

BILL MITCHELL WINS BILLIARDS

Takes City Junior Individual Title in Close Finish With Angus Macdonald

William Mitchell won the city individual junior billiard championship last night in an exciting finish with Angus Macdonald, the score being 500 to 496. Mitchell started on the short end of a 251 to 240 score following the first block the evening previous but played an uphill game which was ding dong right to the end. It was one of the most interesting billiard exhibitions seen here in a long time. In addition to winning the title, Mitchell had the distinction of recording the highest break for the series. This was a run of 42 in the first round.

Tonight the final of the senior championship series will be commenced between Charles Balagno and Fred Pyle. There will be a 500 point block tonight and similar final session tomorrow evening.

Sport Chat

Old Jack Quinn, one of the last of the fast disappearing race of spit-ball pitchers, is beginning his fifth year with the Philadelphia Athletics and his twentieth in the majors. Somewhere in his forties Quinn is in good shape. He attributes his success to hard work. He was a breaker boy in the coal mines near Pottsville, Pa., before he took up baseball, and a strong physique has carried him through many years on the ball field.

Eager for the season to begin Quinn declares he will continue to pitch "until they take my uniform away." "There's only a few of us still in the game," he said. "Red Faber of Chicago and myself, are the only two spit-ballers left in the American League. I believe Grimes of New York and Mitchell of the Cardinals are the only ones in the National."

"When the baseball powers ruled out the spit-ball seven years ago I think they had in mind to legislate only against trick pitching. I have always contended that few batters were ever hurt by spit-ball pitching. It was the curve ball hurlers with their freak pitches who did the damage. I see nothing mysterious about the spitter. Just take a baseball, moisten it a little on the side near the thumb and let the ball slip inward or away from you as you throw, depending on where you want it to go. That's all there is to it."

Harris of Detroit had to quell some of his Communists with a stern hand this spring. Later he declared the incident had been magnified out of all reason, but that was after he and Mr. Heilman decided to be very broad-minded and forgive each other. The same altruistic motives prompted Mr. Brush of Pittsburgh to fine Mr. Fussell, his pitcher, \$100, and Mr. Mack of Philadelphia to issue a scathing rebuke to his Mr. Orwoll. However, the great uprising of 1929 happily seems to be no more, leaving marked tranquillity in its wake. Things in the big leagues again are pretty much as they were, except that Mr. Shiras is temporarily minus one job and Mr. Fussell is very permanently minus \$100.

BELANGER BEAT HARRY DILLON

MINNEAPOLIS, April 17:—Charles Belanger of Winnipeg, light heavyweight champion of Canada, decisively outpointed Harry Dillon, also of Winnipeg, in a ten round bout here last night. Belanger had the fight well in hand throughout.

BAD LUCK
Stranger (trying to locate a friend's house): "Beg pardon, lady, but I'm looking for a man."
Ancient Spinster (who has answered the doorbell): "I only hope you have better luck than I've had."—Fun.

CRIBBAGE AND WHIST PRIZES WERE AWARDED

Big Card Party and Dance Last Night in Moose Hall Was Very Successful Affair

Cups and other trophies as a result of the recently closed season's league whist and cribbage play were presented to their winners at a card party and dance which was held last night in the Moose Hall under the joint auspices of the Fraternal Whist League and the Prince Rupert Cribbage League. There was an exceptionally large attendance.

The presentations were made by S. M. Newton, president of both the whist and cribbage leagues. In the course of brief remarks, Mr. Newton made mention of the recent sad death of John Clark, who was a member of the Prince Rupert Hotel team in the cribbage league.

The Dybavn cup, emblematic of city whist championship, was presented to the Grotto club and received by Ald. G. W. Rudderham, the captain. The Newton cup, for runners-up, was received by Mrs. Jack Ratchford, on behalf of the Moose ladies. Individual cups for high scoring during the season were presented to Mrs. F. M. Crosby, Mrs. Jack Ratchford and H. Fraser. The Dawson cup, for cribbage championship, was presented to Charles H. Brown for the New Empress club, while the Newton cup was received by Bert West on behalf of Prince Rupert Hotel, the runners-up. An individual cup was presented to Charles H. Brown.

Suitable presentations were made on behalf of the cribbage and whist league to the secretary, Fred Wermig, in recognition of another year of faithful and efficient service.

In the evening's card play, there being 35 tables of whist and 12 of cribbage, prize winners were:

Cribbage—Ladies' first, Mrs. J. R. Murray; second, Mrs. William Rothwell; men's first, N. Hughes; second, Angelo Astori.

Whist—Ladies' first, Mrs. O. Stegavig; second, Mrs. A. Ivarson; third, Mrs. B. R. Wilson; men's first, R. E. Hudson; second, C. Barker; third, G. Brochu.

After the playing of cards, delicious refreshments were served by a ladies' committee consisting of Mrs. F. E. Wermig, convener, Mrs. H. Skattebol, Mrs. A. Wicks, Mrs. W. Gilchrist, Mrs. S. V. Cox, Mrs. J. R. Murray and Mrs. J. Boulter.

A large number took the floor for the dance, which brought the evening's proceedings to a close in the small hours of the morning. Excellent music was furnished by Mrs. J. S. Black's orchestra.

Ald. G. W. Rudderham was general chairman of the committee in charge of the affair. Thomas Clough had charge of arrangements for the music and F. E. Wermig for prizes. E. J. Cobb was master of ceremonies for whist, F. E. Wermig for cribbage, and T. Barton for the dance. Thomas Clough presided at the door.

The whole evening's proceedings were most enjoyable.

FOOTBALL MEETING PLANNED NEXT WEEK

It is probable that a football meeting will be called next week to organize for the season. President Williscroft has asked Secretary Wermig to arrange for the meeting at the earliest possible date so that the games may be got under way.

BABE RUTH IS MARRIED TODAY

NEW YORK, April 17:—Babe Ruth was married in St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church today to Mrs. Claire Hodgson in a quiet ceremony.

PRICE OF WHEAT

VANCOUVER, April 17:—Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at \$1.22½.

PROMINENT FIGURES IN SPORT

Written Especially for the Daily News by the Sports Editor

JOHN A. HEYDLER, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

John Arnold Heydler, president of the National League, is another leading sportsman of the day who started his career as a newspaper writer. He got his start on the Washington Star and figured his way to an official position with the National League through a hobby of keeping baseball records. He became an umpire in the National League in 1898 and was later appointed private secretary to Harry C. Pulliam who was president of the National League from 1903 to 1909. Then followed the offices of secretary and treasurer of the league before Heydler was elected

to the presidency in 1918. He had been acting president on several occasions before that.

With fine executive ability, Heydler has combined diplomacy and tact and has averted many factional quarrels and jealousies among club owners. During his presidency, the National League has obtained a stronger position from the administrative standpoint than it ever previously enjoyed.

Heydler was born at Lafargeville, N. Y., July 10, 1869. His father was a clergyman and in 1909. Then followed the offices of secretary and treasurer of the league before Heydler was elected

Only Three Baseball Games are Played on Opening Day Owing to Bad Weather in the East

NEW YORK, April 17. — The Pirates, Cardinals, Indians and Browns turned back their position in baseball's opening battles yesterday, with the brightest picture unveiled at Chicago, where 70,000 fans stormed the Wrigley citadel for a peek at the most highly regarded Cubs since the days of Frank Chance. About 50,000 gained admittance.

The difference between victory and defeat for the Cubs was Rogers Hornsby's failure in two pinches and the generosity of Grimes toward the champion in other trying moments. Rajah collected three passes and two force-outs. Elwood English's fumble of Adam's grounder in the first inning gave the Pirates two unearned runs and another was honestly batted home at the expense of Charlie Root.

At Cincinnati, Grover Cleveland Alexander began his nineteenth National League campaign by turning back the Reds, 5 to 2. Chick Rafey, who hit a homer with one on in the sixth, drove in four of the five St. Louis runs.

The Indians rallied in late innings to win from the Tigers in 11 innings. The Browns defeated the White Sox, thanks to Sammy Gray's fine work in the box.

Other games were prevented owing to rain in the eastern section.

ELKS LIKELY IN BASEBALL

Lodge Plans to Sponsor Team This Season and Committee Investigating

That the reconstruction work being done by Grand Organizer Miquelon of the Elks is a success was evidenced by largely attended and most enthusiastic meeting of the members held in their home last night. Sixteen new applicants were admitted to the fold with as many more slated for this Friday's meeting.

It was unanimously decided to hold nomination of officers on Friday and all members were urged to be present.

A committee was appointed to look into the baseball situation and it is almost certain that the Elks will sponsor a team this season.

The escort patrol drill exemplified after the meeting attracted great interest, as this is something new with the local lodge. There was music by Al Smail's orchestra and refreshments were served.

Mr. Miquelon will remain in Prince Rupert for another week to complete his work.

GERMANY MAKES COUNTER OFFER OF SETTLEMENT

PARIS, April 17.—Germany's counter-plans for paying her world war reparations were presented to the allied experts by Dr. Schacht, chief of the German delegation, today. It is understood to offer about one billion marks less per year than the creditors demanded. Payment would continue 37 years, instead of 58 years as proposed by the allies. Germany offers invigaged annuities beginning at 1,100,000,000 marks and rising to 1,450,000,000 marks.

THE ONLY ONE

"Your father is quite bald, is he not?" said a man to the son of a millionaire.
"Yes," replied the youth. "I'm the only heir he has left."—Pearsons.

ARE SEARCHING FOR FLYERS

Controversy Arises Over Conduct of "Southern Cross Fiasco"

SYDNEY, April 17.—Anxiety is growing as to the fate of Lt. Keith Anderson and Robert Hitchcock last seen over Alice Springs, Central Australia, while looking for the Southern Cross, ten days ago. Three additional airplanes have gone to Alice Springs to aid in the search for the two planes which is being carried out.

In the meantime, as Captain Kingsford Smith and his companions are still on the Glenelg mud-

flat waiting for gasoline, a hot controversy has arisen over the interrupted flight. Some newspapers have criticized the conduct of the flight and the Sydney Guardian has suggested that a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into what it calls the Southern Cross fiasco.

PLANE BOUND FOR ALASKA

Left Edmonton Yesterday Planning to Reach Prince George

EDMONTON, April 17.—Captain Parker Cramer and W. S. Gamble, American pilots, who are bound on a flight from Chi-

cago to Alaska, struck westward towards the Rocky mountains following the C. N. R. line for Prince George yesterday afternoon, expected to make their destination before dark.

Up to noon today the plane had not arrived at Prince George and no further information could be secured in regard to it. While it is expected the plane will come to Prince Rupert no one seems to know anything about it definitely.

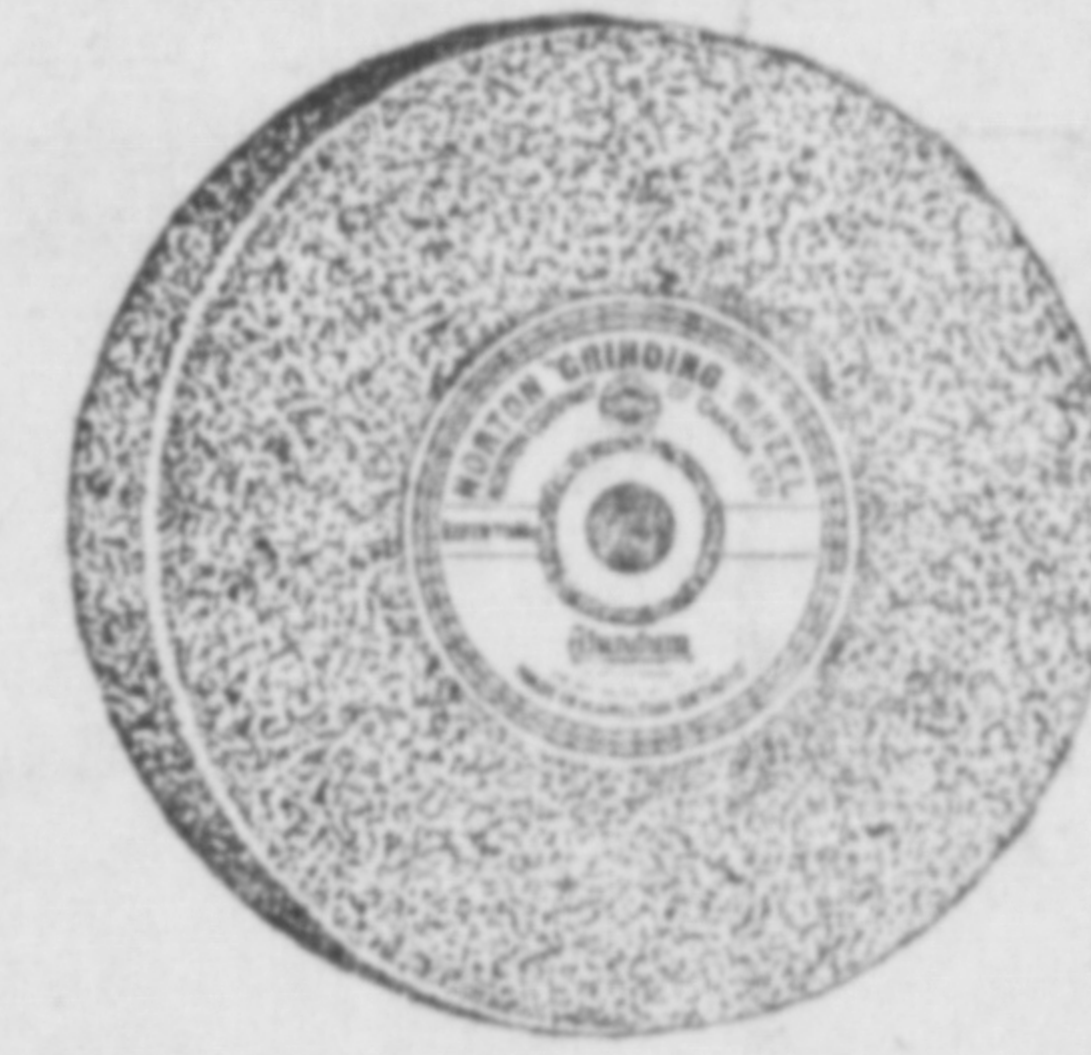
POOR ART

Burglar (about to give son a thrashing)—Mind you, this is not so much for pinching the jam, but for the careless way you have left your finger-prints about.—Police Gazette.



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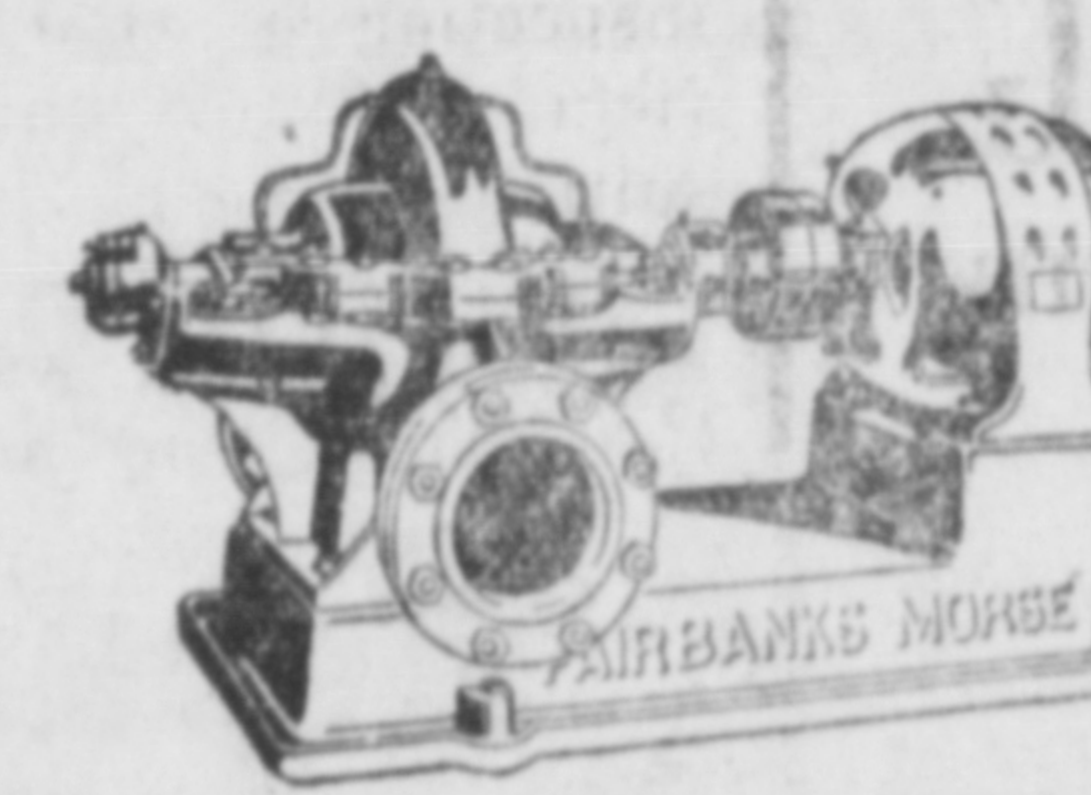
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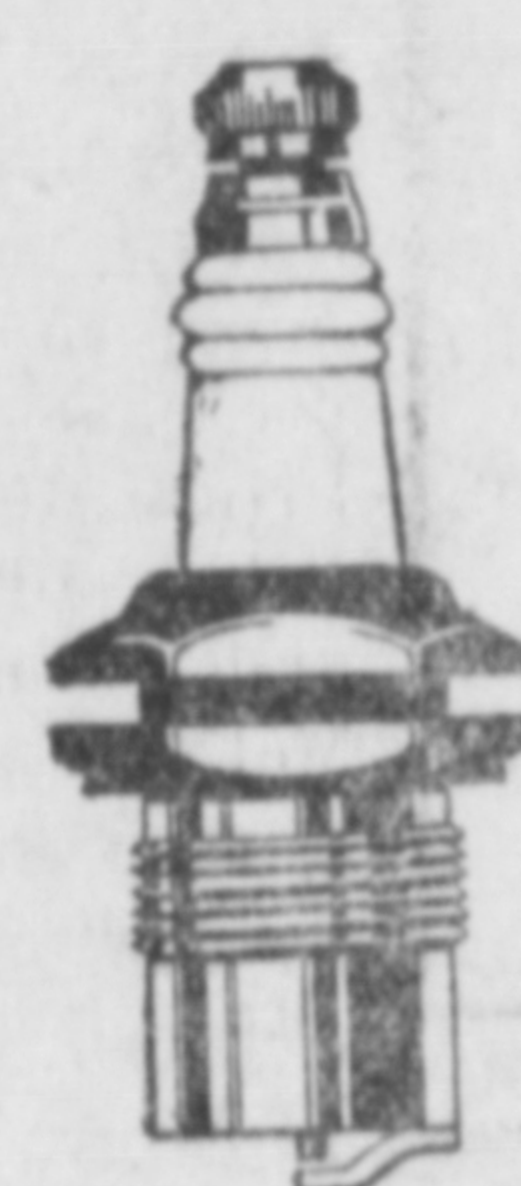
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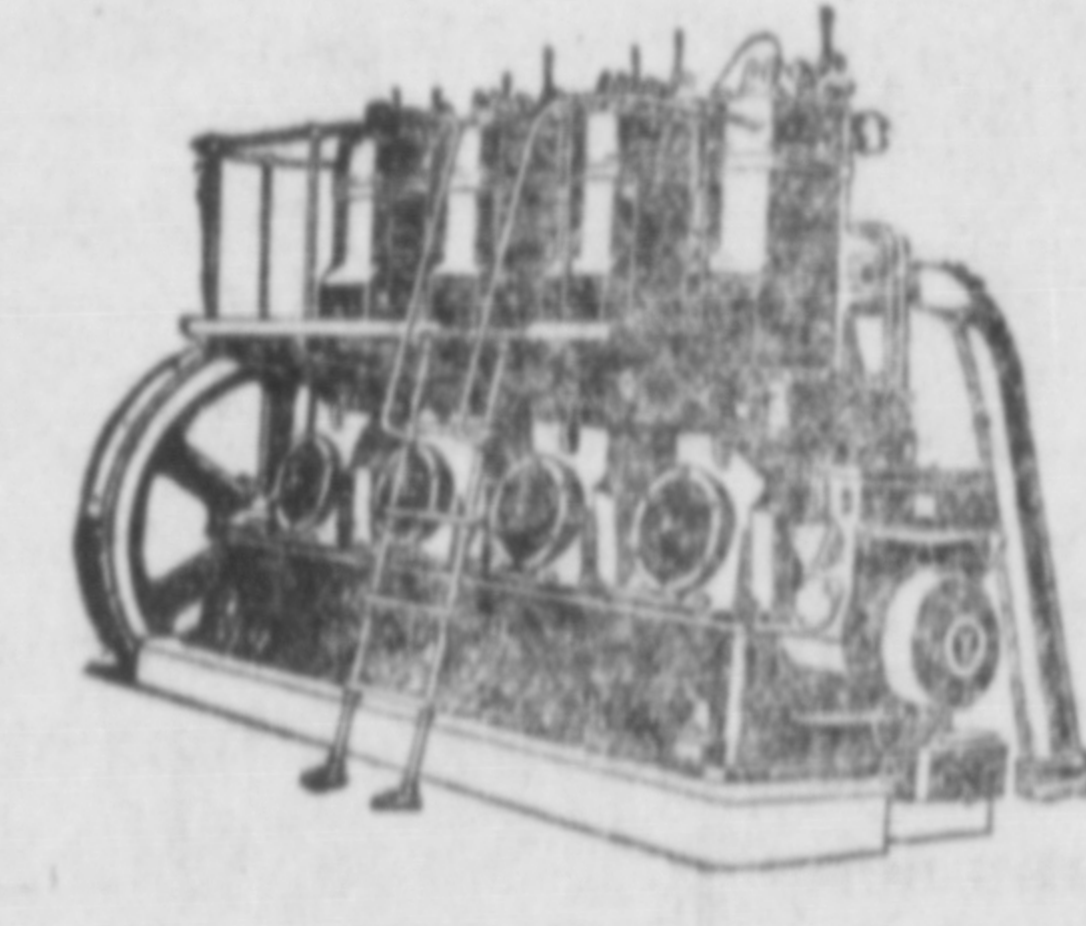
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