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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, had 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 pulmonologist, but Sills died soon after.

His wife, Doris 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 C. W. Sells, Jr., of the University of Chicago, who 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 in 1927. The package became ill, and the first of his retirement was made necessary.

Educated in Chicago Sills was born in Chicago, Jan. 12, 1892, and was educated in that city. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1913 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 Belasco, the Shuberts, Frohman and Brady featured him in eastern productions.

Motion pictures attracted Sills in 1914. His first picture was "The Pit," a story of Chicago wheat. "The Pit" 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 falling 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.

The entire foreign trade this year has been about 80 per cent or 85 per cent of normal, the President said.

EXPLOSIVES ARE SEIZED German Fascist's Aid Is Charged With Murder After Capture.

By United Press
BERLIN, Sept. 16.—A big store of explosives was reported seized by police today in the house of Kurt Conrad, one of Adolf Hitler's fascist lieutenants, in Cologne. Conrad was charged with murder and breach of the regulations against carrying firearms.

Hourly Temperatures
6 a. m. 62 10 a. m. 64
7 a. m. 61 11 a. m. 66
8 a. m. 62 12 (noon) 69
9 a. m. 62 1 p. m. 70

Penny 'Wise'

By United Press
PLAINFIELD, N. J., Sept. 16.—Thomas Eggleston, 19, has commenced serving a forty-day term in county jail because he could not pay a \$10 fine imposed by City Judge William Demetz 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 such 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, who 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.

RADIO MOVING URGED

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 the safety board members and Robert L. Batts, radio superintendent.

Safety board members are 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 retrial 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.

LACK OF FUNDS BLOCKS STATE DROUGHT RELIEF

Indiana's drought relief program has reached the point where there are plenty of statistics but no funds, it was disclosed at a meeting of the drought commissioners in the statehouse annex today.

Dean J. H. Skinner of Purdue university, chairman, reported the commission survey has disclosed the greatest need of the drought sufferers is money. As far as he knows, none will be forthcoming, except through regular banking channels, he said.

Eight hundred and twenty families in eleven counties returned questionnaires asking relief in the form of feed for cattle, seed for fall planting and the purchase of fertilizer, or the financing of these purchases, Skinner said. There is no immediate danger of families starving, but there may be want in some sections this winter, he asserted.

Brown county reported 138 families in immediate need of relief. This was the only one in which such a situation was reported, Skinner declared.

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 Times Special
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 murder may have been committed by a woman, and probably was the work of someone familiar 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.

New Fingerprints Found

The murderer knew his or her way about the house police said was evidenced by discovery of fingerprints on a sewing machine in another room. The marks resemble those on the window sill over which the murderer climbed to escape after killing the girl.

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 clues toward identifying the slayer.

Still Working on Case

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

In lieu of defense evidence that Woltman 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 policemen.

PICKPOCKET GETS \$30; RETURNS THE BILLFOLD

City Man Receives Empty Wallet Through Mail After Robbery.

"Thanks for the \$30. Here's your billfold!" This 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 an opinion on the board's ability to keep house.

FACE BOOZE CHARGES

Two City Men Held to Federal Grand Jury by Kern.

Chris Vilashoff and Chris Shishchoff, 843 East Washington street, were held to the federal grand jury on liquor charges by John W. Kern, United States commissioner, Monday, following a liquor raid at 841 East Washington street.

Frank Yates, 65, of 3210 East Tenth street, was held to the grand jury under \$3,000 bond on liquor charges by Commissioner Fae W. Patrick.

ACT TO IMPOUND CARS

City Studies Move to Halt Parking Autos in Banned Zones.

Steps to impound autos parked in no-parking areas in the downtown district were taken today by the safety board after several complaints were received that downtown alleys and narrow streets at times are impassable.

City legal department will give an opinion on the board's power to enforce such a rule.

GOVERNOR DISCUSSES LABOR PROFITEERING

Talks Over Steps at Session With State Prison Trustees.

Prevention of profiteering on convict labor by manufacturers and jobbers bidding for state contracts during 1931, was discussed by Governor Harry G. Leslie and trustees of Indiana state prison at a luncheon at the Claypool today.

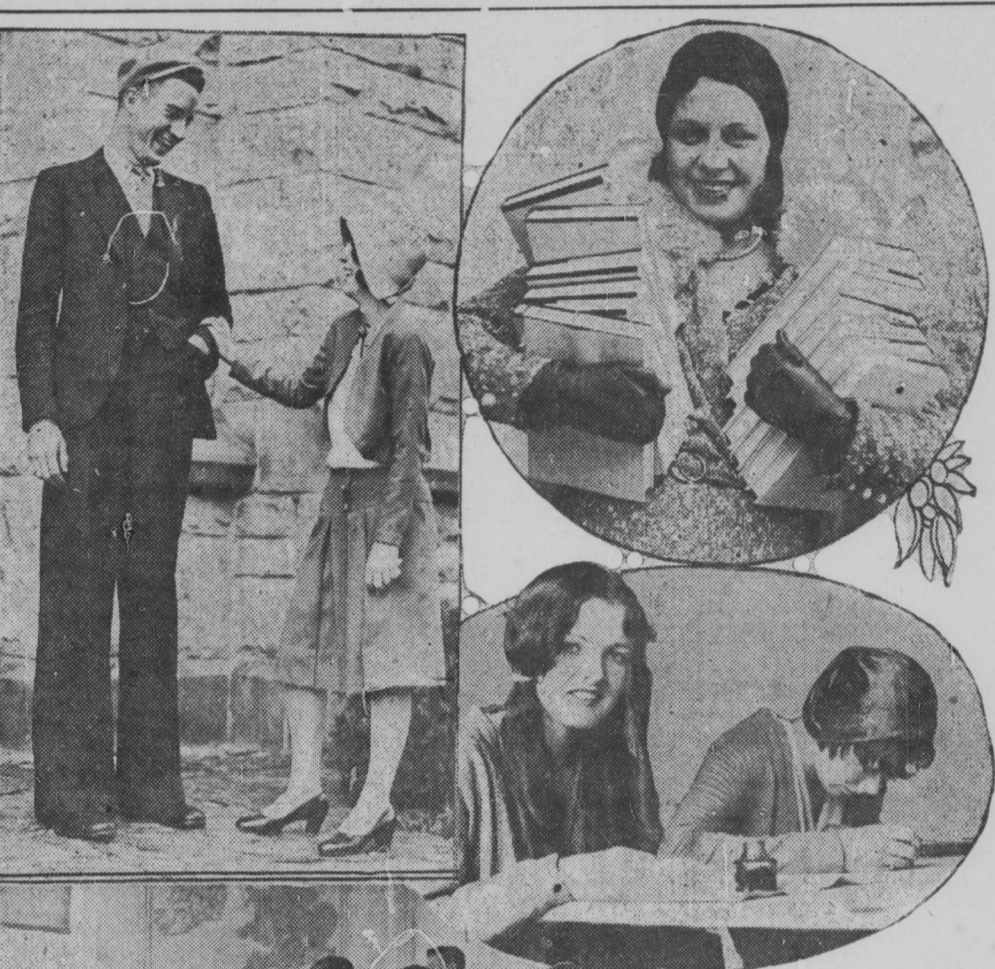
Fear was expressed that contractors will attempt to take advantage of the general depression by demanding lower prices at the expense of the state and convicts.

MORROW ON PROGRAM

Takes Part in Mexico Independence Day Ceremonies.

By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Sept. 16.—United States Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, winding up his affairs in Mexico City before returning to the United States, took part in an official ceremony today in honor of Mexico's independence day.

-And 500 'Frosh' Answer 'Here'



H. HOOVER JR. SERIOUSLY ILL

President's Son Suffering From Overwork.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Herbert Hoover Jr., the President's older son, is in a "badly run down condition" and has been ordered by Dr. Joel T. Boone, White House physician, to take several months complete rest, it was announced at the executive offices today.

The President's son, 27, has obtained a leave of absence from the Western Air Express, with which he is connected as a radio engineer, and will spend several weeks at the presidential camp in Virginia, where he now is with Mrs. Hoover.

It was said at the White House that he is suffering from intestinal trouble, overwork and a lack of sleep. He is confined to his bed at the camp now, but it was thought he would be up in a few days.

ICE-CREAM FED MAN WINS SUIT

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.

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 salary for almost a decade.

In lieu of defense evidence that Mrs. Snider fed the Civil war veteran ice cream mostly, Judge Dunlavy ruled against her.

"She wouldn't cook," the aged veteran told the court, "so we ate ice cream."

"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.

U. S. BOAT TARGET

Chinese Reds Open Fire on Naval Craft in River.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The American gunboat Oahu was fired upon heavily last Saturday by Chinese "communists" at a point 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.

PARENTS ARE SPURNED BY BONDAGE GIRL

Loia Long Chooses to Remain With Family Which She Served.

TIFFIN, O., Sept. 16.—Loia Long, 18, today chose to return to Attica, O., and the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Reiff, where she has lived for the past three years, after common pleas court granted her freedom to select for herself a future place to live.

The court decision was made on the application of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Long, Sulphur Springs, O., parents, for a writ of habeas corpus, returning the girl to them. "They are reputed to have sent Loia in bondage to the Reiff home three years ago to work out a debt of the father."

The girl's mother became near hysterical in court today when Loia refused to embrace her and chose to live with the Reiffs.

GEISKING, CITY GANGSTER, HELD FOR LINGLE SLAYING; LINKED TO ZUTA'S MURDER

Indianapolis Racketeer, Nabbed by Louisville Cop, Is Branded Gunman Who Shot Down Chicago Newspaper Man in Loop.

PHOTOS AID IN IDENTIFICATION

Captured While Speeding Over Municipal Bridge 70 Miles an Hour, Accompanied by Secret Bride of Month.

By United Press
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 16.—Grilled by Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville police today, Theodore Geisking, hijacker, gangster and alleged murderer of Alfred J. Lingle, Chicago newspaper man, indicated he will fight attempts to take him to Illinois.

On the other hand, he appeared willing to cross the Ohio river to Indiana, where he may be charged with any of several crimes, including banditry, hijacking, robbery and auto thievery.

Persistent questioning concerning his connections with gang activities in Chicago, and the murder of Lingle in the Chicago loop June 9, brought only vigorous denials from the prisoner.

"Why should I take the rap in Chicago?" was his only comment.

Held since Friday under the alias of Emerald Harris, he was identified this morning by Carl Losey, Indiana state policeman, ending a six weeks' search for the man identified as a Bertillon photograph as Lingle's slayer.

Losey's identification was supported, in turn, by George Williams and two other investigators attached to offices of Pat Roche, special investigator for the Cook county (Ill.) prosecutor.

The hunt was intensified over the week-end when three hijackers were captured, and a fourth, believed to be Geisking, escaped after a gun battle with federal agents and police which followed a hijacking raid on a liquor truck en route to Indiana from Louisville.

Arrested While Speeding Meanwhile, Geisking was held in jail here since Friday night under the alias of Emerald Harris.

Monday he was identified by fingerprints while a lawyer strove to liberate him on a writ of habeas corpus, and when Losey substantiated the identification this morning, Geisking was ordered held without bond on murder and fugitive charges.

Geisking was arrested by Detective Cecil Ezell of the Louisville police department, while speeding seventy miles an hour over the municipal bridge connecting Louisville and Jeffersonville.

With him were his secret bride of a month, formerly Ruth Harter of Muncie; the bride of John Gauley, one of the trio captured near London, who was Adele Chapin, formerly of 33 South Harris street, and Stanley Truitt of South Bend.

Harris is being held for further investigation, while Mrs. Geisking and Mrs. Gauley were released on bond, and were believed to have come north from Louisville.

Losey said this morning that Chicago authorities doubtless will try to extradite Geisking to Illinois for investigation, and probably trial on the Lingle murder.

Accused in Zuta Killing The Indiana state policeman added he wanted Geisking on several charges, for complicity in the Rising Sun jail break of about ten weeks ago, automobile banditry, robbery, vehicle taking, and several other counts.

Besides the Lingle murder, Geisking is accused as the gunman who slew Jack Zuta, notorious Chicago gangster, in a Wisconsin summer resort dance hall a few weeks after Lingle was killed.

Chicago police say Zuta hired Geisking to murder Lingle, and himself was slain when he failed to pay half of the \$10,000 price for the job.

Geisking Silent on Crimes Geisking also shot and killed William Simmons, former Chicago Board of Trade broker, near his farm home at Kentland, Ind., by mistake, after Zuta hired him to kill a rival racketeer, the Chicago authorities declare.

Questioned by Losey today, Geisking was silent on the crimes with which he is accused, except the Rising Sun jail delivery, in which Losey said he admitted participating.

Insistent in his claims that he was Harris, not Geisking, the accused man startled when Losey walked into the room in which he was being interrogated.

Brother Now in Prison "Well, Ted, you didn't make good that promise of yours, did you?" Losey smiled.

"Nope," the suspect answered. "Geisking and his brother, Alex, now serving a prison sentence in Indiana, both threaten to shoot it out with Losey on sight."

After the hijacking and gun battle near London Saturday night, Geisking's three pals tried to cover up his whereabouts by telling police he was the man who escaped and whom police believe he wounded.

The three Geisking allies, John Graham, Robert Russell of South Bend, alias Vickers, and Dave Hodges, alias Babe Sheets, this morning were taken from jail in London to Jackson, Ky., for hearing before a United States commissioner, probably on liquor charges.

Fourth Man Hunted Meanwhile, hunt went on through the Kentucky and Tennessee hills for the fourth man, unidentified. Geisking's history, preceding the Lingle shooting, showed a record of crime, hijacking, rum running, banditry and assassination, according to Indiana state police and local authorities in Indianapolis and Terre Haute.

It is alleged he has been a mercenary killer numerous times, and as such entered a crowded pedestrian subway in Chicago June 9 to fire a revolver bullet into Lingle's head.

Lingle's death caused complete reorganization of the Chicago police department, shut-down of many speakeasies and gambling resorts, and instigated a concerted drive against the underworld, a drive that has been gathering momentum ever since.

Operated in Many States Interest in the Lingle murder itself has ebbed slowly into the Kentucky developments caused newspapers to issue extra editions and authorities to admit that Geisking was sought as the actual killer.

Photographs of him, they said, had been identified by several witnesses as that of Lingle's slayer, and word from stool pigeons indicated that he was an underworld mercenary, ready to perpetrate any crime for pay.

He was reported to have operated in North Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Tennessee, chiefly in the role of a hijacking captain.

TWO ARE DEMOTED

Gamewell Employees Lose Posts; Haeffling Hired.

Two employees of the city Gamewell department were reduced today by the safety board to make way for appointment of Thomas Haeffling, Ninth ward Democrat, as general foreman of the department, effective Sept. 25.

Oscar Webster was reduced from foreman to assistant superintendent, and Oliver Nesbit was demoted from the latter post to traffic signal repairman.

The board did not discharge William B. Griffiths, superintendent, to make way for Haeffling, as first was planned. This proposed action was revealed by The Times Monday. Although it did not take place today, it is reported reliably Griffiths will lose the post soon.

CHAMP DIVER TO WED

Miss Helen Meany and New York Broker Get License.

By United Press
GREENWICH, Conn., Sept. 16.—Miss Helen Meany, 25, world's fancy diving champion, and Harry Russell Balfie, 38, New York broker, applied for a marriage license today.

ODD FELLOW VISITORS TO TAKE AUTO TOUR OF CITY

Concurrent business sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and affiliated organizations and an automobile tour of the city held the fore today on the program of the international convention of Odd Fellows. Fraternal groups assembled at 9 a. m. for business sessions lasting throughout the morning. A caravan of three hundred automobiles, escorted by police, was to leave the Claypool at 2 p. m. on a sight-seeing tour.

Following a fraternal press banquet at the Claypool at 6 tonight, an official reception will be staged for Grand Sir M. M. Logan in the Athenaeum.

The State Capitol building, Chamber of Commerce, public library, homes of distinguished Hoosiers, Butler university and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway were to be included in the tour, arranged by Indianapolis I. O. O. F. lodges.

Delegates closed the first day of their five-day business sessions Monday with the stinkerton Memorial banquet and exemplification at the convention, which will close Saturday.