

DICKERSON LAYS CLAIM TO HIS OLD JOB IN BASEBALL

Former Western League Head Returns From Europe and Insists on Fulfillment of His Contract.

New York, March 27.—E. W. Dickerson, who was president of the Western league last year, but went to Europe with \$23,000 as so-called correspondent, gave out a statement here tonight in which he declared he still was the president of the base ball organization and challenged the "legality of the league's maintenance of Al Tearney" of Chicago as its chief executive.

"I was left of the Western league when I left America last July," Dickerson's statement said, "the terms for which I was elected in June, 1917, does not expire until June 15, 1920, and I certainly will insist on the contract being fulfilled.

"When the Western league suspended play last year, I was elected a vote of thanks and given a vacation for whatever time I might stay in Europe and corresponded. Upon my return from Europe I found the name of Al Tearney mentioned in dispatches as president of the Western league. My wires to the team owners are unanswered.

"If the Western league can afford the luxury of two presidents this year, that it must fulfill its contract with me. A settlement must be made with me before the league can operate this year, if under direction other than that of the one elected in 1917 for a period of three years."

Tearney Ready to Step Aside.

Chicago, March 27.—Al R. Tearney, recently elected president of the Western league, when told tonight that E. W. Dickerson, last year's head of the organization, had returned from overseas duty, and declared he still was president of the league, said if Mr. Dickerson wanted the job he, Tearney, would gladly step aside for him.

"It would be unappreciative in me to oppose Mr. Dickerson, and if he wants his job back, I will gladly step aside for him," said Mr. Tearney. "I understand his contract was a verbal affair, but I do know that he is a good baseball man, and formerly was head of the old Central association."

The Western league club owners accepted the position to Mr. Tearney after other arrangements had failed, and he accepted. He recently was re-elected president of the reorganized Tri E league.

Owner Rourke Explains.

W. A. Rourke last night explained the apparent loss of the presidency of the Western league with the statement that the league elected Tearney in February at St. Joseph, not having heard from Dickerson, who was supposed to return as soon as hostilities were over, as long as he was merely a correspondent and not in the army service.

Medals and Shields Are Presented to Men in Basket Ball Teams

A big party of local basket ball players wound up the season last night when players from the Church and Commercial leagues and players in the city tournament and their young women friends paraded in a grand march over the "Y" floor, the scene of many hot encounters this season.

Following the march and games, medals were presented to the members of the First Christian team, that won the championship of the church league; the Pearl Memorials, who placed second; the Commerce Highs, who won the Commercial league honors; the Omaha National Bank, who ran second and the Omaha National five that won the city tournament.

Shields were presented to the managers of the First Christian and Commercial High teams. Verne Moore, basket ball chairman and referee, was also awarded a medal for his services.

American Boxer Defeats Briton in Bout in London

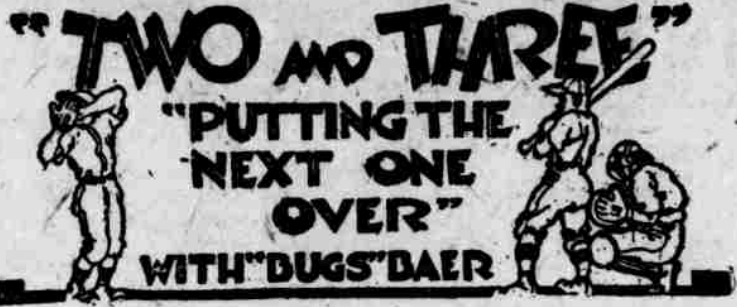
London, March 27.—Augie Rater, United States army, defeated Roy McCormick, a British middleweight, on points in a 15-round boxing contest in the Holborn stadium tonight.

De Oro Off With Big Lead in Play for Championship

Detroit, March 27.—Alfred De Oro, world's third cushion billiard champion, took a lead of 16 points over Gus Copulos, the challenger, in the first block of their 150-point match for the title here tonight.

Letters Frighten William Who Will Move from Holland

Geneva, Switzerland, March 27.—Former Emperor William of Germany, alarmed by the receipt of threatening letters, intends to leave Holland and seek refuge in Switzerland, according to the newspaper La Suisse. Swiss newspapers are printing many advertisements inserted by members of the German and Austrian nobility, who are seeking homes in this country at moderate prices.



"TWO AND THREE" "PUTTING THE NEXT ONE OVER" WITH "BUGS" BAER

CAN'T blame George Hoover for wanting to toss up the job. George doesn't mind feeding the world, but he draws the nimble line on 17-year locusts and the Kaiser's six sons. These charming entomological debutants make their debut this summer and are just another one of those things that Senator Lodge and fellow accomplices will blame on the democratic administration.

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The last time the locusts set in their card and then crawled in and ate it was in 1902. The Kaiser was dieting for that meal in Paris. He's still dieting. Hank Ford hadn't built the twin to the first flivver. That was before folks started spelling Eggs with a capital E. It requires a capital to spell Eggs and capital to buy one.

Bill Bryan was talking in his sleep and the public was sleeping during his talk. Willie Hoppe had only been a boy wonder for 50 years. Rail roads ran the government instead of the government running the railroads. Wife-beating was almost legal. Drinking was compulsory. If you ordered a two-bit meal in a hash garage you got something on your plate besides a polish.

Seventeen whirls of the almanac ago you could ride for 2 cents a mile and walk for even less. Washington had just bought the eight-place franchise in the American league. Hans Wagner was knocking pitchers loose from their hats. Cadabres were open all night. Marconi hadn't invented the wireless, but the stock yards cocktail was well established. Kings had the world by the tail with a downhill pull.

Eleih hadn't invented his famous Root beer. Yank doughboys were chasing Bill Tait's little brown brothers all over the Philippines and back again. Jim Jiefriewas the champion batter of the world and was the heaviest bantam in the game. The fashion designers from Paris made skirts so ladies could walk in 'em. Now Farnam street looks like a sack race. You could buy a pair of shoes for \$3 that would last until you got home if you didn't live more than two blocks from the store. That hasn't changed much. You can still buy the same kind of shoes.

The last time that the 17-year birds clattered up to eat the mortgage off the old homestead the czar was monarch of all he surveyed, but the getting more neighted every day. Butter was blooming on every boarding house table, even if it was oleomargarine. For 15 cents you could buy enough milk to drink in. Can you beat it? The bums hadn't yet busted out of jail to organize the bullshelvik. Men's tailors hadn't started in to cut snappy youths' suits out of circus tents and the Police Gazette was the Blue Book of America.

Sweet cookies, how the old place has changed.

Sport Shorts

By KID GRAVES.

Kansas City boxing fans are jubilant while those of Joplin are somewhat disappointed over the showing Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, made in his bout with Harvey Thorpe Wednesday night. Benny outpointed the K. C. man in every one of the 10 rounds, but there were no knockdowns and nothing that resembled a knockout. Thorpe made a splendid appearance and his friends claim that he can do better in a second bout with the champion.

The Joplin "bugs" expected Leonard to stow Thorpe away well within the limit and because he didn't, or at least floor him a time or two, are rather "peevish" about it.

A few days more on the anxious seat for the Nebraska boxing fans. The legislature will close its session today, and even though it has been recommended for passage by the committee on miscellaneous matters, there has been no action taken on Bartop Green's boxing measure.

The proposed wrestling bout between Jack Tolliver, the local "little old man" of the mat, and Erwin Carroll of Lincoln will take place in Lincoln Wednesday, April 2. Tolliver charged Carroll with delaying the match and Carroll refuted the statement by closing the deal at once and arranging for the April 2 date.

While talking about the heavy-weight wrestling situation, Jack Tolliver declared that Marin Plegitina was the greatest wrestler in the world and he would risk his money on Plegitina's chances of beating any

of the top-notchers of the mat game. More than that, Jack said he would post \$1,000 forfeit for Plegitina to meet any big man in the world who was better than him. He was offering Joe Stecher, Wladek Zbyzwicki, Strangler Lewis on Earl Cadlock. Jack said he would make good Plegitina's offer of a \$500 gift to any man of note that would accept the challenge. Should the heavyweights be backward about taking up the offer, the local wrestler-manager says he will sign Maria to meet two of them, and guarantee to beat them both within a reasonable time limit.

Why wait for warm weather to play ball? The St. Cecilia base ball team has started the season already, trimming the Holy Name team from the saints pitcher by a score of 17 to 12. Burns, Master, and Masters, shortstop of the St. Cecilia team were the stars of the game.

The next big wrestling show at Council Bluffs will be held on April 9, with Barney Burnam, the Bluffs pride, and Charley Pesek, a brother who was the champion John Pesek, known as the Shelton farmer boy, in the main event. The men will meet in a finish match, best two out of three falls, and Jack Hanley of Portsmouth, Ia., will challenge the winner. Hanley lost to Burnam last Wednesday night, but he says he was in the best of shape, that the bout was taken on too short notice to allow him to be in perfect condition and he thinks he can beat Burnam in another match, or if Pesek throws Barney, he can beat the Shelton man. The preliminaries for the show will be announced by promoter Al Flori at a later date.

He is working hard to sign up some crack wrestlers to appear on the card and will try to stage another all-star show. Brewer's jazz band will furnish music before and between bouts, once more.

United States, 4,920; French, 2,345; Italians, 1,340; Serbians, 1,290; Russians, 1,170. Total, 34,765. Siberian Front—British, 1,600; Canadian, 4,000; United States, 7,500; French, 7,600; Italians, 2,000; Serbians, 4,000; Russians, 210,000; Poles, 12,000; Roumanians, 4,000; Japanese, 27,000; Czecho-Slovaks, 55,000. Total, 334,700.

The total forces of the allies on the various eastern fronts, M. Pichon stated, was 850,000.

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CARLO SINGERS APPEAR IN "AIDA" AT BOYD THEATER

Well Chosen Casts Does Full Justice to Verdi Opera; Title Role Taken by Elizabeth Amnsden.

"Aida" was the opera presented by the San Carlo Opera company at the Boyd theater Thursday evening. This majestic Verdi opera, with its mystic and oriental music, presents another side of this operatic genius, and a very different type of music and spectacle than is found in "Rigoletto," which was played Wednesday evening.

The audience was fair, but not as large as it should have been, considering the high standards of the San Carlo company and the moderate prices. A little familiarity with these masterpieces will not hurt the most aesthetic music lover, and it also will save him the necessity of keeping his head buried in the libretto between the acts when he goes to see opera elsewhere.

Besides, if Omaha does not thoroughly patronize such opera as is produced by the San Carlo company, which plays every season in New York each year in packed houses, can we expect any other operatic managers to risk the expense of bringing companies here?

Interest Sustained. Meantime the season of opera continues to be constantly interesting, and it is more than fascinating to hear the artists in different roles, and to see the various operas side by side as the engagements progress.

The tragedy of the Ethiopian slave Aida, the handsome captain of the guard who loves her and the jealous Egyptian princess is well known, as is also the fact that this is the opera written by Verdi for the khedive of Egypt to commemorate the opening of the Suez canal.

"Aida" is the opera in which the chorus has a star part and the antiphonal chants of the priestesses and priests, with Pietro di Biasi as the high priest, were presented with telling effect.

Among the other musical numbers especially noted were the duet between Aida and Amnaso (Antola), the love duets of Aida and Radames, and the solo of the King of Egypt in the first act, and the anguish of Amneris as she hears the fate of the man she loves.

Throughout the score the harp has an important part, and Signor Martola, as Amnaso, was particularly well-balanced tempo, and effectively achieved highly dramatic climaxes.

Coblenz Burgomaster Demands End to Hostilities. Coblenz, March 27.—By Associated Press)—The burgomaster of Coblenz has published a notice in the newspapers demanding that the Germans in the area of occupation use more self-control in their conduct toward the American soldiers, especially in any acts which might be taken by the Americans as an insult to their uniform or otherwise.

The burgomaster took this action because of an increase in number in the fights between the Americans and civilians, an American soldier being stabbed to death in one instance.

In several districts there have been more signs recently of hostile feeling toward the Americans than were in evidence previously.

Bureau of Mines Will Use Geophone in Rescue Work. Washington, March 27.—The geophone, invented during the war to determine the exact location of sounds above and beneath the surface of the earth, soon will be used extensively in mining operations in this country, the bureau of mines announced today.

The instrument will be used in mining operations, the bureau stated, either for sounding purposes or in determining the location of men blocked from escape by cave-ins or explosions.

Armenians Massacred by Moslem Gendarmes. Athens, March 27.—Advices from Constantinople state that a massacre of Armenians by Moslem gendarmes occurred recently at Aleppo. It is reported that 48 Armenians were killed, 111 seriously wounded and 150 slightly injured. It is alleged that the gendarmes attacked the people assembled in the market and that the troops in the barracks at Aleppo did not arrive on the scene until two hours later. The authorities have arrested 200 persons.

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FLASHES from FILMLAND PHOTO-PLAY OFFERINGS FOR TODAY

LADYS BROCKWELL has a stirring and clever performance at the Muse theater where she is appearing today and Saturday in "The Forbidden Room." Not only is the story a good one, but it is unfolded so skillfully that one fails to realize the outcome until the last few scenes are shown. The spectator is kept in a state of uncertainty as to how the star will emerge from the predicament in which she is placed. At the close, however, comes the conviction that she did a big thing in a big cause.

Priscilla Dean, who comes to the Brandaes Sunday, in the "Wicked Darling," says she wants to play a Sunday school teacher or someone interested in charity. She is afraid the public is getting a wrong impression of her, seeing her in so many Paris Apache and crook pictures. Miss Dean is really one of the most demure, likable stars in pictures, and she is far from being the wild young creature she depicts so ably on the screen. The following limerick was sent to her recently: There was a young star named Priscilla, Who at home was as sweet as vanilla, And she acted like a cinema thrill, When she played in a cinema thrill.

Henry King is just finishing a capital light comedy with William Russell as the star. The story is entitled "Some Liar" and is by James Oliver Curwood. The next story which Mr. King will direct William Russell in is an original written especially for Russell by Stephen Fox and no fixed title has been given it as yet.

If you want a thing well done, do it yourself, is a motto of Viola Dana, tiny Metro star. That's the reason why Miss Dana recently motored into Los Angeles from Heart's case, her cozy home in Hollywood, and returned with an assortment of cans and paper parcels—none of which contained a cute little pair of overalls.

Her secret became known when Viola opened the cans. They were filled with paint, and the paper parcels held a variety of brushes. First Miss Dana painted all her flower ppts. Then, busy as an ant, she painted the hanging baskets that ornament the veranda of her home, and applied a coat of gilt to the chains they hang from. The next painting job, she wanted to paint the cat, and it was then she had to be restrained.

"But it's lots of fun," protested Miss Dana. "And now that I've had some practice, I'm thinking of buying a sailboat I saw at San Pedro the other day, which I liked very much, except that it needed painting. That seemed a drawback at the time. Now it's an added attraction. Watch me!"

Charles Ray is obtaining lots of quiet enjoyment selecting furniture and fittings for his handsome new home at Beverly Hills. He has been taking his time over this labor of love and his home is already one of the most artistic in southern California, and the young star's good taste is very apparent.

FEAR MISSING AGED MAN MET WITH FOUL PLAY

Wealthy Retired Farmer Disappears From Home Without Leaving Word and All Trace Lost.

Relatives of C. W. Mendenhall, 4220 Cuming street, who disappeared from his home Wednesday noon, fear the aged man has met with foul play. Mr. Mendenhall, who is 70 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, and weighs 155 pounds, left his home Wednesday noon, after bidding his wife goodbye, to go downtown. When he failed to return at 6 o'clock that afternoon, as was his custom, his wife became alarmed and notified the police. Private detectives are also working on the case.

Three weeks ago Mendenhall suffered a stroke in Dunbar, Neb., where he had gone to contract some land deals with a man whose name was not learned. Upon his return to Omaha he discovered that his grip had been ransacked and blank contracts taken from it.

Mendenhall is a retired farmer, and is reputed to be wealthy. He is a member of the Oak Grove Masonic lodge of Woodbine, Ia. At the time of his disappearance he was wearing a black suit, dark fedora hat and a gray overcoat.

Chicago talks it over with Seattle

"Good morning, Western friend! How go those shingle mills these days? It's your good red cedar that covers so many housetops here. And your oriental trade? Is it looking up? Smoke an Owl, won't you?"

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AT THE THEATERS

HARRY LAUDER is coming to the Boyd on Monday and Tuesday for four performances, two matinees and two evenings. This ought to be enough of a boost for this celebrated artist, whose name is known all around the world, and who is nowhere more popular than he is in Omaha. He will have a new program on this, which is announced as a farewell tour. Retaining some of the most popular features of his former programs, he has added new material, songs and stories, until he provides the variety that is looked for when he is announced. Of course, he has his Klite band, and he has a group of vaudeville performers of high ability. The seat sale is already under way, and the request indicates that a regular Lauder turnout will greet him at each show.

Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger will present "Miss Springtime" at the Brandaes, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 3, 4 and 5. The music is by Emmerich Kalmann, composer of "Sari" and "The Riviera Girl," the book and lyrics by Guy Bolton and P. G. Woodhouse; the staging by Julian Mitchell and the scenic artists by Urban. In the company are Edith Allan, Harrison Brockbank, Wayne Nunn, Florence Hope, Charles Meakins, Margaret May, Jimmie Hunter, Will H. Sloan, Billy Nunn, Harry McCoy, Elaine Vance, Dorothy Blake, Rose Prevost, Catherine Mackenzie, Helen Jackson and scores of others, including a perfectly gorgeous girl chorus.

For the current week the Orpheum is presenting one of the liveliest shows that has been offered this season. The bill is headed by the musical comedy celebrity, Stella Mayhew, a comedienne who is in a class by herself. Another conspicuous feature this week is the concert performance of the eminent Belgian cellist, Elsa Ruegger. In addition to the compelling force and brilliancy of her musicianship, Miss Ruegger has a magnetic personality. The bill also includes the character comedian, Lee Kohlman, who is appearing in the one-act comedy, "Two Sweethearts." Harry Jolson, black face singing comedian, brother to Al Jolson, is among those scoring a hit. "The Only Girl," farcical musical comedy, one of the Orpheum's big headlines, comes next week.

"The Riviera Girl," a Klaw & Erlanger production, is coming to the Brandaes theater for three days, starting Thursday, April 24. The scenery is by Urban, scored by Woodhouse and the book by Guy Bolton. Emerich Walman, composer of "Sari" and "Miss Springtime," has furnished a score of lovely melodies.

The noble sacrifice of a little wife is the dominating theme of "The Heart of Humanity," the eight-reel production by Allen Holubar, in which Dorothy Phillips scores the most distinctive triumph of her screen career. This feature will be shown for the last time at the Brandaes today and tomorrow.

Lew ("Prof. Dope") Kelly's particularly prosperous week at the Gayety will terminate with two days two performances at 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. His company will be succeeded tomorrow matinee by Arthur Pearson's long-awaited "Step Lively Girls," whose tour along the Columbia circuit has been a succession of ovations and the immense attendance necessary to create ovations. This feature is headed by "Shorty" McAllister, Long Harry Shannon and the cutest, daintiest actress on the American stage, little Anna Prof, who was with "Follies of the Day" three or four seasons.

A real jazz band is one of the features of the new bill at the Empress.

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DENVER BISHOP MAKES PLEA FOR MORE TOLERANCE

Methodist Leader Tells of Part Backward Nations Played in the War; Ends "Y" Conference.

Pleading quietly but firmly for greater tolerance and more liberal and progressive thinking, Bishop F. J. McConnell of Denver closed the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. Readmission conference. Bishop McConnell spoke at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at the Y. W. C. A. auditorium before an audience composed of about 500 people. His subject was "Reconstruction of the World's Ideals."

He stated that Americans were prone to disregard the part played by the so-called backward nations in winning the war. India had contributed 1,000,000 fighting men to the cause of the allies. Chinaman, negro, Hindu and Japanese alike had made the winning of the war possible. "We cannot pride ourselves for bringing victory to the allies," stated the prominent clergyman. "We took our rightful place only when the scales of war were so evenly balanced that but very little weight was needed to turn them in our favor."

He urged a policy of moderation and compromise in our dealings with Mexico. It is only Mexico's exploiters who agitate for an invasion of that country, according to Bishop McConnell. A comprehensive post-war reconstruction program was adopted by the conference, which was the most successful of the eight conferences held in the middle western states up to date. To ally the general unrest and dissatisfaction existing in this country and to forestall any outbreak the conference adopted resolutions for civic, economic, religious, recreational and social improvement.

French Use German Bombing Planes as Food Transport

Paris, March 27.—German bombing airplanes of the Friedrichshafen type, surrendered under a clause of the armistice, will be used by the department of civilian aviation in transporting foodstuffs between Paris and Bordeaux. The airplanes will be equipped to carry three tons of parcels and bundles.

theater, which opened yesterday, in which Ralph Dunbar's Tennessee Ten gave a musical offering. Tom Sherman, composer, assisted by a very pretty comedienne, presented a singing, talking, dancing and piano playing act. Betty Eldert and company have a comedy sketch that keeps the audience in an uproar. Will and Linda Newman have a sensational cycle act, put over with artistry.

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