

# WASHINGTON GOSSIP

## Wireless Detective Invented in Washington

WASHINGTON.—A wireless detective that will tell where radio messages come from has been invented and developed by Frederick Kolster, a wireless expert in the bureau of standards. The completion of this device is considered an important one from a military standpoint, as officers of the army and navy have been telling of the need of such for some time.

The instrument is adapted to use on merchant and naval ships to obtain the direction from any light-houses or lightships that may be equipped with fog-signaling apparatus; to obtain the direction of one ship from another at sea; to communicate between ships or ships and shore stations irrespective of direction by reducing interference and atmospheric; to use by the war department in the field service, as the receiving apparatus is portable. It can be carried readily in a light vehicle, or even by a single observer, to use by the coast guard service to receive distress signals and locate the direction from which they come.

The bureau of navigation of the department of commerce can use it to locate amateur or other stations that are not observing the radio regulations or are otherwise interfering with radio-transmission of the government or legitimate commercial business.

The standards bureau has been engaged on an investigation of the subject for some time and has developed an instrument which is simple and practical and very efficient in operation. The apparatus indicates the direction of the source at the same time that the messages are being received, and, though very sensitive to radiations in a given direction, is less affected by atmospheric disturbances and interfering radiations from other directions than an ordinary receiving apparatus.



## John Says Senators Are Not Liberal With Tips

UNITED STATES senators, all of whom receive a generous salary from Uncle Sam, and many of whom are millionaires, are by no means remarkable as givers of tips. That is the opinion of John Hickman, colored, head



barber of the senate, who came into the service of the capitol's most exclusive barber shop before the civil service commission was thought of in connection with the appointment of jobs.

Hickman is now seventy years old and completes fifty years of continuous service in the senate barber shop in 1916. He is one of the old school of "colored gentlemen" that existed everywhere "befo' de wah," and has a dignity of bearing and person from his colored brothers occupying many positions of lesser importance in the legislative center of the nation's activities.

The barber shop of which John Hickman has charge is just around the corner from the senate chamber in the main corridor of the capitol. The door is kept closed, and every effort is made to steele the common, ordinary folk away from the tonsorial parlor provided solely for the trimming of senatorial hair and the trimming of famous beards. But when the ordinary folk do intrude and ask for a shave, massage or hair cut, the end barber assumes the role of bouncer and leads them quietly to the door.

"There is another barber shop downstairs," he says, and you are left wondering just why your money is valueless in this particular shop. The answer is in the big rack containing nearly one hundred shaving mugs, each bearing the name of a senator, and provided with its own particular shaving brush. They are the names of the honorary roll of the members of the senate qualified to use the services of the barber shop.

John Hickman, the chief exponent of authority in the shop, is assisted by three junior barbers under his direction. They are especially selected for the shop from the best apprentice training afforded in city barber shops. Work is not rushing, as a rule, and during the last year or so Mr. Hickman has given his attention mainly to directing the work of the other barbers.

His hand is still keen for the trade, however, and he can make the razor glide over the senatorial face for a "once over" just as smoothly as any of his assistants. He is an adept at honing razors, and on his trusty old hone, now worn half through, he can flop the blade and feel the edge just as well as when he was younger.

## Washington Has Largest Body of Girl Scouts

WHILE all Washington has been digging deep into its coffers and pouring forth its shekels for the Boy Scouts organization, the Girl Scouts modestly has sought a welcome as they made their formal bow to their home city under the chaperonage of their new president, Mrs. Henry T. Rainey; their vice president, Mrs. Colin Livingston, and the executive board.

Though but an infant of two years' growth, of which so little is generally known, this sturdy little band of Girl Scouts has already earned its place among the important institutions of the national capital, since it leads the United States in membership, there being at present 230 girls under enrollment as active members in good standing, while fully another hundred are organizing and preparing for their tenderfoot examinations.

There are altogether 15 active troops, all under the leadership and instruction of earnest, conscientious women of experience and ability, who have chosen the medium of captaincies in this organization through which to render their best service to the community at large and the little groups of girls under them.

Scoutcraft for girls follows much the same lines as it does for boys, save that the activities are modified to suit their sex and many things are included that belong essentially to a woman's sphere in life.



THOSE BOY SCOUTS WON'T HAVE NOTHIN' ON US

## United States "Exposes" Its Own Wireless Plant

AFTER the United States department of commerce spent much money and weeks of time investigating an alleged secret German wireless station in Maine, the amazing discovery has been made that the entire outfit was erected and put in working order under the direct supervision of experts of the United States navy.

The Biblical precept that the right hand should not know what the left hand doeth, it is declared, has been followed to the letter by certain high officials in the government departments, for the story is confirmed by a man connected with the federal radio service.

Incidentally, it is known that the British embassy has been "stung" to the extent of \$2,000, for this amount, it is declared, was spent by the assistants of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice in the investigation of this same "mysterious wireless plant." And the "discoveries" of the embassy's detectives that the Portland station bore evidence of being a German concern were made the basis of complaints to the secretary of state.

"Red tape" and "lack of harmony between departments" are the explanations of the most extraordinary situation in many ways that has been uncovered in government business for years. And, though a naval lieutenant, after being placed in charge of the station, urged that it be made known that the enterprise was backed by the navy department, because it was looked upon with great suspicion by radio officials in the department of commerce, this advice was none too politely turned down by his superiors, and the officer was told to "mind his own business."

## HOPING FOR CHAMPION VARSITY EIGHT



Coach Wright Instructing Varsity Eight.

University of Pennsylvania is hoping a lot these days, and one of its main hopes is that it will have the championship varsity eight when the smoke of battle clears. All this outburst of hoping is due to the fact that Joe Wright, famed as a coach in Canada, has arrived at Penn. where he will put his tactics into operation. Wright is shown here (man at left with megaphone in hand) coaching the candidates for aquatic honors on the indoor rowing machines.

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## OFFICIAL NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE, 1916

## YOUNGEST CUE ARTIST

Playing of Welker Cochran Proves to Be Revelation.

Generally Conceded by Master Students of Game to Be Coming Hoppe of Billiard World—Noted for His Indifference.

Welker Cochran is the youngest professional expert in this country, as he was born at Mawson, Iowa, in 1897. The recent handicap tournament in New York was the first professional tournament in which he appeared. His playing there was more than a revelation for one so young and inexperienced. He made a high run of 88, and in one game an average of 20. While playing recently at Hartford, Conn., he averaged over 42 in a 200-point game, 18.2 balk line, with a grand average of 28 in 900 points. Cochran is generally conceded by master students of the game to be the coming Hoppe of the billiard world, says a writer in Philadelphia Public Ledger. There is no doubt that this youngster is wonderfully gifted in this respect, but he has yet a great deal to learn before



Welker Cochran.

he develops into a Hoppe class—by which I mean not billiards, but Hoppe's sound common sense.

As an expert, young Cochran recalls Percy Collins, Robert Lord and Cope Morton in reckless and pure "cussed" indifference. One of the secrets of Hoppe's marvelous success as a master expert is the fact that whether in practice or otherwise he always played his best, while young Cochran is notorious for his recklessness and indifference as to whether he shall count or not. It is true that he is still very young, but it is no less true that Mr. Hoppe was also at one period of his life younger than Cochran, but displayed much more wisdom for his years.

## O'ROURKE IS A REAL VETERAN

For Seventeen Years "Orator" Was Star in Major League—Figure in Connecticut Circuit.

The present-day fans look upon Hans Wagner and Larry Lajoie as the most ancient in baseball. While these boys have been cavorting o'er the diamond green for many moons, yet they are school kids when compared with James O'Rourke, who played the outfield and was at one time the star catcher of the New York Giants. O'Rourke's official record began in the year 1876, that is, his major league record. For 17 years after that the "Orator," as O'Rourke was called, was a star in the "big show," and for 16 years James was a central figure in the Connecticut State league. He played in several positions, and one season his son played on the same team the "Orator" managed. So for 33 years James O'Rourke reported for duty every spring in the pink of condition.

Spanish King Turns to Racing. European horse racing is to be increased by the establishment of a course at San Sebastian, Spain, which will have the patronage of King Alfonso. He will race under the name of the Duke of Toledo.

Condition of Shamrock IV. According to a recent surveyor's report, the challenger Shamrock IV, shows no signs of deterioration. This, the latest yacht built by Sir Thomas Lipton, has been laid up at Brooklyn since it arrived in this country in August, 1914, with the intention of racing for the America cup.

Field for Schoolboys. Washington park, Brooklyn, home of the Federal league nine, may be turned into an athletic field for school-boys of that city.

## FIELDER JONES' PIPE DREAM

Would Build a Ball Yard to Seat 150,000 Persons—Used Only for World Series Games.

Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Browns, has an idea that comes pretty close to being a pipe dream. It involves the erection of a baseball plant that will seat 150,000 and be used only for world series games.

"The world series is really something apart from the National and American league races," says Jones. "It is the grand climax of the two stirring races, and appeals as much to the fan in Bangor, Me., as to the fan in Portland, Ore."

Provision should be made so that all the fans who want to see the big series could do so, and be sure of accommodations.

"Organized baseball might provide the big plant at an outlay of about \$100,000. Some community might donate the land, the railroads and other enterprises that reap benefits could chip in to defray expenses."

"The world series advertises itself because fans think about the big games from the start of the season



Fielder Jones.

to the finish. The big revenue from seats would pay for the plant in a short time, even if seats were sold for smaller prices than they are now."

All Englishmen are not alike. Take Ted Lewis and Freddy Welsh, for instance. Lewis is a real fighter.

Now that there's a Judge, a Marshall, a Clark and a Messenger in baseball, there's nothing to prevent the opening of court.

John Foster, Giant secretary, says no ball player is worth \$25,000. According to Bradstreet's, though, some of them are worth much more than that.

## SPORTING WORLD

The football game between Dartmouth and Syracuse at Springfield, Mass., November 4, will be a feature of the dedicatory events of the eastern states exposition, to be held in that city this fall.

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