

# BIG LEAGUES GOING BACK; MINORS RISE

**By Monty.**  
New York, July 1.—Whatever the morula of baseball may tell you, regardless of how they may boost their own game, there is one thing that stands out noticeably as an undeniable fact—big leagues are going back.

Where a few years ago—yes, one year ago—there was a wealth of capable men for each position on the diamond, when top-notch ball was being played at least half the time in the big leagues, there is very little of the first caliber article being displayed in the majors now. The conditions in the National league find their duplicate in the American. And the line of demarcation that logically should distinguish the two larger organizations from the little fellows is now fainter than ever.

**Minors Have Advanced.**  
The minors have come up with a rush. There is no getting away from the fact that the real stars of the minors at present are the veterans who were let out by the big leagues. It breaks the heart of a major league manager to have to back a player who has been banished because, in the manager's opinion, the man had become a has-been. When these veterans are sent, and the minor league club is in consequence almost, if not quite as strong as the big league outfit that is missing out because of the narrowness or false pride of its leader.

Who would be willing to lay 10 to 1 that a team like the St. Louis Browns or the Boston Rustlers could beat Columbus of the American association? Not many. At best, it would be even money, whereas even these tall men should, in the natural order of things, be top-heavy favorites over any team the minors could put forward.

**Differences Between Stars.**  
One thing that strikes the veteran fan, this year, is the tremendous difference between the stars and the rest of the bunch. The good ones look better and the bad ones worse. And there are more of the latter getting away with the lucrative berths than ever before. It is the contrast that makes the good ones look better. The few really high class men—and they can be counted on your fingers and toes—are made by the comparison to look like veritable man-mountains.

To Cobb in the goods. So is Eddie Collins; Hovey, Magee, Lajoie, Wagner, Chase, Breshnahan, Joe Jackson, Kling, Melvin, Byrne, Gibson, Grant, Hofman, Speaker, Crawford, Chief Myers, Bode and a few others. These men are all some of the first water, equal to the top liners of other days. But where there are a dozen now, there were 50 then. This leaves out the pitchers. The genuine star fingers in the two leagues at present number barely a half dozen.

**Major League Strife.**  
Mathewson once looms up as the most consistently effective twirler in the game. Russell Ford, of his rival New York club, is about the next best in captivity. Ed Walsh of the White Sox is again performing like a champion as the ace pitcher for many of the Pirates. Walter Johnson, the backbone of the Washington Americans, is another live one, and Harry Sallee, the elongated southpaw of the St. Louis Cardinals, is doing great work. Old Cy Young, of Cleveland, is also still a

first rater. But, beyond these few, it would be hard to name any who can honestly be placed in the best bet division.

There are several heavers winning games with comparative regularity, who bank in reflected glory, earned by their teammates in the field and at bat. Among these might be mentioned such men as Earl Moore, Howard Camnitz, Ed Reubach, Miner Brown and George Mullin—all of them passable twirlers, but not the wonders that would be indicated by their percentages of victories. There are several dozen just or nearly as good and some better ones who own marks far less impressive. But, after taking a look over the whole bunch, you are forced to concede that the pitching has retrograded more within the last year probably than any other department of the game. You can't blame it all on the lively ball.

**May Have Great Season.**  
The law of rise and ebb holds forth in baseball the same as it does in all other things. It may be that next year will witness one of the greatest seasons in the history of the national pastime, and such would not be contrary to precedent. Often a bad season is followed the very next year by one completely the reverse.

If the managers would forget all this personal pride thing and would admit a mistake when they see they are wrong, we might have some old familiar faces cawing around the green again. But if there is a more egotistical animal in the world than baseball manager, it has never been put inside a cage.

Frank Chance saw clearly his error in letting Steinfield go. There was a constant weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in St. Louis for many months after the demoralization of the Browns when McAleer turned loose the men who almost landed a pennant for him in 1925. Those same individuals, Hobe Ferris and Jimmy Williams, went to Minneapolis of the American association and delivered a class of goods that far surpassed anything the new Browns displayed. And, even today, they are good enough for any man's team. But they stay buried so far as the Honorable Hedges and his lieutenant on the field, Wallace, are concerned. Dozens of other such cases could be cited, all going to show where the builders of teams have accomplished negative results by their desire to improve the roster.

Their over-anxiety to make good has worked their disaster.

**Scouting Now Scramble.**  
The young fellows are all right, they are necessary. However, the gambling chance of picking up a possible star has caused the pouring of many a great drop of the diamond into their hands. The good grades of his boss during a temporary slump in his work. The scouting for the youngsters has degenerated into a mad scramble. A manager gets a tip that such and such youth is playing good ball and he grabs the "5000 beauty" before he can begin to know what is in him. Nine tenths of the expensive purchases of the last few years have turned out to be lemons of the rankest sort. Their work that is all right, but every time a new one was taken out, a veteran had to go—a man who often had several years of good baseball left in him.

But the loss of the majors has been the minors' gain.

# X-RAY REVEALS A CRACK IN BILL RODGER'S LIMB

## Photograph Made of Portland's Speedy Second Baseman's Leg Shows a Wide Fracture of Fibula.

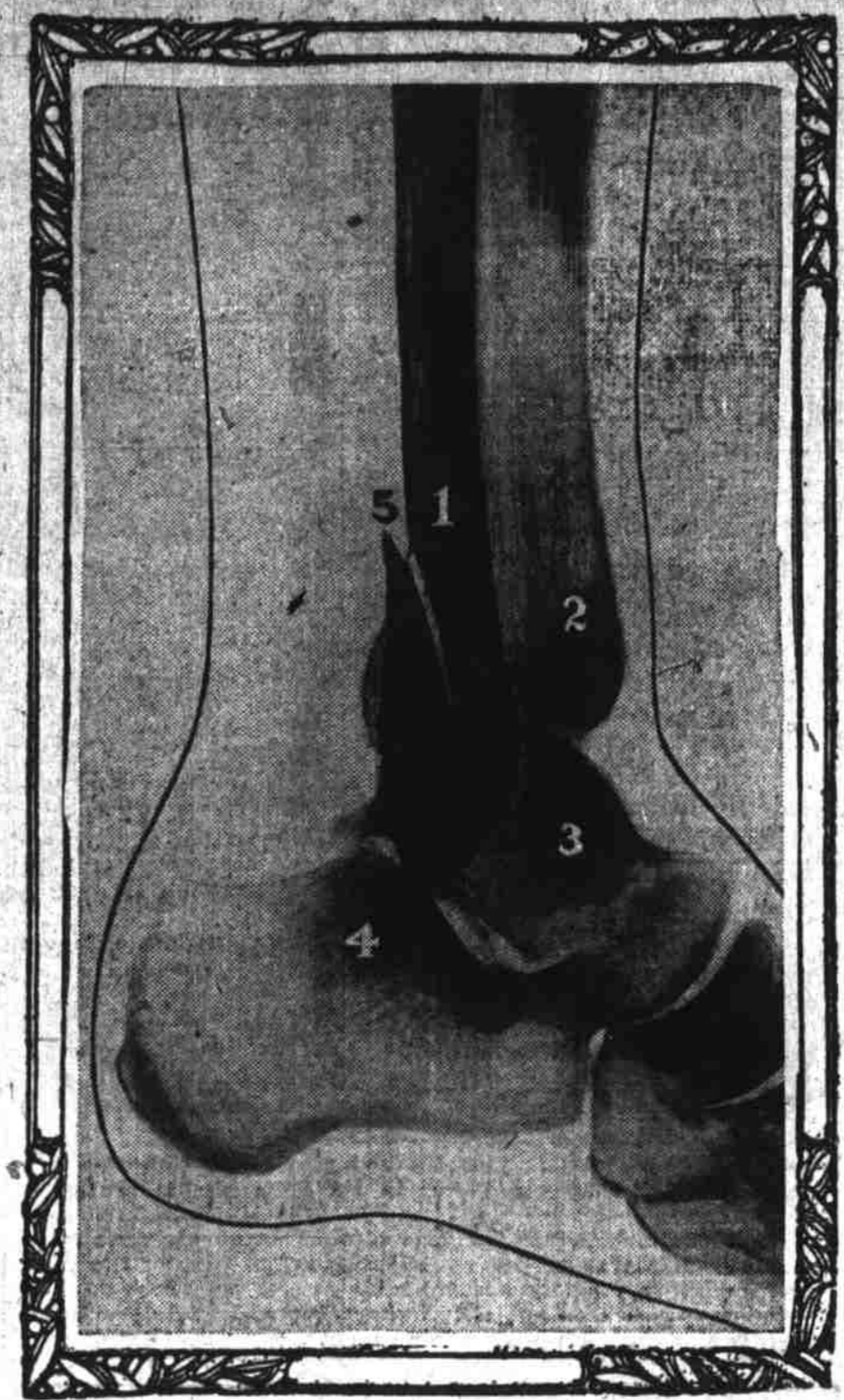
Thousands of Portland baseball fans are anxious to learn the exact cause of the injury to Bill Rodgers, the crack second baseman of the Beavers, who suffered a fractured fibula in a game against Vernon two weeks ago. Rodgers' untimely injury was undoubtedly the cause of the loss of six of the seven games of the series to Oakland, for after he was out team work went to pieces. An X-ray photograph, taken of the injured bone shows a clear crack of the fibula or small bone of the calf of the leg. The bone is now knitting nicely and Rodgers does not suffer much pain from it, although he is forced to get around on crutches. The worst part, he says, comes from the sprained ankle, which was sustained at the same time the bone was fractured.

Rodgers was injured in an attempt to steal second in one of the games. Roy Brashear was standing in front of the bag ready to take the throw and Bill resolved to make a "hook" slide. The spikes sank deeply into the hard earth and refused to budge, when he let himself over to get out of reach of Brashear. The strain of his wriggling body was on the right leg and one of the bones had to give, the fibula naturally breaking because it was the smallest and weakest member.

**Exact Break Shown.**  
The X-ray photograph printed exclusively in The Journal today shows the exact break in Rodgers' leg. The bone is shown perfectly in the photograph, the flesh being outlined. The camera was turned on the right side of the right leg. The large lighter bone, No. 2, is the tibia and lying on the right side of it is the fractured fibula, No. 1. No. 3 shows the point and severity of the break. No. 4 is the calcaneus, or heel bone and No. 5 the tragus. The X-ray photograph shows that the fibula was not entirely split, but the crack occurred at such a point that it will probably be a month before Rodgers is able to make another sneak down to second base on a rival ball team.

Bill is cheerful over his injury and is chafing to get into the game again in short order. His local physician has given him orders to stay off the foot so that it will heal the more quickly. Physicians say that the injury ought not to diminish Rodgers' speed in fielding his position or on the paths and the exact time to resume his place on the fastest man in the league getting down to first.

# X-RAY PHOTOGRAPH OF BILL RODGER'S BROKEN LEG



Exclusive picture of shattered fibula in ankle of star second baseman of the champions of the Pacific Coast league. The story is told in another column.

# LAKE CITY COURSE IS MAGNET FOR RUNNERS

Spokane, Wash., July 1.—So keen is the appreciation of horsemen all over the country of the importance and certain success of the big 42 day program of running races at Spokane this fall, that early reservations are coming in fast. Secretary Smith announced yesterday that the total number of stalls already reserved—10 weeks in advance of the opening day—was 150.

The promoters of the meet are astonished at this indication that they might as well begin right away to build more stalls than 500, their original plans, for if 150 are reserved 10 weeks in advance, it is certain the remaining 10 weeks will find more than 400 more demands for space.

**Share Fall Outing Resources.**  
Not content with offering the devotees of the race course the banner meet of the west with a 36 day speed program, at the meeting commencing September 11, the Coeur d'Alene Fair and Racing association is making a bid for tourist travel, holding forth as inducements the lure of trout and lake, bathing the equal of the sea resorts, and scenery unsurpassed in the west.

The citizens of Coeur d'Alene, a thriving city of 15,000 on the edge of Lake Coeur d'Alene, one of the largest fresh water lakes in the country, are planning to make their city the headquarters of the racing population which will flock to the track only six miles away. Hotel accommodations are being provided, while among the amusements will be numerous excursions on lake and river.

**One Week at Interstate Fair.**  
While the many horsemen who plan to number their strings among the 1000 ponies scheduled for the Lake City campaign are figuring on 36 days of racing, with seven big feature purses, including the \$2000 Lake City derby, the six days of racing at the Spokane Interstate fair, which breaks into the Lake City meet, will give the horsemen 42 days of speed.

The Lake City meet will open on September 11, run for 15 days, then lay off for one week, during which the majority of the horses will run on the Spokane Interstate Fair half mile track, for purses ranging from \$500 to \$2000, and then go back to the Idaho track for the final 18 days.

**Well Known Horsemen Coming.**  
With the opening of the program over 10 weeks away, the interest among the horsemen at Lagoon, British Columbia, and even Latvia, is astonishing. The following horsemen will be among the first to send their strings to the Lake City track: St. James stables (Irving Wheatcroft), H. G. Bedwell, Earl Linnell, E. G. Soule, J. H. Adams, E. Mathias, C. P. Laar, H. M. Mason, J. E. King, F. W. Forsting, Frank Farrer, D. S. Fountain, C. Mulholland, G. Thomas, W. O'Rourke, Chris Martin, Emory Wright, E. Kaufman, C. Davis, Charles Lewis, Fred Foster, W. P. Maxwell, W. Covington, W. McDonald, William Hawk, W. Pine, R. J. Farria, J. Kraus, G. Durstler, Garrity & Dunlap, J. B. Brien, T. Goulding, H. McEwen, Ed Getchell, J. Shilling, Keene Bros., C. A. Garson Bros., Gifford & Stevens and Allen Cavan.

**High Stake List.**  
The following are the Lake City stakes, entries for which close August 10: Inauguration Selling stakes, \$1000, six furlongs, September 11, 3-year-old and upwards; Inland Empire handicap, one mile, September 16, 3-year-old and upwards; Juvenile stakes, \$1000, five furlongs, September 23, 2-year-old foal of 1931; Elks' handicap, \$1000, one mile and one-eighth, September 30, 3-year-olds and upward; speed handicap, \$1000, five furlongs, October 14, for all ages; Lake City Derby, \$2000, one mile and one-eighth, October 21, 3-year-old foal of 1931; Idaho selling stakes, \$1000, seven furlongs, October 28, for all ages. The stakes of the Interstate Fair meeting follow: Spokane Derby, \$2000, one mile and one-eighth; Spokane handicap, \$1000, one mile seven furlongs.

# SINGLE SCULLING IS POPULAR AGAIN

## Bill Naughton Writes of Water Sport on His Old Stamping Ground.

Sydney, Australia, May 9.—I find the Australians are touchy on the subject of world supremacy in rowing. At present the badge of supremacy, the world around, is worn by one Dick Arnst, a native of Mooriland, which to me is a matter of surprise, as in the old days the Dominion of New Zealand did not rank with the commonwealth of Australia in the development of oarsmen. One has only to recall the names of Trickett, Clifford, Beach, Stanbury and Seale, all of Australia, to make this fact apparent.

The last named was, in my way of thinking, the best that Australia ever sent abroad on a world conquering mission. I was a guest on the press boat on "Old Father" Thames in London back in 1923, when Seale's defeat of O'Connor of Canada in a race which was probably the cause of more money changing hands than any like event the world has known.

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composed as though just about to start on a practice spin, "all by his lonely." Suddenly Seale shouted "go on, I'll follow you," and O'Connor needed no second bidding. His blades scooped the water and his shell fairly leaped to the front. But he did not get very far away. Seale was in motion before the Canadian had gained a lead of a third of a length, and, hooked up thusly, they started on the race on which so much depended.

**Base Man in First Mile.**  
O'Connor, it was said, always beat his men in the first mile, and he made valiant efforts to dispose of Seale the way he had disposed of many others. But it couldn't be done. The Canadian's face suggested both desperation and determination. He was selling his neck stood out like cords and I'll warrant there wasn't a fiber of his sinewy frame that wasn't working to its full capacity.

The other man, so far as I could see, was rather flustered, nor extended. He was water and his shell fairly leaped to the front. But he did not get very far away. Seale was in motion before the Canadian had gained a lead of a third of a length, and, hooked up thusly, they started on the race on which so much depended.

**Revival in Antipodes.**  
They say there is every indication of a revival of interest in single sculling in Australia. For the Paramatta Hundred, a race for which the prize was 100 pounds and which was rowed recently, there were no less than 54 entries. There may be some Beches and Seales in that lot.

Amidst in the meantime Australia is to make an attempt to recover the world's professional championship with the oars from New Zealand. A race between Harry Pearce, champion of Australia, and Dick Arnst of New Zealand, the world's title sculler, has been arranged for the near future, and if present plans hold the result will be known before this article appears in print.

# COSTER'S BACKERS PUT UP SPARE CHANGE

Los Angeles, Cal., July 1.—Admirers of Joe Coster, the husky little bantamweight who is scheduled to clash 30 rounds here on the afternoon of July 4 with Joe Rivers, are planking down all their loose change on the little easterner at the juicy odds of 10 to 3.

Coster's manager says that he is going to get down their end of the purse at these odds, as he believes that a comparison of the records will show that Coster should be the favorite. No flaw has been found in Coster's condition, and the fact that Rivers has been the favorite in this sport for many of the determination of his followers to play him through to the end of his winning streak. Rivers has not yet had a single decision chalked up against him. Both fighters are on edge for Tuesday's contest.

# PORTLAND WILL MAKE BID

(Continued from Page Four.)  
D. G. Cooper, stroke; R. Z. Meyers, No. 4; A. Lewellen, No. 2; J. H. McDonald, bow.

Portland Rowing club, No. 2 crew—H. G. Chickering, stroke; F. DeMarr, No. 3; L. R. Prater, No. 2; V. G. Stone, bow.

Portland Rowing club, No. 3 crew—E. O. Gloss, stroke; O. J. Stordorf, No. 3; E. E. Tuck, No. 2; V. Dent, bow.

James Bay Athletic association, Victoria—S. Malatesta, stroke; T. Davidson, No. 3; F. A. Stackpoole, No. 2; S. P. Coit, bow.

**Junior Singles.**  
Vancouver Rowing club—D. P. Bell, Irving.

Portland Rowing club—A. Pfander.

Portland Rowing club—F. H. Newell.

**Junior Doubles.**  
Vancouver Rowing club—K. C. C. Taylor, stroke; D. P. Bell, Irving.

Portland Rowing club—A. Pfander, stroke; F. B. Newell, bow.

James Bay Athletic association, Victoria—H. C. Hoppood, stroke; T. B. Monk, bow.

**Intermediate Doubles.**  
Vancouver Rowing club—K. C. Taylor, stroke; G. G. Simpson, bow.

**Senior Singles.**  
Vancouver Rowing club—N. C. Sawyers.

Portland Rowing club—E. O. Gloss.

James Bay Athletic association, Victoria—W. N. Kennedy.

# NICKS AND TURKS BREAK

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and converts it into a Texas back of third base, and Messers. Casey and Williams sprinted across the plate. Mensor made third in the return to the plate and then with Pettigrew pulled off a nifty double steal that allowed Eddie to slide into the plate. Coltrin closed the winning by falling for three wind caroms.

**Allen Is Favored.**  
"Scarface" Allen threw the official hooks into Mundorff for kicking on a third strike, and this necessitated a shifting of positions, Mensor coming in to third, Harris shifting to the outfield and Varsity Moore going behind the bat.

The second game was a pitchers' battle between Zacher and Eastley, with the Seattle southpaw having a bit the better of it. It was Eastley's first game since his recent indisposition, and in view of the fact that he only left his bed last week he pitched a creditable game. It was his own wildness that gave the visitors their first run. In the fifth inning Bues opened with a single to right. Here Eastley had the misfortune to make a wild throw to first to catch Bues napping, and when the ball was dug out of the bescherer's netting Bues was perched nonchalantly on third, whence he scored on Raymond's single to center, after Weed tapped to Mundorff. Raymond tried to take second on the throw-in from Men-

# FRANK ARCHER SIGNED BY SEATTLE MANAGER

Frank Archer, the southpaw, who was released Friday by Manager Williams of the Nicks, was signed yesterday by Manager Jack Tige of the Seattle Turks. Williams was already supplied with two southpaws, Jensen and Tonneson, and Tige has been after another port alder. The Portland fans are hoping that Archer gets an even break on the luck with Seattle.

# Lewis Suffering Pain.

Sacramento, Cal., July 1.—Jimmy Lewis, Sacramento outfielder, struck by a pitched ball thrown by Pitcher Koester of Portland yesterday, is in a serious condition today. He is suffering excruciating pain in his head. Physicians have not yet determined the exact extent of his injuries. They believe his skull is fractured.

# Hunt Club Meeting Tuesday.

A meeting of the Hunt club will be held early next week to make plans for the summer. Since the Rose Festival riders have been very quiet and the rainy weather of the past few days has kept all but the most ardent devotees from indulging in the sport but with the promise of clear weather they will all be out again.

# Seattle Innings.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Leard, 2b	4	0	2	2	2	0
Cruikshank, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Ort, 1b	4	1	1	2	0	0
Bues, 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0
Weed, rf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Ort, lf	4	1	2	6	0	0
Raymond, ss	2	1	0	4	2	0
Knights, p	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sage, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	8	7	24	9	0

# Portland Innings.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Mundorff, 2b	3	0	2	3	0	0
Casey, 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0
Stovall, rf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Williams, lf	4	0	1	5	1	0
Mensor, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Pettigrew, if	4	0	1	1	0	0
Coltrin, ss	3	0	0	6	3	0
Harris, c	3	0	1	5	3	0
Eastley, p	3	0	1	1	1	1
Totals	29	0	4	27	12	1

# GRESHAM GIANTS TO PLAY RUPERTS TODAY

The Eschies and Gresham teams will clash this morning at 10 o'clock on the Vaughn street park, the winning team getting the \$100 side bet and the gate receipts. "Red" Rupert, manager of

# YACHT CLUB HAS PLANS FOR SUMMER

Racing and Pleasure Sailing Will Have Play Until Fall.

The wet weather of the past week has put a damper on yacht racing, but plans for the future provide plenty of sport in this line. The award of the commodore's flag to Mr. Haastof, owner of the "Spindrift," as the result of the defeat of the "Swallow" two weeks ago was made by the race committee of the Yacht club last Wednesday evening. This pennant is the gift of Commodore W. A. Knight and must be worn three times in succession in order to become the permanent property of the winner.

The pennant can be challenged for at any time and T. J. Mendenhall has already arranged to race the "Fore-an-Aft" against the "Spindrift" with a handsome side bet. The race was to have been sailed last Friday evening but was called off on account of lack of wind. It will be pulled off the first evening the wind is strong enough to permit the course to be covered in the allotted time.

Two races will be sailed this afternoon, both for important cups. The first will be a free-for-all race from the Yacht club to the Hawthorne bridge and return. The winner will receive the silver cup offered by Frank Creasy, another cup which must be won three times in succession for permanent ownership. The second prize in this race is a handsome Yacht club pennant.

The second race will be for the Ira Powers perpetual challenge cup put up by Mr. Powers in 1900. The 18 foot boats will be given a 15 minute handicap.

Nine new members were admitted to the club at the meeting of the board of directors, Thursday night. Commodore Knight expressed himself as very much pleased at the enthusiasm and interest taken by boat owners and the healthy condition of club affairs.

Three races are planned for the fourth of July, a free-for-all and two dinghy races, one for 18 footers and the other for the smaller ones. Many of the owners are cleaning their boats for these races and they promise to be very keenly contested.

Homer Woodward, of the Yacht club, has completed his new motor boat and launched her last Friday. She will be put into commission today and is expected to show good speed.

T. J. Mendenhall has purchased a Morris canoe from L. V. Woodward capable of carrying six people. Mr. Mendenhall has a fine large houseboat near the club and will use the canoe as a tender, as well as for pleasure.

The houseboat owners are completing elaborate plans for the entertainment of guests at their at home which will take place at an early date. The afternoon will be occupied with the natural diversions of houseboating, swimming, canoeing, sailing and rowing. After a houseboat supper the guests will be entertained with a dance at the Yacht club.

**Burke Beats Nelson.**  
New York, July 1.—Sailor Burke put Ted Nelson of Australia out in three rounds here, despite the fact that the Australian had Burke nearly out in the first round. The sailor came back strong, and after pushing Nelson badly in the second, landed a terrific swing on the jaw in the third which put Nelson out.

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