

NEWS of SPORT

JACK SHARKEY IS RECOGNIZED AS AMERICAN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

The New York Commission, apparently determined to find some vacant boxing throne in which to drop Jack Sharkey, has decided that he is the American heavyweight champion.

The Gotham fathers don't seem to be taking in as much territory as heretofore. It was quite modest of them to confine Sharkey's domain to the boundaries of America. When they name any one champion they usually take in the world.

It was bulky of the commission to dender the decision in time for the promoters to ballyhoo Sharkey's bout with Primo Carnera as the American championship, but if the West Venetian should get his signals crossed and happen to plant a haymaker on Jack's chin the situation would be considerably scrambled. Such tangled circumstances as a South African meeting an Italian for the United States championship in London might arise.

In the meantime, it is strange that such a loquacious person as Jack Kearns isn't voicing loud and uncomplimentary remarks about the commission. His boy, Mickey Walker, held Sharkey to a draw and, under New York ruling, should enjoy half a seat on the throne.

Expects To Play

The other day I overheard a fan making an earnest threat not to "put a dime" on the A's in the World Series if George Haas didn't play center field. He should prepare himself now to wager his dime. Haas is certain he will be in charge of the middle patrol in the inter-league championship.

Haas who has been out of the game since late July, expects to be in the A's line-up this week.

"The wrist is all right now," said the Montclair Mule yesterday. That was cheery news, but he added a gloomy touch.

"The ligament in the wrist still hops over the knuckle bone," he continued, "but it doesn't hurt the way it used to."

"So you think you'll be able to play this week, anyhow?" I remarked.

"Think so!" exclaimed the star flycatcher. "I know I'll be in there!" In the eighteen games remaining on the schedule for the A's there is an excellent chance for a new Philadelphia record. No local big league club has won more than 104 games. An even break in the eighteen contests would enable the Elephants to tie this mark, which was established in capturing the 1929 pennant. Ninety eight victories are on the log now.

Seven more Triumphs would create a new local standard and tie the second-best mark in American League history. In 1927 the Yankees won 110 games, which stands as the record for the junior loop. That shattered the mark of 105 set up by Boston in 1912.

Club records may mean little to the A's as individuals but the mark is within reach, and it isn't asking the Elephants too much to go after ten victories in eighteen games. That's only .555 baseball, which in midseason would be considered a slump.

THE COTTON WAR IN SOUTH RECALLS THE NIGHT RIDERS

(New York Sun)

When the Federal Farm Board recently telegraphed to the Governors of all cotton-growing states, urging the mobilization of every available agency "to induce immediate plowing under every third row of cotton now growing," there is little doubt that the recollection of many Kentucky farmers turned to the days of the "night riders" in the early years of this century.

Memory brings back to them the muffled sound of hoofs thudding against the farmyard turf, the vivid sight of a flaming torch hurled in the comet arc through an open loft door, the heartbreaking scene of smoldering timber ruins and the scent of tobacco smoke hanging over the countryside in the night air of autumn.

On different occasions at the turn of the century Kentucky's tobacco crop, luxurious green leaves of prized Burley, was abundant in proportion of the South's cotton crop of this year. There was no farm boards then. There were no cooperation marketing associations. There was not even the demand for tobacco that sent the wealth to the Burley countries since the advent of cigarettes. But there were mouths to feed, mortgages to pay, and new crops to be planted. There was the same vital need of money that is now faced by the country's cotton farmers.

Desperation grew to hysteria when loosely organized efforts at cooperative marketing failed. With a madness bred by the impending starvation of their wives and children, little groups of farmers banded together. On horseback they met, perhaps in the pennyrille hollow just beyond the white stone still house. Perhaps they stopped at the still house for liquid courage to add to their desperation.

When the depths of peaceful night enclosed the country their horses sprang into a furious gallop, excited by the flickering glare of torches. And dawn showed the results of their night's excursion. The charred remains of neighbor's curing sheds left no doubt that Burley would now sell a bit higher. The victims might face their own destitution but some would be saved from what would otherwise have been a general catastrophe.

And then there are the stories of those who returned from some swift tour of pillage to find mute evidence of similar arson where once had stood their own tobacco laden barns and sheds.

In undeniably criminal fashion those night-riders battled against nature's abundant gifts. But they were men fighting in senseless frenzy for their own lives and for their wives and children.

CLAIM THAT MEDICAL HERBS THRIVE IN TIBET

New York.—Significant progress in medical research of Tibetan herbs, and the base medicinal lore of the Himalayas, has been made at the Himalayan Research Institute of the Roerich Museum at Naggar, in the Western Himalayas, according to word received from the institute. The Himalayan Research Institute has for two years been conducting research into the medical uses of Himalayan and Tibetan plant life, and has already recorded 350 valuable species of medicinal herbs, many of which are expected to be new to western medicine. The research work is headed by Dr. Walter Koelz, American biologist, and Dr. C. C. Lozina. One thing which has contributed to the success of these experiments has been the confidence of the Tibetan lamas, as many of these native medicinal secrets are in the possession of only the high initiated Dr. George Roerich, orientist and director of the institute, is widely known as one of the authorities on the Tibetan language, as well as of the Monogolian Sanskrit, Pali, Chinese and other tongues. Another factor has been the establishment of the Urusvati Free Medical Clinic, under the direction of Dr. Lozina, where the natives are being treated for various diseases and research into the subject of native herbs and medicinal plants as well as local and empiric medicine is carried on.

Plans for examination of the work include expeditions into Spiti, Rupshu and Ladak, while an archeological and linguistic expedition will operate in Lahul, and possibly in Spiti.

The institute was founded on July 12, 1923, by Prof. Nicholas Roerich, after his five-year expedition through Sikkim, Little Tibet, Chinese Turkestan, Mongolia, the Gobi Desert and Tibet. Prof. Roerich, who is president of the institute, chose the Kulu aViley as the site in the Himalayas best fitted for research because of the variations of its climate and altitudes and the fact that it forms a gateway into many of the most historic regions of the entire central Asiatic district. The fields of science pursued are medicine, botany, biochemistry, archeology, philology, physiology, astronomy and meteorology. The institute is the Himalayan

outpost in Central Asia for the Archeological Institute of America, of which Prof. Roerich is vice-president, and is also collaborating with 13 other institutions including the New York Botanical Garden, the Pasteur Institute in Paris, the Oriental Institute in Chicago, the botanical departments of Harvard and the University of Michigan, the Paris Jardins des Plantes and others.

Already herbariums have been sent to the New York Botanical Garden, the University of Michigan, the National Museum of Natural History in Paris, and the Bureau of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction of the Department of Agriculture in Washington.

F. H. S. SHOULD HAVE GOOD YEAR IN FOOTBALL

(An Editorial)

Football is having a tough time to get underway with a blazing summer temperature postponing summer, but the undaunted Yellow and Black is braving the heat for brief afternoon practices at Queen's Square. Head Coach Egbert Cass is looking after the boys for three days of the week, and assistants Waterhouse and Clarkson have also been helping out. With the end of the present heat wave, the high school will put in some arduous periods of practice in preparation for the fall season and the city and University squads, also will be in the thick of the fray within a short time.

There is every indication that the Yellow and Black will have a strong squad, with plenty of backfield material, a good fullback in McKnight and a heavy scrum, which is said to average about 170 pounds. The consensus of the coaches is for a more reliable scrum than backfield, quite the contrary of other years, when the Yellow and Black backfield was its strongest link. The backfield will therefore give the coaches the most concern, and already attention is being paid to this important department of play.

Report of the coaches is optimistic for another good year at F. H. S.

THE LEADING HITTERS IN THE BIG CIRCUIT

Following is a list of leading hitters in the big circuit:—

National League				
	G. AB.	R. H.	P. C.	
Davis, Phillies	109	357	27	123 .345
Klein, Phillies	136	548	117	188 .343
Terry, N. Y.	139	554	107	189 .341
Hornsby, Chi.	96	344	62	115 .334
Bottom'y, St. L.	91	315	54	105 .333

Leader a year ago, Terry, New York, .402.

American League				
	G. AB.	R. H.	P. C.	
Ruth, New Y.	128	481	135	183 .380
Simmons, A's.	114	459	98	174 .379
Morgan, Cleve.	122	433	85	155 .358
Gehrig, N. Y.	136	545	147	193 .354
Cochrane, A's	113	438	83	152 .347

Leader a year ago today, Gehrig, New York, .391.

Inventor in Genoa, Italy, has perfected a robot fisherman which rings a bell, hoists a light and jerks a line when the fish bites. There's probably a catch to this somewhere.

DISCUSS SERIES

Mickey Cochrane, catcher of the Philadelphia Athletics, will discuss the outlook for the World's Series over the air Wednesday, September 16, when he is interviewed by Grantland Rice during the Coca Cola program. His forecast of the probable winner of the baseball crown will be heard over an NBC-WEAF network between 10.30 and 11.00 P. M. E. D. T.

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