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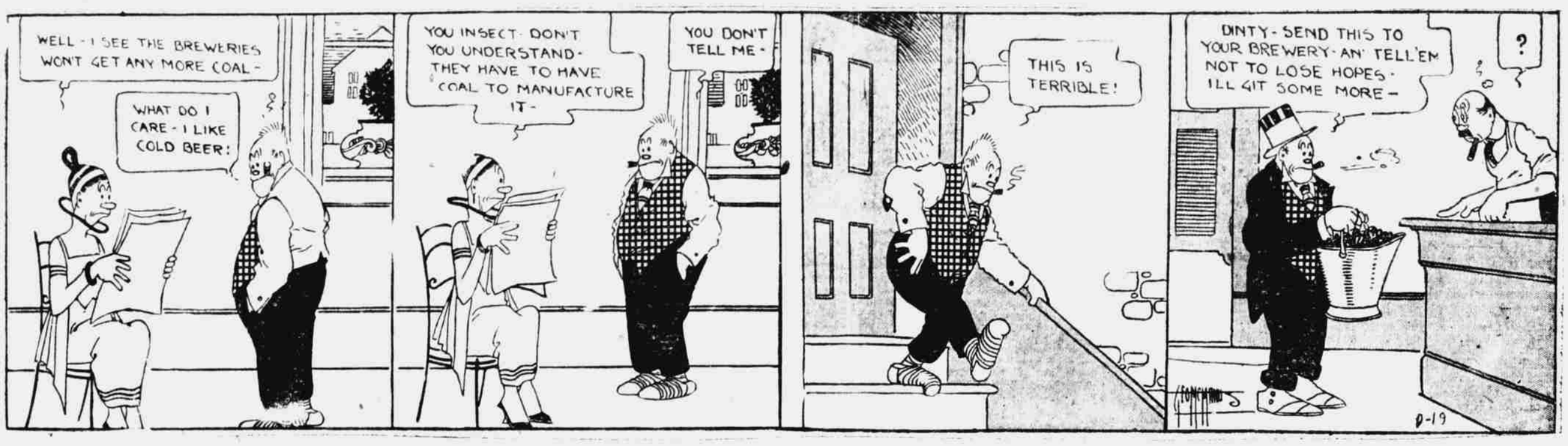

PLESTINA WINS DECISION OVER CHARLIE CUTLER

Battle Royal Between Omaha Grappler and Chicagoan Marked by Rough Work; Near Riot.

By FRED S. HUNTER

Chicago, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Marin Plestina of Omaha, gained another lap in his pursuit of heavyweight honors when he defeated Charlie Cutler of Chicago here last night.

Plestina was awarded the match by Referee Ed Smith on a foul after two hours and ten minutes of bone-crushing, some of which more closely resembled a battle royal than a wrestling match.

Plestina was slowly forcing Cutler's shoulders to the mat. Cutler was almost pinned, when suddenly and without warning he sent an uppercut toward Marin's jaw. It landed and Smith raised the Omaha grappler's hand as a signal of victory.

A near riot started. Cutler tried to start a fight and his brother, Marty, jumped into the ring and aimed a blow at Plestina. The fuss, however, was stopped before any damage was done.

Four times Cutler deliberately punched the Omaha man and the referee repeatedly cautioned Cutler for other rough tactics. The last punch, which Smith could not overlook, jarred Plestina's teeth almost out of his mouth.

Plestina had the better of the match all the way through, but could not pin the Chicagoan, owing to the latter's rough tactics.

Church League to Play Second Series Of Floor Conflicts

CAGE GAMES TONIGHT.
Hanscom Parks vs. Walnut Hills.
Bensons vs. First Baracas.
Pearl Memorials vs. Williams Wops.

Church league basket ball quintets will play their second series of games at the Omaha Young Men's Christian association tonight.

Three games will be played. The first clash will be between the Hanscom Park Methodists and the Walnut Hill Methodists. It starts at 7:30.

The second game, which will start at 8:10, will be between the Pearl Memorials and Williams Wops.

The Benson Methodists will tangle with the First Methodist Baracas in the concluding combat of the night. This clash is due to start at 8:40.

Ruby Feltman will referee all of the games.

Basket Ball Bugs Meet to Announce Champ Schedule

New York, Dec. 18.—The annual meeting of the National Basket Ball Rules committee will be held in this city on Friday, December 21, at which time it is expected that the inter-collegiate championship schedule will be announced. The preparation of the schedule has been delayed to a considerable extent this season due to the efforts to economize both in time and traveling expenses of the various college teams on trips away from home.

The meeting will be attended by representatives of the Inter-Collegiate league, the Amateur Athletic union, the Young Men's Christian association and the National Collegiate Athletic association. In addition the physical directors of the various army and navy cantonments also will be present as these camps will be represented by one or more basket ball teams and will play games against college five as well as a series of inter-cantonment games.

Halifax Cup Cricketers Aid Explosion Sufferers

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The Halifax cup, donated in 1873 for competition and which has since become the chief trophy of the cricketing world, is mainly responsible for a fund of $4,500 raised among the cricketers of Philadelphia for the relief of sufferers by the Halifax disaster. The money was today telegraphed to the Canadian Bank of Commerce with the explanation that it came from players who had contested in Halifax cup matches.

Callahan Gets Popular Decision Over Jackson

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Frankie Callahan of Brooklyn, was given the popular decision over Willie Jackson of New York in a six round bout here tonight. In the first round Jackson had the Brooklyn boy in bad shape, but he rallied in the second and outfought the New Yorker for the remainder of the bout.

Callahan weighed 131 1-3 pounds and Jackson 133.

AMERICAN SETS 16 AS PLAYER LIMIT

Season to Open May 1st or 2d; Short-Game Schedule Favored; Abolish "Spit" and "Shine" Balls.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Decision to open the 1918 season either on May 1 or 2 and to reduce the player limit from 17 to 16, exclusive of a manager, was reached at the meeting here today of the American association club owners.

While no definite action was taken in regard to playing a 140-game schedule instead of 154, President Hickey said tonight that the sentiment was strongly in favor of the short season. The issue will be settled at a meeting of the eight club presidents to be held here early in February.

The "spit-ball" shine-ball," "emory ball" and all other similar deliveries were legislated out of the league by unanimous vote. The club owners decided to impose a fine of $25 for each offense. The umpires, President Hickey said, will be the judges of all violations and they will be instructed to report pitchers using any foreign substance on the ball or otherwise tampering with it.

Restore Double Umpiring.

The club owners also decided to return to the double umpiring system, which was abolished last season as an economy measure and left the decision in regard to playing off postponed games to the home clubs. Heretofore the rule has been that no postponed games should be played off on the first trip of the season.

There was no action taken in regard to abolishing the spring training camps.

President Hickey said that under present arrangements the season will close between September 25 and October 5.

New Money Arrangement.

Action to prevent a withdrawal of any of the clubs from the association, as was recently threatened when the Indianapolis, Louisville and Toledo clubs proposed to withdraw and merge with certain clubs in the International league in the formation of a new league, was taken by Senator A. L. Cooper, one of the owners of the Kansas City franchise. He suggested changes in the constitution, which, he believes, will give the association grounds for legal action against any club desiring to withdraw.

The method of financing the executive branch of the league also was changed. Each club will contribute a certain percentage of its receipts instead of paying an assessment of $3,000.

Approves "Spit Ball" Rule.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—Elimination of the "spit ball" will be a benefit to the game because it will result in freer hitting, President Hickey believes.

"The base ball public does not like to see an airtight pitching duel," he said. "It's a lively hitting game that the fans want. Doing away with the spit ball will mean more batting, more hits and more satisfaction."

Central Park Community Men Trim Ragmuffins

The Central Park Community center basket ball teams won a hard fought contest from the Young Men's Christian association Ragmuffins, a Class B league team.

Although fast and hard fought by a score of 17 to 10, the game was remarkably clean, a total of two fouls being all that was called. Walt Anderson and Rex Beck were the chief front getters for the Y team, while Murphy "Odd" Sallander and Knee rolled them in for Central park. The real feature of the game was the guarding of Dewey and Guinotte, who covered up the opposing forwards in great shape:

The lineup:

CENTRAL PARK		Y. RAGMUFFINS	
Sallander	R. F.	R. F.	Slane
Murphy	L. F.	L. F.	Hendler
Knee	C.	C.	Ayers
Guinotte	R. G.	R. G.	Kirkland
Dewey	L. G.	L. G.	Nicatera

Substitutes: Anderson and Beck. Field goals: Sallander, 2; Murphy, 4; Knee, 2; Anderson, 2; Beck, 2; Ayers. Foul Goals: Sallander. Referee: Claire Adams.

Funston Boys Go Down Before Strong MacArthur

Waco, Tex., Dec. 18.—Camp Funston's backfield, including "Patsy" Clark of Illinois, was unable to puncture Camp MacArthur's line to an appreciable extent and the Waco camp's foot b ll team won by a score of 13 to 0 here today.

"Patsy" Clark, who made Funston's score, smashed the line repeatedly for ten and fifteen yard gains until the last quarter when he got the ball on the three yard line and went over.

Greebe Bests Christie.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 18.—Harry Greebe of ittsburgh was awarded the decision over Gus Christie of Milwaukee, here tonight at the end of twelve fast rounds. The men are middleweights.

"Strangler" Lewis Rolls Zbyszko in New York

New York, Dec. 18.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis of Kentucky defeated Waldek Zbyszko of Poland with a headlock hold at the international catch-as-catch-can wrestling tournament here tonight. The American forced the Pole to quit after one hour 24 minutes and 27 seconds of wrestling.

CREIGHTON BASKET SHOOTERS WARM UP

In Practice Game With Townsends the Catholics Show Exceptional Speed; Coach Mills Pleased.

Creighton basket shooters are receiving steady drilling at Creighton gymnasium under the tutelage of Coach Mills. Teamwork is the first idea the blue and white coach attempts to unculcate into his charges. They are getting plenty of hard work.

Last night the Creighton quintet ran through csrimmage practice with the Townsends, but the ease with which Haley, Kearney and Spittler shot baskets under and over the arms of their opponents, showed clearly that the gun company squad was completely outclassed, although put up a plucky fight.

Captain Eddie Mullholland and Vandever also had a chance to show some speed on the floor, and ability in passing the ball and they did not fall down on the job. Their passing was exceptionally good. Creighton will scrimmage with another local team Wednesday night. There will be no scheduled game until after Christmas.

Williams and Ertle Fight Twelve Rounds to a Draw

Baltimore, Dec. 18.—Williams and Ertle went 12 rounds to a draw. Ertle put up a terrific defensive in the first four rounds.

After the fifth, excepting probably the eleventh, when Ertle made his knees buckle with a right, Williams did practically all the fighting. He laced Ertle's body to pieces with a right as they bore in, closed his right with a left hook and had him otherwise badly puffed about the face.

Wilson Celebrates Second Anniversary of Wedding

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and a distinguished company this afternoon attended the first of a series of concerts by which John McCormack, singer, will earn $100,000 for the Red Cross. The opening was auspicious and many officials and diplomats lent their patronage.

The president and Mrs. Wilson today are celebrating the second anniversary of their marriage.

Sport Calendar Today

Boxing—Bill Brennan against Jack Dempsey, 15 rounds, at Salt Lake City.

NEEDS OF NATION FIRST, IS STAND OF BALL LEAGUE

National Organization Adopts Resolution That Players Should Offer Selves to Service of Country.

New York, Dec. 18.—Professional base ball is an antidote and corrective to spiritual depression incident to the war and should be constinued, but at the same time ball players should offer themselves "unreservedly and enthusiastically to the service of the great league of allied nations.

This is the view of the management of the National base ball league. Resolutions to this effect, adopted at the recent meeting of the National league held in this city, were announced today as follows:

"Resolved, That the stress of mind and body, incident to a war of the mahnitude of this, with its resultant spiritual depression, requires as an antidote and corrective, the continuance of all sane and normal forms of recreation and diversion, and,

"Relieving that of all such, base ball is the most important and beneficial, it is our purpose to continue and coster it so long at least as the welfare of our country shall admit of its continuance, and,

"Resolved, That, at the same time, we have solemnly in mind the primary and paramount demands of the hours; and, indeed, it is our wish that the young and virule manhood of the profession of base ball profession shall offer itself unreservedly and enthusiastically to the service of the great league of allied nations in this hour of its neds."

Colored Maid Clings To Elevator Rod Until Rescued by Firemen

Mrs. Mamie Ellis, colored maid in the Morris apartments, hung by her hands from a rod under a freight elevator several minutes Tuesday morning before firemen rescued her.

The elevator carried her to the fourth floor, where employes of the apartment house heard her screams. If she had released her hold on the rod she would have dropped five floors to the bottom of the elevator shaft.

She collapsed when firemen rescued her. She was taken to her home, 2226 Seward street.

The accident occurred when the woman stepped off the elevator. The gate dropped and struck her on the head, inflicting a deep scalp wound.

Although on the verge of fainting, she caught herself from plunging down the elevator shaft by grabbing the rod under the lift. The elevator ascended and she hung on.

FARMERS DO NOT THINK $2 WHEAT UNFAIR AND LOW

Only Four Delegates to Nebraska Congress Reply in Affirmative When Asked as to Their Opinion.

Only four delegates to the Nebraska Farmers' congress stood when asked at the convention at the Hotel Castle Tuesday if they believed the $2 price fixed on wheat to be unfair and too little. J. W. Shorthill of York asked the question in the course of his discussion of "Price-fixing of Foodstuffs."

C. H. Gustafson wanted to argue the question before he voted. He wanted to qualify by saying that if the price of binders and twine would go way out of sight, then he would vote that the price fixed for wheat was too low. But Chairman O. G. Smith of Kearney, made the fellows stick to the question, and when they voted, only four of them thought the price of wheat really too low.

This followed, too, on the heels of a long discussion, and the asking of many questions back and forth on the floor, during which many delegates complained of the government's action in fixing the price of wheat.

Discuss Price Fixing.

Mr. Shorthill, discussing price-fixing, said that whether the price fixed for wheat is equitable or not, it was a necessary war measure, and that in times of war, people must not expect to find everything working out as equitably as in times of peace. "It is a fact, however," he said, "that the price of $2 fixed on wheat has increased the value of land adapted to raising wheat, and has increased the value of every farm in my county which is capable of growing wheat."

Mr. Shorthill also called the attention of the farmers to the fact that if the submarine menace should be suddenly done away with, the world's wheat supply would be thrown upon the markets. He said he could not feel so sure that prices then, if not guaranteed by the government, would remain abnormally high. "So there is some measure of protection in this fixed price," he said.

Someone in the audience wanted him to say what would happen to the wheat price if Germany won the war. President Smith immediately ruled him out of order, and the question was never answered.

C. H. Gustafson, president of the Farmers' Union of Nebraska, led in the discussion of the price-fixing subject. He said he had recently talked with President Wilson and Herbert Hoover and found them both pretty well convinced that price fixing is a failure.

He said the manufacturers of munitions were guaranteed 10 per cent profit on their cost of production no matter what material cost, or what they had to pay for labor. "I asked President Wilson why he did not do the same thing with us farmers," said Gustafson.

W. F. Baxter, who was to have welcomed the farmers, could not appear at the hour of opening the session. Arthur C. Thomas, acting manager of the Bureau of Publicity, welcomed the delegates instead. Rev. T. J. Mackay gave the invocation.

President Smith in his opening address justified conscription of men for the army, and said, "If conscription of men is right, and I believe it is, then conscription of dollars is also proper. I would recommend also a form of taxation which would reach the unemployed, unimproved land being held in a comparatively unproductive condition."

Regarding the personnel of food commissions and food boards he said, "I would recommend that men actually engaged in food production be represented on all boards or commissions appointed under the authority of the food control act, so that mistakes in the fixing of prices be hereafter avoided."

On the question of a graduated land tax he said: "The principle is right; and its adoption in several states will tend to check the constantly increasing evil of agricultural tenantry."

A night session is to be held tonight, when President Dan Morris of the Nebraska Bankers' association will speak on "The Banker and the Farmer." George Coupland, vice chairman of the State Council of Defense will talk on the work of that organization.

CHARLES PIEZ IS NEW MANAGER IN SHIPPING BOARD

Admiral Harris Resigns and Asks Reassignment to Navy Department; Reorganization to Follow.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charles Piez of Chicago was today appointed general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, succeeding Rear Admiral Harris, who resigned.

A general reorganization of the fleet corporation will follow. Rear Admiral Bowles, aide to Admiral Harris, will be given an important place in the new organization.

James Heyworth will take full charge of wooden construction and Charles Day will become manager of the production department.

Admiral Harris' resignation was accepted, Chairman Hurley announced, because of his insistence on moving the offices of the corporation to Philadelphia.

The shipbuilding program, Chairman Hurley announced, is in better shape than any time since it was launched. Conditions on the Pacific coast are excellent, he declared, and work is progressing everywhere as fast as human labor can turn it out.

At present there are under construction and under contract, it was announced, 8,395,308 dead weight tons of shipping.

Admiral Harris has asked that he be reassigned to the post of chief of the navy bureau of yards and docks which he held before succeeding Rear Admiral Capps as fleet corporation manager less than a month ago.

Prefer to Hang Selves Than Die on Gallows

Gallup, N. M., Dec. 18.—Maria Cuevas and Silvario Silva, sentenced to be hanged Friday, December 21, for murder, committed suicide in the county jail early today by hanging themselves.

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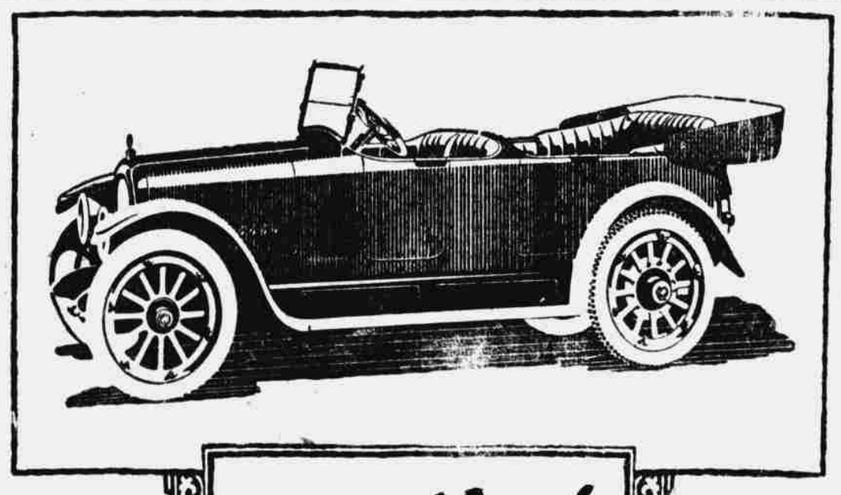

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