

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Worrying, Underbiding Mr. Meek Makes Fine Play for 4 Heart Contract It is somewhat unusual to give your partner

raise, holding the singleton trey in his suit.

However, Mr. Dale believed East dealer that action was completely sen- | Soth sides vulnerable sible in today's deal. His part ner was Mr. Meek, the chronic: underbidder. It is hard enough _to_get Mr. Meek to overcall at. the one level, not vulnerable. Here he made a jump overcall. vulnerable. Mr. Dale knew he must have hearts a mile long.

Owing to the unfortunate fact: that Mr. Meek did not have a second diamond, the contract was not makeable. That is, not unless the defenders erred.

On a club opening, dummy's only entry would be knocked out; and it would be necessary to lose: two hearts and two spades. Mr. East Abel found the club opening, I 3 laying down the jack. Mr. Meek Pass thought fast. If he ducked the All Pass club and then the suit was con- trick one would have made the tinued, he could unblock the contract. diamonds by getting rid of his But of course Mr. Meek is al- Lasky's sister Blanche, with

elected to try it. He played a low fact he returned a club at trick gloves and into the infant movie; cash from her home recently. club from dummy. To his regret, two. Mr. Muzzy overtook with the Mr. Meek discarded his ace of DeMille and Lasky continued

Mr. Meck felt terrible. He wondered what his pariner would say if it turned out that he could have got off with only gleton queen. In that event the | borough, Hudson's Bay Company play of the ace of clubs at governor in 1685.

NORTH Mr. Dale 🚕 7 6 4 3 ♦ K Q 8 7 5

WEST

Mr. Muzzy AKQJ → J 6 4 ⁴ - KQ9865 J 10 2 SOUTH Mr. Meek **♠** A 10 5 ♥ K J 10 9 8 6 5 2

West

North

EAST

ace of diamonds on the ace of ways worrying most of the time whom he trouped in vaudeville, PISTOL-PACKING GRANNIE clubs. Dummy's king and queen unnecessarily. Certainly he had was being courted by a glove — Mrs. Pansy Mae Stuttard, of diamonds would then enable nothing to worry about in this cutter named Sam Goldfish. 84, of White Rock, B.C., checks him to discard both of his spade case. Mr. Muzzy had nothing at Sam often called at the Lasky her sights in preparation for all in mind when he overtook the home and talked show business. any possible return of thieves It was a remote chance but he jack of clubs. As a matter of He wanted to get out of selling who she says took \$15,000 in

queen. Apparently there was no diamonds and won on the board, to collaborate on vaudeville reason for him to make this play He then cashed the king and acts, but the producer could she kept the cash at home beunless he had guessed Mr. Meek's queen of diamonds and discard-sense his partner's itch for ad-cause she doesn't trust banks. plan and feared that Mr. Abel ed his two low spades. He lost venture. DeMille finally anmight not see the necessity for only the club and two tricks in nounced he wanted to quit

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HOLLYWOOD (2) -- Jesse Lasky was the first of a famous

triumvirate to be erased from the Hollywood scene, In January, 1914, Lasky joined with Samuel Goldwyn and Cecil triumvirate was eased out. DeMille to form the Jesse! Though he had lost his for-

Lasky feature play company with tune in the stock market crash. himself as president. DeMille was Lasky didn't give up. He came sent westward from New York back strong as an independent to find some sunshine in which producer, beginning a 25-year to make "The Squaw Man". He career of selling to the studios projects he fervently believed in. landed in Hollywood...

Goldwyn, 75, and DeMille, 76, are still titan's in the industry. are multi-millionaires. Lasky, who died last week at 77, made and lost \$12,000,000. But) lit's doubtful whether his former partners had as much fun as

Lasky was responsible for getting both of the film greats into the movie business. Having I graduated from a cornet act in ; vaudeville, he aimed to produce some plays. He discussed with a play broker, Mrs. H. C.; DeMille, the possibility of her son William writing an operetta; for him. William was busy and successful, so Mrs. DeMille sold; her other son Cecil.

Lasky outlined his proposed plot and DeMille's imagination caught fire. Together they cretated the operetta "California", which was a hit.

industry. Lasky was reluctant.

Broadway, and head for the revolution in Mexico.

Lasky didn't want to lose him, so he said: "If you want adventure, I've got an even better idea -- let's make some movies." The pair took in Goldfish and started their company with \$20,-000 in capital.

LEFT AFTER, MERGER

Goldwyn, who underwent a name-change and married Lasky's sister (they were later) divorced), left the company 615 - 3rd Ave. W. Phone 3329 when it merged-with Adolph Zukor's Famous Players.

DeMille also followed an independent course, though hell stayed with Famous Players ---Lasky. He made films without studio interference, turning out the first "Ten Commandments" among other hits. But the eastern moguls balked at DeMille's lavishness and forced him out of the company in 1924. Lasky hung on as studio head until 1932, when Paramount, along with other film companies, was in dire straits. Then the remaining member of the original



Mrs. Stuttard fired two blasts from a shotgun at the fleeing robbers but missed. She said (CP Photo)

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