



THRILLING FINISH IN CLASS D PACING EVENT AT BELMONT PARK TODAY

David C., owned by D. Cromley, won the first heat in the Class D event for pacers at the Road Drivers' matinee, held at Belmont Park, this afternoon. Nina B., owned by James Bell, finished second, while Polly S., with W. C. Brawley driving, won the third honors.

M'CORMICK MADE FUSION NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR

Washington Party Committee Disregards Judge Brumm's Warning That Progressives Prefer Brumbaugh.

Flinn's Argument Outweighs Schuykill Jurist's and Democrat Is Placed at the Head of Ticket.

HARRISBURG, Sept. 16.—Vance C. McCormick, Democratic candidate for Governor, became the Washington party candidate for the same office today by action of the Washington State Committee meeting in Chestnut Street Hall.

At once as Dr. Lewis reached the city he went direct to the Capitol and formally withdrew as a candidate. Then went before the committee and made formal announcement of his course.

McCormick replied that he felt he was in hearty accord with Lewis' views, and said that the Democratic nomination last May, expressed regret that Lewis had withdrawn and that he had not consulted the State Executive Committee before withdrawing.

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MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS TODAY

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams like Pittsburgh, Phillies, Chicago, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Boston, Cincinnati, and New York with their respective scores.

Table with columns for American League First Game and Second Game, listing teams like Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, and Cleveland with their respective scores.

PIRATES' POOR FIELDING HELPS PHILLIES TO WIN

Eppa Rixey Credited With Second Victory of Season. Final Score Was 6-2. Cooper Driven From Box.

Table showing baseball statistics for the Phillies game, including batting averages, runs, hits, and errors for players like Lohbert, Carey, Riglin, Kelley, Viox, McAuley, Konechey, Wagner, Scheeran, Gibson, Cooper, and Connelman.

PHILADELPHIA BALL PARK, Sept. 16.—Eppa Rixey, the elongated left-hander of the Phillies pitching staff won his second game of the season today when he beat the Pittsburgh Pirates in the opening game of their final series here by a score of 6 to 2.

UNION TRACTION IGNORES CITY PLAN FOR BETTER TRANSIT

Stockholders' Meeting Refrains From Action On Proposals Looking to Improvement of Service.

The stockholders of the Union Traction Company, at their annual meeting this noon, took no action whatever on the proposed transit agreement between the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, as the result of protests filed with President Jeremiah J. Sullivan of the company by a committee headed by James C. Balfour and James M. Fogel-sanger, representing a majority of the stockholders.

TWO BIG PLANS FOR OPENING OF EXCHANGES

Bankers Discuss Projects Involving Billions of Dollars for Successful Accomplishment.

One Contemplates Government's Taking Securities Held Abroad, the Other Looks to Formation of Individual Pool.

Bankers in this city learned late this afternoon of two distinct propositions now under way for relief of the financial situation and the consequent early reopening of the Stock Exchanges of the country.

Both have to deal with the purchase of American securities held in foreign countries. The question of how properly to deal with this situation so as to prevent heavy selling of these securities in American markets once the exchanges are officially open, is one that has worried financiers for more than a month.

One of the two schemes proposed, the one which now has the widest discussion is a plan to have the United States Government buy all American securities owned abroad, which may be succeeded October 1, at prices to be agreed upon later, and to have the Government pledge those securities as collateral for an issue of 19 year bonds, maturing serially.

The other plan, which is said to be under consideration, is to organize a syndicate pool representing at least \$1,000,000,000, and made up of such financiers as J. P. Morgan, Jacob H. Schiff, James Speyer and other bankers of international reputation, which shall put through the same scheme as outlined for the Government—namely, an issue of debenture bonds, which shall be sold to the general public at, say, a 5 per cent. basis, the securities bought to be held as collateral and to be disposed of annually or semi-annually, as conditions best warrant.

It is generally admitted that there would be no difficulty in placing all such bonds in the hands of the general public, inasmuch as they would have behind them the credit and reputation of the world's largest bankers.

On the whole, Philadelphia bankers and brokers seem to take more kindly to the syndicate idea than to the plan to have the National Government take up the foreign-held securities.

The plan outlined for the Government is explained in the following letter, received this afternoon by the leading bankers and brokers of this city, from Arthur F. Elliot, an eminent statistician of New York.

WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness; fresh northeast winds. For details, see page 6.

BATTLE ALONG AISNE RAGES FIERCELY AS ALLIES ASSAULT FOE

THE EUROPEAN WAR COUNTRY BY COUNTRY

FRANCE: A crucial battle is now raging north of the Aisne River. The Germans have reformed in the territory extending between St. Quentin and the Moselle River, having thrown up entrenchments and concentrating the armies in the district.

The War Summary

Another great battle is in progress north of the River Aisne. At 2 o'clock today the first dispatches were received, announcing the attack upon the Germans entrenched to the north of the Aisne River.

The battle is taking place over a 60-mile territory, extending from St. Quentin to Longwy, the allies hurling their troops against the Germans.

Russia continues its success in Galicia. Lines of communication between Craacow and Przemysl have been cut and the latter fortress invested on three sides.

Germany, however, makes claims that the Russians have met with severe reverses in Eastern Prussia, that Poland is being invaded and that it will be necessary for Russia to withdraw troops to withstand the German invasion of Russia.

Belgium: The campaign presents comparatively no new developments. The Belgians are reported to have withdrawn to the outer line of fortifications at Antwerp, but no heavy fighting is reported.

Fresh Troops Hurlled Against Strongly Intrenched Line of Kaiser's Armies North of River Aisne, Where Germans Make Desperate Stand.

Line of Battle Extends Over One Hundred Miles in Nearly Straight Line From St. Quentin Through Rethel and North of Verdun.

PARIS, Sept. 16. Another great battle is on north of the River Aisne. Fighting is hard all along the front.

All counter attacks by the Germans have been repulsed and they have suffered heavily, says an official announcement.

In a desperate effort to push back the right wing of the allies, the German right got to a point near Noyon, 115 miles northeast of Paris, but had to give ground before the charges of the French.

The allies are on the offensive. The battle line is about 120 miles long, extending from a point east of St. Quentin to the Meuse River.

This official announcement was issued at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

A great battle, in which the Germans have been obliged to keep on the defensive, has been raging all along the front since September 14 (Monday).

The German rear guard, reinforced by the main body, has been fighting on the defensive throughout Monday and Tuesday along the entire line north of Noyon-Soissons and Laon to the north of Rheims and then through Ville Sur and Tourbe.

The French right centre is now in possession of the valley of the Meuse, from Toul to Verdun, and is pressing forward toward Longwy, with the double purpose of cutting the Bavarian army under Crown Prince Rupprecht off from that of Prince Frederick William and of closing the German line of communication through Longwy and Thionville.

The Germans began slackening their precipitate retreat on Monday. Throughout that day the rear guard of the Germans and the advance guard of the allies were constantly engaged.

It is probable that the allies and Germans have at least 500,000 reinforcements, making a total of 2,500,000 soldiers engaged in this terrific conflict.

The British-French columns on the extreme left of the French lines are believed to plan a general enveloping movement. It is now evident that the Crown Prince, by abandoning his position between the Aisne and Aire at Ste. Menesbeuld, checkmated an attempt to break his lines and isolate the major portion of his army.