

CLEVELAND TEAM PRESENTS PUZZLE

Pennant Chances Seem to Rest Mainly on Feller and Battery Mate.

By PAUL MICKELSON
 NEW ORLEANS, March 25.—(AP)—Even the slickest crystal ball gazer would toss up his hands and retire when he came to forecasting the Cleveland Indians of 1937.

The team, led by the sensation at Bob Feller, can win the American league pennant, or it can fall right back into the wilderness of second division without causing the flutter of an eyebrow.

Probably 90 per cent of the team's chances depends on Kid Feller and the veteran catcher, Frank Pytlak. If Feller can come through as advertised and Pytlak can catch 100 games without losing his first class hospital for fancy repairs, the Indians may stage an uprising that'll sweep every enemy club in the circuit.

So far, Feller looks greater than great. The 18-year-old school boy pitcher from Iowa has developed a fine change of pace.

Pytlak has been a problem for years. A great catcher and a dangerous hitter, his problem has been ruggedness. In four years with Cleveland he has failed to catch more than 91 games a season. He retired in 1936 after but 75.

On paper, the Indians appear greatly improved. Although Joe Yonson's punch will be missed, Manager O'Neill believes the big swap with the St. Louis Browns gave the team better balance and lifted its spirit.

Pitchers Look Good
 Pitching again will be the strongest point of the tribe's pennant argument. O'Neill can and may carry 10 pitchers with Mel Harder, Johnny Allen, Dennis Galshouse, Earl Whitehill and Feller composing a starting "big five," all right handers but Whitehill. The three reserves, undoubtedly, will be Ivy Andrews, Lloyd Brown and Willis Hudlin.

Whitlow Wyatt and Tommy Drake seem to have clinched the other two pitching jobs.

Lyn Lary have been stationed at shortstop. "Mad News" Sammy Hale has been shifted from third to second and Roy Hughes has been transferred from second to third. The shift has given the Indians their smallest-looking infield in many a moon.

There should be plenty of class and punch in the Indian outfield. Earl Averill will be in centerfield; Julius Solters will patrol left, and either Bruce Campbell or Weatherly will hold down right field.

Roy Hatfield of South Deer Creek spent a few hours in town yesterday on business.

STANFORD FAVORED TO DOWN COUGARS

PULLMAN, Wash., March 25.—(AP)—While Stanford's southern division basketball champions traveled northward today, Washington State's Cougars sharpened their basket eyes and plotted a defense against dangerous Angelo Luisetti for the coast conference title series opening here Friday night.

The teams will be meeting in basketball for the first time since 1922, when the Cougars defeated Stanford twice, 21-16 and 15-11. Jack Friel, coach of Washington State's quintet, was a member of the 1922 team.

After the 1922 competition, the coast conference was divided into northern and southern divisions. Stanford won its first southern title last year, and Washington State broke into the championship series for the first time this year.

With a better offensive record for the season and a two-inch per man advantage in height, Stanford ranks a favorite to retain its conference crown.

MOTT SEEKS U. S. LOAN FOR BANDON

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Representative James Mott of Oregon said today he expects to obtain \$500,000 from the disaster loan corporation for reconstruction of public works at fire-ravaged Bandon, Ore.

The municipality has no improved property on which to impose taxes to raise funds for rehabilitation.

Mott said a bill is expected to reach the house next week which will permit the corporation to make unsecured loans to communities struck by disaster in 1936. Provisions now apply only to 1937.

"I do not believe there will be any trouble in obtaining the money," he told City Rehabilitation Commissioner Gilbert Gable and Publisher L. D. Felsheim of Bandon, in Washington in search of relief.

The officials at first sought a direct congressional grant, but Mott found no precedent upon which to base a claim.

MARTIN BOOSTS INDUSTRY DRIVE

SALEM, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—Governor Martin has issued a proclamation in support of a promotion campaign of Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., and the Oregon Manufacturers' association, to be waged from April 1 to 16 inclusive. The proclamation, which is in response to a request from George L. Baker of Portland, manager of the organizations, is addressed to "the citizens of great Columbia empire," and urges their support.

GOVERNOR REVIVES PROMOTERS' HOPES

Horner Doesn't Think Plan to Hold Down Price for Seats Will Succeed.

By EARL HILLIGAN
 CHICAGO, March 25.—(AP)—Chicago's heavyweight title fight camp counseled back into action today after being pushed on the ropes by a series of litigation rights and legislative lefts.

Joe Foley, promoter for the scheduled championship bout June 22 at Comiskey Park between challenger James J. Braddock and Challenger Joe Louis, was ready to meet the champion and his manager, Joe Gould, when they arrive today or Friday to select a training site.

A ray of sunshine in the form of a statement by Governor Henry Horner had dispersed most of the promoters' gloom engendered by the Illinois senate's passage of a bill for a \$10 top on seats for a bout expected to have a \$3.30 to \$27.50 ticket sale. Enactment of such a law, Foley contended, would drive the fight out of Chicago.

"There is apparently an effort in certain quarters to discourage holding of the contest," the governor said. "I seriously doubt that action of the senate will have any effect on the holding of the contest. Nor do I expect the house to concur in the action of the senate."

"We are going right ahead with our plans to hold the contest," Foley said. "I think the governor's statement takes care of the senate action. We couldn't stage the bout at \$10 tops, and expect to take care of Braddock's \$500,000 guarantee and still have something left for our work."

Braddock left Miami, Fla., Monday night after dodging a court order obtained by Madison Square Garden corporation, which holds a contract calling for the champion to meet Max Schmeling in New York June 3.

FRANCISCOVICH TO ACT AS GOVERNOR

SALEM, March 24.—(AP)—Governor and Mrs. Martin will leave here Friday for Bremerton, Wash., to spend several days with their daughter, Mrs. Schuyler Payne, and her husband, Lieutenant Payne. Governor Martin said his two grandchildren were the real attraction.

During his absence Oregon will be governed by a new executive, Frank M. Franciscovich of Astoria, whose position as president of the senate makes him acting governor in the elected official's absence.

STATE COP REPORT LISTS VIOLATIONS

SALEM, March 25.—(AP)—Ten years was the longest sentence meted out to law violators during February, the report of state police activities for the month reported by Superintendent Charles P. Pray showed.

The sentence was for assault and robbery. Largest fines in the general law division were for drunkenness, a total of \$409 being assessed against 38 arrested. The division reported 158 arrests, sentences totaling 43 years and fines assessed amounting to \$1,431. Forty-two arrests were made for larceny under \$35.

In the game law division most arrests were made for possession of game animals, the 27 being assessed fines of \$844 and short term sentences. Seventy-five arrests were made and fines totaled \$2,304.

Driving without licenses continued the high mark in arrests in the traffic division, while 25 drivers charged with intoxication were held. Fines in this division totaled \$6,794 against the 578 arrests reported.

BAER-FARR BOUT IN ENGLAND ASSURED

LONDON, March 25.—(AP)—The British board of boxing control today declined to interfere with Max Baer's bout with Tommy Farr, Welsh holder of the British heavyweight championship, to be held April 15.

The New York state athletic commission had asked British authorities to use their influence to prevent Baer from fighting in England on the grounds that he had run out of a contract to fight Bob Pastor for Madison Square Garden.

After examining photostatic copies of the contract the garden said it held with Baer, the British board said failure of Baer and his manager, Arch Hoffman, to obtain New York state licenses on the date specified apparently relieved Baer of any obligation to fight for the garden — if indeed any binding contract ever existed."

FLOOD STUDY OF COQUILLE PLANNED

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Army engineers will make a detailed study of a proposed flood control project on the Coquille river in western Oregon as soon as funds are available. Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon said today.

He said congress as yet has appropriated no funds for surveys authorized in the flood control act of June 22, 1936.

The 20 states with standard drivers' license laws had a one per cent increase in traffic deaths while traffic deaths in states without such legislation increased 7 per cent.

NAZIS TO CHANGE ENVOYS TO U. S.

BERLIN, March 24.—(AP)—Germany decided today to send Dr. Hans Heinrich Dieckhoff, a polished veteran of the reich's diplomatic service with a special knowledge of American affairs, as ambassador to the United States.

The 52-year-old Dieckhoff, who was counselor of the German embassy in Washington from 1923 to 1936 and headed it for a brief time, will succeed Dr. Hans Luther.

The change of ambassadors has not yet been announced officially, but it is known Dr. Dieckhoff's name has been proposed to the United States state department and has been accepted.

A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said the change was not connected with recent German protests and counter-representations from the United States over the "La Guardia incident." Rather, the spokesman indicated, the time seemed ripe to replace Luther, not a career man, with someone who for months past has been in close touch with Adolf Hitler's foreign policy.

The new ambassador served in the German army on the western front during the World war and later commanded the sixth Ottoman army in Mesopotamia.

MINERAL MUSEUM IS MEDFORD PLAN

MEDFORD, Ore., March 24.—(AP)—The Southern Oregon Gem and Mineral society at a meeting last night took the preliminary steps for the establishment of a southern Oregon museum for the exhibition and study of southern Oregon minerals.

The geology classes of the Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass high schools were invited to join with the society in its geologic studies. Superintendents and principals were invited to attend the April 4 meeting to work out plans. The invitation includes any other southern Oregon school.

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WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon proposed to congress that former members of the student army corps be classified as "veterans" within the meaning of the adjusted compensation act.

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