

BONUSES TABOO IN BIG LEAGUE

Most Valuable Star on Circuit to Be Decided Upon Annually

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Abolishment of the system of granting bonuses to players for batting, pitching or fielding excellence, and approval of the plan to select annually the league's most valuable star, were decided upon today by club owners of the National League.

These were the principal steps taken at the annual mid-winter session which also formally approved the 1924 schedule of 154 games, opening April 15 and closing September 29, but declined to act on a proposal to limit the number of coaches any club might have.

Action against the player bonus was taken because of belief that special inducements for meritorious work is an unhealthy influence on the game, President John A. Heydler declared. Abolishment of the bonus, however, was not made retroactive. Mr. Heydler pointed out, so that with a majority of 1924 contracts already signed, it will not go into practical effect before the 1925 season.

FUTURE PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON FARMERS

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because he is a republican. I am a republican, but I cannot, on that account, prosecute any one because he is a democrat.

"Distressing as this situation has been," he continued, "it has its reassuring side. The high moral standards of our people are revealed by their instant response against wrongdoing. The officials of the government, without respect to party, have demonstrated a common purpose to protect property and to bring the guilty to justice."

"Production has outrun the power of distribution and consumption. The farm population is not increasing, but the improved methods of tillage and inventions in farm machinery have all contributed to increase the per capita output. It is in this direction that the agricultural schools and colleges have placed their major emphasis. Their education has been substantially all on the side of improved methods of production and none on the side of distribution, consumption and marketing.

Importance Is Vital

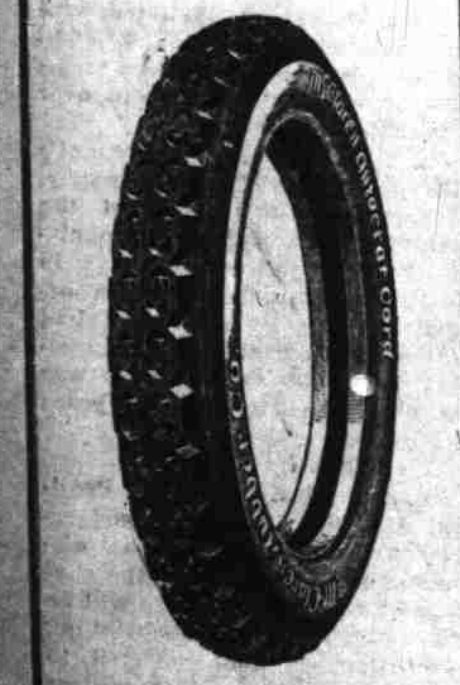
"When there is a difficulty which affects so large a population, so large an area, and so important an interest as that of agriculture, it is distinctly a national question. It scarcely needs to be pointed out that agriculture is of vital importance to our country: It is the primary source of sustenance, enterprise, industry and wealth. Everyone ought to know that it is basic and fundamental. Without a healthy, productive and prosperous agriculture there can be no real national prosperity. It is perfectly obvious that there is something radically wrong when agriculture is found in its present

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state of depression at a time when manufacturing, transportation and commerce are on the whole in a remarkable state of prosperity.

"No one would deny, I suppose, that industrially we are very flourishing. Every standard by which prosperity is measured, whether it be production, movement of freight, corporate earnings, employment of labor, or bank clearings, all point to the same conclusion.

"But agriculture has only partially revived. Its position has been improved and the returns for the year are nearly 30 per cent in excess of two years ago.

"The result has been a decrease in the value of farm lands, the choking of the avenues of credit with obligations which are worthless or doubtful, the foreclosure of mortgages, and the suspension of a large number of banks. To this depression there have been other contributing causes, but the main difficulty has been the price of farm products.

War Cost Half Paid.

"The war cost of more than \$40,000,000,000 is already nearly half paid. Amid the disordered currencies of the warring nations our money is, and has been maintained, at the gold standard. Our budget has long since been balanced, and our debt paying program is at the rate of \$500,000,000 each year. In spite of all these expenditures, the next fiscal year has an estimated surplus revenue of over \$300,000,000.

Under the watchful care of the budget bureau every department is constantly striving to eliminate all waste and discard every unnecessary expense.

"Every reasonable effort has been made to secure the liquidation of our international debts. The largest, which was that of Great Britain, and which amounted with accumulated interest to \$4,600,000,000, has been settled on terms that provide for its payment over a period of 62 years, payments in the immediate future to be over \$160,000,000 a year.

"I agree perfectly with those who wish to relieve the small taxpayer by getting the largest possible contribution from the people with large incomes. But if the rates on large incomes are so high that they disappear, the small taxpayer will be left to bear the entire burden. If, on the other hand, the rates are placed where they will produce the most revenue from large incomes, then the small taxpayer will be relieved. The experience of the treasury department and the opinion of the best experts place the rate which will collect most from the people of great wealth, thus giving the largest relief to people of moderate wealth, at not over 25 per cent.

Bonus Discussed.

"But this question goes deeper than that. I am aware that some men made money out of the war. No doubt there are some such who are justly to be criticized for greed and selfishness. Unfortunately they would not pay the bonus. It would have to be paid by the country. I have already undertaken to demonstrate that taxes are paid by the great mass of the people. It is necessary to consider whether there be any moral justification for placing all the people under this great burden, in order to pay some money to a part of the people, many of whom do not want it and are offering pronounced objection to it. A very large body of service men do not want the bonus, and object

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to being taxed in order that it may be paid. They are just as eager now to save their country from financial disaster as they were formerly to save it from military disaster. They are entitled to be heard. This question ought to be decided in accordance with the welfare of the whole country.

"No one doubts the patriotism of those who advocated the bonus. No one denies that the country owes a debt which it never can pay to those who were in the service. Their disabilities must be recompensed, their health restored, their dependents supported; all at public expense. They are entitled to the highest honor. But the service they rendered was of such a nature that it cannot be recompensed to them by the payment of money.

"Lately there have been most startling revelations concerning the leasing of government oil lands. It is my duty to extend to every individual the constitutional right to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. But I have another duty equally important, of securing the enforcement of the law. In that duty I do not intend to fail.

"Character is the only secure foundation of the state. We know well that all plans for improving the machinery of government and all measures for social betterment miserably fail, and the hopes of progress wither, when corruption touches administration. At the revelation of greed making its subtle approaches to public officers, of the prostitution of high place to private profit, we are filled with scorn and indignation.

"I want no hue and cry, no mingling of innocent and guilty in unthinking condemnation, no confusion of mere questions of law with questions of fraud and corruption. It is at such a time that the quality of our citizenry is tested—unrelenting toward evil, fair minded and intent upon the requirements of due process, the shield of the innocent and the safeguard of society itself, I ask the support of our people, as chief magistrate, intent on the enforcement of our laws without fear or favor, no matter who is hurt or what the consequences.

"Distressing as this situation has been, it has its reassuring side. The high moral standards of the people were revealed by their instant reaction against wrongdoing. The officers of the government without respect to party, have demonstrated a common purpose to protect government property and to bring guilt to justice. We have the trials and perplexities of our day but they seem insignificant compared with those which taxed the genius of Lincoln. The government maintained itself then; the government will maintain itself now. The forces of evil do not long triumph. The power of justice cannot long be delayed. The moral force of Lincoln is with us still. "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

MUSICAL COMEDY AT GRAND TODAY

Matinee Will Be Given in Afternoon Beginning at 4 O'Clock

Something radically a departure from the usual and conventional in musical comedy is promised in "Bringing Up Father on Broadway," which is to hold the boards at the Grand theater today with the customary matinees. John P. Mulgrew is the author of the book and lyrics. A real plot involving plenty of side-splitting complications and situations and written on original lines takes the various characters around the world.

High School Athletes Admit Drinking Liquor

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—Three basketball players of the Queen Anne high school who yesterday were indefinitely suspended for drinking intoxicants admitted today to Chief of Police Sevryns that they had committed the offense, the chief reported.

"The bottle was brought to the gym by a former student at the school who obtained it from his father's private pre-war stock," Chief Sevryns said, after questioning the boys.

HISTORY MAKING BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

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have the appropriation knocked out altogether.

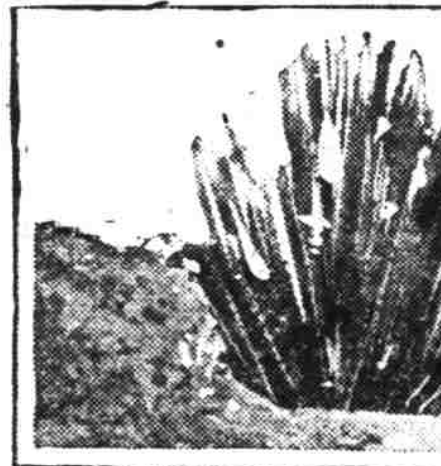
Of the total carried in the bill, \$610,000,000 is for the postoffice department, and \$119,000,000 for the treasury. Included in the treasury allotment is \$10,629,779 for prohibition enforcement, \$10,652,000 for the coast guard, and \$13,874,000 for the customs service.

Disposal of the bill, the second supply measure to be sent to the senate this session cleared the way for house consideration of the tax bill which will be taken up Thursday. Tomorrow will be devoted to the consideration of miscellaneous measures.

40,000 Miles of New Roads Built In U. S. Last Year Break Record

By JAMES W. BROOKS, Director, American Highway Educational Bureau

ROADWAY building in the United States last year reached a new high peak. Something like 40,000 miles, in which is included 12,000 miles of Federal aid highways, were constructed in the various states. In fact, this was one of our most necessary industries and was responsible for the employment of large numbers of workmen. The speed and efficiency with which the roads were constructed are a tribute to the underlying industries which made them possible. Chief among them is the manufacture of explosives. The modern road could not exist without the present day explosives. In fact, it has been estimated that there are 1,000 pounds of explosives used for every mile of modern highways constructed. Explosives make possible the breaking down of the stone in quarries in quantities never before known. Quarry shots resulting in from 100,000 to 150,000 tons of stone are now fairly common. Some of these shots use from 50,000 to 80,000 pounds of explosives at one time.



Blast Widens and Deepens Road Near West Grove, Pa.

Explosives Used in Building

Explosives are also used in removing obstructions in the right of way, and in obtaining proper drainage of the road bed. In the broader sense they are the agents used to mine the very iron and steel out of which is constructed the tools used by the road builders. Dynamite and blasting powder are the two explosives widely used in setting out the material for

large part to the good roads movement. The quarry business has greatly increased in the last ten years and new quarries are being constantly opened in various parts of the country. The quarries in the United States use in the neighborhood of sixty million pounds of dynamite a year and about half the material obtained goes for road work. On the last of moving three tons of stone with each pound of dynamite, this would make available for this particular purpose some ninety million tons of stone.

In many sections of the middle West, limestone is more commonly used in road construction and, in



Plowing To Make a Road

road building. Many of the large quarry shots contain both types. Holes from 50 to 150 feet deep behind the quarry face are filled and all are detonated at one time.

On the average, three or four tons of stone are moved for every pound of dynamite used. Due in



Scene On Newly Constructed Road Near Urbana, Ill.

quarries producing this, there is an ever increasing amount of modern explosives used. In New England and some of the South Atlantic States, harder rock like trap rock and granite is utilized.

Build in All Weathers

Road builders are fortunate today in having several kinds of modern dynamite at their hands. Years ago, the old standard dynamite was sensitive and dangerous to handle. To day different types are produced some of which cannot freeze, others give no headaches and still others are free from many of the dangerous tendencies of the old explosive. Their non-freezing qualities allow stone for roads to be gotten out in temperatures in which such work was formerly impossible.

DALLAS HI TO SEEK REVENGE

Salem Basketball Team in Danger Tonight at Hands of Strong Quint

The Dallas high school basketball team will come to Salem tonight determined to get vengeance for the victory won by Salem at Dallas recently when the Dallas team claims was won on a fluke. Since then the Dallas team has been practicing the Salem style of play and has witnessed several games played here in order to get an accurate idea of the way the Salem team does things.

Salem won at Dallas by a score of 14 to 7. All four quarters of the game were quite evenly played, but Salem got away for a small lead in the third that Dallas was unable to overcome. Because of this game which indicated that the two teams are about evenly matched there is a chance for Dallas to win tonight. The game will be played in the new high school gymnasium, beginning at 7:30.

GONZAGA WINS FROM BEARCATS

University Quintet From Spokane Has Edge on Locals Throughout Game

Unable to match the greater speed and endurance of the invading Bulldog quintet, the Willamette Bearcats went down to a 37 to 21 defeat at the hands of Gonzaga university of Spokane here last night. Despite a persistent fight that Rathbun's men maintained until the last whistle, the visitors held the long end of the score throughout the game and the result was little in doubt at any time.

Willamette's light five showed plainly the result of three stiff games in five nights and were forced to let down on the increasing speed which marked their games last week. Fasnacht again played the stellar role for the Bearcats, capturing 10 of Willamette's 21 points. Robertson and Patton did some of the best work for the locals, although the whole team was hampered by an inability to get the ball through the hoop when they got in their own territory.

Gonzaga lived up to advance reports, playing a fast passing game with a solid five-man defense that frequently broke the passing system of the Bearcats. Rathbford, star performer of the Bulldogs, took the honors as high point man of the game, ringing in 17 coun-

ters. Huetter piled in nine tallies and did excellent work in the center circle.

The line-ups:

- Gonzaga—37 Willamette—21
- Rathbford..... Fasnacht
- Allen..... Robertson
- Huetter..... Logan
- Robinson..... Patton
- Needles..... Erickson
- Substitutes—Willamette: Hartley for Patton, Jones for Robertson, Logan for Hartley, Robertson for Jones, Emmel for Patton, Jones for Emmel, Gonzaga—Flaharty for Robinson, Raceconi for Allen.

Referee — Coleman of OAC. Score at the end of the half, Willamette 11, Gonzaga 19.

Move to Close Pool Halls Is Started By Ministers

Commendation of the new anti-gambling ordinance recently passed by the city council and the advisability of asking the city council to pass a blue law closing the local pool rooms on Sunday were presented to Mayor J. B. Geary by a special committee representing the Salem Ministerial association yesterday afternoon.

Whether or not action will be

taken is not known, but it is believed that Mayor Geary is not in favor of closing these places unless a substitute is provided.

Rev. Ward Willis Long and Rev. I. G. Lee are members of the committee which conferred with Mayor Geary.

Bright Star of Taurus Constellation to Be Dark

An unusual happening is scheduled to take place in the heavens tonight, according to local astronomers. At about 8:23 the star, Alderbaran, the greatest star in the constellation of Taurus, will go into occultation, or what would be known as an eclipse if it were the sun which was to be in the shadow of the moon for that time.

The star will disappear suddenly since it will be in the shadow of that part of the moon which is itself in occultation for one hour. The star itself is 28 million miles in diameter, or 32 times that of the earth's sun, according to figures quoted by a local astronomer. The star is one of the brightest in the heavens at this time, it is said, and those who are interested should watch the Taurus constellation of Alderbaran.

THEATRES MOVIES

JIGGS, Maggie and all of the rest of George McManus' famous comic strip characters are to hold the boards in person at the Grand theater this afternoon and this evening when E. J. Carpenter presents those noted characters in "Bringing Up Father on Broadway." The matinee for children will open at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and the regular performance will begin at 8:15.

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