

A STATEMENT ON POTATOES

GOVERNMENT BUREAU SHOWS IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

SIZE OF THE WORLD'S CROP

It is Between Five and Six Billion Bushels—New York the Largest Producing State, with Michigan Next and Maine Third.

The recent announcement that large quantities of potatoes are being imported into the United States leads interest to a statement prepared by the bureau of statistics, department of commerce and labor, showing the imports and exports of potatoes during a term of years. While the production of potatoes in the United States is usually sufficient to meet the requirements of its population, there have been a number of occasions following short crops in the United States on which considerable quantities were imported. On other occasions when there were shortages abroad and large crops in the United States considerable quantities were exported.

The total imports of potatoes into the United States in the last ten years aggregated 22,845,634 bushels, valued at \$10,985,770, or about 48 cents per bushel, this valuation being based upon the wholesale market price in the countries from which imported, and does not, therefore, include the cost of transportation or duties paid, the rate of duty being 25 cents per bushel of sixty pounds both under the present law and its immediate predecessor. The exports of potatoes from the United States during the same decade amounted to 10,980,569 bushels, valued at \$8,413,675, an average of 77 cents per bushel.

Potatoes imported into the United States come chiefly from Canada, Mexico and Bermuda, in America, and Scotland, England, Ireland, Germany and France, in Europe, while in recent years small quantities have also been brought from China, Australia and the Canary Islands. The potatoes exported go chiefly to the West Indies, Central America and Canada, the largest quantities usually to Cuba, Canada and Panama and lesser quantities to other Central American states and the West Indies islands. Small quantities have also been sent in recent years to China, Hongkong, British Guiana, the Philippine Islands, French Oceania and certain of the South American countries, but practically none to Europe, which, although a large consumer of potatoes, is also a large producer.

The world's potato crop, so far as it can be measured statistically, runs between five and six billion bushels per annum, but these figures do not include the production of China, north Africa and most of South America, the original home of the potato, which was found under cultivation in South America by the Spanish discoverers and transported to Spain and thence to other parts of Europe. Germany is by far the largest single producer of potatoes, her total crop for 1909, the latest available figures, being 1,710,000,000 bushels against 1,170,000,000 in European Russia, 613,000,000 in France, 480,000,000 in Austria, 184,000,000 in Hungary, 137,000,000 in Great Britain, 129,000,000 in Ireland, 90,000,000 in Canada and 377,000,000 in the United States.

New York is the largest potato producing state in the United States, her product in 1910 being 44,500,000 bushels against 35,000,000 in Michigan, 28,000,000 in Maine, 28,000,000 in Pennsylvania, 25,000,000 in Wisconsin, 15,000,000 in Ohio, 12,000,000 in Illinois, 12,225,000 in Iowa and about 10,000,000 bushels each in Minnesota and New Jersey, while practically all the remaining states are represented with totals ranging from one to eight million bushels each.

The largest exportation of potatoes during the past decade was in 1909, being 8,335,000 bushels; the largest exports of the decade were in 1911, being 2,333,000 bushels.

SENDS MONSTER PACKAGE.

Had Area of Twenty-five Square Feet and Cost \$40.82 Postage.

What is pronounced by C. L. Lynch, superintendent of mails of the Seattle (Wash.) postoffice, probably to be the largest single piece of mail ever handled at the local office was forwarded to Melbourne, Australia, in the shape of a package having an area of twenty-five square feet. The bundle is incased in a wooden frame 5 feet long by 5 feet wide and several inches thick. A large painting is believed to be the contents, although the exact nature has not been disclosed by the sender to the postal authorities.

Forty stamps, each of the \$1 denomination, and several minor stamps, representing a cost of \$40.82, were required to pay postage on the package, going as first class mail. The total weight is eighty-two pounds.

To Grow Silk in Philippines.

The Philippine bureau of science is making a determined effort to introduce the growing of silk in the Philippines, not only for the purpose of increasing the productive possibilities of the islands generally, but also as a means of furnishing silk for use in connection with industries already established.

Frank Hanlon Dies Suddenly.

Oakham, Jan. 13.—Frank P. Hanlon died at his home, 630 South Ninth street, at 5 o'clock this morning from an attack of apoplexy, supposedly brought on by acute indigestion. Mr. Hanlon was at Robertson's city

club at luncheon and another to-night under the auspices of the Jefferson club.

Gov. Harmon's mission to Wisconsin is looked on as the formal launching in this state of his campaign for the support of delegates to the national democratic convention at Baltimore.

Ball Clappers of Opium.
The infinite patience of the Chinese is well illustrated in a smuggling story which I heard from an imperial maritime customs official at one of the "barriers" on the upper Yangtze. The incident occurred several years ago in an attempt to avoid duty on a small amount of Szechuan opium that was headed for Shanghai.

"An important article of down river trade," said the official in question, "is the little bell and spangled cap worn by the Chinese children from two to six years of age. In passing a number of boxes of these in the spring of 1906 I chanced to notice that the tinkle from the little bell in the center of the cap I was examining was rather muffled. Forcing it open purely out of curiosity, I was astonished to find a tiny pellet of opium hardly a quarter of an inch in diameter which had been substituted for the clapper. Of course we had to search the whole lot, and our aggregate haul from about 5,000 caps—a couple of days' work for us—was less than ten pounds of opium."—Wide World Magazine.

Gleaning in England.

There is a popular but quite erroneous belief that a common law right of gleaning exists in England. A legal older dictum that a man who enters a field for the purpose of gleaning cannot be prosecuted for trespass received the dubious support of Blackstone. But a majority of judges decided in a case which came before the old court of common pleas that to grant a general right to glean would be contrary to public policy, because it would "demoralize the poor" and "open a wide door to fraud." In many parts of England the privilege is confined to the wives and children of the harvesters. Yet the privilege of gleaning became so firmly established in England that the local custom has been recognized by many acts of parliament. In some country districts the "gleaning bill" is still regularly rung from the tower of the parish church during harvest time twice a day to let the gleaners know when they may commence and when they must finish.—Westminster Gazette.

Persia's Great Superstition.
The greatest superstition in Persia is what is known as the "evil eye." You must not say to some one whom you meet, "How well you are looking" for if you do and that person is taken ill it will be because you gave him the evil eye. You must not say to a mother, "What a pretty baby?" "What a bright child?" for if you do and anything unfortunate happens to the child you will be considered responsible.

Many mothers let their children go dirty and poorly clothed in order that they may not attract favorable attention. The sign which is thought to have some power to avert the evil eye consists in holding the second and third fingers of both hands close to the palms with the thumbs, while the other fingers are extended straight out. Then with the hands behind you you make a downward movement three times.—Los Angeles Times.

CORNELL GETS \$100,000.

President Schurman of Cornell university announces a gift to Cornell university from Jacob H. Schiff of New York city of \$100,000 for the promotion of studies in German culture.

Mr. Schiff explains that the gift, which was made on his own initiative, is intended as a tribute to the good work done by Cornell university and to the broad and liberal spirit which animates it. This feature of the donation is particularly gratifying to the authorities and friends of the university, as Mr. Schiff has never had any kind of connection with Cornell. The fund will be designated "The Jacob H. Schiff endowment for the promotion of studies in German culture." Except for its assignment to the object named in the gift is without restriction, the trustees being free to use the income for salaries or for other purposes coming within the scope of the endowment.

Princeton Enrollment.

The enrollment of Princeton university is greater than at any time in the history of the institution, there being 1,543 men enrolled as compared with 1,118 last year. The biggest gains are to be found in the junior and freshman classes.

Decision in Morrow Case.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Municipal Judge Fike was expected to give a decision today as to whether Mrs. Rene B. Morrow is to be held to the grand jury, charged with the murder of her husband, Charles B. Morrow. The preliminary hearing has taken up several days, and only one or two witnesses remained to be called today. It was considered unlikely that Mrs. Morrow would go on the witness stand in her own behalf. Attorney Erbstein, for Mrs. Morrow, was reported to have said that he would seek to have the preliminary hearing reopened, and if this failed he would resort to habeas corpus proceedings to save his client from going to jail.

Madison Wins Game.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 15.—Special to The News: In a rather one-sided basketball game at the Union opera house, Madison high school defeated Newman Grove high school by a score of 35 to 12. The playing was fast on both sides, but Newman Grove was unable to break through Madison's guard. The stars of the game were Hinman for the visitors and Loomer and Baisch for the home team, Baisch

scoring 19 of Madison's 35 points. Madison has bagged three out of the four games it has played.

The lineup—Newman Grove: Hinman, c.; Fitch, r. f.; Sanderson, l. f.; Jacobson, r. g.; Olson, l. g.; Madison: Schmidt, c.; Blackman, r. f.; Baisch, l. f.; Loomer, r. g.; Robertson, l. g. Officials—Referee, Stoddard; umpire, Findlay; scorer, Prather; timekeeper, Bates.

THE SHIP CAPTAIN

For this is the law without excuse
For all of the lords of the sea—
That each must hold his ship from harm,
Whatever the odds may be.

There are many tragedies of the sea that the world knows very little about, or, knowing, very soon forgets. These are the tragedies of the men whose lives have been spent in the hard and exacting service which the sea demands, whose long years of toil and zeal and skill have brought the high responsibilities of command and whose careers have been cut short by the fault of an hour—yes, even by the error of a minute.

The old mariner that those who never make mistakes have had few opportunities for making them does not apply here. There is never a voyage that does not have its possibility of error, and in many of them arise the sudden emergencies which bring the acid test of presence of mind, cool judgment, expert seamanship and skill. Let these qualities fail the master mariner in his time of need, and no matter what might have been the stress of body or brain, or of both, his professional career is at an end, if the lapse involves disaster to his ship.

There is that veteran mariner Captain Frederick Watkins. He it was who commanded the City of Paris when the old human liner came staggering to port with the Atlantic waves swashing about her hold and surging against her bulkheads, the result of a fog shrouded impact with an iceberg. The liner was thronged with passengers. The unforeseen danger came near to sending her and her thousand souls to the bottom, but the energy, resourcefulness and skill of her commander brought her safe to port—deed to be long remembered.

It was remembered up to a few years ago, when a slight miscalculation on the part of Captain Watkins sent his vessel upon the Manacle rocks, on the Cornish coast. Now you may search all of the obscure places of the earth and you may not locate him.

There was the Prinzessin Victoria Luise of the Hamburg-American line, which drove hard upon the coral beach at Port Royal, in the island of Jamaica. The vessel was thronged with tourists, making a jaunt to the West Indies. Fortunately the sea was calm, and there was no difficulty in getting passengers ashore. When the last had been safely landed the captain went to his stateroom and put a bullet through his brain.

The pitiable part of it all was that he had no need to. It was not the brain he shattered that was at fault, but the Kingston earthquake, which had destroyed the lighthouse.

Captain Griffith of the Mohegan stood on the bridge of his fast sinking ship until the waters engulfed him. Deloncle of the French liner Bourgogne, sunk in mid-Atlantic by a collision with the British steamship Cromartyshire, was last seen on the bridge, with hand on whistle cord, as his vessel took the long dive. Von Goessel of the Elbe went down with his ship, stranding with folded arms upon the bridge as the vessel slowly sank.

One of the saddest tragedies of the sea was the wreck of the British steamship Watermark, which went ashore on Great Barrier island while on a voyage from Sydney to New Zealand. As the vessel neared a thick fog shut in. Captain McIntosh, who commanded her, had been many years in the service of the line and was reputed to be very careful and capable, but while the steamer was groping her way through the mist it was noted that he was exceedingly nervous and depressed.

When night came the fog was so thick that the lookouts could not see half a ship's length ahead. A few minutes past midnight there was a sudden crash which had the steaming almost on her beam ends, upsetting all of the boats on the broadest side. Captain McIntosh was on the bridge at the time. A great wound which had been torn in the vessel's side showed the extent of the disaster. As soon as he realized that his ship must become a total loss the captain strode to the end of the bridge and, exclaiming "This is the last watch," flung overboard to his death.—Walter Scott Meriwether in Munsey's Magazine.

Italians Bombard Turks.

Aden, Red Sea, Jan. 15.—Besides destroying or capturing all the vessels flying the Turkish flag in the Red Sea which they came across in the course of their cruises, the Italian cruisers Calabria, Puglia and Piemonte, with the accompanying flotilla of destroyers, have recently bombarded a number of Turkish military camps along the coasts of the Yemen province. At Lohera, about sixty miles from Kundfa, where the gunboats were sunk by the Italians, they poured a hail of shells into the military camp on Jan. 5. The Turks, however, suffered very few casualties and no damage was done to the houses in the town.

Chicago Policeman Testifies.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Police Inspector John Wheeler was expected to testify in his own behalf today before the civil service commission where he is on trial with Capt. Patrick J. Harding and Lieut. Keller. Enright and Prim for inefficiency and neglect of duty. Inspector Wheeler is the third inspector to be tried before the commission. The other two, Charles Dorman and

John L. Revier, were dismissed from the department.

Victory For Clark.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 15.—The democratic state convention will be held at Joplin, Mo., Feb. 20. This was decided here at the meeting of the democratic state committee. The state delegation for the national convention will be selected. The time for holding the convention was considered by the adherents of Speaker Champ Clark as a victory. The admirers of former Gov. Joseph W. Folk claimed they obtained a victory when the committee decided to hold the convention in Joplin.

New Air Speed Record.

Paris, France, Jan. 15.—Julius Verrier, the French aviator, beat the world's speed record by covering a distance of 142 kilometers, 150 meters, (about 88 1/2 miles) in one hour in his monoplane at the aerodrome here.

A Record Rabbit Shoot.

A rabbit shooting story comes from Butte, Guy A. Thatcher is responsible for it. He writes The News that J. P. Kortmeyer with a single barreled shot gun and eight shells, bagged six jackrabbits in an hour and a half. That seems to be the record up to date.

CHURCH 225 YEARS OLD.

Structure Built in the Time of Lord Baltimore is Destroyed.

The St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic church at Warwick, Md., near the Delaware state line, a historic landmark of the Maryland-Delaware peninsula, was destroyed by fire recently. It was built 225 years ago in the time of Lord Baltimore.

New Zealand's Railways.

New Zealand now has over 2,760 miles of railway. Electrification of certain sections is now under contemplation.

Some Understanding.

The official undertaker of a small town was driving through the county on one of his regular missions. A woman came out to the gate of a farm yard and hailed him.

"I don't seem to recall your name, madam," he said.

"That's funny," she said. "It ain't been more'n a year and a half ago since you undertook my first husband."—Saturday Evening Post.

Why He Left.

"Why did you leave that swell boarding house?"

"Because the swellness was at the expense of the food supply."

"What do you mean?"

"Four kinds of forks and two kinds of vegetables."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Doubts and Don'ts.

Remember Talleyrand's advice, "If you are in doubt whether to write a letter or not—don't." The advice applies to many doubts in life besides that of letter writing.—Bulwer-Lytton.

Celebrity sells dearly what we think she gives.—What's Your Trade?

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What's Fun?

"I don't see what fun it can be for you to go on these fishing expeditions with your husband," said her best friend.

"That's because you don't know anything about fishing," she replied.

"Do you?"

"Indeed I do. I can sit in the stern of the boat and give advice to the best of them. And when a big fish gets away nobody can beat me telling how it ought to have been or might have been landed."

Spanish Meat Balls.

Spanish meat balls are as palatable as they are rare, and made thus: One can of tomatoes, one onion chopped fine, garlic or cayenne to taste. This forms the "Spanish." One and a half pounds of hamburger steak. Soak half a loaf of stale bread; drain off all water. Take one egg, pepper and salt to taste, mix together, roll into balls the size of an egg and cook in the "Spanish" three quarters of an hour.—National Magazine.

His Suspicion Aroused.

"John, do you love your little wife?"

"Yes."

"Do you love me very much?"

"Oh, yes."

"Will you always love me?"

"Yes. Say, women, what have you gone and ordered sent home now?"—Pittsburgh Post.

Her Question.

Molly (holiday making in the country)—I say, Mr. Hents, do you mind if I ask a question? The Farmer—No, my dear. What is it? Molly—What I want to know is when you've finished milking that cow how do you turn it off?—London Sketch.

Education.

Education gives fecundity of thought, eloquence of illustration, quickness, vigor, fancy, words, images and illustrations; it decorates every common thing and gives the power of trifling without being undignified and absurd.—Schuyler Smith.

Work of Character Weckers.

Dallas News: W. P. Stebbins of Bonesteel stands accused of the charge of embezzlement from the Farmer's Co-Operative company, a crime which will be hard for many of his friends throughout the county to

believe. Mr. Stebbins' home life was ideal, his business transactions were always honorable, he had a keen sense of honor and it is to be deplored that he is the victim of character wreckers. The outgrowth of a bitter personal fight at Bonesteel is to be deplored and at the expense of reputable honorable citizens such as Mr. Stebbins has always proved himself to be. We have confidence in the outcome of his case and his complete vindication.

ZBYSCO CLAIMS MAT TITLE.

With Champion Retired, Big Pale Steals Himself on Vacated Throne.

Jack Herman, who has been guiding the destinies of the big Polish wrestler, Zbysco, for several years, lost no time in putting in first claim for the world's championship title, which Frank Gotch says he will no longer defend. Herman has posted a forfeit of \$1,000 to meet any challenger in the world with Zbysco defending the crown which he believes himself entitled to. Furthermore, Herman says he is willing to wager

ADVISE THRONE TO RETIRE.

Imperial Army at Hankow Starts to Overthrow Rebel Column.

Pekin, Jan. 13.—The Manchu princes of the imperial clan met and resolved to advise the throne to retire immediately to Jehol, about 120 miles to the northeast of Pekin, where the members of the imperial family have usually gone during the summer.

The whole of the imperial army at Hankow has started on the way to Honan with the object of destroying a revolutionary column operating there. The imperial troops intend to reoccupy several towns in the province of Honan and southern Chi Li which had gone over to the revolutionists.

COLD AFFECTS BUSINESS.

Record For First Thirteen Days of the Year.

Jan. 1, 18 below; Jan. 2, 16 below; Jan. 3, 20 below; Jan. 4, 16 below; Jan. 5, 20 below; Jan. 6, 24 below; Jan. 7, 29 below; Jan. 8, 14 below; Jan. 9, 5 below; Jan. 10, 13 below; Jan. 11, 15 below; Jan. 12, 39 below; Jan. 13, 10 below.

WAS 41 DEGREES BELOW AT STANTON.

Stanton, Neb., Jan. 13.—Special to The News: The government thermometer registered 41 degrees below zero yesterday, the coldest weather that has occurred in the history of the county.

RECORD FOR FIRST THIRTEEN DAYS OF THE YEAR.

Jan. 1, 18 below; Jan. 2, 16 below; Jan. 3, 20 below; Jan. 4, 16 below; Jan. 5, 20 below; Jan. 6, 24 below; Jan. 7, 29 below; Jan. 8, 14 below; Jan. 9, 5 below; Jan. 10, 13 below; Jan. 11, 15 below; Jan. 12, 39 below; Jan. 13, 10 below.

ALL BUSINESS HAS SUFFERED DURING THE TWO WEEKS OF COLD.

According to James Evans of the Evans Fruit company, no fruit has been shipped out of Norfolk for several days because of the cold weather and the danger of damage to the fruit enroute. "Although we have refrigerators to ship the fruit and vegetables in, we have hesitated to do so," says Mr. Evans. "The company has many orders and plenty of fruit and vegetables, but agreeable with their customers they have chosen to hold the fruit in the Norfolk houses until warmer weather arrives."

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

W. H. Blakenham is suffering from an attack of lumbago.

Miss Bell Temple of Wayne is here visiting with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Gow.

The Norfolk Woman's Club will meet Monday at 2:30 in the Pacific hotel parlors.

C. A. Shirley, a machinist in the employ of the Norfolk Electric Light and Power company, has moved his family to this city. He has rented the house at 802 South Eighth street.

Mrs. W. F. Hall was called to Columbus, where it was reported her father was very ill. Cancer of the stomach is the cause of his illness, and it is feared he cannot recover.

While playing at the Lincoln school building yesterday, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Allen of 414 South Fourth street, slipped and fell, breaking both bones of his right arm. The break is a serious one.

New uniforms for the Bremen's 8th and drum corps have arrived. The uniforms are pretty and the blue coats matched with the pretty lawn tennis trousers will make a decided hit at the state convention next week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Askey of 1308 Nebraska avenue, who were injured in an accident while driving at Austin, Ill., where they were visiting a few weeks ago, have almost recovered. Mrs. Askey, who was most seriously hurt, sustained a bruised arm.

Sheriff C. S. Smith of Madison, serving papers in connection with the court at Madison, made several drives through the county with the thermometer registering 26 below zero. Three times, in accidents, the sheriff was thrown from the swiftly moving sleigh.

The campaign of Gov. Judson Harmon of Ohio, who is an aspirant for the presidential nomination on the democratic ticket, has reached Norfolk. A number of prominent Norfolk democrats are receiving circulars and literature concerning the Ohio governor's boom.

The transfer crew at the Northwest transfer laid off Friday, because of the intense cold and the delaying of freight trains, the absence of which gave no work to the freight handlers. The battery jars in the telegraph office of the freight depot were frozen and the local sounders were silenced for a time.

Dr. J. A. Jenkins of Omaha, whose address before the association of bankers recently made such an unusual stir, has been secured by the Y. M. C. A. committee to speak at the mass meeting to be held in the Methodist church Sunday evening. This meeting is planned to be the start for the snowball campaign and all interested in the Y. M. C. A. are urged to attend.

any reasonable amount that no man in the world can down the big Pole, best two falls in three.

As Zbysco has been the most persistent of Gotch's challengers and has tossed every wrestler of prominence in this country and Europe, he appears to have a full Nelson hold on the championship, provided, of course, Gotch is honest in his announced retirement. No one can stop the Iowa farmer from quitting the game, and for over a year he has steadfastly refused to listen to any proposition from the Pole.

Scientific Manager.

One cold winter day some railroad officials while making an inspection of a large yard stepped for a moment inside a switchman's shanty to get warm. Among them was a general superintendent who was known to have a mania for "scientific management" and the reduction of expenses.

As they were leaving the switchman asked the traveling yardmaster, whom he knew:

"Now, can ye be tellin' me who that man is?"

"That's the general superintendent," the yardmaster replied.

"What do you think of 'em? He's a same lookin' man, and ye never would believe the tales ye are hearin' about 'em."

"What have you heard about him, Mike?" was the curious question.

"Why, they do say that he was at the funeral of Mr. Mitchell's wife and when the six pallbearers come out he raised his hand and said: 'Hold on a minute, boys. I think ye can get along without two of 'em.' Everybody's Magazine.

Know What a Prism Is?

John Smith and Henry Jones are eating lunch together. John Smith casually takes two cubes of sugar and places them side by side.

"That makes a perfect prism, doesn't it?" John Smith remarks casually.

"Prism nothing!" replies Henry Jones. "That ain't a prism."

"Sure it is," remarks Smith. "Don't you know a prism when you see one?"

"I certainly do," is the retort. "A prism is a triangular piece of glass used to divide light into the primary colors. Can't you recall enough of your school days to remember that?"

"Oh, yes; I remember that all right. But these two cubes of sugar, placed side by side, make a prism too."

"Bet you the lunch you're wrong," challenges Jones.

"You're on," promptly agrees Smith, and a dictionary was sent for.

John had to pay the bet. If you don't believe it, look in a dictionary yourself and see.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

No Coal, No Food, No Job; Nothing.

Here's a chance for some of the "good fellows." One mail carrier reports that a destitute family at 405 North Twelfth street needs immediate help, while from another source of information comes the report that north of town a small family is without food, clothing and other necessities of life.

The North Twelfth street case is one demanding attention, says the mail carrier. "The family is without fuel,

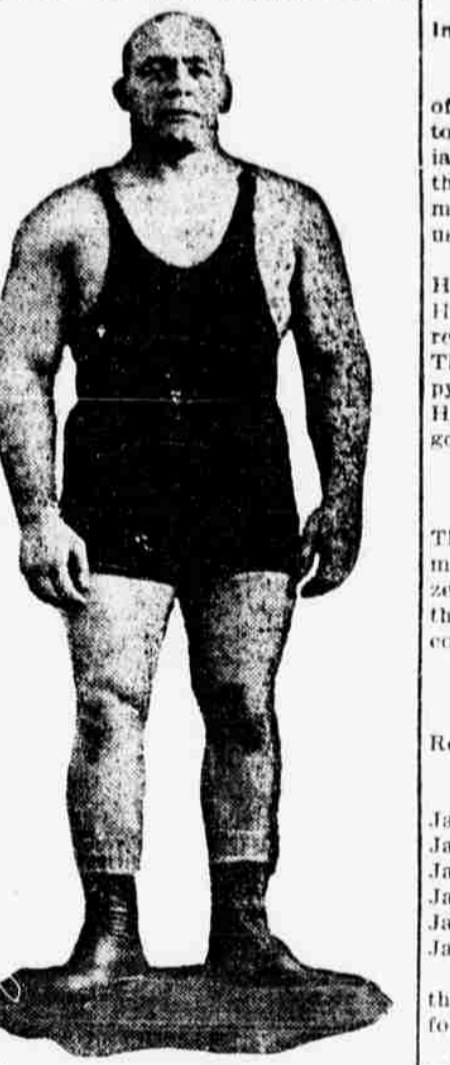


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