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In the Arena of Sports

Bobby Veach of Detroit.

Manager Hughey Jennings of the Detroit Tigers attributes the poor showing of the team largely to the fact that one of his best batters has been off in his work with the club. Left Fielder Veach



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BOBBY VEACH.

has been away behind what he is capable of doing, but of late has begun to pick up. The Detroit outfield trio—Cobb, Veach and Hellman—is considered about as good as any in either league, and when Veach gets going the Tigers are pretty sure to begin a climb.

Calls Off Title Tennis.

No championship tennis matches will be held in California this year, it was decided at a recent meeting of the California Lawn Tennis association. Instead tournaments will be played for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

Rowland Is to Remain.

President Comiskey of the Chicago Americans has denied reports that he was negotiating with William Carrigan, former manager of the Boston Americans, to supplant Manager Rowland.

Insect Pests Reduce Production of Eggs

Lice and mites by feeding upon laying hens cause a reduction in egg production, says Professor F. E. Fox of the Kansas Agricultural college. The lice live continuously upon the fowl, eating the tissues and causing much annoyance by scratching and irritating the bird. Mites suck the blood of the victim and thus, in addition to annoyance and pain, rob the fowl of needed nourishment.

Lice have biting mouth parts and are therefore easily poisoned. For this purpose blue ointment is the most effective and easiest to apply. A piece about the size of a pea should be well rubbed into the fluff well up into the skin just below the vent. As the lice necessarily must go there for moisture they are readily poisoned. The treatment should be repeated in a week or ten days to assure killing those that hatch later.

Mites are combated in a different manner because of a vital difference in their life habits. They live upon the fowl only at night, sucking the blood. They then leave the bird and hide in cracks, crevices and filth during the day.

Effective control is mostly through sanitation. Give the house a thorough cleaning. Throw out all litter and straw, clean out all filth, brush down the sides, sweep the ceiling and scrub out the house with warm water. Spray thoroughly with coal tar dip, carbolic acid mixed with water or pure kerosene. In applying these solutions a brush may be used, but a spray pump is the most desirable.

THE RAINBOW.

My heart leaps up when I behold A rainbow in the sky. So was it when my life began; So is it when I am a man; So be it when I shall grow old, Or let me die. The child is father of the man, And I could wish my days to be Bound each to each by natural plety.

—Wordsworth.

CUTLASSES USED IN DOVER BATTLE

British Fought as in Days of Old to Repel Foes.

WARSHIPS LOCKED IN FIGHT

English Rammed, Torpedoed and Swept Enemy's Decks at Close Range—Germans Cried to Be Saved and Then Opened Fire—Two Destroyers Defeated Six.

Two British destroyers on patrol duty in the English channel off Dover the other night came upon a flotilla of six German destroyers, and then ensued an encounter which will live long in the history of naval engagements. German destroyers were torpedoed and rammed. Every gun aboard the combatants was working, sweeping the decks and tearing gaps in the sides of the opposing craft. There was the locking together of a British and German destroyer, and the men fought furiously in a hand to hand battle.

German seamen of a rammed destroyer climbed aboard one of the British boats, and a midshipman fought them back with an automatic pistol. They were killed or driven again into the sea by sailors who came to the midshipman's aid.

The British destroyers were the Swift and the Broke, and, although they had received many wounds, they returned to port.

It was intensely dark, but calm. The Swift sighted the enemy at 900 yards, and the Germans instantly opened fire. There were six German destroyers, according to German prisoners. The Swift replied and tried to ram the leading enemy destroyer. She missed ramming, but shot through the German line unscathed and in turning neatly torpedoed another boat in the enemy line.

Again the Swift dashed at the leader, which again eluded her and fled with the Swift in pursuit.

In the meantime the Broke had launched a torpedo at the second boat in the line, which hit the mark, and then opened fire with every possible gun. The remaining German boats were stoking furiously for full speed.

The Broke's commander swung round to port and rammed the third boat fair and square abreast the after funnel. Locked together thus, the two boats fought a desperate hand to hand conflict. The Broke swept the enemy's decks at point blank range with every gun, from main armament to pom-pom, Maxim, rifle and pistol.

Cutlass and Bayonet Used.

Two other German destroyers attacked and poured a devastating fire on the Broke, whose foremost gun crews were reduced from eighteen to six men. Midshipman Donald Gyles, although wounded in the eye, kept all the foremost guns in action, he himself assisting the depleted crews to load. While he was thus employed a number of frenzied Germans swarmed up over the Broke's forecastle out of the rammed destroyer and, finding themselves amid the blinding flashes of the forecastle guns, swept aft in a shouting mob.

The midshipman, amid the dead and wounded of his own gun crews and half blinded by blood, met the onsets single handed with an automatic pistol. He was grappled by a German who tried to wrest the pistol away. Cutlasses and bayonets being among the British equipment in anticipation of such an event, the German was promptly bayoneted by Seaman Ingleson. The remainder of the invaders, except two who feigned death, were driven over the side, the two being taken prisoners.

Two minutes after ramming, the Broke wrenched herself free from her stinking adversary and turned to ram the last of the three remaining German boats. She failed in this object.

The enemy then disappeared in the darkness. The Broke, altering her course, headed in the direction of a destroyer which, a few minutes later, was seen to be heavily afire, and whose crew, on sighting the British destroyer, sent up shouts for mercy. The Broke steered slowly toward the German, regardless of the danger from a possible explosion of the magazines, and the German seamen redoubled their shouts of "Save, save!" and then unexpectedly opened fire.

Ends Treacherous Attack.

The Broke, being out of control, was unable to maneuver or extricate herself, but silenced the treachery with four rounds; then, to insure her own safety, torpedoed the German.

The British casualties are set down as comparatively slight, and the spirit of the wounded is illustrated by the conduct of the Broke's helmsman, Seaman William Rowles, who, though hit four times by shell fragments, remained at the wheel throughout the action and finally only betrayed the fact that he was wounded by reporting to his captain, "I'm going off now, sir," and fainted.

A number of the wounded only presented themselves at sick call the following day, one stoker giving the surgeon the ingenuous excuse, "I was too busy, sir, clearing up the rubbish on the stokers' mess deck."

The destroyer Broke was under command in the naval battle of Commander Edward R. G. B. Evans, who was second in command of Scott's antarctic expedition.

Bargain In Pasture Land

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An Aztec Solomon.

On one occasion an officer stole a sack of silver pesos. He fled into the state of Guerrero. Zapata sent for a young officer of his staff and said: "You will follow this traitor night and day, and never rest until you find him. You must not kill him, but bring him back to me alive. I will hang him in the plaza before all the people as one who has been false to his trust."

Without remark the young officer left the headquarters and started the pursuit. For weeks he trailed the fugitive back and forth through hostile country. At last he captured him and brought him, bound hand and foot, into a room where Zapata was holding a conference.

"Mi general," he said huskily, "you told me to capture him without injury and bring him before you. I have done so. Now I want to ask one favor. Let me die in his place and set him free."

"What fool is this?" cried Zapata in amazement. "Why do you, an honorable soldier, want to die to set free this traitor?"

"He is my youngest brother," replied the officer. "I obeyed your order because you are my chief, but if my brother dies because of me, I would not want to live."

For a moment Zapata gazed from the cringing prisoner to the palefaced officer standing rigidly at attention. "Listen to me!" he finally exclaimed, pointing his finger in the prisoner's face. "Your brother has proved that he is a man. So I will grant his request. This is my sentence: you will be stripped of your rank and you will work as your brother's mozo. You will do woman's work and cook for him, and serve him as a slave. Nevermore will you carry a gun in the company of free men. Go!"—The Christian Herald.

Zapata.

When it is considered that Zapata is a half-breed Indian, scarcely able to read and write, it must be admitted that he is somewhat of a philosopher. I believe that this poor chieftain is the one leader in Mexico who has no ambitions to be a dictator of his country. As long as he can rule his native state and keep the landholders out he is content. He sees only one thing—the land question, but he sees that very clearly. His "Plan of Ayala," as far as it applies to the common ownership of land, has worked. At least it has worked to the satisfaction of the poor laborers. Carranza is still carrying on war

against him, but Zapata is holding his own. His army is an elastic one. At times it shrinks to a few thousand men, when the peons go back to till their fields. When a campaign is begun his forces swell to many thousands.

One thing is sure. He can get as many recruits as he has guns. Whatever the solution of the Mexican problem may be, Zapata and his half million loyal followers must be considered. He will quit fighting only when his "Plan of Ayala" is made part of the law of the nation.

Of all the insurgent leaders who have battled for supremacy the last six years in Mexico, he is the one chief who has remained true to his followers. His peons know what they are fighting for. They are battling for land and Don Emiliano Zapata.—The Christian Herald.

Teachers From Omaha and Salt Lake.

Tomorrow morning the west bound train, No. 17, will carry two Pullman cars of teachers from Omaha and Salt Lake. Those who have friends among them are urged to meet the train.

CHEVROLET MOTOR CAR CO. GIVES \$100,000 TO RED CROSS

\$100,000 was the contribution of the Chevrolet Motor Company to the great Red Cross fund. This amount is one of the largest contributions to the worthy cause of any individual, organization, or corporation. In addition to the \$100,000 donated by the great Chevrolet Company, officers of the company made individual gifts for the aid of the Red Cross work and the employes themselves shared in the Red Cross contributions. From the highest salaried employe down to the humblest employed about the factories, they all did their bit. A number of the mechanics have pledged themselves to give a dollar a week to the Red Cross work until the end of the war. Both President Norman De Vaux and Sales Manager R. C. Durant of the Chevrolet Motor Company of California made large individual gifts to the cause, which greatly helped to swell the fund in California.

Pentecostal Mission Moves.

Pentecostal Mission has moved to 106 Fir Street, back of Mr. Jack Childs' residence. Services will open tonight and continue every night, except Monday night, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon they will be held at 3 p. m., Rev. J. L. Allen is in charge. He expects Rev. Frank C. Batcheller tonight from Eagle, Idaho.

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Joseph News Items

by Dr. Albert Mount. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Leslie on Saturday the 30th, a daughter.

Grandma Conley had the misfortune to fall and break her leg last week. Although Grandma is 89 years of age she is getting along nicely.

Miss Babe Schultz, of Portland, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Win Stewart, left Saturday for Minneapolis, Minn., where she will visit relatives.

A letter received by the correspondent from Paul Irvine, former principal of the Joseph high school announced that he (Mr. Irvine) had been offered the principalship of the Salem Junior high school and that he intended to accept. Mr. Irvine has many friends in and around Joseph who are glad of his good fortune.

A half a dozen new names were added to the membership roll of the Epworth League of the Methodist church last Sunday evening.

Dr. J. W. Bernard has just returned from a vacation trip to Imnaha.

Miss Evadne McCully has just received notice that she had won the Willamette University scholarship which is awarded to the senior in high school who had the best grades in literary subjects.

Mrs. Floyd Wilkins returned Monday from a trip to Portland and coast points.

May's Candy shop has been sold to Miss Clara Redmond who will operate it.

Mrs. Geo. Parrish, who was recently operated upon at the Joseph hospital, was able to return home this week.

Dr. Gregory was called to Wallowa on Thursday and Friday of last week. ARTHUR S. RUDD.

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