

It Is a Commentary That Officer Green Will Teach Us How Not to Jaywalk

COAST LEAGUERS PLAN TO APPLY FOR SEATTLE AND PORTLAND GROUND

Local Fans Believe That McCredie and Dugdale Are Thick With California Magnates in Making It an All-Coast Circuit; Vancouver and Victoria Sought for Canadian League.

BEYOND the statement that the Coast league directors have chatted away the preliminaries in their San Francisco meeting and are now prepared to take up the question of applying for the Portland-Seattle territory, little information has come north.

Deducing from rumors here and there, a chance remark dropped on the village air and the non-communicative attitude of the McCredies, something that the family has never exhibited before, it looks as if the proposition of preliminaries to the admission of Seattle and Portland were cut long ago and stuck in the attic to dry.

Seattle and Portland are just as good as in the Coast league and do not, be surprised if Daniel E. Dugdale is succeeded in the ownership of the Seattle franchise by a syndicate of Seattle or Portland business men ready to take a chance on baseball paying in 1919 and thereafter.

The Northwest league voting power is now in the hands of four men and Judge McCredie is the most powerful. What he says will go. He will have no interference from Spokane or Vancouver, which dropped out of the league. In fact Bob Brown of the Vancouver club has asked permission of the National association to claim Vancouver and Victoria in a western Canada league that would comprise those two cities and Saskatoon and Alberta.

Much Weight in Affairs Judge McCredie is the guiding hand in the Portland and Vancouver, Wash., club, and Dugdale has the reins at Seattle. These portly gentlemen have had much to do with each other via the Burleson system this winter, which of itself is enough to make one believe that Mac and Dug and the Coast boys have everything cut and dried.

Captain Nick Williams, U. S. A., who recently received his discharge, has been seen in close conference with Judge McCredie the past few days and it is not beyond the realm of possibility that something is being cooked up for Captain Nick. Fleider Jones also dropped a remark the other day that he might get into baseball again in the Northwest, which would indicate that Jones may be angling for the Seattle franchise.

Judge McCredie has had a number of conferences with railroad officials over the transportation problem and while they have not given him any particular encouragement, he thinks a schedule could be figured out which would keep transportation at a minimum on the coast with two clubs in the northwest.

Admit Club Will Be In San Francisco, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Seattle and Portland are to be admitted to membership in the Pacific Coast league.

Directors of the organization at a closed meeting yesterday voted to expand the league into an eight club circuit. But the directors today were extremely reticent regarding their plans. The only thing Charles Graham of the San Francisco club would admit was that Portland and Seattle would be in the circuit when the league opened this spring.

It was also learned that John Powers of Los Angeles was appointed a delegate to the National Association of Minor Leagues meeting in Chicago on January 14 and the meeting of the minors and majors in New York on January 18.

The directors will meet again today and it is barely possible that an official statement will be given out some time this evening. In the event that the eight circuit plan is carried out, the league will consist of the following clubs: San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Portland, Salt Lake, Seattle, Vernon and Sacramento.

Rumors also prevail that President Al T. Baum is to be ousted at today's meeting, but verification could not be obtained. Neither Baum nor the directors would discuss the reports.

Seattle Urges Dugdale Seattle, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—High cost of transportation appears to be the only obstacle to the entrance of

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Golden Tornado Hires Heisman Another Season

John W. Heisman, who coached Georgia Tech through its long string of football victories, has signed a one year contract to tutor the Golden Tornado during the season of 1919. The salary fixed for the three months of coaching is said to be \$7500. It is also reported that Georgia Tech offered Glenn Warner, the Pittsburg coach, \$16,000 to take over the tutoring job here. Warner turned it down, saying he was satisfied at Pittsburg.

this city into the Coast league. Seattle fans and the local press are urging D. E. Dugdale, local owner, to accept the Coast league directors' plan of an eight-club, all-coast league.

If Dugdale could see any possibility of a reduction in passenger and Pullman rates, or if he thought there was a possibility of making special rates with the railroad administration, he would favor the change heartily, he said today.

Boxing Seat Sale Now on at Heilig Theatre's Office

Seats for the Portland boxing commission's smoker at the Heilig theatre next Thursday night were placed on sale at the Heilig box office this morning. Boxing patrons are therefore directed to secure their seats at the theatre as they will not be on sale at the cigar stores, as in the past.

It was believed there would be less confusion in seating the public if all the seats were handled at the Heilig office as is done with the theatrical performances.

Joe Burman Is Going After Champ Herman

Joe Burman, through his manager, Tommy Walsh, announces that he is about to open up a campaign now that the war is over to force Pete Herman, present champion among the bantams, to fight for the title. So here is possibility No. 2. Burman, according to the Philadelphia papers, owns that city at the present time. They think he is about the greatest little thing in gloves that ever happened.

So, with the chance of the White-Leonard fight and the two above mentioned, it ought to be a real season for the fans.

For shoe manufacturers a machine has been invented to lace the sides of the tops of shoes together so that they can be drawn tightly over the lasts.

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Saw Hun Surrender Shawkey Near Pole

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Bob Shawkey, who left the Yankees last summer to take his place as a member of the crew of the U. S. S. Arkansas, an exceedingly fortunate young man, for he was permitted to witness the surrender of the German high seas fleet to the allied naval forces. Bob tells briefly of this experience and of a few more only slightly less interesting in a letter just received by Harry Sparrow.

Shawkey has seen service in foreign waters since last July, when the Arkansas on which he is a chief yeoman, and other vessels of the Ninth battleship division joined the British grand fleet—which, Bob says, incidentally is "wanna fleet." This division, with the British men-of-war, had its base at the Firth of Forth, and patrolled the North sea in search of submarines frequently skirting the coasts of Norway and Sweden.

"Once," writes Shawkey, "we were within 50 miles of the Arctic circle and the seas were very high and very rough."

When Bob wrote the division to proceed to Norfolk, England, and from there to Brest to take part in the reception of President Wilson, Shawkey, incidentally with the assurance that he is ready to play ball in the spring, and believes that he will be discharged from the navy in time to get to Miller Higgins at the training camp.

Catcher Rico Dies From Peritonitis

Boston, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Arthur Rico, the young catcher of the Boston National league club, died of peritonitis, superinduced by appendicitis. Rico was recently discharged from the United States navy, having served on the U. S. S. George in foreign waters. Rico was 26 years old and unmarried.

Kauf Signs Contract New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Benny Kauf is the first major league star to sign a 1919 contract. Kauf signed with the Giants for one year, setting the pace for several hundred unsigned major leaguers.

Denver Folk Paying All Sorts of Prices For Street Car Ride

Denver, Colo., Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Some of the patrons of the Denver Tramway company today are riding for 5 cents, others are paying 6, 7 or 8, according to destination. Those who pay the maximum receive a receipt for the ride, redeemable at face value if the courts decide the company is not entitled to the money. Extra police are stationed in the downtown district and at the terminals of lines that carry the heaviest traffic in the rush hours. City officials refused to tolerate a trying up of traffic when the company attempted to stop cars on which some of the passengers paid only 5 cents fare.

Victor Berger Trial Is Near Completion

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—A speedy end to evidence in the Berger trial here was predicted today. Government attorneys had hopes of seeing the case go to the jury before evening, but others were less optimistic. Victor L. Berger, on the stand in the espionage trial, protested he was no pacifist. Upton Sinclair, Charles E. Russell, President Wilson and others were criticized. The senate was referred to as a "millionaire's club."

Socialists Named to Attend Conference

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—Names of American delegates to the international Socialist congress at Lausanne, Switzerland, this month were announced today. John M. Work of Victor Berger's Milwaukee Leader, Algisonee Lee and James O'Neal of New York are the men.

Money Fight to Go Before Legislature

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—Labor will take to the legislature the fight for a new trial for Thomas Mooney. This was decided Friday night at the labor council session, when a resolution pledging the council to petition the legislature to enact legislation that will lead to a new trial was adopted. Labor representatives to the legislature will be pledged to make the fight.

Republican Women To Decide on Policy

Washington, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—Republican women will formulate their policies concerning reconstruction, educational and political problems at a meeting of the Republican women's national executive committee in Chicago, January 8. The committee will have a joint conference with the Republican national committee January 10.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—After-the-war problems confronting the sport world include questions of what is going to happen to the ranks of the amateurs. Amateur sports always have been divided into two classes—amateurs which competed with professionals and amateurs which had the field practically to themselves. In the latter class may be grouped football, basketball and field games, and other such sports. Baseball and boxing are the two most prominent of the professional sports competing with amateurs, and which give a wide margin to the professionals.

Baseball probably will continue the uneven tenor of its long and troubled existence. The professionals will continue to dominate the game. Amateur baseball is so decidedly lacking in attractiveness to the persons who have become accustomed to seeing high class professionals perform that it has no hold on the nation. Occasionally there are games among the amateurs which produce such phenomena as that which attended a game in Cleveland when 50,000 persons were present at a game for the amateur championship. But they are rare—extremely so.

The same facts hold good for boxing. Therefore, the conclusion may be drawn that, despite the popularity of sports in army and navy, the American public will continue to patronize the professionals instead of staging its own entertainment.

Golf Is Immune This will not hold good for golf and tennis, which, as amateur sports, have to be touched by the hand of the professional to a great extent. Golf enjoys its professional tournaments, which are greatly similar to its amateur tournaments. The resumption of golf probably will place that sport on a footing never before realized, while the advance of tennis since war broke has been a remarkable addition to the history of that game. That the Davis cup matches and other brilliant fixtures of this game will be revived early is a foregone conclusion.

Five Hurt in Collision

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—One woman and four men were injured, seriously, when an Illinois Central train collided with the rear end of a Blue Island suburban train in the local yards early today.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Billy Miske and Jack Dempsey may meet in a long distance bout, according to advices from New Orleans today. Miske, it is said, has already agreed to face the Californian over the 20 round distance, and Dempsey is expected to sign up unless the promoters can hook Jess Willard for him. The reports from the Crescent City intimate that the bout may be labeled a championship affair and that the winner may claim to the heavyweight title, completely ignoring Willard. Just how this would be taken by the fistic public remains to be seen. It is doubtful that the winner of a Dempsey-Miske bout would get recognition. But the bout would attract a great deal of interest.

Miske stands out today as the one riddle that the cyclonic Dempsey has been unable to solve. The men have met several times and Dempsey has always come away the winner, but he has not been able to knock out Miske, though he bows over all the big lads like ninetails. In a 30-round bout Miske believes he would have a better chance to even up the count against the young tornado from the far-away Pacific, and, to say the least, the bout would be a card.

With Miske waiting in the offing, various promoters are not on the trail of the champion again. Willard will be asked to box in Philadelphia, according to word from the Quaker City, and Newark is said to be angling for a Willard-Dempsey battle. Western promoters are also after the big cowboy, who may consent to meet Dempsey, now that it appears certain that Georges Carpentier will not come to the United States before late next fall, if he comes at all this year.

Seattle Hockeyists Win Victoria, B. C., Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Hockey fans believe their team will develop into a championship organization despite its 7-1 defeat by Seattle in the season's first game. There was brilliant individual play, but not much teamwork.

New Jersey Split Over Distance of Its Boxing Bout

The New Jersey boxing commission put a temporary restraint to a proposed amendment for 12-round bouts in the present law, which legalizes eight. Although private expressions differed, it was announced for the commission as a body that the time was not considered ripe to seek the extension. It was stated that in another year the recommendation stood better chances of being favorably considered than at present.

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