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REAL LIVE TOPICS OF THE BIG LEAGUERS

According to reliable information, the Federal League blames Ben Johnson for preventing the rival factions coming together on peace terms, and are aiming their principal blows at the American League instead of the National. Last year it was the National that suffered.

With the passing of Plank, only Connie Mack and Harry Davis remain of the team that represented Philadelphia in its first year in the American League. Plank was first to come in the season of 1901, and Davis joined the team early in May of that year. Davis is no longer a regular, but is valuable to the team for his coaching.

Edwin F. Torrey, secretary of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, has prepared a statement of the clubs admitted to membership in the national body since March. It shows an amazing growth of the game. Altogether eighty new clubs, having 15,000 playing members and more than 1,000 courts, have enrolled in the national association in the past seven months.

The most important of the newly-elected members are the Seattle Athletic club of Seattle, Wash., and the Country club of Birmingham, Ala. The former has a thousand tennis playing members and a large field of dirt courts.

The athletic programme in connection with the Panama-Pacific exposition at Frisco already mapped out includes 50 events, which will require 138 days to complete. The athletic directors of the big San Francisco carnival have yet to arrange final dates for army and navy events, golf, tennis, cricket, archery, rowing on the green, handball, Rugby and American style football. In all it is expected the athletic events will extend over a period of 200 days during the 1915 season, and

attract the best athletes of the world.

The loyalty to organized baseball of Charles H. Fitzpatrick cost him a duck dinner. While the Squire of Flatbush was in conference with the International League men a few days ago in New York, somebody impersonated him to the Hotel Imperial checking clerk and obtained a basket of sixteen dressed fowl that Wilbert Robinson had brought up from Baltimore for his boss. Ebbets has offered a reward for the apprehension of the sneak thief.

Chief Johnson, the Federal League's star Indian pitcher, went on the war-path yesterday at Winnipeg, his home town. Justice of the Peace Colligan decided that Johnson was intoxicated and tried to arrest him. The latter refused to be arrested. A gun was brought into play, and it crashed down on Johnson's head. He fell and in some manner the gun was discharged. The bullet hit Herman Blower, a spectator, in the groin. While the wounded man was being cared for Johnson made his escape. He has not yet been found, after a diligent search by the authorities. Blower's wound is not considered serious.

Billy Evans in a newspaper article expresses the opinion that Tris Speaker's failure to hit in the early part of the season cost the Red Sox the pennant. Not only did Speaker fail to keep up his end, but his failure had a bad effect on his team mates, with the result that the whole team slumped.

In increasing the capital stock of the Chicago Federal League club from \$250,000 to \$400,000 the statement was heard that the Chicago club has an actual investment of \$412,000 in their plant. It developed that there are 25 other stockholders besides Wegman but that he had put up practically all the money so far.

YANKEES HAVE CHANGED OWNERSHIP

French Lick, Ind., Dec. 14.—The New York American League Club has been sold to Col. Jacob Ruppert. The price is about \$450,000. Col. Ruppert will not acquire any interest in the Federal League.

This is the substance of statements made here today by Col. Ruppert and President James A. Gilmore, of the Federal League, who conferred regarding the proposed establishment of a Federal League club in New York. After the conference Col. Ruppert said:

"I have already taken over the Yankees. The price is the only thing that remains to be settled. This probably will be \$450,000." "I am afraid we were too late," said Mr. Gilmore, "Col. Ruppert already has purchased the Yankees. I shall return to Chicago at once and try to find another backer for the New York club."

KILBANE PROVED THE WINNER

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, the featherweight champion, outpointed Willie Houck of this city, in a six round bout here to-night. Houck fought aggressively, and made a good showing, but the champion's ring experience enabled him to come out ahead in each round. Kilbane weighed 125 and Houck 129.

SUMMERS GIVEN KNOCKOUT BY SGT. BASHAM

London, Dec. 14, 11.30 p. m.—Johnny Summers, holder of the Lord Lonsdale Belt, was knocked out in the ninth round by Sergeant Basham in a contest held at the National Sporting Club tonight for the welterweight championship of Great Britain.

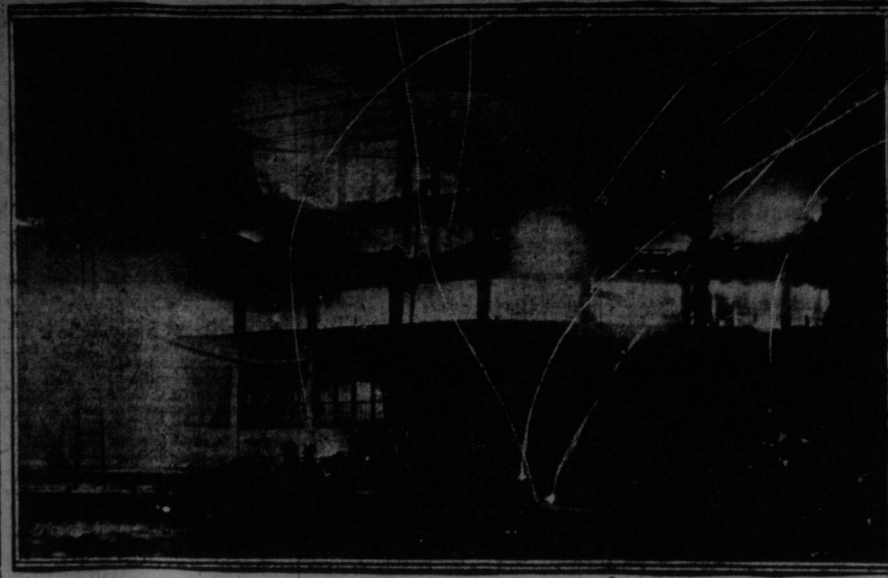
BROKE PAROLE, ARE ORDERED BACK TO HOLLAND BY GERMAN GOV.

Zevenaar, Holland, (via Holland, Dec. 14).—Two German officers who had been war prisoners here, and who had violated their parole by escaping across the border into Germany, returned here today, under orders of their government to do so.

TWO YOUNG BEARS FOR ROCKWOOD PARK LIQUOR CASE UP IN POLICE COURT

The two bears at Rockwood Park having grown somewhat large and requiring considerable food, and showing a tendency to become quarrelsome, the park management decided to change the only difficulty in the way being the cost of obtaining new bears in substitution. At this psychological moment Holt, Renfrew & Co., Ltd.,

REMARKABLE PICTURE TAKEN AT THE BIG EDISON FIRE.



This remarkable photograph shows rolls of films exploding in the fire which ruined the Thomas A. Edison plant at West Orange, N. J. Thirty of the thirty-five buildings of the great manufacturing plant were destroyed, causing a loss which Mr. Edison announced to be \$3,000,000.

Quebec, who have a private zoo at Montmorency, most kindly offered to present to the park two male cub bears. Accordingly the old ones were disposed of to advantage. The young ones arrived yesterday. Holt, Renfrew & Co., Ltd., generously paying all the charges including the heavy express-charge, \$15.75, and have now taken their place in the Bear Den where it is believed they will prove much more attractive than were their older predecessors. They were raised in captivity and have been well cared for from the start. The former ones when first obtained were in very poor condition and never seemed to overtake their appetites.

On the subject of Bears in Captivity Dr. William T. Hornady, the author of "The American Natural History" writes: "If not fed by visitors bears are more playful and mirth provoking than most monkeys," and at page 34: "Never offer a finger to a carnivorous animal, and do not feed peanuts, candy, peaches or tobacco to animals in captivity. If you wish to kill any of these a gun is far more respectable and also more merciful."

Patrolmen Briggs and Garnett testified that on Sunday December 6th at 12.30 they saw Gallagher go down to the shingle shed of Hilyard's mill, take two bottles of liquor from their pockets and put them away. Some time afterwards they saw Daniel Maloney give Gallagher a bank note in exchange for the liquor. Others present were John Porter, Guy Gregory and Curry Clark.

It was mentioned that in the Clark case it took place a half hour previous to the Gallagher case and Thomas Wilson was mentioned as having given a bank note to Clark in return for a bottle of liquor. Wilson, Clark and Porter took drinks from the bottle. Thomas Wilson gave evidence that he asked Clark for a bottle of liquor and got it from Gallagher. E. S. Ritchie asked that Clark be dismissed and the Magistrate adjourned the case until this morning at ten o'clock.

KINGS OF NORWAY AND DENMARK TO VISIT SWEDEN'S MONARCH

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 15.—By invitation of King Gustav of Sweden, King Haakon of Norway and King Frederick of Denmark, will visit him at Malmö, Southern Sweden, next Friday and Saturday. The three kings will be accompanied by their ministers of foreign affairs and secretaries, and will discuss affairs of common interest which have arisen as a result of the war, and also measures for helping the economical situation in Scandinavia.



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METAL FAMINE IN GERMANY

Copper \$750 Per Ton—Appeal to People to Send Jewelry or Gold Pieces to Imperial Bank

London, Dec. 14.—All information received here indicates that a famine in both the finer and the baser metals exists in Germany. An appeal is made by the Cologne Gazette to its readers and even to the soldiers in the field, to send their stored gold pieces and any foreign gold or gold jewelry they may possess to the Imperial Bank. Copper has risen foremostly and the price is now stated to be \$750 per ton in Germany, as against \$280 per ton in London.

THOMAS BLAMES COLLINS FOR LOSS OF BALL GAMES

In every ball club are some petty jealousies and invariably a couple of knockers, but the Mackmen were known as a club that was practically free from this little disturbance until the past season. That there is something wrong is evident in the way certain players do not mind knocking each other in public. The last shot by Ira Thomas at the brilliant Eddie Collins proved conclusively that the tactician has a bunch of trouble on his hands.

Thomas, who is on the trip with the All-Americans en route to Honolulu, is reported to have written to a friend that Collins lost many ball games for the Athletics through his desire to grab all the money there was in sight. Ira, in explaining this, is reported to have said that Collins' newspaper articles had not only lost many games, but caused other teams to change their styles so completely that Ira has his doubts about the future success of the team.

Thomas declares that the Athletics would have had smooth sailing to at least four or five more consecutive pennants had Collins kept his knowledge to himself. Incidentally Ira remarks that this inside knowledge of the opposing teams' weaknesses was not secured by Eddie, but by other members of the team, and that Collins was let in on it. It is generally thought that Collins is one of the shrewdest men in the country in this respect, but now the fans will have to take their pick and either agree with Ira or decide that Thomas has an axe to grind.

Here is what Thomas is reported to have written to his friend: "In writing his article Collins has tipped off many things that he should have kept to himself. He did not give away our signs or tell so much about the inside workings of our club, but he did something that was just as bad. For years our players have been grabbing the signs of other clubs, the peculiarities of the different players and their weaknesses. Very little of this was gathered by Collins, but naturally, along with the rest of the players, everything was told him."

MATTY WAS PLAYING GOLF GAME

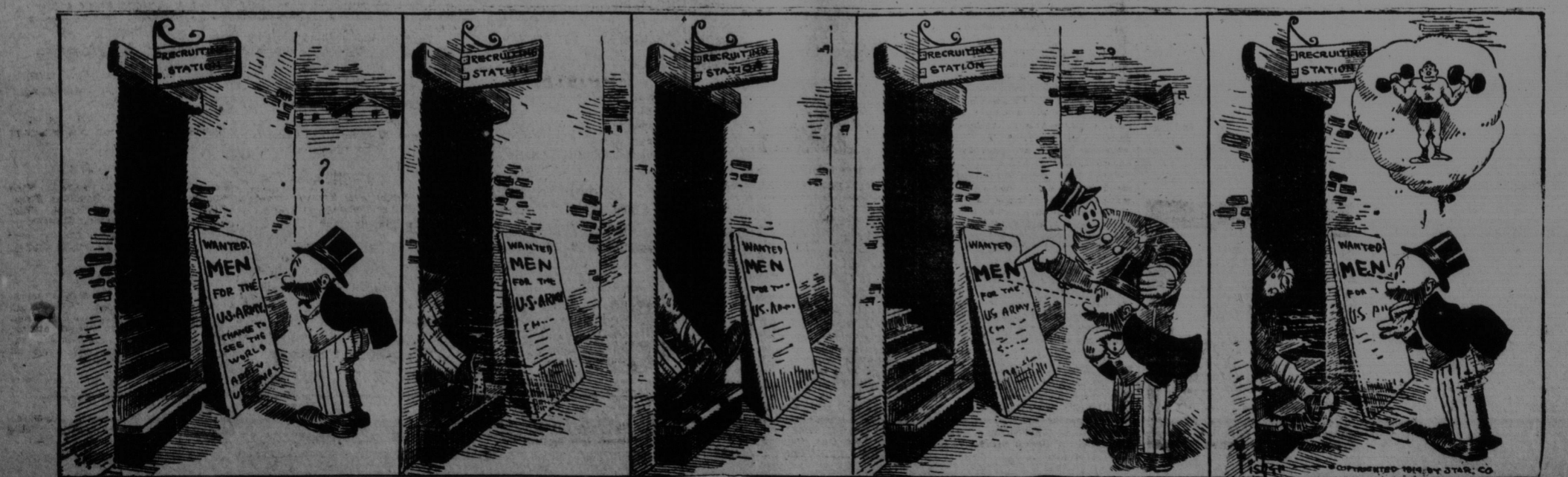
Christy Mathewson of the Giants is a sad example of what golf will do to an otherwise perfectly Christian-like gentleman.

Matty, as most every one knows, does not play ball on Sunday. Such an act would conflict with his religious scruples. He made it a condition when he joined the Giants that he never was to participate in a Sunday game.

Hearing of Matty's stand and admiring it, a St. Louis clergyman called at the Giants' hotel to congratulate Matty when the Giants were in the Mount City recently. It was on Sunday.

"Mr. Mathewson is out sir," the hotel clerk told the minister. "Could you tell me, please, where I can find him?" asked the clergyman. "Yes; he's out playing golf, his second round today," was the reply.

And Then Not a Word Was Spoken



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