

BRINGING UP FATHER

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LEFT FIELDERS SHOW WEAKEST DOPE IN YEARS

Despite Brilliance of Veach and Burns, Other Left Gardeners Bring Hughie's Figures Way Down.

Table with columns: AMERICAN LEAGUE, OFFENSIVE DEFENSIVE STRENGTH, Total. Rows include Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Washington, New York, Boston.

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.

Here is the lowest average strength of left fielders in the last decade of the major leagues. Even with the terrific hitting power and brilliant fielding of Veach of Detroit, the heavy-hitting of Joe Jackson, the slugging prowess of Zack Wheat and of Neale and Sherry Magee, the left fielders of the major leagues lack the punch that has been present in former years.

Without hitting ability, what are left fielders? In these days of predominance of left handed batters, of scientific direction of the attack toward right field, a left fielder becomes less and less important in the scheme of things unless he can hit. When first base was a sinecure, the sluggers were assigned to that job; when right field was the soft spot, the heavy hitters were right fielders; when third base became the easiest job, the hitters were put there—and now that left field is the easiest of all positions one would expect to find the heavy hitters congregating there—placed there where they could utilize their hitting powers and do least damage to the field.

Yet we fail to find them there. New York we discover leading the National league left fielders because of Burns' cleverness at bat and at extracting bases on balls, worrying pitchers, etc., rather than his slugging power. Veach, who now figures ahead of all the left fielders, carries his lead by heavy hitting and Joe Jackson, although not a finished fielder, hangs on close to the top because of his swat-torial strength. Jackson has not hit as well since he joined the White Sox as he did prior to that time, yet he is in many respects a much improved ball player, hitting for the team rather than for his individual average, and fielding a lot better. Jackson is learning and has learned a lot of base ball.

Cleveland High. Cleveland, with Grand and Smith to alternate, shows fairly high rank, and New York is better for having Ping Bodie. Don't laugh at that statement—Ping will add punch to any club when he is used to best advantage, and will be a big asset in helping round out the outfield where it has been weakest in hitting. St. Louis probably will use Demmitt practically all season in left—and Demmitt, if he plays anywhere near his last year's association form, will help a lot to make the Brown outfield more reliable.

Of all the youngsters who are to be given trials there is but one candidate who promises to show anything above the average, and he belongs to Connie Mack, from which it is not hard to guess that he is a college man. It is hard to predict that any college man will make good in the majors right off the reel, but if there has been one in recent years who justifies this prediction it is Claude Davidson, who played for Brown university. When Davidson was with Brown half a dozen clubs were striving to get a line tied to him and it was reported that he would not listen to any proposition. Then he turns up in the Athletic camp. He was with the probable exception of Sammy White of Princeton, the greatest base ball player turned out by any eastern college in the last half dozen years. He is fast, hits well (or, did in college) and big league scouts who watched him say he looks to be a finished player. He is versatile and played third base well enough to be rated as third baseman of the All Eastern college team, but it is said he excels in the outfield. If he does make good his college promise the Athletics will have to be given a higher rating than they do in the figures. Boston loses a lot of points in left through the loss of Duf Lewis and the certainty that there will be changes before the left fielder finally is selected.

National Improves. The National league left fielders are improving and showing better quality, while the American leaguers are going back. Burns of the Giants undoubtedly outranks them all—and barring accident, will be in every game, yet, were it not for the fact that conditions may injure his playing time of the Cardinals would be close up to him in ability. Just what

Today's Sport Calendar

Bowling: Annual tournament of National Bowling Association opens at St. Louis. Annual tournament of Indiana State Bowling Association opens at South Bend. Base ball: Detroit Americans against Cincinnati Nationals, at Oklahoma City. Boston Nationals against New York Americans, at Greenfield, C. Cleveland Americans against New York Nationals, at Houston. St. Louis Nationals against St. Louis Americans, at St. Louis. Boston Americans against Brooklyn Nationals, at New Orleans. Athletics: Annual track meet of Central Amateur Athletic Union, at Great Lakes navy training station. Boxing: Joe Lynch against Frankie Burns, six rounds, at Philadelphia.

effect the slashing of salaries will have upon the Cardinal outfield is hard to tell—Cruise and Smith had big years last year, and there was some frantic protesting when their salaries were trimmed, according to reports current in other teams.

Zack Wheat still holds well in rank, although not the ball player he was. He had a good year with the war club last season and that covered some of the increasing fielding weaknesses.

Two Good Reds.

Mathewson has Neale and Sherry Magee—a strong pair, for use in left. Indeed Matty has a wealth of outfield material and he might even yet be tempted to make a trade, to brace his short pitching staff, especially if he loses pitchers in the draft. Philadelphia had trouble with Whitted this winter and it was reported that he was eager to get away from the club on which he had been such a vital element, not only in the field, but as helper and lieutenant of Moran. This fact is not liable to hurt Whitted's playing in the slightest, as he is a man who works harder for the team than for himself. Pittsburgh is well fortified in having Stengel, Jackson and Bigbee, but no matter how we strike an average of the three it does not make the team look strong. The Cubs are weakest—and left field is liable to remain a weak spot, although Mann can do fairly well out there and Flack can field and throw.

The lineup is not formidable, but its defensive strength is above average. We will find in the next study that the center fielders contribute much more to the offensive strength than do their brothers in left.

Col. Miller Looks Over Twin Cities for Big Battle Site

Minneapolis, April 5.—Col. J. C. Miller, who has signed contracts of Jess Willard and Fred Fulton, today looked over several available sites here and in St. Paul for heavy weight championship contest on July 4. Col. Miller said the fight would be held here if sufficient inducements are offered.

Country Clubs to Close For Liberty Day Parade

Both the Happy Hollow club and the Field club will be closed during the Liberty parade this afternoon. The golf links also will be closed during the hours of the parade so that the golf enthusiasts will not be tempted to pass up the pavement marching for the more easy gambol over the links.

Nonpareil Club Donates Mat for Military Event

The Nonpareil club has donated the club's wrestling mat and other gymnasium paraphernalia for the use of Mike Gibbons, Earl Caddock and the other Camp Dodge athletes when they appear at Rourke park April 21 in the military day program.

Sacramento Careth No Longer About Mr. Wolter

The Sacramento club plans to use Brick Eldred, secured from the Chicago White Sox, in the outfield and it won't matter so much now whether Harry Wolter consents to join Rodgers' team or not. Denny Wile and Cy Forsythe will be the other outer gardeners with Eldred.

ARE YOU HARD That Is, Do You Use the Bituminous Variety? COAL BURNER?

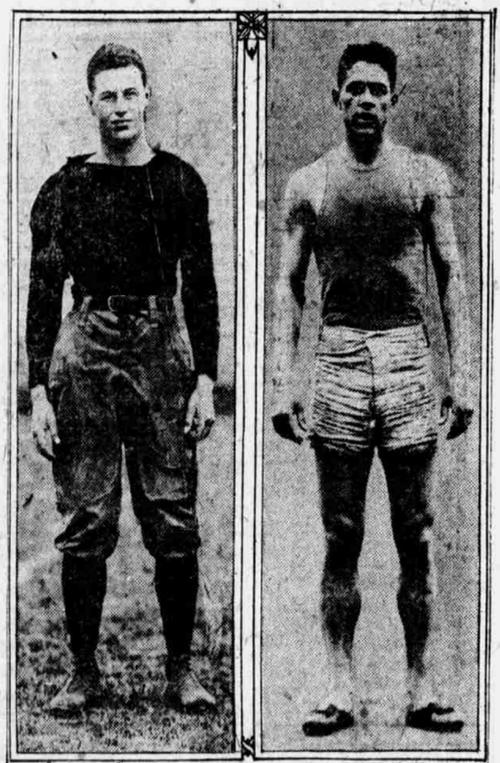
Hard coal will be scarce in Omaha next winter. From all indications it will be practically impossible to buy any bituminous or soft coal will have to meet the demands of Omaha firms and households.

William Potter, fuel administrator for Pennsylvania, in a letter to the Nebraska fuel administration, states as his opinion that this section of the country should be taken care of with bituminous coal and should be permitted to have anthracite coal only out of what surplus may be left after the regular anthracite region shall have been supplied.

Recently a committee of three men was appointed by the federal administration to regulate the output of the anthracite fields in the east and to allot such quantities of hard coal to given districts as may be absolutely necessary.

Mr. Potter, in his letter to Mr. Kennedy, says he has been very effort toward obtaining the present ruling from Washington—namely, no anthracite shall go out of the Buffalo Gateways to Lower Canada, the west and the northwest, except from such surplus as may accrue after the regular anthracite region has been supplied.

American Athletes Now Air Pilots are Praised



Ted Meredith and "Hobie" Baker, noted American athletes, are now in the aviation service in France. Baker has won two victories in the air. Both were mentioned in a recent dispatch from the French, who show an appreciation of the work done by the American aviators. The dispatch, quoting the French paper, Petit Parisien, in part reads as follows: "Our American allies, who are beginning to reinforce our numbers, are already proving their value. They are sportsmen and show much interest in athletic exercises in the training of pilots."

No Newsboys Working While Parade is On; They're In It

Omaha "newsies" are going to march in the Liberty day parade. At 1:30 this afternoon every newsboy in Omaha will meet at Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets and from then until the great parade is over Saturday will be a "paperless" day in Omaha. The "newsies" will be marching; you'll have to buy your papers later.

Gus Renze Recovering From "Foul Blow From Behind"

Gus Renze, trouble maker for visitors at Ak-Sar-Ben Den, has so far recovered from his recent accident that he is able to be at his work with the aid of crutches. Friday morning he was superintending the erection of the Liberty bank on the court house ground. Renze was motoring with Oscar Lieben recently, and when the car stalled, Renze got behind to shove. Some disrespectful person with a "tinizzie" hit him from behind and jammed him into the Lieben car so that for some time Renze will be obliged to eat off a mantle and wear crutches.

Unit of Sousa's Band Will Play in Omaha April 19

A 50-piece unit of Sousa's band will appear in Omaha Friday, April 19, in the interest of the Liberty loan. It will arrive at 1:15 p. m., and remain until 10:10 p. m. This announcement has just reached the Liberty loan committee. Bandmaster Sousa organized a 600-piece band recently at the Great Lakes naval training station, and this has been split into 12 units, which are touring the country during the third Liberty loan campaign.

Honor Flag Will Be Presented To Scout Troop Saturday Noon

The flag awarded by President Wilson to the troop of Boy Scouts in each state which did the best work on the second Liberty bond campaign will be presented to Troop 5, Omaha Boy Scouts, at 12:15 o'clock Saturday noon in front of the "Liberty Bond bank," on the court house lawn. Presentation will be made by Mrs. E. M. Fairfield and it will be received by V. C. Haskels, master of the troop. The flag is silk hand embroidered.

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NONPARTISAN HEAD TIES UP WITH I. W. W.

Townley's Deal With Anarchists Rejected by Farmers of North Dakota Last Summer.

Wahoo, Neb., April 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: Those who have been fighting the Nonpartisan league in North Dakota claim that its leaders have tried to affiliate the Industrial Workers of the World with the league. I have never heard of any of the league denying that statement. There seems to be a good deal of evidence with which Townley and his associates could be convicted of being a good deal more closely associated with the Industrial Workers of the World than the farmers of Nebraska care to be. I want to give your readers a few facts on that point.

Arthur LeSeuer has been, from the beginning, and is now, one of the attorneys for the league and perhaps the chief counsellor of Townley himself. In fact it is said that he is now manager of publicity for the league. LeSeuer was active with the Industrial Workers of the World in the riots at Minot, N. D., a few years ago.

LeSeuer's Deal With I. W. W.

I have in my possession a pamphlet printed which states that at a meeting of the Industrial Workers of the World last summer a motion was made and carried as follows: "That we give the floor to Arthur LeSeuer to explain what grounds are on which we can meet and come to an understanding with the Nonpartisan league in regard to working conditions in the harvest fields of North Dakota. Carried."

Arthur LeSeuer made the following statement: "That farmers of North Dakota would be willing to pay a wage of \$5 for a 10-hour day. Also that if we can come to some understanding with the Nonpartisan league of North Dakota, it will mean the balance of power will be shifted from the state government to the Industrial Workers of the World and the Nonpartisan league."

On June 2 the daily paper, owned by the Nonpartisan league of Fargo, N. D., announced that a committee had been appointed from the Nonpartisan league to meet a committee from the Industrial Workers of the World for the purpose of carrying out the LeSeuer proposition.

Reputed by Farmers.

It is only fair to the North Dakota farmers to say that they repudiated the proposition which Townley had tried to make, and there was such severe criticism of it that Townley was obliged to repudiate it himself.

A little more evidence along this line might be interesting. In "Solidarity" the official organ of the Industrial Workers of the World, published at Chicago, June 21, 1917, the following matter appeared:

"The tentative agreement between the Nonpartisan league and the Agricultural Workers Industrial union, No. 400, was drafted by joint committees selected to represent both organizations. It is expected that this agreement will cover the harvest season. That it will establish for the time in the harvest fields a uniform scale."

Do the farmers of Nebraska want union with the Industrial Workers of the World?

Unless these socialists and former associates of the Industrial Workers of the World can give us some farmers' organization which is better than we have now let us pass it up and go on working out our problems as we have for years gone by, during which the state has grown from a territory, dominated by railroads and breweries to a commonwealth with the most progressive laws of any state in the union. CHAS. H. SLAMA.

W. R. Hull Is President Of State Teachers' Ass'n

Grand Island, Neb., April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The Central Nebraska Teachers' association has elected W. R. Hull, Broken Bow, president for the ensuing year. J. N. Nutten, Hastings, vice-president and treasurer, and L. H. Currier, Sherman County, secretary. Differences of opinion exist on president Greggs' plan for abolishing the annual state meeting, substituting district meetings, and a division is expected on the adoption of resolutions to that effect.

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PLANS FOR INVASION OF U. S. IN GERMAN HANDS

Unless Germany Is Beaten, America Can Hope For No Freedom, Declare Cabinet Members; Kaiser Gives No Securities For Money Collected in Conquered Country

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 5.—Unless Germany is beaten, America can hope for no freedom—this is the note running through statements by cabinet members given out tonight in support of the third Liberty loan.

Benedict Crowell, acting secretary of war, said in part: "We realize the enormous task before us, and we are confident of winning, but it will take the combined punch of the whole American people and will require an immense expenditure of men and money. If we are beaten in France, the struggle probably will be transferred to American soil. Plans for the invasion and subjugation of the United States are now on file in the office of the German general staff. This we know definitely. I strongly urge you to buy all the Liberty bonds that you can afford and then a few more. Remember that the Germans issue no bonds for the money they extort from conquered peoples."

Secretary Daniels of the navy: "Our men in the trenches and on the ships are counting their lives at nothing and are maintaining the highest standards of American manhood and heroism. It is our privilege at home to sacrifice and sacrifice and sacrifice to provide the government with the means to carry on the war. No man who values his freedom and loves the principles upon which our government was established can afford to not contribute the limit to the third Liberty loan."

Count Life Nothing.

Secretary Lansing of the State department: "The United States has been at war for a year. The first enthusiasm, which followed the declaration that we would take up arms in the cause of liberty and justice has passed, but in its place there has come to the nation a spirit of determination and self-sacrifice. Under the influence of this spirit the republic is pressing forward to the accomplishment of the mighty task which this war has imposed upon it. Let there be the same patriotic response to the third Liberty loan that was made to those which preceded it."

Secretary Pool Files Petition For Congress in Sixth District

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 5.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Charles W. Pool is now a sure enough candidate for the democratic nomination for congress in the Sixth congressional district, having today, in response to a large number of petitions from different counties in the district, sent his filing fee to the county treasurer of his home county of Grant and made the filing to correspond.

In his cardinal principles of citizenship and platform on which he will rest his campaign he expresses confidence and admiration for President Wilson, believes the success of the allies inevitable, and a more rigid control of capitalistic enterprises necessary; coal producers should accord better treatment to the consumers; endorses arbitration by government authority; no special privileges; opposes advantages given manufacturers over agricultural producers; extension of the farm loan system, and irrigation; more thorough Americanism; heavier taxes on the profiteers; universal military training, not to be considered until after the present war; favors woman suffrage; extension of ocean commerce; federal law for guaranty of national bank deposits; federal prohibition; loyalty to the president irrespective of party affiliation as long as the war continues.

General Swinton Visits Fort Omaha Balloon School

General Swinton, inventor of the British war tanks, and Colonel Grant of the Omaha quartermaster's corps visited the balloon school at Fort Omaha Friday morning as the guests of Colonel H. B. Hersey, commanding officer.

The British general wanted to make a flight in a balloon, but the weather was not favorable and the flight was not made.

Charges Filed by Chief Against Officer Shean

Chief Dempsey of the police department has filed charges against Patrolman J. W. Shean of the South Side, charging reckless driving and unnecessary use of firearms on the occasion of a recent collision of two automobiles, in one of which Shean was riding.

The Horrible Handicap of Poisoned Blood.

The Innocent Suffer Even Unto the Third and Fourth Generations, but Relief is Now in Sight.

It has long been accepted as a matter of course that the sins of the fathers must be suffered by innocent posterity, yet it is hard to become reconciled to this condition. The heritage of physical infirmity is a handicap under which thousands must face the battle of life. Scrofula is probably the most noticeable of the transmitted blood disorders, though there are other more severe diseases of the blood that pass from one generation to the other. No matter what inherited blood taint you may be laboring under, S. S. S. offers hope. This remedy has been in general use for more than fifty years. It is purely vegetable, and contains not a particle of any chemical, and acts promptly on the blood by routing all traces of the taint, and restoring it to absolute purity. Some of the most distressing cases of transmitted blood poison have yielded to the treatment of S. S. S., and no case should be considered incurable until this great remedy has been given a thorough trial. S. S. S. acts as an antidote to every impurity in the blood. You can obtain it at any drug store. Our chief medical adviser will take pleasure in giving you without cost any advice that your individual case requires. Write today to Swift Specific Co., 433 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.