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## "OYCLONE" OUR THOMPSONS OUGHT TO HUNT CELLAR

"Thunderbolt" Papke Is On Her Trail Preceded by Lots of Wind.

By ROBERT EDGREN.  
A Special Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.  
NEW YORK, July 18.—Rudy Papke, world's middleweight champion, slipped quietly into New York yesterday with his wife and boy and as quietly slipped out again, homeward bound for Keosauqua, Ill. In a few days he will return to fight.

This is Papke's first visit to Gotham as a world's champion. He has been here before—to the discomfiture of our most prominent middleweights—but not as a genuine wearer of the middleweight belt.

Papke looks just as much a fighting man as ever, although when he carries his son and later about in his heavy mitts a certain air of domesticity takes the place of the reckless swagger that once marked the Illinois Cyclone. He is once more the Illinois Cyclone, the tanned with the sun of many countries and many seas, after circling the world in search of fight rivals. He is a little rounder and chubbier than of yore, but not fat. The old fighting gleam is in his eye when he talks about his fights.

"An I middleweight champion of the world?" exclaimed Rudy. "Well, I surely am, and I'll defend my title at 135 pounds ringside, the recognized middleweight limit, against anybody in the world who thinks he can give me a fight for the title, I bar none. One one gentleman I'd like to pick a home with as soon as possible is Cyclops Johnny Thompson, who has been calling himself champion. I'd like to settle my dispute with him first—then take on the others as fast as they come."

Discontinue the Title.  
"It was middleweight champion when poor Ketchel passed in his chair, but since I was the last holder of the title, I kept it. The title came back to me; I have clinched my claim to it by doing since Tommy Burns. I've circled the globe and defeated the men in Australia and England. When I fought Sullivan, the English champion, in England, the fight was for the world's championship, as I was recognized as champion of America and Australia."

"As for that Australian trip, it was a snorter. A fellow doesn't know how big the world is until he crosses the Pacific Ocean. That trip got my goat the first time—weeks and weeks with no sight of land and with five or ten miles of water underneath. I had a fine time, though, and in Australia they treated me mighty well. I fought out there gave me a surprise. I want in good shape after the voyage and Smith is a big, rangy fellow with a pretty good punch. He comes from this country and beat a lot of good men, but he isn't a middleweight, of course. They called him a middleweight in Australia and thought he was a world beater. He was on a foul, the first time. I don't kick about decisions. He took me by surprise. I didn't expect to find such a good fighter there. I had an idea that outside of America all fighters were suckers. That was my mistake. Smith weighed 165 pounds, and I was a little bit myself."

Underestimated Thompson.  
"As for Johnny Thompson, I underestimated him and did not get into the shape. I was down with him, but the fight and I should have waited, but I thought I could knock him out without any trouble. That match was at catchweights. I weighed 165 pounds, and Thompson weighed 160, so he was not a middleweight. He's a lot heavier than most people think. It is harder for him to make 158 than it is for me. He lost the decision in 20 rounds, and once remembered that I was champion of America and claimed the championship. If we had fought at weight, of course, he'd have been killed. Smith was claiming, too, and the Australians generally recognized him as champion, although he did weigh 165. They thought Smith was invincible. Thompson tried to get roughing on me. He didn't hurt me. I was surprised when the referee gave him the decision. I suppose it always surprises a fellow. I had the best of 12 rounds and hurt my hand in the eighth."

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## Honest, "Lefty" George Hands Out Blanks to Champs for Four Rounds

OMER more vivid painting by the Brown brothers enabled the Athletics to gallop away with the fourth and final game of the series at Sportsman's Park Tuesday night.

"Lefty" Nelson failed to fool as in a few previous efforts. Then Dudley Gries, first baseman and pinch hitter, was recruited as a reliever, but the Athletics had nothing. Struck to relate, "Lefty" George was the third and most successful of the trio.

George went in in the sixth round and blanked the Athletics' first rounder of the way. In the four rounds he passed only one batter, a record for Al Thomas. There was a bright spot in the contest from a St. Louis standpoint, it was George's showing.

The Philadelphia fans' first view of the game of the season was the first of the two right-handers they pined for to fight.

## Bill Steele and Geyer Shoulder 2 Games, Today

Roger Signs Two New Players and Watches a Third One Workout.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Two games will conclude the Cardinal series at Brooklyn this afternoon and Steele and Geyer have to pitch them for the good and sufficient reason that there is no relief in sight. Salles and Harmon have to do the heavy work when the team comes the bridge to Manhattan to move, and Harmon, despite the top-heavy score, had a hard game yesterday. But as far as that goes all Harmon's games are hard because it looks as though he puts everything he has into every ball he pitches. It is too bad Golden had to pick this critical stage in the race to go astray; but that is one of the difficulties a manager has to contend with.

Roger Signs Two.  
Woodbridge, the new pitcher purchased from Duluth, won't report until the team gets back to St. Louis. Roger also raised the scale of salaries by signing two new players, according to the price list upon the services of Outfielder Gilchrist, who has been doing well since he came to the Cardinals, and a new pitcher, who has been doing well since he came to the Cardinals.

"Heck" Oakes Is Out.  
The injury to "Heck" Oakes which ended his season from the Cardinals yesterday in the fourth inning was a serious one. He was taken to the hospital and will be out of the game for some time. His absence is a big loss to the Cardinals, as he was one of the best pitchers in the league.

Diamond Glints  
The Quakers have a lead of a game and a half over the Cubs in the National League race, thanks to two victories Tuesday over the Pirates. That's probably the best advantage any of the leaders has at the moment.

The Reds come to life and defeated the Giants and showed McGraw's crowd down to third place. They are only two and one-half games ahead of the Cardinals.

The Pirates scored only three runs off Pitchers Moore and Alexander in 10 rounds.

The Naps scored their fourth victory over the Yankees and their ninth consecutive victory Tuesday. George Stovall now has the team leading fourth place by half.

Larry Leake was injured in the game as a result of a fall. He was taken to the hospital and will be out of the game for some time.

Jack Lewis, left fielder of the Kansas City Blues, was fined \$10 in police court for assaulting Ed Cochran, a Kansas City newspaper man.

Hal Chase has purchased Pitcher George Gries of the Kansas City Blues. Gries was a member of the team for 1909 and 1910 and was a member of the team for 1911.

Frank Schuler keeps hitting home runs with the home field. His good home runs Tuesday at the expense of the Athletics.

Six hits off Waddell. That sounds like a lot, but it is only six hits off Waddell. He is a good pitcher and has been doing well since he came to the Cardinals.

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Miller to Play Catchers.  
The Ben Millers, leaders in the Troyer league race, play the Ochsens in the feature game at South End Park next Sunday afternoon.

## MISTAKE HELPS CENTRAL'S CREW WIN AT PEORIA

Western Four's Blunder Gives Begley's Men Victory When Defeat Seemed Near.

What St. Louis Did in Central Regatta

The Central Rowing Club: Firsts—Junior six-oared barge, senior four-oared shell, senior six-oared barge. Seconds—Junior four-oared shell, junior six-oared barge, senior six-oared barge. Thirds—Senior double scull.

The Mound City Rowing Club: No firsts. Second—None. Thirds—Junior four-oared shell, junior six-oared barge, senior six-oared barge. Fourth—One-quarter mile dash for junior single scull, senior single scull.

The Western Rowing Club: Firsts—Junior four-oared shell. Seconds—Senior four-oared shell, senior six-oared barge, senior six-oared barge. Thirds—One-quarter mile dash for junior single scull, senior single scull.

The St. Louis Rowing Club entered in but one race each day. "Took second place Monday in the junior six-oared barge and third place in the senior six-oared barge race Tuesday."

Century Boat Club entered but one race, the senior pair-oared event, and easily won that. North End Rowing Club entered in but one race, the junior six-oared barge race, but failed to show anything.

PEORIA, Ill., July 18.—The most successful regatta in the history of the Central States Amateur Rowing Association, was the popular verdict according to the fifth annual event at the banquet given in honor of the visitors by the Peoria Canoe Club at Al Fresco Park last night.

The Central Rowing Club men of St. Louis were given a rousing reception when they stepped forward to receive the banner awarded the point-winners of the regatta, while no less a demonstration was given the Grand Rapids club for taking the Peoria Canoe Club cup for second among point winners.

Umpire Joseph Dig, in addressing the rowers, stated: "It was the chairman of the regatta in the history of the association and rivals are ever held by the National Association."

Dig is an enthusiastic booster of the Peoria course for the 1912 national regatta, he declaring Peoria Lake the finest body of water for rowing he has ever seen.

Swier's Close Call.  
Vice-President Fred Swier of the association had a narrow escape from drowning last night when he ventured out alone in a canoe. On reaching the middle of the lake he lost control of the craft and the canoe capsized. Swier could swim, but luckily managed to grab the canoe before it drifted to the shore. He was rescued by a motor boat before rescuers arrived in a motor boat.

Ted Grimm of the Mound City club declared he will not accompany that crew to the national events at St. Louis, his determination coming following the defeat of the Mound City in the events yesterday. Every effort is being made to have him reconsider his determination to quit the game, as his resignation would mean the withdrawal of the team from the national events.

The Central earned the right to the point banner yesterday when they won the four-oared shell race and the six-oared barge event. The first victory was rather a lucky one, as the Western crew appeared to have the race won. This pulled out of its course and rounded the wrong turning mark. Notwithstanding the Western had to return and round the right hand buoy, the crew was second in the race, having made up a world of ground in the home stretch.

The large race, the big event of the regatta, saw five crews finish with the first and fifth boat. Central was about half a length in front, but was overtaken by the Western crew, who won the race by a narrow margin.

All of the events were well contested. Following is the summary of results:

Four-oared shell, 14 miles—Central Rowing Club, St. Louis (C. Waddell, C. Schuler, C. Schuler, C. Schuler) won. Western Rowing Club, St. Louis (C. Schuler, C. Schuler, C. Schuler, C. Schuler) second. Mound City Rowing Club, St. Louis (C. Schuler, C. Schuler, C. Schuler, C. Schuler) third. Grand Rapids Canoe Club, Grand Rapids (C. Schuler, C. Schuler, C. Schuler, C. Schuler) fourth. Peoria Canoe Club, Peoria (C. Schuler, C. Schuler, C. Schuler, C. Schuler) fifth.

Single scull, 14 miles—C. Waddell, Central Rowing Club, St. Louis won. C. Schuler, Western Rowing Club, St. Louis second. C. Schuler, Mound City Rowing Club, St. Louis third. C. Schuler, Grand Rapids Canoe Club, Grand Rapids fourth. C. Schuler, Peoria Canoe Club, Peoria fifth.

Double scull, 14 miles—C. Waddell, Central Rowing Club, St. Louis won. C. Schuler, Western Rowing Club, St. Louis second. C. Schuler, Mound City Rowing Club, St. Louis third. C. Schuler, Grand Rapids Canoe Club, Grand Rapids fourth. C. Schuler, Peoria Canoe Club, Peoria fifth.

Junior six-oared barge, 14 miles—Central Rowing Club, St. Louis won. Western Rowing Club, St. Louis second. Mound City Rowing Club, St. Louis third. Grand Rapids Canoe Club, Grand Rapids fourth. Peoria Canoe Club, Peoria fifth.

Senior six-oared barge, 14 miles—Central Rowing Club, St. Louis won. Western Rowing Club, St. Louis second. Mound City Rowing Club, St. Louis third. Grand Rapids Canoe Club, Grand Rapids fourth. Peoria Canoe Club, Peoria fifth.

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One-quarter mile dash for junior single scull, 14 miles—Central Rowing Club, St. Louis won. Western Rowing Club, St. Louis second. Mound City Rowing Club, St. Louis third. Grand Rapids Canoe Club, Grand Rapids fourth. Peoria Canoe Club, Peoria fifth.

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## Swimming Is Best Off-Training Stunt for Tired Athletes

NEW YORK, July 18.—With the national championships came the end of training for most of the local star athletes, since their return from Pittsburgh few of them have done any track or field work. At the suggestion of the different trainers most of the boys have been devoting their spare time to swimming.

At Travers Island the New York A. C. men are doing their aquatic work. At Sheepshead Bay the Irish-American men are doing their swimming. At Manhattan, Brighton, Coney Island and Bath Beach other club representatives are seen in the water daily.

"Swimming is the best thing in the world for an athlete not in training," said Lawson Robertson, trainer of the I. A. A. C. "Besides giving a man plenty of enjoyment which rests the brain by taking his mind away from the athletic game, it keeps him in good condition. Of course, a man can't swim and run or jump to his best form at the same time. In swimming an entirely different set of muscles is used, and that is a good thing, because it gives the one the athlete uses in competition a rest and at the same time tends to develop his best muscles."

In an effort to make the members of his team take to the water as much as possible, Robertson and Frank Riley, captain of the I. A. A. C., have a launch at Sheepshead Bay. Those who don't know how to swim receive lessons every afternoon.

The Honey Bore met it over the Duff, 18-7. The Honey Bore was a gun on Sunday. For certificates address Meritt C. Schenk, 210 Elm street.

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