

Fate Hands Hard Jolt to Cards; Dodgers Hold Lead

By JUDSON BAILEY

(Associated Press Sports Writer) Destiny's Dodgers can do no wrong these days and even when they lose fate figures out some way to compensate them.

Brooklyn ran into a 4-3 11-inning pitfall yesterday at Cincinnati, and the game scarcely had ended before darkness descended on St. Louis and blacked out the Cardinals and New York Giants in a 1-1 10-inning tie.

This shaved the Dodgers' National league lead from two games to a game and a half, but on a long-range basis the Cardinals' tie was almost as damaging as a defeat.

It figures out this way: Brooklyn has won 92 games, lost 51 and has 11 to play.

St. Louis has won 89, lost 51 and has 13 to play.

Thus the Dodgers will play 154 games this season to 153 for St. Louis and if both teams lose the same number of games Brooklyn still will take the championship.

The Cardinals have two more contests left on their schedule than have the Dodgers. If Brooklyn wins, say 10 out of 11, St. Louis must win 13 out of 13 because of yesterday's deadlock.

The stalemate was a shock to St. Louis. The Cards had beaten the feeble Giants 15 out of 21 times previously, including a doubleheader Sunday, and were right on the verge of hanging up a 1-0 classic conquest yesterday when the Giants deadlocked the game.

Then with one out in the ninth, Morrie Aronovich singled and Billy Judges doubled. Lon Warneke hurried to rescue White, but Mickey Witok singled the tying run across and the ball game might as well have ended right there instead of waiting for the umpires to call it off after the tenth.

The schedule leaves no opportunity for replaying the contest.

The affair at Cincinnati was almost equally tight. Elmer (the great) Riddle allowed only six hits and didn't give an earned run in the nine innings he worked. Bill Werber singled home a run for him in the first and knocked in two more with a double in the seventh. But each time errors helped Brooklyn bounce back to tie the score once in the second inning and again in the ninth.

Riddle doubled in the Reds' half of the ninth and it had all the earmarks of being the run that would bring him his 18th triumph. Manager Bill McKechnie thought so too when he sent Ernie Koy in to run for the pitcher. But Koy was picked off base. When Bill Werber finally batted the deciding run across with a single in the 11th, it was a rookie, Ray Starr, who received credit for the win.

The Reds made a dozen hits off four Brooklyn pitchers and tagged Hugh Casey with the defeat.

In the day's only other National League game the Boston Braves beat the Chicago Cubs, 8-5. The Braves made four errors, but out-

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Matthews Wins First Fight in the "Big Time"

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SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Harry "Kid" Matthews of Emmett, Idaho, who had run up a string of seven straight knockouts here, turned boxing master in his first main event against a "name" fighter last night to win a 10-round decision over Jimmy Casino, Los Angeles Italian. Matthews weighed 164; Casino, 152.

The handsome 19-year-old Idahoan used a stinging left to win the fight. He beat a tattoo on Casino's profile which matched the tattoos on the Los Angeles' arms. Seldom did he uncork his hard-hitting right, being content to outbox the Californian.

Matthews won the first three rounds by various margins, but learned respect for Casino's right and didn't give Jimmy much opportunity to unleash it the rest of the way. They halted the fourth and Casino, moving in constantly, took the fifth.

Then Matthews took over, shading the sixth and seventh and taking the last three rounds by good margins.

State Debt to Be Cut By October Payment

By the Associated Press

SALEM, Sept. 17.—(AP)—State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott announced today that on October 1 he would pay off \$2,473,849 on the state's bonded indebtedness, reducing the debt to \$31,474,935, compared with the \$66,062,810 debt 13 years ago.

The payments will be as follows: \$1,075,000 principal and \$282,630 interest on state highway bonds, reducing the highway debt to \$12,616,750; \$700,000 principal and \$378,031 interest on veterans' state aid bonds, reducing this debt to \$16,875,000, and \$37,300 principal and \$687 interest on Oregon district interest bonds, cutting this debt to \$1,939,185.

The only other outstanding debt includes \$44,000 in Oregon farm credit bonds.

Changes in Tax System Proposed at Clinic

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YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL RESULTS

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National League
Brooklyn 3, Cincinnati 4 (11 innings).
New York 1, St. Louis 1 (10 innings, called darkness).
Boston 3, Chicago 5.

American League
St. Louis 9, Philadelphia 8 (12 innings).
Detroit 4, Washington 2.

Pacific Coast
Seattle 2, Los Angeles 1.
Oakland 2, Sacramento 4.
Hollywood 8-6, San Diego 2-4 (2nd game 8 innings).
Portland 6, San Francisco 11.

Pioneer (Playoff)
Ogden 2, Boise 9.
(Ogden leads 2-1 in best 3 of 5 series.)

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Gasoline Rationing may come to parts of the West...



Here are the facts: Although certain areas near refineries will probably not be affected, some kind of gasoline rationing may come to Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arizona and parts of Northern California. There may also be temporary shortages of home heating oils in these areas.

If these shortages do come, you may well ask, "Why?" California, alone, has proved oil reserves of 3 1/2 billion barrels—a 65,000 gallon tankful for every family in the West. Our wells could more than double their output. Our refineries can turn out enough products to supply a two-ocean Navy, and still produce gasoline and heating oils in abundant quantities for civilian life. Then why should we have rationing?

The answer is transportation. Gasoline is one of the bulkiest types of merchandise you buy. The Pacific Coast uses an average of 200,000,000 gallons every month—enough to fill 19,943 tank cars, or 381 fifty-car trains!



The average service station has storage facilities for about 1000 gallons. It has to replenish its stocks at least three times a week. To lay up a month's supply—as your grocer might in an emergency—is just physically impossible.

That means that gasoline must flow—from oil well, to refinery, to storage points, to substations, to service stations, to you. It must be kept moving or it can never meet the demand.

Here on the Pacific Coast, where centers of population are far apart, the tanker keeps it moving. One tanker can carry as much gasoline, or heating oil, as 400 tank cars. In normal times, they move the bulk of petroleum products between Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

But today we're short on tankers. What happened? Take the case of Union Oil. Two years ago, when the war first began, we had 10 tankers in our fleet and 7 new ones on order. In June 1940 four of the original fleet were sold into service on the Atlantic. One of these was torpedoed on December 4, 1940. The other three are still carrying on.

Of the new tank ships on order, two, the *Victor H. Kelly* and the *L. P. St. Clair*, have been delivered. A third, the *Paul M. Gregg*, will be delivered this month.

1 Tanker Equals Eight 50-car Trains
The *Victor H. Kelly* is in Pacific Coast service. The *L. P. St. Clair* has been sent to Vladivostok by order of the U. S. Government. This means that the Union Oil Company has contributed five tankers to the war effort and only gained back one. Generally speaking, the same thing is true of other Pacific Coast companies.

This loss of tankers has a crippling effect on the coastwise flow of gasoline and heating oil. The states of Oregon, Washington

and Idaho, for example, use an average of 54,000,000 gallons of gasoline a month. In addition, they consume about 70,000,000 gallons of fuel and heating oil per month during the winter season. To move this combined amount, the industry needs only 30 tanker trips per month. To carry it by rail would require 11,809 tank cars, or 236 fifty-car trains. In other words, every time you take a tanker off the coast run, you add eight 50-car trains to a railroad system that's already overburdened with defense traffic.

What Are We Doing About It?
As we have already pointed out, Union Oil Company, anticipating just such a tanker shortage, placed orders for seven new ships in 1939. They are being delivered at the rate of one every six months.



In the meantime, substitute facilities are being increased with all possible speed. Every barrel, every tank car, every truck that we can lay our hands on is being pressed into service.

We can guarantee that the supply of gasoline and heating oils will never be cut off entirely. But there may be some rationing necessary that will inconvenience you temporarily. If it does come, we only ask that you bear it as good-naturedly as possible. Don't blame your dealer or your oil company or Mr. Ickes. Blame Hitler. The situation is just a natural result of our Nation's "all-out" defense effort.

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