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TENNIS GAME IS FATAL TO MILTON SILLS

Film Star Dies of Heart Attack After He Ends Tilt With Daughter.

LONG SERVED MOVIES

Started Film Work in 1914; Chicago U. Graduate and Former Professor.

By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Sept. 16.—Milton Sills, screen actor, is dead.

An attack of heart disease, occurring soon after he finished a game of tennis with his daughter Monday night, caused his death.

Sills, a college professor before he achieved fame as a screen actor, suffered from heart disease before and twice had been forced to retire temporarily in order to regain his health.

His wife, Doris Kenyon, also famous in the films, was watching Sills and his daughter, Dorothy, on the tennis court at their Brentwood heights home when suddenly the actor dropped his racket and motioned to the girl.

Dr. Jack Steele was summoned, and restoratives were administered with the aid of a police pulmotor, but Sills died soon after.

His wife, their small son, Kenyon; Mrs. James B. Kenyon, his mother-in-law; the daughter and Jack Goodrich, a friend of the family, were with him.

Married Last in 1926

Sills was in excellent spirits and apparently in good health when he began the tennis game. He had not been working for some time owing to the heart ailment, but it was believed he was recovering rapidly.

Sills and Miss Kenyon were married in October, 1926, a short time after he was divorced by Clevadys Edith Wynne, to whom he was married in London in 1910. Dorothy, now 18, was a child of the first marriage.

Miss Kenyon became ill shortly after the marriage and Sills took her in a special train to the Adirondacks to recover. He also became ill, and the first of his retirements was made necessary.

Educated in Chicago

Sills was born in Chicago, Jan. 12, 1882, and was educated in that city. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1903 and for two years held a fellowship in philosophy.

He had not trained for a stage career, but early in life decided his talents lay in that direction.

He made his professional debut in New Palestine, O., as the leading man in "Dora Thorne." Later Beasco, the Shuberts, Frohman and Brady featured him in eastern productions.

Motion pictures attracted Sills in 1914. His first picture was in Frank Norris' story of Chicago wheat, "The Pit." He rose to stellar heights in a short time and once was paid \$75,000 a week, a record for that period.

Reached Great Heights

He reached his greatest heights in the silent films, among his best being "The Sea Hawk" and "Men O' Steel." His health was failing at the time sound pictures became popular and he remained out of work several months. His first talkie was "The Barker."

Sills, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Chicago, the Lambs and Players Clubs in New York, and other organizations, never lost interest in educational work. He was a prominent member of the motion picture academy of arts and sciences, and was preparing to attend one of its meetings when he died.

He frequently lectured at colleges and universities on screen art and literature.

BUYING POWER HELD UP

Hoover Declares U. S. in Better Shape Than Foreign Nations.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—President Hoover announced today that foreign trade statistics indicate that American buying power has "held up much better than that of foreign countries" under the world-wide fall in prices.

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Penny 'Wise'

By United Press

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Sept. 16.—Thomas Eggerton, 19, has commenced serving a forty-day term in county jail because he could not pay a \$10 fine imposed by City Judge William Demer for stealing a newspaper.

LIPTON THROUGH WITH CUP RACE

"I'm Too Old to Try Again," He Tells Vanderbilt.

BY CORNELIUS VANDERBILT JR.

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NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 16.—Sir Thomas Lipton told me today that the Shamrock V is the last of its illustrious line, and that if he loses this year, he never will challenge for the America's cup again.

"I wish I had known that the Enterprise was to be a product of the machine age, for then I could have equipped the Shamrock in some similar manner. But I am too old for the mechanical age," Sir Thomas said.

Sir Thomas revealed himself as being amazed by the mechanical efficiency of the Enterprise.

"It would be beyond the conception of our rocking-chair fleet at home, that such a craft as the Enterprise ever could appear," he said.

"Will you ever challenge again, Sir Thomas?" I asked him.

"No," he said, "I feel I am too old."

Today's Race Postponed

By United Press

ABOARD U. S. S. KANE, Sept. 16.—The third match between the Enterprise and the Shamrock in the series for the America's cup was called off at 10:30 a. m. today when the race committee decided that weather conditions were so adverse that neither yacht could finish the thirty miles within the five and one-half hour time limit.

For Shamrock the postponement came as a welcome period for recuperation and readjustment. For Enterprise the day's delay was not so pleasant. Harold S. Vanderbilt's crew was geared to a high pitch and the postponement came as a let-down.

Vanderbilt has won two races for the honor of American seamanship against Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock V, and in so doing he has taken about half of the thrill out of the series for the America's cup.

BRADFORD DOPE CASE PROBED

Alleged Link to Shipment Reported Before Jurors.

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 16.—Ralph B. Bradford's alleged connection with shipment of narcotics into the Calumet region was before the federal grand jury in South Bend today.

Four Negroes from Gary were brought before the grand jury by Joseph Walsh of the narcotics squad, it was reported.

The grand jury was expected to return several true bills against Bradford, who was arrested a week ago when federal agents intercepted a package of narcotics delivered to his secretary. The package was shipped from New Orleans.

Bradford, prominent Gary politician, said the case was a political frame up. He and his secretary were released on bond.

FACE BOOZE CHARGES

Two City Men Held to Federal Grand Jury by Kern.

Safety Board Considers Building New Police Station.

Removal of the Indianapolis police radio station WMDZ, from the top floor of the K. of P. building, Ohio and Pennsylvania streets, was proposed today by safety board members and Robert L. Batts, radio superintendent.

Safety board members are seeking to slice the cost of the radio operation and intend to build a station. Willard Park is considered the most likely location.

KOS RETRIAL STARTED

Opening Statements Scheduled in Car Death Case.

Opening statements were to be made this afternoon in the criminal court trial of Max S. Kos, 35, of 245 West Thirty-eighth street, on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death in an auto accident two years ago of two workmen for the Indianapolis Street Railway Company.

A jury was impaneled shortly before noon, and the trial got under way immediately with partial opening statements by Prosecutor Judson L. Stark.

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tonight and Wednesday; cooler Wednesday.

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HINT WOMAN IS SOUTH BEND GIRL'S SLAYER

New Clew of Fingerprints Gives Ray of Hope to Detectives.

ADVANCE NEW THEORY

Believe Killer Was Person Familiar With Interior of Home.

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 16.—Through the blind alley in which investigators of the murder of 17-year-old Alice Woltman here found themselves today, seeped a ray of light they believe may lead to solution of the mystery.

Although refusing to admit just what caused their optimism, authorities declared a new theory that the murderer may have been committed by a woman, and probably with the interior of the small Woltman home, as forming the base of their investigation.

They added belief that the girl, sleeping in her bed in the same room with a sister, Henrietta, 20, when her throat was cut with a keen knife or razor blade, was mistaken in the gloom for the elder sister.

They indicate the assailant prowled about the house in the dark before committing the crime.

Suspicion earlier fell on a former friend of the girl, as police worked with a paucity of clews toward identifying the slayer.

Still Working on Case

Killing of the schoolgirl was the second time within three weeks that an atrocious murder has started South Bend, without a clew left behind with which to track down the criminal.

Vanderbilt was slain Sunday morning, Aug. 29; Marverine Appel, 8, was kidnapped, attacked, slain and her body left in an alley a block from her home.

Authorities today still were working on that case, obviously without progress.

The crimes prompted the city council Monday night to go on record informally approving the appointment of twenty additional police.

PICKPOCKET GETS \$30; RETURNS THE BILLFOLD

City Man Receives Empty Wallet Through Mail After Robbery.

"Thanks for the \$30. Here's your billfold!"

In substance, this is the finding of Superior Judge William O. Dunlavy made today when Mrs. Snider appeared in court to charge John T. Roberts, 93, of 2514 North Sherman drive, with neglecting to pay her billfold.

He was the anonymous note Robert W. Walker, living at the Y. M. C. A., received in the mail this morning, twelve hours after a pickpocket relieved him of his billfold containing the money and personal papers as he boarded a street car at Maryland and Illinois streets Monday night.

The empty billfold accompanied the note.

HOUSEKEEPER, 73, Loses Fight for \$700 Back Pay.

If Mrs. Celia Snider, 73, of Brightwood, wants to collect \$700 wages for being a housekeeper for seven years she must feed her charges something besides ice cream.

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ICE-CREAM FED MAN WINS SUIT

Coste to Land at Mars Hill

Sea Fliers to Be Greeted by Sullivan, Leslie.

GREETINGS from Indianapolis and the state of Indiana will be extended to Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte, French fliers, when they arrive at Mars Hill airport at 12:30 Wednesday on their nation-wide good-will tour.

Governor Harry G. Leslie and Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan will meet the first successful fliers from Paris to New York when they stop at the airport for luncheon. Medals will be presented them by the mayor. The fliers will not leave the airport.

They will remain here one hour as guests of the Indiana Aircraft Trades Association and will take off for Detroit at 1:30 by way of Ft. Wayne and Toledo, O.

The fliers will arrive in their plane, Question Mark, which conquered the Atlantic, and will be escorted by two other planes.

RAINMAKER'S ORDER IS DEFIED BY HEAVENS

Black Clouds Gather for "Control Doctor," But No Water Falls.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The American gunboat Oahu was fired upon heavily last Saturday by Chinese "communists" at 203 miles above Hankow on the Yangtze river, American Consul-General Frank P. Lockhart at Hankow reported to the state department today.

The Oahu returned the fire with eleven 3-inch shells and 200 machine gun rounds, the consul's message said.

"We ate it so often I got ashamed to go and buy ice cream."

Before Dunlavy passed on the case he heard more than twenty neighbors testify pro and con on the question of the plaintiff's ability to keep house.

ACT TO IMPOUND CARS

City Studies Move to Halt Parking Autos in Banned Zones.

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