

Hairy Chin Title Race Is Started

Dempsey and Firpo Quit Shaving Until After Friday Bout—Bull of Pampas Is Grunting Champ. Kearns Counting Coin

By FRED S. HUNTER, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. New York, Sept. 11.—News of stupendous importance came out of the rival training camps today, and sporting circles here are all aflutter. Dempsey and Firpo have quit shaving until after the fight. Thus will the first skirmish in the conflict for the heavyweight championship of the world go to the gladiator who succeeds in propagating the most ferocious looking whiskers.

Students of pugilism tell us that there is sound reasoning behind this scheme of outrageous hirsute adornment. They say that a stubble of black beard helps prevent annoying cuts in the face from chopping blows. Yet we recall distinctly that Tommy Gibbons not long ago came into a 20-foot ring (that's correct, that's all the law allows in Montana) with the clean, pink tinted cheeks of a baby, and he didn't fare so badly.

Dempsey Has Experience. But no matter how much Dempsey and Firpo are determined to fight it out for the whisker championship, and no doubt the race will be close, although the odds probably are with Dempsey, who has had much experience in this line. There is one honor, however, that we venture to predict Firpo will retain without greatly exerting himself. That's the grunting championship. We have no hesitancy or fear of contradiction in right now declaring Firpo the long-distance grunting champion of the universe.

Looie also is no slouch at grunting his teeth. Every time the terrible torador of Terra del Fuego decided to let one go, he first grunts his teeth, then swings and grunts. The swing may miss—most often it does—but the grunt, never. Omaha fans will remember how Luis grunted in the late unpleasantness with Homer Smith. He was a big league grunter then, and now he has improved 1,000 per cent. His grunts in the training camp at Atlantic City almost drown out the boom of the surf on the beach.

Dempsey Outpointed. Dempsey has been known to do some grunting as he slips home his left hook, but it never was in the class with Firpo's grunting. Then Thursday, with the exception of a little exercise, will be a day of rest. Dempsey has been working his head off in the training camp, whereas Firpo has been taking things about as easily as he dared.

Firpo apparently has the same intense dislike for training that most fighters have. Dempsey, no doubt, possesses the same feeling, but he is able to overcome it, although it is true that Dempsey seldom obtains sparring partners capable of making him go at top speed. His sparring partners at Saratoga have been of the usual caliber and quite unequal to the task of improving the champion's boxing powers in any way.

The same applies to Firpo's camp, only more so. In addition, Firpo has shirked his other responsibilities, particularly road work. Dempsey does road work. He goes on the road each morning and he runs.

Firpo has been doing his road work on the board walk and he merely jogs along or walks. Mostly he walks. Firpo has been eyeing and one is better able to appreciate the attractions of the beach at Atlantic City when proceeding at a most leisurely gait. Firpo also did a little exercising via the wheel-chair route, which is admirable exercise for a lazy man or a sufferer from chronic rheumatism.

If Friday night's championship fight is destined to go the full distance of 15 rounds, it's a cinch Dempsey is the better prepared of the two to keep going at full speed. Tommy Gibbons today cut loose with a prophesy on the outcome of the bout. He predicts the Argentinian will pass out of the picture within six rounds. Tommy declares Firpo is over-matched, that he hasn't had the experience, that he lacks the speed, etc. In other words, Tommy is intimating that he himself could take Louis Angel to a trimming. Well, maybe he can.

Table Rock Brick Yard Has Resumed Operation. Table Rock, Neb., Sept. 11.—The Table Rock brick yard has resumed the manufacture of brick and tile and about 20 men are engaged in work at the plant. It is expected that more help will be engaged in the near future. The blowing of the whistle is a welcome sound to the laboring men and business men of Table Rock, after an enforced idleness of many months.

Representative From Illinois Near Death



REPRESENTATIVE MADDEN.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Representative Madden of Illinois, chairman of the house appropriations committee, is critically ill, following a heart attack and his recovery is despaired of. He was stricken while on the way to his office yesterday. Since then he has been under constant care of two physicians and police guards have been placed outside the residence to prevent traffic noise. Members of the family are at the bedside. Physicians late today said there had been no change for the better since he was stricken. He is 68 years old.

Dr. Callfas Urges Probe of Dineen and Wappich

Governor Bryan Should Investigate Anti-Saloon League Charges, Says Omaha Woman.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 11.—Dr. Jennie Callfas of Omaha declared today that in her opinion Governor Charles W. Bryan should demand an investigation of charges preferred against Police Judges William Wappich and Frank Dineen by F. A. High, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. "Truthfully, I don't know whether they are true or not," Doctor Callfas said. "But so much has been printed about them, so many charges have been preferred that I believe it would be a good thing for all concerned if an investigation were held. If Governor Bryan asks me anything about it I shall tell him exactly what I said today."

The chief object of the visit of Doctor Callfas was to intercede in behalf of McKinley Madison, who appeared before the Anti-Saloon League and paroled today seeking a parole. "The boy has worked for me and friends of mine for years in Omaha and there isn't anything criminal in his makeup," Doctor Callfas said. "He got drunk one day and forged a check for \$100.00. I don't think that is a crime. The case of Paul McCoy, 507 Carback avenue, Omaha, puzzled the board when McCoy appeared before him. McCoy presented an affidavit signed by Arthur Holbrook, an inmate of the boys' industrial school at Lincoln, stating that he had been paroled by McCoy and robbed J. L. Hand of Lincoln. It was for this holdup that McCoy is serving time. Hand, the victim of the holdup, also appeared before the board and asserted that he wanted McCoy as he was certain of his identity. McCoy asserted that he never talked to Holbrook but once, the night he was arrested in Lincoln and Holbrook was being held in the same cell for a minor offense.

School Fund of \$360,000 Invested in Many Bonds

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 11.—The state board of educational lands and funds today invested \$360,000 of permanent school funds in 5 per cent municipal bonds. The bonds purchased were \$119,000 Lincoln paving and sewer bonds, \$66,000 Crete paving bonds, \$175,000 Tekamah paving bonds. Dan Swanson, chairman of the board, stated that a tentative promise had been made to purchase \$103,000 paving bonds, city of Norfolk, when they are ready for sale, and \$145,000 West Point paving bonds.

Gen. Gregorie Semenoff Dead

By Associated Press. Moscow, Sept. 11.—A dispatch received here from Peking, dated Saturday, says Gen. Gregorie Semenoff, former commander-in-chief of the all-Russian armies and later anti-bolshevik leader in Siberia, and a group of his followers perished in Yokohama during the earthquake.

Harness Shop at Filley.

Filley, Neb., Sept. 11.—The harness making and repair shop of Frank Noakes, which is being moved from Crab Orchard, east of here, to this town, brings a new business establishment here. It will be located in the Masonic building.

Fred S. Hunter

known to readers of The Omaha Bee for his stories of sports events, now is prowling the Dempsey and Firpo camps in anticipation of "covering" the big fight in New York Friday night for

The Omaha Bee

Read His Stuff! He "Puts Out" the "Straight Dope"!

One House Legislature Proposed

New Proposal to Be Pushed at Initiative Election by Senator Otto Mutz of Lincoln.

Would Abolish Senate

By P. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 11.—The list of laws to be initiated at the next election received an addition today. State Senator Otto Mutz of Lincoln announced that he had prepared petitions for referring a one-house legislature to voters in 1924. The list of referendums for 1924 follows: Repeal of civil administrative code and substitution of executive council plan of government, by Governor Charles W. Bryan. Repeal of intangible tax law, by Governor Bryan. Set of new water power bills on initiative, by Governor Bryan. One-house legislature, by Former State Senator Mutz.

Mutz says that Congressman Edgar Howard of Columbus had endorsed his plan. He has written to J. N. Norton of Polk for a similar endorsement. Norton introduced a similar bill when in the legislature several years ago. Such a bill was introduced in the legislature last winter by Hardin of Franklin. United States Senator George W. Norris has urged a similar plan.

Mutz plans to eliminate the state senate. He would have the house of representatives with its present membership of 100, the sole law making body and would place the lieutenant governor in command. The Norris plan is to eliminate one body entirely and reduce the size of the other by one-half, or more. Senator Norris would extend the length of the law-making period and would also increase the present salaries of state law makers. A committee of 29 will be appointed to circulate the petitions. Alanson Chapman of Lincoln will be secretary.

Ad-Sell Speaker Pleads for Union

Chicago Man Says Present Civilization Rests on Co-Operation.

Another plea for co-operation was voiced Monday night by Ralph Parlette of Chicago, in a talk before the members of the Omaha Advertising and Selling league at Hotel Fontaine. "Civilization rests on co-operation," he said. "Farmers, employers and employees must work together to obtain the highest civilization. Most of the farmers' woes can be traced to individualism."

He declared the home to be the best institution in the world and the basis of society. Modern civilization has been based on a tendency to solidify the home. He urged business as a whole to get in tune. Harry Watts presided at the meeting, which was attended by 500 persons.

Fund to Aid Quake Victims Nears Goal

Washington, Sept. 11.—Officials of the American Red Cross estimated this afternoon that more than \$5,000,000 for relief work in Japan would be subscribed before the end of the day. The total at noon was placed at \$4,544,000, which included a check for \$25,000 from Robert S. Lovett, president of the Union Pacific railroad.

1924 G. O. P. Meeting Place to Be Decided in December

Washington, Sept. 11.—After a conference yesterday with President Coolidge, Chairman Adams of the republican national committee said the committee probably would meet in Washington in December to select a place for the 1924 national republican convention. All the cities that have issued invitations will be given a full hearing, Mr. Adams said. He added, however, that a final decision would be deferred until satisfactory assurance had been given with regard to hotel rates and other charges.

Violent Quake Registered.

Florence, Sept. 11.—The observatory here registered shortly before midnight a violent earthquake in a north-westerly direction at a distance of about 4,700 miles. The seismic instruments were in an agitated condition for about two hours.

Man Gets Broken Collar Bone When Auto Upsets

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 11.—John Van Liew, living near Liberty, sustained a broken collar bone and severe bruises about the body when his car went into a ditch and upset. The machine was badly wrecked.

Red Cross Near Fund Goal.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—The \$500,000 quota assigned the central division of the American Red Cross for the Japanese relief fund will probably be exceeded within a few days, according to Red Cross officials, who said many chapters are planning to double their quotas. Division headquarters here today reported \$674,000 had been contributed in the 19 states of the division.

With Chicago leading, Detroit, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Des Moines, Helena, Springfield and Omaha are reaching and exceeding their quotas, officials said.

Glass So Transparent

Henry A. Fettesir suffered a concussion of the hip Tuesday afternoon when he walked into a pane of plate glass which workmen were carrying across the sidewalk in front of the McCrory 10-cent store on Sixteenth street near Farnam.

Following the collision a crowd collected. A woman, whose name police did not learn, screamed that someone had stolen her purse containing \$11. Fettesir was taken to police station. He appeared dazed. He told police he had no occupation and that he lived at 3301 Howard street. "How do you live?" they asked him. "I have an income."

Youth Hurt in Auto Spill Held for \$600 Theft

Son of Hartington Prosecutor and Omaha Boy Suspected of Looting County Treasury.

Edward Cahow, 18, 2541 North Fortyninth street, and Scott Millard, 19, son of the county attorney at Hartington, Neb., were placed under arrest by Pottawattamie county deputy sheriffs early yesterday as suspects in the robbery of \$600 from the safe in the county treasurer's office at Hartington Monday night.

The boys were arrested while in the mercy hospital, Council Bluffs, suffering from injuries received when their automobile crashed with another car three miles north of Council Bluffs on the Lincoln highway.

The safe in the treasurer's office was robbed during the night. The combination had been worked. The robbery was discovered by Adolph Matson Jr., deputy county treasurer, when he went to the office yesterday. The time lock on the vault and safe had not been set.

Officers were said to have taken between \$250 and \$300 from the clothing of the boys after they reached the hospital. Both denied connection with the robbery, declaring they had spent the night in Sioux City and were on their way to Omaha at the time of the accident.

The accident occurred when the boys turned a corner at high speed on the wrong side of the road, according to a witness, and crashed into a motor car driven by D. E. Johnson, 1517 Coyle street. Two wheels were knocked off the boys' car and it plunged into the ditch. Neither is considered seriously injured.

Sheriff Peter Clarence of Hartington was given orders to quiz the boys soon after he had heard of the accident.

Scott Millard was appointed deputy county treasurer at Hartington in January and quit the position to resume his study of law at the University of Omaha.

Postoffice and Store Robbed at Rockford

Wymore, Neb., Sept. 11.—Russell Bros. general store at Rockford, northeast of here, was entered by burglars, and clothing, groceries and tobacco valued at \$200 stolen. The building also contains the postoffice, the records of which were ransacked, and the cash register open and \$70 worth of 2-cent stamps and \$135 in money were stolen. Federal officers are here to investigate the robbery.

State Rotary Officers Will Meet at McCook

McCook, Neb., Sept. 11.—McCook Rotarians will entertain the district meeting of presidents and secretaries of Nebraska on September 17. About 40 members will be here for two days, and McCook hotels are expecting to entertain them royally.

Prince of Wales Is "Jolly Good Fellow"

Aboard the liner Empress of France, via wireless to Lewisburg, N. S., Sept. 11.—"For he's a jolly good fellow."

So say all fellow passengers of Edward, prince of Wales, heir to the British throne, traveling under the name of Lord Renfrew, on his way to his Canadian ranch where he intends to vacation quietly during the next several weeks.

The prince has let it be known he does not wish to be considered as royal. His evenings aboard ship are spent among the passengers in the lounge, or as a member of the dancing parties. Breakfast is served in his suite. All other meals are taken in the main dining hall.

Chilean Solon Is Killed.

Santiago, Chile, Sept. 11.—Luis Correa-Ramirez, a democratic member of the chamber of deputies shot and killed Senator Zenon Torrealba in the lobby of congress.

Correa-Ramirez committed suicide immediately afterward. The shooting of the senator was due to a dispute over nominations by the democratic party in which Senator Torrealba was chosen as the candidate for the senatorial seat for Santiago in the next election.

Klan Cross Taken.

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 10.—Vandals entered Evergreen Home cemetery at night and destroyed the Ku Klux Klan emblem set here with the body of Louis Smith from St. Joseph, Mo., who was a member of the organization. The emblem was left on the grave at the close of the burial services. Authorities are seeking the guilty party.

Ah Ha, My Proud Beauty, Now We Have You!



Cass Fair Prize Cattle Are Sold at Omaha Yards

Top Price of \$13 Is Paid for Yearling Angus Steer, Winner of Second Place.

The top price of \$13 a hundred for cattle was received at the Omaha stockyards yesterday for the 1,000-pound yearling steer brought in by Maurice Burnside of Lewis, Ia., which won second prize in the Angus class of the Cass County Calf club. The shipment there was 13 head of the 15 head of yearlings entered in the calf exhibit at the Cass county fair and 10 of them sold higher than any other cattle on the local market.

There were four sales at \$12.75 a hundred, which included the 950-pound entry of Dale Joyce, which won the third prize in the Angus class; the 1,220-pound steer of William Breckenbaumer, which took fourth prize; the 1,070-pound steer of Elden Burnside, which took fifth place; and the 920-pound red Shorthorn of John A. Blakely, which won first prize in its class at the fair.

The cattle were bought by Armour & Co., and were accompanied to the yards by W. C. Burnside and Frank A. Joyce, fathers of two of the winners. According to John A. Carlson, superintendent of the calf club work in Cass county, the grand champion of the show, an Angus heifer, entered by Edwin Henderson, was sold to a breeder at the fair for \$13.50 a hundred.

Ford Petition May Be 'Padded,' Pool Says

Lincoln, Sept. 11.—Secretary of State C. W. Pool said today that he had received but had not filed the petition which Roy C. Harrop, national chairman of the national independent progressive party, declared had been submitted to the Nebraska official, bearing the names of 2,000 "Ford-president" boosters.

Mr. Pool stated that he had not yet fully considered filing the document, but that he thought several of the names appearing thereon were in the same handwriting.

Banker at Harvard Gives Lecture on Passion Play

Harvard, Neb., Sept. 11.—"My Visit to the Passion Play and the People Who Act in It" was the subject of an interesting lecture by H. G. Wellensick, president of the Harvard State Bank, before a record assembly at the Methodist church. Citizens of all denominations packed the church to hear the address. Mr. Wellensick will leave soon to establish a law office at Grand Island.

Plymouth Pioneer Dies.

DeWitt, Neb., Sept. 11.—Otto Knoche, 68, a resident of Plymouth, just west of here, for over 50 years, died at his home after a short illness. He was one of the earliest settlers of Saline county. He is survived by two sons and seven daughters, all of the Plymouth vicinity.

Kansas Judges Reap Harvest by Marrying Nebraska Couples

Smith Center, Kan., Sept. 11.—Probate judges in Kansas counties bordering on Nebraska are reaping a harvest in fees for marrying Nebraska couples, who balk at giving 10 days notice of their intention to wed, as the new law in their home state provides. The probate judge here marries from one to a half dozen such couples daily, and they are increasing. Some of them come as far as 200 miles, and appear greatly elated with the thought of having "cheated" the Nebraska law.

Kearney Barbecue Attracts Crowds

11,000 Persons Are Present at Opening of Three-Day Celebration.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Kearney, Neb., Sept. 11.—Eleven thousand persons were assembled tonight for the barbecue held in connection with the 50th anniversary celebration, which Kearney is celebrating today, Wednesday and Thursday. The barbecue was the opening number on the program and up to 7 in excess of 7,000 had been served. The registration list of former Kearneyites includes names of nearly 100 who settled in this part of Nebraska 50 or more years ago. George Carson being the oldest, having homesteaded on an island in the 1850's.

The list of visitors, former Kearneyites of more recent years, will exceed 1,000, with every indication that it will be greatly increased Wednesday. The Tuesday evening program included an address by Norris Brown of Omaha followed by stereopticon slides of old places and a campfire rally, the latter presided over by Will Maupin of Gering.

Omaha Livestock Men Will Attend Lincoln Stock Show

A delegation of the livestock interests of Omaha has announced its intention to attend the annual livestock exposition to be given at Lincoln by the College of Agriculture Saturday, October 20.

The visiting stockmen at Lincoln will also be tendered two other attractions, a luncheon by the domestic science class and the annual football game between the Jayhawkers and the Cornhuskers of Nebraska.

Good Reasons for Freeing Speeders, Dahlman Says

Commenting on the pardons which he occasionally issues to speeders sentenced to jail, Mayor Dahlman yesterday declared that in nearly all instances, applications for pardon come from persons directly dependent upon the person in jail, or by employers who need his services. "There are plenty of speeders who are not arrested and who do not go to jail," he said.

Lincoln Buys Gas.

Lincoln, Sept. 11.—The city of Lincoln today invited bids from wholesalers of gasoline for 200,000 gallons, approximately, yearly. City Commissioner Cowgill recently was authorized to establish a municipal filling station to supply the needs of municipally operated trucks and cars. It is not intended to compete with private stations or sell by retail. It is estimated by the city engineer that gasoline can be bought by wholesale for the city for 12 cents a gallon. The present retail price in Lincoln is 16 1/4 cents.

Pact With Germany Would Spell End of Reparations

France, However, Would Gain Advantage Grip on Great Industries of Western Europe.

By Universal Service. Paris, Sept. 11.—"If France accepts Germany's industrial entente offer, which is expected to be made within the next 24 hours, it will end France's hope of getting any indemnity. It will also mean that the Ruhr was invaded for nothing, and that Premier Poincare's policy of 'making Germany pay' will have failed."

This opinion of a high official is echoed in many political quarters close to the government. While the acceptance of Chancellor Stresemann's offer will signalize the defeat and failure of the Poincare aggressive policy, incidentally impairing France's chance of collecting reparations running into billions, it will be a real, constructive victory for French big business.

With her Gallic talons sheathed in Ruhr mines and other German industries, the French comite des forges will become literally the ally of the Stinnes and Thyssen groups in Germany, which explains the perturbation of Britain.

This alliance, however, will work two ways. It will give France a grip on the industry of Europe, but on the other hand, the very existence of the Franco-German business pact will inevitably handicap the French government in obtaining reparations.

That is why Premier Poincare refused Chancellor Cuno's economic pact offer of last December, and that is why he is struggling against the present efforts to force his hand.

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Cafe Owner Draws Heavy Fine on "Sheiking" Charge

A new criminal charge made its appearance in police court records Tuesday morning when J. C. Crocker, proprietor of a restaurant at 2421 Cuming street was fined \$12.50 for "sheiking."

The warrant on which he was arrested read "disturbing the peace and sheiking." Complaint was filed by Anne McDermott, who lives over the restaurant.

Omaha Banks Will Return to Old Hours, September 17

Omaha banks will go back to their winter schedule of banking hours Monday, September 17. During the summer the banks have been open from 9 to 3 but after the 17th the hours will be from 10 to 3.

Oldest World War Vet Dies.

Los Angeles, Sept. 11.—Lieut. George Le Mesurier, 73 years old, veteran of two wars, hero of Verdun, and said to have been the oldest soldier to serve throughout the world war, is dead in Mayenne, France, his native city, according to word received by the Los Angeles Times.

U. S. Ship Is Halted by Italians

Liner President Wilson Held by Military Pending Decision Whether to Seize Greek Passengers.

Action Is Protested

By Universal Service. London, Sept. 11.—The United States liner President Wilson, which arrived at Naples last Friday, was boarded by a detachment of Italian carabinieri. It was learned tonight. The American vessel was not allowed to depart until the Rome government decided whether to seize all the Greeks of military age among the 400 passengers bound for Greece.

The captain of the President Wilson protested against the action as a violation of the law of nations. The ship and its passengers were allowed to depart after being held for several hours.

The newspaper Secolo, of Naples, was suppressed for publishing the story of the occurrence.

Anxiety in Athens.

Athens, Sept. 11.—Anxiety here over the Italian occupation of the island of Corfu has been increased by the reported substitution of Italian police for the Greek functionaries in Corfu.

A Corfu dispatch said the Greek police force was again on duty, but was serving under orders of an Italian captain.

May Seize Fiume.

By Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 11.—It is understood from information gathered in reliable sources that Premier Mussolini will proclaim the annexation of Fiume to Italy within a week, probably about September 15. The government of Jugo-Slavia is reported as being aware of Mussolini's intention and as intending to make no serious protest, provided Porto Barros and Susak, adjacent, are not directly affected.

Rome, Sept. 11.—Best informed opinion here is that Italy will refuse any mediation of the settlement of the Fiume question with Jugo-Slavia, as proposed by the latter. Italy, it is declared, intends to deal directly with Jugo-Slavia, in line with the demands made for a settlement, setting September 15 as the date for a reply, even employing forceful means if necessary to end what it regards as an intolerable situation imperiling peace.

Italian Fleet Off Albania.

By International News Service. Athens, Sept. 11.—A division of the Italian fleet from Corfu was reported today cruising off the Albanian coast at Santa Quaranta.

Albania has closed the Greek frontier. Albania is alleged to have distributed arms to border inhabitants. The Greek fleet has arrived at Phaleron preparatory to saluting the allied fleet.

Berlin Offer Leads to Ruhr Settlement

By Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 11.—Conversations that are taking place between Jacques De Margerie, French ambassador to Germany, and Chancellor Stresemann in Berlin are considered by the French government as leading toward a settlement of the reparation question, although it is stated that the chancellor has not yet made a definite offer either respecting the cessation of resistance in the Ruhr or what could be proposed afterward.

The conference between M. De Margerie and Chancellor Stresemann will be continued. Any proposition received by France from Chancellor Stresemann will be communicated immediately to the British and other allied governments.

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The Weather

For 24 hours ending 1 p. m. Sept. 11, 1923.