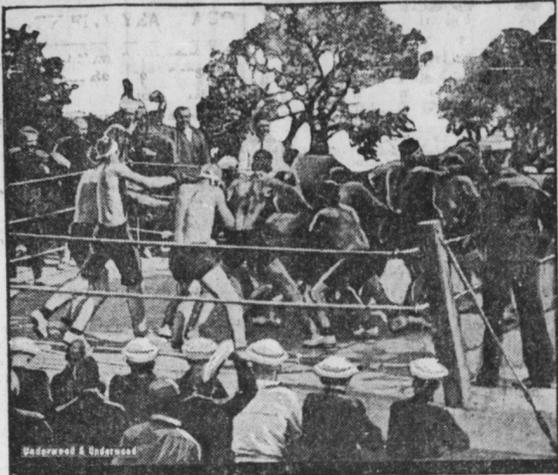


MARE ISLAND GOBS TAKE TO BLIND BOXING



Blind boxing contests, in which all contestants are blindfolded, is the latest fad among Gobs at Mare Island, Cal. Each fighter hits and swings without knowing who the recipients of his blows are. Knockouts are usual, and of course the side left with the most fighters is victorious.

MIDDIES MUST KNOW VARIOUS ATHLETICS

The Naval academy is probably the only collegiate institution in the world which has a course of athletics requiring every student to participate in all the sports in general vogue. The first class to observe this rule includes the 700 members of the new fourth class.

The academy officials believe thoroughly in competitive athletics as a physique and character builder and an aid to discipline. Moreover, since athletics has taken such a big place in the navy at large, it is considered desirable to send from the academy officers competent to handle sports in all phases at the stations and on the ships. The course is also being arranged with the special idea of inculcating ability to command team play.

The system has been inaugurated through the initiative of Commander Douglas L. Howard, athletic officer, and Lieut. Commander W. A. Richardson, gymnasium officer and assistant athletic officer. A strong effort is being made to improve the position and increase the pay of the instructors of athletics.

The schedule for the midshipmen is progressive in nature. In such sports as baseball, football, basket ball, lacrosse and rowing thorough knowledge of the rules and ethics is required and actual participation in each of them for a certain time, the more expert going to the regular squads in these branches.

PITCHER DUSTS OFF SUNDAY

Plays in Exhibition Game at Chattanooga and Is Forced to Retire After Being Hit.

Billy Sunday returned to the role which first gained him fame in an exhibition game at Chattanooga recently, and as captain and centerfielder of a picked team including Doc Johnson of the Indians, Jimmy Johnston of the



Billy Sunday.

Dodgers, Johnny Dobbs, manager of the New Orleans Pelicans, and Fred Graff of the Lookouts, trounced a semi-pro aggregation, 5 to 4. Sunday was hit on the arm by a pitched ball and forced to retire.

BEST PITCHING BY JOHNSON

Washington Twirler Held New York Yankees to Two Hits in Twelve-Inning Contest.

The best piece of work done by Walter Johnson, pitcher of the Washington team, this year, was on May 11, when he held the New York Yankees to two hits in a 12-inning game. The game ended in a draw, neither side scoring a run. John Quinn pitched for the Yankees, and though the Washington's got ten hits off him, they were unable to put a man across the plate. The game was the first played on a Sunday in New York, and the reason it was not conclusively finished was that President Ruppert of the Yankees ordered the umpire to call it at 6 o'clock, as he was under the impression that the new Sunday amusement law compelled games to stop at that hour.

RECORD PRICE FOR AN AMERICAN BRED HORSE

A record price for an American bred race horse was paid by Gifford A. Cochran of New York for Major August Belmont's stallion, Fair Play, sire of Man of War and Mad Hatter. The animal was sold for \$100,000 in cash. The previous highest price paid for a horse bred in America was \$70,000, which William C. Whitney gave for Hamburg.

The imported racer, Rock Sand, was sold by Major Belmont in 1912 for \$150,000.

LITTLE PICK-UPS OF SPORT

Atlantic City high plans a big athletic stadium at the Inlet.

University of Pennsylvania boxing squad numbers 124 aspirants.

Philadelphia bowling alleys will charge 20 cents a game for ten pins.

Stanislav Zbyszko, older brother of Vladek, will shortly wrestle in the United States.

Eastern intercollegiate swimming championships will be decided in Yale pool March 20, 1920.

Cornell will have basket ball quints for every college section competing for the intramural title.

Frank Isbell, owner of the Wichita club of the Western League, has purchased a home at Long Beach, Cal.

Del Howard spiked the rumor that he would retire from baseball. He will continue as manager of the Oakland team.

The election of Jim Robertson as captain of the Dartmouth eleven gives the Green a mighty leader for the next campaign.

Coach Jim Ten Eyck's Syracuse varsity eight-oared shell crew will row against Dick Glendon's Annapolis crew on the Severn river May 8, 1920.

The British Olympic council has decided to accept the invitation of the Belgian Olympic committee to take part in the Olympic games of Antwerp.

Mike Kelly, manager of the St. Paul team of the American Association, denies a report that he is negotiating for the Minneapolis club of the association.

Plans are on foot for the erection of a spacious \$300,000 natatorium, in Los Angeles, of Roman architectural design, which will be a center of aquatic activities.

John F. Daley, Purple left tackle, who booted the drop kick which captured the only Northwestern victory of the season, has been elected captain of the football squad for 1920.

The stadium at Antwerp, Belgium, for the Olympic games next year, is well under way of construction. The date set for the track and field events is from August 15 to September 1.

Charles E. Reidpath, middle distance runner of Olympic fame, has been chosen president of the newly formed Niagara Association of the Amateur Athletic union governing the western part of New York state.

Although experts disagree over the proper decision to award in the Gibbons-O'Dowd fight, some holding out for a shade in favor of O'Dowd, while others called the affair a draw, the belief was unanimous that Gibbons had lost much of his old-time cleverness.

PICKED WINNERS OF THREE BIG MATCHES

"Battling" Nelson Is Original "I Told You So."

Hegewisch Boxer Predicted Johnson Would Defeat Jeffries, Willard to Win Over Johnson and Dempsey to Whip Willard.

In the little but widely advertised town of Hegewisch, Ill., dwells the original "I told you so" of the fistie world—"Battling" Nelson, if you please.

Bat picked Johnson to win over Jeffries, Willard to win over Johnson and then, right in the face of a sea of Willard admirers, picked Dempsey to defeat the champion. And here is the logic Bat issued on the day previous to the fight while in Toledo waiting for the big quarrel:

"Picked Johnson over Jeffries, Willard over Johnson, and now making it three straight by picking Dempsey over Willard. Dempsey has in his favor youth and eleven years. He is in good condition and Willard is not. He has trained properly and Willard hasn't. He has been fighting regularly and Willard hasn't. Dempsey likes the game, can punch, is over six feet and weighs nearly two hundred pounds. These are reasons enough why the challenger should and will win."

And what the "I told you so" did to the doubtful ones that night in Toledo after the fight was a sin. To one bird in particular whom Bat begged to "get down" on the challenger Bat sputtered as follows:

"Yes, I know all you guys say that old Bat is crazy. Just like a fox I'm crazy. I feathered my nest on this



"Battling" Nelson.

battle and what is more, I'm going to feather my nest on others. Pick 'em? Say, that's my biggest suit. I don't pick from the standpoint of favoritism. I look 'em over, watch 'em work and then I pick the winner. Easy for me, and still you guys say old Bat is nuts. There's a lot of fine nuts in this country."

REDS SIGN WINNING PITCHER

Fred Blake of South Atlantic League Will Play With the Cincinnati Team Next Season.

The Cincinnati club announces the engagement for next year of Pitcher Fred Blake of the Charleston team of the South Atlantic league. He was a great pitcher for the West Virginia Wesleyan college team through the college season, winning for it every game he pitched. He and other members of the team then went to Glen White, where he played until about a month before the season's close, when he went to Charleston.

FANS TO SHOW APPRECIATION

Movement on Foot to Buy House and Lot for Manager Pat Moran of Champion Reds.

Unable to show their appreciation by electing him mayor or something of the sort, the fans of Cincinnati, according to Garry Herrmann, have started a movement to buy a house and lot for Manager Pat Moran of the world's champion Reds so that they can keep him in their city always.

WILLIE HOPPE GOOD PUTTER

Displays Same Consummate Skill Over Velvet Turf as He Shows on Billiard Table.

There are few better putters than Willie Hoppe, the billiard champion. On several of his trips to Boston he had a round over the Wallston links, and there has displayed over the velvet turf the same consummate skill which he shows on the green carpet indoors.

TO ERECT NEW CLUBHOUSE

Proposed to Build \$50,000 Boathouse for Pennsylvania Crews on Schuylkill River.

University of Pennsylvania proposes erecting its \$50,000 boathouse at South-west on the Schuylkill river, adjacent to the college. Heretofore the oarsmen rowed from the clubhouse in Fairmount park, which adjoins Schuylkill Navy club. The new location will assure tidewater and a four-mile stretch of water for practice.

Salton Sea Now Rapidly Receding

Waters Are Retreating at Rate of About a Mile Yearly.

SETTLERS GRAB THE LAND

Opens Up Largest Area of Date Producing Land in the Country—Big Fish Cannery Planned by Arizona Capitalists.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Salton sea, in the Imperial valley, one of the natural wonders of the West, is constantly shrinking. At present it is about 18 miles long and nine miles wide at the greatest point. During the last five years the water is said to have retreated about a mile a year, leaving a salt-encrusted adobe land, which is eagerly seized by homesteaders. Often their location stakes are planted far out in the water.

The sea, which lies 169 feet below the level of the ocean, abounds in mullet and carp, which local and Arizona capitalists are planning to utilize by the creation of a great cannery.

The United States department of agriculture reports state that about the Salton sea lies the largest area of date-producing land in the country.

Geologists say the Salton "sink," as it once was known, in prehistoric times has changed from desert to sea and from sea to desert 50 times or more.

Becomes Inland Sea.

For centuries the Colorado river would flow quietly to the Gulf of California and gradually build up a sand-bar across its mouth. Then some spring flood would cause a washout in the river's bank farther north, and

Peer Is a Bartender; Has Title But No Cash.

London.—A member of the peerage who is a bartender, has been found in Buckinghamshire. He is Sir Henry Echlinhart, now well up in years, who presides over the drinks in "The Bird in Hand" pub at Prince's Risborough. The family formerly possessed estates in Scotland and Ireland, but all had been dissipated before the title descended to Sir Henry.

NO SIGNS OF "DRYNESS" IN HUNGARY



Such a thing as prohibition is quite unknown in Hungary, and one of the chief industries in that country is the cultivation of the grape for wine. The photograph shows a grower selling grapes by the tubful to a merchant for wine making.

SCOPE OF FOOD LAW

Misunderstanding as to Application of Act.

Does Not Affect Foods or Drugs Consumed in State Where Manufactured.

Washington.—The federal food and drugs act does not apply, as many people suppose, to foods and drugs which are manufactured and produced in one state and not thereafter shipped out of that state, that is, that are consumed within the state where produced. Such foods and drugs are subject to state laws.

The provisions of the federal food and drugs act do apply to the foods and drugs which (1) are shipped or delivered for shipment from any state or territory or the District of Columbia into any other state or territory or the District of Columbia; (2)

are shipped or delivered for shipment from any state or territory or the District of Columbia to any foreign country; (3) are being imported into the United States; or (4) are manufactured, sold, or offered for sale in the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States.

The words "food" and "drug" as defined in the federal food and drugs act have a somewhat different meaning from the popular understanding of those terms. For instance, water under the food and drugs act is classed as food. The term "food" includes all articles used for food, drink, confectionery, or condiment by man or other animals, whether simple, mixed or compound.

The term "drug" includes all medicines and preparations recognized in the United States pharmacopoeia or national formulary for internal or external use, and any substance or mixture of substances intended to be used for the cure, mitigation

of disease or prevention of disease of either man or the animals.

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HOUSEMAID FOR PARLIAMENT

Hatless English Lass Plans to Seek Election to Commons on Labor Ticket.

London, England.—Jessie Stephens, a housemaid with a mass of dark hair, and who generally goes about hatless, has signified her intention of entering the race for parliament on the labor ticket. She is endeavoring to gain a seat in the local borough council of Bermondsey and will then stand as a parliamentary candidate.

She has been employed as a cook, housemaid, cook-general, boss of a large common lodging house in Glasgow, porter in a chemical warehouse and driver of a three ton lorry.

Traditions 1,000 Years Old Upset

Ancient City of Pressburg Changes Character With Coming of New Rulers.

RESULT OF PEACE PARLEY

Resentment Shown Over the Employment of Czechs in Government Positions Formerly Occupied by Hungarians—Many Are Expelled.

Bratislava, Slovakia.—It is only on Czechoslovakian maps that this ancient Hungarian city of Pressburg can be located by its new name. Ruled by Hungary for a thousand years, it passed under the control of the new Czechoslovakian republic by the decision of the peace conference, and a large part of its inhabitants do not take kindly to the new order of things. Its people are dominantly Germanic or Hungarian.

Hungarian characters, and now to them is being added Czech. The old postal and telephone employees have been replaced by Czechs and Czech high officers installed in the government. Slovak regiments on duty here have been replaced by purely Czech soldiers. In a city as old and conservative and routine as this, drifting through the centuries undisturbed in its social customs, these things have made feeling run rather high in certain social strata.

Persons, regardless of sex, who have not acquired legal residence are being expelled. One man who told the Associated Press he had lived and done business here for forty years was expelled a few days ago. The list of those cited for expulsion is said to contain names of dead persons.

Some Hungarians do not hesitate to express their resentment over the employment of Czechs in government positions here formerly occupied by the Hungarians. Czechs and many Slovaks of the educated classes who hold office under the government say this feeling is due to Hungarian and German propaganda, and has no real strength or extent. Also they admit the necessity of Czech officialdom, as Slovakia has little or no educated class from which to draw executives of ability.

Hard to Upset Tradition. It is hard to upset rudely the traditions of ten centuries, and talks with many persons, both in official and unofficial circles, would indicate that the antagonism displayed toward the Czechs is a natural condition of this period of transition and is not deeply rooted. Probably it is stronger here in Pressburg than in the other parts of Slovakia, where the change is not so apparent.

The school question plays a very prominent part in the situation here. The government has abolished the German and Hungarian languages in the schools, and this means a general ousting of teachers and a reaction in households.

Dehydrated Beefsteaks.

Wichita, Kan.—A. E. Smoll, a chemist with a packing company here, is experimenting with a view to reducing the high cost of living. His latest experiment is with beefsteak. By a process of dehydration—drawing all the water out of the meat—the steak is in a good state of preservation and is capable of being kept almost indefinitely. When it is desired to bring the steak back to a condition of freshness all that is necessary, Mr. Smoll says, is to soak it in water. The meat is said never to lose its odor of fresh meat and it is as tough as sole leather when dehydrated.

\$4,000 in Shelf Paper.

Seattle, Wash.—How \$4,000 of Seattle improvement bonds, bought by a son for an income for his mother, were used by her to paper pantry shelves, was disclosed when some of the mutilated bonds were brought to the office of City Treasurer E. L. Terry to see if they had any value. According to the story told Accountant A. B. Lund, the bonds are the property of an elderly woman who has been living alone in Seattle several years. During a long illness five or six years ago she is said to have suffered a temporary lapse of memory, and when she recovered apparently had forgotten everything about the bonds and their value.

Privation Despite Prosperity.

London.—There were 26 deaths from starvation or accelerated by privation in England and Wales the past year, though wages were never higher and unemployment never less, according to an official statement.