

BRINGING UP FATHER

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TONY DEFAE AND HANFORD ACCEPT TERMS IN OMAHA

Shortstop From St. Paul and Outfielder From Richmond Sign Rourke Contracts; Both Stars.

Clyde Defae, infielder, and Charles Hanford, outfielder, have signed Omaha base ball club contracts, according to announcement by Manager Bill Jackson. Defae comes from the St. Paul club. He was in the Western league with Topeka two years ago and made a good impression with Omaha fans during his engagements in this city. He is a fast fielding shortstop and a good hitter. Defae went to the big show from Topeka and he was considered such a good prospect the St. Louis Browns and the Detroit Tigers got into a fight over his services. St. Louis had possession and kept him until a National commission decision was made. Detroit received the verdict and Defae accordingly was sent to the Tigers. The Tigers shipped him to St. Paul shortly afterwards. Apparently, the scrap over his services had a bad effect on Defae, for he began to slip and St. Paul offered to trade him and Boardman, a south-paw hurler, to Omaha for Marty Krug.

Krug Joins Army. Then Louisville refused to give waivers on Boardman and the deal was held up. And now Marty Krug has advised that he is about to join the army and will not report to St. Paul or any place else this year. So that deal was called off entirely. But St. Paul released Defae to Omaha anyhow, so Jackson has a star shortstop in his infield. Defae is only a youngster. He is an Italian and his nickname is Tony. Jackson believes he will be a star in the Western this year as he was two years ago with Topeka and that he will earn another trial under the big tent.

Hanford Ex-Fed. Hanford is a veteran outfielder and an ex-Federal. He comes from Richmond of the now defunct International league. In all his career, Hanford has played less than class AA ball only once. That was two years ago when he played the last part of the season under Jackson at Peoria and helped Peoria win a flag. Hanford was one of the first players to jump to the Feds and he was a regular in that organization all during its short career. He is a long slugger and a fancy outfielder and Jackson says he will be one of the best in the league this year.

MEN FROM CAMP DODGE REACH FRENCH FRONT Des Moines, March 29.—(Special Telegram).—The first contingent of soldiers from Camp Dodge to be sent to France has arrived safely, according to word received here today. The men were a part of a regiment of engineers transferred from Camp Dodge soon after Christmas. The regiment will be engaged in construction work. The men were from Minnesota and a few from Iowa. About 100 Camp Dodge men are in the regiment.

COLUMBIA SOCIETY HALL CLOSED UNTIL AFTER WAR Norfolk, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram).—The Columbia society hall was marked in big red letters Friday morning and a sign reading "Closed Till After the War" was nailed across the door. The hall formerly was known as the German hall. The society changed its name recently from the Landwehr Verein to the Columbia society.

Sandlotter Goes Up. Frank Mullane, a 21-year-old Minneapolis product, will get his first trial in fast company this season. Mullane has been signed by the Milwaukee club of the American association and will try for second base. He is a graduate of the sandlots. He batted around .450 last season and fielding in sensational style.

St. Louis Comes Back. After considerable lay-off of the boxing game, St. Louis has come back stronger for the sport. The Mound City promoters are staging A-1 bouts, and the scrappers are coping some big money.

Yanks Great in Spring. Word came from Macon that the Yankees are killing the ball, circling drives being as plentiful as pickininnies watching the pasture. But the Yanks always were great hitters—in Macon in the spring.

"Amateur" Again. Sometimes it is called the National Amateur Hockey league and at other times the National Hockey league. Perhaps the "amateur" stuff is applied to some of our hockey performances is puzzling to the scribes.

FRENCH MAINTAIN JUNCTION BETWEEN ALLIED ARMIES BY GREAT FIGHT; RETIRE SLOWLY

(By Associated Press.) With the French Armies in France, March 29.—Fresh German troops were thrown today against the French army maintaining the junction between the French and British lines, and notwithstanding the determined stand made by the French, they were forced to retire toward the west, the Germans breaking through at Montdidier and occupying that place. Further south, the French held well, resisting all the German efforts. In the rear of the French army the movements were so intense that it was impossible to approach the firing line. Notwithstanding the continued advance of the Germans the battle has become more or less stabilized in the last two days. The French are pushing northward in order to keep in close touch with the British, who had been forced back by overwhelming numbers.

FRENCH RELIEVE BRITISH. French troops have relieved part of the British line. Nothing as yet has been allowed to develop regarding the intentions of the entente allied commanders, but it is certain that at an opportune moment they will make a counter stroke. The general idea of the battle as far as it goes shows that the Germans chose to make their principal attack against the British front. At the same time they made a demonstration just where the two armies, French and British, join. The Germans succeeded in making a breach in the British line, which the French forces closed, first sending cavalry to fill the gap. The Germans had carefully prepared for this offensive, whole divisions and army corps rehearsing the parts they were to play when the moment came.

GERMANS LAUNCH SLAUGHTER. Just before the assault, the British lines were deluged with shells for a short period and with projectiles charged with noxious gases. Then came thick waves of infantry, closely following one another. The first waves, or what remained of them, reached their objectives and held on until further waves came along and cleaned up the islets of British, who were holding out with obstinacy, using for that purpose jets of liquid flame. Reinforcements joined the Germans, and from the captured first British line a murderous fire with rifles, machine guns and automatics was opened on the rear lines of the British. This rain of death was so deadly as to overpower the British reserves, who could not see whence it came and were unable to advance, owing to the severity of this fire.

ATTACK UPON ARRAS OPENS SECOND STAGE OF BATTLE

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER. London, March 29.—(Special Cablegram to Omaha Bee and New York Tribune).—The Germans have begun a new attack in the Arras sector, widening their battle front by another 10 miles. A violent bombardment of the British line, which runs six miles east of this battered French city, preceded the infantry attack. There are three reasons for a drive in this quarter. The German line was beginning to form a rather sharp salient south of Arras. The main enemy attack has been checked in the Albert sector, and he can hope for little progress until the artillery catches up. The enemy evidently believes that the British have withdrawn their troops from the Arras sector to support Haig's army. SECOND STAGE OPENS. The new offensive which opened the eighth day of the battle of Picardy marking the second stage of the colossal struggle in which approximately 2,000,000 soldiers are engaged. The Germans won a considerable success against the French during the night, capturing Montdidier, 11 miles southwest of Roye, an important road and railway center. By making huge forces at the junction of the allied armies the Germans have bore them back so that the French now are occupying the heights to the westward of this ancient town. This necessitates considerable readjustment and brings the enemy dangerously close to the Amiens-Paris line. All reports indicate that the Anglo-French forces are still in alignment and, although their line begins to bulge dangerously southwest of Amiens, the enemy is still far from winning a strategic success. Fresh allied divisions are being rushed into the breach to meet each new attack of the enemy, whose supply of soldiers seems inexhaustible. The French line is being bent back west of Noyon so that the safety of Compiègne is becoming a serious consideration. The advance toward Montdidier measures approximately seven miles. Except north of Beaumont, the enemy has pushed beyond the 1916 line at every point between Arras and Noyon. Hold Natural Defense. The strong natural defenses running from Arras to Albert are held tenaciously by the British, and the road to Amiens, which has been the fringe of the battlefield since von Kluck's occupation of the Marne, promises to offer the Germans many obstacles. Since Saturday night the enemy has been working frantically to advance his artillery which has failed to keep pace with the infantry. By his attack at Arras he hopes to divert the allied reserves from the main front and also to gain time in which to bring up his guns. Uses Grant's Tactics. Ludendorff's tactics are similar to those of Grant before Richmond. It is the first time on the west front that this system has been tried, simply because hitherto no commander has had such colossal forces with which to gamble. It is another proof that the kaiser is making his final effort of the war.

Wielding the Hammer

By FRED S. HUNTER. BASE BALL might just as well prepare to warble its swan song. The national commission has awarded to Portland the services of one Player Le despite the protest of Cleveland. Any time the national commission gives a decision in favor of a minor league club over a major league club, base ball is on its way with never a chance to come back. Seeing Them Coming. THE Baltimore police have refused to permit the Willard-Fulton fight in the Maryland metropolises. Apparently the Baltimore police have cut their eye teeth. Playing With Fire. MINNEAPOLIS boxing enthusiasts are trying to get the state laws of Minnesota so doctored as to permit the Willard-Fulton fight in that State. Minnesota will be the next state to slip the ring game a knock-out blow. Inviting Disaster. NO sooner does the International league crawl into its hole and pull the hole in after it than some of the venturesome magnates begin plans for a new International league. The base ball magnate is a funny cuss. As soon as they take one lousy amputation at his bank roll, he draws out his entire bank balance and invites 'em to operate on that too. The Dope. SO far as we can figure out from Hughie Fullerton's dope mathematics nobody has a change to win the pennant in either of the big leagues. Anticipation. WE watch with more or less eagerness each passing day. Before long all of these "John L. Sullivan as I knew him" series will have reached the end. No More Set-Ups. THE supply of truck drivers must be running out. Jack Dempsey had a fight in more than a week.

MARCH ASSURES AMERICA ENEMY CANNOT WIN WAR

U. S. Commander Expresses Confidence in Ultimate Triumph of Allied Armies.

Washington, March 29.—In a statement tonight Major General March, acting chief of staff, assured the American people that there is no cause for alarm in the advances made by the Germans in the great battle now raging in Picardy, and expressed complete confidence in triumph of the allied armies. General March said: "Whatever may be the present ground held by the Germans; whatever sacrifice of men the situation must entail, the allies will see it through and will win." Late tonight the general still was without word from General Pershing concerning the American troops participating in the battle. General Pershing's report today and tonight dealt entirely with the positions of the opposing forces yesterday, as described in the British and French official statements. EXPECTS COUNTER ASSAULT. Announcement by Field Marshal Haig tonight that the German war machine along the whole British front had been beaten off today with heavy losses, gave new zest to speculation here as the allied counter assault officers feel certain will not long be delayed. War department officials generally appeared to be satisfied that substantial American forces would enter the battle lines with the French when the signal for the counter blow is given. Among the new divisions identified on the German front the War department is advised are four which have been brought back from Russia.

Baltimore Police Refuse to Allow Fulton-Willard Bout Baltimore, March 28.—On the ground that public opinion in this city was against the holding of a heavy-weight prize fight here, the police board today declined to issue a permit for the proposed Willard-Fulton championship bout, for which application had been made earlier in the day. Exhibition Games. Jacksonville, Fla., March 28. R.H.E. Philadelphia Americans ..... 6 2 Pittsburgh Nationals ..... 2 5 1 Miami, Fla., March 28. R.H.E. Philadelphia Nationals ..... 8 16 4 Boston Nationals ..... 8 14 4

Germany Pounces on Roumania's Oil Fields Washington, March 29.—German forces have subjected Roumania to the sacrifices of a conquered province. State department advices today say, now has demanded that the little state turn over all her valuable oil fields to a German-controlled corporation.

International Base Ball Boosters Choose Circuit New York, March 29.—Promoters of the new International Base Ball league met here today to perfect plans and select a desirable circuit from the number of applicants for admission. Organization will be formally completed, it is expected, next Wednesday.

The Wheatless problem solved! Sunshine Oats-a Crackers Made largely from Oats BAKED ONLY BY LOOSE-WILES BISCUIT COMPANY Itching, Scratching, Skin Diseases That Burn Like Flames of Fire Here is a Sensible Treatment That Gets Prompt Results. For real, downright, harrassing discomfort, very few disorders can approach so-called skin diseases, such as Eczema, Tetter, Boils, eruptions, scaly irritations and similar skin troubles, notwithstanding the lavish use of salves, lotions, washes, and other treatment applied externally to the irritated parts. No one ever heard of a person being afflicted with any form of skin disease whose blood was in good condition. Therefore, it is but logical to conclude that the proper method of treatment for pimples, blotches,

From Our Near Neighbors

Valley. Mrs. John Fitzgerald was taken to the Nicholas Senn hospital in Omaha Monday for treatment for rheumatism. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor held its annual election of officers Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. G. Kopp. Following are the officers for the coming year: Freda Heimback, president; Ronald Foster, vice president; Rhoda Blomquist, secretary; Marion Monahan, treasurer; and Hazel Fisher, organist. Five new members were added and the meeting was followed by a social evening. Annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church was held at the church Monday night. Financial reports were very satisfactory. Following officers were elected to serve the coming year: John Foster, Henry Heimback and T. E. Olson, elders; Louis Zwiibel, C. F. Timmons, trustees; Mrs. Alex Gardner, treasurer; Nellie Welch, organist; Miss Marie Byars, assistant organist; Mrs. Arma Ingram, Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Allen Macdonald, assistant. Mrs. Ruth Hubbard left home from Grinnell college, Grinnell, Ia., to spend her Easter vacation with her parents. Women's Missionary society held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Macdonald. Wednesday, to assist her sister, Mrs. Holdsworth in packing. Mrs. Holdsworth will leave for Omaha Thursday. Mrs. Anthony Parsons came home from Omaha Wednesday after being at the Nicholas Senn hospital for two weeks taking treatment. She is very much improved in health. A. E. Hubbard, Mrs. Zwiibel and daughter, went to Omaha Thursday. H. Heimback went to Bellevue Thursday to be the guest of Rev. Zimmerman. King's Daughters of the Baptist church gave a party for Mrs. Gus Caldwell Wednesday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Holmer. Rev. Holmer is recovering from the work from Iowa, where he had been assisting with gospel meetings. Papillon. Mrs. H. D. Patterson returned Tuesday from Centerville, S. D., where she had been visiting relatives for the past 10 days. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grabe and family and Miss Eva Kennedy motored to Blair Sunday and spent the week with friends. Miss Blanche Pfing has been employed as assistant in the postoffice, Miss Ruth West having resigned. In district court this week divorces were granted to Mrs. Louise Davis from W. F. Davis, and to Mrs. M. J. Davenport from Charles Melvin Davenport. G. S. Empey and Miss Frances Empey of Reno, heads of stock of Mrs. G. P. Miller the first of the week. Mrs. George Beadle and Mrs. May Ham of South Omaha were guests of Mrs. L. M. Beadle the first of the week. In the war savings stamp drive Papillon subscribed \$21,000, which was \$2,000 above the quota assigned.

Bill Brennan Fight Champ Of New York Cantonment Bill Brennan and Tex Kelly, professional boxers, are divisional champions at Camp Upton in the middleweight and heavyweight divisions. Brennan defeated Pat Hines, 306th infantry. Brennan belongs to the 304th machine gun battalion. Kelly defeated Al Kaufman, upholding the 306th infantry. Benny Leonard, instructor at the camp, refereed the bouts. Zulu Kid Tips Hand. The Zulu Kid has tipped his hand. No honest-to-goodness Zulu could be so tame as the New York brawler has shown himself in his recent bouts.

Today's Sport Calendar \* Bench Shows—Annual show of bulldog club of Canada at Montreal. Automobile—Anna show at Hartford (Conn.) Automobile Dealers' association. Tennis—National indoor championships, singles and doubles, begin in New York. Swimming—National A. A. U. championships at Detroit. Gymnastics—Metropolitan A. A. U. championships, New York City. Racing—Close of winter meeting of Cuban-American jockey club at Havana. Boxing—Bill Tate against Kid Cotton, six rounds, at Philadelphia.

JAPANESE SHIPS IN EXCHANGE FOR STEEL FROM U. S.

Under Agreement Between Nations Twelve Steamers of 100,000 Tons Capacity to Fly U. S. Flag.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 29.—Under the agreement between the United States and Japanese ship builders, 12 big steamers of about 100,000 tons dead weight capacity, soon will be brought under the American flag in return for supplies of steel. In formally announcing the agreement tonight the War Trade board let it be known that through negotiations now in progress it hopes to have Japanese builders turn over 200,000 tons of new construction with steel furnished by the United States. The board issued this statement: "Arrangements have now been made as a result of the negotiations between the United States and Japanese ship builders for the purchase of 12 Japanese ships of approximately 100,000 tons dead weight capacity, which will be added to the fleet of the United States Shipping board within the next few months. All of the vessels are large modern steamers of 6-000 tons or over with one exception and none over two years old. Some indeed are still awaiting completion. To Begin in May. "Deliveries of the ships at American ports are to begin not later than May, and to be finished in September, a progressively higher price per ton to be paid according to the month of delivery as a premium on early deliveries. "In return for the sale of the ships the War Trade board has agreed to deliver to the Japanese ship builders a corresponding amount of steel for ship building, ton for ton against delivery of the ships. "Further negotiations are in progress to secure from Japanese ship builders 200,000 additional tons of new construction, the ships to be built in return for new steel placed at the disposal of the builders by the War Trade board. Recent editorials in such papers as the Jiji Shimpo of Tokio, show an encouraging disposition in regard to the furnishing of tonnage for allied war needs.

Advertisement for Shirley's Clothes Shop. Features a man in a suit and text: 'SHIRLEY'S Clothes Shop M. Sundheimer Mgr. An Exhibit of— Spring Suits for Men and Young Men After months' preparation our spring exhibit is now ready for your inspection. Here you will find the most complete line of suits ever shown. A wonderful assortment of the latest fashions. Every garment correct in style, carefully tailored, and the fabrics so thoroughly dependable that your absolute satisfaction is certain. Prices \$12.50 to \$25 Range. New Suit Without Charge if This Proves Unsatisfactory. SHIRLEY'S Clothes Shop 109 S. 16th St. Omaha, Neb. PILES FISTULA CURED R. E. R. TARRY - 240 Bee Bldg., Omaha, Neb.