

Australians Trim United States

Crawford and McGrath Beat Shields and Wood, Victors Will Meet Gt. Britain.

Wimbledon, England, July 22—Australia's Davis Cup team tonight appeared to have victory within their grasp in their interzone series with the United States. The winner of the series will challenge Britain for the trophy, emblem of world tennis supremacy.

The Aussie racket-wielders handed the United States team a double-setback Saturday. Jack Crawford, ranked as the world's number two player, downed Francis X. Shields, 6-1, 6-2, 12-10. Then curly-haired imperturbable Vivian McGrath, "down-under" star, sprang a sensation by trouncing Sidney B. Wood, jr., 75, 6-4, 1-6, 9-7.

The double setback left Captain M. Norris (Dick) Williams' disappointed warriors facing what looked like a impossible task of sweeping the remaining doubles match on Monday and the two singles on Tuesday, when Shields engages McGrath and Wood takes on Crawford.

The players themselves seem to feel that the task is too great.

Nobody was particularly surprised at Crawford's victory over Shields, as he had vanquished the No. 1 ranking American in the semi-finals of the all England championships here two weeks ago, but McGrath's magnificent play against Wood, who is regarded in England as one of the world's greatest court shotmakers, came as a double-barrelled shock.

BAER'S NEXT SCRAP TO BE ON FOREIGN SOIL

New York, N. Y., July 22—Max Baer heavyweight champion of the world, and embryo vaudevillian, may take his first defense of his title on foreign soil, his manager, Ancil Hoffman, has revealed.

Hoffman is considering an offer of Frank Wilson, race track owner of Hamilton, Bermuda, to stage a no-decision fight between Baer and an unnamed opponent there next April. Wilson has offered to post a guarantee equal to 40 per cent of the Baer-Carnera gate.

The "no decision" part of it would enable Baer to escape his contract, with Madison Square Garden, which holds rights to the first title defense. A knockout would be the only way the title could change hands. Hoffman said if the money is up, Baer will fight. The opponent would be named 90 days before the date of the bout.

URBANSKI OF BRAVES SCORES ONE FOR BOOKS

Montreal, Que., July 22—Bill Urbanski of Boston piled up one for the books in the game against the St. Louis Cardinals on June 13. Bill faced the Card pitchers six times but wasn't charged with a single time at bat. He drew four bases on balls, and on his other two trips to the plate, laid down sacrifice hits.

Incidentally, Urbanski piled up a 1,000 per cent batting average in 13 times to the plate. Here's his record: —2 base hit; single base on balls; double, 2 bases on balls, 2 sacrifice hits, two bases on balls, 2 singles and a double.

Paris, July 23—Effective use of short wireless waves to cure bites of vipers, rattlesnakes, copperheads and moccasins was announced to the Academy of Sciences today by Mme. Marie Phisalix and Prof. Francois Pasteur.

The rays the scientists said, transformed neurotoxin, the principal toxic ingredient of snake bites, to such an extent that in three cases out of four its effect was offset. Hemorrhagin, the other toxic ingredient, was not affected, they said.

Optimists are what sometimes make other people pessimists.

KILLS SPECTATOR

Cleveland, Ohio, July 21—Excitement, when he saw Babe Ruth injured in the New York-Cleveland baseball game here, caused the death of Coe Livingston, 66, a Kent (Ohio) merchant, it was said here.

Livingston, who attended the game with his son, Charles, 38 slumped to the floor with a heart attack when Ruth was struck by a batted ball. He was rushed to the Huron road Hospital, but was dead upon arrival.

JIMMIE FOXX TO BE SOLD BY END OF SEASON

New York, N. Y., July 22—It is not Mr. Connie Mack's custom to confide these things out of the depths of a rash and impulsive nature; so it can only be passed along, for what it may be worth, the rather guarded gossip hereabouts that Jimmy Foxx, the greatest right hand hitter in baseball, is almost sure to go up for sale shortly after the close of the present season.

The young man hit his 28th home run of the season Thursday and, for a month or more, he has come on nicely off an unimpressive start.

But it seems that he is very unhappy over his \$18,000 salary and so probably is Mr. Mack. He has to pay the \$18,000.

However, there is an element of strain in the relationship which, even if true, would not greatly disturb Mr. Mack's composure. What haunts him by day and by night, derides him in his sleep is the fact that the Athletics are down below .400 for the first time in quite some years and are making very little money or none, whatsoever, at a very jaunty pace.

Of course, there's nothing in that to appeal to Foxx, as he was at some pains to point out last winter when he was bickering openly with Mr. Mack. That was the occasion on which the player was trying to capitalize on the fact that he had led the league in quite a few departments and the manager was indicating his appreciation. As evidence of this, he offered to cut Foxx's salary only \$4,000 a year at first.

Later there was a mild adjustment, just a slight difference, somewhere between \$5,500 and \$6,000, but the player's unhappiness is said to have persisted.

So, for one reason and another, the reported sale might come more through necessity than convenience, although the \$100,000 or \$125,000 cash ought to be sort of convenient, at that.

PROPER PERFUME WAY TO HEART OF STRONGER SEX

Ypsilanti, Mich., July 21—Proper perfume and not fluffy biscuits is the way to a man's heart, Dr. Herman K. Thompson advised the girls today.

Dr. Thompson, professor at Michigan State Normal College, said extensive tests that man is lured more effectively by smell. The rest is simple. The girl need only discover the proper perfume and win a husband.

"Baby talk" is not to be scoffed at either as a husband winner, the professor added, but warned that "it must be stopped after marriage."

Other advice on love and matrimony included:

Before reaching the alter decide (1) whether the bedroom window is to be open at night (2) whether dogs or cats shall be the family pets.

The girl of the period prefers to make a dash.

Most of us understand good punctuation when it comes to vacation periods.

Financial burdens—little cash and much carry.

THEATRE QUESTIONS UP TO THE LIBRARY

(New York Sun)

Interest in the theatre manifests itself in many ways, but perhaps no more accurate index of the sincerity of purposes of those who turn to the theatre for study can be offered than the records of the public library. The facilities of the theatre section are in constant demand and observation leads to the conclusion that there is growing a genuine interest in the history of the theatre as an institution, although obviously many who consult the various works on file there are engaged in research work.

A few of the requests for information passed over the desk give an indication of the range of interest seeking gratification. Many of these requests are for information on scenic art and stage lighting. But there are constant calls for books on marionettes, the circus and vaudeville. Newspaper and magazine clippings containing biographical materials about actors and dramatists, and criticism of plays and motion pictures are always in demand.

Here are a few typical questions the library is called upon to answer: In what period may you costume Camille? How is a stage rock made, What become of the Florodora sextet? What plays about mining and miners have been produced since 1900? What songs were popular at Tony Pastor's Music Hall? How should an actor make-up in order to suggest an Italian count? Where were Lawrence Barrett and Clara Morris in March, 1881?

CHEERFUL NAMES ARE NOT WITHOUT SOME VALUE

Authentic testimony was presented long ago as to the desirability of a good name. May there not be value also in a cheerful one? In a world given altogether too much of late to fits of depression, uplifting patronymics stand out as beacons of hope and joy.

Certain Christian names, as well as surnames, reflect encouragingly the lighter and happier sides of life. Does not Isaac mean laughter and is not Ruth a synonym for a vision of beauty? Perhaps not so familiar is the fact that Kay means rejoicing or that Lubin — also from the Terrenic — has the meaning "beloved friend." Such names as Grace, Jolly and Merry need no definition.

But, after all, Christian names are the intimate ones, and the circle of their influence is necessarily limited. With due tribute to those that are comforting, diverting or inspiring, there is a wider field for surnames arousing thoughts the reverse of dolorous. Names of this sort illumine the news columns and the telephone directories; they adorn — alas! too seldom — business signs, and they vary, to the delight of the appreciative, rosters of all kinds, from the school roll to that of the official big-wigs.

All honor to the Brights and Cordials, to the Gays and Blessings! Their family origins must have been auspicious, and without question good luck has attended roster a name that stirs the enthusiasm of the spectators. They know better than any spectator the ability, the adaptability and the availability of every player, but they know, too, how important is the good will of those who pay to see baseball. Mr. Terry and Mr. Cronin have dared to consider the public's selection and then use their own judgment. In this they are wise. Their knowledge of the men from whom they make their selections is more intimate and it is broader than any outsider's can be. They know the defects of players as well as their strong points; they know who can and who cannot quickly adjust himself to the style of play of others. In brief, they can build teams where onlookers can do no more than name stars. Both managers have the confidence of the public! If New York believes that Mr. Terry is a shade better than Mr. Cronin, the belief does not discredit Mr. Cronin, but merely testifies to the high and growing respect Mr. Terry's accomplishments as player and manager have won for him.

IMPOST OF ONE CENT ON GAS HAS BEEN REMOVED

Ottawa, July 20—An order-in-council which will have the effect in many cases of lowering the imposts on United States gasoline, coming to Canada, by one cent a gallon, has been passed by the Dominion government. The order is based on authority of two bills passed in the last session of Parliament amending the Customs Act so that special taxes levied by the United States on products there might be disregarded by Canadian customs appraisers in deciding on the fair market value of any product.

The United States has an excise tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline. In the past the fair market value of gasoline with this included was fixed by Canadian customs officials. The change does not affect the regular tariff on gasoline which is 2½ cents a gallon but in most cases a dumping duty has also been levied and this will be reduced by one cent a gallon. An insistent demand for this change has come from Western Canada.

For refreshment in the open the corkscrew will do you a good turn. A policeman is 'way off if he "never saw the beat."

THE ELECTRIC ICEBOX IN THE ICEMAN'S HOME

(New York Sun)

Joe, Mrs. Jinx's ice man, departed as all ice men in New York seem to do sooner or later.

"He come back, he go to Italy to see the old papa and mamma", explained Tony, his successor.

But so many ice men have disappeared from the Jinxes' neighborhood and never turned up again that Mrs. Jinx took it for granted it would be the same in this case. Meanwhile, after a great deal of talking with Jinx at night and bargain hunting by day, she acquired an electric refrigerator, and Tony's services were dispensed with.

The other day she was walking down the street when she heard the familiar squeak of the ice cart. She looked around, and there was Joe, back on the job, trundling his ice. He stopped and shook hands with her and told her he had been back to the old country, visiting his family just outside of Rome.

Mrs. Jinx felt a little self-conscious, and said, "Well, Joe, I suppose you know I've deserted you. We have an electric refrigerator".

Yeah yeah, Tony, he say you quit. How you like it, how he work?" "Splendidly!" said Mrs. Jinx.

"Don't make you no trouble?" he asked.

"Not a bit".

Joe glanced at his heavy dripping load of ice, then he looked up at Mrs. Jinx, and laughed. "They good", he said. "I got one myself at home".

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Make the Most of Summer . . . Use the Railways for Touring.

Public opinion in Canada has enthusiastically endorsed the movement for increasing tourist travel. From every point of view only good can result. There is, however, a tendency to associate this movement almost wholly with the bringing in of visitors from other countries.

Of course these guests are welcome and their numbers cannot be too great; but Canadians should themselves share in the pleasures of their own country to the fullest extent possible.

To enjoy Canada it is not necessary to traverse hundreds of miles. Quite frequently a short railway journey will open up unexpected avenues of happiness and health at little cost of time and money. Longer trips will naturally provide more decided changes of atmosphere and scene and will prove well worth the time and expense involved.

Let us show our visitors that we ourselves appreciate what our country offers so bountifully. In doing so all business will be stimulated. A vacation tour, or a short trip, can therefore be not only a source of pleasure to oneself but of distinct advantage to the country.

The railways through their transportation systems, hotels, lodges, and summer resorts are very important contributors to the comfort and happiness of the pleasure seeker, whether he be the welcome stranger within our gates or the resident Canadian. Canadian National Railways are equipped to provide full and satisfactory service and the cost is pleasantly low.

You can wholeheartedly recommend the C. N. R. to your friends abroad, and you can use it yourself, feeling that in your search for pleasure, no less than at other times when in quest of business, it is your safe, dependable, and willing helper.

Railways provide special summer fares and excursions. You should enquire about them.

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