

ORIGINALS TO READ

SAYS BAN JOHNSON, TALKING OF THE TWO BIG BALL LEAGUES

FAT MAN VERY CONFIDENT

Thinks His Association Has No Chance to Lose—Gossip From Chicago of Hot Air and Other Leagues.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Ban Johnson, president of the American league, returned from a mysterious journey to Cincinnati yesterday, and in the afternoon telling the reporters how sure his organization was to win. "We have everything ready for a successful campaign," said Ban, "and there are no obstacles now which can possibly hinder us."

"The list of players, Ban averred, would be given out in the near future. More National leaguers, said the fat president, had dropped than was supposed, but the restriction to four national stars per team would keep the total number of accepted jumpers down to thirty-two. Questioned as to the heavy expenses incurred by the expanding league, Johnson smiled blandly. "We are undertaking big jobs, and I am sure you know that we must spend money. But we are prepared to face deficits for a time, if needed, and are not calculating on making any fortunes the first pop out of the box."

"The option clause, Ban thinks, is a dead one. He laughed at the Philadelphia lawyers who are asserting that the National league has no right to buy under the reserve rule. "Contracts don't go," said Ban, "unless there is perfect equity between the parties. The option clause is not equitable, and so any judge would decide."

The new rules are getting mercilessly laced by the American leaguers, who have come to an understanding concerning certain changes they will make. "Can't stand for that foul-strike rule at all," said Comiskey. "Any time a man makes a good honest strike, he goes past third or first base by an inch. It's not right to soak him with a strike. I'm Joe Werrick, who played for Jim Hart about fifteen years ago, was a visitor at the National league headquarters yesterday. Werrick, who was a second baseman, was a fine ball player, and was about the quickest in the business at touching the base. He said that he had seen the players have made a serious error in jumping to the American, and will soon regret their folly."

Jack Doyle, who will captain the Chicago team of the National league this season, arrived in town yesterday afternoon. The ex-New York first baseman spent the greater part of the afternoon in consultation with President Harn.

Capt. Doyle, Charley Dexter and Pitcher Jimmy Callahan will be the only three players who will go farther south than Chicago in the coming season. Doyle will leave in a day or two for Hot Springs, Ark. Charley Dexter is not sure of landing Richard Padden, captain and second baseman of the Chicago club, who he signed last year. "Commy" said yesterday that Padden had not signed, and that he feared the National league was after him.

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It belongs to health, for a baby, to eat and sleep, to laugh and grow fat.

But fat comes first; don't ask a scrawny baby to laugh; why, even his smile is pitiful! Fat comes first.

The way to be fat is the way to be healthy. Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is the proper food, if he needs it; but only a little at first.

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Woodruff won, Col. Gay second, Tiltle W. third. Time, 1:23. Sixth race, six and one-half furlongs, handicap—Eleanor Howard won, Wild Pirst second, Thuris third. Time, 1:17. "Tiltle" ran the six furlongs, handicap—Eleanor Howard won, Wild Pirst second, Thuris third. Time, 1:17. "Tiltle" ran the six furlongs, handicap—Eleanor Howard won, Wild Pirst second, Thuris third. Time, 1:17.

Kentucky Derby Favorite. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 14.—Garry Hermann, the great colt owned by Charles Head Smith, of Chicago, and "Sally" being trained at Churchill Downs, will go to the post in the Kentucky Derby on an odds-on favorite. Up until today the favorite book at the Turf exchange was 2 to 1, but a commission of \$1,000 was sent in on him at that figure, and after being recorded the price against the colt was lowered to 3 to 5. Even this is considered good by those who know the colt, and the wonderful two-year-old record, but there are others besides Garry Hermann that must not be overlooked in the betting.

Prospective Trotting Race. BOSTON, Mass., March 14.—In regard to the proposition for a race between Boralma, The Abbott, Crescus and Charley being trained at Churchill Downs, a corner, Mr. Thomas W. Lawson said tonight: "This is the first I have heard of the matter since I saw an offer of \$10,000 a corner. All I can say is that I am willing to race for any reasonable amount of money, but I don't care to say anything about the present proposition, because the matter of the track enters into it, and I have not enough information upon which to make a statement."

South Dakota Field Trials. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 14.—Great interest is being taken by owners of dogs in various parts of the United States in the trials of the South Dakota Field Trial association, which are held near Sioux Falls. The local officers of the association have already received letters from persons living in New York, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, all expressing their intention of entering dogs. The trials will begin Aug. 26. Entries will close July 15.

Memorial Day Sports. WINONA, Minn., March 14.—(Special.)—The Winona Sportsmen's club met this afternoon at 8 p. m. to hold their organization on Memorial day, in which outdoor shooters will participate.

High Bowling Scores. WAUKEGAN, Ill., March 14.—In the prize bowling tournament last night John Stank broke the local bowling record by scoring 211, 192 and 271, an average of 226.

SPORTING NOTES. Perry Queenan and "Young Sandow" Jacobs have been booked for eight ten rounds at Oshkosh, March 18. Peter Wimmer, J. E. Haggin's new trainer, has been booked for eight ten rounds at Oshkosh, March 18. President Hart, of the Chicago club, will try to induce John L. Magee to play for the club. Magee, formerly the star center fielder of the Chicago club, has been offered \$10,000 a year, plus expenses, by the manager of the Boston team to play with the Hubbits next season. The Philadelphia Athletics have signed Orth, a pitcher of uncertain quality. He has been with Philadelphia for two years. Orth was a star pitcher in the minor leagues, and was once the champion of the world. He was signed by the Athletics for \$10,000 a year, plus expenses. Orth was a star pitcher in the minor leagues, and was once the champion of the world. He was signed by the Athletics for \$10,000 a year, plus expenses.

ATHLETICS AT SOUTH ST. PAUL. Good Programme Has Been Arranged for Tomorrow Evening. The South St. Paul Athletic club has arranged for a good entertainment tomorrow evening, at which several of the crack athletes of this city will be seen. There will be club singing, wrestling, freestyle and Olympic wrestling, a basketball match between teams picked from South St. Paul and city players, quite a number of the admirers of the local wrestlers will be present and an enjoyable evening is promised to all who attend.

Pool Tournament Ended. BOSTON, March 14.—De Oro won second prize in the championship pool tournament tonight by defeating Stubbs 79 to 71. The final standing of the players is: Won, Lost. Sherman 10 0 Clearwater 10 0 De Oro 5 5 Stubbs 5 5 Eby 3 3

Winners at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, March 14.—Zelmer, warming up for the race of this morning, broke down and a new book was offered. Weather was clear. Track slow. Woodruff, J. H. Sloan, and Petit Maitre were the winning favorites. Best of the derby candidates were worked out this morning. His good race later in the day showed better form than was expected and should make him a favorite. Summaries: First race, seven furlongs, selling—

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Dr. Wm. E. Hallard, of 222 Stevens St., Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "I have used S. S. S. for the treatment for eleven months, but continue to get worse. The doctor advised me to go to Hot Springs, but I decided to try S. S. S. first. Before I had finished the third bottle my scalp was well and my hair cut falling out. I continued the remedy and it cured me thoroughly and permanently." Book on Home Treatment mailed free. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

TO THE GOOD

GREAT NORTHERN AND NORTHERN PACIFIC TO EXPEND NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS

BUILDING INTO CROW'S NEST

Two Surveying Parties Laying Out Lines for G. N. to the Boundary of British Columbia.

Not long ago it was announced that the Great Northern would spend \$300,000 in making extensive additions to its car shops at Como as soon as weather conditions permit. Now the Great Northern Pacific company announces that it will spend about the same sum for the same purpose, also at Como, making a total of \$600,000. The new shops will be a mean employment to a large number of St. Paul mechanics, and for the next few months the neighborhood of Como will present a busy scene. The new shops are to be built on the site of the old repair shops of the Northern Pacific and cannot accommodate more than a dozen cars at a time, but when the projected additions have been made the capacity will be almost doubled. In addition to the enlargements, the company intends to remodel the interior of several of the buildings and this will take several months to complete.

The Northern Pacific is also making extensive additions to its car and machine shops at Brainerd, Livingstone and Tacona. In all, with the improvements to the Great Northern way to be made at different points on the line, the expenditure will run up to about \$1,000,000.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH EQUIVALENT WEIGHT SCALE. The state railroad and warehouse commissioners are now engaged in endeavoring to induce the railroad companies to establish a uniform weight scale for carrying cattle and sheep. The two Western roads, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, are now carrying less than 15,000-pound lots, while the Milwaukee and the Great Western are carrying 16,000-pound lots. A meeting of the other Chicago lines have a minimum scale of 15,000 pounds, and the commission is endeavoring to induce the Milwaukee and the Great Western to carry 15,000-pound lots. Recently a man shipped a load of 3,000 pounds west on the Northern Pacific and lost 100 pounds.

The two Western roads as a rule do most of their hauling of cattle from Western points to St. Paul, and in such cases the weight of the cattle is of no particular difference. The 15,000 pounds is the estimated capacity of a double-necked car, which accommodates from 200 to 250 sheep. No difference is made in the case of a shipment large enough to fill only one car. The recent complaint of stock men of the inequalities of freight rates on cattle from points in the Southern part of the state has been brought to the attention of the railroad companies, and the roads are now adjusting their rates in accordance with the wishes of the cattlemen.

MANY EXTENSIONS PLANNED. North-Western System to Build a Number of Short Lines.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Plans for much extension work are being considered by the Northwestern system. They call for a line from Chicago to the headwaters of the Mississippi river, a distance of twenty miles; a line from Sioux City to Centerville, S. D., a distance of 25 miles; a line from Sioux City to Algona, Ia., a distance of 65 miles; a branch from Watertown to Mass City, S. D., a distance of 100 miles; a new copper range road from Houston, a branch from Minneapolis to Fort Snelling, a line from Houston to Keystone, S. D., a distance of 15 miles; a road between Pelican Lake and Cranberry, Wis., a distance of 10 miles; an extension from Waukesha to Beaver Dam, Wis., via Pewaukee, Merton, North Lake and Junction.

WISCONSIN PEOPLE MARRY. WINONA, Minn., March 14.—(Special.)—Prohibit Judge Vance united in marriage Mr. Bert Rifenberg, of Centerville, Wis., and Miss Maud Slye, of Independence, Wis.

TOWN WIPE OUT. Entire Business Portion of Cloverport, Ky., Destroyed by Fire.

CLOVERPORT, Ky., March 14.—In the biting air of the early morning hours, the citizens of Cloverport looked on, almost powerless to act, today, while fire destroyed the town. The fire started in a building on the left 1,000 persons—half the population—homeless. Every business house was burned, and the distress of hundreds of women and children was relieved only when the trains loaded with supplies arrived from Louisville and Henderson. At noon the fire was still burning in spots, but the remaining structures were saved. The fire was caused by a defective gas pipe in a private house shortly after midnight. The fire started in a building on the left 1,000 persons—half the population—homeless. Every business house was burned, and the distress of hundreds of women and children was relieved only when the trains loaded with supplies arrived from Louisville and Henderson. At noon the fire was still burning in spots, but the remaining structures were saved. The fire was caused by a defective gas pipe in a private house shortly after midnight.

NEW DEPOT FOR CHICAGO. Rock Island and Lake Shore Roads Outgrow Present Quarters.

The Twenty-second street station of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and Lake Shore & Michigan Southern roads, at Chicago, is to be abandoned. A new structure will be built at Thirty-first street and Thirty-second street, and will cost \$1,000,000. The new structure will be built at Thirty-first street and Thirty-second street, and will cost \$1,000,000. The new structure will be built at Thirty-first street and Thirty-second street, and will cost \$1,000,000.

NEW TOLEDO-PITTSBURG LINE. COLUMBUS, O., March 14.—A special to the Dispatch from Steubenville, O., says that the Ohio and Pennsylvania railroads are making a preliminary survey on Cross creek, this county, going westward. They give out a proposition to build a line from the Wabash between Toledo and Pittsburg. They surveyed to the Ohio River, coming down West Virginia Cross creek and the plan is to bridge the Ohio at that place. The line is to be a terminal for other roads.

NO REDUCTION GRANTED. Traffic officials of the Central Freight association on Wednesday gave consideration to a proposition to reduce rates on articles from Chicago to bring them in line with the reduced rates recently put in effect by the Rock Island.

CHARGES TO PAN-AMERICAN. The Central Passenger association lines at their regular meeting at Chicago on Wednesday discussed rates and regulations to govern Pan-American expository business. Later consideration was given to the decision of the Indiana court that the ordinary mileage-top ticket must be accepted on trains in connection with the interchangeable mileage plan now in effect in the territory of the Rock Island. Reduced rates were granted to a large number of meetings and conventions.

MILWAUKEE IMPROVEMENTS. WINONA, Minn., March 14.—The Milwaukee & St. Paul road is planning a number of improvements on the river division this year. The curves near Lake City, it is said, are to be reduced and considerable new ties and rails be laid. In this city the old freight depot will be removed to make room for additional tracks.

NOTES OF THE ROADS. L. E. Townsley, general agent for the Southern Pacific at St. Paul, was in the city yesterday on business.

Good Minnesota Patent Flour, \$1.75 per 98-lb. Sack. First Patent best Flour, \$1.65 per 98-lb. sack. Good Canada Flour, \$1.50 per 98-lb. sack. Best quality Minnesota Patent Flour, \$1.75 per 98-lb. sack. Good Canada Flour, \$1.50 per 98-lb. sack. Best quality Minnesota Patent Flour, \$1.75 per 98-lb. sack.

STILLWATER NEWS.

John Roberts was brought into court yesterday morning on a warrant charging him with the murder of Edward Leland. He attempted to escape from the state prison, and his attorney asked that the case be continued one week to enable him to read for the preliminary examination. County Attorney Nethaway agreed to a continuance, but stated that he had an abundance of evidence proving conspiracy in the murder of Leland. He stated that the defendant had been in the company of the victim at the time of the murder, and that he had been seen by several witnesses.

WILLEMBRAD, Island of Curacao, March 5.—A correspondent of the Associated Press returned today from another visit to Curacao. He talked with a Guianese passenger on the United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion. It appears that Commander Sargent brought a very important report of the situation in Venezuela and the commercial situation in Eastern Venezuela, and the Orinoco valley. Commander Sargent has canvassed the whole situation in Venezuela and has collected facts after seeing all of the important American mining and other enterprises in Venezuela.

The Scorpion's officers report that the whole eastern part of the country is pacified and that the troops have been withdrawn. President Castro has suppressed the revolution completely and business has been everywhere resumed. Hostile feeling towards Americans was observed in many places and dislike of foreigners seems to be somewhat general. The vast volume of water and electricity of the Orinoco company, limited at Santa Catalina, have been frequent late and the manager reports great hostility on the part of the Venezuelans in that part of the country.

In Caracas a campaign against the United States government and its ministers is being conducted. Personally by Mr. Loomis is charged with sending to the department of state at Washington information about the fight between the Scorpion and the Lancaster and the police at Guayana. Mr. Loomis has an exaggerated character. Mr. Loomis has steadily declined to be drawn into any newspaper controversy, however, and has refused to make any statement. He makes no denials, no matter how much he is abused. It is the opinion of many well informed people here that the Scorpion is a vessel of war, and that the government will try to win a little cheap applause for courage by giving the Scorpion the general honors of a war vessel. This sort of thing has been done in the past by dictators who were playing to the galleries for popularity and both an American and a French minister were sent home without justification to gratify the personal spite and political ambition of a president. The French government has ever since refused to recognize the Scorpion as a war vessel. The Venezuelan government has been pleading for more than a dozen years for bringing about their renewal.

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WILLEMBRAD, Island of Curacao, March 5.—A correspondent of the Associated Press returned today from another visit to Curacao. He talked with a Guianese passenger on the United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion. It appears