



SPORTING SECTION



IN MAJOR LEAGUE TRAINING CAMPS

Sox Regulars Ping Ball and Win 6 to 4 Games on 17 Safe Swats.

SECONDS BREAK STREAK

Club Game Postponed by Frosty Air—Chicago Feds Play Inside Games at Shreveport.

Los Angeles, Calif., March 21.—The regular Sox won a slugging match from Venice yesterday by the narrow margin of 6 to 4 in the run column, but they outbatted their opponents a lot more than that in the sweat department. Seventeen hits were necessary to compile the Sox runs, while the Venetians were able to get their four tallies on eight safeties. It was as difficult for the south sliders to score as during the regular playing season. John Collins, Hal Chase and Scotty Alcock mauled the ball for three safeties apiece, and one of Chase's was a three bagger. Alcock made two singles and what would have been a home run for any one else, but Scotty was limping painfully with a charley horse which broke out on him a few days ago and could not get farther than third base on a liner which traveled into the farthest corner of center field.

Sox Seconds Lose. Oakland, Calif., March 21.—Catcher Mayer's sore arm lost the game to San Francisco yesterday afternoon, 8 to 6, and broke the Sox Seconds' winning streak. He hurt his whip playing the first part of the week and the Sox soon found they could steal bases at will.

In the fourth the locals ran so fast and often that five runs came across in a hurry and decided the affair then and there. Sullivan came to the rescue too late. Smith, with better support, might have got away with the game. He retired in the seventh to give Timmerman a chance. Timmy passed the first two and was quickly replaced by Wolfgang.

Cubs Postpone Game. Birmingham, Ala., March 21.—Manager Hank O'Day and his Chicago Cubs were greeted yesterday morning at their arrival from Savannah by President Baugh of the local baseball club, who offered to call off the contest scheduled for the afternoon because of frost. This offer was accepted without delay. There was frost in the air all night, and there would have been a frost at the ball park if the teams had attempted to play, for when the mercury drops to the freezing point in these parts Mr. Southern League Fan does not appear with his coin at the box office window.

Federal Play Indoors. Shreveport, La., March 21.—Rain and chilly weather didn't stop the training of the Chicago Federals yesterday. The diamond was too wet and the air too chilly, so Manager Tinker took the squad to the Coliseum at the fair grounds and two games of indoor baseball, one in the

morning and one in the afternoon, made the day one of the liveliest since the athletes came here.

The regulars trimmed the Blokes in the morning session, which went only seven innings. The score was 9 to 8. In the afternoon Captain Block of the Blokes sought revenge and trimmed the regulars in a terrific contest that lasted 14 innings, the final score being 15 to 14.

Baltimore 7; Phillies 6. Greensboro, N. C., March 21.—The Baltimore Internationals won the third victory of their five game series with the Philadelphia National league team at Fayetteville, N. C., 7 to 6. The victory was mostly due to Derrick, Gieschmann and Egan, each of whom hit for three bases in succession.

Boston Braves Trim Newark. Macon, Ga., March 21.—The Boston Nationals again defeated the Newark International league team here 5 to 3 in a seven inning contest. The weather was cold.

FEDERAL RULES ARE DIFFERENT

Ball games in the Federal league will be conducted a bit differently from the way the American and National league handle them. While there will be no changes in the actual playing rules, the league will be governed by its own rules, which differ materially from those of the other leagues.

At the recent meeting of the umpires with President Gilmore in Chicago, the whole thing was gone over and a set of rules drawn up. Umpire Bill Brennan, the chief of the staff, who is anchored here with the Chicago "Feds," says the changes have been adopted officially.

One of the principal points of the new system is a plan to keep unruly players in the game and penalize them with fines instead of ejection and suspending them.

The reason for this measure is that the Federal league officials believe the public hates to see a player put out of the game, especially if he is a star, no matter if the player be one of the visiting team.

Another reason was that the officials believe nothing hurts a player more than taking his money, and if he knows that he surely will be fined \$25 for getting put out he is not so likely to carry on a useless row with the umpire as he would be if only a three days' suspension might result.

Another rule adopted was to allow coaches to talk at all times, but at no time to allow their conversation to be personal to opposing pitchers or other players.

In the National league the rule has been that a coach cannot talk until a runner is on the base, and then can talk only to the base runner. The American league permitted more talking. The Federal league believes it gives up the game to have the coach talking and encouraging the batter as well as the base runners, and at any time.

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RITCHIE FOULED CLAIM OF DOCTOR

Wolgast Would Have Won Fight is Sensational Story Sent From Chicago.

STOUT HAD COLD FEET

Jones Placed Thousands of Dollars on Ad to Win Milwaukee Battle—Scribes Say No.

Chicago, March 21.—That Willie Ritchie is still lightweight champion of the world is due to the faint heart of Harry Stout, referee of the recent Wolgast-Ritchie battle in Milwaukee if rumors that will not down are to be believed. From Milwaukee came the story of a plot that was to have robbed the champion of his laurels but just when it looked as though all was ready for the killing, Stout lost his nerve.

Were the story that of one person little weight would be given it but several prominent Chicagoans tell the yarn and it begins to loom as though there was something more than gossip to it. As the story runs, Wolgast was to go down from the first blow to the stomach and claim foul and the referee was to stop the match, call in a doctor, examine Wolgast and if any signs of a foul showed, the fight was to be given him on a foul.

In order that there would be evidence of a foul when the physician examined Wolgast, it is claimed the champion received an injection just before the match which brought about the same result as a foul yet was devoid of the pain from the same blow. That Ritchie was not stripped of his title was due to Stout getting cold feet at the last minute.

Conditions before and after the match bear out the rumor. It is now positively known that Wolgast lay awake the night before the fight suffering from a bad pain in his left hand and that three doctors worked on him for hours relieving the pain and reducing the swelling. He entered the ring practically with the use of but one hand.

Jones Bets a Pile. Yet the day of the fight Manager Jones was taking bets of all kinds that Wolgast would win, betting anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000. Those who know Jones know he isn't betting real money on any bloomers. Wolgast went through with his claim of foul when the first body punch was delivered. The referee wouldn't allow the claim. Later he said he didn't hear Ad's claim, that if he had heard it he would have called in a physician to examine Wolgast. When Ad returned to his dressing room after the fight he was examined by a physician who declared the ex-champion was fouled, and claimed the evidence was there. Every critic of note sat around the ringside and saw the blow struck, yet not one would admit the blow was low. Tom O'Rourke, Ed. W. Smith, Packey McFarland, Emil Thiry, Harry Forbes, Johnny Coulon and several others declared the blow was fair.

The question then arises: "How did the examining doctor find evidence of a foul? Is the story true that Ad was given an injection?" Usually when a man is fouled, his fighting strength is impaired and he

TWO FRENCHMEN IN 500-MILE AUTO RACE



Jules Goux (top) and Jean Chassagne.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 21.—Two European drivers, Jules Goux and Jean Chassagne, will be strong contenders for first honors in the 500-mile race on the Indianapolis motor speedway Decoration day. Groux won last year. He will drive a Peugeot, together with his teammate, Bollot, the champion of Europe.

Chassagne holds the world's hour record of 112 miles 1,750 yards, established on the Brooklands track recently. This year he will attempt to prove that, in open competition, Bob Burman, the American incumbent of the speed throne, is his inferior. Chassagne will drive a six-cylinder Sunbeam, one of the fastest ever turned out.

hasn't the same snap and speed that he possessed just before the blow landed. With Wolgast, however, he seemed to be fresher after the blow than before. If it was a plot it didn't work and the promoters are trying to bring the pair together again.

FORMER FOOTBALL STAR IS DEAD IN WINDY CITY

Chicago, Ill., March 21.—Dr. Olin McCormick, former football star, died in the Presbyterian hospital yesterday. He was a practicing physician in Hershey, Ill. McCormick played on the University of Illinois football eleven in 1892 and 1893. Later he was a member of the Physicians and Surgeons team here. He also competed in the Illinois-Carlisle Indian contest which was staged in the Coliseum at night.

ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE WILL SOON BE ISSUED

The Central association playing schedule for 1914 will soon be prepared for publication. A. C. Willford, chairman of the schedule committee, has received a copy of the proposed chart from President Justice and the directors of the association will meet within a short time to consider the schedule.

EVANGELIST FORMS TEAM

Billy Sunday quit baseball to become an evangelist. But he has become one better. Now comes an evangelist who is quitting the regular work to take up baseball. But he is to do baseball evangelistic work. He hails from the bible school at Columbia, Mo., and he is advertising for players. He wants large, quick, fast men of good moral character, who can play baseball and who will furnish recommendations from a minister of any denomination. He also wants ballplayers who can sing and he wants them at once. He is advertising extensively and is also arranging advance dates for the club.

Washington—From a farm of 87 acres owned by John Jones, an ex-slave, has come to the supreme court the question whether ex-slaves are entitled to inherit from their brothers and sisters, who were likewise ex-slaves. The supreme court of Tennessee decided ex-slaves have no inheritable blood. Counsel for Will Jones, one of Jones' brothers, in seeking a reversal, argued that the decision violated the 14th amendment to the constitution.

ARRANGE CRUISE TO JULY REGATTA

Motor Boat Fleets Will Journey By River and Canal to Peoria.

Muscatine, Iowa, March 21.—Arrangements are now being made for the cruise to be made to the Peoria regatta this year. Admiral C. P. Hanley has been informed as to the plans of the cruise committee of Mississippi Valley Power Boat association. It is now planned to form two fleets to be known as the northern and southern fleets. The northern flotilla will form at St. Paul and will sail down the big stream to Rock Island, and will then proceed through the Hennepin canal and rendezvous at Chillicothe. The southern fleet will form at Keokuk, run down the Mississippi, thence up the Illinois to Peoria.

The official itinerary will be announced later. The membership of the cruise committee follows: R. J. Webb of Alton, Ill., chairman; Dr. F. R. Halstead, Muscatine; A. C. Decker, Keokuk; D. F. Scribner, Clinton, and C. L. Beardsley of Rock Island. Muscatine motor boat enthusiasts will be able to join either of the fleets, but a majority expect to leave via the Hennepin canal.

WATERTOWN

Mrs. Joe Schafer of Port Byron was a visitor here Thursday at the Filbert home.

Mrs. Amanda Allsbrow has sold her livery barn to Ed Veager of Moline, who will take possession April 1.

The Baptist Aid society met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Adolph Broecker.

Miss Lillian Graham has returned from Normal, where she has been attending the teachers' institute.

The Royal Neighbors will hold their entertainment and supper at their hall Friday evening.

Mr. Weldeman of Yuma, was a visitor at the William Filbert home the past week.

Mrs. H. Willie and daughter visited the past few days in Rock Island with relatives.

Mr. Marcussen of Davenport was a business caller here Thursday.

James Waters of Dubuque was a business caller here the forepart of the week and stopped while here at the D. Y. Allsbrow home.

Emerson Tabor was called this week to Farmington to attend the funeral of his father.

D. Y. Allsbrow is at Rockford attending the three days' session of the Northern Illinois Association of Undertakers.

Miss Bernice Codorf of Hampton was a visitor at the Louis Taylor home the past week.

Mr. Hobsizer and family have moved from the Jacob Schieb house to Moline and L. Taylor now occupies the house they vacated.

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Hodges of East Moline were callers Friday at the home of Mrs. Adda Ausbrook.

Mrs. Ross Wainwright of Yuma, was at the home of Mrs. Nora Filbert Friday.

Tuesday evening the W. C. T. U. held an open meeting at the Baptist church, a program was given and light refreshments were served.

Mrs. George Gray and children of Hampton were Watertown visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Anna Peterson and children spent Saturday and Sunday in Hampton with the former's mother, Mrs. Thompson.

Miss Pearl Rose of Moline was a caller here Saturday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. D. Coe.

The Methodist Aid society will meet Wednesday, March 25, at the church, Mrs. S. P. Conner and Mrs. Sheppard entertaining.

Mrs. Adda Ausbrook is in Bloomington as a delegate to the Royal Neighbors' state convention.

Mrs. Martha Odell of Hampton was a caller here Saturday.

Mrs. Rosa Walker of Watertown attended the funeral of Mrs. Dillon at Hillsdale Tuesday and visited with Mrs. Flora Jamison.

LEAGUE BASEBALL FOR ROCK ISLAND

Federals Talk of Placing City in Minor League Circuit When Organized.

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A glance through the baseball records shows the reason. The American league keeps a star player as long as he performs in major league style—but not one day longer. They cut him adrift when he starts to skid and supplant him with new blood, bring to the fore some youngsters who soon shine just as brightly as did the stars of old.

With the National league it is different. Sentiment seems to cause them to keep in the regular lineup many old stars long after they have slowed up, long after added years has robbed them of their former prowess and made them inferior to the youngsters who are breaking on the benches waiting to camp in.

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my Callahan, now manager of the White Sox, Clark Griffith now manager of the Senators and Nick Altrock, coacher, are the only players who played in 1904 who still are drawing salaries from American league.

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It seems to be up to the National leaguers to weed out the veterans and let the bench-warming kids come out into the spotlight if they want to save themselves from slipping to a minor league status when compared with the speed boys of the American league. The new organization has forged ahead so rapidly in the past few years, has so clearly outclassed the Nationals that many skeptical fans are declaring that the Nationals today despite their galaxy of stars do not rank superior to the first division teams of the class AA minor leagues.

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Bowling Old-Time Game

There is hardly a sport which has a more interesting history than bowling. While baseball, football and other branches of athletics have been traced into the middle ages, it is worthy of note that bowling also has a history which dates back quite as far. A reputable authority, who has made quite a study of the sport, has written a short history of the sport, a brief of which follows:

Bowling seems to have originated in the middle ages. It was at that time a purely outdoor game, as was the rule with everything of that period. The sport was known by a variety of names. It was called "bowles," French "boules" and "caureau." These three names seem to have been the most common, but there are others, quite a number purely local. As played at that time, the game was very different from the present sport, but there was much similarity.

The game was first introduced into the American continent early in the 18th century, and possibly the latter part of the 17th. It seems to have been very popular in New York early in the 18th century. An old map of that city of the date of 1728 shows a bowling green on the north side of the public garden, situated near the King's farm, near the foot of Murray and Warren streets.

government and laid out as a public bowling green. From the time the sport was introduced into America the outdoor game has long since given away to the indoor.

The first mention of the game being played indoors on a covered alley is found in William Fitz-Stephens' "Survey of London," about the 12th century. The first record of a match game played indoors in America was a game played in the Knickerbocker alleys in New York city, Jan. 1, 1840. Since that time the game has continued to grow in popular favor.

Until 1875, when clubs became very numerous, there was much diversity as to the length of the alleys and the size of the pins and balls, as no standard had ever been adopted. Before that time the pins used were larger and heavier than the ones used now, and it was a much easier matter to knock all the pins down by hitting one or two, making a score of 309 the limit.

In 1876 a large number of bowlers, representing a few eastern cities, held a meeting and adopted rule and regulations which at that time answered the purpose. For the next ten or fifteen years, or up until 1890, bowling was a sort of "go-as-you-please" game. In the east they played under the rules of the National Bowling league, while in the west, where a sudden boom started, any rules went. Under these conditions the boom west of the Alleghenies lived but a few years.