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GUNNERS FLOCK TO BELLE ISLE

Trap Men Get Out Early for Bit of Needed Practice: First Event Today.

LAMBERT SHOWS FORM

Leading 1915 Amateur Is High Gun at Sunday's Exhibition; Dodds Next.

Trapshooters thronged to the grounds of the Capital Gun club at Belle Isle park Monday morning to race up their guns for the opening match Monday afternoon in the annual title tournament of the Oklahoma State Sportsmen's association. The traps were opened for practice at 11 o'clock and a good crowd were on hand to get in some early work.

Visiting shooters express themselves as greatly pleased with the new traps installed by the local gun club especially for the state shoot.

The match Monday afternoon was scheduled to be started at 1 o'clock. It was to be a 100-target event, opening the seventh annual tournament.

William Lambert of Oklahoma, the state's leading amateur in 1915, was high gun in a practice shoot at the Belle Isle grounds Sunday afternoon. He broke 98 targets out of a possible 100. J. F. Dodds and George Lewis came next with 95 each. J. R. Hinkle, registering 92, ranked higher than any other professional taking part in the practice.

Sunday's scores:

SHOOTER	
William Lambert	98
J. F. Dodds	95
George Lewis	95
*J. R. Hinkle	92
C. C. Watts	92
Guy Bunch	91
E. L. Weaver	90
*R. L. Bogan	1
*Ed O'Brien	89
*J. W. Keating	87
J. B. McAlester	8
*J. H. Salloway	8
F. W. Bentley	84
Sam Jones	84
C. S. Peters	84
L. Y. Fisher	8
Billy Gragg	83
*W. H. Aughtry	79
Joe Fusselman	78
R. Hawk	8
H. E. Bonebrake	75
L. E. DeWitt	74
E. E. Aufricht	71
C. H. Haycox	71
H. D. Oates	71
L. O. Brooks	67
J. C. Ashbrook	67
R. G. Lowe	60
J. S. Tuttle	58
Carl Elliott	48
C. E. Crexton	40x42
Norman Smith	40x38
Harry Smith	39x39

*Professionals.

Baseball Calendar

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	3	0	1.000
St. Louis	3	1	.750
Chicago	3	2	.600
Washington	1	1	.500
New York	1	1	.500
Cleveland	1	1	.500
Detroit	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	0	1	.000

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

At Chicago 3; St. Louis 2.
At Cleveland 1; Detroit 1.
Only two games scheduled.

GAMES TODAY.

St. Louis at Chicago.
Detroit at Cleveland.
Washington at Boston.
New York-Philadelphia, games postponed, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	2	0	1.000
Cincinnati	4	1	.800
Philadelphia	2	1	.667
St. Louis	2	2	.500
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500
New York	1	2	.333
Chicago	1	2	.333
Brooklyn	0	3	.000

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

At St. Louis 7; Chicago 6.
At Cincinnati 6; Pittsburgh 1.
Only two games scheduled.

GAMES TODAY.

Chicago at St. Louis.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.
New York-Brooklyn, postponed, wet grounds.
Boston-Philadelphia, postponed, wet grounds.

TEXAS LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Shreveport	4	0	1.000
Galveston	3	2	.600
San Antonio	3	2	.600
Beaumont	2	2	.500
Houston	2	3	.400
Fort Worth	1	2	.333
Waco	1	2	.333
Dallas	1	3	.250

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

At Beaumont 1; San Antonio 3.
At Fort Worth 0; Shreveport 3.
At Galveston 3; Houston 4.
At Dallas 11; Waco 8.

GAMES TODAY.

San Antonio at Beaumont.
Shreveport at Fort Worth.
Houston at Galveston.
Waco at Dallas.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New Orleans	2	0	1.000
Nashville	2	1	.667
Memphis	2	1	.667
Mobile	1	1	.500
Birmingham	1	1	.500
Chattanooga	1	2	.333
Little Rock	1	2	.333
Atlanta	0	2	.000

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

At Memphis 12; Little Rock 3.
At Nashville 3; Chattanooga 6.
Other games rained out.

GAMES TODAY.

Little Rock at Memphis.
Chattanooga at Nashville.
Atlanta at New Orleans.
Birmingham at Mobile.

"Yes, I got a job cooking for a lady." "Gal, you don't know nothing about cooking." "Don't have to know nothing, she's a bride and I am her first cook."—Kansas City Journal.

The Sportlight

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Last Fight.

He could not understand;
Why should his breathing be so hard and drawn?
Where was the punch he once held in each hand,
The winning punch propelled by nerve and brawn?
Why to his eyes should come that growing haze,
Leaving a blur he had not known before?
Where was the wallop of the vanished days,
The knockout wallop he had held in store?

What was it all about?
The heavy thumping of his weary heart
The dulled and muffled roar—the sullen shout
The aching arms that would not do their part?
Here was the chance at last to rise and show
Who ruled as master of the bitter fray;
Here was the chance—but what grip turned the blow
Into a fan a child might ward away?

Was he not champion still?
Had he not ruled the field from year to year?
What hands of steel then crushed the ancient will
That through his reign had known no foe to fear?
Where was the old-time power of the poke
That closed each battle in one stinging blow?
Yet here tonight he reeled before this joke
He should have murdered seven rounds ago.

And then, at last, he knew;
For even as he sagged and crumpled up,
And, falling from his heights, forever through
Drank to the final dregs the bitter cup,
In that one flash of pain he met the truth
That struck at him with rack fangs buried deep—
Where from hot years the mocking ruins of youth
Counted the final toll above his sleep.

The New System.

Back in 1914 the Braves got away on the long trip and rode this route until July. At which point the rest of the league fell dead and the Braves from from fifteen to twenty games in the rear emerged as a pennant. Last season the Braves again got another bad start and some too far behind to make up.

"This," says Stallings, "will be a different story. For the first time I have enough good pitchers to get enough good catching. Even if I have two or three in poor shape there will be others to do the work. We have a better ball club today than when we won a world championship in four straight games. And if we get the start I expect to get—well, the rest of it is an easy guess."

With Speaker missing the Braves now have a better chance to win in the National league than the Red Sox have in the American.

R. L. P.—Johnson last season won twenty-seven games and lost thirteen. He had a bad year if you call leading the league in pitching effectiveness bad. Otherwise not.

"To settle an argument," queries a Northampton fanatic, "will Cleveland be strengthened 10 percent or only 15 percent by the addition of Tris Speaker?" We should hazard also at 10 percent. A bit more than 15, but not 40.

"Say, I want to exchange this mashie for another. It's no good. I tried a shot with it at the seventh hole and topped the ball in the pond."

"You must have taught me the wrong grip yesterday. I tried it for nearly ten minutes today and it wouldn't work."

To American League Batters.

Walter Johnson has lost his fast ball, just as John D. has lost every dollar and T. R. has lost his pep.

Honus Wagner is going on 42 years old. He is almost ten years older than any other infielder in his circuit. Yet we are inclined to take a slight wager that he outhits any shortstop in the National league.

The Phantom Dutchman is going to make a terrific effort to bat .300 this year and he has a grand young chance to turn the trick. Pop Anson closed his twenty-two year career with a .300 average and Honus hopes to follow Pop's select trail.

One of the most historical features of the year will be the annual batting duel between Lajoie and Wagner, each in his twentieth campaign. Lajoie has now led Wagner for the last six years. Wagner's last victory over the Woonsocket Walloper was back in 1909. Since that date France has put something over on Germany, upon this continent at any rate. Last year Lajoie batted .380 and Wagner, .274. For this season if you are looking for a fair wager offer a proposition to the effect that one of the two reaches .300.

CHILDREN HELD UPSIDE DOWN.

Greater love for children hat no man than the one who discovered that the lives of many little children can be saved in certain emergencies, if they are held upside down, says the Popular Science Monthly for May.

When the clothing of children catches fire it a third of the child's flesh is burned, inclusive of its chest or head, it is very likely to die. Yet if the little one is held upside down immediately after its garments have caught fire, the child's life may be saved.

The 3-year-old tomboy daughter of a United States senator was playing a war game with some boys. They were gathered around a camp-fire when the wind carried an ember in her direction and set her clothes on fire. Corporal Hopkins, who had served in an emergency hospital, happened to be at hand.

He seized the little girl by her ankles and held her head down, not an instant too soon. The flames were just about to burn her bosom and curls. Flames have a tendenty to rise and a child's face, hair, lungs, heatr and chest are the vital parts first endangered.

Another emergency which demands that the child be held upside down by its legs or feet, is when it swallows a fishbone, a coin, or a piece of candy.

"No, she has never gone out much." "How do you know?" "Why, when she joined our sewing club she actually expected to do some sewing."—Houston Post.

When a Feller Needs a Friend - - By Briggs

BROTHERS TO MEET IN PITCHING BATTLE TIGERS VS. INDIANS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 17.—For the first time in twenty years and the second time in major league baseball history, brother was scheduled to pitch against brother here Monday.

Manager Fohl of the Cleveland Americans announced that Stanley Coveleskie, righthander, would oppose his left-handed brother, Harry Coveleskie, picked by Manager Jennings to pitch for Detroit. It was back in the nineties when the first brother-brother duel was staged in the National league, Brownie Foreman pitching for Cincinnati against Frank Foreman for Baltimore.

CARPENTER AND STORIE TONIGHT

Boxers Are Ready for Tap of Gong; Friends of Each Now Confident.

Jimmie Carpenter will make his first local appearance in two months Monday night when he goes up against Tom Storie in a ten-round clash. The bout is carded as the feature of the B. M. A. A. weekly smoker.

Both lads have been training hard for the match, and it was reported Monday morning that each was in trim for the bout.

Before stepping out of the local limelight, Carpenter was seen in action several times with Nate Jackson as his opponent. Nate was too clever for James, but the Carpenter lad proved his worth by giving the bantam title aspirant a hard tussle every time they met.

Ben Trull and Victor Hutchins, who have hooked up a number of times before local fandom in short six-round clashes, will try it over the longer route for the first time. They will meet in the semi-final.

Danny West is to face Rattling Brick in a six-round skit. It will be their second battle. Joe Bernstein and Young Abe Attell will appear in a four-round curtain-raiser.

KEEPING BEVERAGES FRESH.

By a new patent process grape juice, wines or beverages made from fruit juices can be so treated that they will not become turbid and will not form a sediment when stored. Also they are practically freed from any sort of bacteria.

The liquid, under regulated pressure and temperance, is passed through a finely divided mass of some material which will not dissolve or absorb moisture, such as corundum, garnet or quartz, and at the same time subjected to an electric current. If the liquid to be treated is acid, the crushed material it is passed over must be electro-negative; if the liquid is basic or neutral, the material must be electro-positive. Alternating current is employed.—Popular Science Monthly.

Exciting Game Won by Senators; Chinks Accuse Umpire of Trying To "Buffalo" Them; Pitching Duel

Saratoga baseball fans probably will not see during the entire 1916 season a more bitterly contested game than the Sunday afternoon struggle between the Oklahoma City club and the Chinese nine from Honolulu, which the Senators finally won by two runs to one.

It was a great pitchers' battle from the start, with Ako doing the firing work for the Chinese and Phillips and Taylor bearing the burden for the locals.

The yellow boys rallied in the ninth after going runless for eight innings, and threatened to win the game. It was here that trouble popped. The visitors had runners on second and third, and the man on third crossed the plate when the batsman slammed a grounder to Snapp which the Senator bore lightly to the plate in an effort to cut off the run. Snapp came waltzing in from ground base and informed Umpire Poole that the thrown ball had hit him (Poole), and the play should be called "dead."

Mr. Poole seemed undecided, apparently not certain as to just what the rule was. Finally he concluded that it should be a "dead" play as Snapp would not say so. He ordered the runners back and instructed the man who had bolted to do it over again.

The Chinese most strenuously objected, in fact their objections were more than strenuous, judging by the sign language, which was liberally employed.

"Buffalo! Buffalo! You try—buffalo us," shouted the manager, a little chap who grew so excited he soon lost all power of English speech and trailed off in Chinese. He indicated in no uncertain manner that he would not continue play unless the run was counted.

Fifteen minutes of wrangling and milling around on the diamond left the situation unchanged. The crowd in the grandstand sympathized with the Chinks and yelled derisively at the umpire and the home players. Seeing that it would be impossible to continue the game unless the run was awarded the Chinese the umpire finally gave that order, and play was resumed.

It then fell to the lot of one Montagut, shortfielder, who as yet has not broken into the "hit" column this year, to save the game for the Senators. Chinese runners were still camping on first and second, and when the next batsman was walked the bases were crowded with just one out. The following Honolulu stickler is face Taylor. Taylor slammed a vicious drive between second and third, and the crowd groaned, but Montagut scooped up the ball in a pretty play, shot it to Dowie cutting down the man who tried to score, and "Smiling Bob" heaved the sphere to Cameron at first for a double play, ending the agony and the game at the same time.

The Senators secured their first run in the third inning. Only one of them participated in the securing of said marker, however. That one was Dowie who lifted a long high fly over the centerfield fence. A combination of errors gave Dowie their only tally, in the eighth. Nagle reached first on a bobble, attempted to steal second and scored when the Chink catcher tossed the ball to centerfield.

The Chinese played a great defensive game, but were weak in the attack. Not less than three Senators were cut off at the plate during the game by Shortstop Ayau of the Honolulu squad. Mark, the Chinese catcher, did fine work behind the bat.

Phillips, formerly of Paris, who pitched two fine games for Oklahoma City, appeared in fine form. The only hit garnered off his delivery came in the fifth session when one of the visitors poled a long double to the centerfield wall. Not another Chinese runner reached first base while Phillips was on the mound.

The score:

CHINESE	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
J. Chin, 2b	3	1	0	3	2	1
Ayau, ss	4	0	0	1	6	0
Y. Chin, lf	4	0	2	6	0	0
Yim, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Mark, c	3	0	1	8	2	0
Suan, 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0
Ioe, 1b	3	0	0	8	0	1
Inman, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Ako, p	3	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	31	1	4	24	11	2
OKLA. CITY						
Payne, cf	3	0	2	2	0	1
Snapp, 2b	4	0	1	6	3	0
Nagle, r	4	1	0	0	0	0
Cameron, 1b	3	0	0	13	1	0
McCabe, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Brannon, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	0
Montagut, ss	3	0	0	2	5	0
Dowie, c	3	1	1	4	0	0
Phillips, p	1	0	0	0	3	0
Taylor, p	3	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	27	2	4	27	15	1

By innings:

Chinese	000	000	001	1
Oklahoma City	001	000	01*	2

Summary: Earnbase hits, McCabe, Mark, Suan, Inman, Dowie; stolen bases, Y. Chin, Phillips, McCabe, Payne; double plays, Ako to Ayau to Ioe, Montagut to Dowie to Cameron; inning pitched, by Phillips 3, by Taylor 7; struck out, by Phillips 3, by Taylor 7, by Ako 3; bases on balls, off Taylor 1, off Ako 2; hit by pitcher (Payne) by Ako; balk, Ako. Time, one hour and fifty minutes. Umpire, Poole.

CAPITOL STRIKERS TO MEET SENATORS TODAY

After their clash with a picked team from the capitol strikers Monday afternoon, the Oklahoma Senators will confine themselves to hard practice on the following two days, in preparation for the opening championship game of the season with Denison Thursday. The opener will be played at the Railroaders' park in Denison.

Manager Snapp is perfectly satisfied with the showing his men are making in the defensive department, but will devote much time during the remainder of this week to batting practice. Several of the Senators have as yet failed to demonstrate that their batting eyes are in trim. Snapp himself has been unable to do very much with the willow in the exhibition games and Shortstop Montagut has not poled a single safe drive.

The Senators will leave here Wednesday night for Denison, and will arrive in the Texas city early enough that they can secure a good rest before tackling the Railroaders in the initial event of the year.

SKATE MEET CLOSES: TWO TIE FOR TITLE

CHICAGO, April 17.—The world's championship roller skating meet ended here Sunday night with the winning of the three-mile race by Rosland Closs, of Pittsburgh. Arthur Eglington of Norfolk, England, was second. The winner's time for the race was 8:20 4-5.

The race for the world's roller skating championship title ended in a tie between Closs and Eglington. The Englishman led until the final race and was defeated by a half foot only. Each man scored forty-two points during the meet.

KOTULA, DEAF MOUND ARTISAN WHIFS 21 BATSMEN, 9 INNINGS

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 17.—Louis Kotula, pitcher for the Washington state school for the deaf, continued Monday to receive congratulations on his feat in striking out twenty-one batsmen Saturday in the game with the Benson Polytechnic school of Portland. This achievement is said to equal the world's record for strikeouts in a nine-inning contest. A week ago Kotula struck out eighteen in a game with the Lincoln highschool of Portland.

GUTHRIE BRIDE'S DIVORCE SECRET BECOMES PUBLIC

Separation of Couple After Only Two Months of Morbid Life.

Miss Ruth Walton, daughter of the late L. N. Walton, a prominent lumberman of Guthrie, admitted Saturday that she had secretly divorced John W. Coyle, wealthy cotton-gin owner of Guthrie, whom she married May 4, 1914, after a brilliant social career.

The divorce decree was granted in the St. Louis circuit court January 28 last, and Miss Walton's maiden name was restored. She is living at 5568 Bartmer avenue in St. Louis.

According to dispatches from Guthrie Coyle has appealed to the pope to annul his marriage. He is a Catholic, but Miss Walton is not a member of that faith. It was reported in Guthrie the dispatches said that Miss Walton would neither confirm nor deny this report.

Live Together Two Months.

It developed that Miss Walton lived with her husband only two months then returned to her mother's home and told intimate friends that "she did not like him."

Miss Walton was one of the most popular girls of her set and married while quite young without disclosing her wedding plans to her mother.

Wedding in Haste.

Her brother, Wirt Walton, who was a student at Cornell university at the time of the marriage, failed to reach St. Louis in time to witness the ceremony, so short was the notice given him. Mrs. Coyle was a graduate of National Park seminary of Washington, D. C.

She and Coyle had a bridal tour of the east after which they went to Guthrie and were given an elaborate reception by the parents of the bridegroom. Two months later she left for St. Louis and never returned to Guthrie.

Miss Walton's mother said Saturday that while no particular effort had been made to keep the divorce a secret, the decree having been granted in a regular session of court, only a few of her daughter's intimate friends knew of it.

Daily Lessons in History

One Hundred Years Ago Today.

1816—Samuel A. Allibone, who spent seventeen years in compiling his dictionary of English literature, born in Philadelphia. Died in Switzerland, Sept. 2, 1889.

Seventy-five Years Ago Today.

1841—Dr. Harrison Allen, a celebrated leader in American medical science, born in Philadelphia. Died there, Nov. 14, 1897.

Fifty Years Ago Today.

1866—The British battleship Northumberland, one of the largest warships built up to that time, was launched on the Thames.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today.

1891—The Western States Commercial congress, in session at Kansas City, adopted resolutions favoring unlimited coinage of silver and a tariff exclusively for revenue.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

April 17, 1915—British submarine E-11 ran ashore in the Dardanelles; southeast of Ypres the British took hill No. 50; allies attacked Gallipoli peninsula and Dardanelles forts; Germans reported capture of French positions in the Vosges and Champagne; French cruiser fired on Turkish fortifications at El Arish in Egypt.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

William R. Day, former secretary of state and now associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, born at Ravenna, Ohio, sixty-seven years ago today.

Willis Van Devanter, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, born at Marion, Ind., fifty-seven years ago today.

Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, celebrated Presbyterian clergyman and reformer, born at Framingham, Mass., 74 years ago today.

Prince Mirko, second son of King Nicholas and leader of the Montenegrin military forces, born at Cettinje, thirty-seven years ago today.

Ian Hay, the young Scottish novelist who has been fighting in the British army, born forty years ago today.

Maggie Teyte, famous operatic soprano, born at Wolverhampton, England, twenty-five years ago today.

Willard Saulsbury, United States senator from Delaware, born at Georgetown, Del., fifty-five years ago today.

Charlemagne Tower, former United States ambassador to Russia and Germany, born in Philadelphia, seventy-three years ago today.

Ray Stannard Baker, well known author and editor, born at Lansing, Mich., forty-six years ago today.

Clarence H. Mackay, well-known New York capitalist and sportsman, born forty two years ago today.

LINES WORTH REMEMBERING.

Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep.—Shakespeare.

CLOUTING KING AFTER RECORD

Baker, Playing 77 Games on Polo Grounds, Hopes to Set a New Mark.

PLAYERS AND HOTELS

Ball Tossers Welcomed Now at Hostelries, Because of European Plan.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, April 17.—J. Franklin Baker threatens to bust all existing home run records this season. The fact that he's with the Yankees entitles him to play 77 games in the Polo grounds. That means that he'll have about 300 chances during the season to belt the horsehide into the short rightfield grandstand.

The grandstand in the Polo grounds is situated to Baker's liking. Oftentimes in the era when he played only 11 games he rammed home runs into that portion of the seating capacity. On other occasions he walloped the ball against the front of the stand for safeties.

Baker was quite a long distance clouter in the era when he played only 11 games per season in the Brush ball yard. His slugging power probably will be enhanced to the fact that he'll have seven times as many chances this year to drive the ball in amongst the patrons of the pastime.

What's In a Name?

The Giants aren't giants. Many of them are almost pigmies. Doyle, Kauff, Burns, Rariden and three or four others are far under six feet in height. The regular team, as a whole, probably doesn't average beyond 5:10 or 5:11.

The Cubs are full grown. There's Joe Tinker, who is well along in the thirties, the ancient Miner Brown and Frank Schulte. Mike Doolan, Heinie Zimmerman, Steve Yerkes and Johnny Kling are a bit elderly, too.

The Indians aren't what their name implies. They're not savage; they don't emit warwhoops or conduct scalping parties.

The Browns are not brown.

The Dodgers still dodge trolley cars over in the wilds of Brooklyn, but they don't dodge the other ball clubs as they used to in the bygone days.

The Cardinals belie their name. Cardinals are not supposed to use profane language, chew tobacco or drink beer. Yet some of the Cardinals do those very things.

The Yankees aren't Yankees. Some are Irish, some German, some English and the others are something other than pure Yankee descent.

The Pirates are not thieves. You'll agree with us if you consult the base-stealing records. Nor are they bold. They do not sail the seas except when they make occasional trips to Boston. Some of them have buried gold, of course, but they've earned it.

As to the Reds—well, mebbe they are a bit different. Anarchists are commonly referred to as "Reds." If you don't believe that anarchy sometimes prevails in Cincinnati, ask a National league umpire.

The Reason!

"Ball players now are welcomed at the best hotels" a headline informs us. Is it any wonder? In the olden days most of the hotels operated on the American plan. Now they operate on the European. And you know those baseball appetites, Oscar. Can you blame the hotel managers for welcoming the advent of ball players in their dining rooms where serivce is a la carte?

SMOKES TO CONTEST MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

A ten-round bout carded as "for the colored middleweight championship of Oklahoma," is to be offered Wednesday night at the C. C. A. C., 214½ West California avenue. Benny Wagner of Indianapolis and Kid Price of Oklahoma City are to be the contestants. Price is conceding his opponent several pounds in weight.

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