

# SOUTHERN LEAGUE SEASON TEAMS FACE BARRIER TODAY

Southern league baseball teams will start the season on a tie with the other three teams for first place. He also is quite sure that the Pels will repeat in their first appearance on home grounds Friday.

Dobbs is feeling very easy regarding the team. There is only one weak spot apparent now, and that is at short. Dobbs is dickering for a big leaguer to fill this position, and until he can land this bird he will use Jack Stansbury there. Both will alternate with Bob Higgins behind the log.

Melbowell will be a fixture at second and looks to be the best man the Pels have had for that job in several years. Cotton Knaupp will have to be hustled into some other job, but he hardly will get the short field as Dobbs doesn't like his playing in that position.

All plans for opening day here Friday are about complete. It now is claimed by the committee that the city that hosts New Orleans for the attendance cup will have to exceed 15,000. Final arrangements were made yesterday for the attendance of 4,000 school children and orphans. The big sign is doing duty on Canal street and the mayor and the business men are co-operating with the committee in a way that spells success.

# BIRD-PRESERVATION ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES

At this season of the year the eyes and ears of even the most unobservant are attracted to the hosts of feathered songsters arriving with the spring and filling our woods and fields with music. In response to a request by the International Service Mrs. Robert T. Scott, of Cambridge, O., has written the following article on the importance to our national life of preserving our birds. Mrs. Scott is a constant contributor of nature articles to magazines. The beautiful grounds of her home are a "bird sanctuary," where she has delighted many notable guests with her stories of wild bird life.

By Mrs. Robert T. Scott. A legend of a New England village relates how the farmers, exasperated over the toll taken from fruit and grain, banded together for the extermination of all birds. They shot, trapped and poisoned until every native bird was extinct. That season the grain crops were destroyed, the fruit did not mature and the trees stood brown and shriveled from the destruction wrought by insects. But more appalling than all was the mute reproach of the voiceless forest and the absence of the twinkling wings of these "children of the air." The legend narrates how the birds were again trapped in adjacent localities, and with great care and ceremony, brought to the desolated spot and released.

Such wholesale slaughter could not easily be carried on at this present day, but the extermination of many birds through indifference is threatened. One of the generally known results of unconcern is the fate of the passenger pigeon. As late as 1880 flocks of these birds conigned millions, and not a single pigeon is in existence to-day.

The stately snowy white egrets of Oregon and Florida were about to suffer the same doom when protective measures were organized. The decreased number of many other birds is troubling the bird-lover and should trouble every agriculturist.

Few people realize the enormous amount of insect and weed seed food devoured by the birds. The scientist, examining the stomachs of different species at different seasons, reveals facts that are almost incredible. An estimate, based on these examinations made in two localities in the West where meadow larks are numerous, places the amount of insect food consumed by the nestlings only above three hundred tons daily. In one State, where the tree sparrows winter, eight hundred tons of weed seeds were thought to be their seasonal portion.

These two examples can be multiplied many times, the tiniest humming bird doing its share in the economic order of nature. The English sparrow is a nuisance and menace to crops should be destroyed.

Each State has its protective bird laws, all but eight have the more effective Audubon law, and two only have no State game warden.

The act of Congress of March, 1913, protects the migratory bird, but the constitutionality of this law is in doubt and still undecided;

however, the treaty between the Dominion of Canada and the United States, ratified December 6, 1916, more completely covers the same subject. The birds become the joint wards of the two countries, and the possible question of constitutionality will be removed when Congress passes the law known as the "Migratory Bird Treaty Act." This act will give full protection to all migratory birds.

All laws of this character, to be efficient, must have an educated public sentiment behind them. This is being aroused by the individual bird lover, the true sportsman through his game leagues and organizations, the United States Biological Survey, the different ornithological societies, especially the National Association of Audubon Societies and the American Ornithological Union.

The generosity of Mrs. Russell Sage and an unknown donor first made possible the Junior Audubon Society. Every State in the Union now has an organization, the combined membership of which is over two hundred thousand. Bird reservations and sanctuaries are being established; the efforts of the Biological Survey have placed the United States at the head of nations in national bird protection; sixty-seven reservations are maintained at this time, primarily for birds, aside from the big game preserves. Large private estates have been made sanctuaries where bird life may be intimately studied. Cemeteries, country clubs and city parks make ideal sanctuaries and are being thus utilized in many places.

The domestic cat is the most destructive enemy of both song and smaller game birds, and efforts are being made to license the valuable cat and destroy the prowling ownerless animal.

The skilled hand of the Chinese ivory carver traces nothing so delicate as the door to the home of the field mouse, when the frost breath touches it, and no scientist has yet told us why the indigo bird may look almost leaden in one angle of sunlight and glow like a living sapphire a few minutes later.

Before the Hawaiian music maker fashioned his own curious guitar he must have listened with receptive heart and ear to the sighing and sobbing of the storm as it swept through the valley, touching the telephone and telegraph "harp" with weird fingers.

Every lover of the beautiful should be interested in stimulating the love of all out-of-doors, and the songsters will not be overlooked.

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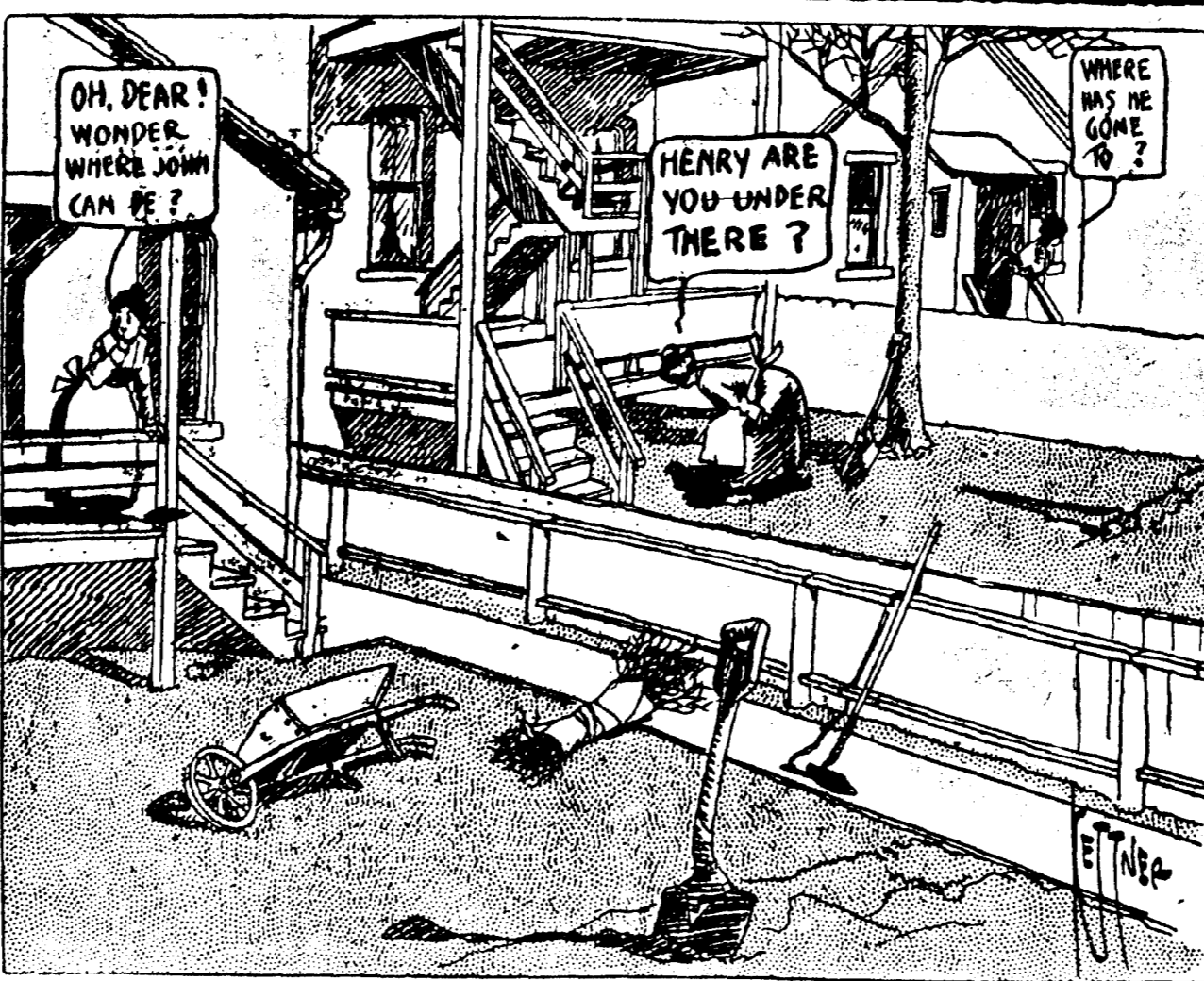
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# BASEBALL SEASON OPENS TODAY



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# TODAY'S ENTRIES AT BOWIE TRACK

Bowie, Md., April 11.—Bowie entries for Thursday are:

Ind. Horses	Wgt.
— xPayment	112
579 Dianthea	112
— Onico	112
505 Wise	112
179 xMoney Mart	112
— Marguerite	112
— Ben Luis	112

SECOND RACE—Claiming; 3-year-olds; six furlongs.

Ind. Horses	Wgt.
151 Swift Fox	115
— Berthier	110
680 Arbitration	110
— Capt. Fredericks	106
— xxBrook	105
481 Oakwood Boy	112
351 Chemung	110
354 Kebo	110
451 Highway	103
506 Melogone	96

THIRD RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and up; five and a half furlongs.

Ind. Horses	Wgt.
291 Gainer	112
— Tom Edward	112
— Ina Kay	106
293 xxViley	108
356 True as Steel	117
494 Prohibition	110
— The Busybody	104

FOURTH RACE—Consolidation purse for 3-year-olds and up; seven furlongs.

Ind. Horses	Wgt.
312 Christie	115
443 Kilmer	103
482 xxxGoldcrest Boy	105
491 Beautiful Morn	99
482 Gloomimg	105
— xxxBriarback	105
— Socony	103

FIFTH RACE—Claiming; 3-year-olds and up; one mile.

Ind. Horses	Wgt.
496 Maxim's Choice	115
492 Galway	112
496 Fairy Legend	106
495 xxMonomoy	99
496 Reno	113
508 Judge Wingfield	107
496 xxSky Pilot	106

SIXTH RACE—Claiming; 3-year-olds and up; mile and twenty yards.

Ind. Horses	Wgt.
— Konworthy	111
520 Prim Harry	111
522 Richard Langdon	109
509 Rustling Brass	109
521 Lady Spirituelle	104
511 xxZodiac	104
518 High Horse	111
522 Billie Hibbs	109
509 Dracogfield	109
506 Brackley	109
518 xxMorristown	108
471 xxBrown Prince	101

SEVENTH RACE—Claiming; 4-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth.

Ind. Horses	Wgt.
523 Huda's Brother	111
472 Billie Baker	112
511 Harwood	112
520 Bob Redfield	110
522 Reda Johnson	109

Ind. Horses	Wgt.
511 xxSupreme	107
500 xxMinda	104
522 Erna Johnson	109
497 Attaboy	112
511 Flying Foot	112
— Title England	100
428 xxFrontier	107
489 xxBalwa	105

# JEFF SMITH AND MARS COME TODAY

Jeff Smith, the only middleweight in the world who holds a decision over Lee Darcy, and Kayo Mars, who will meet Kid Koster in the main event Monday night at the Orleans club, will arrive in New Orleans this morning. Smith and Mars will start work at once in preparation for their bouts.

Smith probably will do his training at the Y. M. C. C., as he is peevish about training quarters and wants the best to be had. He has been doing some work in New York, but expects to do most of his training here. He has ten days left in which to get in shape for his bout with Lee Darcy at the Louisiana Auditorium a week from Monday night.

Mars will work out this afternoon at the Orleans club. While he is well known to local fans, his present form and condition are unknown and no doubt he will have a good crowd at ringside to watch him go through his paces. Koster also is working there and is in a state of preparedness that makes him most confident of victory.

# OFFICER CALLED WILLARD'S BLUFF

Chicago, April 11.—Jess Willard, heavy weight champion, is in real danger of being permitted to fight in the United States army. Jess, it is said, is regretting now that in a patriotic moment, following a dinner at a North Side cafe, he wired President Wilson as follows:

"I will fight. When do you want me?"

It is said patriotism reached such a high pitch at the dinner given by Willard that several of the party wanted to go down the street and whip a German. It seems Willard's telegram was turned over to the recruiting department, and a smart young officer, seeing a chance for some advertising and having visions of thousands of admiring youngsters following in Willard's footsteps, telegraphed the champion accepting his offer to join the army.

Manager Tom Jones wasn't in on the telegram. When he heard that Jess's offer had been taken seriously he and Jess lost no time in departing for Norfolk, Va., where the champion will join a circus. That will not exempt him from military duty however.

If Willard joins the army he will receive \$13 a month. That is some come-down from \$2,000 a week, which, it is said, Jess will receive from the circus people.

Lee Darcy, who has taken out his first citizenship papers in Chicago, is also liable for service in the army. Thus two fight managers may be deprived of their meal tickets.

# FIRE AT BELMONT TRACK

New York, April 11.—Six incendiary fires, starting almost simultaneously, destroyed the main grandstand, the betting ring and the jockey house, and damaged other buildings at Belmont Park race track on Long Island. Four fires broke out first in the grandstand and quickly spread to the other buildings. The loss is estimated at \$1 million dollars.

# RACING RESULTS AT BOWIE TRACK

Bowie, Md., April 11.—Results today were as follows:

FIRST RACE—Junior Purse; 2-year-olds; four furlongs. Virginia Yell, Collins, 3; Irish Kiss; T. McTaggart, 6; Hope, McTaggart, 2 1-2. Time, 50 1-5. No scratches.

SECOND RACE—Meadows purse; 3-year-olds; five and a half furlongs. King Herod, T. McTaggart, 2; Hyannis, Haynes, 6; Bonnie Fuch, Robinson, 2-5. Time, 1:07 2-5. No scratches.

THIRD RACE—Three-year-olds and up; six furlongs. Sleepy Sam, Kuppelman, 6; Joe Finn, McDermott, 4-5; Ada Ann, Robinson, 30. Time, 1:21 2-5. No scratches.

FOURTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up; mile and one-sixteenth. Jessie Louise, Williams, 2 1-2; Roy McTeer, McTaggart, 4; Quin False, Ward, 10. Time, 1:52 1-5. No scratches. Harry Lauder in money but disqualified. Spectre also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Six and a half furlongs. Anxiety, McDermott, 4; Little Nephew, A. Collins, 8-5; Talebearer, Williams, 3.

SIXTH RACE—One mile and 20 yards. Egmont, Parington, 4-5; High Horse, Robinson, 2 1-2; Lynn, Sterling, 6. Time, 1:46 2-5.

SEVENTH RACE—One mile and 20 yards. Boxer, C. Collins, even; Mr. Mack, T. McTaggart, 4; Costumer, Haynes, 4.

# TODAY'S RACING RESULTS AT OAKLAWN TRACK

Hot Springs, Ark., April 11.—Oaklawn results today were:

FIRST RACE—Two-year-old maidens; four furlongs. Planette, Motesworth, 11-5; Fern Hadley, Warren, 15; Lady Gaiety, Stearns, 20. Time, 48 1-5. Scratched: Dickie W.

SECOND RACE—Claiming; for 3-year-olds and up; five and a half furlongs. Hasty Cora, Lyke, 5-2; Frisky, Motesworth, 13-5; Zindel, Dominick, 8. Time, 1:08 1-5. Scratched, Ray, Sister Susie.

THIRD RACE—Claiming; 4-year-olds and up; mile and one-sixteenth. Tzi Lsi, Stearns, 7; Mikifuta, Lyke, 8-5; Lady Worthington, Hopkins, 10. Time, 1:48 3-5. Scratched, Electric.

FOURTH RACE—Three-fourths mile. Arch Potter, Lyke, 7-10; Anna Kruter, Scherrer, 4; Iolite, Stearns, 15. Time, 1:15. Scratched, Josefina Zarate, Ischhabible.

FIFTH RACE—One mile. Lady Ward, Erickson, 3; Dr. Prather, Lyke, 4; Rhymor, Scherrer, 2. Time, 1:47 1-5. Scratched, Kitty Cheatham, Raggedy Man.

SIXTH RACE—Four-year-olds and up; selling; mile and one-sixteenth. Stedfield, Hanover, 4; Clara Morgan, G. Carroll, 5; London Girl, Hopkins, 10. Scratched, Emma Stuart.

# NOT POSTED ON THE FLAGS.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 11.—"You better give your policemen a few lessons on the designs of foreign flags," Mrs. Hilda Plyer indignantly told police officials after her motor car had been confiscated "in the name of Uncle Sam" by a policeman who found it flying the flags of England, France, Italy and Russia. He believed they were the standards of the Central Powers.

# MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS PLAY INITIAL GAMES OF SEASON

TENER EXPECTS A GOOD SEASON. By John K. Tener, President of the National Baseball League.

New York, April 11.—Unless the contingency of war interferes with our recreation and distracts the attention of the great mass of people from their normal inclinations to engage in and witness outdoor sports, I believe that baseball will have one of the most prosperous seasons in history.

As I have interpreted the public pulse on our national game this year, it has seemed to me to be more enthusiastic and eager for the opening game than any season since I have been connected with the National League.

I believe the race in the National League will be a repetition of the spirited race that marked our championship battles last year and in 1915. The New York Giants look formidable, but against this array of offensive and defensive strength it can be said that most every club in the league has added to the strength it showed last year.

I look for Cincinnati to show the best results in a decade under the leadership of Mathewson. Pittsburgh, Chicago and St. Louis should show the effects of the introduction of new blood in their teams. Certainly Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston are stronger than last year, and I expect all teams to make a keen fight for the pennant from the start of the season. Of course, every one expects the Giants to be in the front ranks from the fall of the flag.

The public is expectant of a hard, close race in the National League and I have no doubt its hopes will be realized.

Following were the results of yesterday's games, opening the season for the National League, American League and American Association:

NATIONAL LEAGUE	R	H	E
At Chicago—			
Pittsburg	0 0 1 2 0 0 0	3	5 2
Chicago	0 1 2 0 1 0 1 x	5	8 0
Batteries: Jacobs, Evans (from sixth) and S. Schmidt; Vaughn and Elliott.			

At Cincinnati—	R	H	E
St. Louis	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	4	4 9
Cincinnati	0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 x	3	8 1
Batteries: Meadows and Snyder; Schneider and Wingo.			

At Brooklyn—	R	H	E
Phila.	1 0 3 0 2 0 0 0	6	- -
Brooklyn	0 0 0 2 0 0 3 0 0	5	- -
Batteries: Alexander and Killifer; Dell, Calore and Meyers.			

At New York—New York vs. Boston, postponed to Thursday on account of snow.

AMERICAN LEAGUE	R	H	E
At Chicago—			
Chicago	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 4	7	9 0
St. Louis	1 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	2	8 5
Batteries: Williams, Danforth and Schalk; Hamilton, Koop, Weisman and Hale.			

At Detroit—	R	H	E
Cleveland	1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0	6	8 0
Detroit	2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1	4	8 1
Batteries: Covaeskie and O'Neill; Bush and Stange.			

At New York—	R	H	E
Boston	2 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 3	40	14 1
New York	0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0	3	3 0
Batteries: Ruth and Thomas, Caldwell and Numemaker.			

At Philadelphia—	R	H	E
Washgtn	0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	3	5 1
Phila.	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	3 2
Batteries: Johnson and Ainsworth; Busch, Johnston and Mayer.			

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	R	H	E
Indianapolis	6	10	11
St. Paul	0	10	11
Columbus	2	10	11

# GREAT WORK DONE FOR AMERICA BY THE FOUNDER OF COOPER UNION

Melvin Hildreth in the Fargo (N. D.) Courier-News.

One thinks of a Moorish castle when he walks into historic Cooper Union. With its innumerable stone posts and thousands of red leather settees the great semi-circular hall is the one useful link connecting the stirring times we live in to the gigantic events which preceded the Civil War.

The great hall of Cooper Union occupies the basement of Cooper Institute. For more than sixty years it has been the nightly scene of lectures and public meetings which have shaped the opinions of generations. Every organization can deliver its message at Cooper Union. It was founded in 1857 and forever dedicated to the right of free speech.

Peter Cooper, its founder, is perhaps the best known American philanthropist. He was born in New York; February 12, 1791. Cooper was the fifth of nine children and because of the poverty of the family he was compelled to go to work and he tried, in succession, brick making, hat making and brewing. Finally he became a coach maker and his first financial success was the purchase of the sole right of selling a cloth shearing machine, an invention which became of little value after the war in 1812. Then he went into the furniture business and afterwards established a grocery store on the present site of the Bible house in New York.

His next venture was a great success. He became a maker of glue and isinglass. Later he established the Canton Iron Works in Baltimore. At that time railroads had been planned, but they were far from satisfactory, so in 1830 Mr. Cooper designed and built "Tom Thumb," which was the first practical American locomotive. It was small, being only about the size of a handcar, but it proved highly successful.

The making of iron structural beams was first made possible by Peter Cooper and in 1856 he introduced the Bessemer process in America. He erected large foundries in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, helped Cyrus Field lay the first Atlantic cable, and assisted Morse in perfecting the telegraph. In 1876, when 85 years old, Peter Cooper was called upon to act as the standard bearer of the Greenback party and polled \$1,710 votes for President. He lived to be 92 years old and until the last he constantly aided the progress of America.

However his greatest act was the founding of Cooper Union, "forever devoted to the advancement of science and art, in their application

to the varied and useful purposes of life." Because he did not have an opportunity to study when a boy he has made this institution possible which in its night school gives instruction to thousands of young men and women every year. The building occupies an entire block and cost \$650,000. In 1900 Andrew Carnegie put it on a solid financial basis by giving an endowment of \$600,000. Over 1/2 million people annually make use of its reading room, thousands of students attend its day and night classes, while the attendance at the lectures totals two hundred thousand each year.

It was February 27, 1860, that Lincoln delivered his great address in this hall, a speech which Horace Greeley declared to be the very best address to which he had ever listened. The New York Tribune said of it, "Since the days of Clay and Webster no man has spoken to a larger assemblage of the intellect and mental culture of our city."

Ever since that day the greatest of American orators have spoken at Cooper Union. Each night an immense crowd gathers from all over New York City to attend the great meetings which are constantly being held there. At one time it may be a suffrage gathering, at another a meeting of the Socialist-Labor party, an L. W. W. mass meeting, a convention of Democrats or dignified Republicans, all finding in this common hall a general place to deliver their message. Serious lectures on timely subjects are held throughout the year. A course in law in ten lectures is an annual event; every