# War May Not Hurt the Game, but Winter Weather Isn't Helping Any

## THOMPSON'S BAT WINS FOR OMAHA

Shag Cracks Homer in First and Hammers in Winning Run in Ninth.

## BARHAM HAS BAD FRAME

Because Shag Thompson selected two opportunities, one in the first frame and the other in the last, to knock the cover off the ball, Des Moines bit the dust before the

Moines bit the dust before the Rourkes in a frigid combat yesterday afternoon, 7 to 6. Shag's first blow was a home run swat over the right field wall, the first of the season on the local lot. He scored Sarl Smith, who had gained first on a single, ahead of him. In the ninth stanza Smith singled again. Thompson drove a long drive into right which would have been good for at least two and possibly three sacks, but a single was all that was necessary, as Smith galloped home with the winning tally. The reason the battle was so close

home with the winning tally. The reason the battle was so close is that Des Moines put over five runs on Barham in the fifth stanza. Bar-ham opened the round by walking Cass. After Ewoldt flew out Spencer pheat out an infield hit. Hunter grounded out, but Jack Coffey tore off a double to right. Then Naughton and Breen singled and Larry Spahr staged the grand finale of the inning with a triple to right. Pinch Hitter Delivers.

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The Boosters made their other run in the seventh off Marty. O'Toole ou an error by Irelan. a wild pitch and Sniper Oleson's double.

Sniper Oleson's double. Omaha counted one in the fifth on Breen's error and Irelan's double, and three in the sixth on an error by Naughton, a hit hatsman, Brottem's double and a fielder's choice which Naughton played badly. Des Moines outhit Omaha, making eleven bingles, while Krug's men only accumulated seven, but every time the Rourkes made a hit a run was counted.

Omaha and Des Moines clash again today at Rourke park. The game starts at 3:15. Score: OMAHA.

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SLIGHTED IN OMAHA

Nebraska bids fåir to be the brightest in history. "We have men in this institution who, with al ittle training, could hold their, own in any collegiate or Ama-teur Athletic union meet in the coun-try," Kearns said yesterday. "I could take hold and organize a team that would take Nebraska university to a trimming right now. Our boys are no lead pile, and it is high time Oma-ha was waking up to this fact." Aside from the Missouri Valley in-terscholastic meet, which will be held at Creighton field in the latter part of May, no other important event has

TRACK ATHLETE IS

OMAHA GRAPPLER TO MEET

circuit, the Iowa-Nebraska-Minnesota circuit and the Nebraska Speed association, was announced last week. U S. Renne, a well known Jowa horse-

**CLUB ACTIVITIES** 

Secretaryship.

BY RUSSELL PHELPS.

S. Renne, a well known Jowa horse-man and a wealthy land owner, who will move his stables to Omaha and make his home here, becomes secre-tary of the Driving club, succeeding Otis M. Smith. Mr. Smith, one of the best known horsemen in the middle west and a prominent figure in harness horse racing in this part of the country, will continue as a member of the board of directors, taking in addition the title, superintendent of speed. His multi-farious duties as a grain man forced him to give up the secretary's job, which should require the undivided attention of one man. Secretary Two Years.

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SPORTS SECTION OF THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 15, 1917.

Pa Rourke's Stonewall Infield



## WESTERN STARTS SEASON WEDNESDAY

Going Bids Well to Be Roughest in History of Zehrung Organization.

### OMAHA HAS WINNING TEAM

The good ship Western league Wednesday will poke its sturdy prow into the stormiest sea that has ever confronted it and start on five-month and a half journey that promises to be

a risky venture at most. While other minor leagues dropped by the wayside or went through re-organizations, the Western league has by the wayside or went through re-organizations, the Western league has successfully weathered seventeen sea-sons and is the oldest minor league in this part of the country. The Western went through several seasons of tough going, but it always managed to pull through. And with that same courage, which marked all of those seventeen sea-sons, Western league club owners are embarking on the eighteenth. But the path the Western league may have to travel this year is likely to be considerably rougher than ever before and the obstacles to surmount more numerous and more formidable. War First Problem. The war is the first problem of the Western league magnates. Will base ball prosper despite the fact that the United States has become involved in the embroghio?

Another problem is the high cost of living. The cost of living strikes a blow at the base ball magnates from the root of living strikes a blow at the base ball magnates from the front and the rear. The poor man will not be able to attend ball games as often as he used to. And expenses of running a ball club have been greatly increased. Dea Moines and Sioux City present a third problem. The state of lowa has a law which phohibits amusements on Sunday and base ball comes in the barred list. It is said the law will be strictly enforced in Des Moines. Fans in the Hawkeye capitol are making a desperate fight to hold Sunday base ball would practically break either Des Moines of Sioux City and hurt every other club in the league. It is doubtful if either Iowa town can retain a base ball team without Sunday games. Take Des Moines and Sioux City and hurt every other club in the league. It is doubtful if either Iowa town can retain a base ball team without Sunday games. Take Des Moines and Sioux City out of the league? Fans Must Boost. The Western league didn't have a profitable season has year and it got away under much more favorable circumstances than it will this year. If the league is to exist through the 1917 season the fans in every town will have to get out and boost and patro-inze the game.

The Commercial clubs and Boost and parto-nize the game. The Commercial clubs and Rotary clubs all over the league have agreed to put on their boosting clothes and fight to keep the loop intact. Their efforts undoubtedly will be a big aid. But each individual fan will have to do bis part, too.

efforts undoubtedly will be a big aid. But each individual fan will have to do his part, too. The Western league promises a fast brand of base ball this season, as fast if not faster than last year, and it will be remembered some mighty nifty ball games were played in this circuit during 1916. In Omaha Pa Rourke has assem-bled a mightly likely looking aggrega-tion of athletes and they deserve the support of the city. Unless unfore-seen circumstances bob up to upset the dope the Rourkes should be contend-ers all the way. They not only look like the first division, but they look like a one-two choice. The Rourkes open the season Wednesday in Denver, leaving Omaha tonight for the Mile-High city. They make a stop tomorrow in Grand Is-land for a game there. From Denver, Pa's hopefuls journey to Wichita, St. Joseph and Joplin before returning home to open the local season on May 1, the day Ne-braska holds obseques over the pros-trate form of J. Barleycorn.

Two Bad Plays by

New Tork ... 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 a ... 1 Two-base lifts: Pipp, Walks. Three-base hit: Pipp. Home run; Walker. Double plays: Baker. Maisel and Pipp. Packin-raugh, Malsel and Pipp. Bases on halls: Off Mogridges, 1; off Pennock, 1: off Mays. 2. Hits: By Pennock, 6 in six imminga. Struck out: By Mogridge, 6; by Pennock, 1; by Mays, 1. Umpires: Connolly and Me-Cormick.

### J. Franklin Baker Has Thumb Broken By a Pitched Ball

Polo Grounds, New York, April 14. -J. Franklin Baker, the crack Yan-kee third baseman, had his left thumb broken in the second inning of to-day's game between the New York and Boston Americans, when he was hit by a wide pitch delivered by Pitcher Pennock. The injury may keep Baker out of the game for a month at least.

## **Owen Daily to Wrestle**

Owen Daily, who still persists that he is the world's lightweight wrestling champion, and Jack Fisher of Dallas, Tex., will clash at Minden Thursday mght. The Minden Ad club is run-ning the affair. The men will weigh in at 135 pounds.

Invests Huge Sum. James C. Dunn, owner of the Cleveland am, has invested \$100,000 in new players nee he took over the Indians a year ago.

overflowing. A dozen sprinters of no mean, rank stand ready to enter, besides three long-distance men. Three high jumpers, four broad jump-ers, two pole vaulters and three weight men are also included in Kearns' clique. Leading this aggregation is M. L. Frederick, former Dartmouth man, who holds a broad jump record at that college. The sprinters include Vern Moore, C. E. Seeley, R. C. Fu-rios, Art Dutcher, Stangle and Haines, who will take part in the 100, 220 and 440 yard dashes. L. D. Griffith, John Filler and Bart Kane pan in as long-distance men. The latter gained con-siderable prominence as winner of the "Y" cross-country Thanksgiving re-lay from this section. High jump men are A. Anscow, F. C. Drews and J. A. Stevenson. All jump better than 5 feet 5 inches, which is some height. The weight men include Van Ordstrom, Drews and Barneby. They handle the shot better than the ham-mer. mer.

### War Will Not Greatly

Hurt the Game of Golf n the second inning of to-me between the New York ion Americans, when he was a wide pitch delivered by Pennock. The injury may ker out of the game for a t least. Daily to Wrestle Jack Fisher at Minden Daily, who still persists that world's lightweight wrestling a, and Jack Fisher of Dallas, Il clash at Minden Thursday The Minden Ad club is run-

superb form today and shut out St. teammates drove Hamilton from the

change of peace and good judgment. He struck out five and gave three passes. Shotton, who stole second in the first inning, was the only local to reach that base. Score:

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St. Louis, April 14 .- Cicotte was in

Milwaukee Kansas City Columbus Louisville Minneapolis St. Paul Toledo Louis without a hit. Meanwhile his Yesterday's Result box in the second inning, when they piled up seven runs. Cicotte used a

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Louisiana Governor Urges

Yesterday's Results. NATIONAL LEAGUE. New York, 5: Boaton, 2. Philadelphis, 11: Brooklyn, 2. St. Louis, 2: Cincinnati, 1. Pittaburgh, 6: Chicago, 2. AMERICAN LEAGUE Chicago, 11; St. Louis, 6. Cleveland, 2; Detroit, 5. Washington, 4; Philadelphis, 16. Boston, 2; New York, 7.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Columbus, 9: Indianapolis, 9: Toledo, 3: Louinville, 4: Minnespolia-Milwaukee, mow. St. Paul, 2: Kansas City, 7:

Games Today.

National League-Pittsburgh at Cincin-ati, St. Louis at Chicago.

Omaha Marksmen to

Shoot Columbus for

**Rees Trophy Today** 

American League-Cleveland at St. Louis, Chicago at Detroit.

American Association-Columbus at In-dianapolis. Toledo at Louisville, Minneapolis at Milwaukee, SL Paul at Kansas City.

Omaha Gun club scattergun marks-men will invade Columbus today to bring back the Charles E. Rees state

bring back the Charles E. Rees state championship trophy, which the Platte county gang took away from Omaha a short time ago. Frank Parmelee, member of the American squad which captured the world's live bird shooting title in London twenty years ago, will lead the local team. Every member of the club has been urged to attend the shoot. There will be no shooting at the local gun club today for this rea-son. The Columbus Gun club has arranged a good program so that all Les Darcy to Join the Army New Orleans, April 14,-With the acvice that Les Darcy, the Aus-tralian pugilist, "follow the noble ex-

ample of Georges Carpentier, now ighting on the French front, before seeking athletic engagements in Louisiana," Governor Pleasant to-night requested Dominick Torterich, to cancel the twenty-round bout schedule to be held here April 23 be-tween Darcy and Jeff Smith of New York. Tortorich stated the telegram would be turned over to the directors of the athletic club. There is no coubt, he said, that the governor's trequest will be granted.

St. Louis Cardinals Win

From the Cincinnati Reds

Cincinnati, April 14.—In a pitchers' duel between Watson and Schneider the former had the better of it and St. Louis defeated Cincinnati, 2 to 1, and thereby broke even on the series. Watson did not allow a hit until the seventh, when Roush tripled and later scored on an error. St. Louis scored the winning run in the eighth, when Watson singled with two men on. Score:

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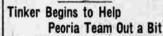
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Joe Tinker of Columbus has begun to help out Peoria a bit. He has re-leased Infielder Melburn Steil and Pitcher Ray Lingrel to his Distillers.

**Cleveland** Enables **Tigers to Win Game** 

Detroit, April 14.—Two bad plays by Cleveland in the seventh enabled Detroit to win today's game, 3 to 2. Theh ome club got a lead of two runs in the first, but the visitors bunched hits off Boland in the sixth and eventh and tied it. Both clubs played good ball in the field, in spite of the chilly wind and occasional snowflakes. Score:

### **Registered Shoot at the Omaha Gun Club Next Week**

A week from tomorrow the Omaha Gun club will hold its annual regis-tered shoot on the grounds across the river. Fully 100 marksmen from Iowa and Nebraska points are expected to attend. Last year the spring regis-tered event proved a great success and the local shooters are confident this years' shoot will prove even more suc-cessful. cessful.

### San Antonio Gets Rook From Chattanooga Team

The San Antonio club has secured Pitcher Rook, a right-hander, from the Chattanooga club. Last year he was in the Northern leasure.

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