

President Tearney Invited to Rock Island--Socials Lose Championship Game

INVITE TEARNEY TO ROCK ISLAND

Three-I President May Stop Off Here on Way to Quincy Meeting.

FAVORS TEAM IN CIRCUIT

Tri-Optic Magnate Would Like to Place Franchise Here--Jack Tighe Will Entertain.

President Al Tearney of the Three-I league has received an invitation to stop in Rock Island this evening en route to the Quincy meeting of the league...

ultimate featherweight by jumping on the scales at his training quarters at Leopersville, Pa., today and proving that after exactly two days' work in five weeks he weighs just 125 pounds.

FEDERAL LEADERS RETAIN TORONTO

In Spite of Contrary Reports Canadian City Will Not Drop From Circuit.

CLEVELAND AFTER BERTH

Dispatch from Toronto, However, Says No Interest Shown There--Star Signs With Feds.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 9.—Magnates of the Federal league had a long secret session in Chicago Saturday, and in spite of reports to the contrary, it now looks as though Toronto will retain its franchise in the circuit this season.

The question of transferring the Toronto franchise was the important thing to decide. It had been rumored the club would be taken from Toronto and put in New York City.

On the other hand a dispatch sent out today from Toronto indicates that the project is not looked upon favorably by the Canadians. Following is the message:

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 9.—Baseball men today expressed doubt that a Federal league club will be placed in Toronto. There is little local money to back such an enterprise, they say.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Bob Groom, the right-handed pitcher of the Washington American League club, has signed with the St. Louis Federals.

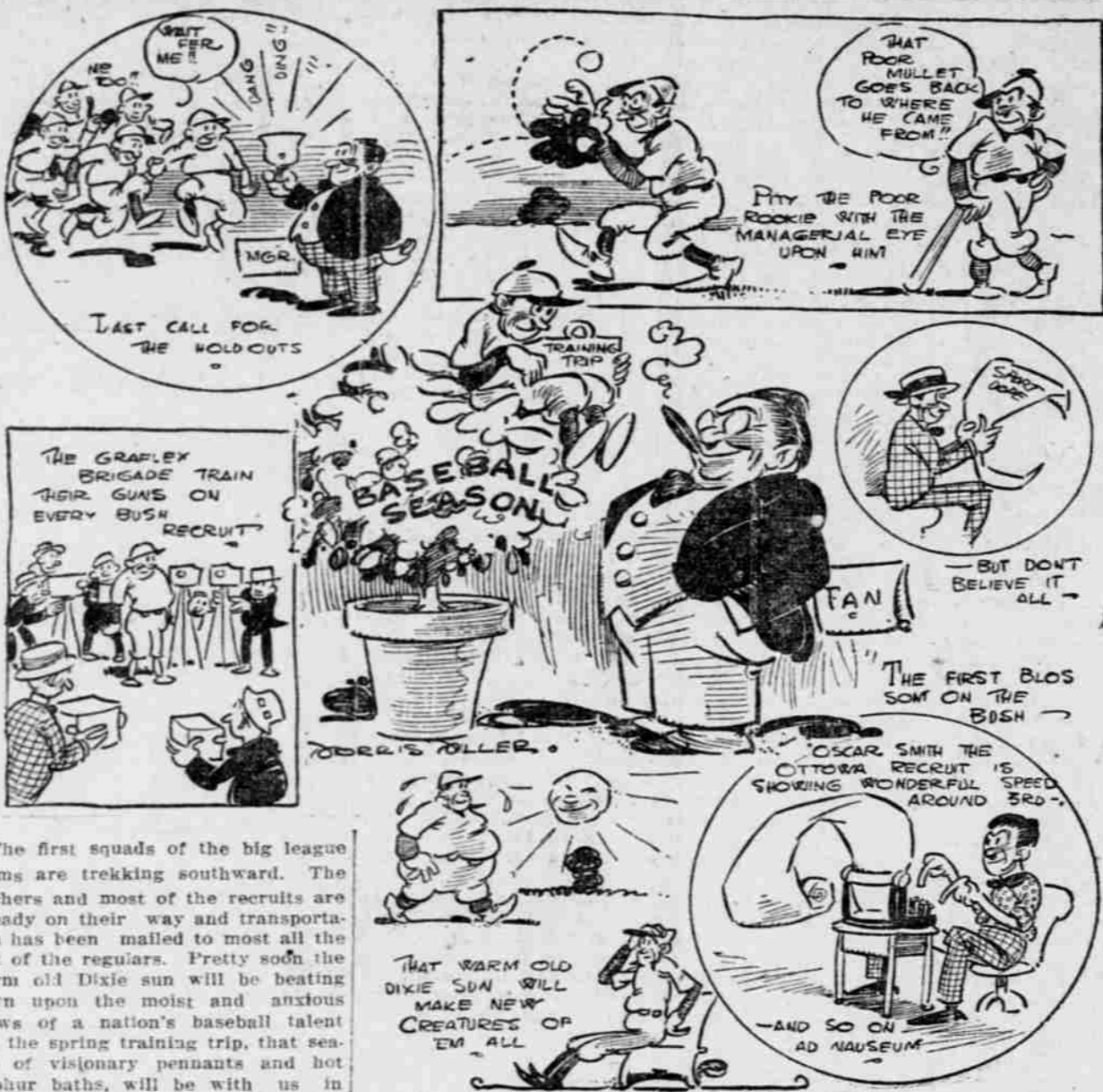
COULON TO MEET ENGLISH CHAMP

Chicago Bantamweight Signs Articles to Scrap John Fox in London.

According to reports which reach here from across the Atlantic, Johnny Coulon, present bantamweight title holder, and who received a 19-round facing not long ago at the hands of our Rock Island pug, "Young" Frankie Sinnet, is to meet Joe Fox before the National Sporting club in London, June 27th or 30th having been selected as the date.

KILBANE WEIGHS 125 LBS. Featherweight Champ Trains but Two Days and Claims He Can Make 118.

EARLY BIRDS ARE FLYING SOUTH; "WHEE!" CRIES THE RABID FAN



The first squads of the big league teams are trekking southward. The pitchers and most of the recruits are already on their way and transportation has been mailed to most all the rest of the regulars.

Spring is the gala season for the player from the sticks. We may never hear of him before and we'll probably never hear of him again, but for the several weeks of the training season he struts in the twin spotlights.

And the boys with the cameras aren't idle either. Lovely large two-column halftones of all the pitching recruits are sent back to the papers to be printed for the perusal of the fan.

SOCIALS ARE NOW OUT OF RUNNING

Lose Game Saturday Night to Davenport Y. M. C. A. and Chance at Title.

AUGUSTANA MAY PLAY

Furious Game Staged at High School Gymnasium Before Largest Crowd of Season.

The Rock Island Socials are now out of the running for the tri-city basketball title, owing to their defeat Saturday night at the hands of the fast Davenport Y. M. C. A. team at the local high school gymnasium.

At no time was the result in doubt and only toward the last few moments of play were the Socials able to make any kind of a showing against the team from across the water.

The summary. Davenport (35) Socials (30) Arthur ... Foss Krabenhoff ... Swanson Bloek ... Robb Newton, Duley ... Anderson

Augustana Adds Another Victory

Collegians Trim Carthage 16 to 7 and Take Further Stride Toward Title.

The Augustana quintet returned last evening from Carthage, Ill., where they defeated Carthage college Saturday evening by a score of 18 to 7. This adds another victory to conference record of the local college team.

The game of Saturday night was not so hard fought as the one with Hedding. From the start, it was evident that Augustana would win.

Sten, Anderson and Swanbeck, forwards; Swedberg, center; Berg and Hultgren, guards.

FIGHTERS AWAIT SIGNAL TO START

Schieberl and Mars Ready for Big Go at Cincinnati--Wire Reports Here.

"Peanuts" Schieberl, local pug and one of the best little featherweights of the ring world, is ready for his big go tonight at Cincinnati against "Knockout" Mars, the Ohio douser.

Italy entertains baseball tourists. Rome, Feb. 9.—The New York and Chicago baseball teams which have arrived in Italy are the objects of a

BASKETBALL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

Basketball, unlike a majority of our games, is not a result of evolution, but is a modern synthetic product of the office. Dr. Naismith says that the principles were established, the rules formulated and put into typewritten form before any attempt was made to test its value.

A Winter Sport. Basketball was introduced as a deliberate attempt to supply a game for the winter season that would have the same interest for the young man that football has in the fall and baseball in the spring.

Owing to an exceptionally heavy schedule the Augustana quintet will not meet the Davenport Y. M. C. A. until at least the end of the season. The intercollegiate title of Illinois is a much more important item to the school five than the tri-city honors and for that reason there will be no further contests for the title for some time, unless some other Rock Island or Moline team becomes chesty

inaction to a great many persons who enjoyed participation in a wholesome form of competition. A Winter Sport. Basketball was introduced as a deliberate attempt to supply a game for the winter season that would have the same interest for the young man that football has in the fall and baseball in the spring.

great deal of curiosity and interest, as the game is little known in this country. They arrived at Rome today and are to remain here four days, playing in the stadium, the largest athletic amphitheatre on the peninsula. It is capable of holding over 100,000 spectators.

DAVENPORT HIGH TRIMS PLOW CITY

One Sided Contest Goes to Red and Blue Warriors--Large Crowd Present.

The Davenport high school basketball team kept up its record of an unbroken string of victories Saturday night, by easily defeating the Moline high team with a one sided count of 50 to 14.

The game began with Moline throwing a foul basket. Davenport started soon, however, and were never headed. The Davenporters missed several easy shots in this half. Moline did not have much chance to put there hands on the ball.

The second half was more interesting as the Davenporters seemed to wake up and made almost double the points that they made in the first half. Rhodes and Kaufman were playing in this period and they made the game livelier.

The line-ups of the two teams was as follows: Davenport—Rhodes, Fabricius and Kelly, forwards; Allen and Kaufman, center; Thompson and King, guards.

RESULTS OF THE GAMES. Senior Division. Central Presbyterians 16, Memorial Christians 5.

Swedish Lutherans 10; Baptists 4. Broadway Presbyterians 20, South Park Presbyterians 4.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS. Older Boys' League. Lees 5 0 1,000 Dapps 4 1 800

Senior Division. Broadway Presbyterian 0 1,000 First Methodist 4 1 800

CUBS ANNOUNCE DATES Chicago, Ill., Feb. 9.—The following spring training dates have been announced for the Chicago National league team:

PLOW CITY FANS WANT MORE TIME

Moline Enthusiasts Meet in Final Session and Ask Extension of Justice.

PARK BADLY IS NEEDED

Solicitors Have Money, They Claim, to Secure Franchise--Many Cities After Berth.

Moline baseball fans met Saturday night in the Manufacturers' hotel in the Plow City, in what was supposed to have been the final and deciding session of the supporters of the national game in that city, regarding the vacant Central association berth which Moline is after, and according to many and varied reports sent out as they have been.

A message was sent to President M. E. Justice of the association, asking an extension of time for a period of one or two weeks more, but those in a position to know are of the opinion that Justice will not grant the request, as there are too many cities after the franchise.

Rock Island business men have declared themselves in favor of the Central association and it is thought that an immediate effort will be made to secure the berth which Moline was after. Influential men of the city expect to get busy on the proposition at any rate, and success now practically seems assured here.

Many After Berth. The following dispatch sent out today from Burlington, Iowa, will prove of considerable interest to local baseball fans:

Burlington, Iowa, Feb. 3.—If the directors of the Central association have held any doubts about the ability to fill the vacancies in this league made by the resignations of Monmouth and Kewanee, they have it vanishing away.

These cities are Rock Island, DuBuque, Moline, Aurora, Oskaloosa, Marshalltown and Clinton, Iowa. Any one of these cities would be a decided improvement on what they have had. But at present the Central association appears to be tied up with Moline.

Meanwhile Marshalltown, Iowa, has come forward with no strings of any kind tied to it, and offering to pay all moneys required. It is a good sized city and has an abundance of enthusiasm, judging from the meetings that have been held there by the fans regarding getting into the Central association circuit.

It is expected that the matter of membership will soon be settled and then one of the best seasons of the league will be assured. All the managers have been very busy with the lining up of their teams, and many of them know about what their teams will consist of now.

Peoria Plans for Coming of Regatta Peoria, Ill., Feb. 9.—Motor boat enthusiasts of Peoria have commenced preparations for the entertainment of the annual regatta of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association. The dates chosen, July 2, 3 and 4, are satisfactory to the Peoria canoe club.

All Stars Trim Cross Countries The All Stars of the Twin City Bowling league won yesterday from the Cross Countries of the same league in a game for a \$25 side bet. The contest was close and good sized crowd present.