

Head of Theosophists and His Wife



Bishop George S. Arundale, who recently succeeded the late Dr. Annie Besant as the president of the Theosophical society, and his wife, Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, a high caste Indian whom he married fourteen years ago when she was but fifteen, as they arrived in London on a world tour. She still holds to her native faith.

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Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

He is "the man who walks alone." His name is Robert G. Elliott and he is in his early sixties. In the last eight years, he has killed more than 200 men and two women. But instead of breaking the law, he has obeyed it. He makes his living by killing human beings. He is the official executioner of the states of New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. He is the one who adjusts the straps, the electrodes and that steel cap that looks so much like a football helmet. His is the hand that throws the switch that sends a death-dealing current into human nerve centers. His are the eyes that watch the meter that registers amperes lest there be smoke and blue flame. For each execution he receives \$150. At Sing Sing, from 20 to 30 persons are executed each year. Twice this year, there have been three executions one night.

Thin, gaunt, gray is Robert Elliott. His face is lined and furrowed. His eyes are piercing black. His forehead bulges slightly and there are hollows at his temples. His hands are large, possibly because he has handled tools all his life. For 20 years he was in the service of the state as an electrician at Sing Sing. In 1917, he retired. Davis, the state's first executioner, broke under the strain of threats, resigned and went wandering from town to town. John Hulbert took his place. In time, Hulbert also broke. Elliott had assisted Davis in preparations for executions. He was the only one who knew about the grewsome business. So he came out of his retirement and took over the job. That was in 1925.

For a year, Elliott was not "the man who walks alone." He wasn't the state executioner then—so far as the public knew. The executioner was merely "Mr. X," whose identity was concealed by a black mask. Robert Elliott was a retired electrician who had turned to the real estate business. Even his family believed that. Nights when he was wearing that black mask at Sing Sing, he was supposed to be out closing deals—deals which means a commission of \$150 each. But after he had put ten men to death, there was a revelation and reporters and photographers rushed to the two-story frame Elliott home in Queens.

Robert Elliott is a man of steady nerves. He has been known to sleep on the way down from Ossining after an execution. But the newspaper men perturbed him. Two things worried him—that his daughter should learn of his occupation and possible reprisals from survivors and friends of those whom he put to death. But he gave out an interview. He had taken the job through a sense of duty, he said. "Some one has to do those things," he added. But he was no more revealing than that.

Within a few months, his fears seemed justified. His house was wrecked by a bomb loaded with steel slugs. He and his family were in it at the time, but escaped injury. The bombing has never been solved. At the time it was suggested that radicals brooding over the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, performed by Elliott, had attempted belated revenge. But within a month Elliott again threw the switch at Sing Sing.

In all, four women have been electrocuted in New York—Mrs. Martha Place of Brooklyn, who killed her step-daughter, in 1899; Mrs. Mary Farmer of Watertown, who killed a neighbor woman, in 1909; Mrs. Ruth Gray of Queens, who with Jud Snyder killed her husband, in 1928, and a little while ago, Mrs. Anna Antonio, who with two accomplices killed her husband. Elliott threw the switch that took the lives of Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Antonio.

Mrs. Antonio, executed after two last minute reprieves, was the mother of three little children. Elliott is the father of a son and a daughter. What Elliott thought as she died will never be known. He has given only one interview. He is "the man who walks alone."
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'Gator Is Watch Dog
Wallingford, Conn.—Charles Gump-earch owns an alligator that barks like a dog.

In the Stratosphere
The earth's atmosphere is divided into two distinct layers, the lower one, the troposphere, extends from sea level up to a height of perhaps six or seven miles, above which lies the stratosphere, extending to an unknown height. These two layers of atmosphere differ from each other in several respects, notably temperature. The stratosphere has a comparatively uniform temperature. Its lower portion is supposed to have a system of winds unlike that prevailing in the troposphere. Higher up there is probably little or no wind and under such conditions the gases of the atmosphere would tend to arrange themselves according to their relative weights, the lighter above and the heavier below; thus, the composition of the higher atmosphere is believed to vary with altitude.

Feed Loans Exceed Million Each Week

Good Credit Ratings Needed for Loans to Stockmen

Dallas, Nov. 22.—"Stockmen in drought areas who cannot obtain credit from other sources will continue to be eligible for emergency feed loans for their foundation herds this winter, provided they keep their credit in good standing and show their intention of repaying the loans," W. I. Myers, governor of the Farm Credit Administration said this week here.

Stockmen have been loaned money without taking chattel mortgages on animals as an emergency measure. It is expected that the money will be repaid. Each case has been investigated carefully. Stockmen have shown their good faith by co-operating with the feed loan offices and not attempting to secure loans unless badly needed.

"Up to November 1," Mr. Myers said, "over 191,000 farmers and stockmen obtained these initial emergency loans to feed their stock and about 134,900 supplemental advances have been made, for a total of \$21,500,000, out of the allocation of \$96,785,000 for such purposes. On an average about \$1,250,000 a week is being loaned to feed cattle and other stock, and during the winter additional credit will be available as needed if the borrowers keep their credit good and show their intention of paying their debts."

FORMER OWNER AGAIN IN CHARGE OF BUSINESS

Change in management of the business known as Trainer Beauty Shop was announced this week by Miss Grace Trainer, owner of the shop until Sept. 1 when it was bought by Mrs. Luella McIntyre who has operated it since that time.

Miss Trainer is again in active charge of the shop. She was in business in Sonora in the present location on Main St. for five years previous to disposing of her business last summer. Mrs. Curtis Quisenberry has been employed to assist Miss Trainer.

EOLA AND MINERAL WELLS PEOPLE MARRIED TUESDAY

The first marriage ceremony performed by G. E. Ellis recently appointed justice of the peace was Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Mattie Ovell Beaty of Mineral Wells became the bride of Henry Ripple of Eola.

Mr. Ripple is in the real estate business in Eola and San Angelo. They will make their home at 111 East Avenue I, San Angelo.

Austin Man Returns to Capital
R. Walter Davis of Austin and niece, Miss Mary Gillum of Elgin, Texas, who have been visiting relatives, left Friday for their homes.

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Sunday School..... 10 o'clock
Morning Service..... 11 o'clock
Evening Worship..... 7 o'clock
B. Y. P. U. 6:15 o'clock
W. M. U. Monday 8 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Frank Nixon, Pastor.

Methodist Church

Sunday School..... 9:45
Morning Worship..... 11 o'clock
Young People's Meeting..... 7 p. m.
Evening Services..... 7:30 o'clock
W. M. S. Wednesday, 8 p. m.
Choir Rehearsal, Thurs., 7:30 p. m.
Stewards' Meeting..... first Sunday (each month)
Church Board, first Tuesday night (in month)
W. S. Ezell, Pastor.

SAN ANGELO CITY BOARD SENDS LETTER OF THANKS

A letter received recently from Culberson Deal, manager of the San Angelo Board of City Development, by W. C. Gilmore expresses appreciation to Sonora citizens for endorsement of San Angelo as the central Central West Texas Centennial city.

When San Angelo was seeking designation before the legislature several weeks ago endorsement was asked of the city commission. This was given and the letter of thanks is the Board of City Development's acknowledgement of the courtesy.

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