

SPORTS

CLEVELAND IS UP AGAINST BAD DEAL

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PITCHING STAFF CLOSE TO WHITE SOX LAST SEASON

Hoodoo Seems to Follow Naps, as Each Winter for Several Past Years Seemed to Be Top-Notchers.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, Jan. 30.—The Cleveland Naps have been hit harder by the Federals than any other American league team. Joe Birmingham will be against a tough proposition in getting a pitching staff for the coming season, because he has lost three of his most valuable men in Falkenberg, Blanding and Kahler. There is no reason why the Naps should suffer any more than some of the other teams in the American league, but it so happened that the three men were unsigned and open for a proposition, and when one jumped the other two followed.

Last year the Naps had a pitching staff almost as strong as the White Sox. It was the boast of the Cleveland fans that they had the strongest lot of pitchers in the big leagues, but they will not be able to make any such boast this year. Birmingham will have four good men left from last year's staff in Mitchell, Steen, Gregg and Cullop. He may be able to pick up one or two worthy youngsters in the spring roundup, but the young pitchers will not be nearly as valuable as Falkenberg, Blanding and Kahler, even if they proved good enough to keep.

Hoodoo Follows Naps.

If there is any hoodoo team in the American league, it is the Naps. For several years the team has looked strong enough each winter to be one of the top-notchers of the race for the coming season, and just as regularly as the team has worked itself into a commanding place in the race some misfortune has occurred to spoil the season's chance of winning. Manager after manager has been tried out in hopes that the change would break the hoodoo and land the team in first place, but each new manager has gone the way of his predecessor without winning. More money has been spent by Charlie Somers, owners of the Naps, in the last ten years for new players than any other owner in the young major organization, but the money has been thrown away each year.

To put a winning combination in Cleveland, Somers has bought two minor league clubs and has a working agreement with another minor league team that gives him all the choice players each year.

Somers Also Loses in Toledo.

The Toledo club of the American association has been a continuous loser for Somers ever since he got control of it. The Mudhens never have been consistent enough to stick up in the race long enough to get the fans of Toledo really enthusiastic over the game. Every time a real good player has been developed on the Toledo team he has been shifted at the end of the season to the Cleveland team, and every time this has happened a lot of Toledo fans became disgusted and quit going to the games.

Down in New Orleans the Pelicans used to be the winning team in the league, but as soon as Somers got hold of it the team began slipping. In 1912 the New Orleans team finished third and last year the Pelicans were at the bottom of the list. Somers does not own the Portland team of the Pacific coast league, although he has a close working agreement with the club. The team has been the leading team of the league for some years and finished on top last year, but there are several fans, who watched Somers in baseball, who already are predicting the Portland combination will begin to slip if the agreement with the Naps is continued another season.

M'GOORTY WIRES HE WOULD MEET CLABBY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Through his manager, Joe Levin, Eddie McGoorty, sailing from Australia today, challenged Jimmy Clabby to meet him in a 20-round bout to be staged in Sydney, Easter Monday.

"Snowy Baker," wired Levin, "is visiting in America for the purpose of trying to get either Clabby or George Chip to come to Australia and box McGoorty on Easter Monday." "I have received several exchanges from the states, and in them are some statements coming directly from Clabby, claiming to be the middleweight champion of the world, and also quot-

ing him as saying that Eddie cannot make the middleweight limit. Eddie weighed exactly 158 pounds at 2 o'clock for his contest with Dave Smith.

"Although Clabby holds a questionable decision over McGoorty, and he knows that by coming out here he can get twice as much money for boxing him than in any other place, he doesn't seem very anxious to come."

ONE ROUND HOGAN IS ROASTED BY JUDGE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—"One Round" Hogan, the pugilist, was scathingly rebuked by Judge Shortall, before whom he appeared yesterday on a charge of battery. While the evidence showed that Hogan had not participated in beating up one Ed Morgan, as charged, it did show that he stood calmly by and watched several ruffians brutally beat Morgan.

"What is your business?" asked Judge Shortall. Hogan affects an English accent. "Why, your honor," he responded, "I am a professional man." "Doctor or lawyer?" quizzed the court. "Oh, neither of those," was the answer. "You see, I am a professional fightah."

"Oh, yes," was Judge Shortall's comeback, "I get you now. You are the man who fights everybody in the country and gets knocked out in the first round. You are a fine professional man, to stand by and see ruffians beat up this man." The case was dismissed and Hogan left the courtroom hurriedly.

PLAN AUTO ICE RACES.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Cottonwood, N. D., Jan. 30.—A new and exciting sport has appeared in this part of the country this winter in the form of automobile racing on the ice. Arrangements were completed today for a grand prize race to be held in the near future on Cottonwood Lake. The sportsmen have constructed a race course two miles long and some exceptionally fast time has been made in trials. The curves are banked with snow, but when the machines start skidding there is considerable trouble in negotiating the turns.

BOXERS AT CLEVELAND.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Cleveland, O., Jan. 30.—Seven amateur boxers, the best St. Louis can boast of, arrived here today prepared to meet a coterie of Cleveland amateurs at the Cleveland Athletic Club tonight. This is the fifth interclub contest held here this season. There will be seven classes ranging from 108 pounds to 190.

CHARLEY WHITE VS. BATTILING SCHULTZ

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Toledo, O., Jan. 30.—Charley White and Battiling Schultz meet here tonight at Abo Shapiro's. Both men, according to their managers, are in fine shape, setting favors White.

JABS AND JOLTS

Once upon a time we had great faith in Humid Kalla Pasha. By his own efforts he raised himself from a wrestler to an actor. If he had continued to persevere he might have lifted himself into a profession in which he could have earned an honest living.

Possibly you have noticed how few great wrestlers there are of American birth. Americans are brought up with the idea that it is wrong to skin the public.

The gent who called us up to learn the standing of the Box and Giants has us beaten hip and thigh. But we are willing to wager 25 cents (\$25) that it is pretty close to 500.

If we were to press agent for a foreign wrestler our first move would be to eliminate the claim that he had once wrestled to a draw with George Hackenschmidt.

Aside from the gents who have wrestled draws with Hackenschmidt there are the athletes who have been matched with Zhyzsko only to have Zhyzsko run out of it.

It was a good idea to call off the bets on the Priestensky-American match. But it would be a better idea to place an alienist at each door.

BUSINESS OF LAUGHING. Morley Brown, ungrateful fellow worked until his arm went bad. Never showed a sign of yellow. Always gave the best he had.

He drew a stack of money. For the owner of the team. And his life was milk and honey. And a sweet celestial dream.

But he ceased to draw the money. And the owner butted in. Saying to him: "Beat it sonny!" While he kicked him on the shin.

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There may be some truth in the rumors that Joe Tinker is all in as a ball player. The poor cripple batted only a few notches above 500 last season.

If Joe Tinker is all in as a baseball player, Connie Mack is a deserving candidate for a home of the feeble-minded.

The University of Keio will send a baseball team to the United States next summer. The University of Keio knows that Crawford and Speaker will be otherwise engaged at that time.

If you could enthuse over the reports that De Oro still is the three-cushion billiard champion you probably could raise a few rals over the fact that Yale whipped Columbia in a chess tournament.

The fact that Milwaukee promoters want to match Jess Willard again shows that they are glutious for punishment.

The jumping of King Cole from Frank Chance to Joe Tinker is said to consist that there is no sentiment in baseball.

This is a false impression. There is almost as much sentiment in baseball as there is in the loan shark business.

Gunboat Smith looks good in comparison with other white hopes. A truck horse walking by a hitching post makes the said hitching post look slow.

IN LOS ANGELES. They brought the white hope into court before an angry crowd. The prosecutor gazed on him and raised his voice aloud:

"That fellow there before you is a fighter!" thundered he. The white hope blushed and made reply: "Oh, sir! You flatter me!"

The grand old public of the U. S. A. likes baseball, but baseball politics is something else again.



"THE ROSARY." "The Rosary," Ed. W. Roland, Jr.'s theatrical success, which will be seen at the Grand next Thursday night, tells a story of a modern Garden of Eden, in which the serpent enters in the form

of a rejected suitor, who wrecks the home and happiness of a married couple by playing upon the jealousy of the husband. There is diffused throughout the drama remarkable air of purity, faith and hope from the opening scene, which pictures the happy couple about to celebrate their second marriage anniversary, and surrounded by all the creature comforts of modern civilization to the last act when the twain, broken in health and fortune, and wrecked by jealousy come like two weary children to the feet of the old priest who has fathered them through their troubles. In the days of their prosperity they had built a chapel for their old friend, the priest, and in their adversity they come back to the little edifice one Sunday morning, just as the chimes send their music rolling through the valley. The story is interestingly told, and with a cast comprising Jean Wardley, Thornton J. Baston, Stanley M. Andrews, L. Andrew Castlem, Rose Adair, Neola Newton, Chas. H. Starr, Ray Frasier, J. Sullivan, S. E. Lester and C. A. Sterlin portraying the part of Father Kelly, and with scenic effects that are brilliant, the production is worth attending.

Perhaps rather too many people enjoy nothing so much as a fight over or about almost everything.

The grange should be a mighty force in favor of good roads.

ZIMMERMAN WILL RUN FOR COUNTY OFFICE

The first candidate to show a real desire to become an aspirant for a county office appeared at the court house yesterday afternoon and secured the necessary papers. He is A. E. Zimmerman, a resident of Hayesville, and he announced his intention of becoming a candidate for the office of county treasurer. Up to the present time no declarations of intentions to become candidates have been filed with the county clerk, but a bunch of them are looked for within a short time. It is understood at the court house that there will be new candidates for the offices of clerk, sheriff, recorder, surveyor and county commissioner, but even the present incumbents of these offices are slow in announcing whether or not they intend to be candidates to succeed themselves.

GORTALS WILL STAY AS LONG AS SERVICES NEEDED
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Jan. 30.—Secretary of War Garrison yesterday afternoon made public the text of the reply he received from Colonel Goethals to an inquiry

concerning the story that he had accepted the New York police commissionership. It was as follows: "Referring to your cable of the 27th inst., relative to the governorship, I will not retire so long as my services are needed."

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