

CUBS FAVORED TO CAPTURE NATIONAL LEAGUE PENNANT

Team Strengthens as Much as Rivals; Pittsburgh and Phillies May Be Bad News.

By ALAN GOULD

Associated Press Sports Editor. NEW YORK, March 24.—The National league, although presenting the prospect of a much better balanced pennant race this season than the American, nevertheless appears likely to be dominated again by the powerful Chicago Cubs. The house of Wright is as strong a favorite to repeat its 1929 victory as is the house of Mack in the American league.

The Cubs won the flag last year by a margin of ten and a half games over Pittsburgh, and, instead of standing pat, seem to have fortified themselves for a substantial lead on the top. The Braves, with nothing lacking in their offensive power, have been strengthened as much, if not more, than the team in the league by the acquisition of Lester Bell to play third, the return to form of catcher Gabby Hartnett's arm and the bolstering of the twirling staff with several fine recruits such as Nelson, Moss and Tenchont.

Rivals Dangerous. Six of the remaining seven National league clubs, however, not only figure to make it extremely interesting and perhaps precarious for the Cubs but to put up a sensational battle for the first division berth. Only the Boston Braves, undergoing reorganization at the expense of the hands of Bill McKechnie, appear definitely slated again for the depths.

The Pittsburgh Pirates look like the most formidable opposition for the Cubs. The furious Phillies are the real "dark horse" of the race. The New York Giants remain dangerous, in spite of inept. The St. Louis Cardinals, their one-time championship staff now very shaky, face a fight to withstand the expected rush of two much improved second-division outfits of 1929, the Brooklyn Robins and Cincinnati Reds.

Phillies Formidable. The Phillies collected most of the slugging honors last season. They probably will do so again, with O'Doul, Klein, Hurst, Whitney and the rest of Bart Shotton's clouting circus improving. Consequently if their pitching is at least 20 per cent better, as Shotton believes it will be, there seems no way to keep the club out of the first division.

The Giants looked like world beaters in training last year and finished a bad third in the race. John McGraw's pupils have been

Winners in Miami Contest



(Left to right) Miss Alberta McKellop, who as "Miss California," won second prize in the Miami beauty contest. Miss Janet Eastman, as "Miss Texas," was adjudged "America's Sweetheart," carrying the highest honors in the Lone Star state, and Miss Margaret Ekdahl, as "Miss Florida," was awarded third place. They will journey to Rio de Janeiro, where they will compete for the title of "Miss Universe."

very unimpressive in Texas this spring and so, paradoxically, they may turn up in the league. Second base, however, still is a problem and the Giant pitchers must stage a come-back to put the club anywhere.

Reds Need Pitchers. Dan Howley has rebuilt the Reds, added more batting punch with Menard and Hollman in the outfield, but needs some pitching support for the seasoned Red Lucas and Jackie May. Uncle Wilbert Robinson, freed of the worries of front office turmoil, seems to have inspired his flock. If Glenn Wright's performance fulfills training camp hopes, the Robins will be at least troublesome.

Most of the critics fail to share Gabby Street's optimism over the chances of the St. Louis Cardinals being pennant factors. The club dropped from first to fourth last year and has not gained the need of replacements in pitching to check the down-hill momentum.

Spends Sunday in Roseburg. Ted Brown, of Marshfield, spent Sunday in this city as the house guest of Morris Houser.

4 WATER PERMITS ASKED IN DOUGLAS

Four applications for water permits in Douglas county have been filed with the state engineer, Sella M. Brandburg, residing near Roseburg, is asking for water from the South Umpqua for irrigation purposes; C. F. Freat, county engineer, is asking permission to take water from Elgarose creek for irrigation and domestic purposes; H. J. Homolter of Riddle wants water from Rail creek for irrigation, and Frank Haun, also of Riddle, asks to be permitted to take water from the same creek for irrigation use.

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POLICE KILL THREE BANDITS; FOURTH FLEES HOSPITAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire) BUFFALO, N. Y., March 24.—Police today were searching for a wounded automobile thief who escaped from a hospital while two of his companions were dying in the operating room and the body of a fourth was being taken to the morgue. The identity of the missing man is unknown to the police.

The casualties occurred yesterday in two encounters between automobile thieves and the police. In the first the man killed was Walter Krajewski, 21 years old, for whom the police had been searching as the suspected murderer of Patrolman Wunderlich, during the holdup of a chain store last February.

The second clash occurred an hour later, and the same police squad did the killing.

The dead are Henry Piotrowski, 20, Edward Dombkiewicz, 17, and John Dzusynski. Dombkiewicz is a brother of Peter, who recently cut the throat of David Gluckstein, jeweler, in supreme court during trial of the "blonde bandit gang."

The pursuit of the second stolen car covered several city blocks and during the chase a faithful of revolver and riot gun shots were exchanged between the pursuers and the perished.

The car containing the fugitives crashed into the curb and hit a telephone pole when Piotrowski, at the wheel, received a charge of shot in the back. The car thieves continued to flee. The police chased the car until the fugitives' guns were silenced.

Piotrowski was found dead at the wheel. The three others, bleeding from many wounds, were hurried to the city hospital. It was thought that the man who later escaped was done for, and the surgeons were giving their attention to the other two who subsequently died. The man supposed to be fatally shot climbed through a window, descended to an alleyway on a fire escape and got away.

O. N. G. TRAINING CAMP DATES SET

(Associated Press Leased Wire) SALEM, Ore., March 23.—The annual summer training encampment of the Oregon national guard will be held at Camp Clatsop and Fort Stevens this year from June 11 to 25, says an announcement by General George A. White, commander of the 1st division and adjutant general of Oregon. The artillery units train at Fort Stevens. The annual combat demonstration and review for the public will be held June 21. The demonstra-

tion will be staged by the 186th Infantry and the 218th field artillery.

41 MICHIGAN FARMERS AVERAGE \$11,580 INCOME

EAST LANSING, Mich., March 21.—(A. P.)—A record of farming achievement well above the average in Michigan is revealed by a recent study of 41 master farmers of the state. These farmers average a gross income estimated at \$11,580 from an investment of \$39,000. Production on their farms ranges from 50 to 200 per cent above the average for the state. Every master farmer has an automobile and all but one use electric power. Forty-four silos are found on the 37 farms represented by the group. Thirty-two college, university, and normal school graduates are included in their families.

HOLDUP MEN USE AUTO IN PORTLAND

(Associated Press Leased Wire) PORTLAND, March 24.—Highwaymen prowling the streets in automobiles gave police considerable concern last night. A. W. Franklin reported that as he was walking on Mill street, near Fourth, an automobile stopped beside him. Two men were in the car. They ordered Franklin to get in and then drove toward the river. In the darkness of the night, switching yards, they robbed Franklin of \$56. They then drove to Madison street where Franklin was put out.

PORTLANDER HIT BY UNKNOWN TRUCK

(Associated Press Leased Wire) PORTLAND, March 24.—Mark Porter, 23, was in a hospital here today with a fractured skull, the victim of a hit-and-run driver. Late last night he was found unconscious at the curb of an east side street. A passerby took him to the emergency hospital and he was then transferred to a general hospital. He said he remembered nothing after seeing a small truck driving toward him and averting upon him as it was but a few feet away.

RUSSELL'S RULE IN HAITI SOON TO END

(Associated Press Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, March 22.—Early removal of Brigadier General John H. Russell from the post of high commissioner of Haiti is expected in some well-informed circles as a result of the investigation of the Hoover Haitian commission. Russell, a marine officer, has held that position for eight years. At the same time it became known that the commission expects to complete a chronological report of its Haitian mission by the middle of next week.

DOHENY ACQUITTAL TRUTH'S TRIUMPH, FALL DECLARES

(Associated Press Leased Wire) EL PASO, Tex., March 23.—Advised of the acquittal yesterday of Edward L. Doheny on a bribery charge, Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, said the people of the United States were to be congratulated and that "truth and innocence finally have triumphed."

"It now remains for the people to answer the puzzle," said Mr. Fall, while praising and showing the friends advancing age and his troubles have made upon him. "As to the position in which the victors have left the cause, I think it is for the newspapers, as leading or voicing public sentiment, to ponder the matter for themselves and answer the puzzle, if they can."

"A jury found me guilty of accepting a bribe; a jury which heard identical evidence, acquitted Mr. Doheny. Of course, I rejoice with the Dohenys and their friends."

"The foreman of the jury announcing the verdict in my case, I am informed, stated to newspapermen immediately afterwards that nine of the jury in that case voted for acquittal on the first ballot and apparently were originally in perfect agreement with the 12 intelligent jurors who have today recorded the Doheny verdict."

TODAY'S MARKETS

(Associated Press Leased Wire) PORTLAND, March 24.—The egg, butter, fruit and vegetable markets opened steady today after a fairly brisk week-end demand. The butter price was still firm without any indication of weakening. Egg quotations were holding their own despite liberal supplies, the surplus going into storage. More of the seasonable vegetables were coming in, but the demand has sustained the price. Staple commodities such as flour and sugar were firm, the wheat advances of last week giving the flour price additional strength. Monday: Oregon, 45¢ per bushel domestic grading; first combing 51¢ per 56¢; good carding 48¢ per 56¢. Eggs: Prices to retailers: Fresh extras, 26¢; standards, 25¢; fresh medium, 24¢. Prices to wholesalers 2¢ under price to retailers. Milk: Raw milk (4 per cent) 12.50¢ per cwt. delivered Portland, less 1¢ per cent. Butterfat, station, 25¢ per cwt. Butterfat in Portland 49¢. Butter—Firm; cubed: Extras 26¢; standards, 25¢; prime firsts 24¢; firsts, 22¢. Creamery prime: Prints, 30¢ over cube standards. Poultry (buying prices): Alive heavy broilers over 4½ lbs., 25¢ per lb.; medium hens, 24¢ to 4½ lbs., 25¢ per lb.; light under 2½ lbs., 23¢; broilers over 2 lbs., 24¢ per lb.; Pekin ducks, 4 lbs. and over, 23¢; colored ducks, 4 lbs. and over, 22¢. No. 1, 28¢ per lb.; No. 2, 26¢; No. 3, 24¢. (Buying prices): Choice veal, 15¢ per lb.; pork, 13¢ per lb.; choice lamb, 20¢ per lb.; mutton, 19¢ per lb. Flour (city delivery prices): Family patents, 49¢, \$7.40; whole wheat, 48¢; Graham, 49¢, \$7.50; bakery hard wheat, 48¢, \$7.50; bakery soft wheat, 48¢, \$7.50; pastry flour, 48¢, \$7.50. Cane sugar (sacked bakers): Cane, fruit or berry, 45¢ per cwt. Best sugar 42¢ per cwt. Onions—Steady, Oregon, \$1.15 per 75 lbs.

Cucumbers—Denver, 12.25 dozen. Spaghetti—2¢ per lb. Spinach—California 13¢ to 12.75 crate. Brussels sprouts—14¢ per lb. Potatoes—Idaho, No. 1 grade, 12.00¢ to 12.50; New potatoes, Florida, 12¢ per lb. Avocado—Guatemala, 13¢ to 12.75 lb.; Valley, 24¢. Nuts—Steady; walnuts, Oregon 25¢ per lb.; almonds, 15¢ per lb.; peanuts, large, pecans, 25¢ per lb.; filberts, 17¢ per lb. (24¢). Wholesale buying prices, delivered Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, 12.50¢ to 13.50¢; do valley, 11¢ to 12.50¢; alfalfa 11¢ to 12¢; clover, 11¢; oat hay, 11¢; straw, 7¢ to 8¢; wintering prices 11¢ to 12¢ more. Cane sugar—Steady, 1929 crop, 8¢ per lb. Hops—Steady, 1929 crop, 8¢ per lb.

Livestock

Cattle and calves: Steers, 11.00¢ to 12.00¢; heifers, 11.25¢ to 12.25¢; medium 10.50¢ to 11.50¢; common 9.50¢ to 10.50¢. Hotters, good 10.50¢ to 11.50¢; common to medium 9.50¢ to 10.50¢. Cows, good 9.50¢ to 10.50¢; common to medium 8.50¢ to 9.50¢. Light calves 11.00¢ to 12.00¢; medium 10.00¢ to 11.00¢; cull to common 7.00¢ to 8.00¢. Vealers, milk fed 11.00¢ to 12.00¢; medium 10.00¢ to 11.00¢; cull to common 7.00¢ to 8.00¢. Heavy weight 12.50¢ to 13.50¢; light weight 11.25¢ to 12.25¢. Light hogs 11.00¢ to 12.00¢; medium 10.00¢ to 11.00¢; cull to common 7.00¢ to 8.00¢. Feeder and stocker pigs 9.00¢ to 10.00¢; medium to heavy 11.00¢ to 12.00¢; cull to common 7.00¢ to 8.00¢. Pork and roast pigs excluded in above quotations. Sheep and lambs: Lambs, good to choice 10.75¢ to 11.50¢; 84 to 92 lbs. 9.50¢ to 10.25¢; 84 lbs. down, medium 9.00¢ to 9.75¢; all weights, common 8.50¢ to 9.00¢. Yearling wethers 14.50¢ to 15.50¢; ewes, medium to choice 15.00¢ to 15.50¢; 120-150 lbs. 14.00¢ to 15.00¢; all weights, cull and common, 12.00¢ to 14.00¢.

R. L. IRVING NOW FIRST LIEUTENANT

Robert L. Irving of Wilbur, a second lieutenant in the army reserve corps, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, according to word received today from the reserve officers' headquarters. The order is effective from March 14. Lieutenant Irving is a graduate of Oregon State college, class of 1925.

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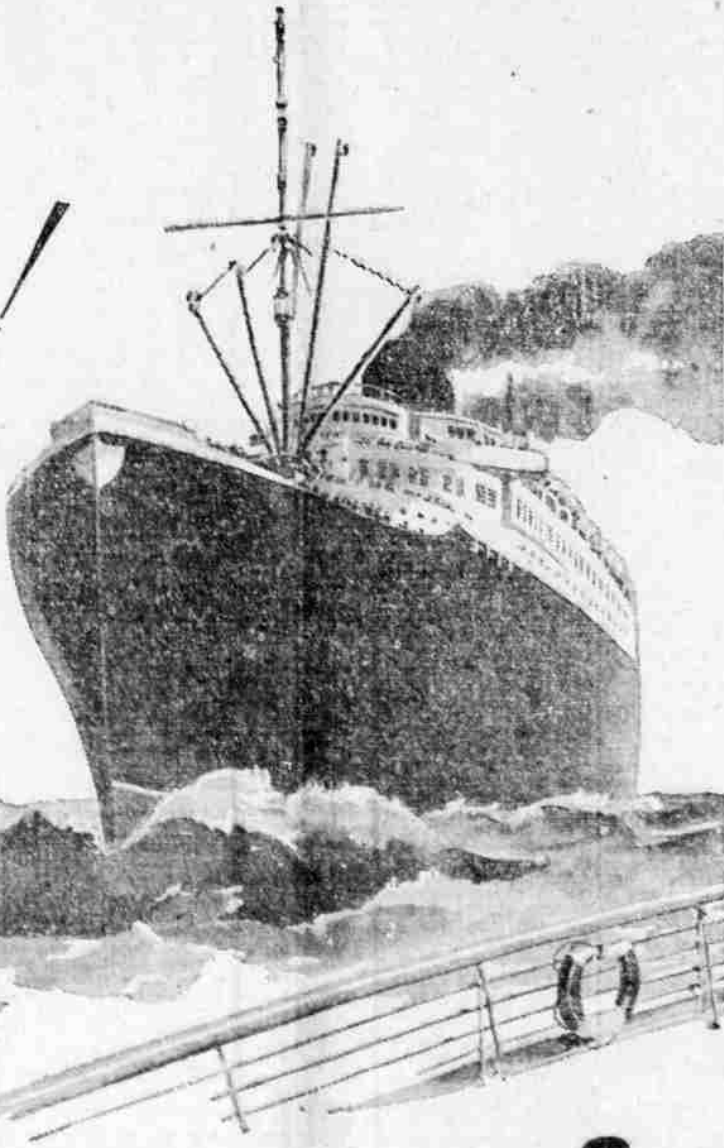
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