

SPORTING NEWS—

Table tennis: Miskatonic league begins

BEARS VS. GOATS TO-NITE

WEATHER FORECAST—

Today. Unusual warmth & wind.

Tomorrow. Inclement.

RARE LUNAR LIGHT

Rash of Fires has Fire and Police Departments on the Hop!

A series of fires has strained the resources of the Arkham Fire and Police Departments. Citizens are demanding answers. While these incidents are a sad fact of urban life, especially during Arkham's recovery from the past six months, the incredible increase in recent days has distressed and disturbed Arkhamites.

Catalog of Tragedy

Four serious fires have broken out in the last three days alone. This past week, flames engulfed the River Docks warehouse owned by the dry goods firm of Scroop & Sons. The fire spread so quickly that by the time fire engines arrived on scene, little could be done beyond ensuring that the flames did not leap across rooftops to neighboring warehouses. Prompt action averted a catastrophe that could have swept the district, but Messrs. Scroop have nothing left of their property but charred ruins.

The following day, a second fire broke out in the Barbary Manor apartment building in Northside, and the third lit up the Prize Catch Diner in Rivertown.

The Barbary Manor, astute readers will have surmised, is a typical Northside tenement hiding behind a grand name. The flames originated in its basement early in the evening, then climbed the other floors rapidly, its spread undoubtedly aided by the insalubrious conditions the district is well-known for.

Police offered their assistance to firefighters in evacuating the stricken building, and their combined efforts ensured that the evening was not

ARKHAM AFLAME!



BAD LUCK OR FIRE BUGS?

marked by large-scale tragedy. Even so, two residents of the top floor lost their lives: Robert O'Brien and Gerry Torres, both factory workers.

The Prize Catch Diner has been something of a Rivertown institution for over twenty years. A blaze erupted in its kitchen shortly af-

ter closing time, even as the Barbary Manor conflagration was still being brought under control. It is fortunate that no one was on the premises. The combination of grease-streaked walls and drums of cooking oil proved to be explosive, and it is fortunate that the—*Cont'd on page 2*

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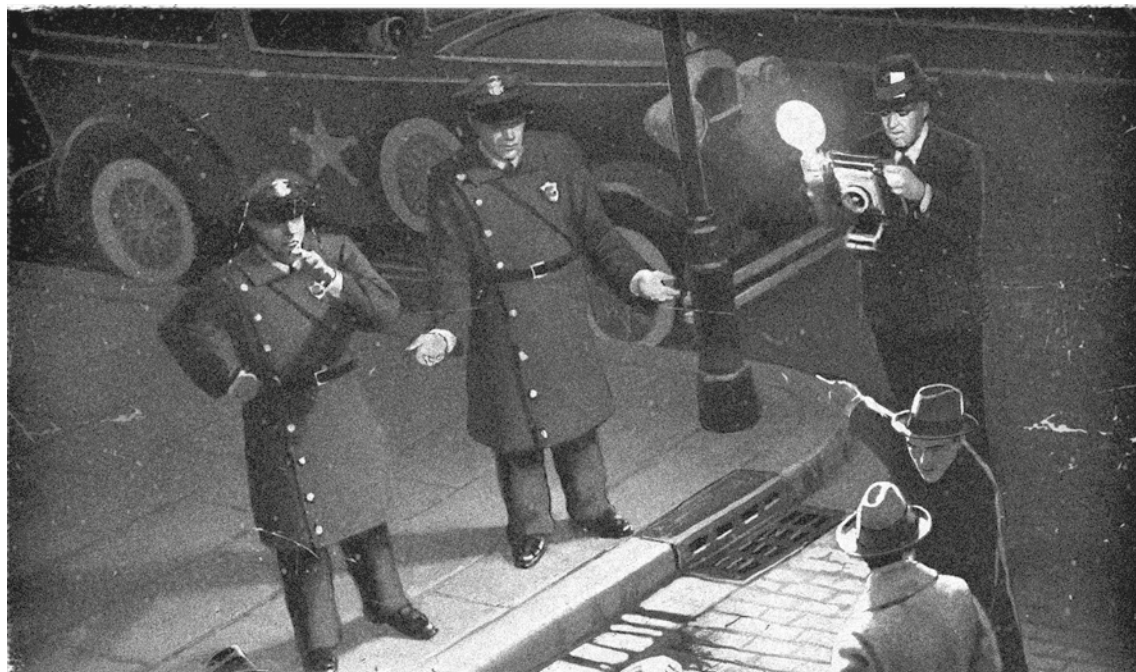
diner was isolated from other buildings by its position at a street intersection, and the presence of the railway to the rear. By the time the over-worked fire brigade arrived on scene, little remained to mark what had once been a popular haunt.

Finally, last night, the stately residence of the ship-owner Ezekiel Harrington and his family lost its east wing to the fourth and final blaze. Quick action doused the fire with little losses. Arkham can rest easy that it did not lose one of its more prominent scions.

**Accident, or
Worse...?**

Can the *Arkham Advertiser* attribute so many fires to misadventure? Interviewed at the scene of the Barbary Manor blaze, heroic Officer Tommy Muldoon said, "Whoever is doing this must be stopped." However, his superiors have subsequently refused to collaborate that arson is suspected. In every case, the presence of flammable materials does make unfortunate happenstance a plausible scenario.

Arkham residents are reminded to store all such products safely.



CRIMINALITY RAMPANT!

**Streets Deemed
No Longer Safe****Citizens Demand Action**

The apparent rise of violent crime in Arkham has residents demanding action from authorities. While it has yet to be determined if the fires that have been plaguing Arkham (see headline) are the result of arson, the increased frequency of other criminal activity is undeniable.

Police have released details of two new incidents in the last twenty-four hours, with appeals to the public for any information to aide their investigations.

Waterfront Horror

Shortly after dawn, workers on the early shift were shocked by the discovery of a man's body in an alleyway between two fish-packing plants. The victim, male, had been beaten to death, the attack carried

out with such ferocity that the man's features had been rendered unrecognizable. Police, when called in, have been unable to ascertain whether the assault was carried out by one perpetrator or multiple.

No wallet or other means of identification were found with the body. The victim remains unknown. Police request the public to come forward if they know of anyone missing who matches the following description.

The victim is a white male, probably of at least middle-age, with graying hair. Weight approximately 200 pounds. Wearing a dark brown, threadbare suit, white shirt, and black Oxfords (left one split).

Residents are also asked to be on the lookout for suspicious characters.

Missing Officer

Police are seeking one of their own who went missing late last night in French Hill. Officer

Alexis Wang was on routine foot patrol with her partner, Officer Elena Leonard. In the vicinity of Bayfriar Gardens, they became briefly separated. Though Officer Leonard has stated that they were out of sight of each other for no more than an instant, when she looked to rejoin her partner again, there was no sign of Officer Wang.

After several minutes of fruitless searching, Officer Leonard summoned help, and police have been combing the refined avenues of French Hill ever since. The disappearance of a respected police officer is alarming, but for it to happen in one of Arkham's prestigious neighborhoods is even more concerning. Is there no corner of this city safe from the talons of crime?

This paper collaborates with the police in asking anyone with any information to step forward. Citizens demand action be taken to curb this rising tide of lawlessness.

**ARKHAM IS
ON THE GO!****City Faces Bumps
in the Name
of Progress**

What a difference six months can make!

A mere half-year ago, Arkham faced the greatest crisis in its history. A flood of unprecedented magnitude devastated lives, homes, and businesses. There were some (though not this paper) that declared the city could not recover, and that it was time to accept that any attempt at reconstruction would simply be throwing good money after bad.

Arkham and its brave citizens have proved the naysayers wrong!

Thanks to local pluck and a very different kind of flood—a flood of money from outside investors—Arkham has resumed its march forward and is better than ever! Jobs from new industries are booming. Entertainment is at an all-time high. Arkham has shucked off old fashion and is ready for a change.

It is true that old problems persist, new ones arise, but no great project worth doing is without its challenges. The can-do spirit of Arkhamites has never been more apparent.

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PROHIBITION: IS IT WORKING?

Waterfront District Faces Increased Crime

Once more, questions have risen about the wisdom of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act. While this paper hopes that no one can doubt the beneficial intent of Prohibition, its impact on our community remains a subject of debate, one that has increased in urgency.

The records of arrests in the Waterfront District show a

marked increase since the Act has been enforced by police. Those numbers continue to climb. The increase in violent crime is especially alarming. While women's groups who support Prohibition in Arkham attest to their husbands choosing to come home after work, and their wages staying at the hearth rather than being spent at the bar, others argue that the Act has only brought new kinds of deadly crime to otherwise sleepy districts in Arkham.

The commonplace assumption is that organized gangs of bootleggers are operating in the area, expanding their reach

from larger Massachusetts cities, and that those gangs are becoming bolder. While Arkhamites feel the threat on their streets, the perception that our community is less safe has not impacted choices by our government or the collective voice of the people.

Thus, the battle for the soul of Arkham proceeds on multiple fronts. The debate over Prohibition will not be resolved any time soon.

In the meantime, citizens are warned to have their wits about them when conducting business in the Waterfront District.

SKY-HIGH DREAMER OR MAD BALLOONIST?

Popular local insomniac and chair of Arkham's High Flier Society, Ms. Charlotte Llewellyn-Wells has announced her next ballooning trip over the New England coast... while fast asleep! Ms. Llewellyn-Wells aims to "reach beyond the mortal veil and enter the realm of the Dreamlands—being a tad closer should make it easier!"

An enthusiastic crowd of High Fliers will cheer on Ms. Llewellyn-Wells' perilous embarkation from Kingsport Head this Friday evening at 7. All welcome.



New Ocean Mystery

Ghost Ships and

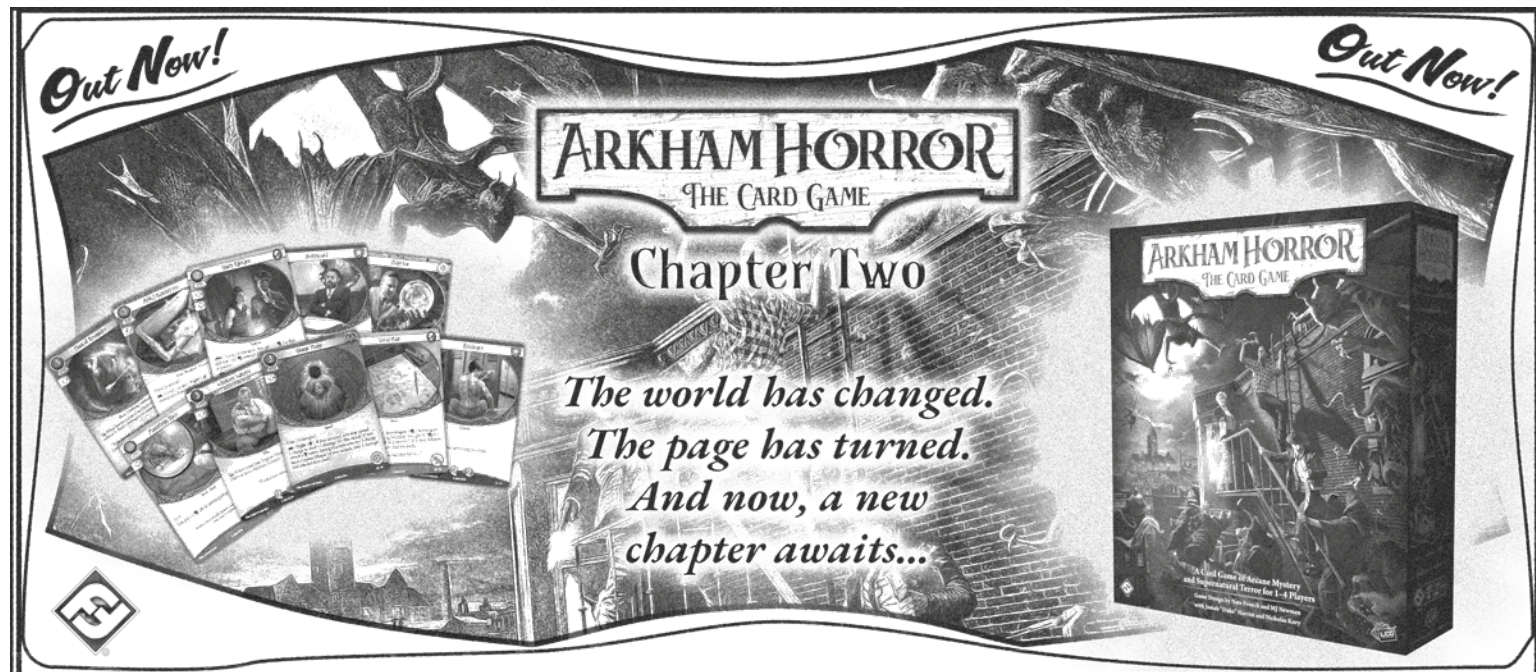
Marine Monstrosities

The appearance of ships thought lost is usually cause for rejoicing. But this is not the case when the ships in question are missing their crews.

Such is the case with the freighter *Argyle* and the fishing vessel *Elizabeth Clarke*. Both were listed as lost at sea: the *Argyle* six months ago, and the *Elizabeth Clarke* three months ago. They were found a mile outside of harbor yesterday, completely deserted.

While it was believed that the ships had sunk during heavy storms that struck the Arkham region around the time of their disappearances, that explanation now seems wanting. If the ships did not sink, where have they been? And what happened to their crews?

The mystery has tongues wagging, particularly since the return of the ships has coincided with the discovery of sea mammals' bodies and malformed deep-sea denizens on our shores. The evidence of severe injuries sustained by the animals has disquieted witnesses, and has left marine biologist experts at a loss to explain. Could they be related?



EDITORIAL



A Clean Arkham is a Safe Arkham

The old saying that cleanliness is next to godliness may be a shopworn cliché, but this citizen wishes to remind readers of the truth it represents, nevertheless. It need hardly be pointed out that the least desirable areas of our city are

also those most afflicted with moral decay.

Easttown comes to mind, doesn't it? And rightly so. Yet Velma's Diner, doubtful as its clientele often is, has nevertheless been a beacon of the virtues of hard work in the

district and the city as a whole. It is dismaying, then, to learn about the disturbing graffiti daubed in what we can only hope is merely red paint in the alley behind the establishment.

Let us further hope that this disrespectful filth is not an

omen of things to come for Velma's Diner, and for those whom it serves. Let all of us work to keep our town clean and safe. We must help each other. Enabling horrible graffiti to adorn the diner does nothing but erode the faith in our community.

Note to Promoters: Clean Advertising is Clever Advertising

Citizens have been alarmed by the sight of robed figures loitering the streets of Arkham after dark. This concerned wife detects whiffs of a publicity stunt and wishes to alert her fellows.

Is there a new club about to open? Or perhaps, this is a terrible decision to promote a new, *illegal*, speakeasy? If so, it would serve the promoters to be less coy about it. Do not stoop to frightening residents with your costumes!



OLMSTEAD KIDNAPPING TRIAL UNDERWAY

Sensational Accusations Against Wealthy Ferdinand Olmstead

Prosecution's Star Witness, Isabelle Barnes, to Take the Stand

Today marks what is likely to be the climax of the trial that has gripped Arkham. Mr. Ferdinand Olmstead, millionaire and man about town, has been charged with the kidnapping and disappearance of Miss Betty Wellington. Today, Prosecutor George Barnaby will be calling his prime witness Miss Isabelle Barnes, a friend to Miss Wellington, to the stand. The broad lines of the case are by now common knowledge. The trial revolves around what did, or did not, happen close to a year ago after one of the typically lavish events at the Olmstead residence.

It was at that event, hosted by the brothers Frederic and Augustus, that Miss Wellington was last seen. Every attempt by the police to locate her has proven futile. At length, Mr. Olmstead was arrested and charged with kidnapping. Only the absence of a body prevented the police from making the charge one of murder. Mr. Olmstead has steadfastly maintained his innocence throughout the trial, which his lawyer, Mr. Jackson, has characterized as a grandstanding career stunt for Mr. Barnaby. "Mr. Barnaby has chosen to vilify my client for the simple reason that he is rich," Mr. Jackson said. "It is my duty to show that those who have done well for themselves are due the same rights as everyone else." Miss Barnes, a close friend of

Miss Wellington's, is expected to deliver explosive testimony that, Mr. Barnaby claims, will definitively point the finger at Mr. Olmstead. "Despite what they appear to believe," said Mr. Barnaby, "the rich are not a superior species to the common people, and they are not above the law. Mr. Olmstead took his privilege to mean he had a licence to do anything to anyone. Miss Betty Wellington paid a terrible price for Mr. Olmstead's belief. It is time now for Mr. Olmstead to face the reckoning that the law demands. The law that does, in fact, apply to him." After today's witnesses have taken the stand, the prosecution and the defense are expected to make their final statements.

HOROSCOPE

-  **ARIES** 
The moon is in ash. Follow only the trustworthy.
-  **TAURUS** 
Those who are assembled sing from a single abyss.
-  **GEMINI** 
Beware the gaze of the birch.
-  **CANCER** 
The palm opens to revelation or to judgment.
-  **LEO** 
Flames are the leaves of a book to be read. Seek the words beneath the burn.
-  **VIRGO** 
You will learn to distinguish between master and the thrall. The difference is not always clear.
-  **LIBRA** 
Not all veils should be rent.
-  **SCORPIO** 
Renewal is in the stars. Take all necessary steps accordingly.
-  **SAGITTARIUS** 
Ensure that there are, in fact, stars before submitting to their guidance.
-  **CAPRICORN** 
The words of the sea are spoken in what it returns. Think carefully about listening.
-  **AQUARIUS** 
This is a month for omens. Pay particular attention to the ones that crawl.
-  **PISCES** 
Whispers can be more than rumors. They can also hurt bone.

WEALTH OF NEW JOBS ARRIVES! New Horizon Industries to Plant its Flag on Arkham

While the road to reconstructing our city is beset by many challenges, it is a special pleasure when this paper is able to report truly good news. Glad tidings have arrived with an announcement by New Horizon Industries. Soon, the company will open a meat packing plant in the Waterfront district. The *Advertiser* had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Howard Wilkes, president of New Horizon, about his plans and how it fits with Arkham's future. "We at New Horizon are delighted to be able to be part of Arkham's renewal," Mr. Wilkes said. "This gives us a chance to showcase our core philosophy: that an industry such as ours is not only a place of employment. It is a community within a community. The jobs we provide do not simply change the lives of those who work them. They also change the lives of everyone connected to our employees. We live by the idea that what we do at the plant can touch the whole city."

Asked to elaborate, Mr. Wilkes continued, "Remember what our product is. We hire people to pack the meat. That meat then feeds the people of Arkham. The wages we give our employees helps them pay for homes and enjoyment of this life. That's the kind of virtuous circle our world needs more of. Companies helping those they serve." To which this paper can only add a hearty "Hear! Hear!"



Classified Advertising

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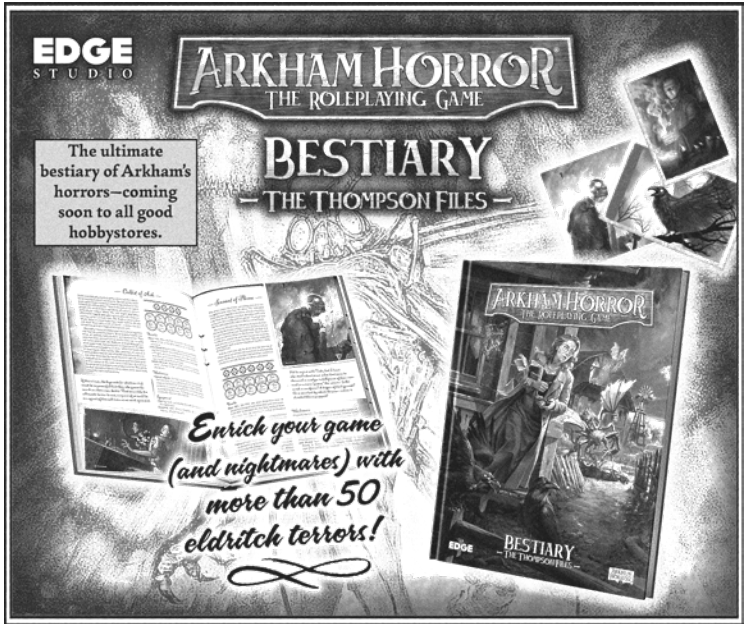
ARE YOU DOUBLE-JOINTED? Community theater seeking actors.

FOUND: Iron picture frame. Unable to keep off bedroom wall.

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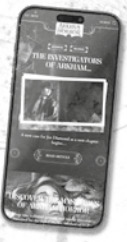
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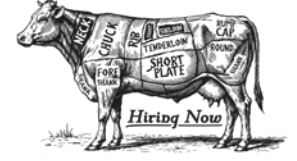


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