

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

ERNIE MACMANUS OUT FOR SEASON

Star Quarterback Bursts Blood Vessel in Leg While Playing Game Sunday.

LOSS TO TEAM SERIOUS

Robb, Davenport and McGinnis Also on Crippled List—Have Hard Time Securing Games.

Gloom pervaded in the Independent football squad as they assembled for practice last night. In checking over his list of eligibles, Coach Litt finds that four stars of the state champ eleven are on the crippled list. They are Robb and Davenport, halfbacks; McGinnis, end, and MacManus, quarterback. Ernie MacManus will probably be lost to the Independents for the remainder of the season.

Ernie, who has developed into one of the best open field runners Rock Island has ever produced, broke a blood vessel in his left leg while playing against Aurora Sunday. The physician treated the wound yesterday afternoon, and although he is recovering nicely, the doctors state that he may not be able to play again this season. His loss to the state champs cannot be overestimated. MacManus has proven to be the best ground gainer of the island's back field, he always displayed good judgment in running the team and he cannot be replaced.

Two Will Play.

Robb and Davenport will probably round into shape to play against the Red Men eleven in Moline Nov. 15, but McGinnis' case is doubtful. Mac has had a bad ankle all season and

last Sunday's battle the limb was severely wrenched.

Manager Roche has no game scheduled for this coming Sunday as yet, but hopes to secure one. The manager of a winning team has troubles too numerous to mention and Roche is having a hard time filling the Independents' schedule. Many of the fastest independent teams in the state have already declined to meet the locals.

FANS WANT NEWS AND FACTS ONLY

Public Is Tired of Way Baseball Moguls Have Played Horse With Them.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 4. — For three weeks the powers of organized baseball and some of the magnates of the Federal league have been playing horse with the public on the subject that is pretty close to the public's heart and pocketbook—the question of peace.

While negotiations for a settlement of the baseball war actually were in progress, Garry Herrmann and Ban Johnson of the organized crowd and James Gilmore of the Feds were denying in emphatic cross-my-heart-and-hope-to-die denials that anything of the sort was going on.

The result has been that for some time the fans have been fed on the worst mess of contradictions and bull-con ever dished up in any sport. Whether there is to be peace or not depends upon the newspaper you read. One says there will be; another solemnly asserts there won't. And each thinks it is telling the truth.

The Milwaukee Sentinel voiced a mild protest over this situation when it remarked:

"The papers still continue to be full of news purporting to disclose the raid which the Federal league is making on organized ball, and we have so many conflicting stories, both in relation to this and other aspects of the game, that one finds it difficult to get any sort of satisfactory idea of what is actually going on."

AURORA IN THANKS FOR SQUARE DEAL

The sporting editor of The Argus received a letter this morning from R. M. Avery, manager of the Aurora All Stars, thanking the Independents and their followers for the fine treatment and square deal received while in Rock Island. Mr. Avery stated that his eleven had never been subject to so many courtesies and considerations before, and he gives the Independents credit for being the fastest independent eleven in the middle west. Mr. Avery says that Aurora is going to organize a heavier team next year and come to play the state champs again.

MAY FINE TIGER LEADER FOR TOO MUCH TALKING

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 4. — Silence is golden sometimes even in organized baseball. At least Hughey Jennings, the speckled, fighting manager of the Detroit Tigers, may learn as much during the annual meeting of the American league scheduled for tomorrow and Friday at the Congress hotel.

Before the magnates finish their session Hughey may be court-martialed and ordered shot at sunrise for betraying the secrets of the waiver system. Or he may be given a plain reprimand and a stiff fine as his penalty for telling the world at large that Connie Mack had entered upon negotiations with the view of fitting inwards to his three curving windmills, to-wit: Chief Bender, Jack Coombs and Eddie Plank.

Disposition of Jennings' case is one of the problems to confront the moguls tomorrow, according to President Ban Johnson. Violation of the golden rule which requires absolute secrecy in the asking of waivers in the American league is an offense punishable by the imposition of a fine, and in addition the league executive has the right to discontinue the service of further bulletins dwelling on waivers to the individual who committed the breach of confidence.

Find Man Standing Dead.

Passaic, N. J., Nov. 4. — With his cane clutched tightly in his right hand and leaning against a bookcase, James A. Sullivan, one of Passaic's best known lawyers, was found dead in his office at 241 Main avenue. That he was dead was not noticed for some time by one of his office employees, who thought the attorney was in one of his reflecting moods. The lawyer had heart disease.

CONNIE MACK HAS CAUSE FOR RELEASE OF CHIEF BENDER, COOMBS AND PLANK



Coombs (top), Plank (left) and Bender.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—When Connie Mack made up his mind to get rid of Bender, Coombs and Plank, he had good reason for his decision. In view of the good work of the youngsters whom he has trained for the box, these three twirlers have practically lost their usefulness for the Athletics.

Ban Johnson tells a story on Bender that shows how insubordinate the chief has recently become. It seems that Mack instructed the redskin to visit New York at the time the Braves were winding up their engagement with McGraw's team. On that same day Mack chanced to stroll down a certain Philadelphia street and, lo! and behold who should he meet but Bender.

"I thought you were in New York spying on the Braves?" said Mack.

"Aw, those buns can't play ball. Why waste a perfectly good afternoon watching them?" returned the Indian.

Plank will be turned loose because he is getting old; while illness has kept Coombs out of the game for two years.

Edward S. Plank, the oldest of the three stars who are to be released, has helped Connie Mack win three world's championships and six American league pennants. Although he was born 39 years ago, he was still pitching the best game of any of the team's moundmen in the recent world's series.

Plank was born in Gettysburg, Pa., in 1875, and after a public school education, entered Gettysburg college. While in college his pitching attracted the attention of Connie Mack, who invited him to go to Philadelphia for a tryout. This was in 1901, the Athletics' first year in the American league. His workout was thoroughly satisfactory, and Mack began to use him almost at once. From that time on he became one of Mack's most reliable pitchers and he helped him to American league pennants in 1902, 1905, 1910, 1911, 1913 and 1914. He shared with "Chief" Bender the honors of five world's series, three of which the Athletics won, 1905, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1914.

Charles Albert Bender, the second

of the great Athletic trio slated for release, was for years the acknowledged star of the Athletics' pitching staff. He was the man upon whom Mack relied in the pinches. It was he who was called upon to bear the brunt of the world's series and until 1914 he never once failed. In 1905 he won the only game which the Athletics won from the old Giant team. Bender, popularly known as Chief, is a Chippewa Indian. He was born in Brainerd, Minn., May 5, 1883. When 18 years old he began to play first base for the Carleton Indian team, and in 1903 was pitching for Dickinson college. He was signed by the Athletics that year and has been with the team ever since. Despite his long baseball career, he is only 31 years old.

John W. Coombs might still be among the great pitchers in the major leagues had his strength not been undermined by a violent attack of typhoid several years ago. He first attracted attention as a pitcher for Colby college, and was secured by the Athletics in 1905, after four years with the college team. He immediately became a star, and he was in the pitching box for the Athletics in their famous 24-inning game that year with Boston, the longest game on record in the major leagues. He didn't live up to his early promise, however, and for one whole year Mack tried to make him into an outfielder. In 1910 he "came back" as a pitcher, and he, Plank and Bender made a wonderful combination for the Athletics, which enabled them to win the American league pennant and the world's championship. He continued to do excellent work until his illness, but he has never done very well since then.

Bender and Plank were still doing steady work this year, and Plank did well in the world's series. Bender's fate, when he was knocked out of the box in the first game of the world's series, probably decided Mack to let the old-timers go. Their records this year were as follows:

W. L. SO. BB. H. Av.
Bender 17 3 103 54 159 850
Plank 16 6 108 42 161 727
Coombs 0 1 0 1 3 000

BREWS STILL TOP BY TAKING THREE

New 1800 Block Team Drops Series to League Stars in Initial Appearance.

1600 BLOCK WINS THREE

White Block in Standing is Pushing Brews Hard, Being Only One Game Behind.

ISLAND CITY LEAGUE STANDING.

W. L. Pct.
Brews 16 5 .761
1600 Block 15 6 .714
1800 Block 6 15 .285
Elms 5 16 .238

The Rock Island Brews retained their slim lead over the 1600 block team in the Island City league, by walloping the 1800 block quintet in three straight at the St. Julien alleys last night. The 1800 block team made its first appearance in the league, taking the place of the Jashos. George Abrahamson was high man on the alleys, with a count of 508 for the three games. Frost rolled the high single game of 192.

The 1600 block men are only one game behind the Brews and are pushing them hard for the top rung in the ladder. The White Block team won three straight games from the lowly Elms at the Harms alleys by a wide

margin. Mason led the attack of the 1600 block, grabbing 536 for the high score on both alleys, and rolling 196 for high at the Harms alleys. Greiner was high man for the Elms, getting 417 in the games.

The scores:

At Harms Alleys.		
1600 BLOCK.		
Mason	.....	153 187 196
Moore	.....	142 194 159
Bredar	.....	164 155 114
Huber	.....	125 185 112
McNeil	.....	141 108 146
Total	.....	725 829 727

ELMS.		
Grams	.....	108 143 155
Henry	.....	150 151 117
Greiner	.....	177 141 129
Scott	.....	136 133 161
Kitty	.....	137 197 111
Total	.....	708 766 673

At St. Julien Alleys.

BREWS.		
George Abrahamson	.....	189 153 166
Kitty	.....	181 150 150
Ted Abrahamson	.....	147 155 180
Tracey	.....	152 168 153
Hildebrandt	.....	135 138 138
Total	.....	805 764 787

1800 BLOCK.		
Cline	.....	160 161 146
Red	.....	90 149 133
Frost	.....	195 144 156
Bredar	.....	173 157 164
Heine	.....	129 137 177
Total	.....	747 748 776

The Countess of Warwick has now started in business as a garden designer and will undertake the laying out of gardens.

WELSH EXPECTS TO BEAT WHITE

Is Training With Diligence and in Pink of Condition for the Battle.

WILL DECIDE WORLD TITLE

Champion Englishman Expects Chicago Man to Put Up Tough Scrap—Wolgast Was Tough.

BY G. W. AVELSON. (In Chicago Herald.)

Harrisburgh, Pa., on board the Broadway Limited, Nov. 4.—It is a hazardous thing to travel with a boxing champion when that same world's best fighter is a vegetarian. If you don't want to be grass-fed you are liable to starve to death, and if you should be caught with a juicy steak in front of you a lecture is coming from that self-same champ on the evils of meat.

That is what we have endured with Freddie Welsh, who is traveling west at high speed with the intention of taking the conceit out of Charlie White if the Chicago boy is carrying anything of the kind around with him.

Peevish at the Critics.

This vegetarian thing is uppermost in the mind of the ponytyrid boy after his fight with Ad Wolgast last night. He is just a little peeved at some of the New York boxing critics who broadly intimated after the battle that some of Ad's wallops to the stomach slowed the Welshman up, as being grass-fed, he was not in condition to stand the blows as well as if he had dallied with the festive roast a little.

"Now that is what they are always harping on," remarked Welsh as he was sitting in the observation car watching Pennsylvania real estate slip by. "I don't know where they get that kind of stuff, as I have always prided myself on the fact that I can stand more punishment in the stomach than any other place.

"I admit that I am a crank on vegetarianism and on physical culture, especially, and those two things have made me what I am. As to that bout last night—well, probably I did hold back a little, but don't think for a minute I was stalling. I wanted to give the New York fans a run for their money, and I think I did.

Expected Tough Battle.

"I figured on Wolgast being a tough customer, but as for the statement that his blows hurt, and there were some good ones at that, I will have to differ. Several times he ripped in some lefts and rights that might have worried me a little had I not been in perfect physical condition."

Having successfully feinted for an opening via the green goods patter, the afterviewer shifted the attack to the more delicate subject of whether the champion really has a punch or not.

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It had been hinted in the Gotham papers that he has not, and as Welsh has been to school he did not need an interpreter to "elucidate" the printed remarks.

"Yes, I saw where some of the writers said that if I had had a punch I could have easily knocked Wolgast out. Has anybody else ever done that?"

He Floors Axelson.

Having been careless about his training it was diplomacy for the interviewer to opine that the champion was right, and then Freddie made the questioner look foolish with this comeback:

"I am the only one who ever knocked him out cold."

"You must have followed him to his dressing room after the fight last night," was the more or less clever retort.

It was discovered that the remark was not nearly as clever as intended when the explanation came.

"Sure I knocked him out once. It happened in Thompson's gym in Milwaukee eight years ago. I was train-

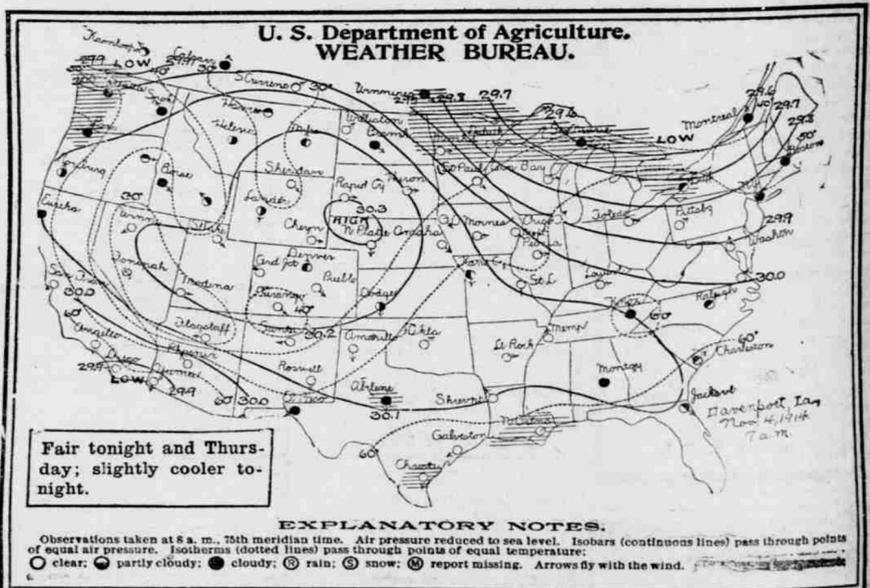
ing for Sayers when Wolgast came in and wanted to box. I told him I did not want to just then, but he insisted. Ad proposing that we would go very light. We started and in the very first round he shot over a swing which had it landed flush, would have been curtains for me. I stalled through the round, as I was in no condition to last more than a couple of rounds. In the second I passed over my right to the jaw. Wolgast went down like a log, dead to the world."

Use Wine to Fight Fire.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 4.—More than 2,000 gallons of wine were poured over the dwelling of William Krumm, a Bargaintown farmer, in a successful effort to save his home from destruction by fire. The fumes of the spirits as they were licked up by the flames scented the country for miles, and, drifting across the meadows, gave Atlantic City the "odor" of an open Sunday. Water in two wells had dried up, making the use of the wine necessary to save the house.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

Daily United States Weather Map



Shaded area shows precipitation of .01 inch or more.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Low barometers are again reported from about all of southern Canada and a decrease in pressure has extended to the north Atlantic coast, with the lowest air pressure over southern Ontario. The attendant showers have fallen on the north Pacific coast and in Minnesota and the northern and eastern portions of the lake region. Scattered showers have occurred during the past 24 hours on the middle and west gulf coast. High pressures and fair weather prevail from the Rocky mountain region to the south Atlantic coast, with the crest of the high over South Dakota and western Nebraska. It is decidedly cooler in the extreme upper Missouri valley, though no severe temperatures are noted. The continued eastward move-

ment of the western high will be attended by fair weather in this vicinity tonight and Thursday, with slightly cooler tonight.

Washington	65	46	.00
Winnipeg	50	36	.01
Yellowstone	52	34	.00

OBSERVATIONS.			
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New York	78	64 .00
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