

PENNSYLVANIA MINDS SWAYED IN WITCH CULT

'Pow-Wow' Superstition is Handed Down By Early German Settlers—Doctor Tells of Treatment for Burn When Young.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The mystic influence which sent King Saul to consult the witch woman of Endor still sways the minds of many men and women in Pennsylvania.

The killing of Nelson D. Lehman in York county by a "pow-wow" doctor and two youths; efforts to connect the unsolved murder of a girl with witchcraft and investigation of the deaths of infants who received pow-wow instead of medical treatment, all have served to focus attention on the survival of ancient superstitions.

The word "pow-wow" was adopted by early settlers from the North American Indian, in which tongue it meant "convergence." Immigrants brought with them their beliefs in incantations and conjuring formulas in the curing of minor ills and averting of misfortune.

This wealth of superstition entered into many domestic actions and the duties of every-day life. The superstition of early German settlers much of which now appears to have been handed down through the generations, was divided into a hundred forms, from a simple belief in the efficacy of Bible verses prominently selected to demology.

Dr. Julius F. Schaefer once related to the Lancaster historical society a personal experience as a boy with "pow-wowing" a burn. He had picked up a hot piece of iron, and as no remedies were at hand it was suggested that he be taken to an old woman in the neighborhood, who for a penny or so would "blessch the burn."

"The old woman was spare and thin, with long bony hands," said Dr. Schaefer. "A pair of brass spectacles perched on her nose, and red tapes formed a garniture for her drooping eyelids."

"After having stood on the table, she immediately commenced making signs and crosses over the hurt with her long, thin, six-fingered, while she murmured her incantations—actions which, from the uncanny feeling excited in the lad, temporarily took away all thoughts of injury."

"The pain soon returned, and the boy broke into laughter at the ridiculous sight." In anger the old-crone wrote German characters on a piece of paper and put it into the boy's pocket.

At his home the mischievous was examined. It advised, "an immediate and thorough dusting of the boy's jacket with a pliable hazel or birch switch, well laid on, so as to teach him in future to respect old age and venerate a 6732 head," said Dr. Schaefer.

ENGLISH PREPARE ENJOY CHRISTMAS AS RULER GAINS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—King George had a fairly restful night with no noticeable alteration of his condition and there was no discussion among the public to regard it as other than satisfactory under the circumstances.

The king's physicians by their recent statements have satisfied the popular mind that his majesty's case has taken a more favorable turn and that he has been making real, if slight and slow, progress.

Consequently Christmas activities went on today in the same atmosphere of subdued cheerfulness which has marked them during the past few days.

While the king's condition has remained stationary for the last twelve hours, it was stated in authoritative quarters that he has had no ground. Therefore optimism continued at Buckingham palace.

FLU EPIDEMIC PAST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Influenza attacks, which reached epidemic proportions here two weeks ago, were reported as "passing out" of southern California by Dr. George C. Parrish, county health officer.

Health department figures fixed the number of cases reported today as 163, yesterday as 124 and the day before at 142, today's total was the lowest since the peak of 800 cases last week. The total number of cases this month was reported as 7,540, with 225 deaths.

Oregon Weather: Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday but cloudy with rain extreme west portion; no change in temperature. Strong southeast winds.

Anti-Rum Sermons Bring Bullets for M. E. Church Pastor

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 22.—(AP)—A shower of pistol and shotgun bullets sprayed the Lombard Avenue Methodist Episcopal church at Halesboro, and its pastor yesterday as an automobile twice sped past the building. Five windows were broken, four in the church and one in the parsonage. Nobody was injured.

Halesboro police thought bootleggers were responsible for the shooting. The Rev. Gordon G. Jones has been preaching vehemently for prohibition, they said.

POSTAL TRUCKS ADDED FOR RUSH OF PARCEL MAIL

Annin today lines of belated senders of Christmas presents were waiting their turn before the stamp windows at the postoffice lobby, but this volume of outgoing Christmas mail was less than on previous days.

However, the incoming Christmas parcel and first class mail is continuing to arrive at the postoffice in such huge proportion that no handler could do the much augmented staff keep pace with the handling and delivery of it. Hence another fleet of three motor trucks has been added, delivering the Christmas rush parcels and the personnel of the staff was also increased.

The daily special parcels delivery train from Portland, on arrival here yesterday afternoon brought half again as much to Medford as it did the day before. The train was late again today, which was interpreted by the postoffice staff to mean that it was bringing at least as much this afternoon.

HAMMOND GIVEN OFFICE IN LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—The league of Oregon cities, in session here late yesterday, named a committee to watch all bills introduced in the legislature affecting cities with a view of resisting any that would take powers from cities and give them to the state.

Chas. Schuchel, city attorney, Oregon City, was elected president of the league. A. A. Hall, city attorney, Tillamook, first vice president; H. E. Hammond, councilman, Medford, secretary; J. L. Franzen, city manager, Oregon City, secretary; Mrs. Laura H. Barlow, mayor of Troutdale, treasurer.

POWELL ELECTED MASONS' MASTER

As a result of the annual election of Medford lodge 104, A. F. & A. M., Herman D. Powell was chosen to head that organization as worshipful master for the 1929 season. A year of considerable activity should be in store for the local square and compass lodge with Mr. Powell at its helm, as he has been active in Masonic work in this city for several years and is well fitted for his new office. H. J. Field was selected as senior warden, E. L. Lenox as junior warden, J. A. Perry as treasurer and C. M. Houston as secretary.

During the past year, the Medford lodge, under the leadership of C. C. Furnas, has enjoyed one of the most successful years in its history and many new members have been added to the membership roll of the organization. One important gathering of Masons from all parts of Oregon and northern California was held in Medford, at which the Medford Masons were hosts, as well as many other activities have made 1928 a busy one for those affiliated with lodge 104.

Mr. Furnas, retiring worshipful master, is deserving of credit for an exceptionally successful 1928 season.

FIFTY MORE CARS PARKED OVERTIME

Despite repeated warnings and the fact that nearly 200 motorists had been tagged before them for parking too long in the business section, 50 more motorists were tagged yesterday by police officers in their drive to relieve traffic and parking congestion during the Christmas rush and nearly as many were expected to be tagged today.

However, a small percentage of the number were out of town motorists who were not familiar with the parking rule and were shown a certain amount of leniency when they appeared at the police station to post the usual one dollar bail.

PRICE WORKING TO STRENGTHEN BEAR OFFENSE

More Than Defense Needed Against Golden Tornado

Practice New Formations—Tech Giants Flirt With Flu, En Route.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Apparently realizing that it will take more than a stout defense to beat the Golden Tornado of Georgia Tech, coach "Niles" Price of California has started to strengthen the Bears' offense for the east-west clash at the Rose Bowl here New Year's day.

Dividing his men into four teams yesterday, he gave each several plays and had them working on the new formations, one after another. He kept an eagle eye on each eleven as it ran through the play. His first eleven, led by Delf Timmerman in the tackle berth usually held down by Steve Bancroft, and a backfield comprised of Harold Beckenridge, quarterback; Benny Lom and Fred Schlicking, halfbacks; and Charley Schmidt, fullback.

Bancroft was forced to remain in the north for an examination, but was due to arrive today. Beckenridge filled Lee Kloss's signal calling job, while Schlicking was in Stanley Barr's usual place.

DEL RIO, Tex., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Georgia Tech's Golden Tornado, Dixie's hope to dispel the gridiron domination of the Pacific coast, traveled across the broad, east-laked expanse of southwest Texas today, en route west to meet the University of California in the Rose Bowl of New Year's day.

Reports that Bob Durant and Stanley Thompson, two of the giants of the Tech backfield, were fighting threatened attacks of influenza were partially confirmed when the train made a brief stop at Houston last night. Newspapermen aboard the Sunset reported that both were under the sound physician's care.

Coach Alexander also said that contrary to general opinion and despite two broken ribs, which were fractured in a recent game, Frank Speer, 1928 all-American tackle, might see action in the Rose Bowl classic.

NO MORE HOBBOES TO BOTHER WIFE OF JAMES E. HOW

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Superior Court Judge H. Rey Schauer has decreed that Mrs. Ingeberg How need not cultivate the society of migratory gentlemen of the brakerode, even though her husband, James Eads How, "millionaire hobo," prefers such companionship.

Mrs. How testified that her husband frequently brought hoboes home to dinner, that he informed her he preferred their society to hers and that on their wedding trip he humiliated her by accompanying her to the dining car of a trans-continental train and lurching off of dry crusts he carried in a landana handkerchief.

"Last April 4, he got his hat and coat and said he was not going to live with me any more," she said.

SMITH CONTINUES BRILLIANT GOLF IN AVALON RACE

AVALON, Santa Catalina Island, Cal., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Horton Smith, young Joplin, Mo., pro., who was a semi-finalist in the recent national professional championship, today continued his brilliant golfing race of yesterday to lead the \$2500 Santa Catalina Island open field, into the final 36 holes of play. At the half way mark, the field was cut to 48 low scorers and ties.

Henri Cueli of Bridgport, Conn. was at the fore of the first dozen players to reach the 36-hole mark of the \$2500 Santa Catalina Island open golf tournament today. He had a card of 62-62-124 for the four trips around the nine hole layout.

Ben Richter, southpaw mauler swinger of St. Louis, was three strokes behind Cueli with a 62-65-127. Bob Shave of Aurora, Ill., stroked his way into third place among the early finishers at the half way mark with a 62-65-128.

Invis Army WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—An invitation by the Irish Free State for an American army team to participate in the international military jumping competitions, to be held in conjunction with the Dublin Horse Show August 2 to 3, has been accepted by Secretary Davis.

In the World of Sports

HEAVYWEIGHT DOOR SHUT ON JACK SHARKEY

Tex Piqued By Charges of Lithuanian—Big Shot Between Paulino and Stribling—Sharkey Left Out in Cold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A duel so the death between Tex Rickard and Jack Sharkey's board of strategy may be some more flaccid "hokey" but at least it serves to enlighten an otherwise sporting heavyweight industry.

As the situation stands now, it appears as though Young Stribling will battle Paulino Uzcudun, the Basque woodchopper, and not Sharkey, at Miami Beach, Fla., early next year. Time was when Sharkey was referred to as the "Lithuanian Lithuanian" by factious sports writers with a flair for alliterative effects, but at least the Boston sailor never talked himself out of a fight that would add \$100,000 or so to the family bankroll. And that's just what his manager or managers, as the case may be, seem to have done.

The controversy between Rickard and Sharkey's handlers started when local newspapers received telegrams purporting to come from Sharkey and charging among other things that Rickard was managing Stribling, Paulino and Jack Dempsey. Further, the telegram said that Sharkey, fearing he would not get a "break," would refuse to fight Stribling in the Georgian's own sector of the country.

After denying numerous accusations, Tex added that he was "drough fooling with Sharkey," and that Sharkey's fear of being the decision to Stribling was tant admission that he did not think the sailor could conquer the husky Georgian. He added that in view of all that had happened, he probably would match Paulino against Stribling and let Sharkey out in the cold.

All of which he may or may not do. Here's what sports celebrities might have written to their Santa Claus:

"I've been on my good behavior for the last four months, so please may I have my reinstatement to amateur standing from the United States Lawn Tennis Association. BIG BILL TILDEN.

"All that I want in this wide short world is the old Dempsey or a second Dempsey—the old Tunney or a second Tunney—please bring me something to bolster up the fight industry. TEX RICKARD.

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Hanging Up the Sport Sock



The Santa Claus of sport might reach into his storehouse and bring out any number of pleasing gifts for his followers. For instance, a heavyweight of championship caliber for Tex Rickard, a clean bill of health from the U. S. L. T. A. for "Big Bill" Tilden, a pennant for Connie Mack and so on through the catalog.

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TABERSKI WINS CHAMPIONSHIP IN PLAY-OFF

Pocket Billiard Title Taken Handily—Score 125 to 41—Greenleaf Off Form—Scratches Bring Penalty 16 Points.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Frank Taberski of Schenectady won the world's pocket billiard championship by crushing Ralph Greenleaf of New York, 125 to 41, in a play-off match at Orchestra hall early today.

Taberski won the title by winning two straight matches from the national champion in the play-off of the international championship. He won the first match 125 to 57.

Both matches were slow except for a run of 57 by Taberski. Greenleaf was far from his usual form and he seemed to play his poorest exhibition in 19 years.

Two successive scratches by Greenleaf penalized him 16 points, and it seemed to take the spirit from him, and after that he never threatened.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—When Johnny Layton won the first world's three-cushion billiard title this week, defeating Willie Hoppe, 56 to 24, he established two records.

The stocky Missourian, who is as much at home aiming a gun as a billiard cue, ran the block in 24 innings—the shortest game ever played. To hang up the other record, he averaged 1.43-50 billiards an inning in the three games he won in the tournament.

"It was the best series of games I ever played," said Layton today.

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Fights Last Night (By the Associated Press) AUGUSTA, Ga.—W. L. "Young" Stribling knocked out Marshall Blackstock, Tulsa, Okla., (2). NEW YORK.—Yale Okun, New York, outpointed Tom Kirby, Boston, (10); Frank Cawley, Philadelphia, outpointed Bruno Salla, New York, (4). KENTON, Ky.—Mickey Feder, Pittsburgh, and Alex Summs, Toledo, drew, (10). ERIE, Pa.—Max Cab. Eric, and Lupe Tenero, New York, drew, (10); Young Jack Dempsey, Cincinnati, outpointed Battling Norfolk, Buffalo, (10); Chet Thomas, Boston, stopped Jackie Morgan, Buffalo, (5).