"THE CHASE IS ABOUNE THE FEET" MONTMORTIS SAYS HE DIES

EVENING ★ AMERICAN ★ SPORTS

"NOT THINGS, BUT ABOUT THEM ARE WORTH KNOWING"

SOX PUT FAITH IN PITCHING PHENOM

BY BILL BAILEY.

Here is another "Winter Time" Walter Johnson.

Speed Martin is his name, Oakland, Cal., his home, and he is the property of the Sox, Chicago.

He's a right-hander (pitcher, of course, or he would be a catcher or Cobb or Eddie Collins), pitched for the Oakland club last year, and shaded some one in the neighborhood of 18-06.

He has tremendous speed, wonderful control, stands six feet and a little over, weighs 175. Which are a few of the reasons that he is likened to the Walter Wizard. Walter possessing all of those assets.

WINS ELEVEN IN A ROW.

He (the fellow and not the number Time Waiter) won eleven games in a row, which caused his price to exceed with the same speed that the mercury displays when you put the lighted cigar at the south end of the thermometer. It touched $5,000 and was still soaring when Speed sailed the downward flight of a trunk, saved the life of a woman and injured his arm so badly that he wasn't much of a pitcher for the remainder of the year. And the scouts immediately began to wonder if his price fell with the same rapidity that the mercury usually manifests.

But to go into detail.

Speed Martin, Oakland boy, entered St. Mary's College, in the victory of Pete Kilgallen, and immediately developed into a whale of a college pitcher. He was so good that he immediately turned his academic education into dollars and cents by joining the Oakland ball club.

HAS GREAT RECORD.

He opened his winning season with a record which looked inclined to the position of a contender for next season, starting in Oakland town, to watch this young phenom. They turned out a Walter Johnson in a bidding against each other and then the price over the 4 figure mark.

But President Comiskey of the White Sox had the pick of the team, selected Martin and sat tight, laughing joyously as Martin's price soared. Then the Oakland team jaunted to Los Angeles, the train stopped at some interior point and the ball players gathered around watching a husky attempting to drop a heavy trunk on top of a pyramid of luggage. It became disentangled and started on its world flight for certain. It was as a woman passed, and it looked like instant death beneath the aforementioned trunk.

Before it could mash and smash her Speed Martin had darted to the rescue and stopped the wild flight with his right arm and shoulder.

Speed's record, before that, was eleven wins and never lost.

HOPES DASHED IN A HURRY.

His record thereafter was eleven wins and eighteen lost. And the hopes of Oakland were dashed. But the injury to Martin was not of a permanent nature and both President Comiskey and Manager Rowland are placing great faith in his future ability.

Mineral Wells and the training days spent there will determine whether Speed is just another of those Western lads who bloom, thrive and blossom in the Winter months or whether he's the kind of a lad who can pitch one real Johnson do a regulation diamond in midseason.

O'ROURKE TO REFEREE BOUT

New York, Dec. 21.—Tex O'Rourke, the man who brought Jess Willard for the championship fight with Jack Johnson, has been appointed to act as referee for the bout between Albert Badoud and Marty Cross at the Empire A. C. tonight.

INDOOR TEAM WANTS GAME

The Rams Cheline Indoor Baseball club is anxious to book games with any team in the city who has the own ball or gym. Will play any night and Sunday afternoon. For games write John Noonan, 1816 South Clifton Park avenue, or phone Lawndale 664.

Mathewson's Faith and Sentiment May Help Larry McLean

Faith? Christy Mathewson, famous pitcher, possesses it.

Sentiment? Christy Mathewson, manager of the Reds, is chock full of it.

The proof? This:

Announcement is made that Larry McLean will again catch for the Cincinnati Reds. A smile, of the pleasant, out of the saddenic breed, leaps to your lips and to your eyes, for you remember Larry McLean and remember him as one whose largeness of heart was exceeded by only one thing, his thirst. But Mathewson has this much faith—he's willing to take McLean's word that he has reformed, that he will look not upon the glass when it is red or of amber shade and that he will repay faith by sterling work behind the bat. And sentiment! Marty is filled with it at the Christmas time of year and has demonstrated it by handing a contract to the man whose behavior made him the laughing stock of the National League. It's within the power of this big, strong, husky catcher (each he's only thirty-two) to add to or break the faith and the sentiment of a man, who is displaying it in a game where it is last disappearing.

Paul Martinson to Wrestle Demetral

Paul Martinson and Bill Demetral, two of Chicago's trial horse heavyweights, will go to the mat Friday night at Sheridan Boulevard in a three round match. A side bet of $100 has been posted by the men. The big boys have been training for some time and their ability and strength is well known. Martinson, a per, matching them a card for a two-in-three fall contest. Benny Reuben, former amateur champion middleweight, and Joe Malick of Springfield go on in the other contest, also a finish affair.

Badger Five Held to Tie By Lawrence

Madison, Wis., Dec. 21.—Lawrence tokers gave the Badgers a tough struggle last night, but superior teamwork and weight enabled Wisconsin to keep clean the victory, 41 to 18. The Lawrence players massed their hedge man and hung close all the time. Hemming scored nine field baskets and timed three free throws.

HARTMAN VS. HERMAN ON MAT

Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 21.—Harry Hartman of Burlington and Kid Herman of Omaha signed articles for a wrestling bout here tonight. The men are light heavyweights and top liners. Hartman defeated Ernie Kurtis at Chicago in two straight falls recently.

I. A. C. TEAM IN MEET

When the National A. A. U. indoor track championship meet comes to Buffalo on New Year's day a special four-man medley relay race will be on the cards of the I. A. C. will be in competition. The event will consist of four laps, 440 yards, 220 yards, 880 and a mile.

PRESIDENT ED BARROW ILL

New York, Dec. 21.—Ed G. Barrow, president of the International League, is confined to his home here by illness. His condition is not serious.

MEDILL MIDGETS WIN, 38-18

The Medill Midgets defeated the Wallace High by a score of 38 to 18.

TINKER MAY LEAD MEMPHIS

Tom Watkins, president of the Memphis club of the Southern League, is coming to Chicago to secure Joe Tinker to manage his club.

That's the word first comes from the Southern city, and the telegram states that Mr. Watkins will make the trip to Chicago some day this week.

Should Watkins be able to make a proposition that looks attractive to Joe, former boss of the Cubs, Joe would succeed George Moriarty, who left the Memphis team to become scout in the American League.

Tinker to-day said that Mr. Watkins had not yet arrived, but that the minor league magnate's offer would receive serious attention.

While Tinker is negotiating for a berth for the coming Summer, Fred Mitchell, his successor, is preparing to come into Chicago to-day on a difficult task of securing the signature of twenty-five ball players to contracts. There are forty-six on the Cub roster, and Steve Yerkes is the only player signed. Line is hidden in a paper. All the remainder must be signed to the new form.

This is in the hands of the printer and immediately upon the arrival of the new manager he and President Weegham will begin figuring the amounts to be inserted. This despite the fact that they intend to reduce the squad to thirty, for it is essential to have a man under contract if he is to be used for trading purposes.

Collegiate News

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 21.—Billy Boles, one of Harvard's best backfield men, has quit college.

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Worcester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Jesse Barnes, former big league baseball star, will coach the Holy Cross College nine.

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Buchanan, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Harry Vance, guard, has been elected captain of the West Virginia Wesleyan eleven for 1917.

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Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Coach Dean Sturgis of the Mountaineer football games next year, meeting Pittsburgh, George Washington, Washington and Jefferson, Gettysburg, Georgetown, Washington and Lee, Carnegie Tech, Washington and Jefferson, West Virginia Wesleyan and North Carolina.

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Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Cornell's wrestlers will meet the teams of Penn State, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Lehigh and the Navy this year, in addition to taking part in the intercollegiate championship and finals which will be held here.

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Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Games with the Army, Pittsburgh, Washington and Jefferson, Dartmouth and Rutgers feature the West Virginia University football schedule announced to-day. Ten games have been arranged. The Army replaces the Navy on the schedule. Three trips will be made North.

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New York, Dec. 21.—Princeton triumphed in its season's first intercollegiate hockey contest, defeating Williams College last night at the St. Nicholas Rink by a score of 2 to 1.

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Pittsburgh, Dec. 21.—According to an announcement here, the Navy and Allegheny College have been dropped from the University of Pittsburgh football schedule and games have been arranged with Lehigh, West Virginia and Bethany College.

RAGEN COLTS HOLD STAG

The Ragen Colts will hold their monster athletic and vaudeville stag on night in St. ANN'S Auditorium, Fifty-fifth and La Salle streets. Jess Willard will be the big feature of the entertainment. Jimmy Clabby, Carpentier, Rowland and other notables will appear. Wrestling will collapse make up a part of the program. The entire receipts will go to the Chicago Examiner Christmas fund.

What Has Become Of:

BY HARRY NEILY

The enthusiasm outlaw which inadvertently exploded under the match flame of some genial joker who got tangled in his dates and mistook the fifteenth of January for the Fourth of July?

The numerous gunks who were to "outgeel" Clarence Rowland?

The pep scout William Patterson, of whom you have no doubt read?

The pep scout the assembled and enamored Cubs were going to win in 1916?

The fond notes made by the diligent Frank Chance boosters, who had the Pirates down for handling the speed just rattler on the coast to rattle back here and hitse the feeble Cubs from the slough of despond?

Him who submitted the larceny of one Charlie Ross, also of whom you have not heard of?

The motion picture heroine who mistaken the vesuvius incendiary is time to stop it ten feet from an impromptu bridge that has fallen into an equally mythical river, thereby saving the lives of the railroad president, her sweetheart and sundry ordinary people, all passengers in five day coaches that started running on the 31 & 0, the day after Mr. Noah entered the world's greatest houseboat to the municipal wharf and let out all hands?

The old-fashioned Christmas advertisement that was considered complete without an illustration of an ukulele? Unanimous who fight?

The "baseball critics" who named the new manager the first guess and side to follow the Chicago methodists on all?

And many other things, too numerous to mention?

Utah May Remain in "Rocky" Conference

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 21.—All indications point to Utah remaining in the Rocky Mountain conference, it was announced here that the University of Utah voted in recommendation to withdraw from the Rocky Mountain Conference in the conference and seriously considering a game with the University of Colorado for November 11, 1917. Coach Jack Marshall was chosen to represent the University of Utah at the meeting of the conference in Denver next week. Should the choice of the Utah Agricultural College will probably be played in Salt Lake on Thanksgiving Day.

Arrange Darcy Fights Here Today

Jack Curley, from Jones and Jack Curley, managers of Lester Darcy, will meet here to-day to arrange plans for a bout Winter ring campaign for the Australian champion. Darcy is due in New York Christmas day, according to the managers. It is likely he will be sent against Jack Villino and Mike Gibbons first.

50-MILE SWIM ENDS TO-DAY

The fifty-mile swim which Coach Hasslhurst of the Hamilton Club planned, with the time limit May 20, will be completed to-day. Dr. Hubeny and Commodore John Doran have already swam forty-six and a half miles and will go the other distance to-day. They have been in the tank every day.

WILLIE HOPPE SETS RECORD

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—One more world's record to Willie Hoppe, billiard champion. In a billiard match with Young Jake Schaefer Hoppe won the right to make the first shot, then ran out his 150 points without giving Schaefer a shot.

COACHING JOB FOR BURKETT

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Announcement was made yesterday that Jesse C. Burkett had been engaged as coach for the Holy Cross College baseball team next season. Burkett formerly played in the National and American Leagues.

SOCCERS READY FOR BIG BATTLE

The rise in temperature has been welcome in the officials of the Illinois State Soccer League, in charge of the visit of the champion Bulldog team, Brinklayers' field, on which the visitors will meet the Chicago team Saturday afternoon, is well drained, and unless another cold spell sets in the surface will be in good shape.

Workmen are cleaning off the snow and every effort is being made to have the ground in the best possible condition for the big match.

While opinions differ as to the selection of the Chicago team, the consensus is that the local eleven will give the national champions one of the hardest battles of the year and the team that gets the best breaks will win.

Bethlehem is noted for its combined attack, but against such a formidable defense as Chicago will present the champions will have to produce all the tricks in their repertoire.

Play has been set to start at 2:30 o'clock.

Kid Graves Hurls Defi at Kelly

Dee Krohne, manager of Spike Kelly, Chicago's star welterweight, to-day received a challenge from Kid Graves, former welterweight champion, for a twenty-round fight and for a $500 side bet. Kelly earned a return decision over Graves last year before a millionaire's club in Kansas City and Graves is now out for revenge. Kelly is now training at the Arcade gym for a ten-round bout New Year's afternoon with Gonfalo Delg before a downstate club. Graves says he is ready to tackle Graves before this match or after. Just as Graves sees fit.

MISKE TO BOX LEVINSKY

New York, Dec. 21.—Dick Curley, manager of the Clermont A. C. of Brooklyn, completed arrangements for a ten-round bout between Billy Miske, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Battling Levinsky. The men will box at the Clermont Club on Jan. 8. Miske's show to be staged on New Year's Day.

As Ed Smith Sees It

NOTHING DRY ABOUT NEBRASKA IN BETTING LINE.

There is no semblance of a lid being clamped on the State of Nebraska, in a betting sense at least. Beginning next May the state will be dead clean as far as booze is concerned, but the chances are the natives there will be just as free in a wagering way as they are at the present time. And they can show you some wagering out there, as we already have told you in discussing the several big bouts in which Jon Stecher has taken part.

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But they have another round ball out there now, and they will bet you till the cows come home. His name is Owen Daily, and he is a young Irish boy whose home is in Minden, Neb., but who gets his mail via Axtell. Owen is only a lightweight, but here a regular wrestler, there's no getting away from that. He hooked up with Joe Mantell in Lincoln the other night, and I gave him the decision at the end of three hours and thirty-three minutes of peppery work on the mat.

Before doing so, however, I called off the bets, as I didn't feel like accepting the responsibility of doing up the ownership of something like $11,000 merely on a point decision. The nags that work in the contest was hardly wide enough for that.

Jack Hatch, a young business man of Lincoln, is quite will about Daily, and if anybody can get out there and trim the Nebraska star in a finish match he can shoot Hatch for everything he possesses. The latter is firmly of the opinion there isn't anything on two legs that has a chance with his Irish boy.

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Some time ago we wrote something about the general prosperity of the farmers and their thrift in putting away the coin. Daily is among the live sons of the game. He has a goodly farm at Minden and a herd of well bred cattle, out of which he is making a good living. Daily is married and has two children, and generally is a highly respected member of the community.

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Back to the subject of betting in the east-to-be home-dry Nebraska, last night not over tenting age John Pappa, a big Bohemian, backed Jack Taylor, a heavyweight from the Northwest, Charley Moore, who used to be connected with the Lincoln ball team, ran the match. They wrestled for $1,000 a side, the money being actually posted. It is hard to believe of wrestlers of that class, and in a little place like Hastings.

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Taylor saw in about five minutes that he didn't have a chance to defeat the Bohemian and started to stall to protect his backer's money. Owen Daily, who was referee, saw the trend of things and promptly called off all bets. This provoked something of a riot, but Daily's word went and the match simmered down to nothing.

Moore Leads in Cue Play With DeOro

New York, Dec. 21.—George Moore, holder of the three-cushion billiard championship, clearly gained the advantage over the challenger, Alfredo DeOro, in the continuation of their match at Daly's Billiard Academy last night. As a result of the night's play Moore now leads by a score of 166 to 85. On the play last evening Moore made 82 to 45 for his opponent.

C. A. A. JUNIORS WIN SWIM

The Chicago Athletic Club juniors were far too good for the Hebrew Institute team in the swim last night at the C. A. A. last night. They won 44 to 15. Palmer Jones was 15 of the 44 points for the Cheery Circle lads.

JURY FREES BRATTON

Denver, Col., Dec. 21.—Jack Bratton was exonerated by a coroner's jury, which decided that Young Rivers came to his death from cerebral hemorrhage. Rivers died following his fight with Bratton.

TWELVE TEAMS YET IN BIKE RACE

New York, Dec. 21.—Twelve teams remain in the running for the $5,000 first prize at Madison Square Garden's big bike race to-day. The Cardinal-Wiley team dropped out when Carman quit the track after being hurt on a spill Wednesday and Wiley was unable to find a teammate.

With Drobach still leading and no change in the relative positions of the teams, the bike order finished their eighty-third hour at 11 o'clock, having covered 1,158 miles and 4 laps.

WEEKS DEFEATS EINERT

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21.—Billy Weeks, Canadian middleweight, scored a ten-round victory over Walter Einert here last night.