

SPORTS---Here, There and Everywhere

FIRPO WANTS MORE BATTLES

Match With Winner of Willard-Johnson Fight Practically Assured.

NEW YORK, March 13.—(By The Associated Press)—Luis Angel Firpo, South American pugilist who knocked out Bill Brennan in the 12th round at Madison Square Garden last night, is looking for more worlds to conquer.

The giant from Argentine discussed future plans today with Promoter Tex Rickard and a virtual agreement was reached for Firpo to box the winner of the match between Jess Willard and Floyd Johnson, scheduled at the Yankee stadium on May 12. If victorious again, Firpo is assured of a match with Jack Dempsey for the world's title, probably in September.

Rickard has made no premature plans for a Firpo-Dempsey contest, but should the match materialize, it is possible that it would be held in Buenos Aires, capital of the Argentine Republic.

Charge Fight "Fixed"

Charges that the fight last night was "fixed" for Firpo to win were published by two afternoon papers today but met with ridicule from an overwhelming majority of writers, critics and others qualified to judge the merits of the contest.

"I am ready to fight anybody Rickard picks," Firpo declared through an interpreter. "I would like to fight Dempsey but I want to be in much better shape before meeting the champion. I haven't had time to fully acclimate myself yet. I wasn't at my best last night and I want at least one or two fights before signing with the title holder."

It developed today that Jack Appel, referee, sought to stop the fight in both the sixth and seventh rounds when Firpo, handicapped by a steady flow of blood from the gash over his eye, was beaten to cover by a rain of Brennan's blows. Vehement protest kept Appel from ending the match.

Firpo is of European parentage, although born in the Argentine. His mother, a native of Spain, died 20 years ago. His father is an Italian.

Elimination of Morning Games Opposed by Landis

WORCESTER, Mass., March 13.—Kenesaw M. Landis, high commissioner of baseball, is opposed to elimination of morning baseball games on Decoration day.

In a letter to the commander of the post of the American Legion which asked he take action against such games he said: "You may be sure nothing in the world could be possibly more agreeable to me than to see the day completely given up by the whole population to memorial observances, but from personal observation, I have reached the conclusion that to shut down on outdoor activities would really not tend to accomplish the end desired."

BENSON TECHS WILL WRESTLE

Portland Athletes Will Try Luck Against Indian School Youngsters.

Salem Indian school has at last found another victim. This time the wrestlers from Benson Polytechnic institute of Portland. The Tech wrestlers are coming to Chemawa Friday night.

The Indian boys have lost one meet to the whirlwind Oregon City high school squad. They came back, however, with a clean win over the freshmen from Oregon, and they expect to do as well against Benson. Benson lost to the Mu'tnomah Athletic club a few nights ago. It looks like a faint in the face of Providence to tackle the sturdy Indians.

The Chemawa team will have Krim, at 150 pounds, better known as a boxer, but fast developing into a wrestler of note. Hansen will go at 145 pounds, if his bolts do not get the worst of him. Pettel in at 135, and Donnelly at 130, are both formidable antagonists for any amateur to tackle. Especially is Donnelly a hard antagonist. Samuels will wrestle at 125 and Fomin at 120 pounds. There will be six bouts in all, best two out of three, either falls or decisions after six minutes of wrestling.

Lent is on at the full and we promise to mortify the wishes of the flesh by absenting ourselves from any saxophone musicale. Exchange.

SQUIRE EDGEGATE — Little Edgar Didn't Have an Eye Witness for a Very Good Reason!



ATHENA, SALEM FIRST TO PLAY

Interscholastic Basketball Tournament to Open Thursday Night.

The first game of the state basketball tournament in Salem is to be played at the armory Thursday evening, instead of Thursday afternoon as earlier announced. This will be the only game of the series on this first day. The others will all come on Friday and Saturday.

The first game, however, promises to be a spectacular match, between Salem and Athena. Salem is everywhere considered to be in the first flight, with Astoria, Medford and the University high of Eugene as the usually named leaders. But Athena is said to have a team of tall, tireless, rangy ranchers who gallop over the field like greyhounds or giant jackrabbits, and while it is not generally believed that they have the fine points of the teamwork of a finished team, their height and endurance may make them formidable opponents. Nobody wants to stay from this opening game on the assumption that it will be pie for Salem, fast and accurate as they are.

The other game of the series will be according to the drawings made Tuesday by State Superintendent J. A. Churchill. The pairings are: Friday afternoon—Medford vs. Astoria, Tillamook vs. Myrtle Point.

Friday night—The Dalles vs. University High of Eugene, and Joseph vs. winner of the Salem-Athena game.

Saturday afternoon the semifinals will be played, between the winners of Friday's games; and the final championship game comes Saturday night.

The Joseph and Myrtle Point teams are the least known or guessed of the whole series; though Joseph got into the state tournament last year to be eliminated on the first afternoon. Astoria has four of its last year's team, and all of Salem's players were in the game last year, except Fallon, substitute.

Firpo Shakes Mean Foot in Greenwich Music Hall

NEW YORK, March 13.—Luis Angel Firpo can shake a "mean foot" as well as swing a wicked uppercut. Celebrating his knock-out victory over Bill Brennan last night, the South American heavy-weight, accompanied by a score of friends, went from Madison Square Garden to an obscure Greenwich village cabaret where he tangoed and made merry until 3 o'clock this morning.

Firpo, exhibiting the famous dance as it is done in the Argentine, was the most carefree of the party. Except for a patch that covered the cut over his left eye, he showed no trace of the strenuous ring battle he had gone through.

Dempsey is Willing to Take on Firpo Anytime

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—Jack Dempsey, champion heavy-weight pugilist is ready for a go with Luis Firpo, South American boxer, who knocked out Bill Brennan in New York city last night, he said today. Firpo's victory, he said, was no surprise to him.

"Brennan is not as good as he used to be, but still mighty tough, and Firpo must be a good fighter to stop him," Dempsey said. "I am ready to fight any man any time a promoter can put the bout on in a satisfactory manner. This, of course, includes Firpo."

Hoppe Catching Up on Schaefer in Cue Game

NEW YORK, March 13.—Recovering the cue wizardry for which he is noted, Willie Hoppe, 18.2 baiking billiard champion, tonight overcame the lead of 223 points Jake Schaefer gained in the first block of their 1500 title match last night, and reached the 1,000 point mark while Schaefer was counting 994.

Reaching seventy, Hoppe was forced to split in order to drive out of balk. He got the balls together again at the count of eighty. He went on for the unfinished count of ninety-nine and left the balls in perfect position for the resumption of play in the final block of match play tomorrow night.

That's That

Secretary Herbert Hoover said at a dinner party: "Bolshevism has been tried and it has turned out to be a failure. Lenin won't admit this, though."

"Lenin is like the hypochondriac who, after insisting for seven years that he was made of glass, announced one morning that he was dead."

"Dead, eh? This was rather serious. The hypochondriac would be an intolerable nuisance if he could not be reasoned out of his new delusion. Accordingly, the doctor began to reason with him. 'Dead men don't bleed, do they?' said the doctor."

"Of course they don't," said the corpse.

"The doctor took out a lancet and cut the hypochondriac's finger a little."

"There," he said, as the blood trickled out. "Look at that blood. That proves that you aren't dead."

"Not at all," said the hypochondriac, as he wrapped his handkerchief around his bleeding finger. "It proves that dead men do bleed."

"BABE" RUTH TO BE SUED

Miss Delores Dixon Charges Baseball Player Assaulted Her at Times.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Geo. Herman "Babe" Ruth has been made defendant in a suit for \$50,000 brought by attorneys for Miss Delores Dixon, 19, who charges that the baseball player assaulted her at various times last summer, Ruth's attorney disclosed tonight.

The attorney, Hyman Bushell, said Ruth declared he was being blackmailed, in a telegram from New Orleans signed by himself and Mrs. Ruth today, said he would not "pay a cent, but would fight the charge to the limit."

Mr. Bushell said the complainant, who until two weeks ago, occupied an apartment on Riverside Drive, had since disappeared and all efforts to find her to learn more about her have been futile.

George Fernberg, attorney for Miss Dixon, said today he knew where his client was, but would not reveal her whereabouts "until the proper time arrived."

Ruth learned about the impending suit last November 14, when according to Mr. Bushell, the girl's counsel served the ball player with a summons. Fernberg was authority for the statement that "the Babe," when the papers were served, refused to consider them seriously.

On December 2, Ruth's attorney first appeared as counsel for the defendant. Then, last February 24, after Ruth had gone south to join his club for the spring training, a complaint setting forth the charges made by Miss Dixon was filed with Mr. Bushell.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 13.—"It's blackmail, that's all I've

GERMAN PLAN TO DEFAULT DEBTS TOLD

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nar Law in his last statement. Sir John Simon, liberal, complained bitterly of the government's propensity to wait on events while the British forces on the Rhine are completely surrounded and their trade is suffering.

Asquith Defends France

The savage outbreaks at Buer, he declared, constituted a warning of the danger of allowing the policy drift to go too far. He urged an appeal to the league of nations.

Former Premier Asquith, supporting Simon, urged that the French operations had been enormously extended and there seemed no reason why the French should not advance to Munich and even to Berlin. What had the government to say about it? he asked.

It was a sovereign opportunity to bring the league of nations into operation. Mr. McNeill, in his lengthy reply, complained of the censorious tenor of the opposition speeches toward a friendly ally, and dilated upon the difficulty of interpreting international law on the question whether France was acting within the treaty of Versailles.

RECKLINHAUSEN, March 13.—(By The Associated Press)

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Plans for operating the government owned coke plant at West-erholt, near here, which has been taken over by the French authorities, as part of their scheme for obtaining reparations from the Germans, were announced today.

Members of the engineers mission are reported to have made arrangements to load into cars 15,000 tons of coke taken with the plant. The first train of this coke started for France tonight.

BRUSSELS, March 13.—The investigating magistrate has held for trial 17 Belgian communists recently arrested on the charge of plotting against the safety of the state.

Many Belgian communists have been arrested recently on suspicion of being engaged in a plot to foment strikes and promote agitation against the occupation of the Ruhr and of conspiring against the state.

MANNHEIM, March 13.—(By The Associated Press)—The French today occupied the Thyssen coal harbor at Rhenau, one of the largest transit points on the Rhine.

HANOVER, March 13.—(By The Associated Press)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, addressing the Veterans' league here today said:

"We do not wish to instigate war but in view of the present technicalities we cannot deny the truth of Schiller's words: 'The most peaceful person cannot live in peace if a wicked neighbor does not wish it and the nation is un-

worthy that does not stake everything on its honor."

Von Hindenburg extolled the staunchness of the Germans in the Ruhr.

Very Short

To George Ade, the incorrigible bachelor, a friend observed in the library of the Chicago Athletic club: "It says here in this magazine, George, that married men live longer than single."

"Nothing of the kind," said Mr. Ade. "They live shorter."

There are human vipers that, like the serpents, carry a sack of venom under their tongues. It is well to reflect that a malignant thought cannot issue from a pure heart.

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