

## **"EDGE OF DARKNESS" BONUS HANDOUT(S)**

### **Arkham Gazette & Arkham Bulletin Articles**

This prop document is designed for use with the introductory adventure "The Edge of Darkness," by Kieth Herber included in the *Call of Cthulhu* game rulebook, published by Chaosium, Inc. It could, of course, be used for other adventures as well.

This document is a pair newspaper articles that Keepers may wish to give investigators who check the library's bound collection of newspaper back issues, kept in the basement. The following articles are dated March, 1882 and describe the carriage accident which took the life of one student and grievously injured another.

"DARKNESS" BONUS #1 - Arkham Gazette Clipping "DARKNESS" BONUS #2 - Arkham Bulletin Clipping

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# MASS. MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1877

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M.U. LITERARY HOUSE - Converted Farmhouse just outside of Ross's Corners.

It ELLINGSON GIRL INSANE, **STATE EXPERT ASSERTS** 

### Her Trial for the Murder of Her Mother Is Expected to Begin Today.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 29.-Counsel for both sides indicated time of the commission of the crime. today that the trial of Dorothy Her present condition, if it were Ellingson, 16 years old, charged with brought into the case, would involve the murder of her mother, would a new issue, he said. proceed tomorrow, though others in Dorothy Ellingson is alleged to have close touch with the case saw a the State Hospital for the Insane, at and must be eliminated

March 28, 1877

CARRIAGE ACCIDEN **KILLS STUDENT** 

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### One Miskatonic U. Student Killed. The Other Seriously Injured.

Ross's Corners Sheriff reported to Arkham Police that a group of Miskatonic University literary students were involved in a terrible carriage accident Saturday. An accident which took the life of one student and greviously injured another. The students were all members of a literary fraternity, which consisted of: Marion Allen, Harold Copley, Crawford Harris, Cecil Jones, Robert Menkin, and Rupert Merriweather. All had been using an old farmhouse out past were examining the prisoner at the Ross's Corners for several months before the accident.

Both Menkin and Copley were heading into town for some supplies formal reports on her condition and when one of the horses broke its leg causing the carriage to tumble. Mr. Copley fell and struck his head on a out, however, that the defense, in rock when the carriage rolled, while outlining its case to prospective Mr. Menkin was thrown and broke iurors all last week, had emphasized his neck. Sheriff Jonston stated, that possibility she was insane at the "This is a terrible tragedy for these young men. Our hearts go out to the survivors and their parents." Α member of Arkham's Coroner's

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Apparently, Robert Menkin and Harold Copley were heading into town for some supplies when one of the horses broke its leg causing the carriage to tumble. Mr. Copley fell and struck his head on a rock when the carriage rolled, while Mr. Menkin was thrown and broke his neck.

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#### A MURDERER ARRESTED

CHEYANNE, March 26-A desperado named Cabe Young, was arrested near Rawlings through Agent Turtle's detective agency, Chicago. He was wanted in Texas for killing a man named O'Donnell in 1871. Indictments for murder, highway robbery, cattle stealing and other STOCK MARKET IN CHAOS

NEW YORK, March 28- The NYSE had its lowest day of the decade Friday with Wallstreet investors rushing to sell in a frenzy that could truly hurt the economy for the nation, some analyst say. "Almost major corporation and company has taken a hit this week. Hits that may even make even Carnagie take pause," said William Woodson of the NYSE.

However, one small company seems to have risen from out of obscurity



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to a fully recognized power-player. New World Incorporated (NWI), the brain-child of Chicago entrepreneur, Edward Chandler, says his new company is ready to make a difference in the world. When asked as to his company's success from the overwhelming downfall of so many larger firms, Chandler was quoted as saying, "that's the nature of the beast. This business is full of ups and downs. We were fortunate to come out a little stronger this time.

Yet critics of the young company say that the Chicago-based firm'searnings this quarter are too much of a cooincidence to deny foul play. ( Continued Base

#### AGED WOMAN DIES IN SWAMP

NEW YORK-Mrs. Mary Dahle, a widow, 85 years old, of 596 Eighth Avenue, Astoria, reputed to be the owner of real estate in the Ravenswood and Astoria sections of Long Island City, was found dead yesterday in the swamps near the incinerator of the Queens Street Cleaning Bureau, Astoria. It is believed she wandered into the swamp while looking over some of her property. Albert Dahle, 38, grandson of the deceased woman, said his grandmother had grown distracted in recent weeks and claimed to have heard "voices" calling to her from the swampy area.

#### KILLED BY CARS

CHICAGO, March 28-On the Chicago and Alton railway, in the neighborhood of Louisiana, Mo. George G. Basher of Ogden, Utah, agent for a brewing company, fell or was thrown from the cars and was run over and killed. The fact was not discovered till the train reached Road House, Illinois. He had two daughters, age ten and twelve, on board who were forwarded to friends at Waterton Wis., wither they were going.

was understood that other alienists, subpoenaed by the defense, county jail today. Sylvester J. McAfee, of defense

counsel, said he had not received could not predict whether the trial would be interrupted. He pointed

cut her mother's throat on March 24. strong possibility that the defense The girl claims she had been having would present a formal motion to nocturnal visions and heard voices end the trial and empanel a new jury commanding her to do things. It is to determine the girl is now insane. claimed that the voices warned her Dr. Fred P. Clark, Superintendent of 'that her mother was a threat to her



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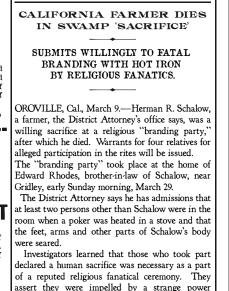
MENKIN BOY FUNERAL SUN

ARKHAM, Mass.- Roberta Menkin, grieving mother of Robert Menkin who was killed in a carriage accident this Saturday, told the Arkham Bulletin that the death of her son was, "something, no parent should have to go through.'

"I just expected to have more time with him... I never expected this."

The accident which claimed her son's life also seriously injured another Arkham young man, Harold Copley, who seems to have suffered a nervous breakdown. Mr. Copley was thrown from the carriage when the horse broke its leg. His companions reported that when he was thrown, he landed on a rock - striking his head.

Mr. Copley was treated for his physical injuries but the young man also has mental issues which are not yet resolved yet and has a predetermination towards screaming terrifically. Mr. Copley's family was unavailable for comment, except to say they are looking into several Sanatoriums in the Boston area to treat their son.



assert they were impelled by a strange power possessed by Schalow, one they could not resist, and that the branding was voluntarily accepted by Schalow, who rested on the floor, a willing victim to this white hot iron.

Mrs. Schalow fell into a strange "spell," in which she remained for two or three days following the party, authorities say they learn. Sheep were offered as sacrifices the night before the "branding," reports of investigators say.

**FRIGHTER BATTLES** SARGASSO WEEDS

British Frieghter Fights Them for 12 Days on Trip to Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 11.-For twelve days the British steamer 'Clan MacFadyen' sailed through a sea of weeds. At times the floating masses of weeds hindered the passage of the big freighter, causing her to arrive at this port from the Cape Verde Islands several days overdue.

Captain Harry S. Sumner said he had never seen so much seaweed. 'We received a wireless message from the United States steam yacht Arcturus, 1,000 miles away," said Captain Sumner, "stating that the Sargasso Sea, which is composed of the sargasso weed, extended beyond them."

The vast field of sargasso-weeds which the 'Clan MacFadven' encountered extended far beyond the usual area of great density between the Azores and the Antilles. There was danger of the thick masses becoming Ohio River. enmeshed in the propellor blades. At times the weeds were so dense that with full steam ahead, the large freighter seemed to be held back.

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#### TERRIFIED MAN LEAPS FROM CAR Carnagie take pause," said William



Emulsion after their meals during

the winter season.