

NEWS OF THE SPORT WORLD

Dick Rudolph Leads Great Boston Spurt.



Photo by American Press Association.

Dick Rudolph, the Boston Braves' star right hander and the most consistent batsman on the club-roster, has played a leading part in the recent spurt of the Braves. It took them just three playing days to climb from last place into the first division, breaking all previous records to smithereens.

Freak Motorboat.

A motorboat, in the construction of which all previous laws of hull and engine construction have been largely disregarded, will represent the Chicago Yacht club at Cowes, England, in August in the contest for the Harmsworth trophy, emblematic of the world's championship.

The new boat, Disturber IV, owned by Commodore James A. Pugh, accompanied the latter when he sailed from New York on the Minnetonka on July 18.

It weighs eight pounds per horsepower, or eight pounds less than any other speed boat thus far constructed; it has an air pump with a pressure of eight pounds to the square inch, which is expected to furnish an air cushion between the hull and the water; it has twenty-four cylinders, developing 1,800 horsepower at 2,700 revolutions of the screw per minute.

The boat weighs 14,400 pounds. Much weight has been saved in the selection of metal. The pistons, for instance, are of magnesium, weighing one-third of the same quantity of steel. The propellers have thirteen inch blades with sixty inch pitch, which, it is calculated, will give the boat a five foot jump at each revolution.

Fear New Steel Boom.

On account of possible trouble with the sloop's compass the new steel boom that was built for the Vanitie may not be used in any of her races. Her present hollow spruce boom is less than 100 pounds lighter than the steel one, but the wooden boom is springy and not as stiff as the other one. The extra weight is distributed close to the deck and makes little difference in the boat's speed in either light or heavy weather.

It was reported in yachting circles that Addison G. Hanna, a well known amateur helmsman, had again been asked to sail the Vanitie in the forthcoming trial races.

Dreyfus Premises Action.

President Barney Dreyfus of the Pittsburg Baseball club is going to see drastic measures if the Pirates do not get out of the slump in which they have fallen. With the club hovering around last place the team is facing a storm of criticism from the patrons. President Dreyfus is credited with having stated that he believes the players are not trying to win. It is rumored that he has asked for waivers on eleven members of his squad, and among those who are nominated to go are five regulars. He intends to get rid of all the players who are breeding discontent on the team.

Collins Will Stick With Athletics.

Eddie Collins has signed a long term contract to continue his labors for the Athletics. Neither Mack nor Collins would say how long the contract runs or the sum the player is to get each year, but it was said that he received a substantial boost over his present stipend, which is \$6,000 per annum. Collins was one of the stars the Federal league was said to be hot after, and one story had it that the nimble second baseman had an offer of a two year contract calling for \$11,000 a year, with a \$3,000 bonus to sign.

William Sets World's Record.

The Indiana colt, William, set a new world's record for four-year-old pacers at Cleveland when he beat Dr. Burns, Jr., in the first heat of the 2,055 pace in 2:02. The former record was 2:02 3/4, made by Braden Direct at Lexington in 1912.

Senators Buy Mitchell.

Mike F. Mitchell, an outfielder of the Pittsburgh Nationals, has been bought by Manager Griffith of the Washington Americans. The recent injury of Clyde Milan, Washington's center fielder, will keep him out of the game a month.

ROUND THE WORLD

Cuba's national debt is now \$56,717,300.

Boston has a department store 100 years old.

Guam has a total population of 12,617 persons.

Many Germans are residents of Barcelona, Spain.

Cleveland is revising its tenement building code.

Cleveland has added eighty men to its police force.

St. Louis has nine golf clubs, each with its own course.

Paper pulp is now being made from bamboo in Formosa.

Dresden has had a municipal newspaper for fifty years.

Comment is largely used for garden furniture in Belgium.

France ranks third among nations in coffee consumption.

Palestine this year exports nearly 600,000 pounds of almonds.

Bombay cotton mills pay operatives about \$40 a year in wages.

The paving of streets with wooden blocks originated in Russia.

The wages of Scotch miners have been reduced by 6 cents a day.

Chief of Police Gideon wants women for truant officers in Philadelphia.

The increase of orchard area in Tasmania is at the rate of 2,000 acres a year.

Germany buys much tobacco in Turkey, but chiefly of the cheapest grades.

The candle lamp has been so improved that it is used on bicycles and motorcycles in Paris.

Mont Helvetic, Switzerland, is splitting, and great landslides may any day overwhelm several small villages.

The average age of an ostrich is thirty years, and the annual yield of a bird in captivity is from two to four pounds of plumes.

On the Spanish Mediterranean melons are kept through the winter by tying them with esparto strings to the ceiling of a dark room.

The president of Brazil sees the salvation of his country in the special cultivation of cotton and in the development of cattle raising and iron mining.

There are two opera houses in Antwerp, Belgium, subsidized by the municipality. One produces opera in French, the other in Flemish and German.

There is a plan to safeguard Manila against the longest possible dry season by building high up on the Montalban watershed a 2,000,000,000 gallon reservoir.

Battles in human blood between white corpuscles and disease germs have been photographed with the motion picture camera by two French scientists.

A European inventor believes he can destroy hostile dirigible balloons by dragging a specially designed bomb against them with a rope carried behind an aeroplane flying above them.

The German government plans to send technical attaches to its principal diplomatic posts to report on inventions and progress along any important line in the countries in which they are stationed.

Twenty-one million dozen eggs were exported from the United States in the fiscal year 1913. The average price at which eggs were exported was 21 1/4 cents a dozen, and the average import price was 15 cents a dozen.

Half of the food of the catbird consists of cultivated fruits, such as cherries, strawberries, raspberries and blackberries. Beetles, ants, crickets and grasshoppers are the most important items of its animal food.

In these days of domestic science and manual training it is interesting to know that sewing and knitting were taught in the first frame schoolhouses erected in Farmington, Me., more than a century and a quarter ago.

Wheat and wheat flour consumption annually an inhabitant is estimated at 202.7 pounds in Germany, 580 pounds in France and 650.7 pounds in the United States. German consumption of wheat flour is about as much as that of wheat flour.

Within six years the American Red Cross has expended approximately \$7,300,000, including the value of donated supplies, in trying to afford some measure of relief for hundreds of thousands of inhabitants of the famine region of central China.

One of the most dramatic developments of a material kind in the last twenty five or thirty years has been the rise of the cotton seed industry. The value of its crude products increased since 1880 from something more than \$7,000,000 to \$150,000,000.

Sir Joseph Swan, inventor of the first incandescent lamp, died recently in London. He was eighty-six years old. Sir Joseph was also well known for his photographic appliances. He perfected the carbon process and the dry plate, which revolutionized photography.

H. W. Thornton, the American general manager of the Great Eastern railway of England, has added two Sunday newspaper trains to the schedule of his company. These trains enable towns in the east of England to get their Sunday newspapers at breakfast time instead of at noon, as heretofore.

Within the next four years it is expected that the United States government will dispose of all its lands in Alaska, having decided to quit the business. The government now owns 3,563 reindeer, and officials of the Alaska division, bureau of education, are planning to give them up as fast as they can train natives for individual ownership.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Thread Holder That Prevents Tangles and Soiling.



The thread holder herewith pictured is the invention of a woman and is designed to aid the knit or lace worker. Ordinarily the spool of crocheted thread is in constant danger of falling to the floor and unwinding in a most provoking manner. Here is a little device built on the principle of the safety pin by which the spool of thread is secured to the person of the knitter at some convenient place. It may be on the clothing or fastened in the pocket of an apron, where it may be drawn upon as desired and at the same time is protected from soil.

Kitchen Pointers.

A little flour dredged over a cake will prevent the frosting from running before it hardens.

Melted alum will mend your glass pieces so the break will not show.

Picture wires are better to fasten sash curtains with than tape.

The unbeaten white of an egg, added to thin cream, will enable one to whip the cream successfully.

A teaspoonful of tartaric acid in a pint bottle of water will remove stains from the hands and will also remove stains from white goods.

Apple Jelly.

Calf's foot, veal bones, rind of bacon, two carrots, two onions, thyme, parsley, a bay leaf and a glass of sherry. Place the carrots, onion, thyme, parsley and bay leaf in a saucepan, with the bones, rind and calf's foot cut into pieces and well washed, cover with water, add salt and pepper and let it boil lightly closed for six or seven hours. Add the sherry. Strain it, let it cool and skim the fat. Boil again with a couple of whites of eggs to clarify.

Chocolate Ice Cream.

Place a pint of milk, seven heaping tablespoonfuls of sugar, and four squares of baking chocolate in a double boiler and cook until the chocolate has melted and the mixture is smooth. Chill, turn into the freezer and turn the dasher until the mixture is frozen to the consistency of mush. Take out the dasher, add a pint of whipped cream and a small tablespoonful of vanilla. Beat vigorously, repack and stand for two hours to mellow.

Codfish With Egg Sauce.

Take one pound of salt codfish, boil it and remove the skin and bones. Then fry lightly in butter, adding chopped onion, salt and pepper. Stir about constantly and add from time to time a little boiling water until the fish is thoroughly cooked. Then beat up the yolks of two eggs and add them with a little flour and cook for a few moments more. Squeeze on some lemon juice and serve.

Baked Squash.

Cut the squash in round sized pieces, remove seeds, but do not peel, lay in a dripping pan with a very little water in the bottom and bake one and a half to two hours, or until soft. Scrape the flesh from the skin or shell, mash and add a few spoonfuls of cream or butter, salt and pepper to taste and a bit of sugar. Serve very hot.

French Ice Cream.

In a double boiler seal one pint of milk, beat together five eggs, and one cupful of sugar and stir slowly into the scalded milk. When it thickens strain and set away to cool. Beat one pint of cream to a froth, add to the chilled custard with two tablespoonfuls of vanilla and freeze.

Green Sauce.

Boil a handful of spinach and squeeze the juice from the leaves through a fine cloth into a bowl. Add the green water to a mayonnaise sauce with some chopped tarragon, chives, parsley and shallots. Serve with cold boiled salmon or salmon trout.

Washing Bedspreads.

Instead of putting a bedspread through the wringer, hang it on the line dripping wet. It will dry without a crease, will not require ironing and the fringe will be as fluffy as when new.

Walnut Wafers.

Roll chilled pie crust very thin, straw ground walnuts and a fine sifting of salt over and press down with rolling pin, then cut into small strips and bake in hot oven.

NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

F. E. Doremus, Leader in Democratic Campaign.



The long session of congress has been a source of much anxiety to members who hail from debatable districts. "Fixing fences" has been from time ancient in the history of American politics a necessary duty of congressmen who reside in territory which splits the vote nearly even; therefore the longing of many to get ready for the fall elections; therefore the activity of Congressman Frank E. Doremus of Michigan, chairman of the national Democratic congressional campaign committee, who, with his colleagues, is preparing plans for the November voting. In the Sixty-third congress there are 290 Democrats, 124 Republicans and five Progressive Republicans, fifteen classed as Progressives without any definite party affiliation and one lone independent.

Chairman Doremus wants no smaller majority than the Democrats have at present and is working to that end. But his opponents hope to overcome it if they can, or at least reduce it so materially as to indicate a revolt against Democratic policies. That is why Mr. Doremus is busy and why the Republican campaign leaders are also on the job. The battle for control of the Sixty-fourth congress will be hotly waged.

Congressman Frank E. Doremus is serving his second term as a member of the national house of representatives. He is a native of Pennsylvania, forty-nine years of age and a lawyer. In the early nineties he got his first political experience as a member of the legislature and later was assistant corporation counsel of Detroit. He also served as comptroller of the city. He was elected to congress from the First Michigan district in 1910 and re-elected to the Sixty-third congress.

New Minister to Sweden.

Ira Nelson Morris of Chicago, recently appointed minister to Sweden by President Wilson, had been previously considered for several important political diplomatic posts. As long ago as last March it was reported that he would be sent to Turkey and that Henry Morgenthau of New York would be recalled to become a member of the federal reserve board. At that time Mr. Morris was in Italy as a representative of the president to urge the



IRA NELSON MORRIS.

Italian government to send an exhibit to the Panama-Pacific exposition. His success in that mission brought a message of thanks from the president.

Minister Morris was formerly connected with the great corporation of Morris & Co., meat packers, as secretary and assistant treasurer. He is a native of Chicago, thirty-nine years of age and was educated at Yale, from which institution he was graduated in 1896. Until 1906 he was a director in his father's packing house and in various other companies, but in that year withdrew from all business engagements. Mr. Morris has traveled extensively and is the author of several books.

Opposed to Jewelry.

Representative Proxmire of Iowa believes the practice of wearing diamonds should be prohibited. He never wore a diamond and never owned one.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Skill of a Mouse.

One day a naturalist lay motionless on a fallen log in the forest and silently watched an animal at play in the grass near by, says Our Animal Friends. This was a large brown backed mouse, a meadow mouse, that had come out from his hole under the log and, when tired of play, had set up to make his toilet. Satisfied at length with his appearance, he began to search for food.

He did not have far to go, for a few stalks of wheat grew among the thick weeds near at hand. The mouse was so large that he could probably have bent the stalk down and brought the grain within reach. If not, he could certainly have climbed the stalk. He did not try either of these plans, however, for these were not his ways. Sitting up very straight, he bit through the stalk as high as he could reach.

The weeds were so thick that the straw could not fall its full length, and the freshly cut end settled down upon the ground, with the straw still erect and the grain out of reach. The mouse again bit the straw in two, and again the upper portion settled down. In this way he bit off five lengths of straw before he could bring the grain within reach of his paws. These forepaws were very skillful little hands, and he deftly husked a grain and ate it, sitting erect and holding it to his mouth as naturally as a boy would hold an apple.

Boy Scout Merit Badges.

Considerable changes in a number of merit-badges requirements have been made by a committee at national headquarters. Those for life saving are:

First.—Go down from the surface of the water at least seven feet deep and bring up an object twelve inches or more in diameter, weighing not less than ten pounds.

Second.—Swim twenty yards, carrying a person of your own weight:

(a) By a two hand carry, using feet only for propulsion.

(b) By a one arm carry, using side stroke.

Third.—Dressed in trousers, coat and shoes swim fifty yards, and undress before reaching shore.

Fourth.—In deep water, demonstrate three approved methods of releasing death grip.

Fifth.—Demonstrate Schafer (prone pressure) method of resuscitation.

The Dishonest Baker.

A baker who bought his butter in pound rolls from a farmer, noticing that the rolls looked rather small, weighed them and found that they were all under a pound in weight. Therefore he had the farmer up before a magistrate.

"These butter rolls," said the judge, "are certainly short weight. Have you any scales?"

"I have," answered the farmer. "And have you any weights?"

"No, sir."

"Then how can you weigh your butter?" Demanded the magistrate sternly.

"That's very simple," said the farmer. "While I've been selling butter to the baker I've been buying pound loaves from him, and I've used them as weights on my scales."

The baker said he would drop the case right there.

Oil in Mid-ocean.

Six square miles of raw petroleum in the middle of the Atlantic ocean! The British tank steamer Batoum once encountered this singular field in mid-ocean, and at first the captain could not account for it. Then he came to the conclusion that the oil was the cargo of an oil vessel which had foundered. He kept his ship in that vicinity for an entire day in the hope of finding some pieces of wreckage by which to identify the unfortunate craft, but not a trace of human life or wreckage could be found. It seems impossible that the vessel could have been burned and left the oil floating, and there were no rocks upon which it could strike. In fact, there is no solution to the mystery. Like so many others of the sea, it may remain unsolved forever.

Hidden Furniture.

Come, Tab, let me tie this ribbon around your neck.

Dad's tool box was well stocked. I had no idea the school was so far from home.

Your unseeing chat racks my brain. The dead Eskimo was burned to ashes.

The classic half-dress is a Grecian knot.

The child they called Babe did not behave very well.

Answers—Table, stool, sofa, hatrack, desk, chair, bed.

Agas of European Rulers.

Among European monarchs King George of England is younger than the emperor of Austria, the kings of Roumania, Montenegro, Servia, Wurttemberg, Bavaria, Sweden, the German emperor and the king of Saxony, who is nine days older than he.

Those who are younger than the English king are seven in number—the kings of Italy, Denmark and Norway, the king of the Belgians, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and the king of Spain.

About Paul Revere.

Paul Revere was one of the earliest engravers in America. His engraving "The Boston Massacre" sold for \$800. Another engraving to attract general attention was the well known portrait of the Indian King Philip.

IN THE CZAR'S SECRET SERVICE

Story of a Strange Duel In Environs of Paris.

At a cafe in one of the principal boulevards of Paris sat Aleksai Lukitch, a Russian gentleman, twirling his mustaches. He had good reason for self congratulation. High in favor with the czar, he had long been employed in the work of hunting down certain persons suspected by Russia. He had just followed one of his master's bitterest enemies to Paris, secured his arrest and, by permission of the French government, was on the morrow to take him to Russia.

A gentleman and lady entered the cafe and glanced at the occupants, and the woman, who was veiled, seeing Lukitch, though he did not notice her, said something to her companion, and they took seats directly opposite the Russian. When for the first time he looked at her his eyes rested upon her curiously as if there was something about her figure—he could not see her face, which was still veiled—that was familiar to him. He continued to regard her, studying where he could have seen her, till her companion called out in a voice that every one in the cafe could hear:

"I will trouble you, m'sieu, to cease your insulting stare."

The Russian apologized, but the other grew more and more violent till it was evident that he was intending to force a quarrel. His insults came so thick that there was but one recourse for Lukitch—he tossed his chair at the man and turned his back. Meanwhile the lady had retired to a distance, and her escort, having produced his own card, joined her. Before midnight friends of the two men had arranged a meeting.

Day was dawning and the bells of Paris at a distance were striking the hour of 4 when two carriages, soon followed by a third, drew up in a road in the environs and a party from each passed to an open space beside a stream. The man who the night before had forced the quarrel advanced to Lukitch and said:

"Permit me, m'sieu, to apologize for my insulting language last night, or rather, to explain it. Early in the evening a lady asked me to escort her in a round of visits to the restaurants in a search for some one she wished to find. When she saw you she asked me to take the course I did, promising that the affair should be taken off my hands. M'sieu, I have the honor to present your real antagonist."

A figure, smaller than the others present, who had been standing back, advanced, threw aside a cloak and revealed that she was a woman. She was dressed in a tight fitting costume, with a short skirt, such as girls wear in a gymnasium. The moment Lukitch saw her he started.

"Varia!" he exclaimed.

"Varia Ivanovna, at your service, Aleksai Lukitch."

"What does this mean?" he asked in a tone that indicated he knew it meant a good deal to him.

"That the day of vengeance has come."

The others of both parties drew near, intent on this strange turn in the affair. The woman continued:

"You are a faithful servant of your master, Aleksai Lukitch. He rewards you for your service to him; it is my part to punish you for your treachery to me. You made love well, Aleksai, so well that you won my heart. You had fine revolutionary sentiments, so fine that they won my confidence and I revealed our purposes to you. Do you see these shrunken cheeks, these prematurely white hairs? Well, these come from prison life in Siberia, where you sent me. It was during these bitter days in that dark wintry country that I conceived this purpose, and every day, except when I took part in a hunger strike in which we were trying to end our sufferings by death, I renewed my vow of vengeance. That vengeance was to have been murder. I have changed it to death in a honorable way in the eyes of the world. On guard!"

The woman spoke as though not for a moment did she doubt the issue of the combat. To her enemy her words seemed prophetic. The hand in which he held his sword trembled. He heard the wail of the victims he had sent to Siberia.

Above this wall came faintly the words "On guard!" spoken sharply by his second to call him to himself. It failed to rouse him. These looking on wondered. His condition was so pitiful, he seemed such easy prey, that both parties looked to see the woman throw down her sword and give him his life.

"On guard!" shouted the men of both parties as matadors strive to anger a drooping bull.

Aleksai Lukitch heard and roused himself to die.

A few minutes later the woman threw down her sword and walked quickly to her carriage. There was no womanly reaction. She did not shudder; she did not weep. This phase of woman's nature—at least for this one man whom she had hated—had long ago been eliminated. Alone she had come to the field, and alone she drove away. She had sprung from whence no one knew and went no one knew whither. No angel of vengeance appointed by heaven to avenge sorrows heaped on his suffering children would have struck more mercilessly and with less shrinking.