

BRINGING UP FATHER

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THREE OF ROURKES BREEZE INTO CAMP

Tony Brottem, Murphy Currie and Shag Thompson Are Tuesday Arrivals.

BARHAM IS ON HIS WAY

Tony Brottem, Murphy Currie and Shag Thompson were arrivals at the training camp of the Rourkes yesterday.

Brottem, who is scheduled to occupy the shoes of Ernie Krueger as first string catcher, came all the way from Parkland, Wash. He arrived yesterday morning and donned a uniform to take part in the noon practice.

The new catcher stands about six feet one in the air and weighs around 170 pounds. He is of the tall, rangy type and looks like a real ball player. Currie and Thompson arrived yesterday afternoon too late for the workout. They will make their first appearance in the spangles today. Currie came from his home at Fayetteville, N. C., while Shag's home is at Haw River in the same state. They made the long journey together.

With the exception of those who spent the winter here, young Wyman, semi-pro hurler who hails from Imogene, Ia., is the only other Rourke in camp. Wayne Barham left his home at Dallas, Wash., yesterday, which will get him in Omaha about Thursday night. Larry Pratt, purchased from Columbus to share the receiving work with Brottem, doesn't know whether he'll report or not. Larry is in business in Peoria and may quit the game. Marty O'Toole continues to hold out.

Benton Has Kick

Benton also refuses to sign with Omaha. Benton says the Winnipeg club promised him \$100 if he was sold. He demands the \$100 because Winnipeg sold him to Omaha. And he writes Pa that he will not sign until he gets that \$100. As the \$100 does not concern Rourke in any way he fails to see why Benton will not sign and has so informed the young man. He believes Benton will come to terms, but if the hurler gets very belligerent about it he'll probably go right back to Winnipeg.

Otto Merz, Cecil Thompson, Joe Burg and Harold Irelan have all signed and were among those who worked out yesterday. The players who have not come to terms are Pratt, Benton, O'Toole, Holderman and Forsythe. Holderman, it has developed, is a member of the army reserve medical staff and he may not be able to report to Omaha. Rourke has his eye on another first sacker in case he can't get Holderman.

Water Fowl by Thousands Flying to the Southland

Fremont, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—Thousands of ducks and geese passed over Fremont Sunday afternoon and evening on their way southward. Old hunters say they have not seen such a large flight for many, many years. It was supposed only storks in the northern part of the state and the Dakotas had driven the feathery tribe back from their trip to the breeding grounds of the north. For over two hours the birds passed in great flocks. Some shooting has been done in this vicinity, but hunters are keeping quiet about it. A local state deputy game warden is authority for the statement that there are six federal deputies in this vicinity securing evidence to be used in prosecuting violators of the law in the event the supreme court holds the spring-shooting law valid.

Chicago National First Team Beats San Francisco

Sacramento, Cal., March 20.—The first team of the Chicago Nationals defeated the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast league here today, 5 to 2. Score:

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Chicago 5, San Francisco 2.

Base Ball Scores

Table with 2 columns: Location, Score. Shreveport, La., March 20.—Cincinnati Nationals, 6; Shreveport, Texas league, 1. Wapakoneta, Tex., March 20.—Detroit Americans, 5; Dallas, Texas league, 2. Prairie Park Whist. Prairie Park Whist club scores this week were as follows: NORTH AND SOUTH. Hills and Martin, 256; Wigton and Jackson, 250; Abbott and Dreyfoos, 243; Barton and Reynolds, 242; Stebbins and Schler, 238. EAST WEST. Buck and Shawcross, 221; Dohes and Fain, 211; Yost and Johnson, 208; Gallup and Shields, 206; Nelson and Van Buren, 202. Denver Players Sign Up. Denver, March 20.—Signed contracts have been received at the headquarters of the Denver club of the Western league from Catcher Wuffli, formerly with the Northwestern league, and Infielder Schriest of Phoenix, Ariz. It was announced today.

Sport Calendar Today

Racing—Grand National Steeplechase will be run over the Gatewick course, England. Base Ball—Philadelphia Americans vs. Boston Nationals, interleague game, at Miami, Fla. Bench Shows—Opening of annual show of Canton Kennel club, Canton, O. Golf—Southern California open championship tournament at Altadena, Cal. Swimming—Columbia vs. Yale, at New Haven. Automobile—Northwestern Michigan Automobile show at Cadillac, Mich. Annual show of Trenton Automobile Dealers' association, Trenton, N. J.

BALL PLAYERS DO NOT WANT TO DRILL

Tigers Join Cleveland Indians in Move to Abandon Their Military Training.

INTERFERES WITH GAME

Detroit, March 20.—Dispatches received here today from the training camp of the Detroit Americans at Waxahachie, Tex., say the Detroit ball players are in sympathy with a movement started by fellow athletes to abandon the military drills they now are receiving. It is understood that the Cleveland club already has taken such action. Several Detroit players have claimed that the drills cause severe strain upon muscles not brought into play on the base ball diamond and that the work has hindered more than it has helped their playing. They have been drilling with bats instead of guns, and it is understood this has been unpopular.

Two Caucuses in Edgar

Edgar, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—Two caucuses were held in Edgar last night to nominate tickets for the coming city election. The following ticket was nominated by the citizens' caucus: Mayor, Harland Portwood; clerk, E. C. Riekle; treasurer, C. C. Cartney; councilman, North ward, W. S. Kohler to succeed himself; South ward, John Baker, to succeed E. Anderson. It was proposed to submit the question whether license for a pool hall should be granted, but this was voted down. In the progressive caucus the following ticket was nominated: Mayor, William Shively; clerk, Will Breckenridge; treasurer, C. P. Avery; councilmen, North ward, E. W. Clack, to succeed W. H. Kohler; South ward, Dr. G. R. Woods, to succeed E. Anderson. The present city engineer, Lowery, was placed on both tickets.

News Notes of Superior

Superior, Neb., March 20.—(Special Telegram.)—John Z. White, single tax advocate, spoke to a large audience last night at the high school auditorium under the auspices of the Social Study club. Superior people are making preparations for university week the last of March. The company that is to build a \$50,000 hotel was incorporated last week will be rushed upon the building in early spring. Only one ticket will be in the field here this spring and it will be called the union party ticket. G. L. Day is candidate for mayor; H. C. Hanna, treasurer; L. L. Carpenter, clerk; G. W. Burgess, alderman, First ward; R. R. Johnston, Second ward; D. L. Davies, Third ward. Peter Johnson and G. W. Harvey are the nominees for the school board.

News Notes of Friend

Friend, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—The annual banquet of Friend's Commercial club was held at Hotel Coronado last evening. Owing to considerable sickness in town only thirty were present. Mr. Sanderson of Runge & Grunzel company, Lincoln, made the principal address. Frank Hacker was toastmaster. Winter wheat has thus far failed to show up and it is believed that a great majority of the wheat is killed. In that event farmers are making arrangements to plant to corn and other spring crops.

Sloan Talks at Geneva

Geneva, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—The Community club banquet given last night, was well attended. The Congregational women served the dinner. President Edward Pierce was toastmaster. The following were the speakers: W. R. Fulton of Geneva, Rev. J. F. Haas of David City, R. A. Matheson of Geneva, Coach Thiesen of the Geneva High school, Congressman Charles H. Sloan of Geneva and Father D. J. Cronin of Wymore.

Risky Signs Three Years

St. Louis, March 20.—Branch Risky, business manager of the St. Louis Americans, announced this afternoon that he had signed a three-year contract as president and business manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. It is understood his salary will be \$15,000 a year.

Cuban Rebels Lose

Havana, March 20.—Victory in a forty-minute battle with a concentrated rebel force of 1,500 under Angel Castillo is reported from Arroyohondo by Colonel Pujol. The rebels fled, leaving twenty-seven dead.

GERMAN RETREAT MORE EXTENSIVE

Correspondent Finds No Evidence That Their Retirement is Coming to Halt.

POPULATION IS OVERJOYED

From a Staff Correspondent of The Associated Press at the French Front in France, Sunday, March 18 (Via Paris, March 20).—The French troops yesterday and today made one of the most significant advances since the beginning of the war. Along a sixty kilometer front, some hundreds of square kilometers fell into the hands of the French, while the Germans' retreating movement gave no evidence of coming to a halt. This immense tract of recaptured territory was traversed today by a correspondent for The Associated Press, who found the inhabitants in many places where they were allowed to remain by the Germans tearfully joyous at the reappearance of their fellow countrymen coming in as victors.

Among the first words from the women and children who had been for thirty-two months in the hands of the Germans, were expressions of gratitude to America.

Grateful to America. "Americans have kept us alive; otherwise we would have died of hunger."

This was absolutely spontaneous, the stricken people not being aware that an American correspondent was present.

Signs of a hasty German departure are visible everywhere and especially in the villages and towns in the shape of houses blown to fragments by the explosion of incendiary bombs. The distant burning villages showed that the retreat still was progressing. Supply columns are proceeding in every direction, following the French pursuing troops, who keep close on the heels of the retreating Germans, not allowing them a moment's respite.

In the villages of Candor and Lagny many women and children still remained, the rapid retirement not permitting the Germans to carry them off with the mayor, the assistant mayor and other officials. They asserted that everything that grew in their gardens was requisitioned by the Germans and the sole means of sustaining life was the food distributed by the Americans. Every month the mayors or other village functionaries were called together where the American representative gave out supplies and life was sustained simply by this means.

At Candor nearly 200 women and children were left in German hands at the beginning of the war. The young men and girls were all carried off to Germany, their parents even now being ignorant of their whereabouts. Those remaining were compelled to do all kinds of work without payment and when, for religious reasons, they refused to work on Sunday, they were fired on. Even boys over 13 years of age, assert that they were driven often under fire to dig ditches or small trenches for military transport wires. All schools had been closed since the German occupation.

The inhabitants assert that the German soldiers told them weeks ago that they were about to retreat as they were not able to withstand the constant attacks from the entente allies on all parts of the line, and further that they were suffering from a shortage of food supplies.

Indications on all sides show that the retirement is becoming more extensive.

CORN RULES MARKET ON FOUR-CENT RISE

Everything Else Abdicates in Its Favor When Sensational Flight Begins.

RECORD ORDER IS BOOKED

Corn was the real king on the Omaha Grain exchange today and all of the traders took off their hats to it as it started on its upward flight that continued until it reached \$1.11 per bushel, a price 4 cents above that of Monday, which previously had been the top by better than 2 cents.

One dollar and eleven cents a bushel was not paid for an option, but it was paid in cash for the actual corn, the consignment having been raised over in Iowa. It was No. 2 white, shipped by J. L. Gwyne, Solomon, Ia., consigned to the Armour Grain company and by that corporation sold to the Merriam & Millard company and bought for milling.

While the top price for cash corn on the Omaha market was \$1.11 per bushel, the bottom was \$1.09, 2 cents over any previous high. The bulk of the sales were made around \$1.10@1.10 1/2 per bushel. Receipts were twenty-seven carloads.

End of Cheap Corn

That there is not going to be any more cheap corn until after another crop, commission men and dealers say is indicated by the upward trend of the futures. For instance, the May option went to \$1.12 1/2; July, \$1.11 1/2, and September, \$1.09 1/2 per bushel. These option prices are 1 to 2 cents over any previous high.

Again wheat started out to reach \$2 per bushel, but fell considerably short.

Legal Aid Bureau Gives Advice to Over 1,300 Cases

T. J. McGuire, head of the free legal aid department maintained by the Board of Public Welfare, yesterday evening reported that during the first eleven months of his work 1,318 applicants visited his office, advice was given in 581 cases and 737 cases were disposed of by court action or adjustment.

The purpose of the bureau is to assist the poor, who, for lack of money, would otherwise be unable to prosecute in court a just case," stated Attorney McGuire. The report showed that 222 wage cases were disposed of and that \$2,450 was collected for clients. Total amount of money collected by the free legal aid bureau during the eleven months was \$9,900. There were sixty-seven garnishee cases and thirty-eight cases against labor agencies.

During the last week the co-operative employment bureau supplied work for 202 persons. The board received from the city council a resolution, transferring supervision of public dancing. Member Rine of the board will prepare an ordinance which will be offered to the board next Monday evening for consideration.

To Test Guard Bonus Law

Pierre, S. D., March 20.—(Special Telegram.)—A suit to test the constitutionality of the act which gives \$75 to each soldier returning from the border is scheduled to be started here tomorrow by Adjutant General Morris.

NICHOLAS' FINAL HOURS AS EMPEROR

News of Revolution is Bluntly Broken to Czar on Train as It Nears Petrograd.

BREAKS DOWN AND WEEPS

Petrograd, March 19.—(Via London, March 20).—The history of the last hour of Emperor Nicholas as ruler of Russia is related by a correspondent of the Outro Rosii of Moscow as follows:

Two trains arrived at the station at Vishera, (on the Moscow-Petrograd railroad, 125 miles southeast of Petrograd), on the night of March 14. One train contained the emperor's suite, the second the emperor, General Baron Fredericks, minister of the imperial house; Admiral Niloff, General Zabel and others. Nicholas, called from headquarters by the emperor, was on the way to the Tsarsko-Selo.

None of the telegrams about the revolution sent by President Rodzianko of the Duma had reached the emperor. Every effort was made to keep him in ignorance of these affairs. General Zabel protested, declaring that if the others refused to inform the emperor he would do so. Nicholas, who had been sleeping, was awakened at 2 o'clock in the morning. He went to the dining car and demanded that Admiral Niloff tell him what had happened in Petrograd. He was told that a crowd of students, hoodlums and young soldiers had terrorized the Duma, but that few detachments of troops would be able to put them down.

Just then Commander Voyekoff of the imperial train entered with a telegram stating that 700 of the St. George cavalry were on the way to Tsarsko-Selo to present a cross to the emperor and had arrived at the nearby station of Dno, headed by General Ivanhoff.

"Your majesty," said Voyekoff, "it is enough that you appear at the Tsarsko-Selo in the midst of these heroes and with the Tsarsko-Selo garrison, go to the Duma. All the troops will remember their oath. It will be easy to overcome these young soldiers."

"It is a lie, your majesty," shouted General Zabel, "you are deceived. Read these telegrams. Here is the order: 'To the imperial train at Vishera: Do not send the train to Tsarsko-Selo but to Petrograd.'"

The emperor arose and exclaimed: "What does this mean, Is it revolution? Is Grekoff (who signed the order to divert the train) commander in Petrograd?"

Then General Zabel spoke out, saying: "There are 80,000 troops, with officers, backing the temporary government. Your majesty has been declared dethroned. It is impossible to go further."

Nicholas, completely nonplussed, exclaimed: "Why was I not told before? Why tell me now when all is finished?"

After a moment he added with a gesture of helplessness: "Let it be so. Thank God. I will abdicate, if that is what the people want. I will go to Livadia (the estate of the Russian imperial family on the south coast of Crimea) to my gardens. I am so fond of flowers." The train moved toward Bologoie. At Dno a telegram was received stating that the Tsarsko-Selo garrison had revolted and that the emperor had appealed to the Duma for protection. Nicholas pondered the situation, then said: "I shall go to Moscow. Mrosowski (commander of Moscow garrison) used to say Moscow always would defend me." At Bologoie was received a tele-

gram stating that the Moscow garrison had joined the revolution. The train returned to Dno, where it met the train bearing General Ivanoff. The general related everything which had taken place, adding: "There is only one thing to do now. It is to open the Dvina front to the Germans and let them quiet the canaille." Nicholas rejected the suggestion, exclaiming angrily: "I shall never become a traitor to my country." Then Nicholas broke down and wept. After a moment he said: "If only I knew my wife and children were safe I should go to Livadia quietly to finish my life and let Michael govern the country. He is well liked by the people. I will sign my abdication and then go back to the army; say goodbye to the soldiers, and let them do as they like. I shall not stand in the way." This last colloquy occurred on the station platform. Nicholas, who was dressed in a soldier's coat with a colonel's shoulder straps and a sheepskin hat tilted back, frequently mopped his brow. He gazed about in an abstracted manner and then mounted the steps of his car. Thereupon the train moved off.

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