused. Rothstein told him to wait at Dinty Moore's."

"In the meantime Rothstein was losing. In the end he lost \$300,000 to three men. Usually these men in gamdom pay their gambling debts at once, in cash. This time, Rothstein could not pay in cash. However, he promised to pay soon."

"In fifteen minutes, after B's departure, Rothstein called me from the scene which had fascinated me like a bizarre for ign spectacle. He rushed me to Dinty Moore's."

"There, in a panic, in the cold perspiration of fear, was B. He collapsed before us."

"You can't imagine what happened to me," he whispered. "When I came down the steps, three fellows stuck their guns in me and ordered, 'Hand over the \$1,500.' I never was so frightened."

"Didn't I tell you to wait for me?" said Rothstein.

"Yes, but," began B.

"You'll learn not to gamble with guys like those," Rothstein admonished. Then, seeing that B. was trembling, he said, 'Give back the money,' to the fellows in the corner whom he had planted on the stairway to give B. a scare."

"The frightening experience was not the end of the sequence of affairs revolving about that night's losses, as I was soon to learn. I had intended to go sight-seeing, but when one sightsees in gamdom it is not the history of the event but the future ramifications that have significance for anyone who goes near."

"Two months later I was in the Warwick hotel, where it happened Rothstein had an apartment. He saw me in the lobby and said he wanted to talk to me. 'It's about those fellows I lost that money to. They sure have been giving me a ride. I can't pay now. I will later, but I must stall them off.'"

"We went upstairs. The phone rang. Rothstein's premonition now haunted him. After answering it, Rothstein said, 'It's those very guys calling me. They want me to come over to the hotel.'"

"Why do you go?" I asked. "Because if I don't they will think I am a coward trying to run away. I know what it means, I must go."

"That night Rothstein was fatally shot. He had several chances to tell who shot him. He refused."

"There is nothing more ghostly or macabre than thus coming face to face with a consummated premonition of violent death."

Little Wantads Do Big Things.

Penguins Most Comical;
Stand Erect Like a Man

There is a bird so helpless and defenseless against human attack that it has stirred the pity of civilized nations and become the subject of an international protective treaty, says a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Penguins were in danger of being wholly exterminated by man before the treaty was made. Many years ago the birds were very common, but they were slaughtered by the hundreds of thousands because men coveted the valuable oil in their bodies.

The birds collect in droves on Antarctic islands during the mating season. They stand straight up and waddle awkwardly on their two short legs, like old frock-coated gentlemen. Their stiff wings, jointed only where they are attached to the body, are quite useless for flying. To kill them a man has only to swing a club, and until the international agreement was made, the birds were in danger of being wiped out.

Ordinarily penguins do not come ashore. It is only during the mating season, when they must build simple nests of grass under some protecting ledge of rock or in a hollow in the ground, that they risk trips away from the sea for brief island visits.

At sea they have no need of wings, for they are superb divers and swimmers and they live solely on a diet of fish, sea creatures and sea plants. Ice water has no terror for them because their scaly feathers are an armor-like protection against it.

The penguin has won a wider reputation for being comical in appearance than for any other quality. Its legs, located far back on its body, permitting it to stand erect in quite human fashion, its white breast resembling a shirt front, its black back feathers looking like a dark coat, its daddering walk and its upturned bird face, combine to give it a half-human look.

Innuits Believed They
Were Lords of Creation

It seems that when we call the aborigines of the Arctic regions "Eskimos" we are using a nickname which was given to them long ago by Algonquin tribes of Canada with whom they occasionally traded. It means, "those who eat raw fish," and is as much an exotic in their speech as "Gingoes" is in ours. Among themselves they are the Innuits and King George in a message of good-will to the Eskimos in northern British possessions greeted them as "our loyal Innuit subjects."

The word "Innuit" means "the men," "the people," or, as one humorous translator put it, "God's frozen people." Isolated for untold ages from all contact with other tribes of men, they believed themselves to be the lords of creation, the only erect and talking human beings in all the world, and they called themselves Innuits to mark their difference from the wild creatures of the land and sea upon which they subsisted.—Boston Transcript.

Husbands Outlive Bachelors

Figures show the death rate of husbands is much lower than that of bachelors, thus supporting the old contention that married life, especially for men, is conducive to health and longevity. Vital statistics compiled by the census bureau show that the death rate of husbands between the ages of thirty-five and forty-five is about one-half that of bachelors of the same age group. And the death rate for husbands of all ages between twenty-five and sixty-five is only two-thirds that of bachelors between those ages.—Pathfinder Magazine.

The First Etching

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HISTORIC NEAT WAVE

JUNE 18, 1935. In the city of Chicago for six days the temperature had been above 90 degrees. Delegates to the Republican convention had sweated through them with nerves worn to a frazzle. There was a deadlock between Lowden and Wood.

Then the "Senatorial Group," which had engineered the deadlock, got busy and offered for a compromise candidate Senator Warren G. Harding. The hot, weary delegates were ready to take anybody so Harding got the nomination.

Next a candidate for Vice President had to be chosen. The "Senatorial Group" had planned to give this honor to Senator Irvine L. Lenroot—thus making it an all-senatorial ticket. Medill McCormick of Illinois was making the speech for Lenroot when Wallace McManis, a delegate from Oregon, leaped up.

He called out, "We want Coolidge! We want Coolidge!" Others took up the cry. When McCormick finished his speech, McManis shouted: "I nominate Gov. Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts for Vice President."

The stampede was under way. The perspiring delegates, disgusted with the "Senatorial Group" for holding them for nearly a week in expensive hotels, saw a chance to retaliate. The engineers of the steam roller could not crush the uprising and Coolidge was nominated.

When Harding died in 1923, Coolidge became President. And the man who was sent to the White House by a heat wave was re-elected with help of a slogan, "Keep Cool with Coolidge!"

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The Echometer

The echometer is an electrically operated device for sounding at sea, by means of which the nature of an ocean bed and the depth of water beneath a vessel can be determined. It was announced by the British Marconi system. The echometer is operated by push-button principle. Among the claims for it are that it will prove of great value in saving vessels from grounding and that it can be used by fishermen in trawling to determine the type of fish to be found from the depth of water.

A Prehistoric City

An entire prehistoric Iberian city was discovered at the base of the mountain of San Miguel in Valencia. Among the remains, to which great value is attached, are ancient vessels, on one of which are paintings of soldiers on foot and on horseback. A complete Iberian alphabet has also been found.

The Baby's Faculties

The ages when certain faculties first appear in average infants and children vary considerably. Memory and simple consciousness come soon after birth, curiosity at about ten weeks, the senses of shame, remorse and the ludicrous at fifteen months, self-consciousness at three years, the color sense at four years and the sense of fragrance at five years.—Collier's Weekly.

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June 18.—Farrell Cox and Kenneth VanNortwick killed a wildcat Fri.

Mrs. Chetwood and Mrs. Van Dusen gave a surprise dinner Thurs. evening in honor of the birth anniversary of Mrs. Lawrence McKay.

Wilma Sutherland went to Loraine Sat. for a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brookhart spent Sun. in Drain with relatives. Daisy Warrick and Dallas Brown of Portland spent the week end at the A. Lyons home.

Dale Thorn arrived Sun. from Portland to spend his vacation with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thorn.

Mrs. Walter Gossler and daughters Ann and Nada of Springfield are guests this week at the Oakley McGuire home.

The W. A. Woodard Lumber company have purchased a Ford V-8 speeder to haul the crew to and from work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest VanDusen attended a family reunion at Harrisburg Sun. A small brother of Mrs. VanDusen, George Hopper, returned with them for a week's visit. Another brother, Archie Hopper, who had been visiting here, returned home Fri.

Mildred Quimby of C.G. spent last week at the Joe Brookhart home.

Mrs. Addie Sun— with a company of friends, left Mon. to attend a Pentecostal camp meeting at Centralia, Wash.

Mrs. W. H. Thorn left Monday for a two weeks' visit with her children in Portland.

Mrs. Alvin McGarvin spent the week end with relatives at Divide. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reppetto and baby of Ryderwood, Wash., spent the week end at the George Bailes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Kelly and son Dean, Mrs. Emma Kelly and Grand-a Winecoff spent Sun. at the Bill Perini home at Anlauf.

Mrs. Bertha Brookhart and daughter Suzanne spent Sun. at the Barney Walker home in Lynx Hollow.

Marvis Sutherland and Rex Adams, in company with two girl friends, upset the car in which they were riding Sat. night on the Black Butte road. No one was hurt.

Vernon Decker of C.G. spent Mon. with Dale Thorn.

The annual school meeting was held Monday evening. Felix Ems was elected director for a three-year term and Mrs. Ollie Powell was elected clerk. It was voted to buy a new bus for the district and use the old bus to haul the high school pupils to C.G. The budget was adopted.

Mildred Quimby of C.G. and Mrs. Joe Brookhart were dinner guests Fri. at the Phillip Brookhart home at Black Butte.

A farewell party was given at the Lively hall Sat. evening in honor of Miss Alice Hagey, who left Sun. for Iowa City, Ia., to spend the summer with her mother.

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