

BIG SPECIAL FEATURES

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS BASEBALL BOXING

Scheme to Bolster Up Yankees "Rotten" Says Baseball Critic

Special Editor's Note—Few baseball critics would have the nerve to publish the strong commentary article that follows.

BY HUGH S. FULLERTON. Baseball officials just now are trending upon about as dangerous ground as they have touched in years.



HUGH S. FULLERTON.

for wanting something for his money, but for President Johnson to supply him with players is wrong, viewed as the fans will view it.

Years ago a New York club was bolstered up by the National league and a howl went up from all over the country.

A year or two later the Boston team was strengthened on the eve of a deciding series with Chicago and the country rang with protest.

The year Brooklyn sent home its pitchers and catchers worked second string players against New York and recalled the stars to try to beat Chicago there was a frightful howl—even in New York, which was favored.

The instances merely go to show how the average fan looks upon such deals. If the owner of a club goes out, buys, trades, digs up and produces a winning team everyone cheers him. But the first hint that one club is gratuitously assisting another, and there is scandal.

Frankly, baseball cannot stand much more scandal or suspicion, and the gentleman now in control of the game should learn that fact.

It is proposed to help the Yankees. Why not help Cleveland? The American league was on the verge of bankruptcy and failure when Charlie Somers came to the rescue with his fortune. He not only saved the league, but made it the leading organization in the country.

In the face of these things the idea of building up New York merely because it is New York is objectionable to the sporting idea. New York is the richest franchise in the country. The biggest reward awaits the man who can gather a winning team there. If Ruppert and his friends want a winner let them make it!

"WILD BOB" BURMAN, KNOWN ON TACOMA RACETRACK, LOWERS THREE RACE RECORDS

"Wild Bob" Burman, who appeared in Tacoma during the Montama Speedway races of 1913, and created a sensation in his remarkable speed dash with the "Blitzen Benz," broke some more records yesterday at Bakersfield.



BOB BURMAN.

In a sanctioned contest on the Bakersfield dirt track, Burman lowered the American Automobile association's five-mile, 50-mile and 100-mile records. He cut the five-mile record from 4:06 1-2 to 4:03 flat. He cut the 50-mile record from 47:31 to 46:53, and he made the 100 miles in 20:28 as

SPORTING ONCE-OVERS

Three Pacific Coast teams have chosen their spring training camps. Portland will go to Tucson, Ariz., San Francisco will go to Hayes Springs, and Salt Lake will go to San Jose.

Ralph Gruman of Portland, clever boxer and holder of Pacific coast lightweight title, is going to Seattle for some matches soon. He will meet Johnnie O'Leary and probably Joe Bayley and "Roughhouse" Burns.

New York Giants have signed a full-blooded Indian named Glass, who will report in the spring. This chap ought to have plenty of sand.

Intercity boxing bouts between Chicago and New Orleans will be held Mardi Gras week; the authorities probably feared to permit intercity bouts between New Orleans and San Francisco.

Harry Willis is matched to meet Sam McVey. After being stopped by Sam Langford, he evidently figured that the other Sam couldn't turn the trick in less time.

Prof. Michelson has discovered that twisting metals makes them much stronger; then think how strong a dollar is after Freddie Welsh has clutched it.

Instead of being bitter rivals, Tom McCarey, who formerly dwelt in Los Angeles, but is now a citizen of New Orleans, and Dominick Tortorich, the New Orleans promoter, are to be partners. So does the west meet the east.

Martin Belaney, having used up three coils of space warning against the perils of basketball, we expect at an early issue to write three columns and a half on the perils of ping-pong.

There is some talk of presenting a bill to the coming legislature that will legalize horse racing in Washington on the pari-mutuel system of betting, which will give the Puysallup fair some good races, give 20 days' racing at the Meadows, and boost the race game throughout the state.

Three hours before he jumped back to Washington, Walter Johnson gave out an interview, saying he would stick to the Reds, which goes to show that the players are not slow in picking up the ways of the magnates.

"GUNBOAT" SMITH HAS ABOUT REACHED THE END OF HIS ROPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Although Gunboat Smith never fell into the "has been" class he thoroughly demonstrated here recently that he must yet receive that peak which will eliminate him from the "white hope" class. When he met Tom McCarthy, the Northwestern heavyweight, here the ex-mariner showed the public he still retained his old-time "Kerry wallop." Gunboat, however, was far below par several weeks before he met the Montana husky and fistic authorities were certain he had reached the turning point of his career.

Smith depends solely upon his punching ability. But let the Gunner lose his grip on this ability and he will immediately cease to be one of the formidable members of the heavyweight class.

"LADY BUGS"—NO, NOT INSECTS BUT FEMINE BASEBALL FANS



MRS. FRED SNODGRASS, wife of Giants' fielder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Here's a new one. "Lady bugs."

It's the latest title for women baseball fans. The term was grafted into the vernacular of baseball by the wives of three nationally famous ball players who arrived here recently from Honolulu.

Mrs. F. C. Snodgrass, better half of the New York Giants' center fielder; Mrs. J. P. Henry, wife of the Washington Americans' catcher, and Mrs. M. G. Carey, whose husband plays center field for Pittsburgh.

"We are 'lady bugs' for fair," said Mrs. Snodgrass, revealing in

her traveling kit a set of bloomers and a uniform NOT MADE FOR HER HUSBAND. "Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Carey and I played ball with the men and among ourselves in Honolulu whenever the opportunity afforded. It's the greatest exercise known and a wonderful developer for bloom and beauty. Every woman ought to be a member of a baseball team."

Mrs. Snodgrass, a California girl, graduate of the State university, a sorority girl and leader in athletics, at one time played ball with a girls' team in Southern California.

JOHNNY DUNDEE STARTS THIS EVENING TO BOX SIX MATCHES IN SIX NIGHTS IN SIX STATES

Johnny Dundee is apparently afraid that the fight game will be dealt a severe blow all over the United States.

Also, he intends to make a new record among boxers. For commencing tonight, Johnny will fight six battles, on six consecutive nights, in six states. If Dundee gets by with it, and is able to box in every bout, he will have established a new fistic record.

Johnny's first fight will be with a Newark lightweight at Newark tonight. His second clash will be tomorrow night when he meets the veteran, Matty Baldwin, at Boston. Then he jumps to Providence, where he meets Joe Phillips on Wednesday. From there he goes home and tackles Leach Cross at New York, Thursday. Friday he hustles to Baltimore and meets George Chaney. On Saturday he steps off the train at Philadelphia for a match with Sammy Robideau, rounding up his week's work.

LEARNED FORK-BALL FROM BERT HALL; WILL TRY IT ON MAJORS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—It is upon his pet "fork ball" that Pete Standridge, one of the Seals' most successful pitchers, will depend to make good with the Chicago Cubs with whom he has contracted to play next season.

This new-fangled delivery was the secret of Standridge's success in the Coast league, and he is confident that he can puzzle the big stickers of the majors with it. He has worked faithfully to perfect his specialty, and believes he has now gained control, which has been the big task.

At first he could handle it only with an overhead throw, but now he has mastered a side-arm delivery and a half overhead motion. He counts on these various angles of the ball's approach to confuse the swatsmen.

Ever since he first saw Bert Hall use it in the Northwestern league four years ago, Pete has worked to master it.

The fact that he did not know for a long time where it was going after it left his hand was discouraging, but perseverance finally began to show in steady control.

Standridge will be 24 when he joins the Cubs and it will mark the beginning of his sixth season in baseball. He broke into the game in the sandlots of his home city, Seattle, and first attracted attention while playing first base for a high school team. He came to the Seals here in 1913.



PETE STANDRIDGE

SMOKED CIGARET AS HIS SHIP SANK

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Survivors of the ill-fated battleship Formidable, which was sunk last week in the English channel, declare that Capt. Lexley was standing on the bridge, calmly smoking a cigarette when the vessel went down.

SEALS WILL GET DETROIT PLAYERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The San Francisco Seals will get part of their material for the 1915 team from the Detroit Americans. Harry Berry, owner of the Seals, announced last night that he had made arrangements whereby he would have first call on players owned by Detroit who do not survive the spring training season for that team.

BATTLE ROUTE

Seas & Indianapolis. Finest and Finest Day Steamers—by Quich and Quich. Way to Seattle. SHERMAN ROUND TRIP DAILY. Leave Municipal Dock, Tacoma. 7:15, 9:00, 11:00 a. m.; 8:00, 9:00, 11:00 p. m. Leave Colman Dock, Seattle. 9:00, 11:00 a. m.; 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15 p. m. Seattle Fare 50c. Round Trip 80c. STEAMER EVERY 2 HOURS. Office Municipal Dock, M. 2415

FRENCH AVIATORS SHELL GERMANS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4.—French aviators have bombarded a German aviation station at Etterbeck, near Brussels. They destroyed the dirigible shed in course of construction and killed several Germans.

"The Reward of Thrift" advertisement featuring a man in a suit and a woman in a dress, with text about saving money and a film showing a man's life and business.

Vaudette Theater advertisement for Tuesday, Jan. 5 Only, featuring a continuous program beginning at 8 P. M. every day, with 100 tickets free for the first 100 persons who come and ask for them.

GOLF SPOILED BY SNOWSTORM

Brave golfers at the Tacoma Country & Golf club and the Lochburn Golf club attempted to brave the elements yesterday, after waiting two weeks for warm weather. The play proceeded for a half hour, during a hard rainstorm, but when the rain developed into snow, and the courses became white with slush, the golfers despondently packed up their clubs and hiked for the club house.

GAME EXHIBIT TO BE HUGE SUCCESS

It looks as though the proposed sportsmen's show is going to be a huge success.

So many offers of exhibits have been made already that it is improbable there will be room in the big armory for mercantile exhibits. At a meeting of the committee in charge of the show, arrangements for handling the exhibits will be made this afternoon.

Tacoma's sportsmen's show will be the first in the history of the west. It will be held February 2 to 6, according to tentative plans, and will be preceded, on the night of Feb. 1, by a banquet that will conclude the big county varmint hunt that has been conducted by the Pierce County Game Protective and Propagation society all winter.

Dogs that will be used in the field trials at the show, will be leached during the exhibition. The exhibits will include live and stuffed specimens of varmints and all kinds of game birds, animals and fish. There will be ammunition and fishing tackle exhibits, and everything that is familiar to the average sportsman will be on display. Contests in fly casting, target shooting and other sportsmen's feats will be held daily.

New Year's Actions

Put the good intentions you have had during 1914 to work and begin to build up a savings account. The habit which you thus acquire will stimulate you toward a better year. You can't lose, and you may benefit greatly.

Tacoma Savings Bank & Trust Co. advertisement, 11th st. and Pacific av. 4% on Savings.

RAIN DELAYS CUP SERIES

First games of the McMillan trophy series of soccer were postponed yesterday at Tacoma and Seattle, because of the day's downpour. In Tacoma the Tacoma Nationals and Carbonado team were to have met, and at Seattle the Celtics and Black Diamonds were scheduled to play. Both games will be played next Sunday.

Puget Sound Electric Ry.

FOR SEATTLE—Limited Trains every hour. Running time of Limited Trains seventy minutes. Trains Leave 8th and A Streets, Tacoma. LIMITED TRAINS—7:35, 8:25, 9:35, 10:35, 11:35 a. m.; 12:35, 1:35, 2:35, 3:35, 4:35 and 5:35 p. m. All Limited Trains Stop at Auburn and Kent. LOCAL TRAINS leave 6, 8, 10 a. m., 12 m., 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:05 and 11:35 p. m. PUYALLUP SHORT LINE—Trains will leave Tacoma at 7:10, 9:10 and 11:10 a. m.; 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 9:10 and 11:30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

New Commission For Pierce Co.

A new county game commission for Tacoma will probably be appointed when the newly elected county officers take up their duties next week. The present commission, which has made a record for accomplishing much toward improving fishing and hunting conditions in the county, will hold its last session Friday morning.

OUR SPORT PRIMER

By Hugh S. Fullerton



ONE DAY LITTLE GEORGE WENT DOWNTOWN WITH HIS PAPA THEY VISITED MANY PLACES AND SAW MANY MEN WITH WHITE APRONS WHO SAID TO "WHACHOOINT HAVE?" AND HIS PAPA WINKED AND SAID "A LITTLE SASSY-PARILLA." AND WHEN GEORGE GOT HOME HIS MAMA SAID "WHERE DID YOU AND PAPA GO?" AND GEORGE SAID "WE WENT INTO NINE SODA FOUNTAINS. PAPA DRANK SASSY-PARILLA AND THE PRETZELS WERE FINE." THEN HIS MAMA SMILED AND SAID NOTHING UNTIL GEORGE WENT TO BED.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Table with columns for departure and arrival times for various routes including Northern Pacific, Puget Sound, and other regional lines.