

Sport News Gossip NOTES

BIG MONEY FOR BILLIARD CHAMPS

(By United Press.) New York, Sept. 18.—Tournaments to determine the national billiard and pocket billiard champions of America will take place this fall.

The tournament for the 18.2 ball-line billiard championship will open here Oct. 20 at the Astor hotel. The entries will be limited to a field of six players with an entrance fee of \$250. The games will be 400-point affairs. The first prize will be \$2,500; second, \$1,750; third, \$1,250, and fourth, \$750.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns for Won, Lost, Pct. and rows for Cincinnati, New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia.

AMERICAN LEAGUE table with columns for Won, Lost, Pct. and rows for Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, St. Louis, Boston, Washington, Philadelphia.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION table with columns for Won, Lost, Pct. and rows for St. Paul, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Louisville, Columbus, Minneapolis, Toledo, Milwaukee.

COAST LEAGUE table with columns for Won, Lost, Pct. and rows for Los Angeles, Vernon, Salt Lake, Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland, Portland, Seattle.

Yesterday's Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Boston 6-5, St. Louis 5-3, Brooklyn 8, Pittsburgh 3. No other games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Chicago 2-11, New York 0-2, Detroit 7-1, Boston 6-2, Cleveland 8, Philadelphia 2. No other games.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Indianapolis 4, St. Paul 0, Columbus 8, Minneapolis 14, Louisville at Kansas City, rain. No others scheduled.

COAST LEAGUE. San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 8, Sacramento 5, Oakland 9, Seattle 1, Portland 4, Vernon 7, Salt Lake 14.

SPORTOGRAPHY

By "GRAVY." MAY I NOT... ask whether the president considers time spent in Washington as capital punishment?

Charlie Grimm, who has been purchased by the Pirates from the Little Rock club of the Southern Association, has had a rapid rise in baseball. Three years ago he was a pennant and soda-pop vendor in the Cardinals' park and played a semi-pro ball when the Cards were away from home.

Davidson Herron, the new national amateur golf champion, will be 22 years of age in October. He has been playing golf since 1905. Herron weighs 205 pounds, and this weight aids him to get the great distance in playing from the rough. Golf is his only hobby, although he played football while he was a freshman at Princeton. He was graduated from Princeton last year, where he played for four years on the college golf team.

The A. B. C. of the Plumb Plan

What Is the Plumb Plan? It is a plan for the public ownership and the democracy in the control of the railroads.

Who Has Endorsed it? The two million organized railroad employees of America and the American Federation of Labor, approving the principle of government ownership, has instructed its executive committee to co-operate with the officers of the railroad international in their effort. It also has been endorsed by several farmers' organizations.

How Does It Propose to Buy the Roads? By issuing government bonds with which to pay for the legitimate private interests in the railroad industry.

How Does It Propose to Operate the Roads? By a board of 15 directors, five named by the president, to represent the public; five elected by the operating officers; five elected by the classified employees.

Does This Mean Government Operation? No; it is operation by a board in which those having the responsibility have also the authority. It is superior to government operation because it prevents control by an inefficient bureaucracy; and is true democracy since it gives the men engaged in the industry a voice in its management.

What Becomes of the Surplus? After operating expenses are paid, and fixed charges are met, including the interest on outstanding government securities, the surplus is divided equally between the government and the men. The employees' portion is to be divided between the managerial and classified employees; the former receiving double the rate received by the latter class. This is not a profit, since the corporation has no capital. What the men receive is a dividend on efficiency.

Is This a Bonus System? No, it is giving those who increase production a share of the results their increased effort has produced; and this share is theirs for as long as they are actually in the service, and is not forfeitable.

Why Do Operating Officials Receive the Larger Rate of Dividend? Because it serves as a greater stimulus to the group with the most responsibility. And since the operating officials would lose dividends if wages were increased it acts automatically to prevent collusion between labor directors and the operating directors to outvote the public's directors in raising wages beyond a reasonable level.

Is This the Only Protection for the Public? No, the rate-making power remains with the interstate commerce commission, and if wages were raised so high that rates had to be increased, the commission could refuse to change them, and shippers might appeal to the courts for redress. If the operation by the directors results in a deficit, congress can revoke their charter.

Does This Difference in Dividends Create Hostility Between Officials and Men? No, because without harmony between them neither group can earn dividends. An official in working for his own dividend is working for the dividend of his subordinates, for one cannot gain unless all gain.

Does the Plan Assure a Decrease in Rates? It provides that when the government's share of the surplus is 5 per cent or more of the gross operating revenue, rates shall be reduced accordingly to absorb the amount the government receives. For instance: If the entire surplus one year is \$500,000,000, and this is 10 per cent of the gross operating revenue, the government receives \$250,000,000. And because this is 5 per cent, rates are decreased 5 per cent. See what follows: Without new economies or new business the profits the next year would be only \$250,000,000, and the employees and the government would receive only half the amount of the year before. But decreased rates mean more business; and also, the reduction in dividends would stimulate the employees to improve their operation by applying better methods. So the tendency is to assure constantly decreasing rates, to add to the volume of business, and to give the most efficient service human ingenuity and devotion can provide. Decreased rates mean cheaper commodities; and so, through the effectiveness of the railroads, the purchasing power of money is increased, not only for the railroad man, but for every wage earner and every purchaser.

What Does the Government Do With its Share of the Surplus? It invests it in improvements and extensions, thus adding to the value of the railroads without adding to the fixed charges. It retires the outstanding bonds, thus reducing the fixed charges. Ultimately the public has its railroad service at cost.

Does the Government Pay for All Extensions? No, the community benefited must pay if it can; if it is able to pay all, the building of the extension is obligatory. If it only pays part, the government pays the remainder, but only makes the extension as it deems wise. And where the general public and not a local community would be benefited, the government pays the whole bill.

How Are Disputes Between Officials and Men Adjusted? By boards, to which the operating officials elect five members and the men, five members. In case of failure to reach an adjustment, the case is appealed to the directors.

Who Determines the Rate of Wages? The board of directors.

Who Supervises the Purchase of the Roads? A purchasing board, composed of the interstate commerce commission and three directors of the new government corporation, one director from each group.

Who Decides the Value of the Private Interest in the Railroads? The courts. It is a judicial question, and is to be answered only after an examination of the charters of the existing companies, the laws under which they were created, and the manner in which the company has lived up to its charter and these laws.

Will the Public Have to Pay for Watered Stock? No. The public will probably pay less than two-thirds of what the railroads claim as their value.

Are There Other Savings? Yes, the public can obtain the money to purchase the lines at 4 per cent, whereas the public is now charged rates to guarantee the roads 6 1/2 per cent on their money. The saving on the present capital account of the railroads would amount about \$400,000,000, and an honest valuation would be nearly twice this sum. The Plumb plan provides for a sinking fund and every year one of the fixed charges would be 1 per cent of the outstanding indebtedness, to be used in retiring the bonds. The government also uses its profits in retiring bonds, so eventually, probably in 50 years, the people would own the roads debt-free. A further saving would be in the operation of the roads as a unified system, which permits the interchange of equipment, the end of wasteful competition, and greater economy in buying supplies. Under this plan passenger rates of 1 1/2 cents a mile, and a reduction of freight rates by 40 per cent appear reasonable.

Why Is It Called the Plumb Plan? Because it was conceived by Glenn E. Plumb, general counsel for the Organized Railway Employees of America.

What Can You Do to Help its Realization? Join the Plumb Plan League (Lodge membership, \$10 a year; individual membership, \$1, payable to Treasurer, Plumb Plan League, 447-453 Munsey Bldg., Washington), talk with your friends, and write your congressman. It is the only association to secure public ownership that has the endorsement of the organized railroad employees.

Who Is Eligible to the League? Every one who believes that democracy in industry is the solution of the railroad problem.

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GERMAN REPUBLIC SEEKS DIPLOMATS

Old Crop Is Discredited, While the New Ones Are Still Unripe. Self May Come to Washington.

By CARL D. GROUT (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Berlin. (By Mail.)—The new republic is finding selection of diplomats a real job. Of course, it isn't entirely necessary that Germany make out a whole slate of ambassadors and ministers just yet, particularly if entente nations only send her charge d'affaires. But the policy of the government will probably be, in such an event, to send out charges and consuls—the charge perhaps being the man intended for the higher post of minister or ambassador when full diplomatic relations with the outside world are resumed.

Germany's difficulty arises from the fact that some of the men of the old diplomatic service would be persona non grata at certain capitals, while the new regime so far has not produced many big prospects of ambassadorial size.

So far, in connection with the American ambassadorship, only two names have been mentioned—Maximilian Harden and Dr. Self, the former colonial minister and later foreign minister in the closing days of last year.

Harden hasn't a chance to go to the Washington post. He has made more or less of a name for himself in America—but that doesn't count for anything with the present situation. In fact, he isn't taken seriously by the present government in that connection.

On the other hand, Self has considerable backing for the place. Self is a man of liberal tendencies. He appeared during the war as an opponent of many of the government's policies; and as foreign minister last winter struck strongly for strict adherence to the "fourteen points" in application of the peace to Germany.

Self's English with scarcely an accent, is favorably known in many quarters, and he has traveled extensively, met Presidents Taft, Roosevelt, McKinley, and has been a close student of President Wilson's policies. He and Colonel House were friendly before the war.

Self looks, at first glimpse, some-

what like American Secretary of the Interior Lane though he is of heavier build and of more rugged countenance than the American.

Self distinguished himself in Germany at least last winter by his open breach with Haase, leader of the independents. Self declined to associate with Haase, holding that as leader of the independents he was cognizant of a big "stash fund" which the Russian Bolsheviks had placed to the credit of the radicals here in Berlin. This caused quite a sensation and helped undoubtedly, in foreign countries, to show that there was no government alliance or sympathy with the Lenin-Trotsky regime.

Former American Ambassador Bernstorff is known to regret that his position with the American people is such that he could not again become ambassador to Washington. While he has been looked for the Rome post, it is possible that he will decide to abandon diplomacy in favor of politics, and run for the Reichstag in the coming elections.

The British and French posts do not even have any "among-them-mentioned" people, it isn't a case here of difficulty in finding places "for all the deserving," but rather of finding "deserving" and capable men for the places.

Referring to the covenant, Suzuki declared that "we can hardly agree with some of the conditions, for instance, the fact that there is no reliable assurance whereby war is made impossible."

Too little attention was paid to the problem of racial equality, he said, and immigration of laborers was treated only superficially, "and remains unsolved, causing irritation."

"The form of the League of Nations is fixed," he said, "but the spirit of such a league is yet to be born."

Suzuki, who arrived here from America, said Samuel Gompers told him he expected to visit Japan about next April.

Minister Okuma and others who represented Japan at the international



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al labor congress were "utterly incompetent" and "exposed their utter unpreparedness," according to Suzuki. He showed the world a lack of initiative among Japanese labor delegates, he said.

FAMOUS FIRST SOON TO BE MUSTERED OUT

Washington, Sept. 18.—General Pershing led, and then reviewed the rear guard of the A. E. F. First division, the last of the 29 combat divisions to leave Europe, here yesterday. Carrying full equipment with its tanks, artillery and horses, the First tramped through its last march up Pennsylvania avenue over a path strewn with flowers by Washington women. One week from now the division will consist of only 25

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