

WILL BISMARCK SUPPORT LOCAL BASEBALL TEAM

If Fans Will Help in Purchase of Park Speedy Nine Is Guaranteed

Rochford and Kirk Have Fast Bunch of Athletes Lined Up

Most of Former Semi-Pro Stars Anxious to Play This Summer

If Bismarck baseball fans will raise \$1,000 to support a team they will be assured a fast article of the great American sport this summer.

"Molly" Rochford, captain of the last year's team, has been busy for the last few weeks arranging for the coming season. Already he has a bunch of talent lined up, from which the nucleus of a winning team ought to be forthcoming.

More than that, he has discovered a baseball park that can be leased for \$5 an acre per year. The tract of land available is ideal for a baseball park. Fully five acres of ground lay practically as level as a floor. The land has been broken up in past seasons and would yield readily to rolling, and the outfield could be easily grassed.

For \$75 the ball park could be leased for a year and Molly estimates that an additional \$90 would be sufficient to build a grand stand and bleachers that would seat from 800 to 1,000 persons.

If followers of the national sport in Bismarck will help to raise this amount, Rochford will guarantee a winning team, composed of local talent, and promises an outfit of such

caliber that after the stand is once constructed baseball lovers will not allow it to decline.

C. M. Kirk, football and baseball player, former manager of the Watertown Three-Eye league team, and well known to every follower of athletics in the country, has agreed to train the Bismarck team and to help Rochford arrange a good schedule of games.

Rochford and Kirk agree that there is a wealth of baseball material in Bismarck. Already they have a dozen former semi-pro and college stars in sight, and the only thing needed is a ball park as good as those in other cities the size of Bismarck in the Northwest.

HUNDREDS OF NEGROES GO BACK TO AFRICA AS LAND OF PLENTY

Lured by tales of a land where gold is found and where cheese and liquor and other things to eat may be plucked from trees and bushes, hundreds of negroes, most of them living in the middle west, have swarmed to the standard of Chief Sam, of the tribe of Akim, and intend to go back with him to the storied gold coast of Africa—the land of the Boba, or Cheese tree, the Karita, or Butter bush, and the Nata, or Flour wine.

Chief Sam asserts that all these eatables and more grow in the Utopia of the Akim tribe and he tells his story so convincingly that the number of his followers is growing daily.

Coming to Chicago with 24 negroes from Manteo, Okla., Chief Sam announced that they were to be added to the hand awaiting transportation to the promised land. He stated that he had formed a number of large parties of 'colonizers' in New York, Boston and several other cities, and that he expected to take at least

1,200 men and women to Africa on his ship, sailing some time next month.

"Then I will come back for 1,200 more," said Chief Sam. "Everywhere I have been spreading my gospel, which means the shipment of all negroes back to Africa—back where they came from, the land of plenty on the Gold Coast."

Chief Sam declares his proposition to the negroes of America consist of an offer to transport them from New York to Africa and to give them sixty-four acres of land apiece, for the nominal sum of \$25 each.

"White folks do not realize the enormity of the negro problem in this country," he said. "The negroes ought to go back to Africa. Farms and gold and happiness await them there. They are welcome and will receive every attention."

"Why are my people inviting the American negroes to Africa. I received letters from black men in the United States who wanted to return to Africa. I took their word to chiefs of other tribes, who may join in this enterprise later. We of the tribe of Akim, and there are many thousands in the tribe, decided to buy a boat and bring them over. The boat, which is the only one of its size owned by negroes, is waiting for us now."

His Answers Are Vague.

Although Chief Sam is apparently a willing talker, all of his statements as to his country, its exact location and matters of a similar nature are vague. It is because of the lack of details regarding the enterprise that some of the negroes of the country have been skeptical regarding the sincerity of the so-called African chief.

Charles C. Clem, a negro of Chance Kas, who began an investigation of Chief Sam, received a letter from Duse Mohamed, a negro editor of London, who stated that he had never heard of Chief Sam or his project.

He also advised negroes to make a thorough investigation before they decided to cast their lot with the African chieftain. However, those who have joined with him believe he is sincere and apparently have much faith in him. His persuasive powers are good.

It is likely that well known negro leaders of the country will make an investigation into the plans of the African colonizer with a view of ascertaining his reliability. There is a demand to know exactly who Chief Sam is, and how far he will be able to fulfill his promises. There are many negroes who say they would return to Africa if they were sure his project is as he represents it. They say an investigation will do no harm, because if Chief Sam is reliable, it cannot hurt him, and if he is not, the negroes should know it, so that they will not be duped by his promises and schemes. There is a possibility that the United States government may be called upon to take notice of the busy Sam.

The chief says his name is Alfred C. Sam, and that he is the ruler of the Akim tribe. Beyond that no one has been able to ascertain any facts regarding him.

The government census of 1910 showed a negro population in the United States, not including any of the territories, of almost 10,000,000. Chief Sam says he hopes to interest the other tribes of western Africa in the colonization of their country with American negroes, as he realizes that it will be impossible to people the land with only one vessel with a capacity of 1,200 persons.

ARMY AND NAVY UP TO STANDARD

For the first time in the history of the American army and navy in times of peace, the forces of the nation are recruited virtually up to their full authorized strength, according to Maj. Gen. William H. Carter, who has returned to Chicago from Texas City, Texas, where he has been in command of the second division of the army.

As a result of heavy recruiting, he said, the United States army now lacks less than 1,000 men of being up to the authorized strength of 85,694 enlisted men. The authorized number of officers is 4,744. The enlisted men include Indian scouts, service detachments, and prison guards.

General Carter says that the second division of the army, including more than a third of the country's fighting force is in good condition for any possible hostilities, as a result of a year's training at the Texas City mobilization camp.

"There is no comparison between the efficiency of the division now and what it was a year ago," said the general. "The experience resulting from the training in field movements during the last year has been invaluable to our troops. The camp at Texas City is the first attempt ever made to mobilize the division in order to prepare it for possible trouble, and the venture has been a complete success."

Ten regiments of infantry, one of cavalry and one of field artillery, were encamped across from Galveston by the first of March last year.

As soon as the troops were permanently located in camp, the process of hardening them for actual service by road marches was begun, increasing the distances day by day. Based on experience in command of three division encampments, I gave instructions to reduce distances within and between organizations to insure absolute cleanliness as well as economy. The camp is very compact, and the result has justified the course of procedure.

"Our officers, as a result of the experience gained, have the most varied training of any body of officers as a whole within my knowledge. Equipment has been standardized as far as is practical.

"The entire army is practically up

to the authorized strength," General Carter said. "I am informed also that the navy is fully recruited.

"It is the first time in my whole experience as a soldier that the army is up to full strength."

PRINCE MURAT HELD SPENDTHRIFT IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 17.—Prince Murat spends \$15,000 a year for food for his family and servants in his Paris mansion, according to a local publication, which refers to the figure as a high record for Paris, "inasmuch as the estimate does not include the wages of the chef and butler, or the special outlay for guests."

FEW FOLKS HAVE GRAY HAIR NOW

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BANDITS FREE THEIR FRENCH WOMAN CAPTIVE

Paris, Feb. 17.—The adventures of a French woman, Mme. Elenore Sempre, wife of a colonist in Morocco, who was captured by bandits and held prisoner for seven months, were recounted in the criminal court at Oujda, where one of the bandits was today sentenced to a long term of imprisonment with hard labor.

Mme. Sempre stated that after the camp was attacked and six white men were killed, she was seized by Moors and thrown across the crupper of a horse. For hours the party galloped with her across country. Next morning she learned that she was destined for the harem of Chenguiff, son of the rebel chieftain at Taza.

After two months in captivity, she gave birth to a son. She was treated with great cruelty by the Moorish women who refused to give her even a glass of water, and at times even threatened to run pins into her baby.

'PRAYER CURES GIRL

Delmar, Del., Feb. 17.—Prayer has cured Miss Helen May Hastings, who has been an invalid for several years. Or at least that is the only explanation given for her sudden recovery of the girl. For several years she had been unable to walk and physicians who had operated on her spine declared she would never recover. A minister recently urged her to pray for her recovery. Now she is able to walk and move about as well as any other young woman her age.

GIANTS TO LEAVE FOR MARLIN

New York, Feb. 18.—A bunch of the champion New York Giants gathered in town today, preparatory to starting tomorrow for the training camp at Marlin, Texas. Among those who will make the trip are nearly all the young players, the entire catching staff and Pitcher Christy Mathewson. The majority of the old players, excepting those who are on the world tour with Manager McGraw, will start for Marlin in another week. The world tourists will join the club the second week in March and then will commence a series of exhibition games, which will continue until the regular season opens in April.

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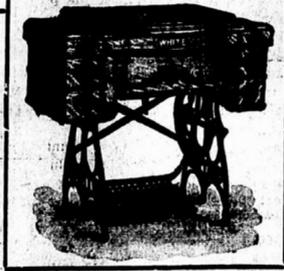
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