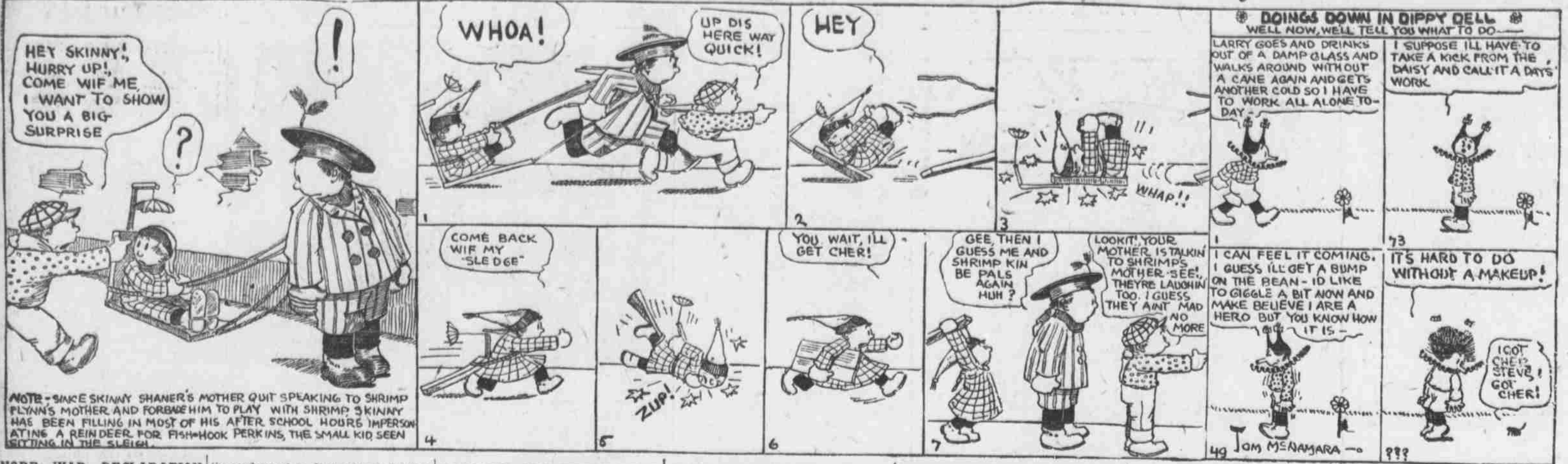


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IGNORE WAR DECLARATION

National League Does Not Consider Seriously Action of American. WANT LAW ON TICKET SCALPING

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The American league's "declaration of war" was pigeonholed for at least two months and prohibited for all time, by the National League today. It was not even seriously considered. President Lynch said, at the conclusion of the session. None of the magnates could decipher its purport he said, so they tabled it.

In the final session of the three-day meeting the National league adopted two resolutions today, one calling upon the six states containing clubs on the circuit to make ticket scalping punishable by fine and imprisonment, the other declaring war on base ball pools and offering \$100 reward for the conviction of persons gambling on the game.

The organization also voted President Lynch with power to act for it in dealing with the request of the three principal minor leagues for higher classification. A list of recommendations in this connection was approved. Among them were the following: That major league clubs not be allowed to play in minor league territory and vice versa, either before or after the playing season; reduction of the drafting season to five days, beginning September 15; drafting of umpires; an amendment requiring the major leagues to increase the salaries of drafted players \$50 a month over their minor league salaries; the adoption of salary limits in minor leagues; restriction of playing limit in all leagues to twenty-five during the playing season, and thirty-five during the off season; the retention of players in the highest class league in which they are purchased, so far as possible; drafting prices of \$2,500 in class AA; \$1,250 in class A; \$1,000 in class B; \$750 in class C and \$500 in class D, that players drafted from class A should be offered back to class A at the draft price before being offered to a higher class.

Left to Lynch. While it was recommended that President Lynch vote for these amendments to the national agreement, the entire situation was left in his hands and Mr. Herzmann's for action at the next meeting of the national commission.

The league also adopted unanimously a resolution submitted by President Dreyfus declaring it to be the sense of the gathering that in future world's championship games the contesting clubs be required to turn over 25 per cent of their share of the receipts to the treasury of the two leagues. The resolution advocated an amendment to this effect to the national agreement and provided that a copy of the measure be sent to the American league.

Playing next year will cease on or about October 6, a week earlier than formerly; the season will open on or about April 11, a resolution to this effect being unanimously adopted. Final action before adjournment was the appointment of the following committees: Schedule—Dreyfus, Hildner, Lynch. Constitution—Brush, Herrmann, Locke. Rules—Ward, Bresnahan, Emalle. The only other echo of the world's series ticket scandal was the resolution calling for legislation on ticket scalping. It recited that present laws were inadequate to protect the public interest and in addition to calling upon the states to enact legislation making ticket speculation punishable, included the club cities in the appeal.

STEPHENS HAS INDIAN BILLS

New Congressman from Third District Introduces Two Measures. TO HELP SANTEES AND PONCAS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Dan Stephens today introduced his maiden bills and they were for the relief of the Santee and Ponca Indians in Nebraska. The bill for the Santees provides that the court of claims shall have jurisdiction over the settlement of annuities due them, amounting in round numbers to \$1,000,000. The bill has once passed the house and failed of passage in the senate because of an objection by Senator Gamble over the provision as to attorneys' fees. The Stephens bill provides that the contract made by the attorneys for the Indians shall be subject to approval by the department and in no case shall fees be paid in excess of the contract stipulation.

Poncas to Secure Rights. The Ponca bill provides that all claims they may have against the government shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the court of claims, instead of having to be settled in the department, as is true at present. The bill gives the same right to the Poncas as is now enjoyed by the Omahas, under a law enacted during the last congress, introduced by Senator Burkett.

Senator Brown has made an appointment with President Taft to receive H. T. Clarke of Omaha, C. N. Wright of Scottsbluff and H. D. Watson of Kearney tomorrow morning. David O'Connor and wife of Norfolk, Neb., are in Washington en route to New York to take steamer for Panama. Mr. O'Connor and wife will spend the winter with their daughter, who has settled in the lathism.

Clarke Before Committee. H. T. Clarke will appear on Saturday afternoon before the rivers and harbors committee to advocate the Lobock bill providing an appropriation of \$20,000 to conduct a thorough test of the practicability of the brush and cable system to curb the waters of the Missouri at and near Omaha.

Bryan's Wireless Bill. Senator Hitchcock today introduced a bill to amend the existing law so as to compel all ocean-going vessels leaving any port of the United States carrying 100 or more persons including passengers and crew, to be fully equipped with efficient apparatus for radio communication and manned by two wireless operators instead of one as now required by law. The purpose of this is that an operator may be at the wireless instrument day and night, and was suggested by Mr. Bryan's recent experience in southern waters.

Two Children Drowned on Way Home from School. CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Two children were drowned in a creek in New Hartford. Edith, 9 years old, daughter of Rev. H. A. Ebock, pastor of the Baptist church, and Esther, 7 years old, daughter of Carl Nebon, were returning from the kindergarten. The bodies were recovered soon after.

Man Beating Way on Train Killed at Neligh. NELIGH, Neb., Dec. 15.—A half-breed Indian from Cody, Neb., named Graham was so badly injured last evening while beating his way on a westbound freight train, that he died early this evening. The accident occurred in a peculiar manner, the victim striking the post of a cattle guard with such violence as to break it off at the ground. He must have been clinging to the side of the moving train and hit the cattle guard with terrific force as his right leg was crushed.

Rifle Tryouts at Iowa City. IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Try-outs for the rifle team of the University of Iowa, which were held today, have given first evidence of the Iowa marksmen aggregation this year. Out of a possibly fifty the following scores have so far been made: Arneson, 59; Jaeger, 57; Ingham, 48; Williams, 48; Doeringfeld, 45; Halley, 47; Leeper, 47; Jans, 47; Albert, 47. The team is being coached by Captain Morton C. Mumma, Second United States cavalry.

CHERRY COUNTY HAY LAND CASE TO U.S. SUPREME COURT

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—What is known as the "beer bottle corner case," involving the title of land in Cherry county, which was decided by the supreme court in favor of the state, probably will be carried to the United States supreme court.

According to an allegation made by Baxter and Van Dusen, attorneys for one of the claimants of the land named Ball, a litigant by the name of Bachelor is attempting to take hay from the land in dispute. This information has been filed with Attorney General Martin. A request is added to the information that Bachelor be required to desist. The attorney general is informed that a motion for a new trial has been made in the supreme court, the case being an original one in that court, and that a motion for a rehearing will be filed. Thousands of acres of hay land, now claimed by ranchmen in the grazing region of the state, is affected by the suit. It is declared that ranchmen interested in the land will carry the case higher.

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MAINE REPORT TO CONGRESS

Destruction Caused by Explosions More Extensive Than Expected. POWDER TANKS TORN ASUNDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Taft today sent to congress a brief formal message transmitting the full text of the report of the investigating board which found that the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by an external explosion. The board in its report emphasized the fact that it found what is called the port starboard strake—a continuous line of planking running from stem to stern—was "dished upwards as much as twenty-four inches from a straight line," that another strake, technically called "vc," was displaced "upwards and inwards for 100 square feet," and that part of the inner bottom planking was "displaced up-

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DEBRIS WIDELY SCATTERED

The debris of one-pounder, six-pounder, six-inch and ten-inch ammunition was found widely scattered through the wreck. The location of much of this material bore little relation to its original stowage condition. Powder tanks were torn asunder, or crushed and flattened.

"The condition of the vertical keel and flat keel at frame 18 was ascribed by the court of inquiry of 1898 (the year of the war with Spain) that followed the blowing up of the Maine) to the direct effect of an explosion exterior to the ship in that vicinity." Because of its better opportunity for a detailed examination of this wreckage, now fully exposed, the present board concluded that the external explosion, which ignited the magazines, was not in the vicinity of this frame 18. "The protective deck and hull of the

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formed a closed chamber in which the gases were generated and partly expanded before rupture. The bow portion of the Maine was found pointed nose downward in the mud, to port and lying on its starboard side. The upper part of that portion of the ship, in the vicinity of the forward magazines was swept away. Only about one-half of the bottom was left in position.

The Maine explosion occurred almost fourteen years ago. In that disaster two officers and 261 of its crew perished. Iowa News Notes. IOWA CITY—Twenty fraternity men, Sigma Nus at the University of Iowa, were awakened from slumber at 6 o'clock this morning by fire in their chapter house on East College street. They made their escape by ladders. The loss will total more than \$1,000. INDEPENDENCE—While on his way to investigate the death of Reed Wilson, aged 12 years, who was killed by a train near Winslow, Coroner Swan found the body of M. P. Danforth lying in the road three miles west of Winslow. His death had been caused by hemorrhage of the brain. MARSHALLTOWN—According to a telegram received here Thursday Charles M. Carr, a former wholesale grocer of this city, who was well known in Iowa, died at his home in Ocean Park, Cal. Carr was the founder of the Whitten-Carr-McConnell company, wholesale grocers of this city.

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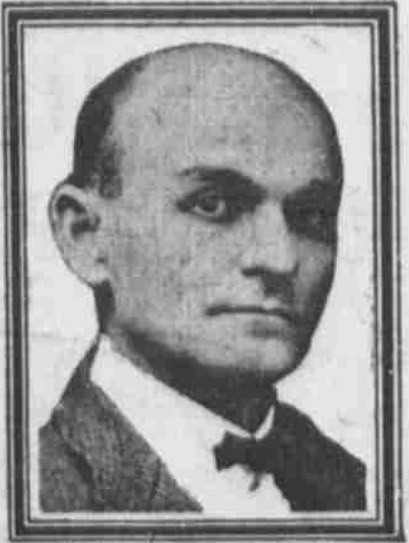
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Cyclone Visits Texas When Mayor Dahlman is Born

Jim Dahlman, the cowboy mayor of Omaha, celebrated Friday. He took his first whiff of ozone in a little log cabin at Yorktown, Tex., 14 years ago. There was an awful wall in the neighborhood that day, said the mayor, although he doesn't distinctly remember it all. The shack wasn't commodious enough to hold a fitting barbecue, and so a large tent was set up and the neighbors notified that the first boy in the family was born. They held a great feed. When the merry-making was at its height the sky darkened, the kid voiced his loud lamentation and suddenly a nor'-wester was upon them. The tent was wrecked and the table overturned. The food was scattered and the barbecue was the first of a series the new-born son was to participate in, came to an inglorious end. "Yes, I was born early in life," said the mayor, "my mother told me I was and the squalls that broke the quiet of the Texas plains that day are still remembered. When I was in Texas last week they reminded me of it and commemorated the occasion with a barbecue. They announced that the one I was to hold on the capitol grounds at Lincoln had been transferred to Francetas." And the mayor tapped the cigar box.



MAYOR J. C. DAHLMAN.

FIFTY MILLION ANIMALS INSPECTED DURING YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—More than 50,000,000 animals were inspected during the last fiscal year by the United States bureau of animal industry, and more than 1,000,000 carcasses or parts thereof were condemned as unfit for food, according to the annual report of Dr. A. D. Melvin, head of the bureau. Tuberculosis was the cause of most of