



PENNANT RACE ON IN BIG LEAGUES

Baseball Knights Sharpen Lance and Go Into Fray.

ATTENDANCE IS RECORD-BREAKING

All Scheduled Games Played Except at Detroit, Where Weather Conditions Prevent. Nothing Startling Develops in Opening Contests—All on Equal Terms.

Yesterday marked the opening of the American and National Baseball Leagues for the season of 1911. Statistics vary as to the exact number of persons who were interested in this event; experts at estimating crowds are by no means at one as to the number of persons who witnessed the opening games.

The businessgraph, so it is reported, recorded an unusually number of "particularly important engagements" yesterday, and the persons in charge are more than nonplussed over the fact that practically all of the engagements thus recorded were scheduled for about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Phenomena of Day. Sickness in families paraded for their small mortality rate, and deaths of people whose health had been proverbial were among the phenomena of the day. Doctors freely vaunted the fact that their patients were in the most excellent condition, and yet the most excellent condition, and yet the most excellent condition, and yet the most excellent condition.

The Race Is On. Red blood coursed warmer yesterday than it has for several months. The "baseball season" and the game was on. Little wonder that in Chicago, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Boston, Cleveland, Washington and New York baseball fans charged the air.

Dubious were the enthusiasts when the weather report sent out from Washington became public property. The man who has direct charge of the elements said that the race for the flag would be in but one big league city—Boston.

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DEADLOCK FINALLY BROKEN

Judge Kenyon Elected Senator to Succeed Late J. P. Dolliver.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 12.—The deadlock in the Iowa Legislature ended this afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock, when Judge William S. Kenyon of Fort Dodge, was elected United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, following persuasion by Senatorial friends who had ever fought in Iowa.

On the second ballot of the day victory was brought to Judge Kenyon when Senator Chapman, of Cedar county, and Representative Van Camp, of Adair, who had been consistent supporters of Dolliver, changed their votes.

At the hour for the first joint ballot of the day approached, it was evident that a determined effort to end the deadlock was to be made by the friends of Judge Kenyon. The first roll call resulted in a vote of 76 for Kenyon, 23 for Deemer and 51 for Claude R. Porter, Democrat.

Senator Saunders immediately appealed for and obtained a second ballot. During the count, it was seen that no change had been effected, and that in view of the possibility of the Legislature adjourning in a few days, he would go over to the Kenyon side.

Judge Kenyon was born in Elyria, O., on June 16, 1852, and finished his education at Grinnell College. He was admitted to the bar, and shortly thereafter was elected public prosecutor of Webster county, Iowa. He was judge of the Eleventh Iowa Judicial District from 1897 to 1907.

Disappointing Conditions Prevail in Cotton Industry. Boston, Mass., April 12.—The annual meeting of the Association of Cotton Manufacturers opened here to-day, continuing in session to-morrow, the delegates being welcomed by Governor N. C. Phipps, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., who is president of the association.

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PUTTING ITS ARMY IN FIGHTING TRIM

Mexico Getting War Machinery Ready for Real Action.

TALK OF PEACE DISREGARDED

Distribution of Special War Fund Begun, and 50,000 Rifles and 5,000,000 Cartridges Are Ordered From London.

Mexico City, April 12.—Regardless of all the talk of peace, Mexico's Department of War is rapidly placing its fighting machinery in the best condition possible. Francisco I. Madero may yet be induced to agree to terms which do not include the resignation of President Diaz, or, it is said, his following may be taken from him by those who are spreading the propaganda of peace.

The spending of 8,000,000 pesos appropriated by Congress last week as a special war fund has begun. To-day it was announced that the government has placed in London an order for 50,000 rifles of the Marlin-Hale pattern and another order for 5,000,000 cartridges. It is asked that these orders be filled as rapidly as possible.

Initial Steps Taken. Washington, April 12.—Initial steps to bring about peace in Mexico, supplementing various informal advances which have been made to that end, were taken here to-day. To-day, the United States government, through the American ambassador at Madrid, Hon. Henry Clay Ide, American Ambassador, Madrid.

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WILLARD'S CAR KILLS PEASANT

Spaniard, Riding Along Road, Falls in Front of Moving Automobile.

VICTIM'S FAMILY EXONERATES HIM

Authorities and Community Recognize That Accident Was Unavoidable—Willard Bailed and Allowed to Proceed to Madrid to Consult American Ambassador.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Burgos, Spain, April 12.—A car owned by Colonel Joseph E. Willard, of Richmond, Va., struck and instantly killed a Castilian peasant on the highway near Burgos to-day. The man, who was riding a donkey, was thrown against the moving car, striking the front wheel.

Long distance telephone messages were received here early this morning from Senator Thomas S. Martin and Representative Henry D. Flood, saying that the Secretary of State would communicate with the American ambassador at Madrid, instructing him to render Colonel Willard all assistance and to communicate to the Spanish government the fact that Colonel Willard is a former Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia and one of the most prominent citizens of the State.

Now in Penitentiary. Kidnappers Taken to Santa Fe for Spooking. Las Vegas, N. M., April 12.—Will Rogers, confessed kidnapper of his little nephew, Waldo Rogers, and Joe Wiggins, the ex-convict, through whose arrest and conviction Rogers was apprehended, are lodged in the territorial penitentiary at Santa Fe to-night.

Slave a Swindler. Alleged to Have Collected Money Through False Story. Spartanburg, S. C., April 12.—John Coleman, a former slave with several aliases, was brought to Spartanburg from Winchester, Ky., by Sheriff W. J. White to-night to stand trial on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

How the Egg Trust Celebrated Easter. Did you ever think of the Egg Trust in connection with Easter? Perhaps the only person who ever did think of it is Newton A. Pueszle, the well-known writer, who has constructed a striking and amusing story about "How the Egg Trust Celebrated Easter."

Kills After Insult. Wealthy Merchant Shot to Death by Woman. Somerset, Ky., April 12.—Mrs. Maggie Lewis shot and killed Dalton Meadows, a wealthy merchant and timber dealer, near Greenwood, to-day. Mrs. Lewis used a double-barreled shotgun, the contents of both barrels entering Meadows's body.

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PLACATE FARMERS BY FREE-LIST BILL

Designed to Recompense Them for Losses Through Reciprocity.

BOTH BILLS ARE BEFORE HOUSE

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Washington, April 12.—When the Canadian reciprocity bill is called up Friday by Chairman Underwood, of the Ways and Means Committee, no effort will be made to limit debate unless the minority should demand an unreasonable time. Probably not more than four days' debate at the most will be given, and it will be passed by the large majority in the House and sent to the Senate within a week.

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CLEVELAND MOURNS

Business Suspends as Johnson's Funeral Cortage Passes City Hall.

TORNADO LEAVES TRAIL OF DEATH AND DISASTER

Thirteen Lives Are Known to Have Been Lost.

Whole Towns Are Destroyed. Feared That When Communication Is Restored Death List Will Be Found Much Greater—One Woman Is Carried Half-Mile by Wind.

A heavy wild storm, attaining the velocity of a tornado in some sections, and accompanied by rain, hail and lightning, swept over Western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma yesterday, killing thirteen persons, practically destroying two towns, injuring almost a hundred persons, wrecking scores of buildings, and putting almost every telephone and telegraph wire in the territory out of commission.

The tornado leveled its greatest toll of death at Big Heart, Okla., where eight persons were killed, ten injured and almost every building in the town wrecked. Whiting, Kan., was practically wiped off the map, sixty buildings being blown down, thirty people hurt, and one, Mrs. David Stone, killed.

A high school building was wrecked at Eskridge, Kan., a number of houses damaged, and from fifteen to twenty persons injured.

At Hawatha, Kan., a school was blown down and a boy named Felton killed. Several buildings were struck by lightning.

Several persons are known to have been hurt at Netawaka, Kan. A boy was killed at Manville, Kan. The Kansas end of the tornado started near Whiting, and swept in a southeasterly direction for a distance of more than fifty miles.

It is thought that many more people were killed and injured than have been reported at this time. In Kansas City the storm did little damage.

NEW AVIATION MARK

Little Known Birdman Files From London to Paris.

PLAN IS ADOPTED

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