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## Fanning With Farrell

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NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(United Press)—"You boys'll be back in this neighborhood next fall," Garry Herrman, boss of the Cincinnati Reds, said to a party of eastern writers at the recent gathering of the minors in Louisville.

It was Garry's way of saying that the Reds are going to do the National League's end of the entertaining in the world series of 1923.

Herrman isn't alone thinking well of Cincinnati's chances in the coming pennant race. The Reds look very good from this distance and if they get away to a good start, they have a good chance for the title.

The Reds made a smart deal when they secured Babe Benton from the St. Paul American Association club.

Benton is not only far from being through, but he is as good as he ever was, according to good judges who saw him working in the association.

John Conway Toole, president of the International league, said his work against Baltimore in the "little world's series" was the second best he has ever seen on the mound. He regarded the finest game pitched as one of Dick Rudolph's against the Athletics in the 1914 series.

Benton had a bad foot and his arm was going bad when he left the Giants. His foot was brought around by the St. Paul trainer and his arm weakness was found to be the result of a collection of pus under his shoulder and it was removed by an operation.

Four major league clubs were after Benton—two in the National League and two from the American League.

Both American League offers were withdrawn when Ben Johnson, president of the league, declared that Benton could not pitch in his organization.

The old Herzog-Benton story was given as the reason.

John W. Norton, president of the

## Charity With a Practical Side



Besides feeding the Armenians, the Near East relief workers are teaching them the value of good roads by building them. Workers are paid in food. Photo shows Clifford Downer of Kingston, N. Y., directing a road gang at Alexandropol.

St. Paul club, wrote Johnson and suggested that if Benton was not clean enough to play in the American League he was not good enough for any club in organized baseball. He demanded that Johnson prove his charges, but Johnson replied that if St. Paul wanted to fight about Benton it should fight with the Giants and not with the American league office.

Benton appeared before Commissioner Landis and stated his case during the Louisville meetings and letters from the National League office and the Giants' office were present, showing that Benton had not been found guilty of any off-color work.

Norton was going after Johnson again, when Cincinnati bobbed up with a good offer and the sale was made.

The deal was made, it is understood, with the consent of Commissioner Landis and John A. Heydler, president of the National League.

Johnson may continue to howl about Benton, but it is hardly probable that he will say much as he and Garry Herrman were formerly such fast friends.

After the Reds got straightened away from a miserable start last season, one more good pitcher was about all they needed to make it most interesting for the fans.

Pat Donahue, about the best young pitcher in baseball, was out for weeks also with a bad arm.

If Donahue has the good season that he should have and if Benton comes through as he is expected, those Reds will have a sweet ball club.

## JAPAN IS PRESSED BY GROWING POPULATION; NO PLACE TO MIGRATE

Tight Little Island Empire Alarmed as Birth Rate Increases; No Birth Control

By JAMES McCLAIN  
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TOKIO, Dec. 21.—Japanese publications and statisticians are debating the population and expansion problem again with all the vigor of old, yet for the most part it is in a newer light and with greater cogitance of the real problem and the place to find the solution. The reason for this new outburst is publication of the vital statistics for 1921, which show that in 12 months the number of mouths to be fed by the island empire increased by exactly 224,600.

That is a growth of 12.37 in 1920, an increase of 1.59 to the 1920 of births over deaths for 1921. The increase over 1920 comes not from the fact that more children were born last year, but from the fact that total deaths declined most, the birth rate also declining. Births total 2,931,103—1,078,259 boys and 952,853 girls—a decline of 1.13 from the 1920 birth rate. Deaths totaled 1,306,494, a decrease from the previous year of 2.72 to 1920.

**Birth Rate Grows.**  
Since 1897 the average birth rate for Japan is still more than 30 to 1,000—a nation whose boundaries are limited increasing at the rate of nearly three-quarters of a million annually. Unable longer to send the comparatively few willing to leave Japan to Australia and California and realizing that expansion on a large scale on the Asiatic mainland is impossible because of the temperate climate are already teaming with a population which in actual competition underbids and outworks the Japanese and because the northern districts are too cold to be popular with the warmth-loving Nipponese, the press and some of public figures are beginning to face the problem squarely and fairly. They are beginning to see the problem in a new light. While not yet generally accepted, there is an increasing tendency to admit that this is an internal problem—one that Japan must solve unaided.

**Industry Inevitable.**  
Business leaders have attempted since the opening of Japan to prevent this country from becoming a strictly industrial nation. But with half of Japan consisting of poor, mountainous land which will support no one, but yet which contains a world of undeveloped water power, that end is inevitable. Industries here are growing slowly mainly because of general business inertia and lack of world business sense. The faster rice fields are turned into factory grounds economically operated by power from the mountains the more will it aid the nation to feed its fast multiplying mouths.

**Tight Birth Control.**  
Distasteful as it sounds, Japan has a real need for birth control. Most of the younger, well-educated people are beginning to see this, but they are outnumbered by those who don't.

**Tight Birth Control.**  
Just recently a birth promotion organization was formed, its object being to get government assistance to prevent the birth rate from declining. This association advocates that all men whose family includes three or more children be exempt from income tax and that the father be given a subsidy to enable him to properly rear and educate every child after the fifth.

Some other vital figures included in the 1921 census report are interesting. Divorces were practically the only thing that increased, numbering 102.8 in the 1920, while marriages were 9,114 to 1920, a decrease of 9.76. This is

## PRACTICE OF HOOP GANG CONTINUED IN HOLIDAYS

Basketball practice will be carried on by the aspirants for the local hoop meet during the holidays. An early meet with The Dalles necessitates intensive work during all possible time before the opening of school. Interclass games have been discontinued for the most part, with the juniors and freshmen acknowledged champions.

The interclass games were highly successful in bringing to light the best material in the school. The outlook would appear almost hopeless, with only one man from last year's first string back in school, but for the ability which some of the unknown artists have shown. Holmgren, Adkinson, Phanting, Heyden and DeSisto are not unknown, and have displayed skill and teamwork in the class preliminaries. In addition to these are Cox, a fast freshman, Hutton, a sophomore, and Gillette, also a sophomore. With plenty of hard work on the part of these and the others who turn out under the direction of Coach Taylor, Pendleton's chances for a champion team may be considered as fairly good.

## STEEL CORPORATION TO HAVE PORTLAND PLANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The Columbia Steel Corporation has been capitalized at \$29,969,000 to produce steel at plants in Portland, Or., and Pittsburg, Cal. It has been organized here, and formally announced today. In the new company the present Columbia steel plants at Portland and Pittsburg will be united with the iron and coal holdings in Utah, now the property of the Utah Coal and Coke company.

### Seattle Grain Market.

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—Wheat—Hard white, \$1.27; soft white, \$1.25; western white, \$1.24; hard red winter, soft red winter, northern spring, western red, \$1.21.

Feed and hay unchanged.

## Latest Love Triangle



When Eugene V. Brewster, New York publisher of a string of movie magazines, took Gaila Palmer, 20-year-old cigar counter girl from a Miami (Fla.) hotel and awarded her the prize in an international beauty contest, he saved the seeds for the legal chicanery in which he now finds himself. Mrs. Eleanor V. V. Brewster (center left) has sued for separation.

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not all starting as one would think at first, considering the economic depression in Japan, which attained its worst

in 1921, and also considering the fact that all one has to do to secure a divorce is to go to the city office and

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