



WILSON TO BROOKLYN?

Former Chicago Baseball Star May Be Released By St. Louis

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—If proper arrangements can be made, the Brooklyn National League baseball club will take Hack Wilson off the hands of St. Louis Cardinals who recently acquired him from the Chicago Cubs.

Moose Whist Drive and Dance Enjoyed

Jolly Affair Took Place Last Night in Lodge Hall With 17 Tables in Play

There were 17 tables of cards at the Moose Lodge whist drive and dance held last night. The affair proved very jolly and enjoyable.

At the card tables prize winners were: ladies' first, Mrs. E. Dickens; second, Mrs. Alois Ohnesorg; men's first, Joe Garon; second, Knut Slatta.

After cards delicious refreshments were served after which dancing was enjoyed with splendid music by the Premier Orchestra.

In the drawing for a turkey donated by Gillis Royer the winner was Mrs. C. R. Biggart.

Gillis Royer was master of ceremonies for the evening and O. B. Sather and J. Jeans presided at the door. Mrs. Ole Stegavig was in charge of the kitchen.

Hawthorne Wants To Amalgamate With Los Angeles

HAWTHORNE, Cal., Dec. 17.—Citizens of this city yesterday petitioned their city council to take steps towards bringing about amalgamation of the municipality with the city of Los Angeles.

SAFER THAN WALKING

A member of the Natural History Society reports having seen a tortoiseshell butterfly of a size rarely found in Manitoba, fly across Portage Avenue.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Basketball Standing LENZ IS IN LEAD

Senior League	W.	L.	Pts.
C. N. R. A.	4	4	8
Panthers	4	3	8
32 Taxi	3	4	6

Intermediate League	W.	L.	Pts.
Tuxis	4	4	8
High School	4	3	8
Merchants	3	4	6

Ladies' League	W.	L.	Pts.
Amazons	7	1	14
Cardinals	3	4	6
Comets	1	6	2

Junior League	W.	L.	Pts.
League of Nations	4	1	8
Boy Scouts	4	1	8
Japanese	2	4	4
Rovers	1	5	2

End of Forty-Fourth Rubber Tuesday Showed Him 420 Points Ahead of Culbertson

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—At the end of the forty-fourth rubber of their 150-rubber bridge marathon, Sidney Lenz and Harold Jacoby were leading Mr. and Mrs. Ely Culbertson by 420 points.

The competition will be continued tonight.

So far on rubbers Lenz has won 23 and Culbertson, 20. The Culbertsons won the first rubber, Tuesday night.

Billiard Averages

	G.	Ttl.	Ave.
M. Andrews (G)	3	750	250
C. P. Balagno (E)	2	500	250
J. Bulger (E)	2	250	250
A. Macdonald (CS)	1	250	250
G. Howe (G)	1	250	250
J. Murray (CS)	1	250	250
J. Strachan (CL)	1	250	250
N. Chenoski (Elks)	1	250	250
R. Young (E)	1	250	250
G. Shenton (G)	3	747	249
J. Smith (E)	2	409	205
J. Saunders (E)	2	458	229
C. Baple (CS)	2	458	229
F. Ziemann (CL)	1	228	228
B. Morgan (G)	1	225	225
J. May (CS)	2	430	215
R. Young (G)	1	215	215
J. Hillman (CS)	1	214	214
W. Murray (G)	2	416	208
E. Hudson (G)	1	207	207
B. Hudson (Elks)	1	204	204
L. Raabe (Elks)	1	197	197
A. Murray (E)	1	197	197
F. Aldridge (CL)	1	189	189
D. Brown (G)	2	362	181
P. Johnson (E)	1	150	150
G. Grotto; CS, Cold Storage, E. Elks.			

PRESIDENT CRITICIZED

International War Debts Under Discussion Again in United States Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—If the European nations decide to repudiate their obligations, they do so in their own responsibility and it will become the United States to relieve them again in embarrassment. Such was an opinion that was heard in Congress following the defaulting of a number of European nations in payments of \$117,000,000 due on Tuesday.

The feeling was expressed that any further negotiations for a moratorium of war debts should be conducted by the president in person without instructions from Congress as to the lines such negotiations should take.

Representative McFadden of Pennsylvania reiterated charges he had made the day previous that President Hoover had engineered his war debt plan at the instance of a group of international bankers and had not been inspired by the views of the people of the United States. He was prepared to back his statement up with facts, declared Representative McFadden.

Parking Stations Are Responsible For Car's Safety

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—The Superior Court here ruled yesterday that parking stations are legally responsible for the care and safety of cars which are left with them. This decision was made on an appeal from a subordinate court.

JUNIOR BILLIARDS

December 17.—Jewellers vs. Empress.
December 25.—Hawks vs. Empress.
December 31.—Jewellers vs. League of Nations.

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SPORT NEWS

New American League batting records were established during the 1931 season by players on the New York, Boston and Cleveland teams and club records by New York and Chicago. The Yankees created two new team records—the first when they faced opposing pitchers 5638 times, thus breaking the American League record of 5592 by Detroit in 1929, and broke their own record for the most runs, 1967 as against their previous 1662 in 1930. The Chicago White Sox finished last in batting, last in fielding and allowed their opponents 939 runs, creating a new American League record in this department. Chief of the individual record makers was Babe Ruth whose eighteenth season in the game was his best in many respects. Finishing second in the race for individual honors, the highest point he has ever reached, with a mark of 373; also his best, Ruth tied with Lou Gehrig for the most home runs, 45; was second in scoring, with 149 runs. Outfielder Al Simmons of Philadelphia Athletics won individual batting honors for the second consecutive time, increasing his average of .373 in 1930 to .390 in 1931 despite the chances ball. For club batting the New York Yankees led with 297, the Cleveland Indians being second with 296 and the Athletics third with 287.

Twelve players in the league batted in 100 or more runs this season as compared with 15 last year. Lou Gehrig, who led last year, established a new American League record of 184, thereby topping the former mark of 175 made by himself in 1927. Gehrig has driven in 193 or more runs in six consecutive years and during the last five seasons he has been first three times and tied once. Ruth was second with 133 runs driven in, this being the tenth season in which he has sent 100 or more teammates over the plate. Ruth also received 128 bases on balls, the tenth year in which he has been the recipient of 100 or more free tickets to first. By striking out 51 times the Babe set a new low mark for himself in his perennial battle with the pitchers. New York set a new world team record by receiving 748 bases on balls, the previous high being 681 by Detroit in 1915. On April 15 in a nine-inning game Henry Johnson and Roy Sheriff of New York struck out 15 Boston players.

As for pitching records, the Philadelphia staff allowed but 3.47 earned runs per game. The Washington staff was a good second to the A's with 3.76 while New York was third with 4.20 earned runs per game. Chicago was eighth with 5.95 runs per game, thus achieving the unique distinction of being eighth in pitching, batting and fielding. Chief of

the Athletics' staff was Robert Moses Grove who won 31 games while losing but four. His winning percentage, .886, is the highest for any major league pitcher since 1903. His average of earned runs per game, 2.05, was 58 runs per game better than that of Vernon Gomez who finished second with 2.63. Grove also led in strike-outs with 175 and was second for number of innings pitched, 289, his colleague, George Walberg, working 291 rounds. In the seven seasons he has pitched for Philadelphia he has won 146 games and lost 61, and in the past four seasons he has won 103 games and lost 23. Wesley Ferrell's no-hit no-run game for the Cleveland Indians against the St. Louis Browns was, of course, one of the big pitching feats of the year.

American League fielding for 1931 was characterized by the machine-like precision of the champion Athletics and Washington; the brilliant, season-long work of Oscar Melillo, St. Louis second baseman who, with 971 chances accepted, came within 17 of tying the major league record of Lajoie in 1908; centre-fielder Tom Oliver's record of 448 accepted chances with only three accompanying errors, generally mediocre work at third base and sparkling season records of First Basemen Burns of St. Louis and Blue of Chicago. The Philadelphia Athletics made only 141 errors, thus breaking the record formerly held by the Yankees, 144 in 1923. Washington made 142 errors. Irving Burns of St. Louis was the

ranking first baseman with a season average of .993. Myer of Washington and Bishop of Philadelphia tied for second basemen with .980. But Melillo carried off the honors for the keystone position with .988. Third base play was far below par with Dykes of Philadelphia and Blum of Washington sharing about equally such honors with .974 and .963. Hal Rhyne of Boston led the shortstops with .963. Matusch of Washington was the leading outfielder with .977. Averill of Cleveland coming second with .976. William Diekey of New York led the catchers with .996.

Whist Schedule

December 17
I.O.O.F. vs. Grotto.
Totem Park vs. Moose.
Old Empress Hotel vs. Musketeers.
Seal Cove vs. Legion.
Fish Packers vs. Sons of Norway.

BILLIARD SCHEDULE

Dec. 18.—Grotto vs. Elks.

Head of Cash Register Firm Dies Suddenly

DAYTON, Dec. 17.—Robert Patterson of the National Cash Register Co., died here suddenly yesterday.

1786

DURING the decade 1826-1836, cavalcades transporting furs for the Hudson's Bay Company annually left Fort St. James, journeyed down the Fraser River, thence to Kamloops and Fort Vancouver. At the head of the brigade, often numbering two hundred horses and twenty men, rode the Chief Factor in a high beaver hat, who on entering and leaving all forts en route, was accorded an official salute of three guns.

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