

MISS THOMAS KILLED FROM ACCIDENTAL POISONING, EVIDENT

Paris, Sept. 11.—(I. N. S.)—The death of Miss Olive Thomas, beautiful young American motion picture actress, who died in the American hospital at Neuilly from bichloride of mercury poisoning, was accidental, it was announced today by Police Commissioner Catroux, who conducted an official investigation.

The judicial authorities tonight ordered the body of Miss Olive Thomas, American motion picture actress and sister-in-law of Mary Pickford, deposited in the morgue for an autopsy on Monday to determine the exact character and amount of poison which caused her death in the American hospital at Neuilly yesterday. The judicial authorities refused to accept the report of Police Commissioner Catroux that Miss Thomas' death was accidental.

Doctors who attended Miss Thomas testified that she was in good condition when she was taken to the hospital and that they had to rely entirely upon the version supplied by the husband.

Pickford protested against reports that there had been a disagreement between his wife and himself. He branded them as untrue.

Testifying at the inquiry, the young husband said he returned to the Ritz hotel at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning after spending the night dancing at Montmartre restaurants with his wife. He declared that both his wife and himself were sober.

"I went to bed and my wife entered the bathroom," continued Pickford. "She took a bottle from a large number on the table and drank from it. Then she threw the bottle upon the floor in alarm and called for help. I jumped from the bed and ran into the bathroom where my wife was standing in the middle of the floor and the broken bottle was lying at her feet. I saw that she had taken bichloride of mercury and tried to get an antidote that was available."

Called in the hotel employees and sent for four doctors. My wife was then taken to the hospital.

LURE OF PARIS NIGHT LIFE PRELUDE TO ACTRESS' DEATH Paris, Sept. 11.—The lure of the Paris night life, the sumptuous champagne palaces on the heights of the Mont Marceau, coupled with youthful exuberance and artistic temperament, were responsible for the early morning drama as the result of which young and beautiful Olive Thomas-Pickford, idol of movie fans the world over, died Friday in the American hospital in Paris.

Visits "DEAD RAT" According to intimates, the climax to the Pickfords' "second honeymoon" came following frequent remonstrances by the husband against Olive's youthful impulses, which led her to a succession of night parties in the company of the widest of the Paris younger set.

She was constantly being told to abandon her frequent visits to the tango palace and the tinelled restaurants offering sham gaiety in the shape of dancing costumes, dances and limited champagne in exchange for enormous sums of money, but she refused to quit her friends, among whom are several screen personalities.

To see "real old Paris," Olive, Sunday night, accompanied by several of these friends, visited the "Dead Rat," the most famous of the Montmartre resorts. She appeared to be in the highest spirits, although so tired that some of her intimates warned her that she would collapse if she persisted in burning the candle at both ends.

CRIES "GOODBYE, JACK" Not heeding this, she remained in the "Dead Rat" until the closing hour, 1 a.m., and immediately thereafter started on a taxi cab round of the clandestine resorts which always open to the magic key—gold.

At 4 a. m. she arrived back at the Ritz, where she found her husband bitterly resentful. At this time she was scarcely normal, being extremely excited.

After listening to her husband's remonstrances and apparently taken with a fit of despondency, Olive went to the bathroom, where she drank three-quarters of a bottle of bichloride solution. Immediately afterward, with a piercing scream, she rushed to the bedroom, crying to her husband: "I've taken poison. Goodbye, Jack."

PHYSICAL CONDITION GOOD Without losing a moment, Jack forced her to drink hot salt water and some bicarbonate of soda. In the meantime applying a violent massage to create a quick action. At this time she was conscious. The doctor responded. He effected a quick transfer to the hospital in the Pickford limousine. Dr. Joseph Choate of Los Angeles, a family friend, being in Paris, was summoned and took complete charge of the case.

Realizing at once its gravity he telegraphed for the greatest specialists in Europe. They were constantly in attendance. Dr. Choate examined Olive just before she left the United States for Paris, incidental to her application for a life insurance policy for \$200,000. He found her in first class physical condition.

LAWRENCE TO ANALYZE WESTERN STATES' VOTE (Continued from Page One)

In October to analyze conditions in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and the Atlantic seaboard, where changes, if they do come, will occur in the last moments of the campaign, and where Senator Harding and Governor Cox will be found by that time working to win the states' 45 big electoral votes. New York's 45 votes and Ohio's 24 can offset all of the entire West.

GET INSIDE TIPS Of course, nobody who spends a day or two in any state can hope to go away with a complete picture of the situation. The political warfare usually agreed to disclose the source of his information and thus picks up invaluable information. This is the season of the year when many reporters will travel extensively to find out how the political situation in every important city from coast to coast and knows the personal equity of

each man and his ability to judge his own state, the task of analysis is bound to be reasonably easy.

GERMANS RESENTFUL Take Minnesota for instance. Both Democratic and Republican newspapers will confide to you that as things look now Senator Harding will carry the state by a good majority. The third party movement failed to materialize and the only question in dispute among observers is whether the state will go for Harding by 100,000, or as some conservatives put it, by 25,000. Anyway, no Democrat of standing is claiming that Minnesota is as close as it was in 1916, when Wilson almost won the electoral vote.

The reasons for Harding's strength here are quite simple. Much of the electorate is Scandinavian and German. The Germans are bitter against Wilson for his war record. They voted for the "He keeps us out of war" slogan in 1916 because they wanted to be kept out of a war with their fatherland. They cherish resentment and will show it at the polls.

ALL AGAINST LEAGUE The Scandinavians are very much impressed with pacific doctrines and may be more persuaded to believe the Republican campaign idea, that the League of Nations means war instead of peace. Even though Norway and Sweden have joined the league, the Scandinavians are against it. Their opposition has been carefully cultivated by a Republican press. With only one or two exceptions, all the influential newspapers of Minnesota are Republican and have been feeding the people the Hiram Johnson doctrine.

Even those who favor the league take the line that Senator Kellogg, who voted for the League reservations, and the number who want the league as brought back by President Wilson is negligibly small. This territory is so friendly to Harding that it even draws a distinction between the managers of the Republican candidate and the nominee himself.

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London, Sept. 11.—(I. N. S.)—Terence MacSwiney, hunger striking lord mayor of Cork, suffered a sharp relapse in Brixton jail infirmary this afternoon. Annie MacSwiney, a sister, left the jail infirmary at 3:10 o'clock, saying that the end was expected momentarily. Miss MacSwiney was weeping said in an excited frame of mind.

MURDER TRIAL THREATENED IN CASE M'SWINEY DIES London, Sept. 11.—(U. P.)—Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, has received notice that in the event of the death of Lord Mayor MacSwiney, now on the thirtieth day of his hunger strike, he will be tried for murder by a Sinn Fein court.

Sinn Fein officials previously had declared informally that such action would be taken in connection with all British cabinet members responsible for MacSwiney's imprisonment and that any resultant sentences of death would be carried out by Sinn Fein agents.

The latest reports from Brixton prison said the lord mayor was steadily growing weaker and the partial paralysis of his arms and legs was extending. He still was unconscious.

The morning bulletin said MacSwiney passed another night with severe pains in his back and limbs and increased dizziness.

A bulletin issued late today said the lord mayor had not spoken since yesterday and that his condition was "serious."

TWO DEATHS ARE HELD UNAVOIDABLE (Continued from Page One)

partment is investigating the case. Riley is being retained for investigation.

Benjamin Chamberlain, the second victim, was a helper on the truck, which belongs to Ira Powers Furniture company. Love is the driver of the truck.

The truck was backing into the curb in front of the door of the Powers furniture warehouse on Union avenue. Chamberlain had signalled him that the way was clear.

Another furniture truck was parked in front of the entrance.

The nature of the accident is distinctly unusual, say those who saw it.

Lieutenant Ervin said that in many years of traffic investigation he never heard of a similar instance.

Chamberlain was standing on the running board of the parked truck. After signalling his driver, he suddenly threw up his hands and fell headlong under the rear wheel of the heavy truck on the opposite side from the driver.

One wheel ran over his shoulder and his head, crushing the base of his skull.

Witnesses say he fell in a faint. Love says he did not even feel the jar, owing to the weight of the truck. He heard a woman across the street scream, he said. Then several men yelled at him and one excitedly told him to drive forward. He did, the heavy wheel rolling off the dead boy's body.

C. J. Ford, 42½ East Ankeny street, was within a few feet of the scene of the accident, but it happened so suddenly that he was unable to do a thing, he said.

He said that the boy fell inert and lay motionless, making no attempt to roll out in the brief period before the wheel struck him. He fell in a faint, Mrs. Believes.

Mrs. Speed Cleveland, 14 Union avenue north, who was across the street, saw the accident. Her story coincided almost identically with Ford's. J. G. Murphy and Victor Tourville, 2½ Grand avenue, and J. Donovan, 2½ Grand avenue, also describe the accident as Ford related it. The driver was in no way to blame, they say.

Chamberlain's home is in Springfield. He had been working with Love on the truck for two weeks. His parents were immediately notified of his death. His body was taken to the public morgue, pending the arrival of his father.

Love is being held for investigation. No bail was accepted. His record as a truck driver has been clear up to this time, say the police. He has driven for Post for six years.

Deputy Coroner Goetsch said that an inquest will probably not be held in either case. An autopsy will be performed, however, to determine what caused Chamberlain to have the fainting spell.

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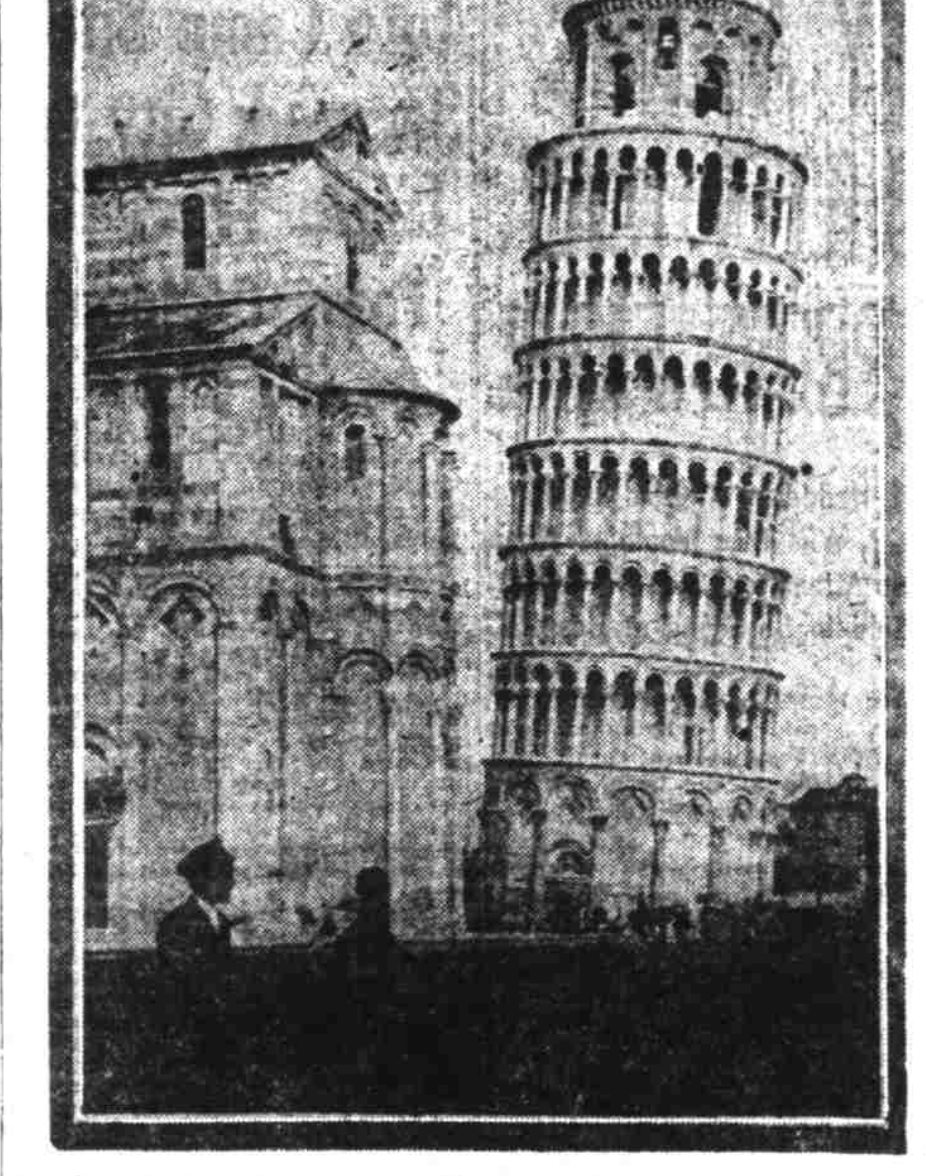
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LEANING TOWER GIVEN JAR



Photograph of leaning tower at Pisa and right wing of St. Michael's cathedral, taken by W. E. Edwards of Portland. Cable reports say that the cathedral was damaged by the earthquake Tuesday.

News of the earthquake disaster in Northern Italy was of particular interest to W. E. Edwards, 450 Park street, for in the summer of 1913, while in the United States merchant marine, he was a visitor through the regions recently devastated and ascended the leaning tower of Pisa.

The structure consists of two tubes. Edwards said Thursday, in telling of his ascent. The stairs are circular, between the walls of the tubes. The tower is 156 feet high and is 14 feet out of plumb. The ancient has sensational features, for near the top one steps out on the unrailed balconies which slope sharply with the lean.

In places the walls of the tower are badly cracked, and about midway up heavy timber falsework has been installed in order to hold the shaky structure together.

The tower seemed ready enough to topple over without the aid of an earthquake, Edwards declares, and he marvels that it is left standing after the heavy seismic jars that took place this week.

One can ascend the tower to the very top, past the bells of the cathedral for which the tower is the campanile. The tower of Pisa is the belfry for the beautiful cathedral of St. Michael. In olden days, though, it was used as a light-house and a lookout. It is the favorite legend of the residents of Pisa, too, that the architect who built the tower was hanged in the immense well in the center of it because of the faulty construction that caused it to lean.

Edwards was in the Mediterranean as third assistant engineer on the steamer West Harshaw, built at the Northwest Steel company, during the war, when he visited the city of Pisa in June, 1913.

FOOD PRICES ON GENERAL DECLINE Washington, Sept. 11.—(U. P.)—A break in retail food prices will be shown in a price report covering the entire country, now being prepared by the labor department, officials predicted today. The report probably will be issued late next week.

Wholesale prices have been declining for three months. Prices paid farmers declined 10 per cent in August according to the agricultural department, while livestock met only 2.3 per cent less. Commodity prices also suffered declines during the past two months, according to the federal reserve board.

Raw materials are showing the decline. In some materials, like crude rubber and leather, prices are near pre-war figures.

Unless speculators and middlemen are kept out of the market, no attempt to produce and consumer, retail food prices must now begin to follow the general decline of wholesale and manufacturers' quotations, officials said here today.

DRY AGENT'S BULLET MAY PROVE FATAL (Continued from Page One)

From the house, and not by Morris, who was attempting to hold Lewis.

BULLET STRIKES HEAD One of the bullets struck Hedderly in back of the head and penetrated through the forehead. Another lodged in his right shoulder. His automobile was controlled by the wounded man, stopped when it hit the curb soon after the shot was fired.

The coroner was notified of Hedderly's death before it was discovered that he still lived. He was at once sent to Good Samaritan hospital where Friday morning he was still alive, but unconscious.

Hedderly is said to have a bootlegging record that made him a much-hunted character in police circles.

Hedderly's residence is 1014 Hancock street.

SHOOT TO FRIGHTEN Police officers say all shots were fired to scare Hedderly until it appeared that he was going to run down and kill Federal Agent J. J. Higgins, who was standing in the street in the path of the machine. This prompted brother officers in back of the moving car to fire directly at the driver.

Federal Agent Wood, who was also a member of Friday night's party, avers that Hedderly attempted to run him down once he had attempted to stop an automobile loaded with liquor near Salmon Creek, Wash. At that time Wood is said to have also fired on Hedderly.

Senior Police Captain John T. Moore said Saturday morning: "This is the end of a long and eventful career for that man. I knew he was a bootlegger, but I did not know until this morning that he was such a bad one."

Lewis is being held by federal agents on an open charge without bail, who announced Saturday that he would be vigorously prosecuted for this and possibly other alleged offenses.

The raiding squad was composed of

JUDGE THREATENS TO CALL ATTORNEY THOMAS G. RYAN

Circuit Judge Morrow threatened to send T. G. Ryan, attorney, to jail Friday afternoon during the course of the trial of Charles Cullinan, charged with the larceny of 100 calf hides from H. F. Norton & Co. Ryan is attorney for the defendant. On several occasions Ryan's temper waxed warm in exchange of repartee with the judge and the district attorney's office. Judge Morrow at one time declared Ryan to be in contempt of court, but later let the matter drop.

The taking of testimony began just before adjournment for the day, and Ed List, who was jointly indicted with Cullinan, grand jury, was the first witness. List on June 11 appeared before Judge McCourt, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary.

He then stated that Cullinan and List, the latter being a foreman at the hide establishment, stole hides from the warehouse after closing hours, and then a few days later would haul them around to the front door of the establishment and resell the hides to the concern from which they had been stolen.

DR. BERTSCHINGER CASE IS DISMISSED AFTER LONG WAIT What was once a sensational case on the docket of the Multnomah county circuit court was wiped out Thursday, after having been carried since June 1917. Chief Deputy District Attorney Hammerley appeared before Presiding Judge Tazewell and recommended that the indictment against Dr. A. Bertschinger, issued June 1, 1917, be dismissed, and this was done.

Bertschinger was charged with manslaughter. It being alleged that he was responsible for the death of the wife of Carl Oswald through having performed a criminal operation. The motion to dismiss the indictment was carried to the state supreme court, and was denied. Meanwhile Oswald, principal witness for the state, had completely disappeared, and no trace of him has since been found.

Bertschinger claimed that the woman was brought to his office by her husband, and that he was simply giving her regular medical treatments.

Asks Second Divorce Mrs. Hulda Meyer, owner of the drug store at 609 East Morrison street, is making an attempt to sever for the second time the matrimonial tie that binds her to Walter F. Meyer. The divorce suit was filed Friday. Suit for divorce was also filed by Anna Lovson against Harry Lovson, the charge being desertion.

COMMITTEE WILL NOT SUMMON GOV. COX (Continued from Page One)

chology" to assess "prospects" a definite sum. He said he had a card index list of 25,000 prospects in Chicago. Harbourn said 700 of these ought to give \$1000 each and hoped half of that number would. Reed asked if this was the "cream list."

"Well, it's at least half and half," said Reed.

Harbourn denied Chicago's quota was \$700,000.

Senator Kenyon, chairman of the committee, said he had received more than 100 demands that Cox be called. The latest of these came from Munsey, New York publisher. In reply, Kenyon said E. H. Moore, Cox's personal representative, told the committee he brought all the evidence Cox had and that the committee thought it needless to summon the Democratic candidate.

A brief interlude in the investigation begins today, following an inquiry into the Chicago city campaign of the Republicans for funds, and examination of allegations that Democrats solicited federal employees at Aberdeen, S. D.

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COMMENT IS WITHHELD Committee members today declined to comment on Governor Cox's statement in Spokane yesterday that somebody might have to be sent to the state penitentiary in connection with the Republican money activities.

A statement by Senator Edge of New Jersey, a Republican member of the committee, given out last night before the committee, said that last night before

YOUTHFUL BANDIT CAPTURED AFTER THEFT OF \$65,000

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 11.—(I. N. S.)—A sensational crime career, rivaling the lurid adventures of a Jesse James, was revealed today by C. C. Mins, "master bandit" of the oil fields, captured with four confederates after a cabaret holdup and running gun fight at Ranger. Mins, who is only 22 years old, boasted to police he had led his gang on hold-ups which netted them \$75,000 in two weeks.

Police declare the arrest of Mins and his confederates will end a wave of holdups and robberies which swept the oil fields like a pestilence. Reports of bank holdups, highway robberies and hotel "stickups" are beginning to filter through to police. The bandits had created a reign of terror wherever they went.

According to authorities, Mins said his "gang" had obtained \$7000 in the robbery of the Graham National bank two weeks ago and gained \$7000 more in cash by the holdup of a poker game at Ranger two nights ago. The rest of their loot came from highway assaults on individuals.

Lawton, Oklahoma, Population Given 8930; Gain of 1142 Washington, Sept. 11.—(I. N. S.)—Preliminary population figures were announced today by the census bureau as follows:

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