

GIBBONS CLAIMS CHAMP HONORS

New York, June 9.—The widely claims of Albertus McCoy to the world's middleweight championship have never made a strong impression on the minds of the public.

"If the public demands that I defeat McCoy, well and good," says Michael. "I will meet McCoy any time, and I will be glad to meet him in a decision bout."

A middleweight championship match would be welcome, despite the fact that the country is at war, and with Gibbons returned to the East from a successful tour of the Pacific coast, interest in the middleweights is coming back.

The middleweight championship, like the welterweight title, has been much mooted for several years, and the best way to bring the middleweight division back into favor is through the medium of a championship contest that will be recognized by the boxing fans throughout the country.

Jimmy Clabby may return to this country soon. He recently won the middleweight title of Australia by defeating Tommy Uren in a twenty-round bout at Sydney, and if he should return to America with the Australian title in tow his coming would stimulate interest in the 160-pounders.

Gibbons has met and defeated Clabby, McGoorty, Christie, Brown, Mona, McCoy and some of the heavier lads in the class composed of Dillon, Levinsky and Miske.

Anyone who doubts Michael's sincerity can speak right up in earnest. Mike isn't kidding; he's in earnest.

Walter Johnson was knocked out of the box before the season got very old, and Walter's pitching average to date shows that he has been meeting with an unusual number of reverses.

Has Johnson lost some of the cunning of his pitching wing? Has the strain of throwing the Lullab ball begun to tell?

Clark Griffith laughs at the idea. When somebody asked him about it he thought it was a good joke, and when it is remembered that Johnson has pitched and lost some of the toughest games that have been dropped by any pitcher this season we can see a reason for Griffith's stand.

The Washington ball club "is the trouble with Walter." The Senators have not been giving him runs, and no pitcher can win without runs.

Even without the prince New Orleans Glad to entertain Italian Mission

Mayor Behrman yesterday sent a telegram to Secretary Lansing in which he invited the Italian mission to visit New Orleans even though the Prince of Udine could not accompany the mission on its trip.

It is understood Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of the wireless, would accompany the mission if it made the trip to the South.

VETERAN WAGNER BACK IN THE GAME

Pittsburg, June 9.—John Henry Thomas Wagner, star shortstop, who failed to report to the Pittsburg Nationals at the beginning of the season after twenty years as a player in the National league.

No statement was made as to the salary Wagner will receive under the new contract. For the past two years, it is said, he has been receiving a salary of \$10,000, and according to some reports it was because of a reduction that the veteran shortstop failed to report this spring.

For more than a week past it has been persistently reported that Wagner would rejoin the club, and it was known that he was being urged to do so by many who attributed this year's slump of the Pirates to his absence.

"Finding the call of baseball too strong to resist, I desire to continue to play the game I love and to which I owe all I possess, and I hereby petition the national commission to grant my request for reinstatement so that I may play with my old club tomorrow."

CHARITIES EXPERTS MEET AT PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Pa., June 9.—About 3500 representatives of various philanthropic organizations from all parts of the United States, including scores of distinguished social workers, gathered here today in the forty-fourth annual National Conference of Charities and Correction.

Modern economic and social problems will be discussed by men and women of national reputation. Topics will include labor legislation, eugenics, birth control, prison reform, child welfare, trade unions and rural community sociological problems.

Among the speakers are listed: Jane Adams, president of Hull House; Julia Lathrop, of the federal children's bureau; Maude Minor, of Wayover house, in New York; Dr. Richard Cabot, of Boston; Thomas Mott Osborne, former head of Sing Sing; Dr. Edward T. Devine, editor of "The Survey"; John M. Glenn, director of the Russell Sage Foundation; Frederick Almy, of Buffalo; Rahel Emil W. Leipzig, of New Orleans; Graham Taylor, head of the Chicago Commons; Ernest Bicknell, director of the American Red Cross; Frederick Johnson, of Boston; Morris Hillquit, Socialist; Dr. John B. Andrews of New York, director of the American Association for Labor Legislation; Professor Henry Seager, political economist of Columbia university; Max Senior, of Cincinnati, O.; Paul U. Kellogg, of "The Survey"; Robert A. Woods, former Pittsburg, leader of the prohibition forces of Boston, Mass.; John A. Kingsbury, commissioner of charities of New York; James Williams, commissioner of charities of Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. B. H. Goddard, of the state institution for the feeble-minded at Vineland, N. J.; Hale Bowen, secretary of the Illinois State Charities association, and A. L. Halbert, director of the Kansas City Board of Public Welfare.

BUSINESS FIRMS PAY EMPLOYEES ON FARMS

Cleveland, O., June 9.—Patriotic firms in Cleveland have announced that employees who wish to aid in food production by voluntarily laboring on Ohio farms this summer would receive full pay just the same.

FUNERAL OF A VETERAN

Funeral services for Francis McDivain Cook, Confederate veteran, were held yesterday from the residence of his sister, Mrs. D. R. Graham. Mr. Cook was 65 years old at the time of his death. Interment was made in the Girard street cemetery.

FUNDS TO FIGHT T. B.

The Anti-Tuberculosis league received \$60 Friday from two firms and one club. About half the city has been canvassed.

KEEPS THE GAME ON THE LEVEL

By JACK VEIOCK, International News Sports Editor.

New York, June 9.—What would baseball be without the umpires? Would it continue to be recognized as a clean, wholesome, on-the-level sport? There is but one answer—

Baseball without the umpire would be like a ship without a rudder. It would soon drift onto the shoals, for without the man in blue to see that the rules are obeyed it would become degenerated. It would develop into a rowdy game and would lose the spirit of fairness and the reputation for clean competition that it now enjoys.

We put the question to a veteran and we got the answer straight from the shoulder. His name doesn't matter, and he asked that it be left out of this story. But what he said went straight home as the crow flies, and to the notion of the writer it is the best definition of the true worth of the umpire that we have ever heard. Let him tell it in his own way:

"First of all," said the veteran arbiter, "I feel qualified to answer the question because I have spent the best part of my life as a major league umpire. I've grown gray in the harness and I'm almost through, but I feel that I have done my share to make the game what it is—every umpire who has made a success."

"I have been the center of hundreds of wrangles. I've been cursed and berated by the players and the fans and I wouldn't give a finker's rap for the umpire who hasn't been through the fire. Show me an umpire whose life has been smooth and I can show you one who isn't a real success."

"Take it from me, the umpire is the fellow who keeps baseball on the level. He is the one who sees that the players obey the rules, and he gives his decisions fairly and impartially. The umpire is not a robber and he's not a crook. He is judge of the play, and his word is law. If he wasn't out there taking the ruff and running the game as it should be, baseball would soon become demoralized, and here is the reason."

"With all due respect to the players and managers, I know that there isn't one player in a hundred who wouldn't cut a base if he had the chance. There isn't a player who wouldn't take the best of it, regardless of whether he was playing fair or not, either at bat or in the field. Players would claim clean catches of balls they trapped on the first hop; basemen would take throws without covering the bags, and base-runners would cut every base they could possibly cut if the umpire wasn't out there to see that they played strictly on the up and up."

"It isn't that the players are not clean-cut, mainly boys; it is merely human nature; and even with the umpire out there the player thinks nothing of cutting a base if he sees a chance to get away with it. So you see what would happen without the ump. Baseball would develop into a cheaters' game."

"Maybe you don't know or have never thought about, the way an umpire looks at his profession. I'll tell you. The regular umpire—and I'll say that ninety-nine per cent of the umpires who make good are square and conscientious—takes a pride in doing his best in every game. He tries hard never to miss a play, he follows the ball and he watches the players at the same time. He wants to be fair, and when he sees a play his decision is made in an instant."

"To the good umpire there is no neutral ground for the basing of a decision. There is no such thing as a close one, because he sees every play one way or the other, and he knows it is up to him to render his decisions as he sees them. He isn't out there to rob anybody. He is there to keep the game on the level, and if he wasn't needed there would be no such thing as an umpire."

"Tell me, then, who does more than the umpires for the good of baseball? He is just as much a part of the game as the player, the playing field or the ball and glove. He's a fixture and he is here to stay, but he is the one element in baseball around which every storm centers and he doesn't often get one-hundredth part of the credit he deserves."

When it is remembered that umpire staffs have been part of the game since 1879, and that professional umpires have been enforcing the rules of the game for thirty-eight years, we wonder if it isn't time for the fans and players to give the umpire the credit that is due him.

NEW ORLEANS WIDENS THE GAP

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Atlanta 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-2 1 6. N. Orleans 0 0 1 0 5 2 0 1 x-9 10 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Brooklyn 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-1 7 0. Cincinnati 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 x-2 5 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 6 1. Phila. 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 x-2 7 2.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Kansas City vs. Columbus, no game. St. Paul vs. Indianapolis, no game.

FAMOUS HORSES SOLD AT AUCTION

New York, June 9.—At the trading horses from Charles Neck farm, the property of C. K. G. Billings, were sold at auction in Madison square garden Thursday.

The champion pacing colt William, 1:58 1/2, was purchased by J. Crouch & son, Lafayette, Ind., for \$8,000. Peter Dillon, 2:11 1/2, went to the Elm Pine farm, Greenwich, N. Y., for \$3,900.

BUYS BRIDE BOND INSTEAD OF RING

Milwaukee, Wis., June 9.—Never again will the bashful bridegroom feel in his many pockets for the missing wedding ring. Instead he will proudly pin in the face of his waist a little gold button indicating that his loved one owns a Liberty bond, if the example of one Milwaukee couple is followed.

"My fiancé couldn't afford both a ring and a bond," the bride told friends, "so we decided that the button should announce our engagement."

TOWN OF BERLIN, WIS., CLINGING TO ITS NAME

Berlin, Wis., June 9.—All efforts toward encouraging the inhabitants of this town to change its name have failed. Organized efforts have been made, the Indian name "Mascontin" having been favored by many in preference to German Berlin, but only to bring forth a stern protest from the older residents.

RACING ENTRIES AT MONTREAL

FIRST RACE—Purse \$600; 2-year-olds; selling; five furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Lord Herbert 108. Lady Eileen 107. Howard Bland 91.

SECOND RACE—Purse \$600 added; 3-year-olds and up; claiming; foaled in Canada; seven furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Red Post 113. All Amazed 107. River Meade 99.

THIRD RACE—Purse \$700 added; 3-year-olds and up; one mile.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Puts and Calls 101. Arriet 109. Bachelor's Blend 100.

FOURTH RACE—Purse \$700 added; 4-year-olds and up; steeplechase; claiming; about two miles.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Musical Honour 135. Never Fear 144. Welsh King 152.

FIFTH RACE—Purse \$700 added; 3-year-olds and up; selling; handicap; mile.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Brookledge 113. King Hamburg 104. Sky Pilot 111.

SIXTH RACE—Purse \$600 added; 3-year-olds and up; claiming; maiden jockeys; six furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Two Royals 109. Frascuelo 130. Gene Volant 107.

SEVENTH RACE—Purse \$600 added; 3-year-olds and up; claiming; one and one-eighth miles.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Aliver King 106. Lagrange 105. Goodwood 107.

EIGHTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Margerie D. 106. Society First 104. Susan 107.

NINTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Mary H. Louder 5.20. 2.20. Scotch Goose 2.30. Miss Fannie Murphy 1.10.

TENTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Skiles Knob, Connolly 8.10. 5.00. Billy Joe, Shillings 4.10. 2.90.

ELEVENTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; one mile, Paymaster 6.30. 3.00; Tito, 10.10; Margery, 6.50.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Prince of Wales Steeplechase Handicap; purse \$1,500; four-year-olds and up; about two miles. xEarly Light, 10.60. 2.90.

RACING ENTRIES AT LATONIA

FIRST RACE—Purse \$800; maiden two-year-olds; four and a half furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Sasenta 109. Arch Wind 109. Count Boris 109.

SECOND RACE—Purse \$700; 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Ophelia W. 109. Dumitri 105. Stephen M. 107.

THIRD RACE—Purse \$700; 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Ruth Weble 102. Bob Williams 105. Lucille P. 108.

FOURTH RACE—Purse \$1,000; Maiden Handicap; three-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Diamond 95. Sol Gilbey 106. Manister Tot 111.

FIFTH RACE—Purse \$1,000; Maiden Handicap; three-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Prince Hermis 121. M. Way 120. Emigony 103.

SIXTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and a half.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. War Machine 107. Belmont 112. Money Maker 104.

SEVENTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Pasture 107. Postmark 109. Handicap 122.

EIGHTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

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NINTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

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TENTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

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ELEVENTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

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RACING ENTRIES AT BELMONT

FIRST RACE—Maiden three-year-olds and up; one mile.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Capital Prize 101. Wonderful 110. Stradivarius 116.

SECOND RACE—Steeplechase; 4-year-olds and up; two miles.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Pan Dean 141. Florida 139. Bryn Chant 436.

THIRD RACE—Three-year-olds and up; mares; handicap; six furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Bayberry Candle 128. America III 109. Serenest 109.

FOURTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Battle 106. Gen Tassel 114. Manister Tot 111.

FIFTH RACE—High weight handicap; four-year-olds and up; mile and a half.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Sharp Shooter 160. De-Lant Shoo 152. Little Necker 151.

SIXTH RACE—Two-year-olds; 3-year-olds and up; mile and a half.

Table with 2 columns: Horse Name and Odds. Sharp Shooter 160. De-Lant Shoo 152. Little Necker 151.

SEVENTH RACE—Purse \$800; 3-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.

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TENTH WARD LEADER DEAD

The funeral of Michael J. Dixon, tenth ward political leader, who died Friday, will be held from St. Alphonsus church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will be made in Metairie cemetery. He is survived by a wife and daughter.