

NEVER AGAIN SAYS LEONARD

Lightweight Champion Benny Leonard is entirely cured of the malady that seems to take all champions within its grasp—that of neglecting training for alleged easy victims. The titleholder received a cure that almost robbed him of his crown, when he met Charlie White at Benton Harbor, Mich., July 5th, and now declares he will never again climb through the hempen strands to do battle with the man who has defeated him in the fifth round. White, who was in the fifth round, was the only one to get in shape for Charlie White, and in the fifth round, White was the only one to get in shape for Charlie White.

And Leonard is not the only one who is cured. His manager, Billy Gibson, is cured too, and he makes the statement that Leonard will look to his condition in the future or seek another pilot.

One that might be taken to indicate the former presence of quite a bit of anxiety in the Leonard camp.

BROTHER RIDES BROTHLY. Leonard's brother, Charley, was responsible for Benny getting down to business for four days to get in shape for White. Charley went to visit White five days before the big match, and without revealing his identity he saw White put away three sparring partners with the left hook that made him famous as a ringster.

Charley was very worried. He knew his brother had been taking things easy, and he also knew that Benny regarded White as something soft and easy. When he returned to his brother's camp he confided to Gibson that White was in the very pink of condition and was working his left hook even faster and more accurately than ever before.

To allay the fears of the brother, Gibson sent Benny into training stunts in earnest, and Benny did all his could and accomplished as much as he could, but the champion's escape was narrow at the best.

After the bout Leonard and Gibson held a star chamber session in which the training time was discussed at length. The champ admitted he was careless and Gibson admitted he was foolish, and then both of them agreed to a "never again" plank which Leonard will defend when he enters the ring again.

Leonard could have been disqualified in the second round because his seconds helped him into the ring, but White would not claim a foul.

WHAT THEY SAY

JACK DEMPSEY. Since his return to the east Jack Dempsey is full of new life and much talk. His training camp is a mecca for sport gamblers daily. He is a great friend of the press and likes to fight someone bare knuckles.

He says: "There is much complaint that the modern fighter is not a real fighter. Old-timers, because they used to fight bare-knuckle fashion. I would not mind fighting bare-knuckle with someone who is willing to take a chance, to prove that he is a real fighter. I delivers a harder blow than the bare fist, and the knockout is more to be expected with less injury and punishment."

GEORGE GRANT. The report that the Boston Braves were about to trade Marvyn Miller and Holke to the Chicago Cubs, and Barnes is emphatically denied by George Washington Grant. He says: "Of course I'll sell my ball club for the right price, but I never scrap my piece of property. Why, it would be my club to let Marvyn go. He is my biggest drawing card. It would be the worst thing in a business way that I could possibly do to dispose of the Rabbit. I have never thought of it, nor have I been approached by any official member of the New York Yankees regarding such deal. It is an impossibility."

CHARLEY GRAHAM. "Is there such a thing as being too good a batting eye? Maybe so. Charley Graham, Seal skipper, says this to Jimmy O'Connell.

"Jim has such good eyes that even umpires often call strikes on him that are just a little bit outside or high. I believe O'Connell right now is a good ball player. He never strikes when he breaks in. He never counts out until they made him hit-and-run every time he had a chance, they forcing him to hit all kinds of pitching. I believe O'Connell could develop into a great hitter by the same method."

TED MEREDITH. The comeback of Ted Meredith is one of the biggest features of the U. S. Olympic team. How he did it is little short of a miracle, for he has taken on weight since he used to whip along the chalk lines of the yesterdays. Ted says:

"I attribute my comeback principally to my rubber. Yes, I used to get not put much stock in rubbing, but when a fellow begins to get a little old he has to rely on more rubbing. I believe that I have the best rubber in the country today and I will miss him in Antwerp if I cannot find a way to get him over there with the team."

ASKS LOAN ON "HONOR OF THE IRISH"

DENVER—"On the honor of the Irish I'll pay it back," wrote James E. Monaghan to the city of Denver, the mayor here. James wants to come to Denver and to work. He asks \$135 for transportation.

WOMEN, TOO CAN GET VICTORIA CROSS

LONDON—By royal warrant the Victoria Cross, one of the most prized decorations in the empire, has now been awarded to women as well as men. It is granted for conspicuous bravery on the field of action.

HORRORS! NEVER HEARD OF CHAPLIN

LONDON—M. Millard, premier of France, and Austen Chamberlain, member of the British cabinet, had never heard of Charlie Chaplin, until the other day, a critic here says. Lloyd George has been a Chaplin fan for a long time.

FIGHT TO DRAW. PHOENIX, Ariz., July 30.—Tommy Carter, of Phoenix, and Sammy Good, of San Francisco, fought a fast ten round bout to a draw here tonight.

BASEBALL MARKS MAY BE BROKEN

Baseball is supposed to have enjoyed its greatest era from 1903 to 1913, but leading baseball men in the game today believe the coming ten years will shatter all records of the former "golden era." In nearly every league which has records, the figures indicate the greatest increase in popularity in baseball the game has ever had. President Thomas J. Hickey's statement, that there is a general increase in attendance in all cities in his circuit, is pointed to as indicative of conditions generally.

The ten-year period from 1903 to 1913, however, was a notable one for the national pastime. It was in 1906, that the big advance was first noticed. Charles W. Murphy purchased the Chicago Cubs for \$105,000 and the investment returned him \$119,000 that season. This was the beginning of big prices in baseball. When 1903 opened, it is indeed doubtful if any franchise in either of the majors would have commanded more than \$200,000.

NEW MOVE STARTED. Soon after 1903 there was a general movement among big league magnates to improve their ball yards. Several clubs constructed steel and concrete grandstands, while others purchased new property entirely.

Shibe park in Philadelphia was one of those to figure on the reconstruction plan of that period. Barney Dreyfuss undoubtedly erected a new home for his Pirates. In 1903 there was scarcely a club in either of the major leagues whose capitalization exceeded \$1,000,000. This resulted in the general belief that baseball was not a money-making proposition. It has been shown by later events that the low capitalization meant nothing because the magnates in nearly every case, were putting their profits into property or players.

Twenty years has made a great change in baseball as a business, as shown by the records. The New York Giants, for instance, changed hands about 20 years ago for a paltry \$200,000. The club now transferred to the club from the Brush estate involved a cool \$1,300,000. This shows a commendable rate of increase for baseball and one that would do credit to most any line of commercial endeavor.

President Ben Johnson believes the next ten years will be the greatest the old game has ever enjoyed. He says the business is slated for ten years of unprecedented prosperity.

ANGLE-JAP PACT

HOTLY DEFENDED

TOKIO, June 26.—(Correspondence of Asaoe and Press.)—The Anglo-Japanese alliance does not run counter to the league of nations, wrote Premier Hara, favoring a renewal of the pact, in the course of a contribution to the current issue of the Japanese Diplomatic Review.

Mr. Hara declared that the English alliance is intended for the preservation of peace and order in the Far East, with no particular country its objective.

The Japanese were determined to improve the relations with China and to develop the rich natural resources of China. It was a good thing, he thought, that the United States was taking an economic interest in China. But while the interest of the United States was economic, Japan's interest in the relations with China was really a question of life and death for the nation. He hoped this fact would be appreciated in a sympathetic way by the American people.

Concerning Siberia the premier wrote: "The original object of Japan's expedition to Siberia was to aid the Czechoslovaks. In the meantime, however, Siberia has undergone serious upheavals, endangering the life and property of Japanese residents and disturbing peace and order in Manchuria and Mongolia. This is the reason why Japan cannot evacuate the country as soon as she expected. However, when peace and order have been restored in Siberia, safeguarding the life and property of Japanese residents, and ensuring freedom of communication, the Japanese troops will be withdrawn, with the repatriation of the Czechoslovaks."

WOMAN'S LIFE HAPPIER.

PLEASANT AFTER '35'

(By International News Service.)

LEIPZIG.—Addressing the Medical-Legal Society on the suicide idea, Dr. Josiah Oldfield said statistics covering a large number of years indicated that women's lives after thirty-five were pleasanter and more attractive than men's.

In spite of the popular idea that the young woman was the queen of the earth and that at sweet seventeen she had the world at her feet, it was evidenced that from the ages of fifteen to twenty-five more young women committed suicide than young men.

After thirty-five the burden of life became so much heavier for men, or so much more joyful for women that from thirty-five to eighty men were always largely in the majority among suicides.

INDIAN BRAVE STUDENT WRITER, LECTURER, DIES.

(By International News Service.)

BASTROP, Me.—The Passamaquidie Indian tribe is mourning the death of Stanslaus Dana, student of Indian history and languages, four years governor of the reservation, has gone to the happy hunting grounds. Death was due to tuberculosis.

Dana was born forty-one years ago on the reservation, which is 185 years old. He attended the village convent school, studied English and French, and then became an acknowledged authority in Indian history and Indian languages.

Dressed in native costume he frequently toured the country lecturing and selling trinkets made by his own hand. He wrote border dramas and played the leading roles. Two daughters, a son and widow survive him.

SUPERB PITCHING CARRIES MEDIOCRE BALL CLUB ALONG ROAD TO PENNANTVILLE

BY DEAN SNYDER.

On paper the Robins don't look so good. But what is that to your Uncle Wilbert?

The old boy is 57 and fat, but his heart is young and his digestion perfect. Last spring the experts looked his athletes over and passed maybe he'd be a first division club, but they never mentioned anything about a Flatbush pennant.

Then it seemed that any team playing in the same wheel with the rapid-fire clicking of the World Champion fields would be an also-ran. Yet the Superbas have turned out to be the cream in the National league crock—they're to the top.

MOUND ACES. Good pitching has turned the trick for them. The failure of the Cincinnati hurlers to "bear down" hard, enough at times coupled with some careless ball playing, has helped Uncle Wilbert Robinson to breeze along.

The Robins have five pitchers that came through the first half of the race with averages above the 500 mark.

With Burleigh Grimes, Rube Marquard, J. Pfeffer and Ed Mumaux as a nucleus they are clocking games. Grimes is the real leader of the National league hurlers with an average better than 700. Clarence Mitchell tops him, but has not been on the mound so often as his team-mate.

Then Sherrod Smith and Leon Cadore can be counted on to break about even when they go on the hill.

GOOD ROAD TEAM. Brooklyn hasn't a great outfield and it has a mediocre infield. So there is but one answer to Flatbush pennant noise—excellent pitching and the leadership of Uncle Wilbert.

They are a good road team, which counts a lot in baseball. On their last western trip they averaged and copped 14 out of 22 games.

Already Prexy Ebbetts is planning the distribution of seats for the world series this fall.

He says he is not conceding the flag to the Robins by any means, yet believes they have a great chance and that it would be foolish not to look ahead.

RAIN-CHECK IDEA. Ebbetts plans to adopt the rain-check idea in disposing of the seats that are left after the usual allotments are made. The regulars will have first call on the series sales—that is, those who can show by their rain checks, that they have been steady visitors.

Ebbetts Field will seat 27,000 people. Brooklyn has just begun a home series of 22 days and they ought to play the kind of baseball that will bear out President Ebbetts' hopes. He accompanied the team on the last

politics in the Berlin byjvs, gshrdsh. There will be no throat-cutting politics in the boxing game in New York state under the Walker law, according to Major Anthony Drexel Biddle, of the International Sporting club and the Army, Navy and Civilian Board of Control. Competition of an honest and clean variety is going to be encouraged, but there will be no exorcism rates by promoters who try to outbid and outdo one another in the matter of staging games. This will be taken care of by those who are appointed by Governor Smith.

Throat-cutting politics among promoters featured the mitt sport in New York under the Horton law, although there was some pretense made at regulation under the latter law. Under the Horton law, as many as four and five high class shows were staged on the same day or night, with the result the general public suffered while a few fighters raked in huge gains of money. Invariably the fighters got the benefit of having the promoters bid for their services, and in some cases the boxers received champion rates without being even close to a title.

And in those cases the promoters bid heavily on their ventures and were forced to leave the business.

OLD TIME LAW. Jeffries, Corbett, Sharkey and a few of the others of their day chared in a great boom of the fistie game under the Horton law. Sharkey recently declared he received more than \$100,000 for four scraps in New York in less than one year, and each of the scraps was staged by the promoter to beat another promoter. Sharkey admitted that none of the battles were for a title, but they averaged better than \$20,000 each.

Almost the same condition obtained at San Francisco years ago, when the game was on the crest of the popularity wave on the Coast. The last Jim Jeffries-Jim Corbett fight there drew a \$50,000 gate, and this was large for that time. Corbett and Jeffries got most of the money, because the promoter had to bid for their services over the bids of several other promoters. San Francisco never equalled New York, however, in the matter of large attendance. In the old days a gate that did not exceed \$50,000 was not considered anything great by New York promoters. Under the Horton law in New York, politicians had control of the sport almost entirely.

LAW'S WILL SELL FOR \$20 PER TON

SACRAMENTO—Laws are worth \$20 a ton. The city has 1450 bales of laws stored in its city hall basement. There's a ton and a half all told. City purchasing agents will sell the lot for \$30.

TALL AND HEAVY. BOSTON—The Red Sox have signed an Ohio giant. He is "Al" Clayton, semi-pro pitcher, of Dayton. "Al" weighs 217 pounds and is 6 feet 7 inches tall. He can heave a baseball 327 feet.

MARATHON GOLF. SASKATOON—A Canadian golfer, A. R. Turner, walked almost 40 miles and made 225 strokes on a course here recently. He was on the links nearly 17½ hours.



RUBE MARQUARD
WILBERT ROBINSON
PFEFFER GRIMES MUMAUX

western tour. His presence seemed to bring the winning magic into their play.

"WATCH GIANTS." At yet the Robins have not taken the sport of the Robins seriously and believe they will keep on the winning streak. The National league race has been a sort of wrangle between in-and-out-ers.

But if Uncle Wilbert can continue to furnish the necessary evidence, Ebbetts will keep on studying how to please the greatest number of fans by his rain-check plan in the world series.

Big league baseball magnates may pay better salaries today than ever before in the history of the game, but it is doubtful if the magnates will do more for their star players than the owners of a few years back, when there was admittedly sentiment in the game than at the present time.

Nap Lajoie, former big league star, was discussing this particular phase of the baseball game recently when he recited some dope about the one time star, Dave Foutz, a hurler of the '90s, who was for some years the real backbone of the St. Louis team, under Chris Van der Ahe. Lajoie used the Foutz case to prove that the magnates of yesterday did not cease to assist their players, even though their contracts called for a certain amount and this certain amount had been paid.

According to Lajoie, Dave Foutz was a born gambler, and an unlucky one. Back in 1917, so the yarn goes, the St. Louis team had closed its season and Van der Ahe was making out checks for the players. Foutz had the magnificent sum of \$1,200 due him. Dave took his check and left for home.

OLD BOY SOME CONTRACT. A month or two later, Chris received a wire from his star flinger asking an advance of \$500 on the following day. This was sent without comment. The next day another wire asking for \$100 was received and this dispatched to the star with no other comment than "tut-tut." Dave's best year was 1917. In that campaign he pitched 37 games, won twenty-five of them, batted .392, fielded .940 and took part in 103 contests. He was a real speed merchant on the base paths, and was one of the few hurlers of his time who could really hit the ball.

WANTS INSPECTION FOR ALL PLANES

SEATTLE—Aviator R. I. Ehrlichman, who made the first flight from here to Yakima, over the Cascade mountains with a cargo of mail, is urging state or city inspection of all airplanes. "Same as elevator inspection," he says. "It will give the flying public greater safety."

TWAS A LOVELY PRESENT, BUT—

SAN FRANCISCO—Edward J. Kelly gave his bride-to-be a check for \$658 and she bought a tressouise with it. Then he left and now the cops and Helen are looking for him. The police hold the check was N. G.

BABE'S UNDERSTUDY. LITTLE ROCK—The Travelers possess a Babe Ruth understudy. His name is "Bing" Miller, who has broken the home run record of the Southern league with 16 long drives.

ANOTHER "BABE"

READING—Seven fat offers have been made the Reading baseball club for Frank Brower, the "Babe" Ruth of the International league.

GAVVY CRAVATH HOME RUN STAR

Babe Ruth may be the real home run king of baseball, but he is not the only ball player to make a national reputation for himself with his ability to bump the apple for four bases. Gavy Cravath not only made himself famous by hitting homers, but he pulled himself out of the minors and into the big league job after he had reached an age when most players hit the skids with a dull and sickening thud.

Cravath came up to the big show first in 1906. The Boston Red Sox brought him to attention. He did not last long in the Hub and was shipped to Washington, where the best he could do was to hold the utility fielding role and break in occasionally as a pinch hitter. Finally he was out of baseball, nothing was heard of him for some time.

In 1912 "Gavy" came into his own. With Minneapolis, in the American association, he pelted out 25 homers, a record for minor leaguers. This stunt brought him to the attention of Chas. Doolin, then manager of the Philadelphia Nationals. Doolin figured—and properly too—that Gavy would be a big help to the Phils in their miniature ball park.

NEVER FIGURED GAVVY. Doolin never figured to use Cravath as a regular. But in 1913 "Gavy" forced the boss to give him consideration when he pelted out a home run day against Rube Marquard, and then repeated the next day when he faced Christy Mathewson. This resulted in his being sent into right field.

No longer a Becker's benchwarmer, "Gavy" held the job until he voluntarily retired from active duty to manage the club.

Cravath's best year was in 1915, when he batted the Phils into a pennant, aided, of course, by Alexander's great pitching. He knocked out 24 homers. Many times that year, especially on the home lot, Cravath would smash the apple for circuit with one or two runners on the path, thus upsetting the pitcher and apparently making it easy for his mates to get a few hits. In the 1915 world series, however, Cravath was a flop. The hurling of Leonard, Ruth, Shore and Foster, of Boston, was too much. But Cravath was just as big a card in his day as Ruth is today. The home run made both of them famous.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

A baseball park that will seat 100,000 fans. Sounds like a dream, doesn't it?

But New York hates to see the mobs turned back who flow to the Polo grounds like bees to a honey hive. Gotham's historic park will accommodate 40,000. When the keepers slipped the padlocks on the gates there the final game of the series between the Yankees and the Indians the other day it is estimated that 40,000 others were turned back.

These distinguished colonels took the Yankees when they were a job ball club. They spent money with boldness and lavishness. The basis for their gamble was that where the honey is there also will be found the bees. They took a long shot and cashed in. As for the colorful Babe Ruth—well, he's the King Bee at the bottom of the whole cash business.

PERISCOPE? NOPE!

(By International News Service.)

CHICAGO—A few days ago Policeman John McClellan spied what appeared to be the periscope of two U-boats bobbing up and down in the Garfield Park lagoon here. He called the station. A wagon loaded with skeptical coppers arrived. There were the two periscopes! skipping about the placid surface.

Closer investigation proved them to be the heads of John Rabbit and John P. Ryan. The rest of Messrs. Ryan and Rabbit occupied an automobile, which was still running. Rabbit was placed in a cell charged with navigating the lagoon in an automobile, while intoxicated. His companion was released.

STEAL HALF OF \$100 CARPET.

CINCINNATI—Thieves who entered the home of Ellis B. Grez here stole nothing but half of the \$100 dining room rug. They cut it in two and carted away one section. Police have no theory.

FOUND AFTER TEN YEARS.

(By International News Service.)

SILVERTON, Col.—The body of an unidentified man, believed to have been buried in a snowslide ten years ago, was recently found here by sheepherders. The body had practically withered away.

"Hoose gow," slang for jail, comes from the Texan pronunciation of the Spanish "juzgado."

WEE GEE SAYS

He tried his best to win the game. It wasn't any use. Because I am a tennis shark. And play to beat the deuce.

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ILLINOIS WILL OFFER COACHING

The University of Illinois will soon be prepared to offer a course for those who would become baseball coaches or managers. Recently, Carl Lundgren, former pitcher with the Chicago Cubs, was named as coach for the university baseball team, and given a place on the faculty of the department devoted to coaching athletes. Lundgren has been at the University of Michigan for seven years, during which time he has turned out two champion outfits and many high class players who have made good in minor league ball, as well as some who have made good in the majors. George Siler, of the St. Louis Browns, was developed under Lundgren.

Lundgren is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He received his sheepskin in 1902 and attracted wide attention by his work as a hurler for the Illinois "Varsity" team. After leaving college he went into professional ball. In 1913 he went to Michigan and announced he would make a life work of coaching college teams.

ANNOUNCING. The announcement of the signing of Lundgren by George Huff, director of athletics at Illinois, marks another step by that college in its effort to obtain a high class faculty for teaching the professions of coaching various athletics. Illinois has turned out from her football coaching school some excellent material that will be heard from later no doubt, and the acquisition of Lundgren, who brings a wealth of big league experience, means thus a broadening of the coaching course for those who would take up baseball managerial berths.

Lundgren, although never a really brilliant hurler, was always rated by Frank Chance as one of the brainiest of Cub pitchers in the days when the Cubs were a powerful machine. Lundgren turned in some genuine classics for the Cubs, but he was more or less of an in and out, due to the fact that his arm would not bear the brunt of frequent work. He is a student of baseball and a necessary judgment to select young players who have a chance to develop. Lundgren expects to take a short course in several subjects required to fit him for teaching in regular college courses after which he will no doubt become a valued member of the Illinois faculty. Director George Huff announced he has tried to interest Lundgren in an Illinois contract several years ago, but at that time Lundgren would not leave Michigan. Lundgren's Michigan team won the western conference this year.

SOLDIER WILLS FUND TO HORSE

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 27.—Knipflow, a 13-year-old stallion, was the beneficiary named in the \$10,000 war insurance policy carried by Harry K. Thurman of Memphis, Tenn., and his aunt, Mrs. Mary Mitchell of Buffalo, is complying with the terms of the policy. Thurman died in action overseas.

The facts in the case came out when Mrs. Mitchell sought to have Knipflow placed among the mounts of Troop I, state guard, in the army here. She said Thurman was much attached to the horse and having no near relatives who would suffer through his death, he decided to provide for the animal's care in case he did not return. The surplus above the cost of the horse's keeps goes to Mrs. Mitchell.

Knipflow is suffering from a sprained tendon but is recovering and is expected soon to become a part of Troop I's outfit where he is a great favorite.

USE RAZOR IN 50 CENT SQUABBLE

CINCINNATI—William Webb, 30, he says in jail here, tried to collect 50 cents from his debtor, Joseph Ackerson. Whereupon Ackerson, says Webb, made for him with a boulder. William cut Joseph with a razor.

HIT AND RUN. AKRON—The Buckeyes have gone through the first half of the international league race, keeping in fighting distance of the pennant on the hit-and-run system.

BRING THEM ON. NEW YORK—Jack Dempsey is becoming desperate in looking for legal opponents. He has offered to meet any two of the heavyweight delegation in one night.

MAY REPEAT. VERNON—The Vernon Tigers are hoped to repeat in the Pacific Coast league. The Seals and the Bees are the clubs which they'll have to beat to cop.

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ured the Lipton sloop should give her rival seven seconds or so handicap to allow for certain differences in sail yardage.

Supposing they did the same in track meets. Wouldn't it be odd. The ten-second men would have to go un-der the tape in the dressing room. He's found to have a little longer shin-bone than Brown, he would have to give him some time.

Or if Brown's lung capacity was half a cubic inch more than Smith's, the mathematicians would have to get together and figure out his time allowance.

An eyelash finish at the tape wouldn't mean much if they did one allowance in track meets as they do a cup races.