

White Haired Youth Says Goes Gallows For Poverty

Boy Condemned to Death for Shooting Policeman Vows He Was Frained and Protested That He Is Entirely Innocent

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 Chicago, Sept. 15.—One feels at one time, Krauser pointed the sorrow for anyone who dies. Even gun straight at the officer who, on an old man at the sight of the life leaves you with regret that he is gone. When the writer looked in today upon a bent man, with hair totally white, in a cell of the county jail here awaiting to be hanged, it was with a heart that suddenly went heavy with sorrow.

White-haired, old, not much to live for in any event, "the writer soliloquized, "but to be cut off like this."

The bent, white-haired man raised eyes heavy with despair. "White-haired but not old, Miss," he said. "Nineteen years and a few months. Five weeks to live."

The man with the snow-white hair was Bernard Grant, aged 19, sentenced to be hanged for shooting a policeman in 1923. He will be executed on the morning of October 17—under the gallows of his sentence next week when the case will be presented to him as a last resort. The supreme court, after reviewing the case already has denied an appeal.

What are the details of this crime for which this white-haired youth awaits the gallows—this crime which he stoutly maintains he did not commit?

About eight o'clock one winter morning in 1923 an Atlantic and Pacific Tea store on the Southside was held up as the manager opened up for the day's trade. Police Officer Ralph Souders, who had guarded the store through the night, walked in on the robber from a rear room.

Walter Krauser, also under sentence of death, faced the policeman with a gun. An accomplice whom he stated once was Bernard Grant, although he has not stated since that it was not, stood

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he was the son of a wealthy rancher in Northern California, adding that he was a student of the University of California. Then he went back to sleep again and continued wooing Morphous without interruption until last Saturday.

Meanwhile local police, investigating his story, found that the rancher's son whom the suspect claimed to be, was safe on his father's farm, making hay and that if the sleepy suspect was a University of California student he had never taken the trouble to enroll.

When the suspect again awoke last Saturday, he reiterated his guilt, this case offers no parallel to the Leopold-Loeb case, except in the youth of the prisoners. But if he goes to the gallows next month he will die firm in the conviction that he would have escaped such a fate if he had not been a poor boy.

dent. His home, he said, was Paris, Illinois, where his father was a prosperous merchant. Also, he said he had been a university of Illinois law student. Regarding his movements for the last three months, he was unable to remember anything.

Again the police tried the lie detector. Although the second test covered the story of the story which already had been stapped as the truth, the second story of his identity showed the same result. There was no pulse reactions and no troubled heart beats.

In added tests to determine whether Black might be the Berkeley genius—the results vindicated his normal self. Apparently he knows nothing about the alleged second story jobs, while in his other personality the lie detecting machine indicates his guilt.

The present dilemma of the police is what to do. They are convinced that in his normal self Black is an honest man with no criminal bent, but that in his other personality he is a subconscious burglar who works with consummate skill and daring. So far under hypnosis Black has remained his normal self. He sleeps normally and shows no indications of relapsing into his former amnesia. The police, however, fear he may, and in the process possibly turn burglar again.

Science, however, still is working on the case. And just as it has temporarily made him into an honest man by hypnosis, so also it may yet be able to make him permanently honest.

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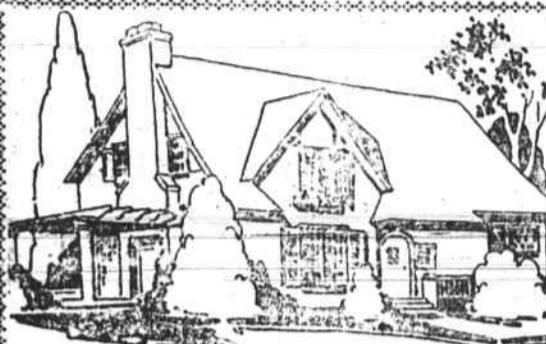


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Daring Burglar May Be A Subconscious Criminal

Evidences of Dual Personality and of Crime Committed While Under Hypnotic Influence in Case of Carl Black of California

By L. C. Owen
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 Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 15.—Science as an adjunct to crime detection is winning new laurels each passing day. Hypnosis has just aroused Carl Black, former University of Illinois law student, from a condition of amnesia which gave him a dual personality. As an aftermath, the Berkeley police department's famous lie detecting machine may prove him to have been a very active burglar while submerged in his subconscious self.

For two weeks now, Black has been a perplexing center of interest for more than a score of local physicians, psychiatrists, professors, psychology students, and criminologists of the University of California. The burglar role hasn't been proven on him yet—but indications are that it will be.

The alleged subconscious Rafael was picked up by a couple of police officers in the wee sma' hours a fortnight ago in an exclusive residential section where numerous burglaries recently have been perpetrated. Taken to the station house, it was found that he was in a seeming somnambulistic state. He was unable to give his name or tell anything about himself. While police questioned him, he fell asleep in a chair and the most violent efforts of the police were insufficient to awaken him. Papers found in his possession indicated his name might be Carl Black—but east—no—nothing on his antecedents or personal history. Scientific tests showed no evidence of alcoholic influence.

For three days thereafter, the suspect lay in a local hospital in a comatose condition. Then he seemingly awoke, apparently normal. He verified the papers regarding his name, and said that

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