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Link Prominent Citizens With Gary Black Ku Klux

FLORENCE MILLS IS DEAD

STAGE STAR DIES AFTER OPERATION

Recently Returned From
Europe Where She Had
Triumphed For 3 Years

ROYAL FAVORITE
Began As An Entertainer
In Chicago Cabaret

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 2. (Special)—Florence Mills, internationally famous musical comedy star, who recently returned to this country after three years of unprecedented triumphs in Europe, died Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock in the German Deaconess Hospital. She had been confined there nearly a fortnight during which time an operation for appendicitis had been performed. Her sudden death came as a shock to physicians and friends because it was generally supposed that she would recover at an early date.

Miss Mills was perhaps one of the foremost musical comedy stars in the world. She was 32 years old. She landed in New York City early in October after completing a three-year engagement in London where she appeared in the leading role of the "Blackbirds."

Began Career in Chicago.
Flo Mills, as she is known by close friends and admirers, began her career in Chicago in the old Panama cabaret at 35th and State streets. There, along with Brick Top and Carolyn Williams, a famous trio was formed. After playing there a while the trio left and played at the Pekin, 27th and State streets. When their engagement was completed there, the girls already acclaimed as leaders in their profession, went west.

The going was evidently not so good out in the west and it was not long until the famous trio was a thing of the past. While there Miss Mills united in marriage with Mr. U. S. Thompson, a well known dancing star.

Goed to New York.
The next big hop was to New York. Paul Salvin upon seeing the rare ability of Miss Mills, placed her on the bill at the Plantation Cafe. It was here, old timers say, that she began to blossom out into a really

LONE BANDIT IS HELD AS WOMAN TERRORIST

Dies Suddenly



Florence Mills, foremost musical comedy star, died suddenly early Tuesday morning in New York City where she had been confined in a hospital following an operation. For three years while playing the leading role in the "Blackbirds" in London Miss Mills was the favorite of British royalty.

THE BLACK KLAN FOUND IN GARY BY PRIVATE SLEUTH

Two Of Three Aldermen Are
Accused Of Being Members
Of "Bow Tie" Group

Sheridan A. Brusseaux, of the Keystone Detective Agency, who has just completed an investigation in regard to the recent Gary school strike, finds and reports that a sinister political figure has been lurking in the background of the affair. Mr. Brusseaux reveals and discloses in his report, information that will throw consternation and disgust into the fight against segregation in Gary. His investigation lays the "Bow Tie Amalgamation" which is averred to be affiliated with the local Ku Klux Klan and is popularly known as the Black Klan. This organization is said to function for the political benefit of the K. K. K. and lists among its members some of Gary's most prominent citizens.

Aldermen Members
Membership roster of the Black K. K. K. revealed the names of Alderman William Burrus and Alderman S. R. Blackwell as well as Attorney L. W.

ATTACKER AND ROBBER IS PUT IN JAIL

Bandit's Bond Is Set At
\$125,000 After Five
Women Complain

A desperate highwayman who has worked without any opposition along the lake front between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets, was taken off the street Thursday by Officers William Walsh and James McManus of the Stanton avenue police station. Many complaints had been sent into the station about the man who was believed to have terrorized women on Lake Park avenue since last June. Not long after the two sleuths arrived in that vicinity, they apprehended Green walking along nonchalantly, questioned him and locked him up.

His Victims
Green, according to the evidence, has been operating since June 2, this year. His record however, shows that he was in the House of Correction six times last year and the year before, each time for larceny.

Anthony Siders, 3552 Ellis avenue, pointed him out as the man who snatched her pocketbook containing \$2 June 12 between 35th and 36th streets, on Lake Park avenue. On August 13, between 37th and 38th streets on Vernon avenue, Mrs. Thurmon Wheeler, 3758 Rhodes avenue, said Green relieved her of a \$50 beaded bag containing a compact and \$1.50. The next woman to positively identify the bandit was Effie M. Melville, 12243 State street. She declared he not only robbed her, but criminally assaulted her in her home. She was unable to attend the preliminary hearing however. The others were: Clara Jane Bennett, 4041 Ellis avenue, robbed in front of 4545 Ellis avenue, of \$85 on Oct. 7; Louise Rich, 3974 Lake Park avenue, robbed of \$4 in currency, diamond ring and a \$10 pocketbook while she was walking along Lake Park avenue in the robber's favorite ambush.

POPULAR LIGHT SEEKS DIVORCE

Lovie Austin, 4434 South Parkway, for many years a well-known stage and record star, appeared before Judge Joseph Sabath Wednesday morning to petition a divorce from her husband, Phillip Austin, who is also quite well-known in theatrical circles.

Mrs. Austin charges her husband with desertion. She states that she married him Feb. 25, 1916 and they had lived together until June 5, 1922.

Citizens Meet To Prosecute Cop Who Killed Man

A mass meeting was held Sunday afternoon at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, 21 Buffalo street, South Chicago Sunday under the auspices of the South Chicago Citizen's Committee to raise funds to aid in the prosecution of Officer Malek who shot and killed George Brooks several weeks ago. Fifty dollars was raised.

The case will be heard Thursday before Judge Leroy Fairbanks in Room 1123 City Hall. At the inquest Malek declared Brooks was pointed out as a man who had accosted two young women. When he went to place him under arrest, Malek claims Brooks in and later made a menacing gesture when halted. It was then that he shot him the officers declares.

WAR LOOMS UP IN THE METHODIST CHURCHES HERE

Dr. F. L. Birt, Presiding Elder
Of This District Strikes
Pastor With Fist

By HENRY HULL
All is not well with the Methodists in Chicago and the surrounding districts, battle cries are being sounded, soldiers are being drafted, while mumbings and grumbling characteristic of dissatisfaction and unrest before the conflict are heard on all sides. Methodist ministers and their followers in Chicago are wrought up because of the method and tactics that are being used by Bishop Gaines, head of the local diocese and already some of them have flatly stated that they will not submit to his ruthless leadership.

When the A. M. E. ministers met Monday before last at what is known as the Methodist Ministers' Alliance, personal bitterness and feeling ran so high that Dr. Birt, presiding elder, struck Rev. Buchanan Lewis with his fist and only the prompt action of cool heads prevented a free-for-all fight. Dr. S. F. Maloney, while voicing his protest against the conduct of Bishop Gaines, declared that he intended to be heard and when the Rev. Mr. Lewis was struck by the presiding elder, it seems that the ministers are incensed because Bishop Gaines has transferred men who have labored faithfully and long in the churches of Chicago and who have built up splendid churches

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Secretary Killed In Double Tragedy



Dr. Velma L. Colbert, secretary to Dr. R. A. Williams and also a foot specialist, was killed by Charles G. Coleman, Jr., in her apartment at 4838 Prairie avenue, Sunday night. He killed himself immediately afterwards. Jealousy is believed to have been the motive.

SURVEY REVEALS HIGH DEATH RATE

In his weekly bulletin on Chicago's health, Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, commissioner of health, makes public the results of a health survey of the colored population of the city. The conditions shown by the survey in the commissioner's opinion disclose a situation which justifies vigorous and immediate corrective measures.

The health survey was directed by Dr. H. Llewellyn Harris, Jr. Dr. Harris made a very detailed study of conditions on the south side and in the other communities with a large colored population, and had committed an error and written reports pointing forth the worst conditions found.

Both were hailed before Judge Borrelli at the Pekin court Monday morning. Brown testified that his wife had been nervous and "fractious" ever since she got hurt in a street car accident. He admitted they had quarreled Sunday night and she had become fully divested of her clothing in the struggle, but insisted that he was fully clothed when arrested.

Officer Rapier told the story of the occurrence and added that when the woman saw the crowd watching the fight, she turned on them and hurled a cuspidor through the glass door at them.

Judge Borrelli warned the couple to stop fighting and fined them \$1 each.

WOMEN IN CUTTING FRAY
Mattie Jackson, 20 years old, of 548 E. 40th st., lost an argument with one Louise Jones Sunday night at their home when Louise drew a keen blade and cut her adversary in the left side. She was taken to Wilson hospital.

MAD LOVER KILLS FOOT SPECIALIST

Shoots Her Twice In Breast,
Turns Gun On Himself
After Brief Quarrel

The death-heralding bark of a long, black, sinister revolver startled the southside again Sunday night and when the smoke had lifted and the sound had died away, Dr. Velma L. Colbert, 4838 Prairie avenue, apartment 1, secretary to Dr. R. A. Williams and also a foot specialist with an office in her own home, lay stretched on the floor of her office dead. And Charles G. Coleman, Jr., G. Coleman, Jr., her slayer, lay huddled up a few feet away in the dining room—dead by his own hand.

The shooting occurred about 11:20 p. m. There were no eye-witnesses, and exactly what transpired between the two lovers in that last scene will probably never be known.

Woman Heard Shots
The nearest approach to an eye witness to the tragedy was Mrs. Flossie Mitchell, who roomed in the rear of the apartment. She was preparing to retire at the time and the first intimation she had of trouble was the crack of the revolver. She said she was so excited that she did not know how many shots were fired, but said there were two volleys, the second volley following an instant after the first.

On account of the lack of witnesses, there was some confusion as to who had done the shooting. The police report stated that Dr. Colbert had shot Coleman and then had turned the gun on herself. Officer Philip Carroll, of the

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RACES CLASH IN PHILLY; 9 HURT

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Nov. 2.—Four colored men and five Caucasians were injured in a race clash which occurred at 7 o'clock Sunday night in the vicinity of Waterloo street near Cumberland avenue. One of the Caucasians is not expected to live.

The trouble is said to have started when an unidentified Caucasian, under the influence of liquor, attempted to take possession of a colored citizen's front porch. Objecting to the vile language the stranger was using, the resident put the drunk off his premises.

Witnessing the ejection, a gang of toughs set upon the resident. Other neighbors came to the assistance of the lone man and a general fight followed. Knives, brass knuckles and clubs were used freely in the fray. The disturbance lasted nearly an hour and was quelled only by the arrival of police reserves in response to a riot call.

Twelve of the rioters were arrested, ten of them being colored.