

# PROBE DEATH OF SKI JUMPER AT ROCHESTER

Fall Fatal To Detroit Novice Attempting Short Slide

An investigation is being made in the death of Leslie Hawkins, 23 years old, of 1227 Spruce street, Detroit, who died of injuries occurred in a fall as he was skiing at Rochester.

With a party of friends he went to Rochester for his first experience in skiing and attempted to negotiate the smaller of the two slides at the Detroit Ski club.

When he familiarized himself with the slide he took off, lost his balance and was picked up unconscious.

He was taken to the Highland Park Hospital, he died shortly after.

## Your BROADWAY And Mine

By WALTER WINCHELL

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eccentric  
NEW YORK—They revealed another Cecil B. De Mille yarn last night. Once, they say a "double" was instructed to leap from a 45-foot cliff into a pond below.

"See here, now!" he cried to De Mille, "there can't be over three or four feet of water there!"  
"Go on and jump!" growled the exasperated director, "you won't drown!"

AMONG OTHER DRAMAS  
Perhaps you recall the Bert and Betty Wheeler combination, a rollicking comedy team of the big time. The pair were devoted to each other for many years, and were conceded to be the happiest stage couple of them all. Then, about two years ago, the profession was startled to learn that

Mrs. Wheeler deserted and later divorced Bert to wed one of the youthful Striped Twins, hoodlers. At the time, Wheeler turned over their life savings to her and wished her well.

If his heart was torn, none of us knew it, for he affected the "Left, Clon, Left" attitude. But it was some time before he staged a comeback, eventually stirring the town with his funnysims in "Ris Risa." Then he remarried. His dancer bride recently became a mother. He is very happy.

Now, the former Mrs. Wheeler, who hasn't had a merry time of it in the show business, is divorcing Clarence Striped in Chicago, and her complaint is desertion.

### IN MEMORIAM?

She is well known along the Broadway Beat, and it is commonly believed that she has married three times. As a matter of fact, she was wedded twice, and for seven years was the common law frau of a famous man.

But what we started out to record was that when she leaves the town to get away from newspaper men she registers under the name of the man to whom she was not legally sealed.

OF ALL REMARKS  
It happened the other yawning in a fun parlor where an apache dance team is featured. You know the type of dance. The male member of the duo frowns between cuggle puffs and suddenly grasps the girl by the hair and then flings her across the floor. Well, the audience fell off their chairs at this session.

When the gal crept back on her knees and paws, and then plunged a knife into her lover's back, a drunk screamed:

"That shows you! You can't trust any of them!"

### Fasts 40 Days



Fred Conrad, 27, of New Hampshire, O., has put his little home town of 250 persons on the map by a self-imposed 40-day fast with the avowed intention of saving his father's soul. Conrad started his fast in January, declaring he would not eat until his father joined the church. After 38 days Conrad lost 50 pounds, but declared he was "feeling fine."

## MEET THE NEW MANAGER

Speaker Now Minor League Pilot; A Tragic Career



SPEAKER AS A MEMBER OF THE RED SOX IN 1914

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Tris Speaker makes his debut as a minor league manager this year—as pilot of the Newark club of the International League. He is said to have signed a contract calling for a larger salary than ever before offered a minor league boss.

The Newark club at his command and with the knowledge of baseball, its players, and its intricacies that "Spoke" possesses, he ought to enjoy a brilliant career there.

A Surprise Move  
As far as actual baseball brains and ability are concerned, Speaker need tip his hat to no man in baseball. Had anyone suggested, after the campaign of 1920, that Speaker would slip out of the big circle in over a span of a few short years instead of clinching for himself a place in the managerial ranks that would put him on a par with John McGraw, Connie Mack and other veteran major league pilots, the remark would have been met with luscious guffaws.

Conditions over which Speaker alone had control—or should have had—shortened his career in the majors, not only as a player but as a manager—and what more important—a popular idol.

Spoke's brilliant feats as a center fielder, his batting proclivities, and his astuteness as a player and leader have been pointed out with statistics and anecdotes repeatedly. A couple of tragedies, however, that are not chronicled in the record books probably influenced his later baseball years to a great extent.

At the height of Speaker's triumphs—the campaign of 1920 in which he led the Cleveland team to the American league pennant and a world's championship—occurred the first one. That was the sudden death of Ray Chapman, Cleveland infielder and Speaker's closet friend on the ball club with the possible exception of Joe Wood. Chapman's death, from a pitched ball, threatened to affect Speaker's mind for a time. It is probable that the tension of the pennant race—the accident happened in the closing days of August—alone saved Speaker. The insistence of his teammates and the public that he carry on for Chapman forced him to turn his thoughts back to the game.

A Second Jolt  
The other tragedy was the death of "Sunny Jim" Dunn, owner of the Cleveland ball club at the time Speaker was signed—and the man under whom the club enjoyed its greatest successes.

Dunn accepted Speaker virtually as a son from the day the two met. Speaker's ability as a player, woodsman, "cheer" on hunting parties, and his dynamic personality all captivated Dunn. Just how much of the unpleasantness in Speaker's life Dunn knew about when he died suddenly is unknown, of course. He did, however, entrust the care of his ball club to Speaker and E. S. Barnard, then vice president of the club. It does not seem as though Dunn realized that these two men would have to come to the parting of the ways as abruptly as they did.

"Spoke" now introduces himself to a new coterie of fans. He is approaching the job seriously. The tragedies and errors of the past have calmed him a bit. Life seems more earnest. He ought to deliver.

Edward Browne of Chicago, arrested for wife beating, pleaded justification because he caught her with her hand in his money pocket.

Mrs. Ethel Thurston of Buffalo testified in her divorce suit that her husband even shaved off his "lovely" mustache to annoy her.

An ordinance prohibiting unnecessary noises has been passed by the city council of Havana, Cuba, hitherto considered one of the noisiest cities in the world. The measure was introduced and fought through to its adoption by Alderman Juan Borrell, whose motives were entirely unselfish, as the horn tooting, bell ringing, whistle blowing and other din did not annoy him personally. He is dead.

A 7-months old baby was sent as a part of the regular air mail cargo from Buenaventura, Colombia, to Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Anna Southwick, a little girl of Danvers, Mass., has as a pet one of the smallest full-grown ponies in the world, which weighs only 37 pounds.

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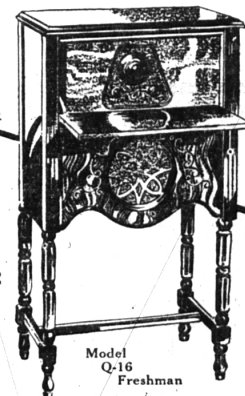
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