FOUR GAMES WILL BE PLAYED TODAY

Teams in Shipbuilders' League Are Scheduled to Clash on Local Diamonds.

WEATHER TAKES OUT KINKS

All Eight Teams to Battle in Contests, Which Will Give Good Line on How Nines Stand—Close Struggles Are Expected.

Pre-Summer weather of the past week has taken the kinks out of the old soupbones of local wielders of the bat in the Shipyard League, and as a result some tough battles are expected when the eight teams tangle in four games this afternoon. It is a safe bet that Old Sol will have as much warmth to his smile today as he did the 24 hours just past. Consequently good crowds are expected to greet the boys when they romp over the pastures at Vaughn street, St. Johns, Vancouver and St. Helens.

Last Sunday was only productive of two games, for Oregon weather was featured by rain. One of these contests, however, was a classic, the game between Standifer-Clarkson and Cornfoot snapping through 14 innings of brilliant baseball at Vancouver. The fans are yet talking about that "go" in the Washington city across the river.

The game which is booked to draw the biggest stand is the one at Vaughn street, when the Norwesco and the Foundation will come to the front for the first time this season. Both nines are in tiptop shape, and a close struggle is expected, and many of the fans are planning on taking in the affair.

St. Helens Supports Team.

Down at St. Helens the shipyard game is drawing unusual attendance. Each Sunday afternoon that the McCormick team of the Columbia River town has gone to the front lines fans and fanettes turned out until the streets of the city were practically deserted.

St. Johns is not to be overlooked when it comes to hearty support of their team. The "Saints" have rallied to the cause in a most satisfactory manner, and today a record crowd is expected to cheer for their respective favorites when the Peninsulas and Grant Smith-Porters trot out for review.

Soldier support of the Vancouver games has made itself predominate, and hundreds of the lads in khaki will howl the afternoon away when Standifer-Clarkson and Supple-Ballin respond to Umpire Brennan's cry, "play ball!"

McCormick in Lead.

McCormick leads the league, with two wins, while Foundation, Grant Smith-Porter and Cornfoot are all in the 1.000 class, having each won their only game. Today will be a sort of elimination contest, and after the dust has settled in the evening the followers of the game will have an idea of just who is who.

The shipbuilders' ball is whetting the appetites of the fans for the bigger games to follow, when Bill Fisher leads his Buckaroos out of Pendleton, the early part of the coming week, to give them the finishing touches on the Vaughn-street grounds, prior to the opening of the season. From Pendleton reports of the Regular-Yannigan games indications are that Judge McCredie has a pretty well-balanced organization and that he has collected a gang of youngsters who can hit the old pill on the nose and field with dash and vinegar.

Local followers will have an opportunity of seeing Fisher's proteges when they cross bats with either the Cornfoot or Foundation team a week from this morning. An exhibition game will be played on the Vaughn-street grounds.

FATE OF FIGHT PENDS

CHAMPION WILLARD TO GET 75 PER CENT OF NET PROFIT.

Fourth of July Boxing Match Dwindles to Possibility Only so Far as Twin Cities Are Concerned.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 20.—Colonel J. C. Miller, promoter of the proposed Fourth of July boxing match between Champion Jess Willard and Fred Fulton, has decided to remain here at least until next Tuesday, when the fate of the fight may be decided by the State Safety Commission.

Miller denied that Willard was to receive a tremendous guarantee and exhibited his contract with Willard, which indicated that the champion agreed to accept 75 per cent of Miller's net profit from the fight.

So far as state interest in the fight was concerned the only development today was an uneventful conference between Miller and Governor Burnquist.

The probability that the championship fight would be held in the Twin Cities on July 4 dwindled to a possibility today. Miller is again considering offers from other cities. Numerous protests filed at the State Capitol was one cause for uncertainty. Colonel Miller said that persons in Ogden, Utah, have made him an offer.

Colonel Miller said the location of the fight might not be decided for two or three weeks.

He told Governor Burnquist that the contest might draw $150,000. This, he pointed out, would yield $15,000 to the Government in ticket taxes.

Snow Slows Up Iowa Meet.

DES MOINES, April 20.—Heavy snow and a Wintry chill slowed up participants in the annual Drake relay races here today and no new records were established. Highest point winners were: University class—Chicago 10; college, Grinnell, 10; high school, North Des Moines, 17.

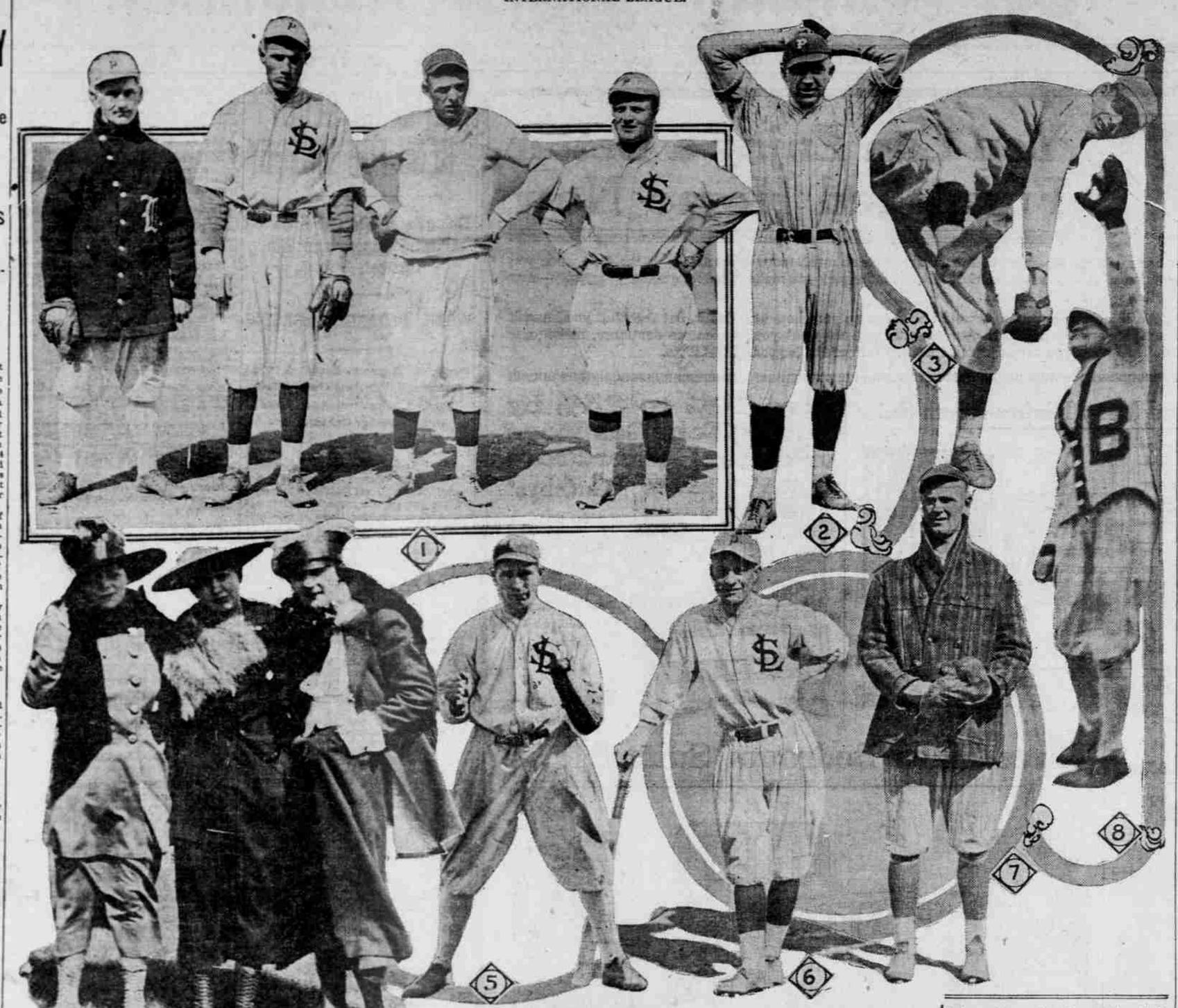
AIRPLANE WORK SPEEDED

British Give Production Priority Over Other War Construction.

LONDON, April 2.—Production of airplanes has been given first place over all other war work in England, announce sthe British War Cabinet, in its annual report. This priority applies to both labor and the use of materials.

The technical difficulties of keeping up to date in airplane construction are emphasized. "The science of aeronautics is in a state of constant and rapid development," says the Cabinet. "Improvements in engines, airplanes and their numerous accessories are constantly being worked out."

SOME OF THE PORTLAND RECRUITS WHO ARE ROUNDING INTO SHAPE AT THE TRAINING CAMP AT PENDLETON FOR THE COMING SEASON IN THE PACIFIC COAST INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.



1, Left to Right—Rapp, Mitchell, Kirwan and Clow, Pitchers. 2—Shoup, Twirler Obtained From Cleveland, Who Is Making Good. 3—Bill Kirwan, Pitcher, Winding Up for a Fast One. 4—Pendleton Belles Brave the Wind and Dust to Watch the Games. 5—Pembroke, Catcher. 6—Louis Hollocher, Infielder. 7—Johnson, Catcher. 8—Ritter, Shortstop.

BEAVERS LOOK GOOD

Vancouvers Prepare to Slay Portland April 30.

PITCHING STAFF IS WEAK

Canucks Expect to Have Hard-Hitting Offensive — Lacrosse and Soccer to Vie for Favor of Sound City Sport Followers.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 20.—(Special.)—Fine baseball weather has aided the Vancouver Beavers materially in getting the maximum benefit out of their short training season, which began last Tuesday and will terminate on April 27, when the team leaves for Portland in preparation for the opening game on Tuesday, April 30.

The team looks fairly good at this stage of the game. It will probably be one of the hardest-hitting aggregations in the league, as all three outfielders should hit in the .300 class, together with Manager Hamilton, who will play third base, and Catcher Boelzele, star stickman of the Central League. How the team will rank in fielding is yet to be seen. The infield looks to be tight, with three veterans holding the bases and a highly-touted busher at short.

The pitching staff is where the big trouble comes in. Brown and Hamilton are frantically scouring the country to get hold of a couple of proven twirlers to anchor the staff. Jose Acosta and Al Gipe, former Beavers, are back in harness. The little Cuban stacked .750 in wins last year, but Gipe will have to make a better showing than he has in the past in order to stick. L. Henion and Tom Luconivic are two fairly promising bushers who are trying out.

Here is the way the team lines up now: Pitchers, Acosta, Gipe, Henion, Luconivic, Tally; catchers, William Boelzele; first base, Gilbert Stokke; second base, William Cook; third base, James A. Hamilton; shortstop, Rollie R. King, Russ Bullard; outfielders, Ike Wolfer, Roy Brown, Robert Stewart, George Evans.

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The four-round scrap between Frankie Tucker and Lloyd Madden, billed as the main event at the police boxing and wrestling tourney here Wednesday, was decidedly tame and the fans were disappointed. Tucker could have smeared Madden all over the place if he had used his brains. As it was, the bout was called a draw.

Roy Brown, Vancouver outfielder, put up a rattling good scrap with "Rough House" Burns in a preliminary.

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Professional lacrosse is to be played here again this Summer. Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria will probably compose the league. Con Jones, local sporting man, is backing the Vancouver team.

Soccer will also be played here semi-professionally during the Summer.

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The senior amateur baseball leagues will operate here this season. All games will be played in the evening. The schedules are so worked out that there will be a game every day from May 1 to August 15. Last year one league alone cleared $800 profit by passing the hat at its three-a-week games, and turned the amount over to the Red Cross. The leagues to operate this year are the Commercial and the Vancouver City, the former having five teams and the latter eight. All three newspapers have teams entered in the City League.

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The recent amendment to the military service act lowering the draft age to 19 is expected to be a severe blow to amateur sport, although it has not yet made itself felt.

ANGELS SCORE 9 IN 1ST

BEES LOSE FARCE ON HOME LOT BY 13-TO-7 SCORE.

Recruit Pitchers Walk Five and Hit Two Before One Is Out—Farmer Drops Fly With Bases Full.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 20.—Manager McCredie again trotted out his three young pitchers today. Conkwright and Morton walked five men and hit two between them before there was a man out in the first inning and then, to cap the climax, Jack Farmer dropped an easy fly with the bases full. Los Angeles took a nine-run lead during the mix-up and was never headed, the farce ending 13 to 7. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
L. Angeles	13	13	1
Salt Lake..	7	9	4

Batteries—Pertica and Boles; Conkwright, Morton, Arkenburg and Konnick.

Vernon 4, San Francisco 1.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 20.—Vernon won from San Francisco during the first third of the first inning pitched by Seaton, when two walks and a double by Long paved the way for three runs. Dell held the visitors scoreless after the first inning and O'Doul, who succeeded Seaton in the box for the Seals, was scored on but once after the first. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
San Fran...	1	5	2
Vernon.....	4	4	1

Batteries—Seaton, O'Doul and Brooks; Dell and Devormer.

Sacramento 4, Oakland 2.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—In the first extra inning game of the season on the local grounds, Sacramento won from Oakland. Both Prough and West pitched excellent ball, but three successive errors by Arlett in the sixth allowed two runs to score.

Oakland tied the score in the seventh, but four singles and a stolen base by Sacramento in the 10th settled the game. Miller, sliding into second base in the second inning, collided with Elliott, severing an artery in the Sacramento shortstop's ankle. It was necessary to rush him to the hospital.

	R.	H.	E.
Sacramento	4	10	2
Oakland...	2	7	4

Batteries—West and Fisher; Prough and Mitze.

Twenty girls are operating the elevators in a big uptown store in New York. They are replacing a score of men.

GOLFERS COME OUT

Portland Club Links Crowded With Players Daily.

226 MEMBERS ARE ADDED

Campaign for Recruits Doubles Roll and Goal Is Set at 500—Ball Sweepstakes Entered by Number of Players; Scores Good.

With the advent of typical Spring weather, the links of the Portland Golf Club now present scenes of activity, the course being crowded nearly every afternoon. The turf on the fairways is excellent and the greens are almost perfect for putting.

Within the last six weeks 226 new members have been received into the club and most of them are taking advantage of the warm, clear weather. The club now has a membership of nearly 450 and before the campaign for recruits is closed it is expected that the membership will total 500.

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The play for ball sweepstakes staged last Sunday brought out a goodly number of golfers and some fair scores were made. George F. Anderson was the winner, turning in a gross score of 91 and a net of 76. Others made scores as follows: C. W. Myers, 98 gross and 78 net; C. E. McCullough, 98 gross and 80 net; George Schaefer, 98 gross and 84 net; R. B. Dorney, 109 gross and 80 net; F. A. Heitkemper, 115 gross and 82 net.

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The results of the thrift day rating tournament played two weeks ago were as follows:

Class A—C. W. Cornell 87, J. J. Gravely 90, J. R. Bertholt 91, George Schaefer 94, George Anderson 97, W. D. Scott 99, George Washburn 100, C. N. Sampson 101.

Class B—C. C. Gross 102; C. W. Myers 102, J. M. Angus 106, John Dickson 107, J. A. Dick 110; R. B. Dorney 111, R. S. McCarl 115, E. J. Shollard 122, F. J. Finley 123, J. H. Conoran 127, E. W. Skeele 131, E. H. Higgins 138.

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TAKE ON AD GOLF—IN TYPE

Chairman Gross, of the greens committee, has made a good showing in developing the new nine-hole course, despite the difficulty of obtaining workers. The fairways are coming along in good shape and with a few weeks of favorable weather they should be in playable condition. Most of the greens now have heavy stands of grass and some of them are in as good condition as those on the old course. If it were possible to hire more men, work on the new course could be completed in a very few days. Every effort will be made to have the course ready to use the latter part of May.

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Owing to the uncertainty of the weather, the match which was to have been played with the Eugene Golf Club at Eugene today was postponed until the first part of next month. By that time the Eugene course will be in much better condition. It is expected that a large team of representative players of the Portland Golf Club will participate in the inter-club competition.

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Beginners, as well as more seasoned players are urged to turn in their scores regularly, so that the handicap committee may be guided better in fixing handicaps. It is to the advantage of the player also to turn in his score for each time he plays 18 holes, for he will be able to get a better line on his playing for certain periods. No matter how poor one's score may be, the player is urged to keep a record of his playing and turn his score into the committee. W. D. Scott, chairman of the handicap committee, is putting in some hard work in arriving at fair handicaps. Players can greatly facilitate matters by co-operting with the committee.

Baseball on the Inside.
By Billy Evans.

Determining an Infield Fly.

"HOW do you determine an infield fly?" That question is put to me time and again during the playing season, and equally often during the Winter months.

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"Is there any time when certain conditions play a determining part as to whether the effort of the batsman is an infield fly or not?" That is another question that is often put up to me by the fan, also the player. Some interesting conditions can arise relative to the second query. I will discuss them in this article.

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Very often people get the impression that a ball must go a certain distance in the air before the umpire makes up his mind that said effort comes under the classification of an infield fly. Other people are of the impression that a fly ball must be actually handled by an infielder before it can come under said classification. Both impressions are entirely erroneous, as are many others concerning the infield fly, which by the way, never fails to stir up considerable agitation during the playing season.

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"An infield fly is just exactly what the rule book says it is," any fly ball other than a line drive that can be handled by an infielder. That section puts it entirely up to the umpire's judgment. Therefore, when the batsman, with men on first and second, or first, second and third, hits a fly ball, and less than two men are out, it instantly becomes the duty of the umpire to decide whether or not he believes the ball can be handled by an infielder. I have always believed it a wise move to reach a quick decision, because the base runner seeks protection at once, and he looks for advice from the umpire as to his definition of the hit. Once he makes his ruling he must ride through with it. His decision makes the effort an infield fly and retires the batsman, even though no infielder handles the ball, even though an outfielder attempts to do so.

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There is just one situation where the umpire should use great care as to his ruling on the infield fly. Such a situation comes with runners on first and second, and it becomes the duty of the batsman to attempt to move both runners up a base through the medium of a sacrifice, in other words a bunt. The infield when expecting such a play, resort to strategy to take care of all situations that may arise. At the start of the delivery the entire infield is in motion. It becomes the duty of the third sacker to cover that sack, in case there is a chance for a force at that base. The shortstop moves over to take care of any play at second, while the second baseman rushes over to cover first. It becomes the duty of the pitcher to handle all bunts down the third base way, while the first sacker takes care of all in his direction.

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Major league umpires exercise great care in such a crisis. Bunted fly balls that under ordinary conditions might be construed as infield flys, are not so regarded. It is deemed wise to make the infielders handle any kind of a batted ball with such conditions existing. This because the entire infield is in motion on the play, making it absolutely impossible to handle some plays that come up, which under ordinary conditions would be an easy out.

It is to be regretted there is not some sort of form of instruction in the book covering this play. It is a source of constant trouble in the minors and amateurs, where the umpires fail to take into consideration the conditions, rule the hit an infield fly and very often the ball drops to the ground without anyone even coming close to making a play on it.

WEALTHY CLUBMAN SUED

Mrs. Marian Bragg Laws Charges Cruelty and Neglect.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 10.—Mrs. Marion Bragg Laws, daughter and heiress of the late millionaire, C. C. Bragg, Ohio capitalist, and sister of Caleb Bragg, noted automobile and aviator racer, has entered suit against her husband, Harry Langdon Laws, wealthy clubman and Louisiana plantation owner, asking divorce and alimony and custody of their child, a boy about 9 years. The charges include cruelty and neglect.

Two years ago Mrs. Laws went West in the hope that the health of the young son would improve. However, soon after her departure it became known to close friends of the couple that a divorce suit was contemplated. Laws, the husband, is quite well known in Southern California aviation and automobile racing circles and is a son of Harry L. Laws, Cincinnati (O.) insurance magnate. Both Laws and his wife moved in the most exclusive society circles.

Russia to Get Farm Machinery.

AMSTERDAM, April 2.—Two thousand carloads of German agricultural machinery are to be sent to Russia this Spring to be used in growing food for Germany, according to the Breslau Volkswacht. A large quantity of pdows and other machinery which was on the way from German manufacturers to Holland has been stopped and sent to Russia instead, the paper adds.

TENNIS WOMEN TO AID RELIEF WORK

National Association Plans Series of Tournaments to Establish War Fund.

BRIDGE PARTY GIVES IDEA

Scheme Involves Chain of Tourneys From Which Other Series Are Evolved—All Members of Association Clubs Eligible.

An organized effort to enlist in war relief work women throughout the United States who are interested in tennis has been started by the incorporation of the National Tennis Women's War Relief Association. The signers of the certificate of incorporation are Mrs. Lindley Z. Murray, Miss Elizabeth H. Moore, Miss Marie Wagner, Miss Bessie Holden, Miss Molla Bjurstedt and Miss Edith Bagg.

These six have merely undertaken the preliminaries of incorporation, for the details of organization will be completed at a meeting scheduled for May 2, to which all women of the metropolitan district who are interested in tennis are invited. At that time the scope of the proposed work will be outlined and an opportunity will be given those present to become charter members of the association.

Bridge Gives Idea.

This undertaking really goes back to a bridge party, which was one of a chain of such events, being played for some charity. "If we can play bridge for such a purpose, why can't we play tennis?" someone asked, and there the plan started.

It was simple enough, for each of the 16 women who took part in the first tournament pledged herself to hold another, in which 12 of her friends would play. Each of the 12 in turn was to hold a tournament for eight — her friends, and so on. An entry fee of $1 was charged each time.

Everyone was so well pleased with what had been accomplished by a comparatively small effort on the individual's part that they decided to make it a bigger proposition this season. Hence the incorporation of the National Tennis Women's War Relief Association. Its purpose as set forth in its by-laws is "to gather, obtain and produce by its own instrumentalities, by any appropriate means, funds and to furnish and apply the same to war relief."

Membership Fee, $1.

The first source of revenue will be a membership fee of $1. This is expected to provide a considerable sum, for the organization is being developed on National lines. Although the start has been made in New York, the idea has been well received everywhere, and women who have been approached are enthusiastic as to the possibilities. The scheme of organization is to appoint local chairmen who will name their own committees in their respective clubs or cities. These chairmen as members of the board of governors will decide upon the disposal of funds.

Membership is open to "tennis women who are members of clubs holding a membership in the United States National Lawn Tennis Association. Other persons not so affiliated may, from time to time, be elected to membership, who, united in spirit, intent and purpose, desire to co-operate in the efforts of this organization."

FISH LAWS ARE SUSPENDED

Bureau of Fisheries Co-operates With Federal Food Officals.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Many million pounds of fish are being added to the Nation's food supply by action of the Bureau of Fisheries in co-operation with the Food Administration in the Gulf states.

Temporary relaxation of the local fish laws, which will permie net fishing during the closed season for certain fish, other than game fish, has been agreed upon with the understanding that the Federal Government save and hatch eggs of fish taken and rescue young fish entrapped in over-flowed lands. To enabel the Bureau of Fisheries to undertake this work $20,000 has been placed at its disposal from the National Security and Defense fund. Provision is being made for temporary fish hatcheries and rescue parties have been sent out to overflowed lands.

It is estimated that 20,000,000 pounds of wholesome food fish which otherwise be unavailable will be taktn during the closed season under the relaxation of the laws.

Rescue operations, Commissioner Smith, of the Bureau of Fisheries, says, will be of incalculable value inasmuch as the many millions of immature food fish that may be saved would otherwise inevitably be wasted. Results of hte rescue operations will be manifest after one year. In the upper Mississippi Valley this year more than 25,000,000 food and game fish were saved from overflowed lands.

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