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COMISKEY, THE NEW YORK LEADER

CHICAGO CLUB OWNER TO HEAD NEW AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUB

LOFTUS WILL CONTINUE WITH WASHINGTON TEAM

Postal Refuses to Go Through Another Season With An Incompetent Manager and Plans Are Changed—Hugh Duffy's Chance to Manage Senators Disappears.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—If any doubt ever existed that Charles A. Comiskey would not head the New York team, it was dispelled yesterday. The owner of the White Sox will surely be the leader of the team in Gotham which will figure as the opponents of the aggregation which "Muggsy" McGraw will manage for the National league. Comiskey has been wanting to go to New York, but when T. J. Loftus, of the Washingtons, was named for the place, he stepped aside, and it was not until President Postal, of the Senators, positively affirmed that if Loftus was taken from his club he would sell his stock in the American league that the organization headed by President Johnson told Loftus that he was not slated to go to New York.

Three months ago the plan was to establish an American league club in New York, but no action was taken and, as a result, there was considerable friction in the ranks of the American league. Then an opening came which was quickly corraled and the American league secured its grounds and named the players wanted to round out the latest acquisition of the organization. At that time it was suggested that T. J. Loftus would be the logical manager of the New Yorks and Hugh Duffy should be selected to handle the Washington club, but President Postal, of the Washingtons, interposed an objection, stating that he had been seriously handicapped one season by incompetent management, and at his request the use of Manager Loftus' name ceased.

GRIFFITH WILL MANAGE THE NEW YORK TEAM

In Chicago Loftus Is Picked as the Leader of the New York Club.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—For more than one hour and a half yesterday Clark C. Griffith, last year's manager of the White Stockings, who is slated to manage the new club to be placed in New York by the American league, was in conference with Charles C. Comiskey and Tom Loftus, last year's manager of the Senators, who, it is announced, will be at the head of the New York club next year. Griffith, after many weeks spent on his ranch in Montana, returned to Chicago Monday night, but not until yesterday did he make his presence known in the city.

Manager Griffith arrived at the baseball headquarters shortly before noon, and soon afterward he was joined by President Comiskey and Tom Loftus. Behind closed doors in President Johnson's office the three held a long session. It is known that Griffith will leave Comiskey to manage the New York club and that Loftus is to be the head of the club there, but what transpired among them relative to the move is only a matter of conjecture.

After the session and the appearance of the three men who are figuring in one of the most important baseball deals since the American league entered the field none would say what took place. They stated that only personal business was discussed. Each had a bright countenance, however, and it was plain that everything had been transacted pleasantly enough.

It was not long after the conference that they were joined by President Johnson, of the American league, and then Griffith had a talk with the head of the organization.

"I do not know when I will go to New York," said Griffith. "Things are about the same as before I went to Montana. Something definite will be done, doubtless, at the annual meeting to be held at New York, but until then I will not know exactly what I will do. Queer things happen in baseball, and I am waiting to see what the result of the meeting will be. I do not know that Loftus will be at the head of the New York club."

CUT IN SALARIES WILL FOLLOW PEACE

Ball Players Who Have Not Signed Are Now on the Anxious Bench.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Baseball players who have not signed contracts with the American and National league clubs for the season of 1903 have been kept on the anxious bench ever since the first steps toward a peaceful settlement between the two leagues were taken. The players generally have felt that they must surely suffer as soon as the warring organizations reach an amicable settlement of their troubles, and already there has been talk of reorganizing their association in order to protect themselves so far as salaries are concerned.

As one of them remarked: "The moment these people come together they will cut down the high salaries we have been paid for the last two years and try to get the game where they can do something else than run in debt."

Eventually that may happen, but the most influential men in both leagues have already put themselves on record by saying that they will live up to all baseball agreements entered into at the present time.

Said John T. Brush, president of the New York club: "We will live up to every promise we have made with every player who lives up to the promises he has made us. Peace negotiations will not affect the relations of the New York baseball club and its employes."

Angus Herman, president of the Cincinnati club, has made a similar statement concerning his players, and the management of the Boston National league club asserted the same.

On the other side of the fence both Charles W. Somers and John F. Kilfoyl, of the American league, say they will fulfill all present obligations with players, and Ban Johnson, president of the league, has made the statement that no player shall suffer, so far as he can help it, through any agreement that may be in existence at the present time.

There is no doubt, however, that after the present contracts expire there will be a horizontal reduction to the extent of 50 per cent so far as most players are concerned. The good players, therefore, who have buried themselves in small and insignificant clubs, will be the heaviest losers.

Largest Yacht in the World.

Hepburn Boat and Oar Company to Build the Big Racer.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The Hepburn Boat and Oar company of this city has commenced the construction of what will be the largest yacht in the world. It is building for D. C. Olin, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who will enter it for the world's championship record in the regatta to be held at Gull Lake, Mich., from Jan. 20 to 25, inclusive. The dimensions are 26 feet tract of runners, backbone 54 feet, mast 30 feet, canvas 800 square feet; total weight, one ton.

ARTHUR DUFFEY AFTER ANOTHER NEW MARK

Sprinter Will Attempt to Lower World's Sixty-Yard Run Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Now that Arthur Duffey has entered the sixty-yard handicap which will be run at the games of the Greater New York Irish Athletic association in Madison Square Garden Dec. 27, athletic followers are sure to be treated to some rare sport.

Duffey has agreed to start in a special sixty-yard run, and he will try to lower the world's record of 0:6 2-5. This will be his first appearance since his return from Europe, and thousands will doubtless turn out to see the little Georgetown flyer, who is the holder of the 100-yard record of 0:9 3-5.

Two years ago Duffey competed in a special sixty-yard dash at the games of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, and in an attempt to beat the world's record he was defeated by Washington Delgado, of the New West Side Young Men's Christian association. Since then Duffey has improved wonderfully, and has many new records.

It is possible that another team will enter the four-mile inter-city relay race. The team now talked about is made up of the veteran, Andy Walsh, and Carr, of the Xavier Athletic association, Soutar, of the Pastime Athletic club, and Wright, of the New West Side Athletic club. All of these runners are fast at a mile, and should they form as a team they will keep the other competitors hustling all the way.

The running abilities of Walsh and Wright are well known to the athletic followers, and they are equally as good as any of the other cracks entered. Wright is the junior and senior half-mile champion of the metropolitan district, and is also regarded as the fastest miler in Manhattan.

YOUNG CORBETT ROASTS OLD JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Says the Big Fellow Has Done a Great Harm to "Our Profession.

Young Corbett, who gained a championship by what may be considered a chance blow, has come out in open condemnation of John L. Sullivan. He says the big fellow is a disgrace to the profession, etc. He fears "our profession" will suffer and hastens to the newspapers to show that he and John are of different stripes.

Corbett is evidently disgusted with the ex-champion, and after reading of Sullivan's escapade at Detroit Tuesday night he said: "Sullivan is one man among fighters that has done a great harm to the profession. You hear people say sometimes that fighting is not like the days when John L. Sullivan was champion. I can say that Sullivan is the main one that brought about the condition of affairs that our profession is now in. He was the idol of the American people, and, in fact, the world, but he never appreciated this. When he lost the title he commenced drinking, and his escapade at Detroit is not an unusual happening for him. This leads the people to believe that all pugilists are like him—that they will go out on sprees and act like madmen.

"It is not the case. Sullivan was supported more loyally than any other fighter of his time or since, and he has never reciprocated in the least. Every time he gets a little coin to the good you can count on hearing of him getting on a spree. All I have to say for him is that he is the greatest knock to the profession that I have ever seen."

MUNROE WILL TRAIN FOR NEXT FIGHT

Butte Miner Will Not Meet Jeffries Until He is in Condition.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 24.—Jack Munroe states that he will not meet Champion James J. Jeffries at present.

"My condition is wholly unfit at the present time to fight successfully any one, let alone Jeffries or Fitzsimmons," he said. "I propose to devote myself to dilligent training, and in a short while anyone who wants can challenge me." Jeffries and his manager are apparently determined to secure another go with the miner before they leave Montana, and it is said the forfeit will be increased to $5,000 if necessary.

HERMANN WILL DO THE HONORS.

Cincinnati Magnate Plans to Entertain the Peace Committees.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The members of the peace committees of the National and American leagues, which are to meet in this city on Jan. 5, will live and be entertained at the luxurious Laughery club, near Aurora, Ind. Such at least are the preparations now being made by President August Herrmann, of the Cincinnati club, who is chairman of the National league committee.

Everyone knows that what President Hermann does is always in the best of style. Therefore, the visiting newspaper men will be taken care of at the club and extra wires will be put in the club to accommodate them.

The idea is an original one with President Hermann and could not be improved upon. The magnates are expected to be in session three or four days and more business can be transacted with them out in the country, away from the noise and the crowds, than if they were meeting in the best hotel in the city.

O'BRIEN PUTS UP THE MONEY.

Philadelphia Boxer Ready to Meet Any Crack Middleweight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, yesterday posted $1,000 as a forfeit with Al Smith. The money was left with the stipulation that the first man covering it, provided he comes within a few pounds of the middleweight limit, can have the match.

O'Brien had this to say: "Of late a number of stories have been circulated to the effect that I was afraid of meeting men who had a chance with me. This is silly rot. I will meet Ryan or any other boxer at 158 pounds, weigh in at 3 o'clock on the day of the scrap."

Gans to Meet Seiger.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Another match has been arranged for Joe Gans, and the latter is to box again for the lightweight title of the world. Gans' opponent will be Charles Seiger, of Hoboken.

They are to meet before the Cambridge Athletic club of Boston on Dec. 31 in a twelve-round mill. The weight is 135 pounds. The last time the pair met Gans won in fourteen rounds. But in the struggle Seiger showed exceptional grit, and in the face of adverse odds would not give up until a wallop on the jaw settled his chances. Since then Seiger has improved wonderfully, and does not think Gans will defeat him the next time they meet.

Will Coach North Division.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Coach McCornack, of Northwestern, will help coach the North Division High school eleven in the last few days of their preparation for the game with Boulder, at Denver, McCornack told the North Side lads yesterday he would start Christmas morning. McCornack will not be able to take the trip with the high school boys for business reasons. Ex-Capt. Johnson, of Northwestern, did the coaching yesterday, and will have charge until McCornack appears. Scrimmage practice was given the squad, and although it was cold for football the men got into the game well. De Tray, the halfback, was not in the practice because of a severe cold.

Dead Man Was E. C. Walker.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Horsemen interested in harness racing were shocked to learn that the unidentified man accidentally killed by a horse while crossing Broadway to Spring street on Monday evening was E. C. Walker, a trainer, judge and driver, who was known to followers of trotting all over the United States. Mrs. Walker recognized the description of the dead man published in the newspapers and went at once to the morgue, where her fears were confirmed.

SAINTS TO TRAIN IN THE SOUTH

MANAGER KELLEY ARRANGING SPRING TOUR FOR ST. PAUL TEAM

WILL PLAY WITH THE PITTSBURG CLUB

Players to Report at Little Rock March 21 for Two Weeks' Practice—Will Exhibit in New Orleans on Easter Sunday—Date With St. Louis May Be Secured.

If the spring training can round ball players into form the St. Paul team will start off the 1903 season ready to battle for the leadership of the league. Manager Mike Kelley, who is now in the East, has arranged an extensive spring tour for the team and has practically closed up all his dates. Kelley will arrive in St. Paul with the New Year.

The manager of the local team will confine his attention to the South next spring. The team will report at Little Rock, Ark., March 21 and will work out at that point for two weeks.

The practice tour will open with a game at Memphis and games will be played at Nashville, Pine Bluff, Ark., Mobile, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Montgomery, Birmingham, Hot Springs, Atlanta and probably St. Louis.

The Saints will play in New Orleans on Easter Sunday and will play the Pittsburg team at the Hot Springs. The St. Louis date has not been definitely arranged, but Manager Kelley believes that the team will exhibit there before the association season is open.

AMERICAN LEAGUE TO BUILD NEW YORK PARK

Johnson Orders Contractor to Begin Work on the New Ball Grounds.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—A letter from Ban Johnson, president of the American league, received yesterday by James Foster, the contractor who built the Yale football grand stand this fall, says that work must be begun immediately on the American league grounds in New York, and that Foster's terms are wanted for the job. Foster says that he is now engaged in filling a contract to make a double-decker of the grand stand of the Philadelphia American league club and in building a new grand stand for the naval cadets at Annapolis, but he has opened correspondence with Johnson relative to taking charge of the New York contract. He would not divulge the location of the grounds in New York.

Foster built the new grand stand in Philadelphia for the American league in nine weeks. He constructed new baseball and football stands recently for Princeton, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell. He left New Haven this afternoon for Princeton, where he will make some alterations in the historic mansion purchased by Grover Cleveland. Foster will go to Philadelphia in a few days to begin work on the addition which will double the seating capacity at the American league grounds in that city.

REIFF IS TO GET A NEW LICENSE

Jockey Cleared of Wrong Doing Is to Be Reinstated on French Turf.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—It is now certain that Jockey Reiff, the little American jockey who was ruled off the French turf because of alleged implications in the scandals at those places last season, will be reinstated. The decision of the court in granting him a verdict in his suit for libel against a French paper is regarded by horsemen here as a vindication for him and leaves nothing for the French Jockey club to do but give him his license again. The French racing authorities are obdurate to the plea now, but it is thought that pressure will be brought to bear which will result in the jockey again being permitted to ride.

While Reiff instituted a libel suit against a newspaper as a means of vindicating himself, Henry took another course and brought sut against the jockey cub, a move that has since been pronounced a mistake. In taking testimony in the Reiff suit the boy's enpoyers showed that they had never found fault with his riding while it was also demonstrated that Reiff had actually handled more winners on the French tracks than any other rider. While the court ordered only nominal damages, it exonerated Reiff, who will now ask the French Jockey club to reinstate him.

Henry's case does not look so bright, according to those who have investigated the matter, simply because he did not pursue the methods of Reiff. But Henry is considered as free from guilt as Reiff.

RACES ON SUMMIT SPEEDWAY.

Initial Matinee of Capitol City Club Scheduled for This Afternoon.

The Summit avenue speedway will be turned over to the Capitol City Driving club this afternoon for the initial race matinee. The club has put the speedway in the best of condition for winter racing and a number of the crack horses are entered in the races. The programme will include two regular events and a special race has been arranged. The entries are:

2:25 Pace—J. L. D., G. D. Taylor; Lottie C., Fred Schroeder; Gold Dust, John Blackmore; German Willie, Jim McDonald.

2:40 Trot—Kee Bee, Anton Miesen; Tande, F. A. Barbeau; Maggie, Abe Eschelman; Maud Crawford, W. A. Kenyon.

Hockey Clubs at Virginia Rink.

Two hockey teams made up of members of the Virginia Hockey club will play a game at the Virginia rink at 10 o'clock this morning to decide the right to represent the club in the first game of the Hockey league season which will be played with the Mechanic Arts team.

Sad Sam Wins Feature.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—The handicap at six furlongs, the feature at Ingleside today, was won by Sad Sam, who took the lead at the start and held it to the end, winning against a fierce drive from Huachuca.

Submarine Coal Mining.

GLACE BAY, N. S., Dec. 24.—An operation unique in the history of Nova Scotia mining is planned by Ochiltree McDonald, who has bonded coal areas near Port Morien. The areas are wholly submarine, and he is planning to sink a shaft on a rocky isle known as Flint Rock, mining his coal from the ocean bed. There seems to be no doubt that during succeeding generations submarine mining will be carried on extensively in Cape Breton.

Police Captains Exonerated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Police Commissioner Partridge today rendered his decision in the case of Inspector Adam Cross, Capt. John D. Herlihy and Capt. Charles A. Albertson, who were charged with neglect of duty growing out of the riot at the funeral of the late Rabbi Joseph. The commissioner found the defendants not guilty and dismissed the complaint.

PLAN SALE OF RED LAKE LANDS

CONGRESS WILL RATIFY TREATY FOR SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN RESERVATION

ONLY HOMESTEADERS MAY REAP BENEFITS

Senator Clapp Says Speculators Will Not Be Permitted to Gobble Up the Choicest Tract of Agricultural Lands in the West, Which Will Probably Be Auctioned to Settlers Next Summer.

The Red Lake Indian reservation, Senator Clapp thinks, will be opened for settlement and the lands placed on sale during the summer of 1903.

Minnesota's junior senator is at home for the holiday recess. Yesterday he talked freely with a representative of The Globe on legislation affecting Minnesota likely to be enacted before adjournment in March. He said:

"The Red Lake Indian reservation treaty, which was ratified by the senate two years ago and held up by the house, bids fair to go through and the lands opened up for settlement during the summer of 1903. The treaty held up by the house provided for the sale of the lands, one-fourth down and the remainder in fifteen payments. Congressman Cannon held the bill up, opposing the measure appropriating funds for the first payment to the Indians.

"The plan, which now seems acceptable, provides for the purchase of the lands at $3 per acre, or, in the aggregate, about $1,000,000. The land is to be sold at auction in parcels of 160 acres with a minimum price of $5 per acre. The sales will be made on the basis of one-fourth down and the balance in four annual payments. No bid is to be accepted from other than qualified homesteaders; only 160 acres will be sold to one person, and the homestead law governing improvements will be made applicable. These measures are taken to guard against the speculators, and the purchasers will forfeit their homestead rights.

"The tract is all prairie lands, well watered and one of the choicest bits of agricultural lands in the West. All objections to the treaty have been removed, and the former provision of $5,000 for reimbursing the Indians for improvements has been increased to $20,000, which is altogether more equitable. The survey of the Rainy river country will probably be completed next spring, and those lands opened to settlers during the summer. Those lands will be open to the homesteaders without other than the regular homestead restrictions."

Touching the creation of another federal judgeship for the district of Minnesota, Senator Clapp said he has no knowledge of the outcome or the plans of those who are pushing the measure. He says he has not discussed the matter with Senator Nelson, or any of the members of the Minnesota delegation. As to Page Morris' eligibility to the appointment, Senator Clapp says there is no federal constitutional bar, and that the state constitution has been confounded with the national organic act.

GIVE STEELE RUN FOR JOB.

Three-Cornered Fight in Hennepin for Boiler Inspector's Berth.

E. E. Steele, state boiler inspector for the Hennepin district, has a fight for reappointment on his hands. Chas. Puffer and George Flares are out for the appointment, and promise to make the three-cornered fight interesting.

The Trades and Labor assembly indorsed Steele for reappointment on the theory, it is claimed, that there were no other union candidates. Flares and Puffer are also union men, and an effort is now being made to secure the cancellation of the assembly's indorsement of Steele.

The friends of the new candidates charge Steele with party disloyalty. They say he bucked Senator Calhoun and E. P. Sweet, candidates for the county commission.

VIOLETS AND ROSES ARE VERY HIGH NOW

American Beauties Cost $25 Per Dozen and Violets $10 a Bunch.

"You can't get an American Beauty rose in this establishment to save your life!" said the proprietor of one of St. Paul's largest conservatories yesterday to a Globe reporter.

And it was a fact. Out of all the large stock raised not one remained, and when the last ones were sold they went for $25 per dozen. By the single bloom they were $2.50 per bud. Bride's roses were selling yesterday for as much as $15 per dozen. The meek little violet is not so modest this year when it comes to a matter of price—yesterday it was selling for $10 per bunch.

The reasons assigned by the different florists of the city are the excessive demands of the season and the slight yield of the year. The weather this autumn has been the most unfavorable for the growth of roses for over a decade. Almost without intermission the clouds have kept the sun obscured, and without sunlight one cannot have roses. The same florist as quoted above said:

"We had sufficient plants under glass, had the weather been propitious and the bloom appeared, to have supplied both our wholesale and retail trade. As it is, we have not nearly enough for the latter. It is many, many years since I have known roses to be so dear as they are now. If one had about 1,000 in bloom at this moment he could fairly coin money."

MAN IN BOX OFFICE CHANGES A $1,000 BILL

Metropolitan Treasurer Surprises a Stranger Who Carried Notes of Four Figures.

The sales at the Metropolitan last night were over for the evening and the box office man was counting up his cash and tickets with an air of business that put the stranger, who stepped up to the wicket on his mettle. He had evidently said to himself: "I'll show you where to get off at," and as he stepped up to the little window he asked:

"What are the tickets for the "Princess of Pilsen?"

The man inside sized him up, gave him the range of prices.

"Gimme two-dollar-and-a-half seats," was the reply, and he peeled off $1,000 bill from a roll that looked as though it contained about 500 more.

He shoved it through the wicket quite nonchalantly and the treasurer picked it up just as nonchalantly, counted him out a similar amount in small notes, minus three dollars and shoved it out without a word.

"Oh, we don't mind little things like thousand dollar bills!" said Manager Scott after the surprised customer walked away.

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ALLEGED CRUELTY INVESTIGATED

NUMEROUS CHARGES KEEPING PHILIPPINE MILITARY OFFICIALS BUSY

HOW FATHER AUGUSTIN DIED OF WATER CURE

Prisoners Said to Have Been Whipped to Death by Native Officials—Capt. Robert L. Howze, of the Sixth Cavalry, One of the Officers Under Accusation.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—Several official inquiries into charges of alleged cruelty to natives by soldiers are progressing throughout the islands. Some of these cases have been investigated previously.

When Gen. Miles was at Lipa, in the province of Batangas, Luzon, certain natives laid charges before him that during the campaign of reconcentration American soldiers had committed acts of cruelty and violence. Gen. Miles referred the matter to Gen. Davis, and the latter detailed Col. Morris C. Foote, of the Twenty-ninth infantry, to investigate. Col. Foote found the charges of violence to be untrue, but it is believed he found in some cases that the water cure had been administered. His report will be sent to Washington.

While Gen. Miles was in the islands Maj. George K. Hunter, of the Fifteenth cavalry, repeated to him certain charges which had been brought against Capt. Robert L. Howze, of the Sixth cavalry, when in command at Laoag, North Ilocos, Luzon, in 1900. At the time specified Capt. Howze was lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-fourth volunteer infantry.

Die of Whipping.

Maj. Hunter said that native officials of Laoag had whipped certain prisoners, two of whom died from the effects. At the time of this alleged occurrence, Maj. Hunter was serving at Laoag. He reported the matter in a letter to Gov. Taft, who informed Gen. MacArthur. Capt. Howze denied the charges. An investigation was ordered and the bodies of the two prisoners who died were exhumed. In their report the investigators held Capt. Howze to be blameless. Gen. Miles brought Maj. Hunter to the north of Luzon and landed him at Laoag before leaving the islands for China. Maj. Hunter is in Manila. He says the investigation into the charges against Capt. Howze has not yet been completed.

After leaving Manila Gen. Miles sent a cablegram to Gen. Bell, directing him to report what cases of misconduct on the part of the enemy had led him to issue circular No. 5, in which it was charged that the enemy had boloed American wounded, had made use of American uniforms, had planted infernal machines, shot poisoned arrows, violated their paroles, assissinated friendly natives, accepted office under the Americans for the purpose of obtaining information and had entered the American lines by deceit. Gen. Bell has written an extended report enumerating th instances which justified him in his action.

How Father Augustin Died.

The inquiry into the causes which led to the death of Father Augustin has been completed and a report forwarded to Washington. The water cure was administered to Father Augustin at Banate, Panay Island. The priest died in consequence. It is said that a large sum of money has been raised among the natives of the Southern islands and sent to Boston to aid in the private prosecution of the Augustin case. The assertion has been made that this money was intended for use againt Maj. Edwin F. Glenn, of the Fifth infantry, who is charged with unlawfully and willfully killing seven prisoners of war and whose trial will be continued here in January. Maj. Glenn, however, was in no way connected with the Augustin case.

TESTIMONY AS TO PORTO RICO SMUGGLING

Twenty Cases of Liquor Sent to American Officers.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 24.—The examination of witnesses before United States Commissioner Anderson in the case against Lieutenant Commander George W. Mentz, U. S. N., and Jantes Brennan, an employe of the Country club, who, with others, are charged with smuggling wines and liquors from St. Thomas on the United States steamer Uncas and the lighthouse tender Laurel, was continued today. A case of whisky addressed to Capt. Andrew Dunlap, commandant of the naval station here, which bore marks showing that it had come from St. Thomas, was introduced as evidence. Witnesses testified to having brought about twenty cases of liquors from St. Thomas on board the Uncas Oct. 22 for Capt. Dunlap, Lieut. Commander Mentz, Civil Engineer Charles W. Parks, Robert Giles, a government road contrator and manager of the Automobile Transportation company, and Mr. Lowndes.

Officers testified that it was customary to send orders for liquors to St. Thomas by messenger by mail, to be delivered to government boats.

HAS A QUEER AIRSHIP

CHICAGO MAN WILL OPERATE SKY LINE TO ST. LOUIS FAIR

Ship Will Be Operated by a Gasoline Motor of Only Twenty-Five Horse Power—David R. Proctor, the Inventor, Explains the Workings of His New Machine.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Multiple Elevating and Speeding Air Navigating company."

This imposing sign hangs outside one of the offices of the Fort Dearborn building. The president of the odd company is David R. Proctor, formerly the confidential adviser of Capt. George Wellington Streeter, and now a stanch supporter of Streeter's rival, William H. Niles, who bears the title of "military governor of the district of Lake Michigan."

Proctor has set about to perfect an airship while the fight for possession of the "district of Lake Michigan" goes merrily on. When he isn't directing the affairs of his airship company he is advising Niles. And when he isn't advising Niles he is figuring out just when he will erect a tower 1,152 feet high and 400 feet wide in the "district of Lake Michigan."

"I might have erected that tower on the world's fair grounds if it hadn't been for two things," sighed Proctor in his office the other day. "One of these things was that the ground where I inteded putting the tower had already been leased, and the other was that I didn't have time to pick out another site.

"Why, I had Carnegie and all of them rich fellows back of me. But you just watch my smoke when the Louisiana Purchase exposition opens. I a mgoing down there with my airship and make those other high flyers look like a deuce spot."

Proctor then produced a model of his airship. It was of wood, crudely constructed and resembled the boats on wheels that are being sold at this season in the toy stores. After sticking a United States flag in the prow of the "ship" and a pennant bearing the words "cloud-piercer" in the stern, Proctor proceeded to explain just how he intends to make his contrivance fly.

"This oblong-shaped thing under the flag in the bow," he began, "is the rudder. The man standing in the box operates it by means of ropes. Then in the stern I have a similar contrivance fixed horizontally which will send the ship up or down. It's the greatest thing that ever happened and I'll make millions out of it when I get it to flying."

"But that model hasn't got anything on it that would elevate your ship," protested the interviewer.

"Hasn't it, though?" responded Procter, contemptuously. "That shows what you know about flying. What do you think them there rotary fans are meant for?" The "rotary fans" referred to were fourteen circular pieces of wood. Ten of them were on top of the "ship" and four were on the sides.

"Of course, they're only wood in this here machine," said the inventor, "but when I get my working model done I'll have rotary fans in the places of these round pieces of wood. And I've found a rotary fan, by the way, that will lift anything. It's a corker. I can't tell you much about it now because the combination is a secret. But when I get them in place and all greased up you watch out for a trip to the sky. And I won't be blown up there, either. I'll just go up gracefully.

"The whole ship is going to be operated by a gasoline motor. All I'll need to do the business will be a twenty-five horse power motor. It won't take much to lift my little bird, because I'm going to build it of aluminum and a few other light metals.

"I figure that I'll make my first trip through the air on the 4th of next July. That's a good day on which to get away from the world, ain't it? But I'm not going to sail up to the sky on account of the noise. No, indeed, I'm patriotic, and that's why I want to take my first trip on the Fourth. My working model is going to be 100 feet long, and will weigh 1,500 pounds. I'm having it put together in different parts of the city. Why? Well, because I don't want my secret to get out. I tell you there'll be millions in it for the man who invents the first air ship. And I'm going to be that man. "Why, it's the simplest thing on earth, and I'm surprised nobody ever thought of my scheme before. It seems that these would-be navigators of the air who come to grief either get great big balloons or else they try to manufacture a pair of wings. Look at Dante, the Italian poet. History tells us that he made a pair of wings, jumped off a building and almost broke his neck. Then there was Darius Green—but, of course, he wasn't real."

HER WEDDING RING PROVED A TELL-TALE

Sixteen-Year-Old Mamie Worth Couldn't Hide Her Marriage.

BAYONNE, N. J., Dec. 24.—Harding Freeland, twenty years old, and Mamie Worth, of sixteen, of Bayonne, loved each other devotedly, but when they talked of marriage, their parents said something about spanking them. As love is just the same in Bayonne as in Jersey City, or any larger place, Harding and Miss Mamie were secretly married, and the bridegroom gave to his little wife a wedding ring, a narrow band of gold.

After the wedding Mamie went home. Before entering the house she removed the ring, kissed it and put it into her pocket. That night when she went to bed she hid it in her stocking. So she did every night.

Mrs. Worth's eyesight is very bad. A neighbor told her there was a rumor that Mamie had been married. Mrs. Worth said she would not believe it. She questioned her daughter, who said the talk was silly.

Mrs. Worth picked up one of Mamie's stockings yesterday, and was about to toss it into a basket when she felt something hard in the toe. She put her hand down and brought forth the wedding ring. Then there was a storm.

Mamie was unsuccessful in obtaining her mother's forgiveness, and Harding met with no better success with his parents. The young couple then went to New York, where, in a boarding house, they will wait until the storm blows over.

TAKING HUMBERTS BACK

PARIS OFFICIALS ACT SECRETLY, FEARING A DEMONSTRATION.

Creditors Chiefly Interested in Saving What They Can—Even the Christmas Rejoicings Are Affected by the Affair—Miniature Humbert Safe As a Holiday Novelty.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—As a result of conferences between Premier Combes and Minister of Justice Valle complete arrangements have been made for the reception of the members of the Humbert family now under arrest, but the precaution has been taken not to disclose what prison the fugitives will occupy or where they will be taken from the train, as a popular demonstration is feared.

M. Hennion, chief of detectives, who has gone to Madrid, is accompanied by four civil guards, four police inspectors and two of the best detectives in the service. It is expected they will occupy a special car with the prisoners, whose arrival is awaited in Paris with intense interest.

The affair continues to be the universal topic for discussion and even affects the Christmas rejoicings, many of the holiday novelties depicting phases in the famous case. One of these is a miniature Humbert safe, as empty as that which induced bankers and others to lend millions to the Humberts.

The nature of the legal proceedings has not yet been definitely settled. The statement in the extradition papers that the accused are charged with swindling and irregular bankruptcy proceedings gives a general idea of the lines of the prosecution. The creditors are chiefly interested in rescuing the remnants of their assets and plans are on foot for a meeting of the creditors with a view to arranging an equitable division.

The arrest of Mme. Balanza, the friend of Romain D'Aurignac, at Buenos Ayres, was part of the government's energetic plans to apprehend the fugitives. She was not connected with the affair, but it was supposed her departure for Buenos Ayres indicated that Romain D'Aurignac and other members of the Humbert family were in that part of the world.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 24.—Mme. Balanza, who was arrested on her arrival here yesterday from France, has been released.

Boost for Admiral Cooper.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 24.—The navy department today ordered Rear Admiral Philip H. Cooper to the command of the southern division of the Asiatic station to succeed Rear Admiral Wildes, who was detached on Monday on account of sickness. Admiral Cooper is now in charge of the naval defense of the eastern coast. When the time of Rear Admiral Evans expires, in less than a year, Admiral Cooper will succeed him as senior officer of the whole Asiatic fleet.

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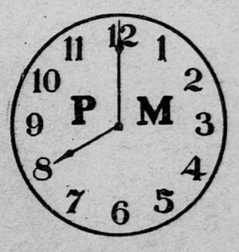

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