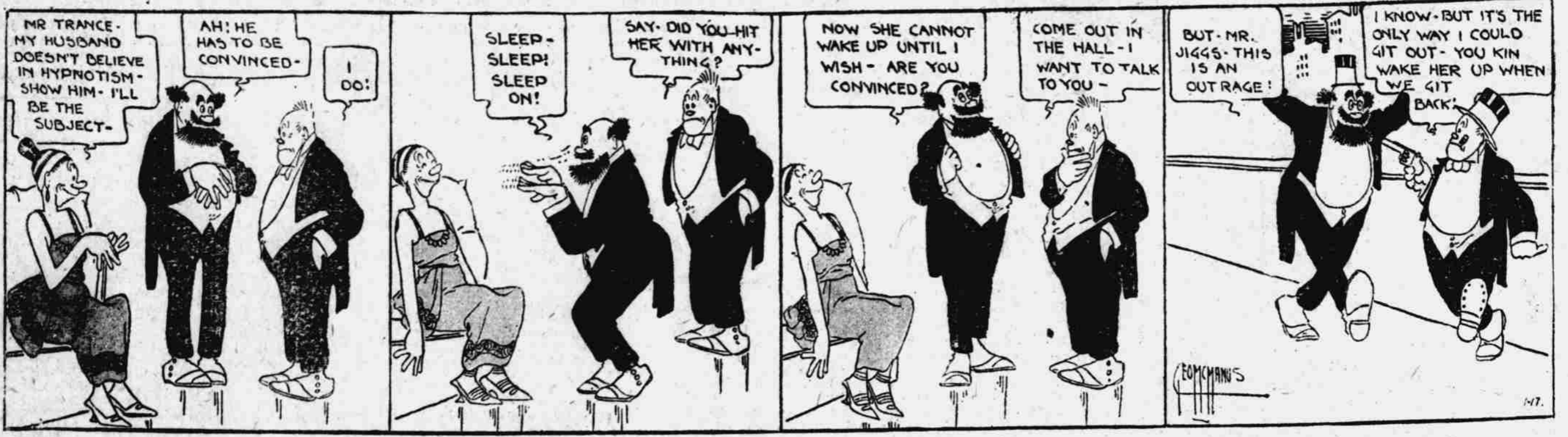


BRINGING UP FATHER



STAR PITCHER IS PLACED IN FIRST DRAFT DIVISION

Grover Alexander Surprised That He Is Not Exempt; Has Mother Dependent Upon His Earnings.

Grover Alexander, the pitcher for whom the Chicago Nationals paid \$50,000 along with his battery mate, Catcher Killifer, told President Weeghman of the Chicago club over the long distance telephone from Omaha today that he was surprised that he had been placed in class I of the selective draft.

The former Philadelphia star, who is unmarried, said he had asked to be placed in a deferred classification on the ground that he was the support of his aged mother and a brother, but that his request was denied. Alexander lives in St. Paul, Neb., a town of less than 3,000 inhabitants. He said he was in doubt whether he would appeal.

"I don't want to be called a slacker," he told Weeghman, "and lay myself open to criticism, but I felt as if I should have been placed in another class. I haven't decided whether I shall appeal."

BRITISH JIU-JITSU EXPERT TO INSTRUCT OFFICERS



ALLAN SMITH, jiu-jitsu expert and athletic instructor, photographed at Camp Upton, Yaphank, L. I. Mr. Smith will instruct our officers in the Japanese art of self-defense. He is wearing the uniform of a United States athletic instructor.

ITALIANS MAKE SUDDEN ATTACK ON GERMAN FOE

Deliver Hammer Blow, Capture War Material and Many Prisoners, Some of Them Officers.

BY F. W. GETTY.
Staff Correspondent New York Tribune.

London, Jan. 16.—(Special Cable to The Bee.)—The Italians attacked at three points along the front yesterday and won important successes in each assault.

Between the Brenta and Piave, in the region of Monte Asolone, they delivered an unexpected blow in strong force during the afternoon to rectify their line at the head of the Casilla valley, where the inroads of the enemy during the closing days of 1917 threatened to trap the key stronghold of Monte Grappa.

Heavily supported by artillery fire, General Diaz's troops crushed the enemy's bitter resistance, inflicted extremely heavy losses on him and gained "considerable advantages," according to the Rome war office. The Italians swept in 291 prisoners, including a lieutenant colonel and seven other officers, and much war material.

Remove Menace.

Correspondents describe the attack as in the nature of an important victory for the Italians, and it seems probable that by this sudden stroke they were successful in removing the menace which for weeks has hovered over the western flank of the Monte Grappa position, which commands the entrance to the Astico valley and with it the most accessible route to the Venetian plains.

The other Italian attack in the mountain sector was aimed at the enemy's positions to the northeast of Monte Grappa, in the sharp salient between the Monte Solarolo and Monte Tomba positions. While not so extensive as the other, it resulted in the penetration of the Austro-German trenches by Diaz's storming troops, who made what the Rome communique calls an "effective demonstrative action."

Extend Bridgehead.

The third attack was made to the east of Campo Silo, on the Piave Delta. It was a "surprise action" carried out with admirable spirit, Rome says. The Italians extended their bridgehead at this point, wrested some trenches from the enemy, inflicted sanguinary losses on the Austrians when they strove by counter actions to retake the positions and captured 45 prisoners, two trench mortars and several machine guns.

Here, as in the north, the Italian forces, aided by the French and British air steadily pressing the invader back at strategic points in the battle line, robbing him of many hard earned successes and paving the way for the counter offensive which observers still maintain must come before the winter is out and the enemy has reorganized his now gravely hampered communications.

Today's Berlin official statement, while admitting that violent attacks were launched by the Italians in the mountain region, declares they were repulsed with heavy losses. From the Asiago plateau to the sea, the artillery battle has reached a pitch of great intensity at many points, the statement adds.

TEUTONS SEEK TO MAKE PEACE WITH SERBIANS

London, Jan. 16.—The Reuter, limited, correspondent at Serbian headquarters, reports that the Bulgars are making vain efforts at fraternization and that the Germans are sending leaflets into the Serbian lines devoted to efforts to detach Serbia from the allies.

The correspondent says he learns on good authority that Austria-Hungary a short time ago proffered the Serbians through a private channel the surrender of Bosnia and Herzegovina with an outlet to the Adriatic if they would cease fighting and sign a peace.

ENGLISH AIRMEN RAID GREAT IRON WORKS NEAR METZ

Drop Several Tons of Bombs on Factories and Railway Junctions, Returning Safely.

London, Jan. 16.—An official statement on aerial operations says: "Following upon the very successful daylight raid over Germany on Monday, another raid was carried out the same night, the objective of which was the steel works at Thionville, midway between Luxemburg and Metz, where a ton of bombs were dropped. A further half-ton of bombs were dropped on two large railway junctions in the neighborhood of Metz.

"The anti-aircraft gun fire and searchlight batteries were considerable around the objectives. All our machines returned."

Lausanne, Switzerland, Jan. 15.—The Gazette says it learns that the German ammunition factories at Karlsruhe have been forced to close owing to lack of coal and that 9,000 men and women are out of work. Seven other large towns were affected in a similar manner.

The German government's consignments of coal to Switzerland under the diplomatic arrangement, the newspaper adds, are decreasing monthly, the German government seemingly being unable to spare coal.

Yarmouth, England, Jan. 15.—The enemy naval craft which bombarded Yarmouth last night presumably was a submarine or a light cruiser. The bombardment, which was preceded by illumination of the town by large star shells, continued about eight minutes. The inhabitants were taken completely by surprise.

Price Fixing Saves Country Many Millions

Washington, Jan. 16.—The council of National Defense and its committee, Director Gifford told the senate war inquiry committee today, had filled a breach in the government's war machinery at a critical juncture and had saved the taxpayers millions of dollars.

Through voluntary agreements in price-fixing, he said, the nation had been saved more than \$3,000,000 on steel. Other savings, running into the millions, were cited on copper, lead, lumber and raw materials.

Twenty million dollars alone was saved, he said, by the changing of plans for the army cantonment buildings.

Other savings, Director Gifford cited in detail as follows: Oats for army horses, \$1,000,000; cotton duck, \$1,226,000; leather options, \$4,000,000; shoes, \$1,632,000; airplane motors, \$750 to \$900 on each one; spruce for airplanes, \$2,850,000; lumber for army cantonments, \$2,000,000.

Mr. Gifford said he advised Secretary Baker regarding the general war organization plan submitted by the organization.

"The plans accord with my recommendations except that I desired a single individual instead of a board to control war industries, and that I favor a single responsible authority, through legislation by congress."

Wilding Memorial Fund Raised by Australians

The Wilding Memorial fund being raised by Australian tennis players to purchase a perpetual trophy to commemorate the memory of Anthony F. Wilding has passed the \$500 mark and gives promise of doubling these figures. The New Zealand Lawn Tennis association has been presented with the racket that Wilding used in the Davis Cup matches of 1908. The racket was first offered in a war time tournament and the ultimate winner decided it to the association as a perpetual property.

985 Polo Players Now Serving in American Army

New York, Jan. 16.—Of the 1400 polo players in the 49 clubs comprising the polo association, 985 are serving in the army, it was announced today at the annual meeting of the association here. In consequence the delegates decided not to arrange a schedule for the coming season.

The old officers and executive committee were re-elected unanimously. Henry L. Herbert is chairman and William A. Hazard, secretary-treasurer.

Jeffries Heads Concern Which Makes Explosives

Jim Jeffries is now the head of a concern that is manufacturing a new explosive said to be more powerful than anything ever before invented for war purposes. The formula is so simple that it can be "mixed" in less than an hour's time, right at the front. It is said that the United States government is likely to adopt it.

Milwaukee Road Abandons Trains for Lack of Fuel

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 16.—Sixteen trains have been temporarily abandoned in Minnesota by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, due to shortage of fuel and congestion in Chicago.

BRITISH LABOR SAYS CRISIS IN THE WAR AT HAND

Message Sent to the Russians Declares Democracy in Same Plight World Over in Fight With Militarism.

London, Jan. 16.—The British labor party, in a message to the Russian people made public today, announced that the British people accepted the Russian principle of self-determination of peoples and no annexations for the British empire, particularly in the middle east, Africa and India.

The message, which was issued by the labor party in conjunction with the parliamentary committee of the trades union congress, says: "We have reached a crisis in the war. The negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been interrupted because the Germans have refused to admit the principle of self-determination of peoples and the doctrine of no annexations. In this acting, the central powers are speaking clearly in the name of a militarist state.

Says Labor Must Speak.

"In this crisis the British people must speak because the Russians can only succeed in their great and perilous task if supported by the people everywhere. The British people must proclaim to Russia and the central powers that their aim is identical with Russia's, that we, too, see no solution for the evils of militarism except self-determination and no indemnities.

"In applying this Russian principle to our own case, we are conscious of the problem raised, but we do not shrink therefrom. The British people accept the principle of no annexations for the British empire. This applies in our case to the middle east, Africa and India.

"We wish to remind the Russian people that Great Britain, taught by the loss of the American colonies in the 18th century, was the first modern state to grant complete self-determination to any group of its inhabitants, for example the dominion of Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand. We accept the principle also for India and other dependencies of the British empire, though we believe that the record of the British government here gives little occasion for reproach.

Oppose Turkish Rule.

"We intend to meet this by more rapid development of self-government. We respect the sovereign independence of the Turkish people in their national home, but we believe that the domination of their government over other people is a hindrance to their own national development.

"Our government is pledged to some of those peoples—Arabs, Palestinians, Armenians—that the rule shall not again be imposed on them. This responsibility should be undertaken by the peace conference and a permanent international organization that we hope will be constituted.

"In tropical Africa we repeat our renunciation of annexations. Nobody contends that the black races can govern themselves. They can only make it known that the particular government under which they have been living is bad in some or all respects and indicate the specific evils from which they desire liberation. We believe that the peace conference would be well advised to place all tropical Africa under uniform international control.

"We adjure the peoples of central Europe to declare themselves or make their governments speak for them in answer to Russia and ourselves. We call on them to renounce annexations in Europe with the same good faith in which we are renouncing them in Asia. We call on them to give the same self-determination to the French, Alsatian, Italian, Polish and Danish members of their states as Russia has given to Finland, Courland, Lithuania and Russian Poland.

Must Defeat Militarism.

The manifesto concludes: "The family interests of dynasties or the desire of the German, Austrian and Magyar governing classes to dominate other classes and nationalities must no more be suffered to prevent self-determination in central Europe, and thereby imperil it in Europe as a whole, than the interests of British imperialism or British capitalism must be suffered to do elsewhere.

"Peoples of central Europe: This catastrophe of the human race, this fatal schism in the civilized world can only be ended by the defeat of militarism on both sides and by the victory on both sides of moral and intellectual fair dealing. If the world is to be saved, it must be saved by good faith and reciprocity on the part of all. Do not fail us now. Do not let your governments drive the British people, as they are driving the Russian people into the terrible choice between continuing the war and abandoning the only principles that can save the world.

"If this choice is forced upon us, we shall choose, as Russia chose. We shall continue, but the responsibility will be yours."

U. S. Destroyer Breaks Former Navy Records

Washington, Jan. 16.—A new record for sustained endurance has been established by one of the new "flush deck" destroyers, the Navy department announced today.

The voyage was from a Pacific to an Atlantic port and occupied 10 1/2 days, the average speed being 19.15 knots per hour.

A new record also was set in the construction of the destroyer, only 51 weeks being required.

MILLIONS LOST TO CATTLEMEN BY PRICE FIXING

Federal Trade Commission Informed That St. Paul Market Is Below Chicago; Live Stock Shippers Suffer.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 16.—Delegates attending the twenty-first annual convention of the American National Live Stock association here today pledged themselves to subscribe \$30,000 to a fund for maintaining a special committee in Washington to confer with the food administration on all matters affecting the live stock industry and to aid the federal trade commission in its investigation of the operations of the packers of this country.

L. F. Swift of Chicago, who spoke in defense of the packers, in reply to the reporter of the market committee of the live stock association, offered to subscribe \$1,000 to the fund. The offer was refused.

The decision to raise the fund followed the conclusion of Mr. Swift's speech. The idea was launched by Charles B. Irwin of Cheyenne, Wyo., and instantly responses were made from all parts of the hall.

Mr. Swift's offer was turned down with the statement that part of the money raised might be used in investigating the operations of the company with which he was identified.

Mr. Swift declared in answering the report of the market committee which was submitted yesterday that even if his company made no profit at all it would make no difference to the consumer, who would be charged just as much by the retailer.

Mr. Swift said that the profit of Swift & Co. last year was \$34,000,000, or 34 per cent on a capital of \$100,000,000.

"This," he added, "is, however, a fair way to put it, as all the profits should be figured on capital and surplus combined, as both are being used in the business. Our surplus was \$60,000,000, while capital and surplus combined totaled \$160,000,000. Figuring the profits on these figures it will be seen that they amounted to only a trifle more than 20 per cent instead of 34 per cent."

To earn the \$34,000,000, Mr. Swift said that the company had to do a business of \$875,000,000. The increase in the volume of business, he asserted, had been due almost entirely to higher prices rather than to increase in tonnage. He said that Swift & Co. paid \$455,000,000 to live stock raisers in 1917, an increase of \$141,000,000, compared with 1916.

"We only have one object—'help win the war,'" said Mr. Swift. "To do this we must co-operate with and support Mr. Hoover."

FRENCH GAIN GERMAN FRONT LINE TRENCHES

Berlin Admits Allied Gain: Italians Win Signal Success at Monte Asolone.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—(Via London.)—French troops, after several hours of artillery preparation, delivered an attack in the vicinity of Badonviller, in the Vosges region, and temporarily penetrated the German front trenches, army headquarters announced today.

(By Associated Press.)

On the western front and in Italy, the winter monotony has been broken by spirited actions. German troops have again made one of their fruitless attacks against the French positions northeast of Verdun. Some detachments gained advanced elements, from which, however, they were thrown out immediately.

Italian Raid Successful.

East of the Brenta river the Austro-Germans have replied only with artillery fire to the daring Italian attack which resulted in the capture of important observation posts at Monte Asolone. The Italians also raided the enemy line east of Monte Asolone and enlarged their bridgehead on the lower Piave east of Cape Silo. Four hundred prisoners and much war material was captured.

Four shots were fired at an automobile carrying Premier Lenine through the streets of Petrograd Monday night. The premier escaped unharmed, but a member of his party was wounded slightly. Through the efforts of the diplomatic corps in Petrograd the Bolshevik government has released the Roumanian minister.

Charles L. Graves Arrested For Impersonating Officer

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 16.—Charles L. Graves of Stroud, Okla., arrested here today on a charge of impersonating a United States secret service officer, claimed tonight he was a nephew of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. He was held for the federal grand jury.

Graves said he had a wife and children living at Stroud and that his first wife was dead. Letters found on him indicated, however, that his first wife is living and that she is in Omaha.

Graves was arrested on the complaint of a woman who told Captain T. B. Foster of the secret service that Graves had kept her under surveillance for several weeks and that she had paid him considerable money.

Congress Acts to Prevent Killing Migratory Birds

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—A senate bill to give effect to the convention between the United States and Great Britain to prevent destruction of migratory birds was favorably reported to the house today by the foreign affairs committee. The convention already has been ratified by the Canadian parliament.

Stevens Will Speak Before Omaha Club

Washington, Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Stevens today accepted the invitation of the Omaha club to speak before that organization on Washington's birthday.

OMAHA ALLEYS WIN FIRST IN BOWLING MEET

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The winners of the prizes at the fifth annual tournament of the Tri-State Bowling association, which ended last night after extending over since last Thursday night, are officially announced as follows:

Five-man event—First, Omaha Alleys, 2,888; second, Minneapolis Flats, 2,860; third, Hawkeye Trucks, Sioux City, 2,828; fourth, Schmidts No. 1, St. Paul, 2,809.

The winners in the doubles were: First—Stosch and Reimers, Minneapolis, 1,261.

Second—Jordan and Lorenzen, Sioux Falls, 1,215.

Third—Sellers and Coffin, Des Moines, 1,197.

Fourth—Vandertunk and Wolf, Minneapolis, 1,189.

Fifth—Jarosh and Huntington, Omaha, 1,170.

Singles:

First—Lester, Mitchell, 637.

Second—Peterson, Sioux Falls, 635.

Third—McCarthy, Huron, 629.

Fourth—Coffin, Des Moines, 619.

Fifth—Vandertunk, St. Paul, 615.

Mitchell was selected the place for holding the next annual tournament.

FAST BASKET SHOOTING SEEN IN THE LEAGUES

HOW THEY STAND.

Pearl Memorials	P. W. E. Pts
William Wops	4 1,400
Hanscom Park M. E.	3 1,750
First M. E.	4 2,300
Benson M. E.	4 1,300
Walnut Hill M. E.	4 0,400

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS.

Benson M. E., 41; Walnut Hill M. E., 4
First M. E., 33; William Wops, 25
Hanscom Park M. E., 12; Pearl Memorials, 20
Dundas, 11; Central Park, 14
Dundas Tigers, 13; Murphy-Dix-Its, 14

Floor fans were treated to some good games last night at the Young Men's Christian association gym and at the Dundee social center. The church league teams each maintained its position save the Hanscom Parks who were shoved down a notch by the William Wops. The Community Center league started with two whirlwind games. The Dundees played the Central park five to a tie. Five minutes of play was added during which Sallender placed the ball through the hoop, bringing picture to his teammates.

Blooded Horses Bring Fancy Prices at Auction

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 16.—Ultimate, a stallion by Commando, brought \$26,000 at the largest sale of race horses ever held in this city today when the Wickliffe stud of J. W. Corrigan was disposed of at auction. He was bought by W. H. Miller of New York. Colin, by Commando-Pastorella, was bought in by Capt. P. M. Walker of Virginia for \$5,100, while Emil Herz of New York succeeded in obtaining the brood mare, Marian Hood (imported) by Magtagn-Maid Marian, for \$17,000.

The auction broke all attendance records when different points of the United States which were represented was considered.

Mt. Friend, by Disguise-Playmate, yearling, brought \$12,800. He was obtained by H. A. Porter of Tulsa, Okla., who also bid in Ultima Thule, by Ultimatus-Robia Granda, for \$7,400.

Charles E. Micklewait of New York obtained Madras Gingham for \$3,200, while J. C. Milan of Lexington bought Fleeting Shiek for \$2,300, and John Madden of Lexington and New York bought Swan Song for \$2,600. Various other similar prices were obtained for a large number of the horses sold.

Joe Stecher to Wrestle Two Men on Chicago Mat

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Joe Stecher of Dodge, Neb., formerly holder of the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, will wrestle Steve Savage and Paul Martinson here next Friday night. Stecher will give 50 minutes with each man to gain two falls. The matches are part of a series Stecher is arranging preparatory to a possible match with Earl Caddock.

Knabe to Cubs as Coach And Assistant Manager

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Otto Knabe, a veteran National league star, has been appointed coach and assistant manager of the Chicago Nationals, Charles H. Weeghman, president of the club, announced tonight.

Paxton Basket Ball Team Defeats Oshkosh Tossers

Paxton, Neb., Jan. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Paxton basket ball team defeated Oshkosh here tonight by a score of 63 to 8. This falls Paxton's third consecutive victory this year. Oshkosh got only one field goal.

Men's Clothing Much Higher Soon, They Say

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 9.—Prediction of a radical advance in the price of men's clothing, an allegation that wool growers, not satisfied with an advance in the price of wool from 18 cents before the war to 75 and 80 cents a pound at present, are hoarding for still higher prices, and plans to memorialize congress for government control of both wool and cotton prices were outstanding features of a meeting here today of the National Association of Retail Clothiers.

(News Items)

SUITS AND O'COATS \$1250 and \$1500

Shirley's Clothes Shop 106 South 16th St. M. SUNDHEIMER, Manager.