

APPEARS IN FEW CLOTHES

MISS HOFFMAN MAKES HIT

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NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Ger-  
trude Hoffman, whose art has in past  
times invited the close attention of the  
police, deserted "Salome" today and pro-  
duced at Hammerstein's an East Indian  
dance, "Rahda," for which she freely  
gives credit to Ruth St. Denis.

Miss Hoffman's costume differs from  
that which attracted attention to her  
Salome, but it would be hard to say  
that it had gained in amount. It consisted  
of a golden yellow skirt and a pair of brief  
tights of the same material.

Rahda, it seems, is a top-lofty Hindoo  
deity, the wife of Kristina, in fact, and  
Miss Hoffman makes her first appearance  
squatting on an altar, while worshipers  
bring her offerings of fire and wood.  
Moved by them she slowly comes to life  
and in pantomime teaches the lesson that  
all sensual pleasures must give way to  
the divine.

Represents Five Senses.

She starts with the dance of the five  
senses with pearls for sight, tinkling  
bells for hearing, flowers for smell, a bowl  
of wine for taste and a kiss for touch.  
One by one these are exhausted and the  
dancer plucks a lotus flower from her  
bosom and passes back into introspective  
trance from which she came.

It is only fair to say that much of this  
information was gathered from signs  
which were flashed upon a screen before  
Miss Hoffman began to dance. Perhaps  
the pantomime would have been plain  
without that advanced knowledge.

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MOTOR HARVESTERS  
AWAIT RACE SIGNAL

Entrants in Speedway Events  
Sharpen Record Mowers, While  
Experts Nurse Defects.

INDICATIONS POINT TO THROG

Attendance Speedometer Will  
Register Influx of Spectators  
From Every Direction.

Instead of a harvest of 400 acres of rich,  
flowing grain to be reaped this fall on the  
site of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway,  
there probably will be the biggest har-  
vest of records ever mowed down by auto  
reapers. Nearly all day long yesterday  
the five miles of white glistening track  
was like an artery flowing with a torrent  
of thundering machines and daring hu-  
man life.

Fresh from the greatest factories of  
this and other countries cars were put  
through their tuning processes prepara-  
tory to the speed battles to be waged  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday. During  
these three days this new Hoosier race  
course, the first of its rank to be con-  
structed this side of Brooklands, will be  
initiated and dedicated to the "God of  
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Many auto club runs, from not only all over Indiana but adjoining states, are assured. Chicago leads the list. More than 400 rooms have been engaged by the invaders from the Windy City. George Dickson has planned a reception party of motorists who will greet this party of overland riders Wednesday night. They will disband at the Circle. Every city in this state has sent word that the motor car owners there will tour here. The influx of visitors has caused an extensive crusade to be made for rooms. The many hotels will be filled to overflowing and already more than 200 homes have been booked to the limit of accommodations. New rooming places are being sought.

A few months ago—surprisingly few, when considered what has been accomplished since then—Carl Fisher and his associates drove out to the quiet farms and, pointing to the grain-covered fields, predicted that before long that spot of land would be the object of the entire motor world's attention. Not only the sporting world, but all mankind in general, because the achievements of the automobile is linked close to the interests of every branch of pleasure and commercialism. Today the dreams are realized. The track is completed and the grounds surrounding it present a gala appearance. More than \$650,000 has been spent in order to crystallize those dreams. Forty-one buildings, including grand stands, garages, aerodomes, clubhouses, machine shops, repair buildings, oilhouses and refreshment buildings are being occupied. Flags, representing all nationalities, are floating from the roofs. The white track is beautifully contrasted against the thick coat of green sod that covers every inch of the parking space and outer banks of the curves.

The track is covered with car loads of gravel and crushed stone, which was dispatched to the scene by special trains and spread and tamped by a double force of men who worked all last week twenty-four hours round. Gas light aided the army of workmen who labored, stripped to the waist, during the dark hours. Carl Fisher personally superintended the work. The gas burners are placed every twenty feet around the course and turn night into day, making it possible to put on twenty-four hour endurance races on this new track.

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## BOY CONFESSES TO MURDER COMMITTED LAST MARCH

### Alleges Stepfather Attempted to Kill Him and Declares Act Was in Self-Defense.

DES MOINES, Aug. 16.—After four months' silence, Harry Belze, 14 years old, has confessed to Sheriff Grant Killmer of Indianola, Ia., that on March 2 last he murdered his stepfather, E. J. Carraher, at the latter's home, three miles east of New Virginia.

The confession was secured by George Brand, who three months after Carraher's death married the latter's widow. The only witness of the deed was Belze's younger brother, who has since died.

In his confession Belze declared that his stepfather, while drunk, attempted to kill him. He discharged the contents of a shotgun into Carraher's breast and then crushed his skull with an ax.

Belze has been arrested, and his trial has been set for Aug. 31.

## FRIEND GOES; SO DOES CASH.

### Pittsburg Detective Loses Valuable When Roommate at Hotel Disappears.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Thomas D. Stewart, a former coal merchant of Pittsburg, and now the head of a private detective agency in that city, reported to the police here tonight the loss of money and jewelry to the value of \$500. Mr. Stewart came to Chicago Saturday night and registered at a downtown hotel. He had with him a man who gave the name of Frank Farrell. The detective and his companion took the same room at the hotel, and in the morning Farrell was gone and so was the jewelry and the money.

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### Establish Hospital Tent.

Three miles of fence inclose the entire grounds. Platforms are constructed every few feet around on the fence, where police will be stationed. Every precaution will be taken to guard the spectators. Ample police protection is promised in addition to the body of armed uniformed soldiers who will protect life and limb. In case of accidents large bell signals, siren horns and communication from the several telephone stations around the course will supply ample means of warning. A hospital camp is being established. Two automobile ambulances will be at the service of the physicians. Stretchers and all instruments required will be installed in the hospital tents, so that the injured may be given entire attention right on the grounds.

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The main grand stand, which is opposite the judges' stand, will accommodate more than 12,000, while the "balloon grand stand" will seat more than 6,000. In addition there are twenty-two private box stands built along the high-curve banks and stationed directly up against the track.

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