

BUENOS AIRES IS CLAMPING LID ON "WIDE OPEN" CITY

Gaiety Is Still There, But It Is More Decorous In Opinion of World Travelers.

Buenos Ayres, March 17.—Buenos Aires, which once had the reputation of being a "wide open" city and "gayer than Paris" is "not what it used to be" in the opinion of many travelers who were here before the war and have returned recently.

The gaiety is still there, they say, but it is more decorous and meantime the lid has been clamped on many resorts in which the worst sort of license was wont to flourish openly. Public gambling places have been also banned, dissolute women have been driven off the streets, and beginning this year the police have begun the suppression of houses of ill fame. The claim is made that Buenos Aires is today cleaner morally than ever before in its history, due to the "reform" regulation of a recent city administration and continued by the present one.

Council Taxes Cabarets.

The city council also a few days ago passed an ordinance imposing a tax of 20,000 pesos annually on cabarets, which is expected to put some of the lower class places out of business. Le Epoca, the government organ, in approving the measure, refers to the Buenos Aires cabarets as "establishments of corruption" and demands that minors be prohibited from entering them. What are termed "cabarets" in Buenos Aires are merely dance halls with an orchestra, and, with one or two exceptions, are poorly furnished. Drinks are served, but there are none of the entertainment features which made the cabaret successful in the United States. Here and in the restaurants, both of which are open all night, is where most of Buenos Aires "gaiety" centers.

Theaters Close at Midnight.

Theaters and moving picture houses do not close until 12 or 12:30 o'clock. As late as 2 o'clock numerous restaurants and cafes are still filled with men, and some women, with orchestra or electric pianos going full blast. Streets in the "gay life" district are still brilliantly lighted, taxicabs flit about and the sidewalks have many strollers. What is called "reveling" in the restaurants is, however, not in evidence. The patrons sit and listen to the music, eat or sip their wine or other drinks, but, as an American observer put it, "There are no high jinks."

It is considered that a prohibition movement in Argentina would find a very strong sentiment to overcome. Recent dispatches from the United States telling of the intention of North American prohibitionists to invade South America did not appear to cause much concern here where indulgence in some sort of alcoholic liquor is almost universal. One entire province, Mendoza, is devoted to the wine industry, and just as in the Latin-American countries of Europe, the drinking of wine seems to be regarded almost as natural as the drinking of water. There are probably as many bars in Buenos Aires in proportion to population as there were in New York in preprohibition days. In these bars thirsty Americans just arrived from the United States find familiar drinks. The "Manhattan," "Bronx" and "Clover Club" cocktails are as well-known by the same names as in New York. The "Martini," however, is here called a "San Martin," which is the name of one of the patriots of Argentine history.

Germers Are Great Help To the Pea Crop to Start Next Month

It may be possible to get in the early peas this month. Often a warm spell towards the end of March enables the alert gardener to get a start. Early peas are the first thing to be planted. The smooth seeded varieties are the first to go in, followed a little later by the wrinkled seeded varieties. The smooth seeded varieties do not give as fine quality peas as the wrinkled, but they will stand colder weather without rotting in the ground. However, many gardeners are willing to take a chance with the wrinkled peas as soon as they can work the soil and are more often successful than not.

The peas must have rich soil. Good yields will not be produced on poor ground. The seeds should be given plenty of depth when planting, shallow planting will lose half the crop in many cases. They should be planted three or four inches deep, as the peas delight in a cool root run. With good soil preparation, the vigor and productivity of peas is helped with the new nitrogen cultures or inoculations. They are not a wonder worker and do not obviate the necessity of thorough fertilizing and soil preparation, but they start the peas on their way with good food preparation. These cultures for inoculation are sold for a small price, a quarter investment will do for a small garden and serve to inoculate all the peas an ordinary gardener will plant. The culture is put up in bottles, half filled. The bottle is filled with water, shaken up, and either the seeds or the soil moistened and the trick is done.

Plant the peas in rows three feet apart and give the dwarf varieties the choice of location if there is any choice in the richness of the soil. The tall peas may be planted in double rows and brush placed between them.

Some of the very dwarf varieties may be planted as close as a foot apart, such as American Wonder, but more room is advisable unless it is necessary to economize space.

Buried in Same Casket

Toneka, Kan., March 17.—The bodies of Mrs. Lula Johnson, 26, and her daughter, Gertrude, aged 5, who died as the result of a gasoline explosion at the Johnson home recently, were buried in the same casket at the request of the mother.

Rough Tallow and Casing Room



McGraw's Greatest Task Is Getting New Infield

Pitching Staff, Outfield and Catchers Are Great, Says Crusinberry—Giant Manager Has String of Young Fellows, Too, But Infield Is Wrecked.

By JAMES CRUSINBERRY. San Antonio, Texas, March 17.—With a strong pitching staff, a brilliant set of outfielders, a high-class bunch of catchers, and an abundance of enthusiasm, John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, expects to give every club in the National League a battle for the pennant this season regardless of the fact that his once sturdy infield has been wrecked.

After a few glimpses at the squad of 40 ball players in the San Antonio camp, one feels inclined to think McGraw knows what he is talking about, for he has a horde of young and live youngsters from which it would seem possible to pick two or three good enough to fill in the vacant spots in the infield.

Doyle Slowing Up?

The "retirement" of Hal Chase and Heine Zimmerman broke up the once stonewall of the inner circle. Their places have to be filled. Also, there is doubt that Larry Doyle will regain his old-time speed at second base. In that case it would require the finding of three new men to go along with Art Fletcher, who is back on the shortstop job with all his accustomed vim.

Assuming that Doyle has at least another year of major league stuff in him, McGraw will have to fill two important holes, one at first and one at third. He found one fellow last fall in Frank Frisch, the Fordham college boy. It looks as if he will make the Polo grounds fans forget about Heine Zim before the season is a month old.

Kelly First Base Candidate. That would leave first base as the only unprotected spot on the Giants and indications are that it will be satisfactorily taken care of by big George Kelly, nephew of the famous Bill Lange. The only other candidate for the job is one Johnny Horic, a New York semi-pro who lives on Avenue A and talks as if that fact is important.

But one can't tell definitely until July 1 just what kind of a team McGraw will have. It may be that before that time he will have Milton Stock on third and Fred Luderus on first. McGraw is ready with a big bank roll to buy the former from the Cardinals and the latter from the Phillies whenever those clubs feel like selling or get so badly pushed for money that they have to sell something.

Satisfied With Pitchers.

"If I can get the infield fixed up, the Giants will be in that fight," were the first words of the New York boss when asked how he felt about the coming race. "I've got five great pitchers whose combined strength is greater than that of any five in any other team. That's something worth while, for a strong pitching staff can carry a team along."

It was needless to ask him who the five were. He referred to Jess Barnes, Rube Benton, Art Neff, Fred Toney and Phil Douglas.

"My Outfield is fine," he continued, "I have three great men in Burns, Kauff and Young, and a coming star in young Arnold Staatz. I have a great catching staff, that is sure, three veterans, any one capable of going in and taking care of a game."

Counts on Using Doyle.

"The infield problem is the only one to solve. Fletcher will be on short as usual. It looks like Kelly will come through on the first base job. I'm not a bit scared about young Frisch. He showed major league stuff last year when playing at second or third. If Doyle can get into condition the infield will be pretty safe. I am going to give Larry all the time he wants to get ready. I would hate to have too many youngsters on the infield."

"It may turn out that I can make a trade or buy an infielder, but it looks doubtful. During the winter I offered enough money for players to buy an ordinary ball club, but nothing was accomplished. If the other fellows won't sell, we will have to battle 'em with what we have."

Youngsters Are Numerous.

Besides Frisch and Staatz, who seem certain to become regular big leaguers, McGraw has a great assortment of youngsters for both outfield and infield positions, as well as a lot of likely looking young pitchers.

Among the latter is Jess Winters, who was with the team last season and seems about ready to step in as a regular if any of the five big fellows falter. There is another sterling right hander in Sterling Stryker. He has been up and back two or three times, served in the war, and now is fit for the big league.—Jim Garton, a southpaw, last year with Tulsa, is showing some speed, and so is Sid Ross, another southpaw, who made a record last year in the Texas league.

They Come from Everywhere.

Bill Hubbel, the Idaho Adonis who looks a lot like Jeff Tesreau, did splendid work with Toronto and

seems ready for something better. Others are Colonel Snover from Elmira, Bill Burfield from the White Plains semi-pro, Reynolds Kelly, brother of the first baseman and San Francisco semi pro, Virgil Barnes, brother of Jess, tried out last fall, Bill Ryan, a Holy Cross star who did well at Buffalo, Jim McQuade, nephew of Judge McQuade, the Giants' stockholder, a Fordham star, and Paul Johnson, a prospect from Southern league.

Jim Cooney, with Providence last year, is another candidate for a second base job, but may need more experience in the minors. Harry Bates is a youngster who did some cleanup batting down in Chattanooga and up in Pittsfield, Mass., and wants to play third for the New Yorkers. Besides these, there is Ed Sicking, who was with the Phillies and is capable of playing either second or short.

Staatz for Utility Role.

It is practically certain young Staatz will be chief utility man for the outfield—and he might even supplant Kauff in center, when left handed pitchers are working. He hits right handed. Lee King, formerly of the Pirates, also is on the squad and likely to be retained. An impressive recruit is Chick Bowen, a Holy Cross redhead, who played on the same college team with Staatz.

Strong as the catching staff is with Mike Gonzales, Frank Snyder, and Lew McCarthy, a young fellow, Earl Smith, may catch more than any of the veterans. He was with the club last year, but on the bench most of the time. However, he made a great record at Rochester before that and seems ready now for the big stuff.

What Can Be Done With A Cold Frame in Fixing For the Garden Season

Every gardener needs a cold frame and once he has had one he can't realize how he ever got along without one. They are not expensive, as a practical working frame can be made of a soap box and small sash. It is nothing more than a box with a glass cover and old window sash with home made sides can be made up easily enough. The only requisite is a southern exposure and sufficient slant so that rain and melting snow will drain off.

They may be had in all sizes from the home made soap box and sash to big affairs with concrete sides and double glass sash. The whole principle is the glass and the protection of glass is remarkable in prolonging growth.

A cold frame enables a gardener to grow head lettuce often in December unless it is an unusually severe fall. Parsley may be kept going for kitchen use and picked at every day. Pansies delight in the shelter of a frame and bloom until frozen and then start right in again when it thaws in the spring. This series from time to time will deal with cold frame possibilities. Their chief value in early spring is for starting seeds of various subjects which are hardy enough to stand considerable cold and a light freeze, such as lettuce, asters and other seeds that need to be started early.

Cardinal Criticises Women for Alleged Immodesty of Garb

London, March 17.—"The scandal of extravagance and want of modesty in female dress" received the compliments of Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland.

He isn't interested in the least in the Paris physician, who gave women needless advice about wearing fewer clothes and thereby avoiding pneumonia.

Of the scandalous extravagance, etc., Cardinal Logue says: "It merits the condemnation of all who appreciate the honor, dignity and reputation of women, and it is an index of the degeneracy and corruption of the age."

"Unfortunately, this evil growth has been transplanted to this country, where it should have met the most uncongenial soil, becoming a scandal to her sons and a disgrace to her daughters. The grave dignity, reserve, modesty and spotless purity of the daughters of Patrick and Bridget, which are spoken of in every land, constitutes one of the brightest gems in the crown of Catholic Ireland."

"What a pity that this glorious reputation should be sacrificed to vanity, frivolity and the slavery of modern fashions."

In Baltimore a decrease of from 20 to 40 per cent is found in the output of labor. Wages in the textile industry have been doubled, but production has decreased more than 50 per cent.

MARTIAL NAMES BATTLE SIGNAL FOR SMALL BOYS

Kitchener Haig Jones, So Named in Days of Martial Fervor, Finds Life Unbearable.

(By International News Service.) London, March 17.—Kitchener Haig Jones of Guildford, though only 5, is finding life unbearable. Born in the days of martial fervor he was named martially.

Now—already—his very name is the signal for battle. He cannot keep it a secret. The other small boys of Guildford all know.

They call after him in the street, they ask him to fight, they jeer. One day he went for the first time to school. He gave "teacher" his name—fit-

ters from the unruly. Then, in the playground it was:

"Can you fight, Kitchener?" "Where's your medals, Haig?" "Ain't you brought your gun, general?"

One inventive lad made up a new game. Kitchener Haig was to be a brave general attacked by Germans; he was to vanquish the enemy, win the V. C.

When the enemy advanced poor Kitchener Haig disappeared under a mass of boisterous juvenile humanity.

Worse, it had come to this that when a big small boy hits a really small boy Kitchener Haig, aged 5, is called in to trounce the big boy! If he refuses and runs into the school for safety they call him the general who won't fight.

So Kitchener Haig is becoming a misanthrope; he shuns his fellow men.

At home he is afraid of visitors. They will ask him if he's going for a soldier.

His proud mother admits now the mistake she made while father was away in France. She wants him to go into trade—grocery for preference.

"But," says Mr. Jones, "you can't put a boy with those names into the grocery." A Kitchener Haig

Millionaire Lad Working His Way to Win \$10,000 Bet

By International News Service.

Denver, March 17.—Harold Van Buren, 21 years old, the "betting maniac," is seeking a job in Denver that will enable him to leave his reputed \$28,000,000 bankroll untouched until he wins his latest wager of \$10,000.

Young Van Buren, who calls New York city his home, but says he owns establishments in Washington, D. C.; Hartford, Conn., and a large hunting lodge at Long Lake, N. Y., reached this city garbed in rough working clothes and an available "stake" of exactly 6 cents.

Some months ago in Los Angeles, Van Buren made a bet of \$10,000 that he could make his way in the world for a specified period without the aid of any portion of his fortune.

could hardly serve cutrants over a counter, somehow.

"If I'd been at home," says his father, "he'd have been called Harry after his grandfather."

One condition of the wager is that he cannot hold any one job longer than 10 days. The time limit on the bet expires within a few weeks and Van Buren says he's developed an appetite that will warrant his purchase of the best stocked restaurant in whatever locality he finds himself when he wins the bet.

In Mexican Fracas.

Van Buren's last job previous to coming to Denver was performing as a taxi driver in El Paso, where he narrowly escaped serious injury in a fracas with Mexicans from Juarez.

According to his own admissions, Van Buren, who claims to have inherited his wealth from parents who died several years ago, is a veritable "betting hound."

Among the stunts he claims to have performed with the winning of a bet as the incentive, is the staging of a 10-course dinner to a score of friends on a cork table out in the surf at Palm Beach. The bill for silverware that found its

way to the bottom of the briny was huge, the youthful itinerary millionaire says.

At a local hotel where Van Buren was given "credit" for a room until he could obtain a job, he related to a representative of the International News Service many of the "nutty" stunts and details of "original parties" that he has staged in the east. He discussed the possibilities of marriage for himself, but declared that he was for the present following out the Van Buren family motto—"Do what you say, and get what you want."

Will Establish Fund.

"I intend to marry some time," declared Harold, "because I am the last of the Van Burens and desire to see the family continued. I entertain none of the fickle notions in regard to matrimony that seem to be so prevalent nowadays, and I know the sort of girl I want. When I find her we will be wed. She must be pretty, of course, and she must be a brunette."

"I know what it is to be down and out," said Van Buren. "Any young man under 25 who applies to the fund will be loaned a sufficient sum for his present needs, on condition that the money be repaid after he has secured a job."

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