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Every City in League Represented by Two or More Delegates at Omaha.

## GUESTS OF LOOP BANQUET

Twenty-five representatives of all the Commercial and Rotary clubs in the eight cities of the Western league gathered at the Hotel Fontenelle yesterday for a meeting and banquet at which they were the guests of the league.

The meeting was called for the purpose of evolving a plan to further encourage the patronage of Western league base ball. It was the result of a suggestion made by Tom Fairweather, owner of the Des Moines franchise.

President Zehrung and W. A. Rourke of Omaha represented the league at the meeting and banquet. Each city was represented by two or more delegates.

The delegates talked over the base ball situation in general and discussed plans to make the Zehrung circuit a paying and successful proposition. All the delegates decided upon their return home to have their local clubs appoint permanent base ball committees. These committees will be at the head of all movements for so-called "booster" days and the like. They will constantly urge patronage of the local games and, in case a city begins to be delinquent in its attendance, will immediately put a shoulder to the wheel, so that no team in the league will have to throw up the sponge before the season closes.

The twenty-five guests at the meeting were enthusiastic and declared just such a meeting should have been held before. They are confident their efforts will be greeted by success and that the Western will confront no rough voyages in the future.

Notes from Beatrice  
And Gage County

Beatrice, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The deposits in the banks of this city are the largest in the history of the town, the total amount being \$4,362,085.62. In less than three months since the December call for national banks, two of the leading institutions of this city have increased their deposits more than \$600,000.

Announcement was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. George Potts, formerly of this county, which occurred Saturday morning at her home at Swenk, Colo., where she resided for four years ago. She is survived by no family except her husband. The body was brought to Plymouth today and interred in the Kilpatrick cemetery.

F. T. Wing, formerly of this city, but who has been living at Steele City for the last few years, died at a hospital at St. Joseph yesterday. He was about 43 years of age and leaves no family except his widow. The body will be brought here for interment.

W. A. Folden, for the last thirty-two years a resident of Beatrice, died Saturday night at his home in West Beatrice, aged 82 years. He is survived by eight children.

Commerce High Teacher  
Goes to Detroit School

Nelson C. Wood, a teacher in the Omaha High School of Commerce for the last five years, has resigned his position to accept a like place in the Cass Technical High School at Detroit.

Besides a teacher, Mr. Wood is a member of the Nebraska Bar association and is an active member of the Salesmanship club of Omaha. The World's Salesmanship congress has recently placed him on one of their lecture circuits. He will deliver a lecture to the Denver club, April 6, and since his duties in the Detroit school begin April 9, he will likely be transferred to an eastern circuit for the remainder of his lectures.

McLoughlin Wins From  
Harold A. Throckmorton

Los Angeles, March 12.—Maurice E. McLoughlin (west) defeated Harold A. Throckmorton (east) today, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, in the east-west tennis tournament.

Miss Mary K. Browne (west) defeated Miss Molla Bjurstedt (east), 5-6, 6-0, in the last match of the women's round robin.

Miss Mary K. Browne and Maurice E. McLoughlin (west) defeated Miss Molla Bjurstedt and Harold A. Throckmorton (east), 6-2, 6-2, in an exhibition doubles match that closed the four-day tournament.

George H. Howell, Former  
Iowa Tennis Champ, Dies

St. Louis, Mo., March 12.—George H. Howell, formerly Iowa tennis doubles champion, died here last night after a long illness. Howell's death is attributed to an injury received while playing tennis twelve years ago.

WAVE OF PATRIOTISM HITS  
BASE BALL WORLD.

FLAG ON BASEBALL UNIFORM

Preparedness and patriotism have hit the base ball world together. Captain Huston, having decided to train the Yankees in military tactics, Charley Ebbets was not to be outdone, and, as the photograph shows, has caused American flags to be placed upon the uniforms of all of the members of the Brooklyn team.

STECHER WINS  
FROM ORDEMAN

Nebraska Wrestler Takes Minnesota Into Camp in Two Straight Falls.

## NOT A HARD JOB AT ALL

Vernon, Cal., March 12.—Joe Stecher of Nebraska, heavyweight wrestling champion of the world, won a wrestling match here today with Henry Ordeman of Minneapolis in two straight falls.

The first fall required eighteen minutes and thirty-two seconds and the second eight minutes and thirty seconds. Stecher secured both falls with a leg scissors and wrist lock hold. The Nebraska threw Ordeman without apparent difficulty.

Berlin Is Puzzled by  
Problem of Ex-Convicts

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Berlin, Feb. 14.—What to do with the ex-convicts who, when sentenced, lost their rights to citizenship and therefore may not belong to the army and fight for the fatherland is a problem that is occupying public attention to an increasing degree.

It is estimated that there are in the empire at least 100,000 able-bodied men of military age, now at liberty after having served prison sentences whose work for the government in the aggregate would be of tremendous value if a way could be found to utilize them.

Yet they cannot be sent to the front in regiments composed of men who have never been guilty of criminal acts, because the soldiers would not tolerate their presence. Nor is it feasible to form special companies as has occasionally been suggested, for particularly hazardous duty. Such duty is regarded by the average soldier as a special honor which he would be loath to surrender to men branded by imprisonment. Nor is it felt that it would be safe to entrust important posts to men in whom implicit confidence cannot be placed.

The latest and apparently most welcome suggestion is that the ex-convicts, and even convicts now serving terms, should be formed into special working bodies, and put at some kind of labor for the military authorities, whether at the front or at home.

## Harvest Time

As the case in her hat nodded and trembled they persistently tilted the ear of the man seated next to her. He stood in silence for some time, then he went out and took a huge pocketknife out of his pocket and began to sharpen it on the sole of his boot.

"Whatever are you g-g-ging to d-d-d-o?" asked the girl.

"Oh, don't you worry, miss," said the man, testing the edge of the blade on his thumb. "Just the next time as them cain't get in my ear there's going to be a harvest."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

CURSE VENIZELOS,  
GREEK TOWNS PRAY

Former Prime Minister is Object of "Anathema," a Medieval Religious Custom.

## "HE WANTED TO BE KING"

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Calamata, Greece, Feb. 15.—The medieval ceremony of "Anathema" against Eleftherios Venizelos, former prime minister of Greece, is still continuing in the lesser towns of old Greece. Every Sunday in villages scattered here and there over the country, where the ceremony has not yet taken place, the people come together, generally under the leadership of the local priest, and go through the age-old, semi-religious act of calling down divine wrath upon "Eleftherios Venizelos, who has imprisoned priests and who has plotted against the royal house and against the country," as the wording of the anathema runs.

The anathema ceremony is by no means an unusual one in Greece today, especially in the outer islands and in the rural districts. It is so usual, indeed, that the word "anathema" appears in the current Greek-English conversation books, under the heading of common "religious terms." Nor is it the first time that Venizelos has been anathematized. According to General Vasos, who worked simultaneously with Venizelos for the freedom of Crete, the ceremony was pronounced against Venizelos by the Cretans some twenty years ago.

On the present occasion the ceremonies have been more widespread. Few villages now remain in old Greece where the anathema against the Cretan has not been pronounced, with all the forms of the days when Alcibiades, having deserted the Athenians for their Spartan enemies some twenty-three centuries ago, was stoned to death in spirit after his departure. In each instance the clergy of the Greek church have not only sanctioned, but taken active part in the ceremonies.

## First in Athens.

The first of this series of anathemas against Venizelos was pronounced in Athens. The spot set for the ceremony was the immense military exercise field of the garrisons of Athens. The government formally forbade the ceremony the day before, fearing disturbances, and it was thought that the ceremony would be abandoned. At daybreak, however, peasants from their Attican and Boeotian farms began to flock into town, each carrying a stone from his own soil tucked away among the acorned plaques of the white skirts that the Greek peasants wear upon occasions of ceremony. Many brought their wives and children, the women all carrying their own stones and frequently the children also.

By noon the streets of the capital witnessed an unending procession of peasants and poorer folk bound in the direction of the Kypselis quarter where the exercise field is located. On the Patissia road, which leads to the field, a house was in process of construction and piles of stones were heaped in the yard to be used in building. As the people passed, those who had forgotten to bring stones took each one from this pile. In a quarter of an hour but one was left. The building contractor who was trying in vain to protect his property shrugged his shoulders, hoisted the remaining rock onto his back and joined the march, to pronounce an anathema of his own partly against Venizelos, but probably partly also against those who had stripped his yard.

Archbishop Is There. Immediately following luncheon the wealthier Athenians began to appear in carriages. On the seat of each smart turnout was a small stone and each coachman had one for himself hidden between his feet. Women of the best Greek society clutched in white-gloved hands a vanity box—and a rock. The archbishop of Athens in full canonicals drove in a carriage, which was followed by a procession of other carriages bearing the members of the Holy Synod of the Greek church. As the prelates passed they covered and all bowed their heads to receive the blessings of the priests. In one carriage the venerable bishops of Coryssa and Larissa sat together, gentle old men with whitening beards, who raised their hands constantly in a sign of the cross, above the people crowding against the wheels of the vehicle.

Finally the carriages could go no farther; the crowd was too dense. The aged priests dismounted, the people pushing back to make a path for them. As each prelate stepped from his carriage, the hand that had been distributing blessings fumbled under the flowing black gown and drew from its folds a stone to cast upon the pile being erected to the anger of the Greeks against their former favorite, Venizelos.

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## Aragon Talks About Base Ball in Cuba



ANGEL ARAGON

Angel Aragon, the Yankee's Cuban utility infielder, has joined the Yankee training camp at Macon, Ga., and, besides getting in considerable practice, has had a chance to talk about base ball in Cuba. Aragon came directly to the camp from Havana. He declared that many big league players invaded Cuba this winter, and that

MANN AGAINST ANY  
TRADING FOR POWER

Republican Candidate for Speaker Talks About House Control Situation.

## PLANS ARE UNFORMED YET

Washington, March 12.—Despite many conferences for working out democratic, republican and bi-partisan control of the incoming house of representatives there are few signs that the plans of either of the big parties or of the little group of independents will take definite form until within a few days of the special session April 16.

Most of the members have left the capital with the impression that the lines for the organization fight cannot be drawn now because of the shifting of strength due to deaths and the uncertainties surrounding plans for special elections to fill the vacancies. Republican Leader Mann, who will be his party's candidate for speaker, departed tonight after announcing that he would not favor and trading for republican control and predicting that bi-partisan organization was "not improvable."

## Independents Cannot Agree.

The fluctuating standings of the parties presented the prospect tonight that the democrats will have 215 votes and the republicans 214 when the special session convenes. It will require 218 to elect a speaker. The five so-called independents holding the balance of power have been unable so far to agree on a concerted course, but they will meet again just before the beginning of the session.

In order to keep the strength up to 215 the democrats will have to elect a democrat in the Fifteenth New York district, where a special election is to be held April 12, to choose a successor to the late Representative Conrey. It generally is conceded, however, that the strong Tammany element there will have no difficulty in returning a democratic majority. The hopes of republicans that a republican might be elected in New Hampshire to succeed the late Representative Sulloway, bringing the republican total up to 215, disappeared today when it was discovered the state statutes would not permit an election before April 16.

## Urges Speedier Elections.

During the day Representative Mann telegraphed the governors of New York and New Hampshire, urging that special elections in the Conrey and Sulloway districts be called as quickly as possible. When he left tonight the republican leader said he was going to take a good rest, but would be back in ample time for the extra session.

The house organization," said Mr. Mann, "is not a matter of trading. It should not be a case of figuring on some partisan advantage. I do not propose to have it said, if I can prevent it, that the republicans have

adopted anything in the nature of sharp practice in order to elect me speaker.

"It is not improbable that there will be a bipartisan organization of the house, but I do not think it is possible to determine whether there will be one until there shall have been a test of strength and both sides have had a vote.

## Probable Length of Session.

"In view of international complications and the fact that neither party will have a majority in the house, there necessarily will have to be some bipartisan understanding in the house after organization is effected if not before it is effected. It would be ridiculous to suppose that such a body of men in matters of important legislation would permit themselves to be controlled by the mere whim or caprice of a few men who call themselves independents."

Mr. Mann added that this is possible, though not altogether probable, that congress meet and its extra session in two weeks. Speaker Clark said tonight, however, that he thought the chances favored a session of about six weeks and was convinced that the stay of congress would be either short or very long.

"We will be in session either six weeks or till August, come a year," the speaker said.

Britain Honors Widow  
Of Submarine Rammer

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, Feb. 20.—The British government has decided to grant an additional pension of \$500 a year to Mrs. Fryatt, widow of Captain Fryatt, who was captured by the Germans and shot because they declared he tried to ram submarines while operating his cross-channel steamer between Holland and England. This sum will be given to Mrs. Fryatt in addition to the pension she was entitled to under the government pension scheme.

The Great Eastern Railway company, whose steamer Captain Fryatt commanded, has voted to pay the widow for life a sum equal to the skipper's salary. To further commemorate the company has decided to endow a "Fryatt memorial wing" to the company's hospital at Harwich.

Yankees Build Armored  
Cars for Holland's Army

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Feb. 10.—The Dutch newspapers announce that the Dutch army is to be provided with armored motor cars similar to the British "tanks." It is said that a portion of the new cars will be built in the United States.

Johnson Throws Out on Lyons. Lyons, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—An exciting wrestling match occurred at the Lyons gymnasium at this place Saturday evening between Ole Olson of Tecumseh, and Oliver Johnson, a local wrestler, in which the latter won two falls in three and one-half and seven minutes.

One Beats Chicago Barn Stomach. Ong, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—One defeated the Chicago Greenies, who are making a western tour, Thursday night, 43 to 20. Field goals: Cassel (19), Adams (13), Ellison (4), Rosenquist (1), Gowen, Russell (7), Bidwell (2). Free throws: Adams, Bidwell (2). Referee: Norgren. Timekeeper: Darrab.

## Sport Calendar Today

Swimming—Princeton vs. Columbia at New York City.  
Boxing—Kid Williams vs. Joe Lynch, ten rounds, at New York City.

Russian Police Catch  
Money Smugglers at Work

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Stockholm, Feb. 16.—A total of more than 200,000 roubles in Russian paper money has been found in the last four days by the Russian border police on persons who were trying to smuggle the money into Sweden. In one case 150,000 roubles were seized, in another 42,000. Russian regulations permit the traveler to carry only 500 roubles out of the country.

Smuggling into Sweden of Russian paper money is at present a highly profitable occupation when it succeeds. At present rates of exchange the smuggler can buy a check on a Petrograd bank at the rate of 98 crowns for 100 roubles to repay the person entrusting him with the notes. He can sell the notes themselves at the rate of 109 crowns for 100 roubles, giving him a profit of 11 crowns per 100 roubles. The smuggler with the 150,000 roubles could, for instance, have made a profit of 16,500 Swedish crowns if his attempt had succeeded.

British Pupils Honor  
Boy Hero of Jutland Fray

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, Feb. 24.—In 12,000 schools in this country a picture of Jack Cornwell, the boy hero of the Jutland battle, looks down on the pupils who are now contributing their pennies to the building of a national memorial to him. Up to date remittances have been received from 28,400 schools, some of which are in other countries, and 485 individual subscribers, amounting to \$110,000. Besides the printing of the portraits of the boy hero, the committee in charge of the publicity work has had printed 250,000 booklets, 175,000 posters, half a million collecting cards, and has answered 100,000 letters. The picture shows Cornwell standing by his gun during the heat of battle.

No More One-Year Tricks  
In Uncle Sam's Navy

In view of the tense international situation and the shortage of men in the United States navy, navy recruits hereafter will not be allowed the former privilege of withdrawing from active service after one year. This information has just been received from headquarters by Lieutenant W. W. Waddell, in charge of the Omaha recruiting district. From now on, recruits will be required to enlist for four years of active service. For some time past they were enlisted with the understanding that they could go on the reserve list after a year of actual service.

Crooks Nab Enough to  
Clothe Whole Regiment

Almost enough clothing to equip a regiment was stolen from the warehouse of Butler Bros., at 1011 Farnam street, Sunday night. Scores of articles of all manner and kind were taken. It is believed the thieves must have used a truck to escape with their loot, which was valued at about \$160.

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KILAUEA VOLCANO  
BECOMES ACTIVE

Hawaiian Mountain Becomes a Lake of Lava, Spouting Liquid Fire.

## FIRE SHOT HIGH IN AIR

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Honolulu, Feb. 5.—Intense activity, greater than heretofore known to any Hawaiians now living, is manifest in Kilauea volcano, according to reports received here. The Kilauea is the largest active crater in the world, eight miles in circumference, and is situated in the southeasterly part of the island of Hawaii, the largest island of the group.

The volcano, enclosed by a circular wall from 200 to 700 feet in height, is a black plain of some four square miles in area, within which is the pit of Halemaumau, about 2,000 feet in diameter, recently empty to a depth of 1,000 feet, but now nearly level to its mouth with boiling lava. A few months ago the life of the volcano could hardly be discerned, but today the pit is a roaring, boiling, swirling lake of fire of many acres in extent and at night the glow from the red hot lava can be seen all over the island and far out at sea. The fiery lake is filled with spouting fountains that shoot the liquid rock hundreds of feet into the air. The rim of the pit is constantly crumbling, eaten away at its base by the surging tide of fire, and tumbling with deafening crashes into the molten mass.

Reports from Hilo record the perilous feat of Prof. T. A. Jaggar, jr., director of the volcano observatory, in venturing out on the hot, barely solidified edge of the lava for more than 100 yards to plunge his instruments into the lake of fire for the purpose of ascertaining its temperature. He was successful and he and his assistants escaped in safety only a short time before the spot on which they had stood was engulfed and became itself a part of the boiling flood.

The temperature of the lake is more than 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the results obtained by Prof. Jaggar. The temperature was found by thrusting into the molten lava lengths of pipe screwed together, into which had been fitted six Secar cones, conical plugs of fusible clay designed to melt at varying temperatures.

To reach the living lava, Prof. Jaggar and his assistants had to scramble down sixty feet over the rim of the pit, holding on to the knife-edged crags that had been thrown up by the volcano's activity. One of the party fell when near the bottom, but fortunately regained his feet in time to prevent rolling into a fissure where he would have been consumed in an instant.

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