

# St. Louis Club Takes Lead in National League Pennant Race

## Cards Win from Boston and Reds Beat New York

Missouri Entry Is a Game and a Half Ahead of the Giants in Heated Race.

New York, July 22.—The St. Louis Cardinals went into first place in the National league today as a result of defeating Boston, 9 to 8, while New York lost to Cincinnati, 3 to 2. St. Louis has a lead of a game and a half over the Giants. In the percentage column the teams stand: St. Louis, .629; New York, .612.

## Baseball Will Some Day See Foreign Circuit

U. S. Pastime Makes Remarkable Strides on Alien Soil—Japan Only Nation Taking Game Seriously Now.

Baseball fans of the uprising generation undoubtedly will live to see a league of nations which will not need a pulmotor to keep it alive and which will be equipped to enforce its own rules, especially if former Judge Landis partakes of the fountain of youth and lives to be high commissioner of Uncle Sam's favorite sport after it becomes an international pastime.

Growth of the American game on alien soil has been rapid in the last few years but so far only other nationalities have developed players of sufficient expertise to compete on anything like an even basis with American teams. That statement does not include Canadians, who dwell in a different domain, but are so nearly first cousins that baseball comes as natural to them as to the youth on this side of the boundary line.

Cuba and Mexico, although distinct in political government, belong to the same nationality from a racial and lingual standpoint and have shown great adeptness to baseball, although the game has progressed farther and faster in the latter republic.

Japan, so far, is the only so-called minor nation that has taken up the American game seriously, and already has progressed so fast that its teams have made good contests out of games with amateur and semi-professional performers of this country.

England Next to Adopt Game  
England will be the next great nation to adopt the diamond pastime, and indications are that the Britons are looking with more favor on baseball since the war than at any time previous to it. Indications are that prominent citizens of the British isles will shortly foster a movement to introduce the public over there to our game under more favorable auspices than heretofore. Uncle Sam's doughboys and gobs were better fighters than ball players, and the only opportunity the English stay at homes have had to see baseball performed by experts has been through the infrequent tours abroad of American professional aggregations.

Englishmen who have come to the United States to live have developed into ardent baseball fans in many instances. No less a personage than Sir Arthur Conn Doyle is the latest convert to the American pastime, and unless he backslides, has promised to endeavor to interest sportsmen of the United Kingdom in some method of importing sufficient talent from the United States to teach Britons the game.

For centuries Englishmen have made cricket their national game, but Sir Arthur declares that is an old man's game, far less interesting to the youth of the nation than baseball will prove in his opinion. What Sir Arthur did not add is that cricket is something of a "gentleman's game," while baseball is the greatest leveler of classes and masses ever invented. The reddest necked graduate of the open lots may attain a higher salary than the president of the United States, if he can become a diamond hero.

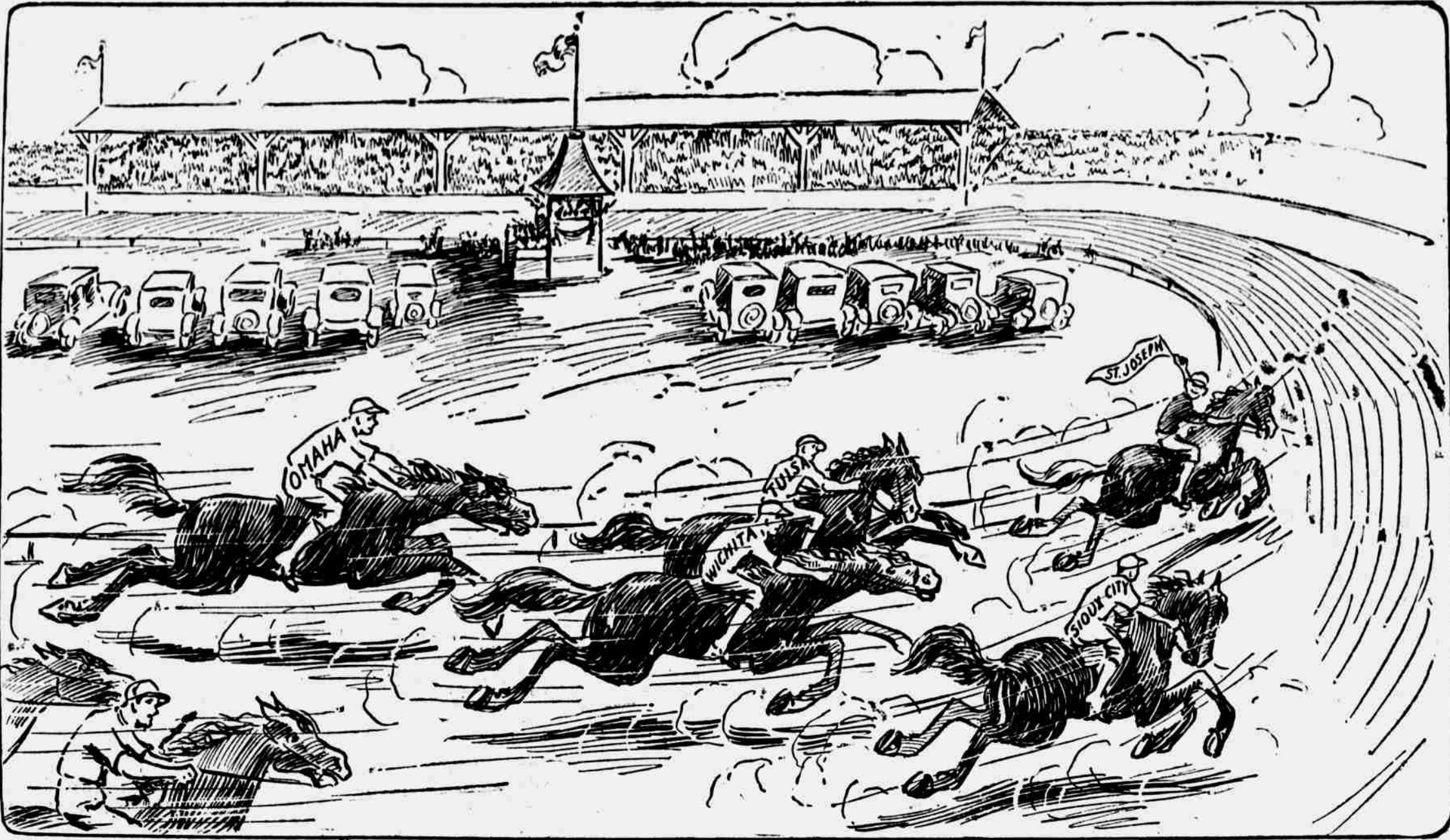
Windsor Meet Opens.  
Windsor, Ontario, July 22.—More than a score of the best known runners on the turf have been nominated for the international handicap, feature event of the opening today of the Kenilworth Jock club season here. The event carries a purse of \$10,000 and among the entries are nearly all the notable runners that contested for the Frontier handicap featuring the Windsor Jockey club opening a week ago.

## Nebraska Lad Beats World's Champion Horseshoe Pitcher

SHENANDOAH, Ia., July 22.—(Special)—In an exhibition match played at this place, Eliza Ray, 17-year-old farmer lad, defeated Frank Jackson, world's champion horseshoe pitcher of Blocton, Ia., 5 games out of 11. Each game was for 50 points and Ray won the first five, Jackson taking the next five. The rub game was won by Ray.

During the 11 games Ray threw 335 ringers, of which 74 were doubles, while Jackson threw 321 ringers, of which 70 were doubles.

## Giddap, Omaha, or You'll Be an Also Ran



## New York Clubs Strong Because of Expenditures

Cards and Browns Represent Wise Conservatism in Baseball Purchases. Declares Writer.

By DAVIS J. WALSH.  
New York, July 22.—If either or both of the St. Louis entries should head the Giants or Yankees at the end of the major league pennant races, it will be a triumph of conservative building over commercial frenzy.

The St. Louis clubs have cost their respective owners nothing in particular beyond a few heartaches in former years; the Giants and Yankees are an ensemble of baseball prima donnas, almost prohibitive in price.

Consider the present Giab roster, for example. Heinie Groh is supposed to have separated his owners from a mere matter of \$150,000; Bancroft, \$75,000; Meusel, \$50,000; Nehf and Shinners, \$40,000 each, and Toney, Douglas, Snyder and others well above \$10,000 each.

Ross Gougeon in right field; George Kelly, first baseman; Bill Ryan, the pitcher; Earl Smith, catcher, and Frank Frisch, in the infield, alone are developments of the safe and sane policy.

Ruth Cost \$125,000.

The Yankees? Kindly see J. P. Morgan & Co., without delay. Babe Ruth cost more than \$25,000 before the price of a major league chattel got out of focus. Even before then Frank Baker went under the hammer for \$30,000, while Mays was bought for \$40,000 several years later.

There is no such thing as estimating what Schanley Hoyt, James Scott, Bush, McNally and other former Red Sox cost the Yankees, because they figured in trades where the cash consideration was kept as dark as Kid Norfolk's countenance. Even more recently Whitey Witt escaped from Philadelphia at a cost of \$10,000.

Next we will call the attention of the class to the St. Louis Browns. Shocker, one of the best right handers in baseball, was a gift from the Yankees; Severid, a fine catcher, came up from the minor leagues at the usual rate of exchange; Sisler, greatest player in the game today, was secured from Michigan University for the cost of a free lunch; McManus and Gerber are minor league purchases of slight amount; Ellerbe came in a trade with Washington, and Williams and Jacobson, outfielders, were inexpensive minor leaguers. Pruitt, great young left hander, was an inexpensive collegian.

Tobin Was Expensive.  
Of the entire outfit Johnny Tobin, having been a Federal league star, cost a good round sum because of the rather frantic bidding that prevailed at the time, and Dave Deyforth, the left hander, is supposed to have come from Columbus for a consideration well above \$40,000.

The Cards were assembled at a financial cost similar in proportions. Flack was secured from the Cubs in a "hoss and hoss" trade in which Cliff Heathcote also figured; Jack Smith cost less than \$1,500; the great Hornsby less than \$1,500; Mueller was picked up, merely as a promising minor leaguer, and of the same might be said of Fournier, who had failed to make the riffle with the White Sox and Yankees.

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Empire Moriarty Talks  
His Way Out of a Swim  
There are some people who insist that umpires are not human, have no sense of humor.

The following bit of repartee is offered in rebuttal of such a belief: During a game in St. Louis a friend of Empire George Moriarty invited him down to the Missouri Athletic club to enjoy a swim.

Now it so happens that Moriarty, despite the fact that he is an all-around athlete, is unable to swim. After thanking his friend for the kind invitation and expressing his regrets at being unable to accept because of a previous engagement, he remarked:

"Perhaps it is just as well, because I swim like paralysis."  
"How is that?" asked the much puzzled friend.

"One stroke and I'm through," answered Moriarty.

\$100,000 Playfellow Verdict Affirmed  
New York, July 22.—The appellate division of the supreme court today unanimously affirmed the verdict for \$100,000 in favor of Harry F. Sinclair, proprietor of the Ranocas stables, against James H. Johnson, owner of the Quincey stables in the Playfellow case. It was understood Johnson will seek permission to carry the case to the court of appeals.

## Tris Speaker to Be Honored by Folks at Home

Hubbard City Honors Its Famous Son by Voting Him a Life Membership in Chamber of Commerce.

By I. E. SANBORN.

There is one "prophet" who is not without honor in his own country. He is a professional baseball player, named Tris Speaker, and his home town in Texas, called Hubbard City, does not intend to let the silver-haired veteran receive all his honors from other communities.

Life membership without cost or dues, in the Hubbard City chamber of commerce probably would not be considered a distinctive honor by any other of the great personages of the generation, but to Tris Speaker it doubtless means as much as his fellow citizens intended it. For Tris always has been a great booster for his native state and his native city. Unlike many another man who has achieved renown, Speaker never has felt the call of the big cities, except as a battlefield.

But for Tris, Hubbard City might never have become famous and in recognition of that fact and appreciation of its talented son, its business men have written his name as permanently into the home town's "hall of fame" as Speaker has inscribed it on the tablets of baseball history.

It has been said the small communities feel greater pride in their heroes than the large ones do. That may be true on a per capita basis, because so many more folks know their fellow townsmen intimately in a small place than in a big one. But the larger cities give their great ball players a bigger volume of admiration because of their numerical superiority.

All of which makes it pertinent to ask why the club owners of the American league do not add an expensive annex to their new hall of fame by presenting to the native town or city of each player who wins the "best player" trophy some permanent evidence of that fact? It could take the form of a simple metal tablet inscribed with the name of the native son and the date. By displaying this in a suitable public place the "old home town" could do itself and its hero a lasting honor.

The thought behind the American league's trophy scheme is to show appreciation of great ability coupled with true sportsmanship on the green diamond by something more uncommon and more permanent than dollars, no amount of which ever can repay men like Speaker—to name only one of many—for what they have given to and done for the nation's pastime.

Wade Beats Harris.  
Burlington, Ia., July 22.—Sammy Wade, pitcher of Pin, Ill., defeated Johnny Harris of Omaha, in eight rounds here last night.

## Griffith and Engel on "Ivory" Hunting Trip-- Will Be Here Two Days

Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, and his king pin scout, Joe Engel, blew into Omaha this morning.

Griffith and Joe are on an ivory hunting expedition and Joe has told his boss so much about certain individuals who wear Buffalo livery that the American league magnate came here to cast his optics on them. This afternoon Joe and his good natured boss were to be guests of Barney Burch at Western league park.

"My, how this town has grown," exclaimed Griffith, as he explained that this is his first visit here since 1890, when he was playing with Milwaukee in the Western association. "Omaha sure had a ball club that year," said Griffith, reminiscently. "If I remember right they copped the pennant. And say, there were five players who went to the National league that year. One of them was Kid Nichols. What a pitcher he was. I saw him at Milwaukee the other day. He is with a railroad. Has a good position."

"Back in the days of the old Western association Omaha was 'some' baseball town. The Western was the leading minor league at that time."

Griffith said he would be in Omaha several days. He was joined at Chicago last night by Engel, who has been exploring the coast leagues for diamond talent.

They are stopping at the Fontaine. In a corner of the room was a bag of golf clubs.

Joe saw his interviewer giving them the "once over."

"Do you play golf," he asked eagerly. Answered in the affirmative, Griffith immediately hurled a challenge for 18 holes. It was evident that he has an incurable case of golfitis.

The Washington owner said the object of the extensive rook hunting expedition he has planned is to build for the future.

## Weismuller Victor in National Meet

New York, July 2.—Johnny Weismuller of the Illinois Athletic club, easily won the National A. A. U. 440-yard open water swim today in a field of five at Brighton Beach, but failed to equal the record of 2:07.45 he recently established at Honolulu. Weismuller finished 50 yards ahead of the field in 5:10.

Thomas Blake, Los Angeles, new American long distance champion, was second, 15 yards ahead of Lee Jarvin, Dallas, Tex., southern champion, who barely defeated James Hall, Brooklyn, former long distance champion, for third place. Weismuller dove into the lead and constantly drew away from the field over the 110-yard course, reaching the halfway mark 15 yards ahead of Jarvin, who began to fall back before the challenge of Blake. The winner swam without exertion and finished in good shape.

Angels Sign Semi-Pro  
Los Angeles, July 22.—Lee Dempsey, local semi-professional first baseman, has been signed by the San Antonio club of the Texas league, it was announced today. The Texas club is said to have ordered Dempsey for the New York Giants, who plan to watch his work with the San Antonio nine and to bring him to the big league next year if he makes good.

## Court Refuses to Block Bout in New Jersey

Supreme Court Justice Denies Reform Element's Application for Warrants for Fight Principals.

Jersey City, N. J., July 22.—Supreme Court Justice Swayze today declined to issue warrants for Benny Leonard, Lew Tendler and Tex Rickard, leading figures in the boxing bout scheduled for Boyle's Thirty Acres next Thursday evening.

Herbert C. Gilson, representing Jersey City ministers and the society of New Jersey for the prevention of crime and the promotion of morals, applied for the warrants on the ground that the contest would be a prize fight and violate the state law. In denying also an application to prevent the bout the court held that it had not been shown that the principals had committed any violation of the law and until they had the court could not act.

Knows They'll Fight.  
In presenting his case against the lightweight championship bout, Gilson said:

"It is to be a prize fight. The pictures, tickets and advertisements establish this fact."

The show is to be promoted by George L. Rickard, who was convicted in the federal court. This fight is in direct violation of the laws of New Jersey which forbids decisions. The only way a championship may be won is by a knockout."

When Gilson sought to give the life history of Rickard, the court interrupted.

"You had better confine yourself to the complaint."

"I want to show the character of the promoter," insisted the attorney.

Talked to Benny.  
"However, I have here in my pocket an affidavit of a man who visited Leonard in his training camp. This man talked to Leonard's trainer, who said the odds were three to one that Leonard would knock out Tendler."

"Therefore, there is no sense in calling a bout in which there is to be a knockout a boxing exhibition. I ask that these three men be placed under bail to keep the peace."

In denying the application, Justice Ewazy said:

"It would be foolish for me to pretend that the probabilities are not in favor of your proposition that these men intend to violate the law. I don't doubt that this is their intention and that their preparations have that end in view."

"But I part company with you until some actual crime has been committed. An injunction cannot properly be issued in this case."

Costello, Rooney May Row Against Walter Hoover  
Paul Costello and Tom Rooney are eligible to row against Walter Hoover, world's champion single sculler, on the title race of the national regatta at Philadelphia August 5. All three are familiar with the course and a great race is anticipated.

## Two Gotham Boxers in Critical Condition as Result of Bout

New York, July 22.—Two boxers were in hospitals in the Metropolitan district today, suffering from injuries received in bouts last night.

At Newark, N. J., Jack Crawford, 49-year-old featherweight, collapsed in his dressing room after his eight-round scrap with Tommy Gerard. Since then he has been unconscious and his condition was reported serious today, with a possible skull fracture. The head injury was attributed to the fall in the dressing room, brought on by exhaustion.

Harry White, 22, of Brooklyn, junior lightweight, was injured while sparring with one of his partners in a gymnasium, falling unconscious to the floor of the ring. He, too, has failed to revive and his condition was described as critical. Police have held the sparring partners for investigation.

## Herman High in Swat Race

A new Buffalo performer is on top on the batting heap in the Western league. He is "Babe" Herman, outfielder. In 59 games Herman has collected 87 hits, giving him an average of .439.

Williams of Sioux City is close on his heels with an average of .415 for 51 games.

But in consistent hitting over the full Western league derby, Fisher of St. Joseph continues to hold sway with a .397 average, while Manush, Omaha third sacker, is

thundering along just 20 points behind him. Metz is third with .376.

Eugene Elish, the Sioux City star, for whose services the White Sox and Pirates are fighting, is fourth in the list with an average of .370. Davis, the Tulsa slugger, continues out in front on home run hitting with 20, while Hemingway of Sioux City is the leading base stealer with 33.

Other leading batters for 55 or more games: Davis, Tulsa, .367; Long, Denver, .364; East, Wichita, .363; Bennett, Tulsa, .361; Pitt, Oklahoma City, .359; Lelivelt, Tulsa, .355; Grantham, Omaha, .354.

## Leonard Is Matched With Ever Hammer

Chicago, July 22.—Benny Leonard the lightweight champion yesterday was matched to meet Ever Hammer of Chicago in a 10-round contest in Floyd Fitzsimmons' arena at Michigan City, Ind., on the afternoon of August 5.

The state convention of Elks will be held there on that date. Leonard defeated Rocky Kansas of Buffalo in the same arena on July 4.

## Cue Expert to Play All Comers in Omaha

Erwin Rudolph, pocket billiard expert, will play all comers afternoons and evenings at the Paxton academy for five days next week, starting Monday.

Rudolph guarantees to forfeit \$25 to any player who defeats him during an exhibition.

Among local cue sharks who will oppose him are Ralph Wells, Harry Sheppard, Milt Stevens, Hurley Hamilton, Harry Moon, William Usher, James Butler, Hemie Harsch, Andy Swanson and Ralph Stevens.

The exhibitions will be staged in the Paxton billiard pit, a feature of the new academy.

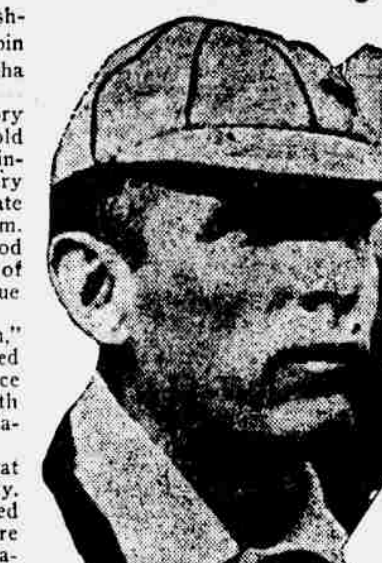
## Cue Record Claimed

Paris, July 22.—Roger Conti, the French billiard player, in a match with Gibelin, another Frenchman, ran 3,600 points at 18.2 ballline in 59 innings for an average of 61. French billiardists claim that this is a world's record average, the former record of \$7.5 having been held by Jake Schaefer, the world champion. Conti's high run in the match was 432, against Schaefer's record of 436, made in 1921.

Gibelin in the match scored 6,136 points.



TRIS SPEAKER.



Clark Griffith.



Grantham

