Manager Long Still Picking Up Men to Strengthen Seals for Coming Baseball Season

SPORTING NEWS

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Attell Will Defend Title Tonight for the Third Time in a Period of Two Months

New Infielder Added to Seals' Lineup

Joe Curtis, Formerly Captain of Springfield Team, Affixes Signature to Contract

By W. J. Slattery

The mysterious Joe Curtis was finally located by Manager Danny Long of the Seals yesterday morning. Before Curtis had a chance to do any side stepping, the manager sprung a contract on him. Curtis fell for the parchment and affixed his signature. It all came so suddenly that the player did not have a chance to figure until the stunt was pulled off. Then he expressed himself as satisfied.

Curtis played third base for and captained the speedy Springfield, Mass., nine of the Connecticut league last season. He procured his release in the fall and concluded to quit baseball, obtaining a government job at Mare Island. However, the game lured him into the bushes and it was while playing with Vallejo and Napa that "Graceful" McGuire, the old time first baseman, spotted Curtis and recommended him to Long.

The local manager had been looking for Curtis for many days and was agreeably surprised when the tosser showed up at the park yesterday morning. He will be used some in the infield, probably as the utility man. He has promised to appear for practice Monday morning.

Frank Shaughnessy, the big Notre Dame college athlete who played right field for the Seals during the early part of last season, telegraphed to Long yesterday for information as to how he stood. Long informed him that he was released and could go as far as he liked. Frank is coaching the baseball and track teams of Clemson college, South Carolina. He probably will hook up with one of the teams of the South Atlantic league.

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Old "Doc" Frost applied to the police yesterday for a couple of live plain clothes men to aid him in tracing the crook who copped his historic big mitt Tuesday afternoon. This glove was given to "Doc" by catcher "Billy" Sullivan of the Chicago White Sox when Sullivan came here with the noted All American stars seven years ago. During all that time "Doc" jealously guarded the big mitt and when he found that somebody had beat him to it he nearly threw a fit. The man who returns the glove will receive a shining ten spot for his pains. "Doc" says that if he does not recover the precious mitt he will not have the heart to face Sullivan when the catcher arrives here with the White Sox next week.

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Joe Conroy, the young New York outfielder who played independent ball with great success in the empire state last season, has been added to the Oakland squad. President Ed Walter received a telegram from the youngster yesterday afternoon stating that he would report within a week. Conroy was looked upon as a possible candidate for the big brush last season. He is a good sticker, a fast fielder and an all around man for a baseball team. The signing of Conroy makes the Oakland outfield secure.

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George Gaddy, the husky young busher from Kelseyville, who pitched a couple of phenomenal games for the Seals last season, reported for practice yesterday. The big fellow has taken on about twenty pounds and is in great shape. He worked his left wing with his fellow southpaw, Elfmann, and Long was favorably impressed with the way the pair performed. Loyd Skillman, the slabster whom Long procured from the northwest, blew into the grounds late in the afternoon and presented his credentials. He will beat it to the park this morning and warm up his soup bone a bit.

Louis Lalonge, the catcher bought from the Western league, notified the Seal manager by telegraph yesterday that he would leave for San Francisco this afternoon. Lalonge is in Mansfield, Ohio. Zelder, Piper, Slattery and Berry are on their way and it is likely that the entire bunch will be on the spot by the first of next week.

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Although the national baseball commission has awarded pitcher Frank Arellanes of the San Jose team to the Seals, Long has received no notification from the big magnates. He is anxious to get a line on this ruling, as he wants to take some action in the case of Arellanes as soon as possible. It is more than probable that Long will try to dispose of the young busher, who proved a bad actor in the contract game a couple of seasons ago. According to the San Joseans, Arellanes will never leave the Garden City, no matter what the national commission says he must do.

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Long probably will settle everything with third baseman Charley Irwin today. The manager sent Irwin his contract last night, with the request that it be signed or rejected immediately. The chances are that Irwin will turn it down, as it is not to his liking. Cherley may still have a chance to land with the Denver club, as its captain and manager, so he probably will do a hot foot after that job.

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When the Chicago White Sox line up for battle against the Seals a week from today they will cast their peepers on a collection of southpaws the like of which they never before beheld on any one team. There are no less than seven of these wrong side curve dispensers on Long's payroll. Most of them will be given a chance to chuck slants at the big stars. As three-fourths of the Chicago aggregation are left handed hitters, it looks like an even money bet that they will have a good time picking out safe bingles, provided the local crop of southpaws have anything. If there is anything in the world that a left handed sticker hates it is a pitcher who shoots the ball with his off side mitt.

Connolly to Start in Distance Race

Will Be Star of a Large Field in Cross Country Championship

The first annual cross country championship race of the Pacific athletic association will be contested next Sunday morning over a Marin county course, the start and finish of which are near the boathouse of the Olympic club at Tiburon.

The race has attracted an entry of 29 runners, of whom 14 will sport the colors of the Siaplamat Indians, eight those of the Century club, and three the Olympic club.

At the head of the Siaplamat team is C. Connolly, who is without a peer among the distance runners of the coast. He won the two mile race of the Olympic club last Saturday from a strong field, showing that he still retains all his wonderful powers of endurance. The entries for the race include:

Sig Coven, unattached; Joseph B. King, Irish-American athletic club; Isaac L. Day, Bolinas athletic club; E. B. Coffey, unattached; W. Garvin, Olympic club; Alan Gorein, Olympic club; O. Boeddiker, Olympic club; William Moir, Century athletic club; F. C. Klapert, Century athletic club; Robert G. Howden, Century athletic club; William Howden, Century athletic club; A. C. Wishon, Century athletic club; David Moir, Century athletic club; M. M. Hartmann, Century athletic club; Alex Rattray, Century athletic club; C. Connolly, Siaplamat Indians; T. Cushing, Siaplamat Indians; W. J. Waters, Siaplamat Indians; J. Bartosch, Siaplamat Indians; W. Joyner, Siaplamat Indians; W. Cox, Siaplamat Indians; A. Mauerhan, Siaplamat Indians; W. Barry, Siaplamat Indians; F. Sears, Siaplamat Indians; W. Carr, Siaplamat Indians; T. Lowe, Siaplamat Indians; L. Connolly, Siaplamat Indians; J. Korn, Siaplamat Indians; R. Bramlett, Siaplamat Indians.

The committee charged with the arrangements for the race is made up of Herbert Hauser, Century athletic club; L. A. McCrystle, Siaplamat Indians, and Andrew Garner, Webster athletic club. The officials will be: Referee, S. C. Pelzotto; starter, George James; timers, H. W. Kerrigan, Douglas Erskine, Walter Christie, John Elliott; judges, Al Coney, T. I. Fitzpatrick, L. A. Wolff, R. R. l'Hommedieu; clerk of course, Joseph R. Hickey; marshal, Robert McArthur.

Kelly Ready to Try for Championship

Buffalo Feather Weight, Though Overlooked by Bettors, Is Very Confident

By R. A. Smyth

Class, which plays so important a part in all competitions between men or horses, will be a factor in the decision of the feather weight championship battle between Abe Attell and Eddie Kelly in Dreamland pavilion tonight. Attell has the class of the pair, and it remains to be seen whether the challenger for the title can offset this with his wonderful ruggedness and great physical strength, backed up by considerable boxing skill.

The bettors have made Attell a 1 to 2 public choice, with the possibility of the odds being lengthened before the rival feather weights step into the ring tonight. The big bettors, whose coin has made so many false favorites in the past, are with Attell to a man. They are loth to accept the glowing reports which have come out of the east regarding the ability of Kelly, and must be shown something before they will flock to his standard.

Billy Nolan is the most enthusiastic of the Kelly admirers and has offered to back him at the prevailing odds to the extent of $2,000. Nolan invaded the Attell stronghold last night with his pockets bulging with gold, but could place only $200. The excuse was made that the money he was after had been covered a few minutes before he arrived.

The betting on the fight was unusually light up to last night. One commissioner had a lot of Attell money, but the Kelly end was lacking. There was a number of persons ready to take up Nolan's proposition that he would bet $200 against $1,000 that Kelly would knock out Attell in 10 rounds. They felt secure in this, as Attell has shown himself to be a wonderful defensive fighter.

This will be the third time within two months that Attell has defended his championship title in important battles. He met Moran on New Year's day and then stopped Frankie Neil at the end of the same month. He has built up since his meeting with Neil and will just get in under the required weight tonight, instead of being below the 116 pound mark, as he has been in recent fights. This added weight should increase his punching power, something that he will need tonight to stop the rushes of Kelly. Attell knows that he has a formidable opponent in Kelly and has shown more interest in this engagement than he has in any in which he has taken part in some time. In his other fights he held his opponents somewhat cheaply, but he has seen Kelly in action and places a high estimate on his ability.

Kelly has the utmost confidence in himself. For days he has shown impatience to be in the ring with the chance of taking the championship from Attell. The money is no object to him, as he says he would fight if he was to receive only 30 cents. In the east, where he met men of all weights and sizes, he was never properly trained. He did not know what it was to be massaged, which is such a feature in athletic training at the present time. He was so unused to the novel experience that kneading of his muscles tickled him so that he could hardly stand it. He did not understand that he should use water only as a gargle when there was a question as to his making the weight.

Before he met O'Toole in the east he did not make the required weight until the last moment, and then he had to work off several pounds at short notice, thus weakening himself. O'Toole is considered the cleverest boy in the east, and it is on Kelly's showing with him that the friends of the ex-newsboy are basing their hopes of a decisive result in his favor. O'Toole was unable to outgeneral him, and it remains to be seen whether Attell, with all his craftiness, can do so.

Kelly is pronounced to be the biggest boy of his inches that ever entered a ring, being almost as heavily muscled about the shoulders and arms as a welterweight. He is light at the waist line, but his legs are muscular and well proportioned and should carry him any distance at any pace he may be called upon to show. Kelly will make a bold bid for the championship and if he falls short it will not be for lack of confidence or fighting spirit. Unless Attell can hit him hard enough to take some of the fight out of him he will carry the Californian along at a fast clip.

The men are to weigh in at 8 o'clock at Leap's billiard parlor. Neither of them will go direct to Dreamland pavilion, as there will be two preliminaries before the main fight. One of these will be of six rounds and the other of 10. Jack Welsh will referee the main event and will be in charge of the weighing in.

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Sam Berger received word from Packy McFarland yesterday that he would start for this city Monday or Tuesday. It was thought that he would be in Los Angeles to witness the Nelson-Britt fight, but he has changed his plans. Berger will go south before the fight and will try to obtain an agreement from each fighter to appear here in case he is declared the winner. Many complications are likely to arise over this, as no one in particular is vested with power to decide the fight on points. Under the law the referee cannot render a decision; he must only see that the men respect the rules of boxing.

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Jim Coffroth received a wireless message from Manager O'Connor, who sailed yesterday with Ketchel for San Diego. It indicated that Ketchel was not a good sailor, as it said that he would be able to fight Attell for the feather weight title before the end of the voyage. Harry Lewis and Ketchel are only two pounds apart in their discussion of a match. Ketchel wants 154 pounds, while Lewis asks him to make 152.

Guess Which

Automobile Club to Help the Show

Official Notice Requests Members to Take Part in the Parade on Monday

By R. R. l'Hommedieu

The automobile club of California has placed the stamp of its approval upon the automobile show. R. D. Fry, the secretary, has sent the following notice to the members:

The second San Francisco automobile show will be held at the Coliseum March 2 to 8, inclusive, under the auspices of the California Women's automobile club. The executive committee recommends that the members of this club co-operate in making this exhibition a banner one. Inasmuch as the Women's automobile club has arranged to subscribe half of the gate receipts of Tuesday night to the boulevard fund, we would advise that this club assist in either the decorative parade at 10 o'clock opening day, or the night parade at 7:30. Both parades start from the corner of Van Ness and Market and terminate at the Coliseum.

We would further call to your attention that in the month of September there is a possibility of working in a nice four day event, starting Sunday, September 6, and extending over Labor day and Admission day.

In the matter of endurance runs, it has been suggested that there is no good reason why Del Monte should be the objective point of all runs, and that they be conducted over a more strenuous and picturesque and interesting course.

The monthly meeting of the automobile dealers' association of California will be held next Wednesday evening. At noon of the same day the runs and tours committee will meet and this body will report a program at the evening meeting. J. W. Leavitt, chairman of the committee, has prepared a report to be acted upon. In it he makes the following recommendations:

I would call to your attention that there are several holidays coming on either Saturday or Monday. Decoration day is Saturday, May 30; the fourth of July is on Monday; September 7, Labor day, is on Monday. It probably would be a good plan for the association to conduct on these double holidays some events in the nature of long tour or endurance runs.

Hill climbs might be brought off from time to time on Sundays, and it might be desirable to have the dealers bring off in the early part of the season on some Sunday a run to the top of Mount Hamilton and return to San Francisco.

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Among the late comers from the east to spend the winter months in the southern part of the state are Mr. and Mrs. T. Osborne, with their seven passenger White. They are taking a party of friends for a tour of Mexico.

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It can be regarded as certain that the 1908 American automobile association tour and Glidden contest will be started from Buffalo during the week beginning July 6. It will end somewhere in New England.

Tryout of Swimmers of Lick School

After a tryout of the Lick high school swimmers Wednesday night the team which will meet Oakland on March 7 was selected. The regular academic team will not be chosen until after the contest with Oakland. Following are the successful aspirants: McNeil, 440 and 880 yards; Dill, 100 and 220 yards; relay team—Kuehel, Dietterle, Worth, Wilder, Jorginson, Holt. Dietterle, as captain, may select any event in which he wishes to compete.

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A meeting of two delegates from each of the high schools of Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday at the Oakland high school to discuss the policy of the schools with reference to the Academic athletic league. As these delegates will be vested with full power, decisive action is expected.

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The baseball team of the Lowell high school is rapidly rounding into shape at its park practice grounds. Under Captain Heyer the outlook for a successful season is brighter than it was at the beginning of the season.

On March 21 the San Jose baseball team will meet Lick, while on the 28th Santa Clara will play against the team from this city. Both games are scheduled to take place in Oakland.

Oakland high school will hold its swimming tryout this afternoon.

Jack Johnson Ready to Fight Burns

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Up to noon today no word had been received here from Jack Johnson, the American colored heavy weight pugilist, in reply to an offer made by a syndicate of British sportsmen for a match to take place in England between him and "Tommy" Burns, holder of the heavy weight championship. Johnson's representative was notified by cable this morning that the syndicate must hear something immediately concerning Johnson.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—It is the intention of Jack Johnson, the colored heavy weight pugilist, to accept the offer of a syndicate of British sportsmen for a match with "Tommy" Burns in England, according to an interview with Johnson published here today. Johnson says that while he at first regarded the terms of the proposed match as unfair he has decided to forgo objections. He hopes that Burns will agree to a bet of $5,000 on the side.

"If Burns can beat me I am willing to quit the game," Johnson is quoted as having said. "Any number of rounds will suit me, from one to a thousand. In fact, now that I have made up my mind to accept Burns may name the terms."

BOWLS OVER 19,703 PINS

FRESNO, Feb. 27.—In a remarkable 24 hours' exhibition, Gregory, a local bowler, finished last night the last of 105 straight games without sleep or rest. Gregory bowled over 19,703 pins. The world's record is held by Harry Krausse, who bowled over 23,010 pins in the same time, but bowled 118 games. Krausse was paced by seven good men.

CHARGES FILED AGAINST JEROME

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Twenty-two specific charges are made in a petition praying for the removal of William T. Jerome as district attorney of the county of New York, which was sent to Governor Hughes at Albany today by a committee of stock holders of the Metropolitan street railway company through their chairman, William F. King.

The petition alleges that Jerome failed to properly prosecute charges of alleged "jury fixing" and the giving of false testimony in street railway cases; that the prosecution of violations of the criminal law by the life insurance companies of New York, as disclosed by the Armstrong committee, had been delayed; that an alleged criminal conspiracy to divert the property of the Metropolitan street railway company of New York into the hands of a few men was allowed by Jerome to go on and hundreds of stock holders robbed of their money, and that no attempt was made to punish men alleged to have committed other frauds in connection with New York traction deals.

The petition also charges that contributions to the campaign fund to elect Jerome were received by one of Jerome's assistants from men connected with large corporations seeking favors from the district attorney. Among these contributors, it is alleged, was the attorney for James H. Hyde, formerly vice president of the Equitable Life, who contributed $5,000.

"I'm not worried," was District Attorney Jerome's comment when told of the charges. "This is another one, I suppose. They file them up there every week or so against me. The governor has never asked me to explain. If he does then we will take cognizance of them."

At Magdalena Bay

A map of Magdalena bay and the surrounding country is a feature of the March Sunset Magazine, accompanying an article by Arthur W. North, who was sent to Lower California by the magazine as a special writer and explorer. The first authentic pictures of that country are here shown.

SUFFRAGISTS TO MEET—Oakland, Feb. 27. The Suffrage Amendment league announces its monthly meeting for Friday evening, February 28, to be held in the children's room of the public library. Committees will be announced and aggressive work outlined.

TRAGEDY ENTERS A LURID CAREER

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Investigations which followed the startling charge of Mrs. Paul Roy, or, as she is better known, Glacia Calla, a singer, that her brother, George A. Carkins, who was supposed to have committed suicide at Newington, N. H., was in reality murdered by Roy, has brought to light the young woman's eventful history. Her career, which began at Portsmouth, N. H., included a series of adventures in New York and New England and reached its height in Paris, where she lived for several years. She was married several times and for years has been in the public eye at frequent intervals.

It appears from the story told by Mrs. Roy in accusing her husband of having killed her brother, that aer mother, Mrs. Kelly, learned the truth on the day Carkins was buried. She said the mother had gathered up the clothing which Carkins wore when he was killed and found bullet holes in the back of the coat.

"When she found those bullet holes and the blood stains," said Mrs. Roy, "she rushed into the room where Paul was sitting and thrust the blood stained clothing in his face, saying: 'Oh, you coward.' She cried: 'You shot my boy in the back and you have lied also.'

"My husband jumped up and caught her by the hand. 'I shot Sonny, but it was in self defense,' he said. 'He had his own pistol out and was shooting at me. I had to shoot to save my own life.'"

PARIS, Feb. 27.—No steps have yet been taken to arrest Paul Roy, who is charged by his American wife, known as Glacia Calla, with the murder of her brother, George A. Carkins, at Newington, N. H., on January 2.

It is now evident that Roy expected that he would have to answer a charge in connection with the death of Carkins as it was learned today that Goron, a detective, was engaged by Roy to collect testimony and has been working on the case for several weeks. Goron said today that Glacia Calla, on January 4, two days after the killing, gave his agent in America a version of the occurrence identical with that now set forth by Roy.

"She has since changed her tactics," Goron continued, "and her sole object now seems to be to implicate Roy as much as possible.

RAILROADS ASK FOR MORE TIME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Operating officials of railways from all parts of the country were today in attendance upon the hearing given by the interstate commerce commission upon applications for an extension of time of going into effect of the nine hour law.

Thirty-seven applications were received by the commission asking for the extension. Two of them already had been denied—those of the Georgia Southern and Florida railroad and the St. Joseph and Grand Island railway—because in the opinion of the commission the petitions did not show what, in the terms of the act, would constitute "good causes" for granting the relief requested.

The applications of the other 35 roads are being considered as one case because the petitions are substantially identical. All of the companies assert that they have found it impossible to secure the services of competent, efficient and dependable telegraph operators in such numbers as will enable them to comply with the provisions of the law, and that, even if they could obtain the necessary operators, the enforced employment of so many additional men would be a financial hardship which carriers ought not to be subjected to.

Nearly all of the petitions also indicate that if the law is enforced the companies will be obliged to close many small stations on their lines, thus interfering with the service, causing inconvenience especially to the traveling and shipping public and preventing the prompt movement of trains.

Among the roads which have filed application for extension of the law are the Oregon railroad and navigation company, Oregon Short Line, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific.

It is regarded as significant that, with the exception of the New York Central lines, none of the great eastern roads have made application for extension.

It is assumed that the companies which have not applied have made arrangements to conform to the provisions of the law when it becomes effective March 4.

USES CROOKED MACHINE—John Duille, saloon keeper, 600 Eddy street, was fined $25 by Police Judge Weller yesterday for using a crooked slot machine. He was arrested by Detectives Redmen and King.

ACCUSES RICKEY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 27.—T. B. Rickey, president of the State bank, was indicted this afternoon on a charge of embezzlement and furnished bail in $60,000. Among those who went on the bond were R. K. Colcord, superintendent of the mint; ex-Governor Adams, Deputy State Treasurer Wildes and a number of prominent residents.

There was some quibbling over the sureties, as they were compelled to qualify in twice the amount of the bond.

Rickey, when questioned regarding the indictment, said that he was innocent of any wrongdoing, as would be shown at the trial. He further said that he had not been treated with any show of liberality on the part of the district attorney, as he had asked to be called before the grand jury and had been anxious to appear and testify.

In each of the indictments a different depositor is named—W. W. McMillan for $250, John T. Davey for $203.93, A. Burlington for $100 and $75.85 and H. Durst for $100.

Rickey will appear in court Tuesday morning, when the date for trial probably will be set.

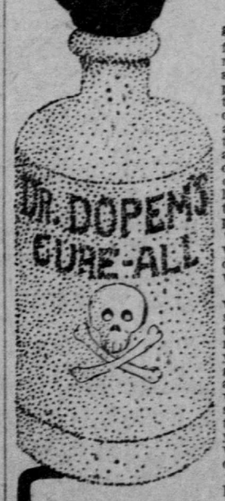
The grand jury has not yet completed its work. District Attorney Roberts says that it is probable that additional indictments will be returned.

It is said that the directors of the defunct bank may be indicted.

OAKLAND CYCLERS WIN

At the conclusion of one of the most closely contested indoor bicycle race meets of the season in Pucketts hall last evening the wheelmen from Oakland were declared the winners of the six club event under the auspices of the New Century club and were presented with the beautiful silver trophy offered by George T. McGrath. Oakland's cyclers, Carroll and McTigh, pedaled over the rollers a distance of two miles in the aggregate time of 5m. 11-5s. The Garden City team, Walsh and Choboya, were but a "nose" behind, finishing the required distance in 5:03 4-5. In order the other four teams finished: Bay City, 5:14 2-5; New Century, 5:18; Central City, 5:48 4-5, and Golden City, 5:57. Following the athletic program the first monthly dance of the New Century wheelmen was given.

Why Drugs Don't Build Health



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