

PIRATES AND GIANTS AROUSE DISCUSSION

Chances for Major League Championship Bring Forth Varied Opinions

NEW YORK, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Although at least five clubs figure themselves likely to be in the thick of each of the major league championship fights for 1926, the main discussion so far has centered about the two clubs in each circuit which did most of the 1925 battling—the Senators and Athletics in the American and the Pirates and Giants in the national league.

St. Louis, however, has a double reputation for the followers of this quartet of outstanding clubs. Correspondents in the southern camps have been play attracted by the fighting spirit, as well as by the formidable ability, displayed in the camps of both the Cardinals and Browns, guided by their twin playing stars, Rogers Hornsby and George Sisler. It is noteworthy, in fact that St. Louis is the only city in the majors with two teams figured to have strong pennant chances, a situation which has not prevailed in any marked degree since the New York Yankees and Giants held their monopoly on big league honors in 1921, 1922 and 1923.

Last year, St. Louis was the only city with two first division outfits, the Browns gaining third place and the Cardinals fourth. Both have gathered strength, particularly in pitching, since last season. Their followers already are hearing the buzz of the pennant race, although it would rank as an upset for either to win and class as an upheaval of the most violent order if both led the way to the wire.

One contender seems to be the best any other city can produce for 1926. The Giants carry the hopes of the Metropolitan area, with the reconstructed Yankees and Robins rated as uncertain quantities. Chicago's white sox look powerful in the American league race, but the Cubs appear to the critics to be doomed to another season in the second division. The Athletics occupy Philadelphia's leading role, with the Phillies not regarded as pennant factors. Boston's Braves may be the national league sensation, if their preseason expectations are fulfilled, but the Red Sox are not classed as contenders.

DEPARTING LION LEAVES HOWLING SNOW GALES

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had reached 11.42 inches with indications that it will be more than 12 inches before morning within two inches of a record.

MONTREAL, Quebec, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—A storm, the like of which central Canada has seldom experienced was sweeping over the territory around Toronto and eastward tonight with the probability that it would extend to Montreal and Quebec.

The gale reached a velocity of 70 miles an hour with snow, rain, and sleet, and carried down in its track virtually all wire communications.

It was impossible to communicate with Toronto after 10 o'clock this morning, but meager reports from other parts indicate that great damage had been done.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Unsettled weather for California, Oregon and Washington for tomorrow was predicted by the United States weather bureau here today, but a storm which formed over Idaho yesterday and spread lower temperature over the coast states is expected to move eastward without bringing much rain.

Rain is urgently needed in northern California for grass crops and unless rains come within two weeks there will be a shortage of feed. Manager Hubbard Russell of the cattlemen's association, asserted here today. Russell said feed conditions at present are below normal.

NEW YORK, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—March died on the Atlantic ocean tonight in a mighty convulsion of storm tossed waters which sent one coast guard seaman to his death, sank a dredge off the Delaware Capes, and crippled two luckless freighters. After several weeks of comparative quiet, a snow, sleet and rain freighted gale, swept down from the northeast which sent inshore shipping scurrying for shelter.

From mid-ocean ships' radios stuttered messages of distress and threatened disaster.

The British freighter Leleham messaged that she was rolling almost on her beam ends 400 miles southeast of Halifax. All of her life boats had been carried away

SPORTS DONE BROWN

BY NORMAN E. BROWN



"The Athletics are set to win the pennant!"

This unqualified statement comes from Bill Wambegness, veteran second baseman discarded by the Indians and then the Red Sox, and picked by Connie Mack last winter.

I talked to Wamby while watching his mates warm up for an exhibition game down south. I have known him for years—followed his work closely when he was with Cleveland and Boston. He is a



reticent chap, given little to prattle. In fact Bill's aversion to useless jabber was mistaken by some Cleveland fans for lack of pep. And oh, mama, what a mistake they made. The team is still trying hard to find a good second baseman.

But regarding the Athletics, Wamby feels as he does despite the fact that he will probably warm the bench much of the season, serving in as emergency man at second unless Max Bishop falls down.

"I hit it lucky," said Bill. "This is a great ball club. Look at the pitching staff they have. And you know that a good pitching staff is the main thing. But the whole team looks like a well organized, strongly built ball club. I don't see a weak spot in it."

And Bill ought to know a bad hole in a ball club when he sees one. He played with the Red Sox—which hasn't been anything but a series of yawning gaps for several years. So you can accept Wamby's word as that of a man who knows his game.

"Zip" Hauser is doomed to warm the bench the greater part of the season. The Athletics' star first baseman will not be able to play regularly for many weeks.

Hauser hurt his knee a year ago and was placed on the retired list by Connie Mack while the first sacker gave the injured joint a rest. This spring he reported in the belief that his knee was right again and would stand the strain. He has been forced, however, to forego regular practice and Jimmy Poole is working at first with the regulars in their workouts and exhibition games.

Hauser's knee is "cracked," I understand, and refuses to mend properly. His loss will be felt by the Mackmen, for while Poole is a good all-around ball player, Hauser is a bit better mechanically and a better student of inside ball and has the added virtue of helping to put "life" into the ball club when he plays.

Connie can thank his lucky stars that he grabbed the once discontented Poole a couple of years ago when that gentleman was peevish about joining a Coast League outfit.

by the storm and water in the holds were gaining rapidly, the messages stated.

The Leleham is a 2,525 tons, and carries a crew of about 28 men.

She was bound from Newport News to Ipswich, England.

Shortly after the distress call was received, Captain Arthur H. Rostron, of the Cunard liner Mauretania wired that he was making full speed to the rescue of the Leleham. He gave his position as about 180 miles distant and said that under ordinary conditions he should be able to reach the scene in six or seven hours.

Another SOS call was picked up by naval communications from a steamer signing S. S. Blair. No details were given, and the call was not repeated. The Blair is a freighter owned by the American Export lines due here from Havana, Spain, about April 6. The owners of the vessel said they had received no word from the ship for several days.

The coast guard patrol boat 169, off the coast of Connecticut, wirelessly that it had been caught in the storm and had lost one seaman overboard. The vessel whose base is at Staten Island, said she was in no danger and expected to make the Long Island coast tonight without aid.

DRYS ARE ASSURED LAW IS TO STAND

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on hand products containing more alcohol than the law permits, are unfit for beverage purposes.

Stressing the point that the tonic won't be fit to drink, J. H. Doran, prohibition bureau chemist said that a man by consuming a quart of it "probably will get the equivalent reaction one stiff drink of liquor gives."

"If a fellow gets an edge from this malt," he predicted, "he will be so full of malt sugar he will pop. Try and trim down this syrup with water and you will dilute it to the point where it is no good."

If alcohol were mixed with it, he added, it might be drinkable, pointing out that this could be done with near beer.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Opportunity for the people of New York state to pass upon proposed modification of the Volstead act moved a step nearer today when the senate judiciary committee voted ten to eight to report favorably the Earle resolution calling for a referendum on the question. Five republicans joined with the five democratic members of the committee in voting for the measure, thus assuring passage by the senate when the proposal comes up for final action.

The question which would be asked of the voters at the referendum election, set in the resolution for June 8, is:

"Should the congress of the United States modify the federal act to enforce the eighteenth amendment of the constitution of the United States so that the same shall not prohibit the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation or exportation of beverages which are not in fact intoxicating as determined in accordance with

LATE FIGHT NEWS

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Fidel La Barba, world's flyweight champion scored a decision over Clever Sencio, Filipino in a 10-round fight here tonight. The champion's title was not at stake, the fighters having entered the ring four pounds over the flyweight limit.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 31.—Eoland Todd, England, and Frankie Campbell, San Francisco light heavyweight, fought a fast 10 round draw at an Oakland auditorium tonight.

CANNING SEASON WILL OUTSTRIP ALL RECORDS

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North Front street, with no doubt operate or have operated the canneries, and likely the dehydration part also. It would be a simpler proposition if there were 100 to 200 tons of loganberries in sight. But the coming crop of logans is about all contracted for, by canneries and barreling concerns; mostly at 5 cents a pound. Looks like the loganberry industry is coming back, and on a firm basis.

The Pacific Fruit Canning and Packing company (cooperative), in West Salem, is making preparations to run to capacity. It is said the arrangements are all made, or definitely under way.

The Producers' Cooperative Packing company, on North Commercial street, is all ready to go, with some new machinery and adjustments giving increased capacity. The pack of last year is all gone—not a case left. The last of their stock, gooseberries, went out about two weeks ago.

There are rumors of more canneries for 1927; but there are all ways such rumors. There will no

doubt be provisions for additional capacity for next year, for there is constant expansion in all lines of the fruit industry in the Salem district, and there is no let up in sight.

PLAN SPORT BUILDING BASKETBALL COURTS TO BE BUILT AT UNIVERSITY

EUGENE, Ore., March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Plans for the new basketball building to be erected on the University of Oregon campus were approved by the building committee of the board of regents today and bids for construction were called for to be presented to the comptroller's office by 11 a. m., April 21, according to Karl Onthank, executive secretary of the University. A Portland syndicate, composed of the Lumbermen's Trust company, Ralph Schneelock and Ferris and Hardgrave was the successful bidder for the \$150,000 bond issue which was authorized for the construction of the building.

The regents' committee also provided for the construction of four handball courts in the men's outdoor gymnasium to replace the basketball courts now located in that building.

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UNITED STATES IS ASKED TO MEETING

Formal Invitation Is Extended to Be Present at Geneva Conference

GENEVA, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—A formal invitation to the United Press to participate in the meeting of signatories of the world court protocol to be held in Geneva September 1 to discuss American reservations to adherence to the court was dispatched to Washington today.

The general opinion in league of nations circles tonight was that the conference of court members should decide not to participate.

It was pointed out here today that members of the court could reach an agreement on how to deal with the American reservations without the presence of a United States delegation, but league officials earnestly express the hope that Washington would see a way to participate. The presence of American representatives, it was stated, probably would lead up to the framing of a new court protocol, the signature of which would be satisfactory to the United States senate.

BROWNING IS TO WED CHILD

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Frances Heenan, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, 15-year-old daughter of a trained nurse, will be announced this coming June when the new Cinderella reaches her 16th birthday.

Frances is suffering from burns

on her face, the work to Mr. Browning, of "who entered her bedroom she slept and threw at Eight detectives are near the malefactor and four attending the girl.

He refused to confirm the admission of the ment plans, saying, "It is a tion I can't talk about at present. He added that Frances "lovely girl—very refined. Her mother, Mrs. William nan, expressed no surprise reports of a romance.

Frances has not accepted any gifts other than flowers and candy from her admirer, the mother said. The extensive wardrobe, automobile, jewels and other presents Browning lavished on Mary Louise Spas, during the brief period of her adoption before it was discovered she was not the 16 she claimed, but a mature 21, have had no part in his latest romance.

Frances, her mother said, is not attending school at present. She is "too busy socially." They came here from Columbus, Ohio, four years ago, Mrs. Heenan said. She is separated from her husband, an automobile salesman.

The physician who attended Frances after the mysterious acid throwing said that the burns were not serious and probably would not leave scars.

Mr. Browning said that the matter of scars "is unimportant anyway," so far as his regard for his new Cinderella is concerned.

HOPPE NOW AHEAD

NEW YORK, March 31.—Remarkable play by the champion, Willie Hoppe, gave him the lead tonight over Jake Schaeffer 1800 to 1716, at the end of the sixth block in their 3600-point match for the 18.1 balkline billiard title.

Buy a Want Ad—It Pays Big

Milton Turns Back on Speedways



Tommy Milton in harness. Central Press Association

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 1.—A man who has been in the roar of racing cars for thirty years, eats splinters, breathes gasoline and oil fumes, and fights with death, he can no more sit down at a desk for the rest of his life than can a congressman quit making speeches.

So Tommy Milton, "Terrible Tommy," will take a part in the annual Decoration Day 500-mile classic in Indianapolis May 30. And this despite the fact that he has retired from the track to enter the real estate business in New York city.

feating men he was ordered to follow in the races. Then he entered "big league" racing.

Milton established many world records in speedway races. He holds three dirt track records, for 50, 75 and 100 miles all made at a speed of more than 79 miles an hour. In 1923, at Syracuse, N. Y.

Milton won the Indianapolis classic in 1921 at a speed of 89.62 miles an hour, and again in 1923 a speed of more than 79 miles an for the 500-mile grind. Milton also won the American Automobile Association championship in 1921 and was second in 1925.

Tommy traveled at the terrific speed of 156.4 miles an hour over the fine sands of Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1920, setting a world record that never has been beaten. He also established the fastest mile record that ever has been made on a dirt track at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1923, traveling 85.1 miles an hour.

The automobile racing world mourns the passing of Tommy Milton called "Terrible" because of his bursts of speed on the track.

The question of who will take his place is on many lips. The finger seems to point to young Bob McDonogh, who Milton converted from a stunt airplane pilot into a capable automobile racer. McDonogh finished fourth in A. A. A. standing last year. He knows all Milton's tricks of the trade and some of his own.

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