

WRESTLING RULES TO BE MADE OVER

Standard Code Governing All Professional Matches Is Declared Necessary.

JACK CURLEY HEADS MOVE

Meeting of Promoters and Wrestlers to Be Called in New York.

"Strangler" Lewis and Zbyszko Claim Title.

Jack Curley, the New York wrestling authority, announces that he intends to draft a set of wrestling rules to govern all professional matches that he promotes.

"Ever since the close of the international tournament in New York," said Curley recently, "discussing the proposition, there has been a great deal of agitation over the fact that a recognized set of standard wrestling rules does not exist."

"Of course, wrestling has rules that are known to every professional follower of the sport. For instance, everybody knows that practically whenever wrestling is indulged in the struggle held is barred. But it appears that there is a crying need for a fixed or standard set of rules, and I intend to supply that need."

"Within the next few days it is my intention to call a meeting of the various promoters and most prominent wrestlers, and we will set up a code of rules that will take its place alongside the Marquis of Queensberry rules that govern boxing."

"Naturally, neither will have a great deal to say on the subject, and his opinions will go a long way towards making the rules. But neither probably is better versed on the finer points of the matter than any man now before the public."

"Now that the wrestling game is on such an upward trend, it is time for such a set of rules, and the fans will look with interest for the outcome of the meeting."

Another big question in the wrestling world at present is "who is the champion of the world?" For a while it looked as though things had been straightened out when "Strangler" Ed Lewis threw Zbyszko in the final match of the international tournament recently, with his famous headlock. But a few days later they met in a return match with Lewis' headlock barred and Zbyszko won the title in a Kentucky. Zbyszko was headlocked throughout the country as the heavy-weight champion of the world, when he was met by the promoters who were managers, friends and admirers of Ed Lewis, Joe Stecher and Earl Caddock, all of the three claiming the title. Caddock and Stecher did not enter the tournament in New York this year, and Billy Sandow, who manages Lewis, says that the "Strangler" can defeat Zbyszko any time. The New Yorkers are well acquainted with the work of the four men and think that they are the only ones that are real contenders for the throne held for so many years by the late Frank Gotch. It seems that the laurels must fall on one of these, but which one cannot be said until one of the big-time promoters gets busy and stages a couple of elimination matches. The New York fans want to see such matches, but the wrestler will get plenty of publicity by entering the Middle West, where the grappling sport has thrived for ever so long. It is not an uncommon thing for a match to draw a \$10,000 crowd in New York, and the country. The New York folk will have to come high to get even one of the three big matches that present themselves.

At present it is rather hard to get a whirl from the Army of long enough duration to permit of a serious logical contender, to get into the right sort of training for a championship match. That may be arranged, though, and if it is arranged in New York, the three other men would be an attraction that would go good in any big place. Gene Melady, who manages him, would hardly be letting a bout in which his man figures get a way from him. His promoting place is Omaha, Neb., and it is there that Melady believes in letting a bout in such as was never before played to in the history of the wrestling game.

The rivalry would be great for any one of the three matches which could be suggested by any follower of the game, say between Zbyszko and Stecher to be held in New York, a second between Earl Caddock and Ed Lewis in Omaha, and the two winners to meet in any place which shows itself to be the best center. Boston, a city where wrestling prospers, too, and it might make a big effort to cut in on the bidding. That's the way it stands now and the sooner the matches are arranged the sooner it will be determined who has the right to wear the mantle of champion.

With such able managers as Jack Curley and Louis Melady in New York, Gene Melady in the Middle West and George Toughy in Boston the wrestling market should receive a boom that will further it along to the road of returning popularity.

New York especially needs something to entertain it from now on. There is no boxing worth speaking of, and in fact nothing in the professional athletic line to take the people's mind off of serious things of the day. It is a long way since the outdoor season of sports and outside of a few athletic meets there is absolutely nothing on the calendar for some time.

SCHOLASTIC HOCKEY ASSURED

Four High Schools Are Members of New League.

Definite arrangements were completed yesterday between the Portland Ice Palace and Columbia, Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln high schools for an interscholastic hockey league. Manager Peter Muldoon of the Portland Rosebuds, represented the Palace at the conference, and each of the institutions interested had a representative present. A satisfactory arrangement was made for financing the season.

All games are to be played in the afternoon. Commencing at 7:15 they will be over with early enough so as not to interfere with the crowds at the evening skating session. Practice will commence immediately and the first match of the season probably will be played about January 14.

The interscholastic ice hockey schedule will be drawn up today and announced tomorrow.

Tesreau Signs for McGraw.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The New York National League baseball club announced today that Charles M. Tesreau, veteran pitcher of the team, had signed a contract for 1918. Tesreau is the first major-league player to sign a 1918 contract.

FAMOUS BALLPLAYERS NOW BATTING OVER .300 FOR UNCLE SAM.



Photo by Underwood & Underwood, New York.

From Left to Right They Are—Mike McNally, Chick Shorten, Del Galace, Macklat Kelly, the Messemate of the Players, and Ernie Shore.

This group holds a load of baseball talent that is now striving earnestly for Uncle Sam as they ever did on the diamond. They are members of the Boston Red Sox who, now that they have left the National pastime for the Naval Reserve, are striving to bat at least .300 for Uncle Sam in the war league.

from the tense mental strain which awaits growing casualty lists. Baseball will give needed diversion to the soldier in the trenches, to the drafted man in the training camps, to the laborer and the artisan and the business man in our cities. Baseball, in short, will act as a National escape valve for feelings too strong to be suppressed. Baseball is as necessary in time of war as ammunition or khaki uniforms.

"From thoughts of bursting shells and blood and carnage the great American public turns with a sense of relief to the baseball diamond with its peace and health and sanity. In like manner the great American public, wearied and surfeited with war news, turns from sensational headlines to baseball scores and to this great sport which has become one of the needs of the hour."

MEETING IS CALLED

Northwestern Directors Convene in Seattle January 17.

MUCH BUSINESS AT HAND

Player Limit and Selecting Umpires to Come Up—Walter McCredie Leaves for New Bailwick at Salt Lake.

The meeting of the directors of the Northwestern League will be held in Seattle on Thursday, January 17, according to official notice just received by Judge W. W. McCredie, owner of the Portland baseball team.

Many important matters will be taken up. What clubs shall compose the league will be settled definitely, and the schedule probably will be arranged. The player limit, number and personnel of the umpiring staff and special arrangements necessitated by the entrance of Portland into the circuit will have to be decided. Likewise the all-absorbing question of which team legally may bear the title of "Sevens" Bob Brown's Vancouverites or Judge McCredie's Portlanders, also will be decided upon.

Walter McCredie, manager of the Salt Lake team, left Portland for Salt Lake yesterday morning, after completing several business deals here in his home town. Walter will leave Salt Lake soon for the East, where he will confer with the owners and managers of the Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and New York clubs regarding the purchase and disposal of players. The Salt Lake club is pretty well shot to pieces at present, the pitching staff, especially being hard to replace. They will return from the East with contracts for several good twirlers under his wing.

"The back in Portland in six weeks or so," he said before leaving. "I'm going to take a run through the old town and say 'hello' to the boys when I take the boys into training in the early Spring."

"I probably will dig up some promising young bushers in the East and turn them over to Portland for seasoning. If they amount to anything."

PARKWAY TEAM BEATS ARLETA

Basketball Game Is Won by Score of 26 to 7.

The South Parkway basketball team met and defeated the Arleta hoppers on the Parkway floor Wednesday evening by a score of 26 to 7. The excellent teamwork of the Parkway quintet proved the undoing of their rivals.

This is the second game between these two organizations, the first ending 17 to 14 in favor of the Parkway players.

Preliminary to the big game between the South Parkway team and the Che-nawas Indian School next Wednesday night, the South Parkway Juniors will play Jefferson High School. Both games will be played on the Parkway floor.

South Parkway plays Franklin High School tonight.

Lineup and scoring of the Parkway-Arleta game.

War Is Aid, Not Hindrance, to Baseball, Says Writer.

Game Furlishes Relief to People From Mental Strain and Gives Needed Diversion to Soldiers.

SEATTLE HOCKEY PLAYERS SPEEDY

Game Tonight With Vancouver May Give More Exact Line on Metropolitan.

LOCAL FANS AWAIT RESULT

Next Big Match in Portland Will Be Played Tuesday With Patrick's Whirlwinds—Fog Menace to Be Subdued.

The third ice hockey game of the season will be played tonight at Vancouver, B. C., when the Seattle Metropolitan, heroes of the 1-0 overtime match with Portland, will play the Canadians.

Theoretically, Vancouver and Portland have the two best-balanced teams in the league, and Vancouver should win. But then, Portland couldn't, although they held the Mets to one goal in 50 minutes of play.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see Seattle win," said Manager Muldoon, of the Rosebuds, yesterday. "They are whirlwinds at speedy playing, and they have a wonderful goal-tender. Despite the fact that the aggregation as a whole does not stack up with Portland or Vancouver, nevertheless they have a lucky combination that surely surprised us in our first game with them."

Close Race Is Expected.

"There's not a man in the circuit who can offer a sound prediction as to the champion winner. It's going to be the closest race in years."

The result of tonight's game is awaited locally with much interest, as the Portland fans are anxious to see whether it was just through a lucky streak that Seattle defeated Portland, or whether it was superior playing and the Mets can really deliver the goods.

The next game at Portland will be on next Tuesday night, when the Metropolitan comes down to battle the Rosebuds again. Manager Muldoon and his seven husky Portlanders swear to turn the tables in this game and even things up for their recent defeat.

Fog Nuisance to Be Abated.

No more will a thick fog hover over the ice at the Portland Palace and obscure the players, as in the initial game here when the locals defeated Vancouver, 4-2.

The ice since that game has been cast as crystal, but to insure the spectator against a possible recurrence of the fog the management has purchased large portable fans which may be installed in two hours' notice.

The fans take up quite a bit of room, and will not be used unless necessary. If, however, late in the afternoon preceding the game, fog threatens to rise from the ice, the fans will be set up to clear the atmosphere.

J. H. O'DONNELL WINS PLAY-OFF

Open High-Run Contest Is Captured From E. Davis.

J. H. O'Donnell won the play-off of the tie between himself and E. Davis Wednesday night in the open high-run three-cushion contest recently conducted by the Bowie & Caldwell Billiard Parlors. Both men tied with a high run of seven.

On Wednesday night the play-off ran 55 minutes, O'Donnell finally winning with a high run of four. Davis made a high run of three on two occasions during the match, but could not put them together for a winning score.

O'Donnell was presented with a fancy billiard cue at the close of the match. A good crowd of billiard enthusiasts attended.

Bowler Makes Fine Score.

E. C. Watkins, of the Modern Primary bowling team, rolled 239 in practice Wednesday night, cleaning up every-

thing as he went along, but leaving the five pin standing in the last frame. If he had not missed this one pin, he would have had a perfect score. He let up a little in connection following the practice and rolled 226 for his high score.

BILLIARD EQUIPMENT BOUGHT

Outfit of McCredie's Parlors Taken by J. J. Parker.

McCredie's billiard-room on the second floor of the Yeon building, which had been the headquarters of the Portland baseball club for many years, will close its doors this morning. Clarke & Beamer, who have been operating the parlors since they were purchased from the McCredies about a year ago, have sold the entire outfit to J. J. Parker, proprietor of the Waldorf Billiard Room, at Broadway and Washington.

The Waldorf, in turn, is to move into the new building now nearing completion at the southeast corner of Alder and Park streets. The McCredie outfit, as well as that of the Waldorf, will be installed there, making the new parlors the largest on the Pacific Coast.

NEW YORK SHIVERS

Cold Extreme, Fuel Scarce and Waters Frozen.

COAL BARGES HELD IN ICE

Twenty Schools Closed for Lack of Heat—Hospitals and Other Institutions Have Exhausted Their Coal Supplies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—With the temperature hovering around zero for the sixth successive day, New York was confronted tonight with a fuel shortage that took on added menace every hour as the waters surrounding the city became coated more deeply with ice. Dozens of coal-laden barges are icebound on their way from New Jersey terminals with many thousands of tons of fuel.

Twenty schools were closed today because of lack of fuel and 15 others because of frozen water pipes. Hospitals and other institutions are at the end of their coal supplies.

The Weather Bureau could give no hope of relief from the intense cold.

EDISON PLANT LACKS COAL

West Orange Work Stops and 5000 Are Forced to Be Idle.

ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 3.—Efforts to provide fuel for the operation of the Edison plant in West Orange today failed and official word today was that it probably would be necessary to continue suspension of work until Monday. It was necessary to close the plant yesterday when the coal supply was exhausted. More than 5000 employees are idle as a result.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Statements that the country's export traffic is being affected by the coal shortage at this port were made here today by men endeavoring to remedy the situation. It is estimated that nearly 100 steamships are affected, involving delay in the transportation of war supplies, including foodstuffs.

IRON TRADES WIN STRIKE

TEN PER CENT BONUS GRANTED TO SAN FRANCISCO WORKERS.

Rise to Be in Effect During Period of War and Employers Agree Not to Walk Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—A strike of approximately 5000 iron trades mechanics in this district was ended tonight when their employers granted them a ten per cent bonus and a raise which, by agreement, will prevail during the period of the war.

The men now will receive the same war bonus paid to iron trades workers engaged in shipyard work.

The strike had been in progress one week and affected several industries identified with war work activities. The men contended that their work outside of shipyards was just as important as that within, and for that reason they should receive the 10 per cent bonus recently granted shipyard iron trades workers by the Federal Shipbuilding Wage Adjustment Board.

One clause of the agreement specified that, during the life of the agreement, there would be no strike by the employees nor lockout by the employers. The men contended that their work outside of shipyards was just as important as that within, and for that reason they should receive the 10 per cent bonus recently granted shipyard iron trades workers by the Federal Shipbuilding Wage Adjustment Board.

What is said to be the first wood shipbuilding school in the United States will have its formal opening with a public meeting this evening in the auditorium of the Portland Y. M. C. A.

The school has been organized by the Y. M. C. A. solely as an aid to the local wood shipbuilding industry, which we expect to assume even greater proportions in the future than at the present time," announced L. G. Nichols, director of the educational department of the Y. M. C. A.

W. H. Curtis, naval architect, who is to be chief instructor in the wood shipbuilding school, will be the chief speaker at the formal opening of the school this evening. His subject will be "Wooden Shipbuilding." W. C. Shaw, chief engineer of the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation and head of

THE WOOD SHIPBUILDING SCHOOL'S COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, WILL PRESIDE.

Mr. Curtis' address will be illustrated with a large number of stereoscopic views.

McNARY SECURES INQUIRY

Status of Oregon Students of Ordinance Will Be Investigated.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 3.—The adjutant-general, at the request of Senator McNary, today ordered an inquiry into the status of 53 students of the University of Oregon who recently completed a six weeks' ordinance course, in the expectation they would be appointed sergeants of ordinance and assigned to duty at San Antonio, Mr. Nichols. The course will teach the practical science of wooden shipbuilding.

All who are interested in the subject of wood shipbuilding have been invited to attend tonight's session. There will be no admission fee.

TWO HELD TO GRAND JURY

Astoria Man Is Accused of Violating Espionage Act.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The preliminary examination of Fred C. Brendinger on a charge of violating the espionage act was held before United States Commissioner Carney today. He was held to await the action of the Federal grand jury with bonds fixed at \$2000. Brendinger is accused of issuing seditious circulars against the United States.

William S. Seal, a plumber, also was given a preliminary hearing on a charge of violating the espionage act and was held under \$1500 bond. Seal, who had been working on the construction of cantonments at Fort Stevens, telegraphed the plumbers' union at Portland not to send any more men to Fort Stevens as the plumbers were being laid off. He admitted today that the latter statement was false.

McNARY WILL SEE McADOO

Conference on Routing of Freight to Be Held Today.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 3.—Senator McNary has an appointment to confer tomorrow with Secretary McAdoo with reference to the routing of Northwest freight through Portland and also will take up the offer of the Oregon Public Service Commission, made through Fred G. Buchtel, to act as Oregon representative of the Federal railroad director, Mr. Buchtel telegraphed Secretary McAdoo direct as follows:

"This commission tenders hearty cooperation and its gratuitous service in any capacity connected with railroad management and supervision in Oregon. We shall be glad to have you indicate in what manner we can best serve."

Silk Manufacturers Close Shop.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 3.—On orders of the state fuel administrator 170 silk manufacturing plants are closed here today for an indefinite period, due to shortage of coal.

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Mark's Shoes

SHIP SCHOOL PROPOSED

Meeting Called for Tonight in Auditorium of Building, With Naval Architect as Speaker.

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DRUG DEALING CHARGE

LOUIS COHN'S ARREST REQUEST OF FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

Trunks of Opium Seized Recently at Los Angeles of Which Cohn Is Said to Be Owner.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 3.—Louis Cohn, said by Federal authorities here to have been connected with the smuggling and sale of contraband drugs, was arrested today at Portland, Or., according to a private dispatch received here.

Federal authorities refused to divulge the specific charge against Cohn, but admitted he was wanted to stand trial in connection with alleged drug running operations. Four trunks of opium and other contraband materials were seized here recently. The Department of Justice investigators said Cohn was the owner.

Officers connected with the United States Customs Service yesterday arrested Louis Cohn, also variously known as Joe or Julius Cohn, and are holding him in the city jail for Federal authorities at Los Angeles.

G. W. Smith, Who Will Try to Capture 200-Yard Event in Coming State Swimming Championship Meet at Multnomah Club.

The Seaside team is composed almost entirely of former Oregon Agricultural College stars. It recently administered a drubbing to the fast Christian Brothers' Business College team of Portland in a game played at Seaside during the holidays.

The Multnomah team is known to be one of the best that ever represented the club. Sharp and Stinson will start the game at forward, Mer-ton will play center, while Mix and Toomey will hold down the guard positions. Dunaway also will probably get in the fray a bit later.

The game will be played in the Multnomah Club gym and will be called at 8:15 P. M. Admission is 25 cents. This is the first game of college caliber to be played in Portland this season, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Coast Directors Meet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Directors of the Pacific Coast Baseball League met here today to consider the 1918 schedule, which has been drafted by John Cook, of the Salt Lake club. Sacramento, the newest member of the circuit, will be admitted formally and plans will be made for the start of the season there.

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