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MONCTON IN THE CROKER WILL CASE

Allegation That Wife Once Lived There in Former Marriage

Denial That She was Ever Wedded Other Than to Former Chieftain of Tammany Hall, New York—Hearing in Dublin.

Dublin, May 31—Further details in the Croker case came out in the appeal court yesterday, in connection with the allegation of Mrs. Ethel C. White, daughter of the late Richard Croker, that Bula Croker was already married to Guy R. Marone, and concealed this fact when she went through the marriage ceremony with the former Tammany chieftain.

Wm. Jellette, counsel for Mrs. White, applied for an order which would adjudge as competent evidence those particulars which Mrs. White had already submitted to substantiate her allegation.

Mr. Croker's counsel had challenged these particulars on the grounds that they were based on hearsay and did not name the specific time and place of the alleged marriage.

Attorney Jellette said he proposed to prove the marriage with Marone by evidence of admissions by the parties, by evidence of general repute, and by co-habitation. The particulars allege the marriage to Marone at Northampton, Mass., in September, 1911, the residence there together of the parties until Sept. 1918, and subsequently at Moncton, N. B., and other places at present unknown, but the exact place and the date of the ceremony were not given.

Sergeant Hanna, attorney for Bula Croker, contended the date and place of the alleged ceremony should be supplied. He said Mrs. Croker had made an affidavit denying she had lived with Marone anywhere or with anyone except Richard Croker, Sr.

The Court of Appeal held it had no jurisdiction with regard to the points raised and that they must be brought before the judge at the will trial, opening today.

CONSIDERS THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE CLOSING

Some Question as to Provincial Government's Attitude in the Matter—Correspondence Presented at Council Meeting Today.

The situation in connection with the proposed closing of the offices of the Federal Employment Service in St. John, Moncton and Chatham seems to become more involved daily and some rather contradictory correspondence is contained in the file which Mayor Fisher is accumulating on the matter.

The first intimation that the N. B. offices might be refused further federal support was reported to have followed the conclusion of the Federal Minister of Labor that the Provincial Government was not in favor of their continuance.

Mayor Fisher brought the matter up at this morning's committee meeting of the council and, besides the original correspondence, read a letter from Premier Veniot in which he said that, if the offices were discontinued in the province, the Provincial Government would accept no responsibility.

The Mayor said he had no official communication from Ottawa of the intention to close the offices, other than copies of correspondence between the Minister of Labor and Premier Veniot.

Commissioner Bullock expressed the opinion that the Mayor should take the matter up direct with the minister. He understood that the proposed action followed some difficulties in the Moncton office and he did not see why St. John should suffer on that account.

No action was decided upon.

OPERA HOUSE IS BURNED; MANY DIE IN RUSH TO EXITS

Helsingfors, Finland, May 31.—The Petrograd Opera House was burned last night and many in the audience were killed during a panic-stricken rush for the exits, according to a Central News despatch received here.

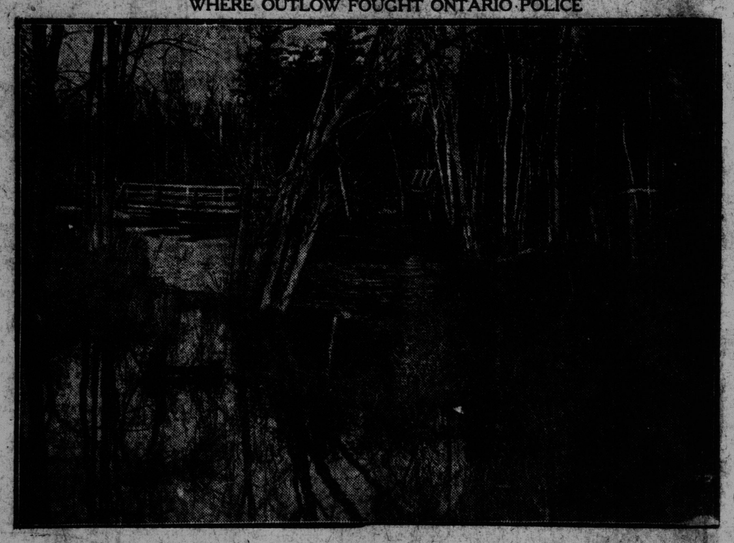
BANK CLEARINGS.

St. John bank clearings this week were $2,752,956; last year, $2,538,906; in 1921, $2,773,513; for May $12,342,022; last year $14,208,302. In Moncton the clearings this week were $1,026,667; for May, $5,405,846. In Halifax the figures were $3,925,174 for this week and $15,541,568 for the month.

POLICE COURT.

Two men charged with drunkenness this morning were remanded.

WHERE OUTLOW FOUGHT ONTARIO POLICE



The little bridge near North Bay, Ontario, where the gun fight between Leo Rogers, escaped desperado, and the constables who were pursuing him, took place. Constable Lefebvre was killed.

Sensational Death Of Rogers, Desperado

Land Party Gets Him as He Watches a Police Launch

About to Dash Into Swamp, Shots Bring Ontario Outlaw Down—Police Get Word of Him from Farmer at Whose House He Asks for Revolver.

(Canadian Press.)

North Bay, Ont., May 31.—The end of a two weeks chase for Leo Rogers, who escaped from the Kingston penitentiary, came at Nipissing Village, near North Bend, Ont., yesterday when the desperado was shot to death by a police posse put on his trail by Allan Johnson, a farmer who saw Rogers land a skiff near his home. He was identified through field glasses by a member of the police party and a fusillade was immediately commenced. Two bullets struck the fugitive, one passing through his heart.

Following the shooting to death of Sergt. Urquhart at the home of Rogers' father in North Bay, early yesterday morning, the fugitive got through the encircling squad of police and crossed Lake Nipissing in a stolen boat. For days the police had been getting reports of Rogers having been seen in various parts of the province but with the desperado's reappearance in this vicinity, they were at once able to concentrate their activity here and pressed hard after him.

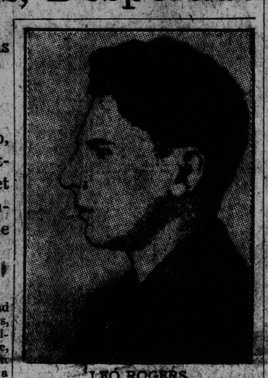
Additional details of Rogers' death indicate that at six o'clock yesterday morning a strange man carrying a rifle called at the home of Alex Johnston, a farmer living at Nipissing Village, across the lake from here.

"I am looking for Rogers he is a pretty dangerous man," said the stranger. "Can you give me a revolver?" On being told they had no revolver, the stranger left without asking for breakfast.

Mr. Johnston walked eight miles to the nearest telephone and notified the police of the appearance of the stranger. The police were at once rushed to the place by various routes, that under Inspector Storie and Hammond going direct by land to the village, while another squad started across the lake by motor boat.

Soon after 6 p.m. Inspector Storie saw through his binoculars the figure of Rogers at the water front. At the beach nearby were a canoe and motor boat he had stolen. Rogers was watching with apparent uneasiness the movements of a tug in the distance and a police launch still far out in the lake.

Inspector Storie and his men dropped to the ground and started to crawl towards the fugitive. They approached to within 30 yards of the unsuspecting man, who had built a small breastwork of branches from which he could have fired at the launch unseen. He had been running back and forth between the trees and the lake as the police crept along but had stopped to remove his shoes and rubbers and pull on a pair of waders, obviously with the intention of dashing through the swamp.



LEO ROGERS.

One of the squad fired. The bullet struck the sand at Rogers' feet. He leaped and ran. Other shots were fired at the instant and he fell. Fearing he was shamming, the police pushed slowly and watchfully toward him through the tangled bushes. When they arrived he was gasping for his last breath. The place was so inaccessible that it was nearly two hours before word reached North Bay.

Rogers first went to the penitentiary for shopbreaking at North Bay.

REV. BENJAMIN HILLS IS DEAD

Former President of the N. S. Methodist Conference Passes Away in Bermuda.

Halifax, N. S., May 31.—Rev. Benjamin Hills, a native of Halifax and former president of the Nova Scotia Methodist Conference, died yesterday in Hamilton, Bermuda. He was seventy years old and had been retired from the ministry about six years. He was born in Halifax and entered the ministry in 1875, afterward taking the degrees of M. A. and B. D. He was secretary of the Methodist Conference for seven years, the longest period the office had ever been held by the same official. John B. Hills of the local customs staff is a brother, and Mrs. J. F. Swan of Cape Negro, Shelburne county, a sister.

BANDITS FREE MORE PRISONERS

Tien Tsin, May 31.—Hope for the speedy release of all the foreign captives held by the bandits of Paotzuku mountain brightened almost to assurance today with the news that Major R. A. Allen, U. S. A., and W. Smith, of Manchester, Eng., had been freed unconditionally, and that of the prisoners remaining, Major Roland W. Pinger, U. S. A., and Lee Solomon, a U. S. citizen, had been moved to a lower level.

GUNMEN IN NEW YORK SHOT THREE

New York, May 31.—Three men were injured, two perhaps fatally, by gunmen in overnight shooting affrays.

George Ashton, 36, a negro crossing watchman for the Long Island Railway, was shot from a passing automobile when the occupants became angered at finding the gates down. He is not expected to recover.

George Milton, a negro, was shot in his home by Robert Mills, another negro. Two bullets took effect and his condition is serious.

Max Levenberg, pool room owner, resisted two hold-up men and received a bullet wound in his side.

SON OF KAISER WAS IN CANADA FEW DAYS AGO

Winnipeg Paper Reports Adalbert and Wife Traveled from Vancouver to Montreal.

Winnipeg, Man., May 31.—Adalbert Hohenzollern, son of the ex-Kaiser, was in Winnipeg for a very short while a few days, according to the Free Press. He took advantage of the recent lifting of the embargo against the entry of former enemy aliens, into Canada to cross the Dominion. Herr Adalbert was accompanied by his wife who was Princess Adelaide of Sachsen-Meiningen. The paper says they boarded a C. P. R. trans-Canada train at Vancouver and went east as far as Montreal, where they caught connections for New York. Where they had come from they did not say. Where they were going they did not reveal. What they were doing in Canada they did not explain.

"They were not issuing royal commands for newspaper reporters to interview them," says the Free Press.

L. R. Steel Affairs

Winnipeg, Man., May 31.—"The battle is three-quarters won, and we are now in a position to treat with the creditors," declared John Campbell, secretary of the local L. R. Steel stockholders' Protective Association at a meeting last night. He said the trust funds had been 'magnificently subscribed."

Definite figures as to the amount subscribed by the stockholders throughout Canada were not made public, but it is known that the total already is above a million dollars.

When the chain stores have been released from the receivership, it will rest with the stockholders whether or not the Canadian chain is operated apart from the American chain. The question of operation will also come up at that time, and the appointment of a trustee board or board of management.

Total assets of $18,210,686.92 were announced by Mr. Campbell and total liabilities of $1,948,735.52. The amount needed to clear the receivership, Mr. Campbell said, was $562,597. There are approximately 1,500 shareholders in Manitoba.

CYCLIST KILLED BY CAR DRIVEN BY A WOMAN

Ottawa, May 31.—Victor Sorenzen, 39, was killed when knocked off his bicycle by an automobile driven by Mrs. William E. Martin last night. Mrs. Martin was formally placed under arrest by the police but was released on a $8,000 bail. Coroner Salter will open an inquest today.

Mr. Sorenzen, who came from Denmark in 1911 was very well known here and for years had been an enthusiastic cyclist.

GERMAN MARK AT LOWEST TODAY.

New York Puts Them at 70.175 to The Dollar.—Rival Austrian Crown.

New York, May 31—German marks have dropped nearly 2½ points since Tuesday, being quoted on the local foreign exchange market today at .0014¼ cents, or 70,175 to the dollar, a new local record for all time.

The latest weekly statement of the German Reichsbank, published today shows an increase of 473,863,594,000 in the circulation of paper marks. The previous statement showed a total circulation in excess of seven trillion marks.

Today's quotation for the German mark places it almost on a par with the Austrian crown, which has been "pegged" at .0014 cents for several months. Before the war German marks were valued at 23.8 cents each.

On Golf Marathon

San Antonio, Texas, May 31.—Clarence Mangham, professional of the Municipal Golf course, started at 5 o'clock this morning on a golf marathon. He will endeavor to drive the sphere around the course for ten round, or 180 holes, thus breaking the world's record of 169. Mangham, in a test round yesterday, found that he could average a hole every four minutes. This figures up at 72 minutes a round, which will keep him on the links for about twelve hours.

COUNTY COURT.

The county court tomorrow will resume its sessions, taking up the case against William Merritt, charged with theft. On the first trial the jury disagreed.

HEBRIDEANS IN WEST REPORTED DISAPPOINTED

Calgary, May 31.—Some disappointment has arisen at Red Deer over the non provision of free land for the Hebridean settlers who arrived in Canada a few weeks ago, says the Albertan.

The settlers say they were given promises of a refund on transportation, long term payment on land and other inducements. Following an investigation, the Albertan reproduces a letter, signed D. McIntyre, which tells of land and houses being available for the Hebrideans, long term farms and other inducements which are offered prospective settlers. The letter is held by Angus McLeod, one of the settlers.

McIntyre is said to be a brother of Rev. D. McIntyre, who has been acting as agent for the Hebrideans. Of the ninety men who arrived in Red Deer, May 8, there are still 76 unsettled, the newspaper asserts. Many haven't money to buy farms although a few have as much as $5,000.

THE SUICIDE OF JESSE W. SMITH

Golf With Attorney-General Daugherty, Early to Rest; Ends Life in Morning.

Washington, May 31.—Jesse W. Smith, well known in the inner circles of official Washington as the intimate associate and the trusted political lieutenant of Attorney General Daugherty, shot and killed himself yesterday in the hotel apartment occupied by him and the Attorney-General in common for the last two years.

The dead man left behind no word of explanation, but his friends expressed the belief that it was worried over ill-health which led him to end his life. For some time he had suffered from a kidney disorder.

Attorney General Daugherty who had spent Tuesday night at the White House, was not told of the tragedy at once, because of a fear that the shock might react seriously on his health. When he learned of his friend's death, Mr. Daugherty expressed surprise. His grief was evident.

Mr. Smith played golf on Tuesday with the Attorney-General and several other friends. Later he complained of fatigue, but gave no other indication of physical distress. After dining in his apartment with W. F. Martin, special assistant to the Attorney-General, he retired at 9 p.m.

Mr. Martin, who remained in the apartment for the night, was awakened early yesterday morning by the sound of a revolver shot. He rushed into Mr. Smith's bedroom and found him on the floor, with a bullet wound in his temple, and a revolver by his side. Death was instantaneous. A verdict of suicide was returned.

Mr. Smith was an intimate acquaintance of President and Mrs. Harding. He frequently was a White House guest at informal social functions.

WAS AGAINST U. S. GOING INTO WAR

Claude Kitchin, a Former House Democratic Leader, Dead.

Wilson, N. C., May 31.—Representative Claude Kitchen former Democratic leader in the House of Representatives died here today. He was one of a little group of politicians who made strenuous efforts to prevent the U. S. from lining up with the Allies in the Great War. He maintained his stand against warring with Germany to the last.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries R. F. Stupart director of meteorological service.

Synopsis — Pressure continues high from the Great Lakes eastward while the low pressure in the western states and Canadian provinces is becoming more pronounced. Rain has fallen over the larger portion of the western provinces. From Ontario eastward the weather continues fine.

Forecasts:

Fair; a Little Warmer

Maritime—Moderate to fresh north and northeast, fair and cool. Friday moderate winds, fair and a little warmer.

Gulf and North Shore—Light winds, fine and moderately warm today and on Friday.

New England — Fair and slightly warmer tonight and Friday. Moderate northeast winds, becoming variable.

Toronto, May 31.—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday	Lowest night
Prince Rupert	46	50	44
Victoria	44	58	44
Kamloops	50	66	50
Calgary	54	66	46
Edmonton	48	—	—
Prince Albert	54	—	48
Winnipeg	70	72	62
Sault Ste. Marie	54	78	48
Toronto	60	70	48
Kingston	50	70	48
Ottawa	52	74	42
Montreal	50	66	40
Quebec	44	62	38
St. John, N. B.	46	66	40
Halifax	48	54	40
St. Johns Nfld	38	48	36
Detroit	58	74	54
New York	54	76	52

HOLD BILL FOR PROOF OF CHARGES

Allegation in Letter About Liquor Legislation.

M. P.'s Ask for Canadian Customs Officer at New York—Toronto Wants a New Customs House—Motion on Salary Item is Defeated.

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, May 31.—In the House of Commons today a resolution providing for the manufacture and sale of oleo in Canada will be discussed. If time permits, estimates of the department of marine and fisheries and the interior department will be proceeded with. The Senate will sat at 8 p.m.

Yesterday in the House an act to amend the companies act was introduced. Hon. A. B. Copp, secretary of state, said that it was to remove ambiguities in the present act.

Premier King said that legislation based on the report of the royal commission which investigated Great Lake freight rates would be introduced.

W. F. Carroll, Liberal for South Cape Breton, protested against propaganda by representatives of the dairy interests on the subject of oleo, before the standing committee on agriculture. His protest precipitated a discussion which lasted for some time.

The Premier said that it was the intention of the Government to introduce legislation conforming with the request of Manitoba to abolish the grand jury system.

Estimates of the customs and excise department were considered. Several members pressed for the appointment of a Canadian customs officer at New York. Toronto members made a strong plea for a new customs house in Toronto. Several items were carried.

Estimates of the department of agriculture were next taken up. Hon. Arthur Meighen referred to the appointment of Duncan Marshall as special agriculture commissioner to Great Britain on the cattle embargo and other matters as "plainly, obviously and brazenly illegal." A motion to reduce the civil government estimates by the amount of Mr. Marshall's salary was defeated by a vote of 82 to 39.

In the Senate a letter from the Attorney-General of British Columbia to the Solicitor-General of Canada, read by Senator Dandurand, Government leader, resulted in holding up second reading of the bill to amend the Canada Temperance Act, so as to prohibit the importation of liquor into British Columbia by private individuals.

The Attorney-General declared that a tremendous lobby would be carried on against the legislation, that it would be in the hands of Liberals, and that money would be made available for debauching members on both sides of the House. A motion postponing second reading of the bill until the Attorney-General had an opportunity to prove his charges, was carried by a vote of 46 to 24.

DOYLE REPORTS WARNING FROM NORTHCLIFFE

Says London Publisher, from Other World, Urges Spiritual Reform to Save the World.

San Francisco, May 31.—Sir Conan Doyle says he has had a message from Lord Northcliffe's spirit, saying that only a wave of spiritual reform can save the world from plunging headlong into a catastrophe which will make the world war seem insignificant.

"The American people," Lord Northcliffe's message said, "are too busy. That was the mistake I made in my lifetime. I was too busy then but I understand now that wisdom is lost in the scramble for material progress. When men lose wisdom they invite disaster."

Sir Arthur declared that he also has received other messages from the spiritual world which verified the statements made by Lord Northcliffe's spirit. Some even have gone so far as to predict that the disaster will descend during his lifetime, Sir Arthur said.

Against Home Study

Toronto, May 31.—The Brown Home and School Association, comprising about 425 parents, came out definitely against the query, "Are you in favor of home work for public school pupils?" Out of some 255 replies 114 gave an emphatic "No!" amplifying the answer with a diversity of reasons. However, the majority of the opinions seemed to be that the mental development of the children was vitally dependent on the physical development, and that the hours after school should be spent in recreation, relaxation and rest. On the other hand, one mother declared it was her firm belief that home lessons should be part of every family's evening programme, and another that they formed a valuable link between the home and the school.

MELBA MAY SEEK ELECTION TO THE BRITISH COMMONS

London, May 31 — Mme. Nellie Melba, prima donna, contemplates seeking election to the British Parliament, but has not yet made a definite decision because she is still convalescing after a recent operation.

"The idea has been suggested to me," the famous singer said to the Daily Mirror, "and I am not opposed to it. After all I can speak well and I have a few brains.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to The Times reporter, after he had removed his mittens, his muffler and his ear-tabs, "Hanner told me las' night I orto be gittin' a noo straw hat—but I guess I'll git a furlined coat an' a pair o' overshoes."

"A wise move," said the reporter. "Let me have your mittens for a few minutes. I want to warm my fingers—so that I can write a short article on our glorious summer climate — thanks — awfully good of you."

"Why don't you jist dig up what you writ about last winter?" queried Hiram.

"You mean this winter," corrected the reporter—"same old winter."

"I guess you're right," said Hiram.—"Same old winter. What's that feller goin' up north fer to find out if the's another glacial period comin'? Aint it right here now? I hed to git the axe to break the ice on the water-pail out in the porch this mornin'."

"Hiram," chided the reporter, "you wouldn't want me to print that yarn as coming from you—would you?"

"Yes, sir," said Hiram, "an' if anybody don't believe it I'll show 'em the axe—By Hen!"

FORD WILL RUN, SAYS ASSOCIATE

Duff Quotes Edsel on Father's Willingness.

Is Asked to Give His Views on Finance—Hearst Support Said to Hurt Auto King, But Boom Has a Solid Basis.

Wichita, Kan., May 30.—Henry Ford will be a candidate for the presidential nomination. Edsel Ford has said so, according to Hezekiah N. Duff of Lansing, Mich., close friend and business associate of the Fords, who was in Wichita on business this week.

In conversation with a banker Mr. Duff said: "Yes, I was talking with Edsel just before I left for Wichita. Edsel says his father is seriously considering going into the race and actually intends to stand for nomination." Mr. Duff is executive officer of the Michigan securities commission, a state board corresponding to the Kansas blue sky board.

New York, May 30.—Henry Ford has been invited to present his views on finance to a group of well-known economists at the convention of the National Monetary Association here June 7, it is announced by John R. Commons, president.

"While we do not wish to give the impression that we sanction Mr. Ford's ideas," said Mr. Commons, "we do wish to have a full discussion of the money problem, and would like to have his views. He has been asked to speak on the stabilization of price levels, and inflation and deflation with its bearing on the present building trades difficulty."

Washington, May 30.—The Ford-for-President boom, now recognized by politicians as a going concern, caused much discussion in Washington; but was not productive of any illuminating reaction, one way or the other. The fact stands out, that the agitation for the Detroit automobile manufacturer's nomination for President by the Democratic party is not a mere flash in the pan, but has a solid foundation of public sentiment and must be taken into consideration by Democratic leaders.

Ford sentiment in this part of the country is not strong, according to political observers. But in the West and some parts of the South he will have a considerable following as soon as the political effort in his behalf gets well under way. What eastern following he has, it is said, is among working men and women in large industrial centres who have been impressed by the high minimum wage which he pays his employes.

The opinion was expressed here that the indorsement of Ford as an independent candidate for President by William Randolph Hearst was likely to do Ford's chances more harm than good. As a third party leader, Mr. Hearst is not regarded as a success. Should Mr. Hearst seek to create Ford sentiment through his many newspapers he may find that his espousal of Ford's cause does not appeal to the radical element whose co-operation would be necessary in the formation of a third party worthy of the name. At least, that is the view which seems to be held by some political observers.

Some evidence of the opposition to the Ford-for-President proposal among eastern Democrats was furnished today by the comment of Senator Edward I. Edwards, former governor of New Jersey, who defeated Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, Republican, in the elections of last November.

"Why, he's no Democrat," exclaimed Senator Edwards when he was asked as to his opinion of the Ford boom. "We don't want him and we won't have him. He is just like what Hoover was in 1920. Hoover didn't know what party he belonged to, and no more does Ford today. Does anyone know whether he is a Democrat or a Republican? Let him run on a third ticket if he wants to. I guess that's where he belongs."

TENNIS CHAMPION CANCELS SOME DATES

Paris, May 31.—Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, who has heart trouble, has cancelled all tennis engagements until August with the exception of the Wimbledon and French championships.

RUTH HELPS WITH TWO HOME RUNS

Yankees Return After a Record Tour.

Increase Lead Over the Athletics as Latter are Beaten Twice--Meet Red Sox Today—Siki Refuses $10,000 Offer, and Says No More Bouts Outside Continent.

(Canadian Press)

New York, May 31.—With the American League eastern teams returning to their home lots and the National easterners starting the western invasion today, the Yankees, still well at the top of their list, returned home with the best record ever hung up by a Yankee team on an out-of-town assignment. They will start their home tenure against the Boston Red Sox today.

The American League champions captured 17 of 20 games played against four western and two eastern teams. They lost only one series during the trip, that to Philadelphia, winning one of three games. The Yanks made a clean sweep of the other series with the exception of Detroit, the Tigers taking one game of four.

The Yankees widened the gap between themselves and the second place Philadelphia Athletics by winning both of yesterday's double-headers at Washington 6 to 4 and 9 to 5. The Athletics lost their stride when the lowly Bostonians whipped them twice, 6 to 5 and 6 to 2. Babe Ruth aided the Yankees with home runs in each game, and Wally Pipps, New York first sacker, did his best by hitting safely in his twentieth consecutive game.

Cleveland narrowed the gap between the Indians and the second place Athletics by dividing its double-header with Chicago, taking the afternoon game 7 to 2 and losing in the morning 7 to 6.

The fighting Tigers broke even on the day by defeating St. Louis in the second game 4 to 3, pitcher Dauss hitting in the winning run. St. Louis took the morning game 10 to 2.

In the National League the champion New York Giants halted the Brooklyn Dodgers, well up in third place, by taking the second game of the day, 9 to 6. Brooklyn won the first tilt, 5 to 2, its third victory for the series. Jimmy O'Connell, whose sale by San Francisco cost the Giants $75,000, helped himself to his third home run of the season in the afternoon game.

The Pirates drew closer to the Giants by taking both contests from Chicago 5 to 4 and 10 to 2.

Cincinnati beat St. Louis twice, 4 to 2 and 5 to 0, and Philadelphia did the same for Christy Mathewson's Boston Braves 9 to 3 and 6 to 1. The first game went eleven innings.

Siki Declines Rickard Bid.

Paris, May 31.—Battling Siki has refused an offer of $10,000 cabled him by Tex Rickard for a bout with Kid Norfolk late in July or early in August. The reason advanced for the refusal is that Siki is to meet Marcel Nilles in Paris on July 8, but the Senegalese confided to his friends that he would never again fight outside of continental Europe. He believes he was unjustly treated when he met Mike McTigue in Dublin.

FASCISTI UNDER FIRE IN ITALY

Criticism by Deputy—Another Member Attacked and Seriously Wounded in Dark Street.

London, May 31.—Criticisms to which Fascismo in Italy is now being subjected by its friends have received support from Signor Giunta, deputy of Trieste, who, according to a Rome despatch to the Morning Post has published a striking article in which he complains that "the Fascist party is giving evident proofs of its decadence and is corrupting and sterilizing itself."

"The people," the writer adds, "are following a policy of Mussolinismo, not Fascismo, a dangerous game, and our chief should be aware of this danger."

Disavowing any insubordination to Mussolini, Deputy Giunta says "it is better to recognize our own bad points ourselves than to see them served up in piquant sauce by our adversaries."

London, May 31.—A Rome despatch to The Times describes an attack on Deputy Misuri, a former Fascisti, who yesterday in the chamber of deputies made an eloquent appeal to Premier Mussolini to return to normal constitutional methods.

While Misuri was walking late last night in a dark and narrow street he received a blow on the back of the head, rendering him almost unconscious. He was then attacked by several assailants and so severely wounded as to necessitate his removal to a hospital, where his condition was pronounced serious.

A young officer of the Fascisti militia was arrested on the charge of taking part in the attack. He informed the police that he and others challenged Misuri to make an explanation of his speech in the chamber. Misuri, however, denies this, declaring that he was attacked from behind, without warning.

At the opening of the chamber today the president strongly deplored such violence, while Deputy Acerbo, on behalf of the Government, said that energetic steps would be taken to bring the offenders to justice.