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BARRAGE OF HITS IN OLDER LEAGUE

Ninety Bingles Blasted Out Yesterday—Pitchers Supreme in America.

By Herbert W. Backer
 (Associated Press Sports Writer)
 Pitchers have been grabbing the headlines so often this baseball season that National League managers found it necessary to take them down a peg or two.

Wendy apparently of reading accounts of two and three-hit games, batters in the four corners of the older circuit yesterday grasped their bluejeans firmly, took a toe-hold and blasted out ninety safe hits, nine of them home runs.

The day's batting honors went to the New York Giants who smashed out 14 safeties including four for the circuit to beat the Philadelphia Athletics and their fourth successive win without a defeat.

Three Homeruns
 Wilson, Hartnett and Heck hit homers as the Chicago Cubs whipped Cincinnati, 5 to 1. All told the Cubs collected 14 safe hits off four Red pitchers while Hal Carlson set down the enemy with five.

Del Blazette was the big noise in a 16-hit attack the Brooklyn Robins launched against the Braves to win, 15-8. Blazette drove in seven runs with a homer, triple and single. His homer and triple each came with the bases filled.

The Pittsburgh Pirates made good use of their seven hits to beat St. Louis 6-4. The Cards collected nine safeties but Brann was effective in the pinches. Comorosky hit for the circuit in the second inning.

Pitchers Have Their Day
 Pitchers dominated the American League games. Irving (Rumps) Hadley, of the Washington Senators, was too much for the Philadelphia Athletics and the A's went down to their first defeat of the season, 6-3.

Clint Brown, rookie pitcher, held the Detroit Tigers to five hits and Cleveland won without trouble, 6-1. The Indians batted around in the first inning scoring four runs on five hits.

Ted Lyons was the whole show as the Chicago White Sox nosed out St. Louis, 3-2 in ten innings. Lyons held the Browns to five hits and scored the winning run in the tenth when he tripled and came home on Benie Smith's single. Willie Kamm hit a homer with one on in the seventh.

The Yankees and Red Sox had an open date.

Italian Slugger Is Barred From California Ring

San Francisco, Apr. 22 (AP)—The state athletic commission has voted thumbs down on Primo Carnera, giant Italian heavyweight, and his manager, Leon Bos of France.

In a drastic ruling which followed an investigation into circumstances attending the unsatisfactory end of the Leon Chevrolet bout in Oakland last week, the commission yesterday barred the Italian and his manager from ever appearing again in a California ring. Their licenses were revoked.

In addition, the commission punished four others involved in the affair with indefinite suspensions. They were Frank Church, P. L. of Los Angeles, Carnera's Pacific coast representative, Tim McGrath, of this city, manager of Chevrolet, and the latter's two seconds, Bob Lann, San Francisco, and Robert Perry of Hollywood.

In doling out the penalties, the commission unanimously adopted recommendations of Commissioner Charles F. Traung, who conducted a two-day investigation.

JACK FIELDS BEATS GRACE IN THE THIRD

KANSAS CITY, Apr. 22 (AP)—Jackie Fields, San Francisco, welterweight champion, set himself up by thrashing Edna Grace, who is expected to fight here later tonight, in a three-round bout at the Philadelphia in the third round of a scheduled ten-round bout. It was a non-title affair.

Grace held the edge during the first two rounds, battling even more aggressively than the coast boxer. In the third round, however, the champion knocked his opponent down three times—the last time for the count.

Carnera And Baker To Fight Tonight

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 22 (AP)—Primo Carnera, man-mountain from Italy, who has left a trail of 15 knockouts in 15 fights in this country, was prepared to add another knockout to his record here tonight. His opponent was to be Son Baker, ponderous Los Angeles negro, who divides his time between the movies and the prize ring.

With Carnera tipping the scales at 275 pounds and Baker at 250, the fight has been labeled the "Battle of the Behemoths." Baker stands 4 feet 4 inches while Carnera is three inches taller.

Ex-Golf Champion Dies In Baltimore

NEW YORK, Apr. 21 (AP)—Alex. Smith, veteran professional golfer and twice open champion of the United States, is dead. The Westchester Country club, Tye, with which he had been connected, Monday announced his death occurred in a Baltimore sanatorium Sunday night. He was 52 years old.

Alex Smith was the eldest of three brothers who came to this country to gain fame as professional golfers. Alex arrived from Scotland in 1898 and was runner-up the same year to Fred Herd for the American open championship when only 20 years of age.

Carl Mays Will Face Missions In Home Opener

Portland, Ore., Apr. 22 (AP)—Portland's Lewie Beaver-Ducks and the San Francisco Missions were matched today in the first home game of the Pacific Coast baseball league season. The Vaughn street diamond was under a protective covering and skies were threatening but observers anticipated a normal opening day crowd.

Carl Mays, former major league shortstop, was to take the mound for the Beavers while Herman Pillette was to pitch for the Missions.

Proceeding the game the players of both teams will ride to the ball park in style in an automobile parade. Governor North, Mayor Baker of Portland, Commissioner Stanhope Pier and fans will be in the parade.

The usual opening day ceremonies are programmed. Mayor Baker will try to cut the plate with the first pitch. He should be able to make it a perfect strike for this will be his fourteenth opening day pitch.

Sport Slants

by **ALAN J. GOULD**

His ears stick out like semaphores, his smile is wobbly and his waist-line is considerably more than average in circumference. They call him "Junk" or "Fat Roy" but in private life he answers to the name of John Walters Walters. In the public life of a ball player, he is one of the most unusual, at the same time most useful characters on the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league.

I had my first glimpse of the unusual Walters one hot day last August when Portland was running amuck in the second half of the road race. Portland was in the process of taking a double-header from San Francisco to make it seven straight over the powerful Seals (two of whom are, Suhr and Jolley, loom as big league stars this year). Walters annoyed the Seals with his batting as well as pitching and enjoyed it immensely, for he had just been sent "up the coast" by the Seals. "Too fat and just so much baseball junk," they said down around the Golden Gate. Walters though otherwise and proved his case. He finished second among the pitchers, with a record of 12 wins and five losses, batting .304 in 12 games played in the outfield and on third base, as the situation required.

Walters is with Portland again this year and I read a characteristic story about him, in connection with events just prior to the opening of the season. John, it seems, had not impressed Manager Larry Woodall by his manner of getting into condition. With a threat of dismissal if he failed to behave himself, Walters was assigned to pitch against Seattle in an exhibition tilt. . . . Whereupon the irrepressible one subdued the Indians, started Portland's first scoring rally and finally broke up the game with a triple off Dutch Reuther. . . . At last reports he still had his job.

Many of the year's outstanding major league recruits have jumped to the big show from the Pacific Coast league, famous for its output of heavy hitters. The list includes: Smokey Jolley, outfielder from San Francisco, now with White Sox; Gus Suhr, first baseman from San Francisco, now with Pirates; Elmer Funk, outfielder from Hollywood, now with Tigers; John Shertlock, first baseman from Missions, now with Phillies; Vernon Gomez, pitcher, from San Francisco, now with Yankees; Jimmy Reese, second baseman from Oakland, now with Yankees; Gordon Slade, shortstop from Missions, now with Brooklyn; Neal Finn, second baseman from Missions, now with Brooklyn; Walter Becker, outfielder from Los Angeles, now with Braves.

Holls Thurston, pitcher-utility from San Francisco, now with Athletics; Walter Steinecke, catcher, Seattle, now with Tigers; Jim Keenan, first baseman from Portland, now with Athletics; Leroy Mahaffey, pitcher, from Portland, now with Athletics.

"Coast schoolboy does 100 in 2 3-5"—headline. This seems to be Pacific Coast standard time.

Pretty College Custom
 Horace Mann began the custom of the "May walk" at Antioch college in the early days of the college. It is an annual walk through the glens to Clifton. The scenery is unusually beautiful.

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BULGARIA SEES RAPID BIRTH RATE A PERIL

SOFIA (AP)— Bulgaria holds first place in Europe and possibly also in the world for proportional increase of population.

According to the statistical office, which has just completed the returns for 1919, the number of births recorded in that year was 182,000—or 32 per thousand inhabitants. The proportion of deaths was 18 per thousand.

Both figures show a considerable decrease from preceding years, but the increase of the population by 15 per thousand every year is giving rise to some anxiety among the government authorities.

It is assumed that war methods and famine methods and the campaign against such devastating diseases as tuberculosis, the population of the country will soon be too great. It is now about six millions.

There is no more land to be divided among the peasants and industries cannot provide employment for the excess population, so that measures will have to be taken to induce the people to emigrate.

GERMANY TO FORTIFY HER POLISH FRONTIER

BERLIN (AP)—A line of fortifications on the German-Polish frontier is provided for in the Reich's budget for 1920. The government emphasizes that this by no means signifies that Germany is about to begin arming again.

At the ambassadors' conference in 1927 Germany was granted the right to protect her frontiers, since the treaty of Versailles took away all her fortresses except Kolnigenburg, Kusstrin, Glogau and Breslau. As late as 1927 she was therefore obliged to destroy 34 of her main and three children.

Remaining as concrete entrenchments.

The new fortifications are to be constructed on the west bank of the Oder river and are to be purely defensive in character.

FOUR YEAR FIGHT

PORTLAND, Apr. 22 (AP)—For four years Emory Davis and E. H. Best have carried on their fight with the government for the right to cultivate the hard soil of the Fish Creek desert high in the Cascade mountains in the Vinton national forest. Three times previously United States marshals have forcibly ejected the two squatters from the claims.

The two men are war veterans and draw pensions. Best served in the world war, and Davis in the Spanish-American war. Davis is 53 and has a wife. Best is 55 and has a wife and three children.