

NORTH OF COUNTY SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

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PATTON SHORTSTOP SUSTAINS INJURY

"Biggy" Entler, shortstop and one of the mainstays of the Patton Baseball Team, injured his right hand with a possible loss of three fingers while working at a local lumber mill last Saturday afternoon.

"Biggy's" absence will be a handicap to the Patton team because of interest and fight in keeping the game pepped from the beginning to the end. With an honorable discharge from the service last year, "Biggy" returned to Patton and immediately displayed his loyalty and courage by participating in baseball with the Patton Baseball Team.

"Biggy" loves the game of baseball and we are hoping his injury will not be such that it will prevent his further participation. With this inspiring love for the great American game it would be difficult for "Biggy" to sit on the sidelines at the same time have that inward feeling that he would like to be one of the participants.

His fellow team-mates take this means to wish him a speedy recovery and that it will not be long before he will again be back in uniform.

LOCAL BASEBALL

NORTHERN CAMBRIA LEAGUE RESULTS

Table with columns for Date, Team, and Score. Includes games from Wednesday, May 23rd to Sunday, May 27th.

NORTHERN CAMBRIA LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Table with columns for Date, Time, and Location. Includes games for Sunday, June 3rd and Wednesday, June 6th.

SCHOLASTIC RESULTS

Table with columns for School, Score, and Opponent. Includes games for Spangler, Cresson, and Patton.

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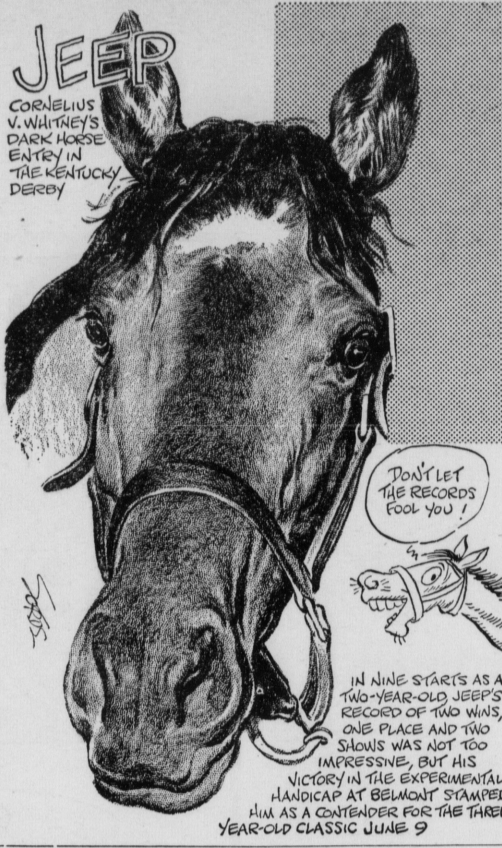
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DARK HORSE - - - By Jack Sords



CORNELIUS V. WHITNEY'S DARK HORSE ENTRIES IN THE KENTUCKY DERBY

IN NINE STARTS AS A TWO-YEAR-OLD JEER'S RECORD OF TWO WINS, ONE PLACE AND TWO SHOWS WAS NOT TOO IMPRESSIVE, BUT HIS VICTORY IN THE EXPERIMENTAL HANDICAP AT BELMONT STAMPED HIM AS A CONTENDER FOR THE THREE-YEAR-OLD CLASSIC JUNE 9

PITTSBURGH PIRATES HAVE LONG HOME STAY.

A definite answer as to just how strong the Pittsburgh Pirates chance is going to be this year should be forthcoming during the next few weeks, when the Pirates will have a golden opportunity to make sweeping gains on the National League's competing field and establish themselves solidly and convincingly as genuine flag contenders.

AL GIONFRIDDO WINS GAME FOR PIRATES

Al Gionfriddo, singled in the 13th inning to give the Pittsburgh Pirates, a 9 to 8 win over the Boston Braves last Wednesday in a night game at Pittsburgh.

SNAG GOOZLE SAYS:

A soft answer turneth a way wrath. F o l d i n g money (a lot of it) is the answer that will help turn away wrath. Have you laid your frogskins on the line? If not, why not now? We all remember December 7th. Also remember the 7th War Bond Drive.

SPORT PICK-UPS

Mt. Lebanon High won the 36th Annual WPIAL track and field meet with 41 points, dethroning Connellsville for the title.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

Advertisement for Scott's Scrap Book, featuring illustrations of a man and a woman, and text about the book's content and availability.

The Washington MERRY GO ROUND

DREW PEARSON

Washington, D. C.

STRATEGY AGAINST JAPAN

Back in 1937-38, Adm. William Leahy, now chief of staff to the White House, devised a strategy against Japan, which, if put into effect, might have prevented Pearl Harbor and even World War II.

The proposals made by Admiral Leahy constitute one of the most important and unwritten chapters in the history of what happened shortly before the war began. Leahy, then chief of naval operations and one of the best strategists the navy has seen in years, saw all too clearly what was coming both in Europe and Asia. At that time, 1937, Japan had just begun her full-scale invasion of China, and it was Leahy's idea to make an example of Nippon which would show Hitler and Mussolini — then feeling their oats — that the United States meant business and would stand firm before the peace machinery of the world.

Therefore, he proposed to float a naval blockade of Japan in cooperation with the British fleet, using the peace machinery of the League of Nations and the nine-power pact which guarantees the sovereignty of China.

Leahy argued that by keeping the U. S. Navy in the Philippines and the British fleet at Singapore, we could cut off all oil, scrap iron, copper, cotton and other war materials from Japan. Without these, he argued, the Japanese war machine would be powerless and would fold up in six months. Leahy figured that the United States would lose its gunboats on the Yangtze river, but that aside from this the main U. S. fleet would not have to fire a single shot.

President Roosevelt agreed. So did the British. And in the late summer of 1937, the British actually detailed 6 battleships, 12 cruisers and 20 destroyers to leave British home waters for Singapore. Just at that moment, however, the axis capitals apparently got wind of what was happening, and Mussolini started his unofficial submarine campaign off the coast of Spain which detained the British fleet at Gibraltar.

At any rate, the plan to blockade Japan, following the failure of the Brussels conference in October, 1937, was dropped. But Admiral Leahy revived it again a year later, when, in December, 1938, the Japs sank the U. S. Gunboat Panay and the British Gunboat Ladybird.

Leahy recognized this for what it was, a deliberate attempt by the Jap war lords to test out how much insult the United States would stand and to make Britain and the USA lose face with the Chinese. Accordingly he rushed to the state department and all one Sunday afternoon, December 13, 1938, one day after the sinking of the Panay, he urged Cordell Hull to seize this psychological moment and put the blockade of Japan into effect.

The British were also willing to cooperate. And, Leahy pointed out, in another year, war, inevitably breaking out in Europe, would tie up the British fleet and they could not possibly help us in the Pacific. Russia, he also pointed out, had 60 submarines at Vladivostok, ready to help us cut off all scrap iron, all oil, all cotton and copper from Japan. Without these, he argued, the Japanese war machine would be paralyzed.

Pacing the floor of Hull's office with Leahy was Hugh Wilson, ex-ambassador to Germany and one of the state department's foremost advisers. He opposed Leahy at every turn, finally convinced cautious Cordell Hull that Leahy was too vigorous, that it was best to appease Japan.

Less than one year later, Hitler had invaded Poland, the British fleet was desperately needed to defend British home waters, and the fat was in the fire. From that point on there was no possible way in the United States could blockade Japan — though many people have never understood why we went to the opposite extreme and increased our shipments of oil and scrap iron to Japan so that she laid in tremendous reserves before Pearl Harbor.

Japan Can Be Starved. But beginning with V-E Day, the possibility of blockading Japan for the first time since 1939 was completely reversed. Since V-E Day, the British fleet is entirely free to operate in the Pacific. So are Russian submarines. So is the whole might of the U. S. Navy, now no longer needed to watch for submarines in the Caribbean or the Atlantic.

Today it is possible to throw up such a naval blockade around the main Jap islands, augmented by air patrols, that hardly a ton of raw materials could reach Jap factories.

BLATT BROTHERS GRAND THEATRE PATTON

Fri., Sat., June 1 and 2

Advertisement for 'The Cowboy and the Senoria' featuring Roy Rogers and Trigger. Includes text about the show and a photo of the actors.

Sun. & Mon., June 3 & 4 Matinee Sunday at 2:30

Advertisement for 'A Song to Remember' featuring Paul Muni and Morde Oberon. Includes text about the production and a photo of the actors.

Tuesday, June 6

Advertisement for 'The Big Bonanza' featuring John Carradine and Parker Asther. Includes text about the production and a photo of the actors.

Wed., Thurs., June 3 & 4

Advertisement for 'A Tantalizing Lesson in Love' featuring Charles Coburn and Ann Baxter. Includes text about the production and a photo of the actors.

Advertisement for 'All Star Bond Rally' featuring BING CROSBY, BOB HOPE, and BETTY GRABLE. Includes text about the event and a photo of the performers.