

IDAHO FOOTBALL MENTOR RESIGNS; DEFEATS ROILED

MOSCOW, Idaho, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Charles Erb, football coach and athletic director of the University of Idaho, today sent his resignation to President P. J. Kelly.

In resigning after three years as mentor of the Vandale (8-5) wrote a letter to Dr. Kelly expressing "the appreciation of the unparalleled loyalty and co-operation of my team, the students and faculty of the university administration." Dr. Kelly, in another letter thanked the coach who was quarterback of the California "Wonder Team" in 1923, for his services to the University of Idaho.

The resignation becomes effective September 1, 1919.

It was intimated here that no successor to Erb was being seriously considered as yet.

EAST-WEST STARS IN STIFF DRILLS FOR CHARITY TILT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Long, hard practice grinds were chalked up today by the eastern and western players who will compete for honors here December 29 in the annual East-West charity football game.

Their personnel complete, both squads raced through workouts that included signal drill, kicking, a scrimmage on the part of the eastern delegation and all the other necessary details coaches can think of.

One of the best bets on the East, Walter Holmer, reached Stanford where his team mates are enjoining until game time. The big Northwestern University fullback is one of the threats head coach Andy Kerr is banking on. Holmer probably will share the burden of attack with Howard Harpster, Carnegie Tech quarterback.

That Coach Kerr and Dick Haulay are banking on an aerial attack to settle the issue is evident. In every workout, much time is devoted to long tosses from Harpster to Haveratt, Minnesota end, and the other backfield men.

The Westerners, two days behind their rivals in the matter of practice, functioned more like a football team today. Coach Orin E. Hollingbery has found himself hard put for a safety man and signal caller. When the complete squad of 22 men lined up, it was found that none were experienced in these vital departments; as it is, Hollingbery is breaking in Bob Sims, Stanford halfback for the safety position, while Dan Allen, former Yale star and this year with the Olympic club, is being used at calling plays.

TWELVE CAPTAINS ON ALL-EASTERN ELEVEN



Twelve former captains are on the all-eastern squad which will play in the annual east-west charity game at San Francisco. Left to right, front: Delp, Penn State; Howell, Nebraska; Bennett, Indiana; Guest, Lafayette; Fox, Pittsburgh; Ashman, Washington and Jefferson. Back row: Nowack, Illinois; Raskovick, Ohio State; Wagner, Wisconsin; Gibson, Minnesota; Harpster, Carnegie Tech; Holmer, Northwestern.

BASKETBALL WAS BORN IN KANSAS, IS STATE SPORT

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—The land where the corn belt meets the wheat belt and where wheat fields adjoin cotton fields, turns to basketball for its premier winter sport.

Variations of the weather, peculiar educational conditions and adaptability of the sport to buildings available for indoor play combine to make basketball the supreme winter game of this section, particularly in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Basketball was invented by a Kansan, Dr. James T. Naismith, who still is a member of the University of Kansas faculty, and the game has a firmer grip on the sunflower state, perhaps than on any other.

Practice begins in the midst of the football season and the final tournaments are never completed before early April.

Kansas and Missouri each have two score small colleges and universities, and Oklahoma nearly as many. All have teams and rivalry is intense.

Small enrollment is not a handicap, as in football, baseball and other sports that require many men backed by many reserves. There are always enough players for a basketball squad of eight including three reserves. Women, too, have teams at many colleges. While high schools find so much enthusiasm among girls that they arrange special tournaments for them.

The game is economically possible because equipment is not costly, few expensive trips are taken and the admission price is low, since games are played almost nightly.

Expensive gymnasiums are not necessary, although desired at the larger colleges and universities. Basketball is played in town halls, on dance floors, in opera houses and auditoriums and in "cracker box" gyms. Every town, no matter how small, has from one to a dozen teams.

A high school squad is always the pride of the village and in the larger towns, there may be an independent team or two of old high school or college stars while college towns literally swarm with teams. Sunday schools, too, have basketball leagues.

A ban on football in Kansas City several years ago. Because of an unusually large number of gridiron

PRESIDENT'S SON AND HIS FIANCE VISITS MOTHER

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—(AP)—John Coolidge and his fiancée, Florence Trumbull of Hartford, Conn., arrived here today from New Haven, Conn., in Miss Trumbull's sport roadster and saw Mrs. Calvin Coolidge for the first time since the formal announcement of their engagement.

Mrs. Coolidge had just left the sickbed of her mother, Mrs. Louisa Goodhue, whom she has been visiting at the Dickinson hospital, when the young couple arrived. Together they went to the home of Mrs. R. B. Hills, Mrs. Coolidge's friend, for dinner and the evening.

Mrs. Coolidge will leave for Springfield tomorrow in the motor car placed at her disposal by Major-General Preston Brown, commander of the first corps area at Boston. She will take a train out of Washington early Sunday evening. John and Miss Trumbull will motor back to New Haven tomorrow.

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ALUMNI CRITICISM COMBINED WITH STUDENT DISAFFECTION OF COACH CHARLIE ERB'S TWO-YEAR SHOWING IN FOOTBALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, WAS ADVANCED IN HERE TO NIGHT IN UNOFFICIAL CIRCLES AS AN EXPLANATION OF HIS RESIGNATION.

The Vandale coach a few days ago denied newspaper items that he intended resigning.

For more than a year members of the Alumni association said tonight, departmental difficulties, augmented by clashes with university officials, which this spring prompted the officials to recommend that Erb take a vacation away from the campus, had caused dissatisfaction among the graduates.

Erb refused a statement on the resignation, but announced that he would leave tomorrow for New Orleans to attend a meeting of athletic coaches.

Erb came to Idaho in 1925, succeeding Robert L. Matthews.

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LOPLIN 'PRO' HAS LEAD OVER STARS IN AVALON PLAY

AVALON, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND, Cal., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Horton Smith, slender professional from Joplin, Mo., blinding a brilliant golfing path around this island's difficult nine hole course, swung around the 53 hole "millstone" of the \$2500 Santa Catalina Island open today with a two-stroke over Walter Hagen and other famous figures of golf.

Getting the "feel" of the extremely short holes, Smith went around the little layout in par amidst the furies today, and turned in a card for the 54 holes that read 63-58-61—182.

He will enter the final 18 hole drive tomorrow morning with a two-stroke over "The Hawk," who completed the 54 hole stretch in 62-62-60—184. Hagen had a four-stroke advantage over the rest of the pack, Henry Chick of Bridgeport, Conn., holding third position with 62-62-61—188.

GRID HERO GIVES UP FORTUNE FOR CHEMICAL IDEAL

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—An extraordinary career of an American chemical engineer is brought to light here by the news that oil is being made into coal in Kansas.

For the coal discovery is the second achievement in this career to attract international attention to a husky, optimistic former college football player who is making his main job the teaching of ideals to college youth.

In the pursuit of such an ambition he gave away a few years ago an opportunity for one of the biggest potential fortunes that a youngster might hope to achieve.

He is Dr. Walter F. Rittman, professor and head of the department of commercial engineering at Carnegie Institute of Technology.

In 1903 and 1904 Dr. Rittman, then known as "Ritt," was a tackle on the Ohio State football team. Afterward he played end for Swarthmore, where he graduated with the degree of mechanical engineer and chemical engineer.

Having had to work for his own college education, he set out to repay in an unusual way what he regards as a debt to American education.

While still a young engineer in the government service, he was one of the several men who developed the famous "cracking processes," wherein the amount of gasoline obtainable from crude oil was greatly increased. These processes, became "gold mines," even in the already fabulous saga of oil profits. Dr. Rittman rode away free to the oil industry all his own cracking patents, and his explanation is simply:

"I had ideals."

His friends say he still holds to these as too good to lose, and that he is teaching now for the opportunity of passing along to young men a rough-and-ready oil experience mixed with refined ideals.

Dr. Rittman invented the making of coal from oil to get rid of small wastes in a big refinery. It was one of the steps that scientists made "the development just around the corner," a small chance in an old and familiar process, but one leading to astonishing results.

His coal, smooth and shining, nearly as clean to the touch as anthracite, holds 45 per cent volatile substances, and already large scale experiments are under way to turn it into pulverized fuel.

TROJAN HERO TO MARCH TO ALTAR

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Miss Floy C. Malcolm has added an abetted cupid in scoring a touchdown on Don Williams, quarterback of the undefeated University of Southern California football team. Miss Malcolm's family have let the secret out somewhat in advance of a formal announcement party which Miss Malcolm's mother said will be given in the near future. The engagement culminates a college romance which has extended over two years.

INJURED CARD STAR AS FAST AS EVER

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Wally Roettger, star St. Louis Cardinal outfielder who was forced out of the game last July 4, is raring for the call to the Red Birds' training camp at Avon Park, Fla.

When Roettger broke his left leg, many predicted he was through with baseball and that he would never be as fast. The leg has healed completely, however, and as soon as his speed will not be affected.

Roettger is coaching basketball at Illinois Wesleyan college where his charges have won the Illinois conference championship three seasons' running.

COCHRAN WINS IN SPECIAL MATCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Staving off a last-minute rush by Jake Schaefer, Welker Cochran, Hollywood, Cal. billiard ace won a special 4,500 point 18.2 ball game today by taking the final black tonight, by a score of 400 to 322.

Fear Ship Lost.

HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A dispatch to the Halifax Chronicle from St. Pierre today said that owners of the French trawler Pacifico feared the vessel with its crew of 25 went down in a storm off Cape St. Mary. One of the ship's lifeboats containing a body was found yesterday near Placentia Bay.

ATHLETIC 'ROOKS' SENT TO BEAVERS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Combe Mack, manager of the Athletics, announced tonight that Ike Powers, young right-handed pitcher and Charles Bates, rookie catcher-outfielder, had been released to the Portland Pacific Coast League club. Both have been with the Athletics for several seasons, but saw little service.

National Hockey League

At Montreal: Montreal Canadiens 1; Ottawa 0.
At Toronto: Pittsburgh 3; Toronto 2.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—(AP)—In protest against any possible visit to Mexico by Herbert Hoover a group of men and women carrying red banners and singing the international, invaded editorial offices of Mexican newspapers shortly before midnight.

WHITMAN VICTOR OVER W. S. C. FIVE

PULLMAN, Wa., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Whitman college scored its second consecutive victory over the Washington State college here tonight by a 23 to 20 score. Wash was leading at half time, 18 to 17, but three sensational throws for field goals by Crossdale, missionary guard, gave them a lead that was not overcome. The Missionaries won from the Cougars 29 to 25 last night.

PORTLAND PEOPLE PACK CHEVROLET DISPLAY OF NEW SIX CYLINDER CAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Oregon State College basketballers opened the season here tonight by defeating the Multnomah club five to 47 in 20. Ballard, forward of the States, led the scoring with 11 points. The States meet the Checkersboard team of Portland tonight.

The new six-cylinder Chevrolet, which has been making its debut in various cities throughout the United States, has been a veritable sensation in Portland where it has been on display during the last few days. W. W. Allen, head of the Pierce-Alien Motor company, Medford Chevrolet dealers, returned the latter part of the week with glowing accounts of the enthusiasm of Portlanders for the excellent Chevrolet product in the history of the Chevrolet Motor company. Orders, according to Mr. Allen, are piling up at an amazing rate.

According to a telegram received yesterday by Mr. Allen from Daniel H. Green, district Chevrolet representative for the southern Oregon territory who is now in Portland, 29,000 people had packed the display rooms in the Rose City up to closing time Friday night. Enthusiastic crowds have been eagerly viewing the crowning Chevrolet achievement and 539 had placed orders up to Friday evening. This total should have exceeded the five hundred mark by last night, according to Mr. Allen.

The astonishing reception of the new Chevrolet six in Portland is not surprising to officials of the company as the sensational new car is making a similar hit throughout the United States. In spite of the fact that many improvements have been made on the 1928 model, and the new Chevrolet is powered by a six-cylinder motor, it will sell for a price very near that of the former car.

Extensive preparations are being made by the Pierce-Alien Motor company to introduce the new car to Medford and Rogue River valley people. The display rooms of that company, at 112 South Riverside avenue, will be decorated for the occasion, and the new 1929 model will be exhibited advantageously so that all may examine it. There will be other novel features of this opening display that will draw record crowds to Medford on the 28th of this month.

CHICAGO 'MAFIA' TRIAL TO JURY; LAWYERS FUSSY

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The fate of three Italians accused of abducting ten-year old Billy Ranseri, and holding him for \$50,000 ransom, was entrusted to a jury in criminal court here at 9:45 p. m. tonight.

State and defense had completed their closing pleas a half hour before and Judge Robert E. Gentzel gave final instructions to the jurors. Death in the electric chair had been demanded of the prosecutors for Angelo Pettit, alleged master mind of an extortion ring, and for Andrew Cappellano, on whose farm near Bourbonnais, Ill., the boy told the jury he had been a prisoner for 13 days in September. The state had not asked death for the third defendant, Tony, young son of Cappellano.

The trial, which had been punctuated by one sensation after another since the selection of jurors began several weeks ago, nearly ended in a fist fight between opposing attorneys tonight. The argument arose over the assertion of Prosecutor Charles Mueller that Pettit and Cappellano, had taken out only their first naturalization papers; George Guenther, defense counsel, called the statement a lie, and Mueller invited him into the corridor to "settle the thing man to man."

NEW YORK TIMES SAYS THAT COMMANDER BRANWELL BOOTH, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE SALVATION ARMY IN THE UNITED STATES, SAILED SECRETLY FOR ENGLAND ON THE OLYMPIC TODAY ON A JOURNEY THAT MAY END WITH THE REMOVAL OF HIS BROTHER, GENERAL BRANWELL BOOTH, AS INTERNATIONAL HEAD OF THE ARMY AND HIS DELEGATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The New York Times says that Commander Branwell Booth, chief executive of the Salvation Army in the United States, sailed secretly for England on the Olympic today on a journey that may end with the removal of his brother, General Branwell Booth, as international head of the army and his delegation.

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