

She was bent on murder-suicide

Actor George Montgomery wins fight for life after being confronted by love-struck ex-maid

VAN NUYS, Calif. (UPI)—Actor George Montgomery won a struggle for his life Tuesday when he returned home and was confronted by a love-struck former maid with a gun. Montgomery had to dodge one bullet that passed only inches from his ear, detectives said.

Ruth Wenzel, 37, who Montgomery said was employed by him and his former wife, singer Dinah Shore, about five years ago, was bent on murder-suicide, according to Sgt. J. D. Barton.

"I am extremely sorry for her and evidently she should be under medical care," Montgomery, 47, said. He added that Miss Wenzel had been dismissed after working for him about eight months because of her "erratic behavior."

Police said Miss Wenzel had been in the home for two days awaiting Montgomery's return from a six-week trip.

The actor said he saw her when he first entered his home in this San Fernando Valley com-

munity and ran after her into a bedroom.

There Miss Wenzel pulled a .38-caliber revolver from under a pillow, police said. Montgomery and the woman struggled for several moments and the gun fired once before he was able to subdue her.

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Togetherness has come to the game of billiards.

Increasingly, the ancient game is played at home—apparently on the theory that families who play together, stay together.

Even the New York Department of State spelled out what a billiards game should be in a ruling recently when it suspended the license of an Elmira, N.Y., operator of a parlor for obstructing from clear view the lower third of the parlor's windows.

This, the Department said, was a violation of the State Law, which in licensing billiard establishments follows the "legislative intent" that the game should be a "good, clean, family fun" activity.

The total will be more than 24 million, the firm predicts.

In a study, the researchers found home billiards popular with 43.8 per cent of the males and 69 per cent of the females playing the game, either in their own or a friend's home.

The study also showed the teenage market represented 37 per cent of players at away-from-home centers, either billiard rooms or combination billiard and bowling establishments. In the combination centers, the teenager comes close to being 50 per cent of the operator's business;

in establishments for billiards alone, only 23 per cent because of legal restrictions.

The origin of billiards dates to ancient times. One chronicler writing of his travels through Greece in 400 B.C. reported he saw the game being played. Caticire, King of Ireland who died in 148 A.D., left behind "fifty-five billiard balls of brass, and pools and cues."

Researchers for the firm said that George Washington had a table in his Mount Vernon home where he played the game with Thomas Jefferson, Alexander

Hamilton, and the French statesman and general, the Marquis De Lafayette.

One of the great billiard players of modern times was William F. Hoppe, who won 51 titles in his long career. He died in 1939 at the age of 71.

Rejuvenation of the game for the whole family began about two years ago when the dimly lighted "pool hall" began to get its face lifted.

As New York's Department of State remarked in that announcement of suspension of one proprietor's license, "manufacturers have encouraged prospective proprietors to erase the old 'pool hall' image of smoke-filled rooms

and haunting shady characters for one of pine paneling, plush carpeting, air-conditioned halls and modern equipment."

The traditional green table surface has given way to other colors, partly because manufacturers want to lure Mom and the kids as well as Dad.

Tables now are available in deep blue, gold, tangerine or classic white, with cloths offered in blue, beige, deep tangerine, gold or green.

"Mix or match colors of tables and cloths," said a spokesman for Brunswick, "and you come up with more than 20 combinations available."

March termed 'very foolish'

PORTLAND (UPI)—A leader of the 1932 bonus march on Washington, D.C. termed today's civil rights march on the nation's capital as "very foolish."

George Kleinholt, Portland, said he was sympathetic with the aims and objectives of today's march. But he said civil rights problems would be worked out eventually through legislation and that a one-day march would do little good.

Kleinholt in 1932 was named second in command of the bonus expeditionary force of some 20,000 persons which was broken up by the Army.

He said he had been making a living as a salesman but decided to enter the 1932 march after hearing the plight of unemployed veterans. The group moved to Uniontown, Pa., and later gradually disbanded.

KEATING BURIAL DUE

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Veteran actor Larry Keating, 64, will be buried Friday in Portland, Ore., his boyhood home town, following a rosary and requiem mass.

Keating, who gained his greatest fame playing the role of the grouchy neighbor, died Monday of leukemia.

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