

# ACTOR RICHARD SPEND, DEAD AT 32

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Richard Spend, the 32-year-old film star, died in his sleep last night from natural causes.

Spend, who shot to prominence in the film version of Zane Grey's *The Man in the Forest* opposite Clark Gable in 1923, was reportedly discovered in his home by his sister Yolanda Spenzel early this morning.

As the "Brown-Eyed God", Spend was among the top twenty box office attractions in 1924. News of his death spread quickly around town and chilled a plush Hollywood gathering at the annual Young Actresses Debut Ball. By an ironic touch, Spend had taken out a full page ad in the ball program. It read simply: "Thanks, Livvy. (Signed) Richard Spend", a touching tribute to his co-star Olivia Clarendon from *The Black Cat*.

His death comes as a shock to both his fans and to Universal, where he was preparing to appear in Rupert Julian's *Phantom of the Opera*.



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