

BRINGING UP FATHER

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COLLINS THROWS BOMBS AT CHAMP

Fred Fulton's Manager, During Brief Visit in Omaha, Says Things About Jess Willard.

Mike Collins, manager for Fred Fulton, stopped off in Omaha yesterday long enough to hurl a few more gas bombs in the general direction of Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the prize ring.

Collins has his vocabulary factory keyed up to a capacity clip and he has plenty to say. Tonight, Collins says, unless Jess Willard agrees to meet Fred Fulton, Fulton will begin to call himself the heavyweight champion of the world by virtue of forfeiture. Willard has been notified of this intention on the part of Fulton, Collins says.

"Willard has been fighting shy of Fulton ever since he won the championship," exclaimed the wrathful Collins. "Now he knows he has got to fight or he'll be a quitter, as he deserves to be called now. "So," continued Fulton's manager, "he has said he is willing to fight and give the net receipts to the Red Cross. Old stuff. What he intends to do is pick out Weinert or Brennan or some soft boy for a 10-round mill. He'll give the money to the Red Cross and I expect he'll probably get away with it. "But, he won't meet Fulton. His Red Cross offer is made so that he can avoid Fulton and yet retain the public's favor. "If he wants to fight for the Red Cross, we'll fight for the Red Cross and we'll give the gross receipts instead of the net receipts. All we want is to get Willard into ring with Fulton."

Collins is confident. Collins is firm in his conviction that Fulton can knock the daylight out of the champion. "Fulton will kill him within five rounds. I know it and Willard knows it and that's why Willard will not fight Fred. "Fulton is the champion of champions. He can box and he can hit. He's a large sized edition of Benny Leonard and he can knock any heavyweight in the business dead."

Collins left Omaha yesterday for Deming, N. M., where on January 10 Fred Fulton and Frank Moran will box for the benefit of the soldiers at Camp Cody. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth regiments of the Nebraska National Guard are stationed at Cody.

Question Law Against Boxing in New York State

New York, Dec. 19.—In discharging today 16 men arrested at boxing bouts in clubs, either as promoters or spectators, Magistrate Corrigan questioned the constitutionality of the state law prohibiting boxing and expressed the opinion that if the statute were tested it would be declared void. Two boxers who took part in a club bout were held in \$50 bail for trial, however.

Magistrate Corrigan declared it had not been shown that the boxers engaged in a "prize fight" instead of a sparring match, and said any legitimate club had a right to employ whomsoever it pleased to entertain its members.

Testimony was introduced to show that many of the "members" had joined the clubs on the nights of the matches and had paid membership fees in lieu of admissions.

Prairie Park Whist Club Hangs Up Some Good Scores

The Prairie Park Whist club held a meeting at the club house Monday night. The following scores were made:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. NORTH AND SOUTH: Sickler and Stebins 223, Nelson and King 222, Martin and Abbott 244, Ellis and Dreyfus 252, Barton and Reynolds 224. EAST AND WEST: Lucke and Buck 217, Scannell and John Doe 211, Rowland and Gallup 201, Kitzore and Shawcross 200, Smith and Morrison 213.

Next week's play will be held Wednesday.

Three Commercial Loop Basket Ball Games Tonight

M. E. Smiths vs. Townsends, 7:30. Central Furnitures vs. Nalkins, 8:10. Commerce High vs. Y. M. H. A., 8:40. Three basket ball games are scheduled for the Commercial league play by the Young Men's Christian association tonight.

Fast contests are expected, especially in the games between the Central Furnitures and Nalkins and the Smiths and Townsends.

Iowa Governor Attends Funeral of Frank Gotch

Humboldt, Ia., Dec. 19.—Frank A. Gotch, retired world's champion wrestler, was buried here today. Governor W. L. Harding was among the hundreds who attended the funeral services.

Noted Jockey Dead. Newport, Ke., Dec. 18.—Albert Ducase, who a number of years ago was one of the best known race riders on the American turf, died at his home here today. Ducase was 41 years old. During his career as a rider he was in the employ of some of the most widely known horsemen in the country.

Today's Sport Calendar

Chess—Annual intercollegiate tournament of Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia opens in New York City. Boxing—Jeff Smith against Kid Wheeler, 15 rounds, at Arden, Md.

THOUSANDS PAY TRIBUTE TO GOTCH

Business in Humboldt Suspended Two Hours While Funeral Services Are Held for Wrestler.

Humboldt, Ia., Dec. 19.—Marked by the simplicity he himself had requested, funeral services were held today for Frank A. Gotch, retired world's champion wrestler, who died at his home here last Sunday after a long illness.

Business was suspended for two hours in the afternoon and virtually the entire city joined with the hundreds of persons from out of town in paying tribute to the memory of the premier mat man.

Hardly more than 600 persons were able to crowd into the Methodist church during the services there, but nearly 1,200 others who had remained in silent demonstration outside, also viewed the body at the conclusion of the services.

Governor W. L. Harding, speaking at the church, praised the man he had known for years as a personal friend, and pointed to Gotch's life as an example for the coming generation in "right living and clean sportsmanship."

Numerous automobiles and carriages, in addition to hundreds of pedestrians, joined in the procession to Union cemetery, where interment took place after brief Masonic rites. The procession was more than a mile and a half long, extending virtually from the church to the cemetery. The Rev. Alexander Bennett of Salina, Kan., formerly pastor here and an intimate friend of Gotch, had charge of the Methodist services at the church, assisted by three other clergymen.

Tells of Graft of The Chicago Police

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Thomas F. Costello, self-confessed manager of the police graft system during the period Charles C. Healey was chief of police of Chicago, testified today at the trial of the former chief that in 15 months he turned \$13,900 over to Healey for the protection of vice and gambling and for the restoration of saloon licenses which had been forfeited for infractions of the law. His own bit out of the collections averaged \$100 a week, he said.

The witness said that when he got the system to working levy was made on every enterprise whose existence depended on escaping the vigilance of the law. His story implicated also 10 police captains and lieutenants. As the system extended it brought to light little grafting enterprises exercised by policemen on the beat or detectives. These "independents" were promptly transferred to other districts and the revenue diverted to the "trust." Costello was perfectly frank. While he considered Healey liberal with him, nevertheless, he operated several profitable side lines of graft which appreciably eked out the \$100 a week.

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MERCHANTS ASKED TO CONSERVE ENERGY

State Defense Board Asks Nebraska Dealers to Shorten Hours and Reduce Deliveries.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The State Council of Defense has sent out two appeals to merchants, one for the shortening of the business day, and the other by reducing the deliveries, in order that more men might be released for service. The requests are as follows:

"The Nebraska State Council of Defense, recognizing the urgent necessity of conserving every possible pound of coal now used as fuel and for the purpose of generating electricity, and believing that a considerable saving can be effected through the shortening of the business day, do hereby make the following requests of retail merchants of the state of Nebraska, effective January 1, 1918:

- 1. That stores open for business not earlier than 7 a. m. 2. That on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday all retail stores close not later than 8 p. m. 3. That no retail stores be opened on Sunday. 4. Believing that the time is not far distant when all stores will be asked to curtail the length of business hours on Saturday we recommend that wherever all practical merchants of a town get together and mutually agree on an earlier closing hour for Saturday, this is now in practice. 5. We also recommend that the merchants of the separate towns mutually agree on as early as possible an hour for the turning off of all window lights. 6. It is clearly recognized that there are some lines of business that it may be impracticable for them to co-operate with this early closing request, such as restaurants.

"We believe the people of Nebraska will recognize that this request is the outcome of war conditions and we ask the co-operation and endorsement of both merchants and consumers."

The Nebraska State Council of Defense, having received a request from the Council of National Defense to recommend all means that will release the man power of the state, and believing that a considerable number of men might be so released by reducing the number of deliveries now being made by the retail stores of the state, do hereby make the following requests of the retail merchants of the State of Nebraska, effective January 1, 1918:

- 1. That only one delivery per day be made. 2. That wherever possible all consumers endeavor to anticipate their wants and allow goods to be delivered the day after they are purchased. 3. Wherever co-operative delivery systems are now installed, that all merchants use this system if it is at all possible. 4. Wherever co-operative delivery systems are not now in operation, that all merchants earnestly try and organize one, if it is at all practical. "We believe both merchants and consumers will recognize the importance of these requests and we ask the co-operation and assistance of all people of this state, in that it may be as effective as possible."

Neville Appeals to People To Aid Americans

Lincoln, Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Neville today issued a proclamation to enlist the support of Nebraskans in alleviating the condition of the Armenians and Syrians. "Over 2,000,000, mostly women and children, are homeless and helpless," says the message. "They are stretching out their empty hands to America for bread, and while I know the demands now being made upon us are legion, we must not forget those hungry and starving people."

EASTERN FREIGHT SNARL HITS OMAHA

Local Terminals Filled to Limit and Railroads Are Now Laying Cars on Country Sidings.

Railroad freight congestion on east bound shipments has reached Omaha and for the first time roads operating in from the west are unable to deliver their consignments to their eastern connections.

Munitions, government supplies and provisions are accepted and hurried through, but other shipments have to take their chances on getting to eastern destinations. And these chances are remote. As a result, Council Bluffs and Omaha terminals are filled to the limit and trains bringing additional stuff from the west are forced to lay the cars in on sidings at country towns back from Omaha. While within the last few weeks the railroad war board has added to the number of empty freight cars, it has been unable to figure out a plan to relieve the freight congestion. According to the railroad freight officials, the congestion at this time is the most acute in the history of American railroading, and what is worse, the situation is becoming more serious as the days pass.

The shipments of grain for export have been turned from Atlantic to gulf ports, but this has not relieved the conditions to any appreciable extent, it is said, due to the fact that there are not enough boats touching at these ports to handle the stuff out as rapidly as it accumulates. Railroad men assert that indications are that on east bound business the roads will be able to keep munitions, army supplies and food stuffs moving at a fairly good rate of speed, but owing to the freight congestion and the inability to find storage, everything else will be greatly delayed.

Two months ago congestion existed only around the terminals of the Atlantic coast cities. As the freight continued to pour in, the congested district extended back to Pittsburgh and Cleveland. Then it reached Chicago and central Illinois and next the Mississippi river points. Then at one jump it came to the Missouri river. The result is, according to the railroad men, that i. the Omaha terminals and back into the state for fifty miles, or so, sidings are filled with east bound loaded cars, with little prospect of moving them out in the near future.

Just when relief will come, railroad men are unable to predict. They say it will not be until the shipments for export are cleared out of the Atlantic coast cities that other freight may be sent in and the usual distribution take place.

Lincoln Mail Clerk To See Service Abroad

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—James A. Cruickshank, a well known Lincoln mail clerk, who has been on the Lincoln-Kansas City run for more than 17 years, applied some time ago for government service across the water, and today received notice that his application had been favorably considered in connection with the U. S. postal agent.

10,000,000 Cue Players, 85,000 Rooms, in U. S.

It is estimated there are 85,000 public billiard and pocket billiard establishments in this country and that 10,000,000 persons play some kind of cue games.

DANIELS ADMITS NAVY HAMPERED: NEED GUN CREWS

Member of Cabinet and Paymaster General McGowan Appear Before House Sub-Committee.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Daniels and Paymaster General McGowan of the navy were the first witnesses summoned to appear today before the house naval subcommittee delegated to begin an investigation into the navy's war activities.

Secretary Daniels gave a general review of what the navy has been doing, avoiding, as he explained, disclosing any facts that would be of value to the enemy. Discussing the use of submarine chasers, he said they were regarded as a necessity, and there was "no great enthusiasm" about them as a weapon of permanent effectiveness.

Lack of Facilities. Naval aviation, he said, has made gratifying strides, but has been hampered by lack of manufacturing facilities.

Secretary Daniels praised the co-ordination between the personnel of the navy and the personnel of the allies.

One of the great problems, he said, was to furnish gun crews to merchant ships. How private manufacturers anticipated government needs and spent millions in preparation without orders or with only informal verbal arrangements at most, was told by Vice President Louis E. Stoddard of the Marlin corporation.

In February, Stoddard said, on verbal orders from Rear Admiral Earle, work on 5,000 machine guns was begun. He went to Colonel Rice at the army ordnance bureau, he said, and offered to begin work on guns

for the army in anticipation of war. "We're not interested," was Colonel Rice's reply, Mr. Stoddard said, adding:

Didn't Anticipate War. "It was utterly impossible to make the ordnance department realize the possibilities of war and we simply folded our tents and went home."

Before the war began, Stoddard said, he offered to sell machine guns to the department for \$500 each, but it was turned down. Since, under orders placed, the contract cost was twice that sum.

Delivery of the new light Browning guns for airplanes under an order given by the War department three weeks ago, is expected to begin this month, Stoddard said.

Praises Browning Gun. The new Browning gun, Stoddard declared, "absolutely is the best ever invented." The Lewis gun is different from the Browning, he said, and each has its particular functions. If the War department, when

asked for orders last February, had given them, Stoddard added, by today 40,000 Colt machine guns could have been delivered.

"The ordnance bureau simply wouldn't listen, wouldn't give any orders," he said.

Delay in producing the modified Enfield rifle, because of the War department's negotiations, was explained by Vice President Otterson, of the Winchester company. Negotiations began last April, he said, and contracts were not let until July 12. Deliveries began in August.

Former Golf Champion Gets Commission in Army

Robert A. Gardner, national amateur golf champion in 1909, is another from the ranks of sport to enter the ranks of Uncle Sam's military service. Gardner has been commissioned at Fort Sherman, where he attended an officers' training camp.

Advertisement for Nuxated Iron. Text: 'The Power Behind the Strong Vigorous Iron Men of Today'. Includes a small illustration of a man.

Large advertisement for Tom Moore cigars. Text: 'On smoking with discretion'. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit and hat. Text: 'The man who makes a better mouse-trap—yes, they say it really was Ralph Waldo who said that. Thought made the mouse-trap "better." And with that type of man thought becomes a habit—even in selecting his favorite cigar. Therefore, not any cigar. He must keep in good trim mentally and physically—to keep his mouse-traps "better." Men of this type incline to a cigar like Tom Moore—fragrant, yet mild, for pleasant smoking—"a light-hearted Havana." LITTLE TOM - Tom Moore - quality in a 5c size. TOM MOORE (HAVANA FILLED) CIGAR - TEN - CENTS A light hearted Havana. LITTLE TOM 5 CENTS STRAIGHT. Rothenberg & Schloss, Kansas City. Local Trade Supplied by Branch House, 1715 Douglas St., Omaha.

Advertisement for Dundee Woolen Mills. Text: 'Four-Piece Suit Extraordinary Special Event! Saturday Our Old Fashioned Four-Piece Suit Sale, with many new features, starts— Tailored Suits Union Made EXTRA PANTS FREE \$15 EXTRA PANTS FREE Union Made. COME IN and look around. It won't cost you anything to compare these woollens with values to be found elsewhere. Fix this location firmly in your mind— CORNER 15TH AND HARNEY STREETS.