

## PREDICTS CLOSE RACE IN NATIONAL

President Heydler Says 3  
Teams Have Chance to  
Beat Giants.

By HENRY L. FARRELL.

New York, April 17.—(United Press)—After he had visited the Florida training camps of the eight National League clubs training there, John A. Heydler, president of the league, expressed a qualified opinion that three teams had a good chance to beat out the New York Giants in the pennant race.

The Cincinnati Reds, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the St. Louis Cardinals were classed as the most dangerous competitors of the three-time champions, and the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Braves were ranked as formidable.

Heydler said that the strength in his league was more evenly divided than he had seen it in years and that he looked for a blanket race from start to finish.

Six clubs in the league have inherited enough strength from last season, or added enough power since the close of the season to make it apparent almost that there will be no centralization of strength in two or three clubs that would make it a one-sided race.

It was quite obvious at the close of the 1923 season, when the Giants rallied and snatched through to their third straight pennant on their last invasion of the west, that the 1924 pennant would go to the club that succeeded best in strengthening itself during the off-season.

The Giants, it was the unanimous opinion, were not strong enough to win their fourth straight championship with what was left when they retired beaten from the field in the world's series.

It was just as reasonable to assume, however, that the Cincinnati Reds needed a little bit more to do a lot better than they did in 1923 if they were to upset the Giants.

The Reds, since then, have been improved greatly. The Giants have made several gestures at reorganization, and the Boston Braves have been most vitally transformed.

The Pittsburgh Pirates and the St. Louis Cardinals have assumed an experiment with new shortstops, but the Chicago Cubs have stood fast. The Brooklyn Robins have picked up a new shortstop, but they needed more than an infield to make the team.

The Phils act like they knew they are out of it and "what's the use." The Reds picked up two of the best minor league pitchers in the game when they bought Jake May from the Vernon Pacific Coast League team and Tom Sheehan from the St. Paul American Association team. They also bought Carl Mays from the New York Yankees and they are after Charley Dressen, the highly-touted St. Paul third baseman.

Needing pitching strength above everything, the Giants bought 20 minor league prospects, among which Dean, from the Louisville club; Baldwin, from Newark; Bradshaw, from Toledo, and Maun, from Wichita, seem the most promising. The Giants also acquired Billy Southworth, an outfielder, and Joe Oeschger, a veteran pitcher, from the Braves.

The Pittsburgh Pirates paid \$75,000 for Glenn Wright, a minor league shortstop, and failed to get over a deal for Rabbit Maranville, who may be moved over to second base.

The St. Louis Cardinals will try Bell, a shortstop developed in the club's farm holdings and will depend mostly upon the interest that Rogers Hornsby puts in his work after making up with Branch Rickey.

The Braves have a new manager and a star shortstop in Dave Bancroft, and they have, as new members also, Casey Stengel, Bill Cunningham, Jack Kellner and Cotton Tierney. The Braves have also the best young pitching staff in the league.

Jimmy Jones is the lone newcomer to the Brooklyn Robins. The club has a most excellent pitching staff, but it needs more than one infielder to get a pennant or get near the nearest to a pennant.

The Phils have a great pitcher in Jimmy Ring. A good catcher in Walter Henline and a great outfielder in Cy Williams, but that lets them out. Art Fletcher is a hustling manager without any reason for inspiration and with no cause to be ambitious. But Fletcher will make the best of what little he has, which will amount to very little.

In bright prospects for a stirring pennant race, the National League at last seems to have acquired something to counteract, even if it must be slight, the Ruth influence in the American League. If the Yankees should make another runaway pennant race in the other league and if the Babe should find that he can't hit dirty balls as well as he can club the new, shiny "apples," the National League, with a three or four-way pennant race, might be able to get back again on an even footing in the distribution of newspaper space.

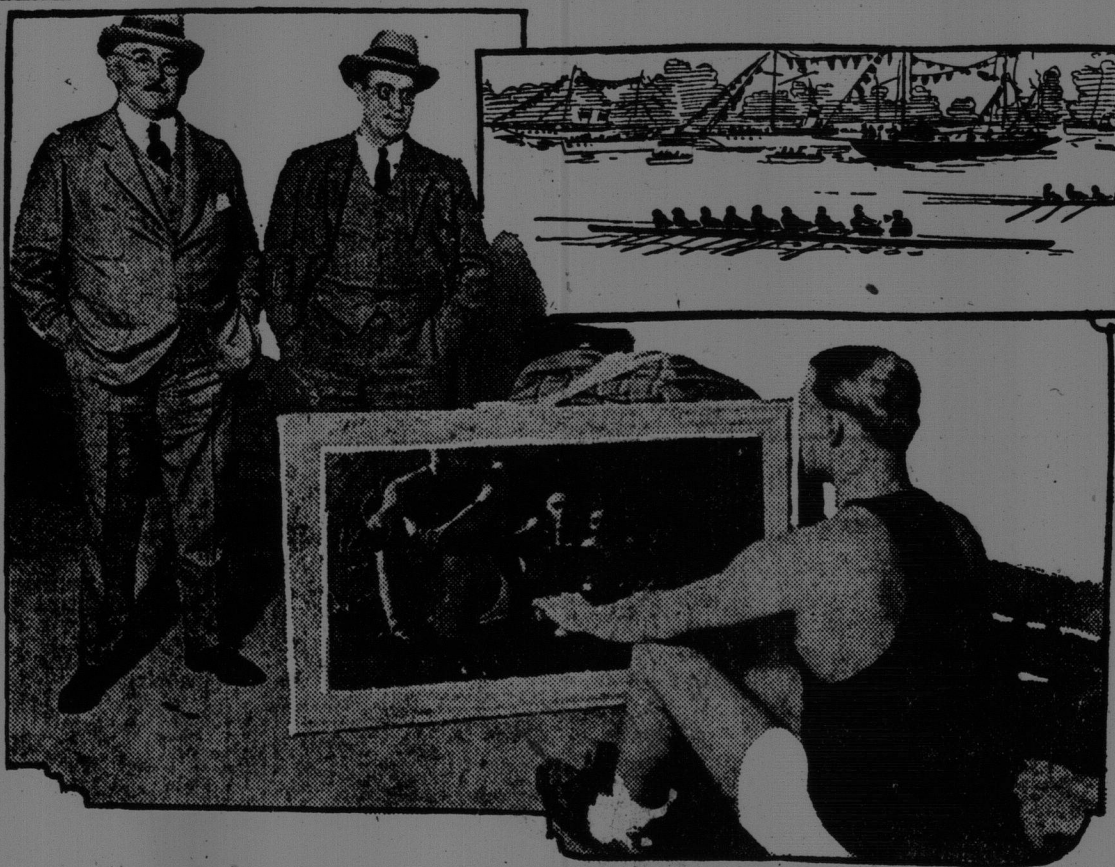
Frank Fitch, developing as he has in the past two seasons, may be a big National League card, but go as far as he can never draw them in through the gate the way the Babe has done, and the same holds for Rogers Hornsby, the leading elephant of the National League herd.

The Giants may breeze through to another pennant, they may go to pieces and drop clear out of the first division, but whatever happens it will not be done by the middle of July and it's a pennant race that will have them all fighting to the finish.

**ENGINEER MAKES GLASS FOOTBALL**  
Dr. Horak, a Czech Inventor, Has Discovered a New Process.

New York, April 17.—The Czechoslovak Consulate-General here has issued a public communication from Prague to the effect that Dr. Horak, a Czech engineer and inventor, has discovered a new kind of glass, which

## However, This New System Is Not A Reflection on the Oarsman's Skill



You see in the surmounting scene, Messrs. Wright and Rice, experts in the art of paddle teaching, introducing a new thought in their work, a mirror which shows the crew candidates of University of Pennsylvania themselves as others see them. The idea is to show the young athletes their faults through their own eyes and thus enable them to know themselves what not to do and what to do. Howard Medholdt, captain of the crew, is shown at the rowing machine, while the rest of the crew can be seen in the mirror.

even if not actually unbreakable, is so tough that it has been blown into a hollow sphere and kicked about as a football, without breaking. When used in the form of tumblers it is said the glass withstands immersion in cold water immediately after it had been heated to the point where pieces of paper in the tumbler were charred.

## EXPECT BIG TRAFFIC ON RAILWAYS TODAY

Many Plan to Spend Holidays Outside of St. John

A considerable amount of Easter traffic is expected on both the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific lines. It was reported yesterday that bookings at present were about up to the heavier. Boston, Montreal and

New York were the favorite destinations in the C. P. R. bookings, while on the C. N. R. Moncton, Truro and Halifax appeared to be the most popular centres. Travel was expected to be heaviest on Thursday for long distance passengers. For the suburban traffic, preparations were being made to have stops at all stations. Many residents with summer homes are expected to make of the Easter holidays an opportunity of visiting them, but for suburban traffic the weather is considered the determining factor. The C. N. R. will have extra coaches on its regular trains to care for the expected rush and the C. P. R. will have the suburban trains 7.15 a. m. from the city and the train arriving at 9.30 at night, make all the suburban stops. Students returning for the Easter holidays will be one of the big factors in the traffic to St. John and this traffic may be rather less than usual, this year as Easter comes so near to the time for the closing of colleges.

One school child in five is under weight, according to the United States Public Health Service.

The first patent issued in the United States in 1923 was numbered 1,440,382.

## KAYO SENSATION TO BOX STIRLING

Plan to Hold Bout in Connection With Benefit Show.

New York, April 17.—Young Stirling, Georgia light-heavyweight, and Paul Berlenbach, New York knockout sensation, have been matched for a bout planned as a feature of a benefit show for the New York Milk Fund in June.

Contracts have not been signed, it was said, nor have details concerning the date and place of the show been determined. It is expected, however, that the promotion would be handled by Tex Rickard.

## LOGGERS WAIT RAIN TO FLOAT THE CUT

Much Kennebecasis Ice Gone — "William Pitt" Needs Coat of Paint

Ice is still king in Belledale Bay and Kingston Creek. The loggers who have rafted their winter's work are waiting for warm weather and spring rains to float their logs.

The Kennebecasis, from Reed's Point down to Long Island, has thrown away its winter covering and ice, which was two feet thick there two months ago, has vanished in the blue waters. Between Robesay and Long Island, however, the frost bridge still lingers, as well as between White Head and Long Island on the western side of the river.

The ferryboat William A. Pitt is on the surface of the earth is rarely free from seismic disturbance.

New York City has a debt of \$1,738,291,775.

## Woman Champion Seeks To Win British Title



EDITH CUMMINGS.

The United States will be well represented in the coming woman's British golf championship.

Edith Cummings, who holds the American title, has positively announced her intention to compete.

Miss Cummings has been playing on the coast the greater part of the winter and is close to the peak of her game. Recently in one of the big California tournaments she avenged her defeat of earlier in the season at the hands of Marion Hollins, by defeating the former title holder in a very easy fashion.

The route for good. This cable scow would be much the better this year for a coat of paint. She looks very shabby and needs attention. A new scow is being built at Perry's Point under Harry Gilbert's supervision.

The service which was given last year could not be performed again this year.



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**Easter Shirts**

Beautiful Silk Broadcloths in tan, white, mauve, blue, grey, separate soft collar, \$4.00, \$5.00.

**Easter Hats**

Easter demands a new Hat—you want a hat in keeping with the rest of your apparel. At the same time it must suit your personality. Years of experience have taught us discriminate care in assisting you to choose such a Hat. Mallory, Borsalino, \$7.50. Others \$4.95 and up.

**Shoes for Easter**

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