

## SPORTS

Weak Hitting  
Still Plague  
To Cincy Reds

By United Press

That old red-hot flax — lack of hitting power — promises to keep Cincinnati in the National League's second division again this season.

Although they have a new pilot, Johnny Neun, and have added several promising new players, the management is trying desperately to make a deal for a right-handed cleanup hitter, preferably an outfielder. There is also a dearth of first basemen and shortstops and none of the many candidates for the jobs in the Reds camp here appears capable of making the grade.

Pitching, catching and third base will be the Reds' strong spots. But the rest of the club has a definite second division — and possible cellar — complex.

Because he has three high class catchers, Neun is willing to give up one of them, Al Lakeman, for the power hitter he needs for the fourth spot in his batting order. If he can make the deal, it will leave him with Ray Lamanno and Tom man Mueller, as good a pair of all-around receivers as there is in the game today. Lamanno has looked particularly good this spring and has been driving out long hits and may win the number one spot.

If Bucky Walters and Elmer Riddle regain their old form the Reds might come up with the best pitching in the league. Walters will not be able to work every day, but the injuries which plagued him last season have disappeared and he believes his arm is coming around. Riddle, too, has arm trouble which forced him to leave the game last year. But he has been testing the arm and reports it apparently is well.

Two rookies are almost sure of landing places on the staff — young Kent Peterson, who pitched eight no-hitters for service teams and Ed Egan, a 20-game winner with

Hollywood last season. Neun is counting on them for starting roles.

Other starters will be Johnny Vander Meer, Exell Blackwell, who looms as a possible 20-game winner in his second season in the Majors; Joe Bezgs and Harry Gumbert.

Howard Fox, Bob Malloy, Clyde Shonn, John Hetk, and Clay Lambert are the remaining hurling possibilities.

At third, the Reds may come up with the best hot corner man in the league, for Grady Hatton has great possibilities. He was going great last season until he was injured and his batting average dwindled to .271, but he is meeting the ball well in training and has been a fielding fiend.

The veteran Louie Frey, who hit only .246 last year, or Bobby Adams, sophomore, will be at second base. With the Reds not counting on Eddie Miller, four players are in the running for the shortstop berth. They are Hermit Wall, Benny Zientara, Claude Corbitt and Tom Stallcup.

Stallcup is a rookie who hit .394 for Roanoke last year. His fielding may measure up, but his hitting has been poor. In the end it probably will be Zientara, who took over last year when Miller was shelved by injuries.

Neun is now trying two rookies at first, Charles Kress, who hit .261 for Syracuse, and Ted Kluszewski, who clouted .352 for Columbia. S. C. Kress is the better fielder but cannot hit with Kluszewski and Neun has revealed that he is going to sacrifice fielding finesse this season for hitting.

Angie Galan, the veteran obtained from Brooklyn, is the only outfielder sure of a job. Frank Baumholtz, another Columbia graduate who hit .343, probably will be in center with Clyde Vellmer, Elmer Durrett and Al Libke the leading contenders for the other post.

State Mental Inmate  
Population Higher

Indianapolis, March 29 — (UP)—The U. S. bureau of the census reported today that the population of Indiana state mental hospitals grew by 215 persons during 1945.

There were 9,286 on the books of Hoosier institutions at the beginning of the year and 9,601 at the end, the report issued in Washington said.

During the year, 1,824 persons were admitted to the hospitals, 269 of them readmissions of persons who had been there before. Discharges during the year totaled 686, and there were 833 deaths.

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Phils And Braves  
Exchange Players

Tampa, Fla., March 29 — (UP)—The Philadelphia Phillies, with catcher Don Padgett added to the squad and fresh from an impressive 8 to 7 victory against the St. Louis Cardinals yesterday, prepared to meet the Cincinnati Reds today. Padgett came to the Phils yesterday from the Boston Braves in a trade for pitcher Anton (Andy) Karl.

## Browns

Miami, Fla., March 29 — (UP)—The St. Louis Browns, smarting from a 12 to 6 trouncing at the hands of the Philadelphia Athletics yesterday, attempted to bounce back at the expense of the Washington Senators today. The Senators smothered the Pittsburgh Pirates, 17 to 8.

## Yankees

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 29 — (UP)—Larry (Yogi) Berra, converted catcher who may open the season in right field for the New York Yankees, today hoped to start on a new hitting streak as the Yanks renewed their series with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Berra, pint-sized rookie, finally was stopped yesterday after hitting safely in 14 straight games, but the Yankees edged the Cincinnati Reds here, 5 to 2. A three-run rally in the eighth inning off Ken Polivka netted the Yanks the victory.

## White Sox

Pasadena, Cal., March 29 — (UP)—Pitcher Hi Bithorn remained unsigned today as the Chicago White Sox broke camp after five weeks of spring training here, leaving for San Diego and a two-game series with the Cleveland Indians.

The Puerto Rican moundman failed to come to terms, declaring there was a \$2,000 pay difference.

## Cubs

Los Angeles, Cal., March 29 — (UP)—Rained out of their scheduled exhibition with the Cleveland Indians yesterday, the Chicago Cubs were ready today to meet the Los Angeles Angels of the Coast League, weather permitting. Pitcher Ed Hanyzewski, who had refused to report to Oakland of the Coast League yesterday was sold to the Cleveland Indians.

Patrons Report On  
Gambling Club Holdup

Jeffersonville, Ind., March 29 — (UP)—Patrons told today of a \$10,000 holdup of employees in a Jeffersonville gambling club Thursday night, but police said the crime had not been reported to them.

Customers said five masked gunmen entered the club, lined patrons against a wall, took money from seven employees and raked other cash from poker and dice tables.

County and city authorities said the robbery was not reported to them.

Find Charred Body  
In Burning Trailer

La Porte, Ind., March 29 — (UP)—Police today investigated the death of Genevieve Hatchel, 78, whose charred body was removed from a burning trailer near here.

Authorities said a stove became overheated, setting fire to the trailer. The victim was a member of a pioneer family and authorities said her father was among the earliest settlers in La Porte.

## JIM-DANDY

By Alan Maver

## JIMMY DEMARET,



WITH TWO TOURNAMENT WINS AND TWO RUNNER-UP PLACES TO HIS CREDIT ALREADY, IS THREATENING BEN HOGAN'S POSITION AT THE HEAD OF THE GOLFING PARADE—HE HOPES TO SURPASS HIS BANNER YEAR OF 1940 WHEN HE WON 9 TOURNAMES, INCLUDING THE MASTERS OPEN!

JIMMY AND BEN HOGAN RETAINED THEIR MUTUAL TITLE IN THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FOUR-BALL TOURNAMENT

BUT THESE TWO LINKS LEADERS BOTH CAME A CROPPER IN THE JACKSONVILLE OPEN—JIMMY WON AN OPENING 73 AND FOLLOWED WITH SUCH A POOR START ON H.S. 2nd ROUND HE WITHDREW—BEN SET A TOURNAMENT RECORD BY TAKING 21 ON A PAR-3 140 YD HOLE!

Grand National Is  
Won By Irish Horse

Aintree, Eng., March 29 — (UP)—Caughoo, a 100 to 1 shot owned by J. McDowell won the 104th running of the Grand National Steeplechase today before a crowd estimated at 300,000.

Lough Conn, Mrs. M. Rowe's 33 to 1 shot was second, and Kami, also a 33 to 1 horse owned by Sir Allen Corgan-Smith was third.

Caughoo's winning time was 10 minutes, three and one-fifth seconds.

Caughoo finished in front by 29 lengths while Lough Conn's second place margin was four lengths over Kami.

The favored Prince Regent, backed down to post-time odds of 8 to 1 finished fourth.

Caughoo was one of the Irish-bred horses which had the advantage of a full period of training over the English entrants, which were cut out of at least two months of workouts by semi-Arctic late winter weather.

Lovely Cottage, last year's winner was scratched less than an hour before post time because of a morning-long drizzle which made track conditions extremely treacherous.

Lough Conn led most of the way over the course which generally is considered the most dangerous in the world, but was overtaken near the finish.

It was only the fourth victory for Ireland in the long history of England's most famous turf classic.

Only 21 horses in the field of 57 finished the race including the only American entry, Mrs. Frank Adams' gray gelding Refugio.

Report Eruption Of  
Iceland's Volcano

Reykjavik, March 29 — (UP)—Mount Hekla, Iceland's towering volcano dormant since 1878, erupted today.

Mt. Hekla towers above the lava wastelands of southwestern Iceland near the coast and about 20 miles east of the transatlantic airfield built by the U. S. army during the war. It is about the same distance southeast of Reykjavik.

Empty Life Boat Of  
Broken Tanker Found

Honolulu, March 29 — (UP)—An empty life boat, in which 12 men abandoned the broken tanker Fort Dearborn on March 12, was found last night by the U. S. China Victory, the headquarters of the Western Sea Frontier reported today.

The China Victory, enroute to the Philippines from San Francisco, reported she had discovered the lifeboat, floating upside down in the water, about 85 miles northwest of Oahu.

Valparaiso Policemen  
Fined For Misconduct

Valparaiso, Ind., March 29 — (UP)—Mayor G. D. Conover today warned against "further irregularities" among members of Valparaiso's police force after seven policemen were fined for "misconduct in the line of duty."

The city police board levied a total of \$1,042 in fines against police who were charged with insubordination, drinking on the job, and other irregularities. Conover said the penalties ranged from a week's salary to an entire month's pay.

Indiana Service Corp.  
Reports Income Drop

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 29 — (UP)—An annual report of the Indiana Service Corporation today showed that the company's net income in 1946 dropped almost seven percent from that of 1945. Net income for last year was \$389,351, a drop of \$28,909 from that of the preceding year.

To Ask Indictments  
For Death Of BabyWar Widow, Lover  
Face Murder Probe

Terre Haute, Ind., Mar. 29 — (UP)—Prosecutor John Jett said today he would ask a grand jury to return indictments charging a young war widow and her lover with murder in the death of the woman's three-year-old baby.

Jett said the grand jury would meet Tuesday to consider the death of Alice Mobley, John Fagan, 23-year-old truck driver, and Mrs. Ella Mobley, 21, admitted they mistreated the baby before it died early Wednesday.

They both said the infant died after choking on a cracker but coroner J. V. Richart said Alice died of "external violence" which resulted in serious head and body wounds.

Fagan, who said he was an overseas army veteran, later admitted he shook Alice "as hard as I could" Tuesday night because he was jealous of the baby.

Mrs. Mobley, whose husband died overseas in the army, told Jett she was afraid Fagan would break off their friendship if she interceded. She admitted also that she beat Alice with a pan-cake turner because she refused to go to bed.

Policemen brought Mrs. Mobley to a mortuary yesterday to attend funeral services for her daughter. A crowd gathered at the entrance and booed the young mother. Officers rushed her out a back door after the services.

Polish Official Is  
Reported Murdered

London, March 29 — (UP)—Col. Gen. Karl Swierczewski, Polish deputy minister of national defense, was murdered by "Ukrainian Fascists" Friday near the town of Sanok, the Moscow radio reported today. It quoted a Polish government announcement from Warsaw.

Sanok is on the River San near the Czechoslovak frontier.

Swierczewski was a member of the Polish delegation to the American Slav congress last year.

## Grain Storage

Improved, prefabricated grain bins developed through research by the department of agriculture now provide a practical means of long time storage of grain on farms.



U. S. AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY, Edwin C. Wilson (left) chats with Rep. Sol Bloom (center), (D), N. Y., and Rep. A. Eaton (R), N. J. (International Sunday)



HOPE FOR INDUSTRIAL peace in 1947 comes with an 11% wage increase granted the nation's rubber workers in a settlement signed by (from left) H. R. Lloyd, United Rubber Workers president; L. S. Buckmaster, URW president, and G. L. Paine, URW general counsel, at Cleveland negotiations with representatives of the "Big Four" rubber plants. (International Sunday)

## Delicious Filling

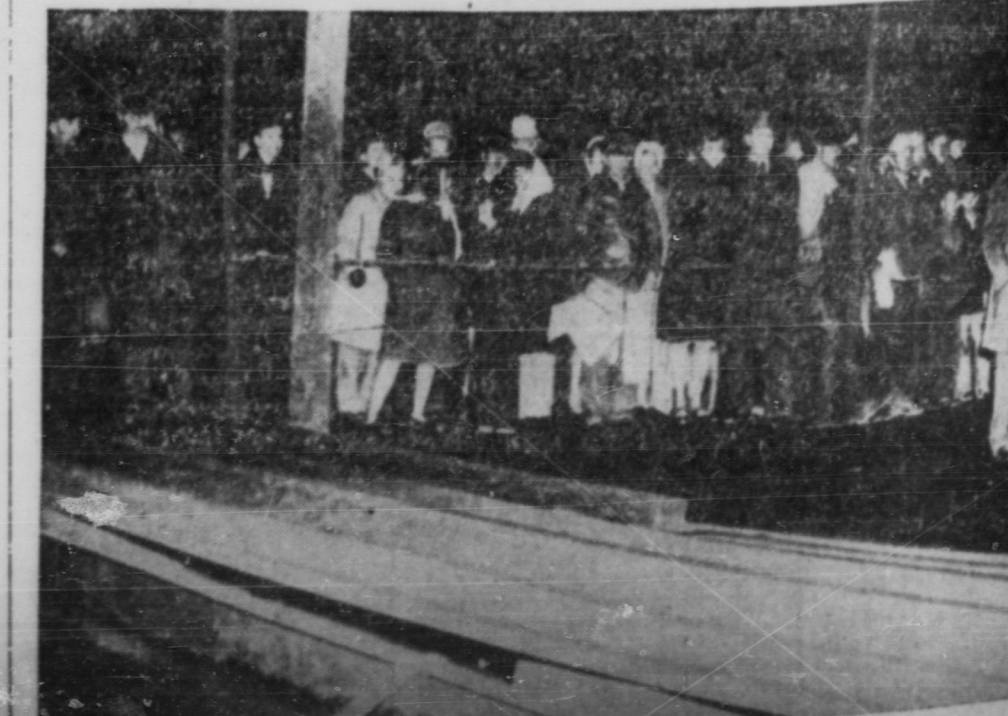
A delicious filling which may be used in stuffing tomatoes or making sandwiches is made as follows: mix cream cheese with enough mayonnaise to give a soft consistency, add finely chopped nuts (pecans are best) and onion juice.

## Whale Fish

Whale flesh, long regarded as food for man, is now being used in Europe and Japan as half the price of beef. In whaling, the blood, some parts of the flesh and vertebrae are dried for use in food.



VICTIM, one of a score hospitalized, is removed from pit by rescue workers.



RELATIVES keep vigil at mine shaft awaiting news of the fate of miners trapped by the explosion. DEATH TOLL MOUNTS in the Centralia, Ill., coal mine explosion—Illinois' worst mine disaster in 25 years. Officials hold little hope for 118 men entombed 640 feet below surface when the explosion billowed deadly gas through the subterranean passages. (International Sunday)

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