

# UNION OIL QUINTET LEADS CITY LEAGUE; NO GAMES LOST SO FAR

## CELLAR PLACE IS DISPUTED

Hauser Bros. and Central Pharmacy Are at Bottom of Standings

Union Oil	Won	Lost	Pts.
Co. F	4	1	10.00
Anderson & Brown	3	1	6.66
U. S. Bank	2	2	6.66
Legion	2	2	6.66
Hauser Bros.	0	2	0.00
Central Pharmacy	0	2	0.00

With the season half over the city league basketball teams are beginning to find their places.

The American legion, which looked like the tall enders, go better since "Luke" was added, in fact he was two-thirds of the team against the Union Oil, making 10 out of 12 points. Anderson & Brown and Company F are in second place. Anderson & Brown were considerably weakened by the loss of Tucker who went to Portland, and Albers who has a crippled hand. Frank Brown and Garnet Harris and Lenon are the main stays. Lenon is a good player but a spasmodic one. Company F is depending upon Larson, and Fallin.

The Union Oil has the best all round team in the league up to date, in fact Ross and Ashby and Gregg are a team by themselves.

Pug Ross is perhaps one of the best players in the Northwest and makes baskets from the most impossible positions.

The United States Bank have no special stars but depend upon speed and passing.

The Water brothers on Hauser Bros. team are a tower of strength and add much to the standing of the team towards the end of the season. The Central Pharmacy depends upon the coaching and team work of Leslie Sparks. In the last game they were completely at sea in his absence. He has a faculty of getting team work out of the men and not relying on any special stars.

## SYRACUSE ELEVEN READY FOR GAME

Squad of Twenty-four Players Arrive for Post-Season Clash With USC

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Syracuse university's powerful football squad of 24 players, headed by Coach "Chick" Meehan, arrived here today for the first big post-season intercollegiate game this season in southern California, that with the University of Southern California, Saturday afternoon. The Orange athletes were given a hearty and enthusiastic welcome by more than 2,000 students and officials of the Trojan institution.

The players are in good condition, Meehan said, despite the transcontinental journey. The Syracuse team engaged in a light workout shortly after arrival here and plan to hold a final one tomorrow.

The Trojan squad held a few drills today and will complete training for the Saturday game with a short scrimmage tomorrow.

## ASCOT RACE WILL BE RUN OFF AGAIN

Drivers Protest Action; Speedway Rules Declared Not Complied With

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Protests by drivers in the so-called 250 mile Thanksgiving day Ascot road race today brought an announcement from George R. Bethel, president of the Ascot Speedway association that the race would be run again. The drivers who took first eight places for purses say that the money has not been paid to them and other charges have been made that the race was 222 miles instead of 250 miles and that qualification rules were not adhered to.

Action was taken first by G. "Cannonball" Baker, who several days ago filed suit against the Ascot Speedway association for \$15,000, which he says is due him as first prize money in the race. Baker was awarded second place. His claim, that Frank Lockhart, youthful winner did not comply with qualifying rules, were admitted by Bethel as being correct. Lockhart, Bethel said, was permitted to start in the race by an Ascot employee, who was not authorized under the rules to waive necessary qualifications.

## JOHNSON IS ABLE TO PROVE CHARGES

Declares Ability to Back Assertions of Coast Gambling With Evidence

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Ban J. Johnson, president of the American league, refused to be disturbed tonight by the resolution drawn by the Pacific coast league demanding that he produce his evidence to substantiate his assertion that gambling exists in the Pacific coast league. "I have the evidence to back up my assertions," Mr. Johnson said, "but I do not feel that I should make it public until I have an opportunity to present it to my league directors at our meeting next week."

Mr. Johnson said that his first knowledge of gambling in the coast league came to him in the form of a clipping from a newspaper which stated that Eddie Major of the Vernon club had referred to wagers amounting to \$100,000. The article, which appeared early in July, also alluded to the employment of detectives for the purpose of stamping out the evil.

## Four Big League Players Come From Same Sand Lot

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—The same sand lot in St. Louis that sent Mickey O'Neil, Maurice Archdeacon, Charley Hollocher and several other players to the big leagues produced Jimmy Welsh, star outfielder of the Seattle club, champions of the Pacific coast league, who comes to the Boston Nationals in a deal involving \$50,000 in cash and players. The transaction, consummated at the minor league meeting at Hartford, Conn., last night, sends to Seattle Pitcher Jimmy Yeargin and Sterling Stryker, a third player to be named by April 25, 1925, and the balance in cash.

## Winner of \$25,000 Wilson Foundation Is Announced

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, formerly Lord Robert Cecil, was today declared winner of the first \$25,000 award of the Woodrow Wilson foundation.

Norman H. Davis, president of the foundation board of trustees, announced that Viscount Cecil had been unanimously chosen by the jury of award as the person "who had rendered the most meritorious service of a public character looking toward the establishment of peace through justice, and who had done most to give effect to the ideals and the great plan for world peace to which Mr. Wilson gave so much thought and effort."

## Soviet Program Undergoes Change; Now More Lenient

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—(By the A. P.)—The soviet economic policy appears to be undergoing gradual modification. The government of late has adopted a much more lenient attitude toward private trading, private capital, foreign imports and concessions.

This change of tactics to bolster up the soviet economic structure received official emphasis today when Felix Dzerjinsky, head of the supreme council, declared that soviet legislation and communist party instructions had gone too far in suppressing private capital.

## DEANE-DAWSON WILL HAVE RETURN BOUT HERE DECEMBER 16

Sewell Deane, of Salem, and Charlie Dawson, of Eugene, who gave fight fans their money's worth at the big bout at the Armory this week, have been matched for a return 10-round engagement here Tuesday, December 16, Matchmaker Harry Plant announced Thursday. The two scrappy 144-pounders have had an opportunity to look over each other and get a line on the other's style and should give a great exhibition when they meet again.

## COMMITTEE NAMES DISTRICT CHAMPS

Method of Selecting Team for State Tournament Left to Local Board

Notice of the appointment of a committee of three to select the basketball team that will represent Salem district in the state basketball championship tournament here in March, has been received by Dennis Heenan, athletic manager for the Salem high school.

The committee for this district will consist of George W. Hug, superintendent of schools, Salem, R. W. Turner, superintendent of the Dallas schools, and R. T. Tingelstad, principal of the Oregon City high school. The notices were mailed by the board of control of the high school athletic association.

The method of selection has been left to the committee in charge of each district and may be through a district championship tournament or by the basis of comparative scores. Rules demand that a minimum of seven, of which can participate in the state tournament, is eligible.

## KORETZ RECEIVES 10 YEAR SENTENCE

Two Million Dollar Oil Swindler Pleads Guilty to Four Indictments

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Leo Koretz, ill, unkempt and penniless, a gray shadow of the master swindler who induced friends and relatives to invest \$2,000,000 in a Panama Oil project, today was sentenced to prison for from one to 10 years by Chief Justice Jacob Hopkins.

Koretz, who pleaded guilty yesterday to four indictments charging four variations of swindling, received three identical sentences, but the judge ruled that the sentences might run concurrently.

Under that ruling Koretz will be eligible for parole after serving 11 months. A flaw was discovered at the last minute in a fourth indictment to which Koretz had pleaded guilty and Koretz was permitted to withdraw his plea.

## Ship Used in Exploring Arctic to be Auctioned

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The ship Maud, formerly commanded by Capt. Roald Amundsen, who now plans an airplane dash across the Arctic region, is to be sold to the highest bidder when it reaches San Francisco. The Maud left Seattle in June, 1922, and will start from the Arctic when ice breaks next summer for San Francisco, the explorer announced today in a lecture here. The idea of drifting across the north pole, as was originally hoped when the Maud set out, has been abandoned. Captain Amundsen said. The Maud, he explained, was not out of commission and was not out of fuel oil, as some reports said, but is operated by gasoline and is simply out of lubricating oil, which he expects will be supplied from a Russian provision ship which annually supplies the natives along the Kolyuma river in Siberia.

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## SPECIAL MEETING FOR UNITARIANS

Layman's Services to be Feature of Sermon on Sunday, December 14

The national organization of Unitarian Laymen, whose membership is headed by such as ex-President William H. Taft and Charles W. Elliot, former president of Harvard university, has voted to have one day of the year set aside as Layman's Day. At that time the Layman will conduct the services of the Unitarian church and the ministers to act as ushers, or to be part of the congregation.

Acting in accordance with the national organization the local league has decided to act with the organization and will conduct the Layman's services on December 14. At that time Major Miles McKay will deliver the sermon, "Religion for Modern Men"; John Gobel, to lead in the song service and the responsive readings; John Pollock to assist in the service. Rev. Martin Ferechietian is to act as usher.

## France Issues Statement on Debt to United States

PARIS, Dec. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—After a cabinet council held this evening the following communications were given out by the government with the relation to the French debt to the United States:

"The conversations of the past few days between the French ambassador in Washington and the secretary of the treasury, the American government concerning the settlement of the French debt to the United States, cannot but present, in spite of certain statements to the contrary, any other character than mere unofficial exchanges of views."

## Trip to Woodshed Would Reduce Court's Business

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 4.—There is too much business brought before juvenile courts today that could be adequately handled in the woodshed by indulgent parents, declared Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth of Lane county at a school patron meeting here tonight. Social and YMCA workers on the program gave it as their opinion that boys and girls were becoming delinquent at a much lower average age now than even a decade ago.

## WILL NOT VISIT SOUTH

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4.—James J. Davis, the American secretary of labor has given up his plan to visit the Welsh colony in Chubut in Patagonia, because of the length of time it would take to make the trip from Buenos Aires. Mr. Davis has relatives in Chubut and his parents once thought of emigrating there from Wales.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

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The late Mrs. W. P. Lord of Salem was at the committee meetings of congress when the flax and linen schedules were being considered. Congressman Fordney told

her that he intended to make a schedule that would be strong enough to permit of the development of a great linen industry in the United States. And he kept his word.

Salem barber says conscience is that inconvenient twinge that reminds a man that tomorrow is also another day.

Eighty miles of water mains in Salem now, and growing fast enough to give the man pipe dreams who has to pay for them.

Tom Skeyhill gave a great lecture at the Salem armory last evening—to a small audience, though an appreciative one. He spoke of what he is pleased to call the New Renaissance. He believes the new renaissance is a spiritual one, and that it is one of service and unselfishness, ushering in the genius of universal brotherhood as the world has thus far only caught glimpses of it. The lecture is one that ought to

be put into book form, and Mr. Skeyhill told a questioner in his audience last night that it will be made part of a book, soon.

Government chemist has sampled 17,000 rations of illicit liquor since Volstead went into action. Well, ancient kings had their poison-tasters, too.

General Calles has become Mexico's twelfth President in thirteen years. But during that time Mexico has learned to pit the soft pedal on making and unmaking presidents. Made-to-order dictators are out of style below the border.

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