



CARDS' LEADER IS OPTIMISTIC

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Nashville, Tenn., April 3.—William B. McKechnie, former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates who will lead the St. Louis Cardinals this season, made the following statements to the United Press here today:

"The club that beats Pittsburgh will win the pennant."

"I believe the Cardinals capable of doing that."

"Do not discount the New York Giants, because Hornsby isn't with them. The Giants will be tough, very tough."

"The race is going to be a hot one all the way, with every club except perhaps the Phillies figuring in it. I haven't formed an opinion on the Phillies."

"The Cubs, Braves, Reds and Robins have strengthened and are going to be fighting all the way."

McKechnie's task with the Cardinals is to improve a club which won 92 games last year and finished only a game and a half behind the Pirates. "I believe I can predict that the Cardinals of 1928 will prove harder to beat than last year's team," he said. "Our line-up hasn't been changed much, except at third base."

McKechnie regards Pepper Martin and Walter Roettger, the two young outfielders from Houston, and Gus Mancuso, rookie catcher from Syracuse, as three of the best looking players picked up this year by any National League club.

Four of the Cardinal stars—Hafey, Blades, Thevenow and O'Farrell—were hampered by illness and injuries last year. McKechnie expects them to regain their old form.

"The ability of our pitching staff to win consistently cannot be doubted," he said. "Alexander, Haines, Sherdel, Frankhouse, Rhem, Reinhardt and possibly Kaufmann should be ready to start in the box when called on."

NEWS FROM THE TRAINING CAMPS

ATLANTA, Ga., April 3.—(INS)—The series between the New York Giants and the Washington Senators will be resumed here today with the Giants leading by two victories to one.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The New York Yankees arrived here today for a game with the local club in a chastened frame of mind, their two-game winning streak having been shattered by the Atlanta Crackers, 10-9.

MACON, Ga.—The slugging Brooklyn Robins took on the Macon club today following their 12 to 4 victory over the Jacksonville Tars yesterday. Manager Robinson is giving Jay Farthing a tryout at third base.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Chicago's cunning Cubs, with five straight victories over the Pittsburgh Pirates tucked away, will open a four game stand here tomorrow against the Kansas City Blues.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Ted Blankenship, nobly assisted by Randolph Moore, were the heroes of another White Sox victory, this time over the Memphis Chicks of the Southern Association, 5 to 3.

Believe Unidentified Body Is That Of Bandit

Shelbyville, Ind., April 3.—(U.P.)—The unidentified body of a man which lay in a morgue today was believed to be that of an alleged bandit shot by F. O. Hillis, proprietor of a filling station at Milroy, who was held up and robbed of \$50 by two men Sunday night.

Hillis identified the automobile in which the body was found two miles north of here Monday as the car used by the bandits, and also said he believed the body to be that of one of the bandits. The car was stolen from Glen E. Moore, of Rushville.

Police today attempted to trace a long-distance telephone call to a morgue here Monday. A woman asked if the body of a man with a bullet wound in the head was in the morgue.

Double Funeral To Be Held For Suicide Victims

Logansport, Ind., April 3.—(U.P.)—Double funeral services will be held at the Indiana Creek church near Grascreek Wednesday for Eta Hoover, 22, and Seena Hoover, 18, sisters drowned in a suicide pact in Eel river last week. Approaching motherhood for the younger girl was a motive for the tragedy. Her condition was revealed by an autopsy, police said.

John Eskew, 25, who was to have married the other girl Sunday, and his brother, Edgar 21, taken into custody at the time the bodies were recovered, have been released.

Exhibition Games

At Atlanta—
Atlanta 10, Yankees 9
At Birmingham—
Giants 12, Senators 1
At Jacksonville—
Robins 12, Jacksonville 4
At Waco—
Tigers 7, Waco 0
At Philadelphia—
Athletics 8, Phillies 5
At Memphis—
White Sox 5, Memphis 3
At Tulsa—
Browns 9, Tulsa 8
At Knoxville—
Cardinals 9, Knoxville 8
At Louisville—
Reds 7, Louisville 0
At Phoenix—
Cubs 6, Pirates 4
At Gainesville—
Braves 16, Univ. of Florida 1.

MISSING GIRL IS FOUND DEAD

Cleveland, O., April 3.—(U.P.)—A motorist of extremely polite demeanor who took pretty little Alice Leonard 15, for a ride January 28, was sought for questioning today in connection with the girl's death.

Alice was never seen after she entered the yellow roadster the motorist was driving. Yesterday her body was found hidden in some tall grass near a deserted playlot. Part of her clothing was missing and there was a cut on her ankle. Authorities were unable to determine whether she had been murdered.

COURT HOUSE

Judgment Awarded

In the case of William E. Meyer vs. Edward Fricke and John Velis, the court awarded judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$167 and foreclosure of a lien on a Nash automobile.

Special Judge Appointed

Henry B. Heller has been appointed special judge in the cases of the state on relation of How Trenary vs. Charles F. Trenary et al, and state on relation of the Peoples Loan and Trust company, guardian of Edna Trenary vs. Charles F. Trenary et al. Henry B. Heller has been appointed special judge in the case of Emma Mae Everett vs. George Cleveland Everett.

Case Dismissed

The case of Frank Derickson vs. M. F. Dougherty et al has been dismissed on motion of the plaintiff.

Divorce Suit Filed

Florence Naomi Rabbitt has filed a suit for divorce against Ralph Virgil Rabbitt. Cruel and inhuman treatment is alleged in the complaint. The plaintiff also filed a petition for preliminary suit fees and for a temporary allowance, and an application for a restraining order. The application for restraining order was granted by the court and the defendant was restrained from selling or disposing of the property described in the application.

Will Probated

The last will and testament of John Smith has been probated. The entire estate was left to the widow, Eliza; with the provision that it be divided equally among the children, Alfred, Godfrey, Adolph, John, Ferdinand and Bertha at the time of her death. The will was written on March 27, 1923.

Real Estate Transfers

Leah Brauchy to Abraham Inniger 40 acres in Monroe township, of \$6,800.
Frank E. Bohnke et ux to Orah E. Brandyberry et ux parts of lots 689,690 and 691 in Decatur, for \$1.
Bartly Burk to Otis Burk, 20 acres in Wabash township, for \$3,000.
Ulysses Gfeller et ux to Roy S. Johnson et ux lot 288 in Decatur, for \$2,300

Last Respects Paid To Late Sen. Willis Today

Delaware, Ohio, April 3.—(U.P.)—Last respects were paid today to the late Senator Frank B. Willis, who will be laid to rest besides his father and mother in Oak Grove cemetery this afternoon.

Delaware—The city where Willis, as a stripling, saw his ambitions take shape, finally to be realized in his election to the United States Senate—was hushed. The schools were closed and an honorary detachment of 200 soldiers patrolled the streets.

In Gray chapel at Ohio Wesleyan university the body of Senator Willis lay beneath a robe of red roses. Above the casket were flags of state and nation and a portrait of Willis.

Government Cost Grows

Gary, Ind., April 3.—(U.P.)—The per capita cost of operating the city of Gary has increased according to figures made public by the department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. The cost for the year ended Dec. 31 last was \$33.91; for 1925, \$33.02; Ten years ago the cost was \$13.89.

NATIONAL CAGE TOURNEY OPENS

Chicago, April 3.—(U.P.)—The University of Chicago's tenth annual national interscholastic basketball tournament opened here today.

Forty teams, 30 of them state champions, were entered in the meet. By 7 p.m. tomorrow twenty of them will have been eliminated in the first round of the tournament.

The two survivors of elimination rounds will meet in the finals Saturday night for the title which was won last year by Cicero, Ill. high school.

Past performances gave the teams from the south the favor of early choices for the title. From the south were Vienna, Ga., state champions and winner of the cotton states tournament; a sturdy team from Spartanburg, S. C., and a squad of six footers from Austin, Tex. The Texans came to the tournament with a record of 37 victories and no defeats.

The east was better represented than in any previous tournaments.

Today's games:
10 a.m.—Canton, Ill., vs. Wheeling, West Va.
11 a.m.—Fort Collins, Colo. vs. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
12 a.m.—Tulsa, Okla. vs. Moorehead, Minn.

1 p.m.—Winfield, Kan. vs. Iron Mountain, Mich.

2 p.m.—Berlin, New Hampshire vs. Pine Bluff, Ark.

3 p.m.—Miami, Arizona vs. Bristol,

EDWARD LENNON DIES SUDDENLY

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 3.—(INS)—Apoplexy coming after an appendicitis operation proved fatal here to Edward J. Lennon 25 deputy attorney general of Indiana.

Lennon died suddenly at St. Joseph's Hospital here while his nurse had stepped out of the room for a moment. He had been operated on for appendicitis several days ago and was recovering from the operation when the apoplectic attack came.

Lennon had been a deputy attorney general since January 1, 1925. He was a graduate of Notre Dame university being a student manager of athletics at the South Bend school at the time that Kibbe Rockne's "Four Horsemen" were winning national fame. He got his degree from Notre Dame in 1923.

Gilliom Expresses Sorrow

Indianapolis, Ind., April 3.—(INS)—Deep sorrow over the untimely passing of deputy attorney general Edward J. Lennon was expressed here today by attorney general Arthur L. Gilliom.

"Mr. Lennon was a very efficient official, extremely conscientious and hard working. I feel his loss both personally and officially. His death is like the loss of a brother to me."

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The Pacific Coast League baseball season opens today. Four games were scheduled but prospects of bad weather indicated some would be postponed.

BOY SCOUTS TO START FORESTS

Indianapolis, Ind., April 3.—(U.P.)—Three Boy Scout forests of fifty acres each are to be started this year by the Department of Conservation with the hope of not only stimulating restoration in Indiana, but interesting the Scouts in the importance of playing a part in the affairs of their State Government.

One tract is at Jasonville, one at Clay City and the other at Linton. The three acres represented strip coal mining fields, and the Scouts will plant an acre in trees and endeavor to restore the unsightly terrain into living luxuriant forest growth.

Trees, land and tools will be furnished by the Maunee Collieries Co. together with the quarters where the scouts will live while doing this work. The first planting will include 1200 spruce, for later marketing Christmas trees.

In order to reward the boys for their efforts, they will be given half the proceeds from the sale of the spruce.

Shovel pits in these areas will be stocked with fish from the conservation department hatcheries and it is hoped that with a short time this apparent waste and unsightly land will be converted into places of real beauty.

This work is a part of the conservation departments effort to put the bare lands back into the earning column of the ledger of the state.

A comprehensive program for reforestation is being mapped out by Richard Leiber, director of the department.

Card of Thanks

In this manner we extend our deepest and heartfelt thanks to all those who in any way assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father; we also wish to express our gratitude to the Minister and to all those who sent floral offerings.

Mrs. John Smith and Family.

Reds Blamed For Move To Oust John L. Lewis

Indianapolis, Ind., April 3.—(INS)—The communistic element of the United Mine Workers of America was blamed here today by Stanley Garrison, assistant editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal, for the movement to oust John L. Lewis as International President of the Mine Workers. An ouster recommendation was adopted at a so-called National "Save the Miners' Union" Conference held at Pittsburgh, Pa. according to reports received here.

"This ouster move is the worst that communistic outfit headed by Powers Hapgood and John Droyer has always been hostile to the Lewis Administration," Garrison charged. "It is an attempt to disrupt the United Mine Workers and establish a radical union in its place."

YUMA, Ariz.—Lounnie Tryon, one of the most noted trainers of the American turf was in a critical condition at a hospital here today. He was operated on twice yesterday for appendicitis.



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