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## FRANK CHANCE BACK IN BASEBALL GAME?



Frank Chance.

Frank Chance may be back in baseball, though not in the major leagues. If Barney Oldfield, the automobile race driver, can turn two tricks. One is to induce Chance to change his mind about retirement. The other is to induce the holders of stock in the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league to sell the stock.

Oldfield is after the stock. He has the money to buy it. His home now is in Los Angeles. He is a baseball fan. Chance and he are close friends. But it still is doubtful that the man who won four pennants with the Chicago Cubs could be induced to come back to a sport that brought such bitter disappointment when he tried to make a winner out of the New York Americans.

## BOXERS MUST DEFEND TITLE

American Boxing Association Has Started War on Fighters—Ted Lewis Classed as Welter.

The recently born American Boxing Association has started real war on title holders who refuse to give the rising generation a whack at the honors. Acting upon resolutions recently adopted, it has sent notification to Willie Ritchie that he must defend his American lightweight championship by fighting for it within a reasonable time. If he refuses, or ignores the edict, the association will pick the best three or four men in the class and stage a series of battles to give the nation a real title holder.

It is the sense of the promoters that Ritchie, Kid Graves, Mike O'Dowd,

ing all comers at the accepted weight in that class.

In the middleweight class the promoters selected Young Ahearn, Mike Gibbons, Jeff Smith, George Chip, Jimmy Clabby and Eddie McGourty.

In the new flyweight division Frankie Izzo, Artie Armstrong and Jimmy Pappas were picked as the three likeliest lads.

## LITTLE PICK-UPS OF SPORT

Hockey is simply a new name for it. Just as many crooks are nicked as when it was called "shiny on your own side."

Hank Gowdy expects to do the bulk of the backstopping for the Braves next year now that Whaling has been released.

The Kansas City Polo club has been organized, with the idea of popularizing the pony polo sport among citizens in that city.

Lung, a full-blooded Chinaman at inside left on the Columbia university soccer football team, is one of the squad's most expert players.

If there is anything in this "bigger they come, the harder they fall" dope, there'll be an awful crash when Fred Fulton drops. He measures 6 feet 4.

The Courtney rowing No. 2 in the present Cornell first boat is a nephew of Coach Courtney. This year's freshman candidates number 100.

Chicago's automobile race, set for June 19 next, will be decreased from 500 miles to 300 miles. The purse for the race will be \$30,000, which will be split into ten parts.

The St. Louis Nationals have signed a one-eyed pitcher as a running mate for Meadows, the four-eyed hurler. That puts the club one eye to the good.

New York Sun headline: "Yale Eleven Will Be Heavy Loser by Graduation." The day of humor on the Sun evidently did not pass with Dana.

Umpire Quigley worked in 20 football games during the season just closed and has now gone to his home in St. Mary's, Kan., for a rest during the winter months.

Coach Jim Rice of Columbia university oarsmen says the recent triumph of his varsity eight over the Yale crew should do much to counteract the growing feeling that English rowing methods are superior to the American theories of rowing.

## BOWL FOR AMUSEMENT

Fight Shy of Sharks Is Advice of New York Writer.

No Other Game or Sport That Claims to Have as Many Participants as Bowling—Tends to Better Health and Spirits.

W. V. Thompson, writing in the New York World takes a "crack" at so-called "pot-hunters." He says in part: "Just as soon as one becomes interested in bowling and discovers how easy it is to roll a fair average, he then wants to bowl in competition. His one ambition is to beat somebody and in tournament play, but, naturally, prefers not to compete with the so-called 'stars' or 'sharks,' those who own or manage bowling alleys and practice free, especially those that do nothing else.

"They tell me there are more than 50,000 bowlers in Greater New York who are interested principally for the physical and social benefits, a great majority of whom are virtually eliminated from competition bowling, except in the closed tournaments. There is no other game or sport that even claims to have as many participants as bowling. There is a reason for this.

"It is the demand for play, born in us, that cries out for expression in the midst of the whirl of business. An hour at noon, or more at evening after toil, the fellowship of others bent upon the same pursuit, and for adults the right to choose and the responsibility to use properly, make the whole program one of delight and profit to all concerned.

"The flabby muscles that tire so easily respond to nature's way of keeping in shape; the circulation improves with exercise, and better health and better spirit follow.

"Every employer of labor should encourage his employees to participate in some game after work. It will be better if he leads the way. If he is a large employer of labor, it may be best to provide something close to the workshop, factory, mill, store, or, as some have already done, put in an equipment in the store.

"It pays in better work, co-operation if you are in the play; it stands between you and trouble, chases the doctor out of the house and gives the country a better type of human beings. Surely this is a game worth while."

## PAUL DES JARDIEN AS COACH

Great All-Round Athlete to Surrender Amateur Standing and Join Professional Staff.

Paul Des Jardien, the greatest all-round athlete ever turned out at the University of Chicago, is to surrender his amateur standing and join the



Paul Des Jardien.

professional coaching staff at the Midway school.

Des Jardien, who went with the Maroon basketball team to the Orient, will assist in handling the basketball, baseball, track and football candidates.

## Training Place for Dodges.

While there is no doubt that the Brooklyn Dodgers will train at Daytona it is the plan of the management to send the veteran pitchers to Hot Springs to bowl out awabes before they resort in Florida.

## LOSES MEMORY IN BATTLE, WOODS FIANCEE ANEW

Canadian, Mind Made Blank by Shell Concussion, Does Not Know Parents.

## IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

Thomas Trusler, Sent Back to Front From Hospital, Fails to Recall His Name and Is Reported Missing—Forgets Sweetheart and Falls in Love With Her "All Over Again."

New York.—Fate has played many strange pranks with the men fighting in Europe, but none perhaps is more curious than that in which Thomas F. Trusler figures. Mr. Trusler, who is stopping at a hotel, was a gunner in the Third brigade, Canadian field artillery.

The concussion from a shell which struck the ground near him last winter caused him to lose all recollection of the past. Consequently, his fiancée in Montreal mourned him for dead, and even after he learned his identity through a scar on his right foot he did not remember her or his parents.

However, as he explained recently, he took his parents' word that they were his father and mother, and, although he does not recall his first proposal, he said he has fallen in love all over again with the woman he was to have married and soon he hopes to make her his bride.

Although Sir Frederick Treves, King George's surgeon, is said to have attempted to restore his memory by means of hypnosis, Mr. Trusler, who is twenty-one years old, recalls nothing of his past prior to the day his mind became blank from the concussion, and when he returned to Canada in the early autumn because of his wound it was necessary for him to relearn the way about his native city of Montreal and to be introduced to lifelong boyhood friends and school-mates.

## Under Fire at Ypres.

The young gunner went with the first Canadian contingent which reached France a year ago. At that time the German general staff was perfecting its schemes to break through to Calais by way of Ypres. Mr. Trusler first came under fire near Vlamertinghe, just west of Ypres. His division was acting as a reserve force.

"I have been told by men who served with me on my gun that we all saw a huge German aeroplane fly over us," Mr. Trusler said. "Soon thereafter there came a rain of high explosive shells from a big German gun. Several of our boys were killed, and the fact that I was not was a miracle. One of the shells fell within ten or twenty feet of me, I was told, but did not explode. The concussion, however, was terrific, and it dazed and stupefied me.

"I remember awakening in a base hospital with the wounded all about me. I felt myself all over and could find nothing smashed, so I sat up in my cot. Then I got out of it and stood up and asked why I was there. A physician told me what had happened to me and sent me back to my brigade, which he located by the insignia on my uniform. When I got back I didn't seem to recollect anything or anybody.

"Some of the men of my gun company saw me and took me back to my quarters. If it was necessary for me to make friends with companions again.

## VICTIM OF AUTO DISEASE

Petromortis, or Automobile Gas Poisoning, Kills a Chicago Lawyer.

Chicago.—Eugene M. Bumphrey, a lawyer, is dead at his home here of what physicians term petromortis, or automobile gas poisoning. According to physicians, it is the first fatal case in Chicago from that cause.

An idea of the violence with which petromortis attacks its victims was given by Dr. John D. Ellis, head of the department of occupational diseases of Rush Medical college.

"The thing is new to science in some aspects," said Doctor Ellis. "Persons who are subject to vertigo may be attacked when in a close, small garage. The danger lies in a failure of certain elements in the gasoline to oxidize. In any event, there is a quick suffusion of a violent gas that renders the victim faint. Thus if the exhaust of an automobile continues, the result is almost instant death.

"The post-mortem showings are those of brain and lung congestion."

They called me 'Howie'—a nickname—and soon I became known as 'Howie Trusler.' That fact made it difficult for my parents to locate me, because when I was asked my name I spelled it 'Trusler,' because I didn't want anybody to know that I couldn't recall where I came from or who I was.

## Is Reported Missing.

"Consequently 'T. F. Trusler' went on the rolls of the missing. Consequently also, I failed to get mail from my fiancée and my parents. It was not until last summer when I was wounded in the leg so badly that I was sent to England that I made any attempt to find out who I was. I considered my story to an Englishwoman of high rank who was interested in the hospital. She made inquiries among the officers of my brigade who remembered 'Trusler' who came out with the contingent.

"My parents were communicated with and my mother remembered an old scar on my foot. Sure enough the scar was there. Even when I returned to Montreal I didn't recognize my mother and don't yet. I learned I was engaged to be married before I left for the front and on my return home my fiancée was at the station with my mother and father. I didn't recognize any of them, but they took me home."

Here Mr. Trusler admitted that he had fallen in love "all over again" and with the same girl.

Although the gunner cannot remember what happened before January of last year, he has a vivid recollection of what has happened since, and his description of the battle of Ypres in April and of the effect of the poison gases used by the Germans is most vivid.

"About five o'clock of the evening of April 23," he said, "we were getting quite bored, for we were in the reserve force along the Poperinghe road, three miles west of Ypres. The dull monotony was rudely broken by the sudden appearance of swarms of French colonial troops, Singhaliese and Zouaves, rushing in from the front trenches, clutching at their throats, holding their sides, rolling on the ground, gasping for breath, eyes blood-shot and staring, many of them bleeding at the mouth, but most of them unable to explain the cause of their peculiar actions.

## Asphyxiating Gas Cloud.

"Along with them came scores of refugees, men, women and children, bearing with them all they could take from their burning and wrecked homes. At that time we had never heard of asphyxiating gas and were at a loss to make out what it all meant. The order 'stand to your arms' was quickly passed along to the reserves. The Montreal Highlanders were the first to get on the move. It takes longer to get artillery wagons on the move, and while we were working at feverish haste the Highlanders went by, each man singing and smiling, although they must have known that many of them would never return.

"At seven o'clock the artillery forces were all ready and waiting for the order to move forward. I shall never forget the scene at the moment. From the city of Ypres there arose high in the heavens huge jets of flames, while overhead shells burst by the hundreds, and in our ears was the din of falling walls and all sorts of indescribable noises.

"When the order came to move forward we urged our horses with a cheer and a song. It was necessary for us to make a detour south of Ypres in order to get to the main road leading to our damaged front. It also was necessary to cross the Yser canal, about half a mile south of the town, on a pontoon bridge. The first gun got over safely, when along came a German shell and destroyed it.

"Under a deadly fire, for the Germans had the range, we waited while the engineers worked to construct another bridge. Two long thick poles were placed across the narrow canal and crossways on them timbers and logs were piled. The second gun went across precariously, but the

third was upset by a rolling log, the cannon carriage falling on one side of the narrow bridge and the six horses on the other. While the cannon and horses seemed to be seesawing this way and that across the bridge a shell put an end to all the trouble.

"Then a third bridge was constructed, and my gun went across. By this time the glare from the burned town was dying down, and I was wondering just what was ahead of us when an aeroplane high above dropped a star shell. This was followed by a perfect hurricane of shells, and the last gun to attempt the crossing went into the water. Emerging from a wood, we ran into a murderous gunfire from German infantry and machine guns. My gun and others of our battery were hurled into this open fire-swept field, swung around and in less than two minutes opened fire on the Germans.

"Each of our shells contained 300 bullets, and at a range of 250 yards one can readily imagine how the Germans fell. Finally we halted them, but the German infantry remained hidden behind a deep fringe of trees with their own dead piled up against them. Our guns could not do effective work because of the trees. Therefore we were ordered to use high explosive shells.

"I shall never forget how those shells were brought to us. The horses on the ammunition supply wagon became crazed and ran away. They dashed within a few yards of the German lines, and one brave rider—no one ever knew who he was—shot the first two horses dead. The wagon rolled over them and him. Then there was an explosion, for the wagon, hit by a shell, was blown to bits. The explosion wrought havoc among the Germans and our infantry, quickly following up the advantage, drove the Teutons out of the woods.

"Meantime our line was badly pressed near St. Julien, and after the arrival of fresh British and Canadian our battery was ordered there. We went right into the town. But on and on came the German infantry, and the retreat was sounded.

## Spying is Dangerous.

"Spying at the front is the most dangerous of all occupations," Mr. Trusler continued.

"The Germans are very clever at it, and one method of sending news between the lines is by trained dogs. One night one of our sentries saw a dog dart past him. He called to the animal, thinking the dog would make an excellent mascot for the battery. The dog came back and wagged his tail and the sentry took him to his quarters.

"The following morning one of the men remarked on the thickness of the plain leather collar worn by the dog. An examination revealed that the collar was hollow, and in it we found a message in cipher. Instantly an officer was summoned, the dog was put on a long wire leash and driven out of camp. He went direct to a barber shop, where the men were in the habit of lounging and talking when off duty. The barber, whom we thought to be a Belgian, was a German spy and afterward was put to death."

## LIVES ON 15 CENTS A DAY

Student at the University of California Says It's Easy if You Know How.

Berkeley, Cal.—Miss Berna Rudovic, eighteen, a freshman at the University of California, has discovered a method of defeating the high cost of living. Since August she has subsisted on 15 cents a day, or \$1.05 a week.

According to Miss Rudovic, who has been supporting herself since she was twelve, it is easy if you know how. Eggs, bread, chocolate, onions, garlic, tomatoes, spaghetti, soup, meat, steak ends, potatoes and milk are on her menu, which she keeps within the 15-cent limit.

Miss Rudovic recommends her diet only for those of sanguine temperament.

## JAIL IS EMPTY 120 HOURS

Minnesota Dry Town Is on the Way to Goodness—Police Force Cut in Half.

East Grand Forks, Minn.—The remarkable record of a tenantless jail here for 120 hours recently was broken when J. W. Lafferty, a transient, was arrested on a charge of passing a fraudulent check.

The city's police force has been cut in half as a result of the arrival of the dry regime.

The drought here also has affected Grand Forks, N. D., where there has not been an arrest for drunkenness for more than a week and the mayor of that city also contemplates a considerable reduction in the police force.

## Seven Pairs of Twins.

Geary, Okla.—The school here lays claim to the unique distinction of having more pairs of twins attending than any other in the state. At the present time there are seven pairs of twins enrolled.



Ted Lewis.

Soldier Bartfield, Packey McFarland, Jack Britton and Ted Lewis are classed as welters. In the case of Ritchie, Britton and Lewis, the promoters noted that these men will have to back up any claims they might make as to their still being lightweights by meet-