SALT LAKE DEAL NEARS COMPLETION

City Makes Proposition for Sacramento-Mission Baseball Franchise.

FED BATTERY IS CAPTURED

Charley (Skeet) Fanning and Walter Schmidt Are Secured by San Francisco—Utah Deal Is Confidently Expected to Go.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—That Salt Lake likely will be the sixth city in the Coast League next season, and the signing of Charley ("Skeet") Fanning and Walter Schmidt by the San Francisco club, were two important baseball developments today. The completion of the circuit with the elimination of Sacramento and the invasion of another state—Utah—is of vital interest throughout the country and the capture of two organized players claimed by the Federal League, is another piece of news that is of especial interest in San Francisco and around the Coast League circuit. Fanning and Schmidt undoubtedly comprise one of the best batteries that were on the field last season.

There was a meeting of the franchise committee, composed of President Baum, Henry Berry and Frank Leavitt today and it was decided to recommend Salt Lake to take the forfeited Sacramento-Mission franchise. There is a bare possibility of a hitch, but President Baum reports that in all probability the Utah metropolis will be found in the circuit.

Sacramento Fans Fall.

Sacramento was favored from the start, but the fans of the capital city failed to respond to the subscription campaign to raise $20,000 to clear the franchise of its indebtedness to the league. Salt Lake, through E. A. Vandeventer, came to the front with a straightforward business proposition and impressed the committee with its ability to support a class AA club and be of strength to the Coast League.

To show that the matter has been practically settled, the following official statement from the franchise committee is quoted:

"The franchise committee is ready to report to the Coast League in favor of Salt Lake, under certain conditions to be taken up with Salt Lake. Berry and Baum probably will go to Salt Lake within a few days."

Committee Is Confident.

"The certain conditions," Baum explains, are matters that concern propositions that have been submitted to Salt Lake. He says that it would be unfair to Salt Lake in case of a hitch to leave them out. However, the members of the committee seemed to feel contented that everything is O. K.

Vandeventer represented the Salt Lake Commercial Club and prominent business men, who, he said, are willing to put up their money to purchase the franchise. Vandeventer is in San Diego and will go from there to Salt Lake.

Henry Berry met Vandeventer in San Diego and presented Salt Lake's case to the franchise committee. Just what the terms and conditions are was not given out because the matter has not been definitely settled.

"SUITS ME," SAYS M'CREDIE

If Salt Lake Is Willing to Put Up Guarantee, Confidence Shown.

"Suits me," was Walter McCredie's only comment when informed about the Coast League's action in favoring Salt Lake City for the circuit. "If they are willing to guarantee more than the expenses of visiting teams it shows they have confidence in their city.

"Salt Lake City is twice as large as Sacramento and ought to be able to support a team."

The United States Census reports show that Salt Lake's population in 1910 was 92,777, but as it increased 73 per cent in the ten years prior to that, doubtless the present population is close to 110,000.

The great distance from the other cities of the Coast League constitutes the main obstacle to this city.

Salt Lake occupies the same position that Spokane does in the Northwestern League—both being at the apex of a fan-shaped triangle.

The distance from Portland to Salt Lake is 897 miles, which is about 100 miles greater than the jump from San Francisco to Portland. Train connections from Portland are satisfactory. A team can jump out of Portland at 12:01 Sunday night, after closing a series, and the O.-W. R. & N. train will land it in Salt Lake Tuesday morning at 10:15 o'clock.

This beats the long jump from Los Angeles to Portland, because the teams arrive in Portland from the Angel city at 2:20 o'clock, just before the game. Generally the opening games have to be postponed when this occasional long leap is necessary.

Cliff Blankenship, to be manager of the Salt Lake club, is well and favorably known all over the Pacific Coast. He managed the Tacoma club for a couple of seasons, leaving in 1911. Later Cliff managed a team in the California State League. Formerly Cliff was a catcher for the Washington Americans and he was the man who came West, looked Walter Johnson over when he was pitching with Weiser, Idaho, and signed the famous star to a Washington contract.

VANCOUVER MAN SECOND

UNITED STATES AMATEUR TRAPSHOT HONORS CAPTURED.

Woolfolk Henderson Wins Out by Narrow Margin of .0011 Per Cent Based on 2000 Targets.

Samuel A. Huntley, of Vancouver, Wash., is the second best amateur trapshot in the United States. According to the official standings just received, Huntley was only .0011 per cent behind Woolfolk Henderson, of Lexington, Ky., for the entire season of 1914. The records compiled are based on 2000 targets as a minimum.

Henderson was credited with .9663 per cent for the season. He was returned winner of the Grand American Handicap tournament at the National Cash Register Gun Club grounds last September. This event is the blue ribbon affair in the shooting world of this country. Shooters from all over the United States annually make the trip East, and last year more than 500 were on hand at the main event.

Going on down the official list, the next Pacific Coast representative after Huntley comes Frank M. Troeh, a clubmate of Huntley's. Vancouver, Wash., is given as the home of the two wonders with the scatter gun, and Troeh is the 20th man in the averages.

J. F. Coutts, Jr., of the Pastime Gun Club, of San Diego, who has been showing his prowess to nimrods throughout the United States, along with Huntley, is shown in the 25th notch, with an average of .9350 per cent out of 7270 blue rocks shot at. Coutts, Jr., and Huntley have traveled together for several months, entering all the prominent trapshooting tourneys of the country. Huntley shot at 7820 and leads Coutts, Jr., by 550 more birds. The nearest shooter to Huntley and Couts for the greatest number shot at is W. S. Hoon, of Jewell, Ia., with less than 5000.

In the professional rankings, L. H. Reid, the Seattle marvel, is credited with 2146 broken out of 2225, for an average of .9644 per cent. Frank C. Riehl, of Tacoma, Wash., is the next Northwest man ranked and he is listed 16th. Only three local nimrods find their names in the coveted list. P. H. O'Brien, an amateur, whose record is .9261 per cent, is 39th among the amateurs, and P. J. Holohan and E. B. Morris, both professionals, are 47th and 86th, respectively.

O'Brien was the winner of the main event at the Pacific Coast handicap tournament at the Portland Gun Club grounds at Jenne Station last July. Henry Wiblon, one of the high ones in the local tourney, who has chosen Gresham as his voting place, has a record of .9100 per cent out of 2800 shot at.

Following are the first 25 amateurs and the same number of professionals:

AMATEURS.

	Sh.	Bk.	Pct.
W. Henderson, Lexington, Ky.	2950	2881	.9663
S. A. Huntley, Vanc., Wash.	7820	7548	.9652
R. A. King, Delta, Colo.	3505	3374	.9626
Bart Lewis, Auburn, Ill.	3550	3414	.9616
W. S. Hoon, Jewell, Ia.	4950	4734	.9595
C. H. Newcomb, Phila., Pa.	3983	3808	.9556
W. S. Behm, Esterly, Pa.	3645	3483	.9555
Wm. Ridley, What Cheer, Ia.	3050	2907	.9531
R. H. Bruns, Brookville, Ind.	3650	3498	.9501
J.R.Livingston, Springle, Ala.	2075	1968	.9434
W. H. Jones, Macon, Ga.	2300	2181	.9482
F. S. Wright, So. Wales, N. Y.	3865	3646	.9433
F. A. Draper, Custer Park, Ill.	2850	2498	.9428
Wm. Foord, Wilmington, Del.	2150	2023	.9409
J. H. Noel, Nashville, Tenn.	2825	2654	.9395
H. Kennicott, Evanston, Ill.	4700	4411	.9387
J. P. White, Watertown, S. D.	3250	3050	.9383
Allen Heil, Allentown, Pa.	2995	2810	.9382
A. B. Richardson, Dover, Del.	2500	2345	.9380
F. M. Troeh,Vancouver,Wash.	2430	2278	.9374
John R. Jahn, Davenport, Ia.	2450	2295	.9367
J. W. Harris, Dresden, Canada.	2200	2060	.9364
C.A.Gunning, Longmont, Colo.	2080	1947	.9360
H. W. Heikes, Dayton, O.	2850	2666	.9354
J.F.Coutts, Jr., San Diego, Cal.	7270	6798	.9350

PROFESSIONALS.

	Sh.	Bk.	Pct.
L. H. Reid, Seattle, Wash.	2225	2146	.9644
C. G. Spencer, St. Louis, Mo.	5700	5491	.9633
W. H. Crosby, O'Fallon, Ill.	7240	6954	.9604
Lest'r German, Aberdeen, Md.	5230	5017	.9592
H. Clark, Alton, Ill.	4450	4267	.9589
J. R. Taylor, Columbus, O.	5010	4800	.9580
J. M. Hawkins, Baltim'e, Md.	6075	5810	.9563
E. R. Holt, Montgomery, Ala.	2650	2532	.9555
H.D.Gibbs, Union City, Tenn.	3050	2902	.9515
Arthur Killam, St. Louis, Mo.	5200	5042	.9506
E. H. Storr, Richmond, Va.	3390	3222	.9504
F. G. Bills, Chicago, Ill.	3790	3600	.9498
H. D. Freeman, Atlanta, Ga.	3350	3176	.9481
Geo. Kreger, Redfield, S. D.	5690	5492	.9463
Mrs. Ad Topperwein, San Antonio, Texas	2170	2053	.9461
F. C. Riehl, Tacoma, Wash.	3625	3428	.9456
F. Huseman, Washington,D.C.	2250	2121	.9427
H.C.Kirkwood, La Grange, Ill.	5700	5368	.9417
J. R. Graham, Ingleside, Ill.	6250	5883	.9413
C. A. Young, Springfield, O.	3650	3431	.9400
C. E. Goodrich, Atlanta, Ga.	3970	3727	.9388
E.J.Morgan, Salt L. C'y, Utah.	3925	3689	.9374
D. G. Barstow, Kan. C'y, Mo.	3800	3562	.9373
Walter Huff, Macon, Ga.	4550	4262	.9367
A.W.Woodworth,Spok'e,Wash.	2660	2491	.9364

ROWLAND WILL MANAGE

PEORIA MAN PICKED AS LEADER FOR WHITE SOX.

Callahan Will Have Voice in Business Affairs of Club and Gleason May Go to New York.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—To the complete surprise of players, press and public, Clarence Henry Rowland, last year pilot of a team in a Class B circuit, was named today manager of the Chicago American League baseball club, conceded to be a pennant contender in 1915.

Many Chicago fans have never heard of Rowland, but in baseball circles generally he was well known, for, although his career has been limited to the minor leagues, he has been successful and has gained the respect of clubowners for his ability to discern and develop latent diamond talent.

The new leader left the ranks of the players for his first managerial job at Aberdeen, Wash., in 1908. Thence he went to Jacksonville, Fla., and then returned to Dubuque, Ia., where he remained as part owner and manager of the Three-I League club. Beginning at the start of last season he managed the Peoria team in the Three-I, taking it from last place to second.

Rowland will assume his new duties soon, expecting to move here from Dubuque. His arrival will be the signal for the retirement of James J. Callahan, who has led the team for three seasons. Callahan will be appointed to some position connected with the business affairs of the club, it was announced, with the idea that eventually he will be able to shoulder some of the duties now falling to Owner Comiskey. The disposition of "Kid" Gleason, coach and adviser to Callahan, was not given out, but it was rumored he might be appointed manager of the New York Americans.

The shift in management, with the appointment of Eddie Collins as captain in place of Weaver, indicates a change in the field policy of the White Sox.

Rowland was born in Plattesville, Wis., and is 33 years old. His contract as Sox manager is for one year and the salary was not announced.

MULTNOMAH DEFEATS ROWERS

Hockey Game Results in Score of Eight to Two.

The Multnomah Club hockey team had little trouble in securing an 8-to-2 victory over the Portland Rowing Club seven in the opening game of the Portland Ice Hockey League in the Ice Hippodrome last night. More than 1000 persons witnessed the two periods played.

The score at the end of the first half stood, Multnomah Club 5, Rowing Club 0.

The next and second match of the Portland Amateur Hockey League will be staged in the Ice Hippodrome Tuesday night, with the Harriman Club opposing the Waverly Country Club.

Following are the lineups of last night:

Multnomah (8).		Rowing Club (2)
Irvine	G	Hawes
Capt. Herman	P	Kefsher
Gore	C P	Cameron
Ukella	R	H. G. Leslie
Perry	C	Parsons
Dietz	R W	E. H. Leslie
Kearns	L W	C. Barr
Riley	Sub	O. Barr

James Rilanco, referee; Irving Webster, judge of play.

Tennis to Be Topic Today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The meeting of the executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association here tomorrow is expected to be the most important in the history of the association. The chief business will be to review and issue the National ranking list prepared by F. C. Inman, chairman; W. M. Hall and W. L. Pate. The report of this rating committee is said to mark an epoch in American lawn tennis.

Solon to Captain 1915 Gophers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17. — Lorrin Solon, star fullback of the University of Minnesota football team, today was elected captain of the eleven for the 1915 season.

McCoy-La Grave Fight Draw.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 17.—The four-round boxing match between Kid McCoy and Antone La Grave was called a draw here tonight. It was a tame affair.

PUG GAME DIES IN CALIFORNIA TODAY

Law to Count 10 Over Fistic Contests in State Tonight at Stroke of 12.

GREAT FIGHT FAME ENDS

New Orleans Now Likely to Become Pugilistic Center—From Early '60s Golden Gate District Has Led in Battles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—Special.)—Tomorrow night at 12 o'clock the grand old boxing game will sound its death rattle in the State of California. Voted out by the people at the November 3 election, professional boxing dies tomorrow and nothing but the four-round amateur bouts will be countenanced in the future.

New Orleans promises to be the mecca of the fighters in the near future, but, in looking back, California need not feel the blush of shame. That state has a longer record for great fights than all the rest put together.

From the days of old Tommy Chandler and Dooney Harris, away back in the late '60s and early '70s, boxing has been a popular sport in that state, and many of the greatest champions who ever lived were developed right here.

Jack Dempsey's first appearance on the Coast gave the game a great boost, as he was the second champion to appear in California in the Queensberry game and created a great sensation by easily defeating most of our best middleweights on the Coast.

Later he lost to George LaBlanche the marine, a fight which ended in one of the most sensational finishes ever seen in a ring. Jack was deemed invincible at that time, and just as he was about to finish LaBlanche he received a pivot blow that ended him. The crowd sat dumfounded for a few seconds, it came so suddenly.

That was the first time any noted boxer was ever beaten by the blow, and it was afterward barred in boxing contests.

70-Round Match Staged.

Mike Donovan and Billy McClellan fought over 70 rounds with small gloves to a draw in the '70s. Donovan held the middleweight title at that time.

About the time of Dempsey's finish there was a rush of Australian boxers to this country, and many were of the highest class in their profession.

Bob Fitzsimmons took the place of a boxer to meet Billy McCarthy, and created a sensation by his awkward movements and great hitting powers. This contest started Bob on his great career as a pugilist.

Another old-time finish fight that created a lot of interest was between Jake Kilrain and George Godfrey, seconded by the famous Billy Muldoon. Jake won after more than 30 rounds of hard fighting.

Billy Murphy, a little Australian bantamweight, startled the San Francisco fans by knocking out several well-known bantams in the old California Club.

Tommy Warren and Jack Haverlin also put up a long and hard fight at the California Club in the early '90s.

The California, Golden Gate, Pacific and Palo Alto clubs were all finish-fighting clubs, and each flourished for many years.

Corbett's Career Stellar.

Jim Corbett started his career in the Olympic Club of San Francisco as an amateur, and during his amateur days boxed with many of the noted professionals of that time.

Outside of his own club there were few who gave him the smallest chance to even hold his own with John L. Sullivan, and when he won the title from the mighty John he was the sensation of the country for several years.

Corbett's meeting with Joe Choynski on a barge in the San Pablo Bay was one of the most gruelling fights to a finish that was ever fought by any two men. They boxed several rounds near Fairfax before it was finished on the barge.

Choynski was backed by the California Club, and as the Olympic Club would not allow Jim to fight there, it was quietly arranged for the barge, and after the word was given out there was a quiet scramble to be on hand to witness it. Corbett from that time on went to the top.

Johnny Hurgert (Young Mitchell), Mysterious Billy Smith and many old-timers started into the game at Harry Maynard's old place in San Francisco.

In those old days there were many saloons which had boxing rings adjoining, and most any Saturday night a fan could see all the boxing contests he wished. It was the custom for the announcer to get into the ring with some aspiring pug and challenge any man in the house at his weight.

Saloon Bouts Common.

The challenge was usually accepted so quickly that it was often hard to choose between the half-dozen boxers who desired the chance. The hat was passed around and divided with a winner's and loser's end. Many a bitter contest was pulled off in those places that would have drawn big purses these days.

To give an idea of what boxing was in the earlier days, there were as many as 127 contests during one month, both amateur and professional.

The most noted boxers who were developed in California were Johnny (Young Mitchell) Hurgert, Hal Hawkins, Charley and Ruf Turner, Solly Smith, Kid Williams, George Green, Billy Gallagher, Jim Corbett, Jimmie Britt, Joe Kennedy, Joe Choynski, Jim Jeffries, Willie Ritchie, Al Neil, Abe Attell, Frankie Neil, Al Kaufman, Sam Berger, Harry Foley, Eddie Hanlon, "Spider" Kelly, Joe McAuliffe, Billy Shannon, Joe Rivers, Aurelia Herrera, Sam McVey, Hank Griffin, Monte Attell, Danny Webster, Harry Baker, Lew Powell, Jimmie Carroll and many other professionals, besides hundreds of high-class amateurs who won titles all over the country.

The death of professional boxing will no doubt give amateur boxing a wonderful boost.

SPOKANE BEATS LEWISTON

Polo Game Feature of Afternoon at Show Grounds.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 15.—The polo game between Spokane and Lewiston teams was the feature at the show grounds Tuesday afternoon. The visitors won, 7¼ to 2. Pettit of Spokane was the star of the game at all times, and Spokane's brilliant playing was largely inspired by his great work.

Lewiston's goals were secured by H. Whitcomb and Thiessen. Spokane scored two goals in the first, one in the second, two in the third and three in the fifth period. A safety was charged against Spokane in the first and a foul in the second. Referee, Kasberg

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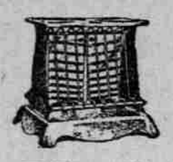
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BEZDEK SIGNED UP

Contract for Three Years Is Closed With University.

BETTER OFFERS REJECTED

With No Losses From Graduation Varsity Is Looking for Championship in 1915, and College Men Are Enthused.

BY L. J. MALARKEY.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Hugo Bezdek today signed a three-year contract to coach football, basketball and baseball during their respective seasons at the university. The terms of the contract, according to A. R. Tiffany, are the same as those which were settled upon when the star mentor signed articles with Oregon in the Fall of 1913.

The athletic council—an organization composed of faculty, alumni and student representatives — met yesterday and discussed the retaining of Bezdek, whose present contract was to expire in June. As the meeting progressed the common sentiment of the majority favored the presentation of a contract which would call for five years of service; the discussion was settled by giving Manager Tiffany authority to contract with Bezdek as he saw fit.

When asked why he did not consider other chances in the coaching field even if the salary was larger and perhaps more easily earned, Bezdek replied:

"I like the Oregon people."

Career Is Successful.

In football, the major collegiate sport, lemon-yellow teams have suffered but two defeats in as many years from the hands of conference teams since Bezdek took the helm. Washington, under Dobie, "turned the trick," and in both games the victory was a hard-earned one. It is this fact, coupled with the utmost of confidence in the coach, that prompts the "wise ones" to predict a championship in 1915. Oregon does not lose a man by the graduation route, and all of the present squad declare that they will report for another year.

As a basketball coach, Bezdek is rated fair, and with any kind of material his teams should always be in the running. He admits, though, that Oregon this year is hard pressed for talent.

Baseball, however, is the former Chicagoan's hobby, and during the Summer months he scours the timber and brush in the official capacity of scout for the Pittsburg Pirates. Last season Oregon, with an unimpressive squad to draw from, landed the pennant in the conference race, and to Bezdek belongs the credit. He taught the collegians real baseball and made stars out of some mighty poor prospects.

Fighting Spirit Instilled.

Perhaps the greatest factor in Bezdek's favor is his clean personality and his ability to instill the spirit of gentlemanly fight into his athletes.

No reverses were ever too hard for Bezdek to meet, and looking on the Oregon-Aggie battle of a month ago, when the former eleven entered the game with five regulars missing and emerged with a desperate 3-all tie, it was "the Bezdek fight" and his power to urge his men to meet the occasion which staved off apparent defeat.

Followers and supporters of athletics at the university are highly elated to learn that Hugo Bezdek would remain, it was feared that he would accept one of the other contracts which had been tendered him.

WHITMAN GETS NEW COACH

Physical Director of Y. M. C. A. to Handle Basketball Squad.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 17. — (Special.)—To give Coach Archie Hahn an opportunity to devote his energies to track athletics and to give the basketball men more individual coaching, the training of the Whitman basketball squad has been taken out of Hahn's hands by the college officials and has been turned over to F. D. Applegate, the physical director of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Applegate has coached basketball teams in Walla Walla since 1907 and is considered one of the best authorities on basketball in the Northwest. He will take charge today.

Coach Hahn will issue a call for a meeting of track aspirants and indoor track work will begin after the holidays. Some of the weight men already are working in the gymnasium.

FENTON'S RECOVERY LIKELY

Impovement Seen in Condition of Athlete Ill With Diphtheria.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Carl Fenton, formerly star punter on the University of Oregon football team, who has been ill for several days at his home in this city with diphtheria, will recover, it is believed. Reports from the bedside Monday were to the effect that there was a slight improvement in his condition.

As the disease had not had time to run its course the physicians would not give any definite opinion as to recovery.

Sidelights and Satire
By Roscoe Fawcett.

FOR the good of the Northwestern League it is to be hoped that Bobby Blewett, its new president, fields his position in front of the mahogany better than he used to field bunts.

When Bobby wore the spangles he was a pitcher for the Tacoma Tigers, and there wasn't a telegraph pole around any of the old parks that didn't quail and wiggle with ague when Blewett was in the box.

He could muss up a bunt in more ways than there are of pronouncing Przemysl.

Gus Thompson, the old Seattle hurler, was a bear for overthrowing the bleachers back of first base, but Blewett could give Gus a stepladder and then beat him out at the eighteenth hole.

Blewett thoroughly understands baseball, however.

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The Kansas farmers will not be able to make their annual holler about the dearth of harvest hands next Fall if the different leagues hold to their limit of players.

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It is rumored that Perle Casey will not seek an injunction to prevent the Northwest League from raising the salaries of its umpires.

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Walter Johnson says he is glad he jumped to the Federal League. We would be glad to jump in the Willamette River if somebody would offer us $20,000.

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Gradually the brewers are working their way into our National game and if the dry wave doesn't abate ere long, the brew folk soon will be as the Arab's camel, kicking said Arab out into a cool hunk of ozone. Otto Stiefel, the millionaire St. Louis brewer, is the backer of the St. Louis Federals; Colonel Ruppert has closed the deal for the purchase of the New York Yankees; Ed Maier, the millionaire Los Angeles hop expert, owns the Venice team in the Pacific Coast League, and now they say C. W. Fiegenspan, the Newark barley king, is negotiating the purchase of the Newark Indians in the International League.

Larry McLean yet may be appreciated.

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This is a tough time of the year for tennis to attempt to break into the sporting columns, but here's something of real interest to tennis folk and others:

The Davis cup is still with us.

Nobody disputes the victory of the Australians over the American team in the international tennis matches. When Wilding and Brookes departed, however, the war had just begun, and fearing a German man-of-war might intercept their steamer, and Teutons might lift it and hold it for the ransom of Froitzhelm and Kreuzer, captured by the British, the Antipodeons left the costly soup toureen in New York City.

The trophy cannot now legally be shipped because tin is on President Wilson's contraband list.

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Some Yale football officials object to the numbering of players because of the commercialism. It is strange that these same persons do not suggest that the newspapers leave out all mention of the games. That would kill all commercialism and the athletic managers wouldn't even have to go to the trouble of having tickets printed.

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A subscriber asks what teams absorbed all the large football scores of the year. We refer him to Carlisle, Pennsylvania and Northwestern.

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This has been a year of strawberries and colic for Johnny Evers—a strange season of ups and downs. First he lost his job as manager of the Chicago Cubs. Then he caught on with the Boston Braves and made about $35,000 for the year. His family was stricken with scarlet fever during the season and he lost his little girl and now he is dangerously ill himself with pneumonia. Fortune has been a fickle dame to J. Evers.

BOUTS LIVELY TONIGHT

SMOKER AT WESTERN CLUB TO SEE CLEVER MATCHES IN RING.

Groat and Boatright Mill Causes Talk, as Last Battle Required Extra Round for Decision.

What promises to be one of the best boxing smokers held in this city will take place tonight at the clubrooms of the Western Athletic Club, Fourth and Yamhill streets. Eight bouts have been arranged and all the boxers represent the best talent in the city.

The bout that is creating the most attention, as the return match between Groat, of the Beaver Club, and Boatright, of Multnomah, in the 145-pound class. These were seen in action several weeks ago at the same club and a fourth round was required for the judges to decide upon the winner. Boatright was given the decision.

The Hill and Mascot bout also will mark some fast fighting, as these boys put up a clever exhibition when they last met recently, Mascot winning after a fourth round was ordered.

Moscow, of the Western Club, will meet the only man that has beaten him since entering the fight game, Byers, of Multnomah, will be his opponent. The following is the order in which the bouts will be pulled off: 90 pounds, S. Gordon (Western) against N. Casler (unattached); 115 ponuds, Koster (Multnomah) against Carpentier (Mohawk); 130 pounds, Hansen (Mohawk) against Jones (Western); 120 pounds, Mesgher (Vancouver) against Taylor (Western); 125 pounds, Byers (Multnomah) against Moscow (Western); 135 pounds, Wagner (Armory) against Montpier (Multnomah); 118 pounds, Mascot (Multnomah) against Hill (unattached); 145 pounds, Groat (Beaver) against Boatright (Multnomah).

The referee will be Jack Helser and the timekeeper will be George L. Parker. The judges will be picked at the ringside and Tom Luke will be the official announcer.

CHANGES IN YANKEES LIKELY

Final Conference Over Sales to Be Held Today.

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Dec. 17.—"A final conference on the sale of the New York Americans between Colonel Jacob Ruppert and other persons probably will be held tomorrow," said Ban Johnson, president of the American League, tonight. After a conference of Colonel Ruppert and Captain T. L. Huston, who are arranging to purchase the New York club, and Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago Americans, and Mr. Johnson, the American League head said:

"We did not discuss the price to be paid for the Yankees, but did talk about the managership and some changes in the lineup which Ruppert must have settled in order to consider the team. I will not name these changes, but I can say that if the deal for the manager being considered is closed, it will be a pleasant surprise to the baseball public. I cannot say when the schedule meeting will begin. Barney Dreyfuss is expected to arrive late tonight."

Mr. Johnson did not explain his statement that changes in the lineup of the New Yorks would have to be made before Colonel Ruppert would "consider" the team. Colonel Ruppert announced several days ago that he already had purchased the club and that the deal would be completed with the fixing of a price which, he said, would be about $450,000. Colonel Ruppert refused to discuss today's meting.

President Comiskey of the Chicago club was forced to leave the conference shortly after it began. He went to his room complaining of a slight illness. A physician ordered Mr. Comiskey to keep to his bed for a day or so, in order to recover from a cold. The physician said the attack is not dangerous.

Demarest Defeats Cline, 300-217.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 17.—Calvin Demarest defeated Harry Cline, 300 to 217 in a Billiard Players' League match here tonight. Averages and high runs: Demarest, 9 21-31; 64. Cline, 7 7-30; 32.

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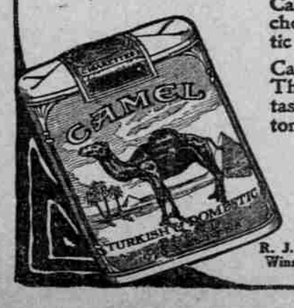

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