

AHEARN IS TWICE MIDDLE CHAMPION

Young Ahearn and his manager, Dan McKetrick, will arrive tomorrow from New York to start training the same afternoon for the battle Monday night with Jeff Smith at the Louisiana Auditorium.

Ahearn is twice a champion of his division, having won the title in France and again in England, when he cinched the European championship. He whipped every middleweight of consequence in both countries and became so prominent that he was matched with George Carpentier.

When the war broke out, Carpentier enlisted, forcing a cancellation of the match, but promised that when he came out of the war, if he should be successful, he would give Ahearn the first match with him.

Previous to going to Europe, and since, Ahearn has fought practically every middleweight of any note in the world, excepting Darcy and Smith, and has an enviable record of winning fights, including a large percentage of knockouts. He was matched with Smith in New York, but hurt his foot and was forced to lay off for several months.

SAILOR DAVIS WANTS MATCH WITH THOMAS

Sailor Davis, the Galveston lightweight, has issued a challenge to any lightweight in the city, none barred, for a 20-round battle for a side bet of any amount from \$300 to \$500. Joe Thomas is the particular individual he wants to fight, but Joe Manlot of any other local lightweight can get the match if desired on the same terms. Davis' brother in Texas will furnish the money. Davis will make his debut here in the semifinal to the Koster-Barrere scrap next Friday night, taking a minor role to show himself before insisting upon a main event. He is a keen artist and under the management of Paul Anstott, Franklin and Beaville street, who can be reached by phone, Main 1771.

ANOTHER TEXAS CHAMP ARRIVES IN NEW ORLEANS

Texas has sent us some fairly good fighters in recent years, among them being Bobby Vaughn and Bobby Hughes, and now she sends another for a workout. Sailor Davis, who finished his service as a sailor in the U. S. navy a few months ago, is the latest bidder for popularity locally. Peggy Anstott has matched him with Jimmy Ward of Algiers for the eight-round semi-weekly to the Koster-Barrere scrap Friday night, and if Davis makes good, he will get a crack at some more pretentious lightweight. Davis has a wealthy brother in Texas who is willing to bet from \$300 to \$500 that the sailor can defeat Joe Thomas or Joe Mandol and defies any of our local celebrities in this division to accept the offer.

GERMAN OFFICER'S SON JOINS U. S. ARMY

Chicago, April 16. — Albert Werner is a private in the United States army. Back of this simple statement is a story of heart-breaking struggle of a young man who wrestled alone with his conflicting emotions and who sacrificed everything for principle.

Werner is German born. He was brought to this country by his mother after his father has joined the German army. Today the father is a high officer in the Kaiser's forces. Uncles and cousins of Albert Werner hold other high military posts.

In Chicago Werner has been holding down a mail-order house job at \$15 a week. When war was declared fellow workmen asked him what he intended to do.

The answer came in the world with which this story was started.

CLAIM SIX BILLION PRECIOUS METALS FIND.

Portland, Ore., April 16.—The famous black sands of Deschutes Canyon, in eastern Oregon, declared by miners to contain no less than \$6,000,000,000 in gold and platinum, are to be developed and worked over. After two years of work W. H. Bard and C. W. Clapp, of this city, say they have developed a process by which the gold and platinum, as well as ruthenium, thorium and iridium can be recovered. According to reports of assayers in their employ the sand contains gold to the value of from \$5 to \$116 to the ton and platinum from \$50 to \$219 a ton. The deposit is found to a depth of 1,000,000 tons to the acre and lies on the surface.

FIRST ROW WITH THE UMPIRE ENLIVENED MONDAY'S GAME

Past experiences in the Kavanaugh Cup attendance contest on the opening day of the Southern League season clearly indicates that the game locally needs a regular tonic of some sort. Failure to show an attendance as large as last year's opening game once more cost the Pels the trophy they have coveted ever since it was offered. They never have won it and unless the fans wake up and show some interest in the national pastime, they never will win it.

Notwithstanding that every condition was favorable in 1916, as well as in 1917, New Orleans failed to cop the cup. It was looked upon as a cinch to win it this year, after the schedule makers had arranged openings so that New Orleans would follow Birmingham and Atlanta in its opening day, and after both Atlanta and Birmingham had fallen short of 7,000.

No excuse offered is adequate. The only excuse that can be given within reason is the apathy of our baseball fans. And there should be some compelling reason for such a lack of baseball enthusiasm in view of the fact that Jules Heimann and his associates always have given this city a winner or at least a contender for the pennant.

That less than 7,000 should file through the turnstiles opening day, with almost ideal weather conditions prevailing and the team off to a winning start the previous day, is beyond us. It is a reflection on the pride of the city. After a hard campaign by the business element of the city, the fact that less than 7,000 fans turned out indicates clearly that lack of baseball enthusiasm which must make the Pelican management look with foreboding upon the financial results of the season just starting.

A row between Dobard, the Memphis shortstop, and Empire Moran in the seventh inning, after which Moran called for police protection, enlivened yesterday's game between New Orleans and Memphis. New Orleans took the lead early in the game and was never at any time in danger.

A true love of flowers can scarcely be very wicked. Beauty and goodness are twin sisters. Let us cultivate the one and the other will come unbidden and dwell with us.

KANSAS CITY'S SENSATIONAL CASE REACHES END AFTER MANY YEARS

Kansas City Times, April 7: Dr. R. Clark Hyde was indicted for the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, who died October 9, 1909. In quick succession three members of the Swope household died. At the first trial in the spring of 1911 Dr. Hyde was found guilty, but was saved from a life sentence in the penitentiary by the Supreme Court, who ordered a new trial. The second trial ended when one of the jurors escaped. The third trial, in 1913, it is said the Swope estate has spent \$135,000 in the prosecution of Hyde. Of the enormous amount spent by Jackson county, \$8,000 still remains unpaid. It is said Mrs. Hyde has spent \$100,000 of the estate left by the man of whose murder Dr. Hyde was accused in defense of her husband.

It is understood Dr. Hyde will continue to practice medicine here. Arms folded and face impassive, Dr. B. Clark Hyde received the news in Judge E. E. Porterfield's court that he was a free man.

Precisely so did Dr. Hyde sit and look just eight years ago, lacking two days, when his first trial for the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope began. Precisely so did he sit and look when five weeks later the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

For eight years, through the varying trials, convictions and disagreements which have attended the Hyde case, spectators, attorneys, experts in criminology, judges and jurymen have sought to read in the face and attitude of Dr. B. Clark Hyde some indication of the thoughts which were passing in his mind. If any have succeeded, the fact has never become known.

Attorneys for and against Hyde have stormed, shouted, pleaded, decried, wept. Witnesses have been carried fainting or hysterical from the stand. Spectators have wedged themselves into crowded courtrooms and stood breathless for hours to hear a few words of testimony.

Battalions of stenographers have labored far into the night on some important bit of record. Jurors have argued themselves hoarse; est hours of Hyde's trial for the

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Table with columns for team names and statistics. Includes teams like At New Orleans, Memphis, N. Orleans, At Little Rock, Nashville, L. Rock, At Mobile, Atlanta, Mobile, At Birmingham, Chatt., Birmingham.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for team names and statistics. Includes teams like At Chicago, St. Louis, Chicago, At Boston, Phila., Boston, At Brooklyn, N. York, Brooklyn, At Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Cooper and Wagner, Mitchell and Hubbs.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for team names and statistics. Includes teams like Washington and New York, no game, cold; Cleveland and St. Louis; no game, cold; Chicago, Detroit, Fairer and Schalk; C. Jones and Spencer, Boston, Phila.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Table with columns for team names and statistics. Includes teams like Columbus, Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Milwaukee; no game, cold weather; St. Paul, Kansas City, Toledo, Louisville.

HAVRE DE GRACE ENTRIES FOR TODAY

Havre De Grace, Md., April 16.—Entries for Tuesday are:

Table listing horse names and weights for the first race. Includes horses like 551 Old Homestead, Sunnyhill, 505 xFit for Tal, Abrantes, 505 Marment, 505 Dal Action, 505 xAlivia, Merrie Ben, 406 Little Sweeper, xAlison C., xJoe A.

SECOND RACE—Four-year-olds and upwards, steeplechase, selling, about two miles.

Table listing horse names and weights for the second race. Includes horses like Baltimore, xHigh Flyer, xAviator, xKensilworth, xCharles F. Granger, Bally Bay, The Garnet, xSibbald.

THIRD RACE—Three-year-olds and upwards, claiming, five furlongs.

Table listing horse names and weights for the third race. Includes horses like Freshet, No News, 229 Navarre, Billy Oliver, xThursday Nighter, Odds and Ends, 62 John Douglas, 184 Safe and Sana, Kimberley, Bright Star, Kingly H., Bill Wiley, Clifton Girl, xMelogone, xLuck.

FOURTH RACE—Three-year-olds five and one-half furlongs.

Table listing horse names and weights for the fourth race. Includes horses like Pump, 532 Star Sapphire, 508 xKills, xCharmouse, Al Hutchinson, 533 Wall Street, 553 Sweeter Than Sugar, 469 El Rey, 429 Dr. Nelson, Polly J.

FIFTH RACE—For 3-year-olds and upwards, selling, six furlongs.

Table listing horse names and weights for the fifth race. Includes horses like Bank Bill, 145 Zeali, 561 Dr. Mack, xCharmouz, Rosean, Gano, 558 Little Nephew, Royalist, xSmirking, xSleepy Sam, 428 xHagen, Eleanor R., 512 Perseus.

SIXTH RACE—For 3-year-olds and upwards, five and one-half furlongs.

Table listing horse names and weights for the sixth race. Includes horses like Clapper Bill, Starling, Elruscan, 418 Polsona, Carbide, 413 Wiseman, Sir Edgar, Top O' the Morning, 429 Top O' the Morning.

SEVENTH RACE—Three-year-olds and upwards, mile and seventy yards.

Table listing horse names and weights for the seventh race. Includes horses like xEdna Konna, Fontionnaire, 537 Supreme, 537 Altabay, xEdith Baumann, 464 Volupsa, 370 Brickley, 478 xTootsie, 534 Pin Money, xOporth, 571 xPrim Harry, Choctaw, 537 Carlton G., 472 Ray O'Light, 559 Song of Valley, xApprentice allowance, xxTen-pound allowance.

murder of the uncle under whose roof she lived, was by her husband's side.

They came into court together a few minutes after it opened, sat down near William T. Johnson, Hyde's attorney, and waited for the formal proceedings which would mean freedom, if not acquittal. They came quickly. The clerk, reading the docket, reached the motion to dismiss which Johnson filed in January, the motion which has been pending ever since while the prosecutor vainly sought money for another trial.

Judge Porterfield paused barely long enough for the objection from the prosecutor which everyone knew could not come. The judge cleared his throat and spoke. "The motion to dismiss is sustained."

Mrs. Hyde's face lit with a smile. So did that of Hyde's attorney. "All right," he said to his client. Dr. Hyde nodded, said something in a low tone to his wife, unfolded his arms, arose, and Mrs. Hyde on his arm, walked out of the courtroom.

MORRIS COMING CONTENDER WITH WILLIARD FOR CHAMP HONORS

WITH JACK VELOCK International News Sports Editor.

New York, April 16.—The hefty shadow of big Carl Morris is frisking about on the trail of Jess Willard.

The original "white hope" from Oklahoma has pulled a "come-back" and he is a bit different from any of the come-backs we have lamped for several moons.

Whether or not Morris will prove more than a shadow on the Willard trail remains to be seen, but at any rate he is entitled to some consideration.

Remember when Morris tried "white hopping" as an occupation the first time? Well, he found it was regular labor. He discovered that he didn't belong, but he had ambitions in his system that would not be quieted.

So back to the prairies of good old Oklahoma went Carlos, and there he settled down to get the books and crooks of the game through his knob. He was too cumbersome then to move about in the ring without getting in his own way. He didn't know anything about the fist art. He had to live and learn.

But before he went back to the land of oil wells Carlos had numbered one Fred Fulton among his victims. And when this same Fulton on person climbed from the platform being scaffold and butted into high heavyweight society Carlos was proved.

"If that bean pole can get by, I ought to be a world beater," said Morris to himself.

He kept brooding over the question and working like a Turk while pedals developed a better punch and reduced the circumference of his commissary. When he landed in New York to challenge Fulton he was a different man.

But still the fistie wise guys couldn't see him. What could lumbering Carl do against that wonderful left pile driver? The fistie experts had seen Fulton punch holes in Reich, Cowler and handsome Charley Weinert. Morris would be a mark for that wallop.

But there's where Carlos crossed the world. He put one over and he put it over good. He made Fulton fight him in his own way. He wouldn't box at long range with the plasterer, and anyway, he had a sneaking suspicion that Fulton's kitchen was his weak spot. So he hammered that spot until Fulton was wobbly and desperate. He also shot bombs out of the clinches that sent Fulton's chin sky high. And then Fulton fouled him in the fifth round to save himself from a knockout.

WHAT 40,000 CASES OF ALCOHOLISM SHOW.

By International News Service. Chicago, April 16.—Proof that alcohol in whiskey, a distilled liquor, is poison in deadly form is contained in a report made public by Dr. Charles E. Seeleth, medical superintendent of the House of Correction, based upon examination of 40,000 cases of chronic alcoholism in the last seventeen years.

At the Bridewell, where 2,500 deaths have occurred and where the average for the last five years has been one a day, Dr. Seeleth made a minute study of alcoholism. "Wet brain," technically known as "cerebral edema," is the disease to which the chronic whiskey drinker may look forward, Dr. Seeleth concludes. It is attended by suffering ranging from a "touch of horrors" to the mental tortures and agonies of delirium tremens, with a mortality of 75 per cent.

"It is distilled liquor, not light beers and wines, which in some mysterious manner wrecks the human brain and mind," says Dr. Seeleth.

Beyond the door Mr. Johnson joined them. Judge Porterfield's court is on the fourth floor. The three did not wait for the elevator, but started down the stairs. When they reached the bottom there was a barely perceptible smile on the face of the big man with the cold blue eyes who walked in the center of the group. It was still there when the three reached the end of the courthouse walk and stepped into a waiting electric.

On the journey Dr. Hyde was asked several times if he had anything to say. His answer to each question was a shake of the head.

SOUTHERN TITLE TO BE SETTLED

When Battling Barrere and Kid Koster raise their gloves to smite each other next Friday night at the Orleans club, a genuine and undisputed title will be at stake.

Both claim the Southern featherweight championship and there is quite a division of opinion as to which one is the more entitled to set up the claim.

They are to meet over the derby route in the main event of the Orleans club show Friday night, and by common consent they will decide the proprietorship of the Southern championship. Both being great hitters, being famous for their wallop and their gameness, and having had ample time for the prepping process, it is expected that they will be able to carve out a result in less than the scheduled distance, and a knockout victory will carry the title with it.

Koster has been in training for started training for the match with Young Cheney, which was called off to permit him to sub for Mars, so he will have no excuses in case of defeat.

Block to Success. Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions.

STAGE FOLK READY FOR WAR SERVICE

By David M. Church, International News Service Correspondent.

New York, April 14.—Gunpowder supplanted face powder in the interest of hundreds of women of the American stage to-day.

Women playwrights, chorus girls, vaudeville actresses, tragediennes, comedienne, motion picture stars, wardrobe ladies and even the scrub-woman who cleans the orchestra circle, answered the call to duty.

One little lady of the chorus whose twinkling toes have nightly delighted the business men at a roof garden, said she was done with silk tights and low cut gowns and was prepared to don khaki and drive a motor ambulance or supply truck. Immediately there followed a flood of offers from theatrical women who will take up wireless operating, nursing and cooking. There are many who will stay right on Broadway, but give two hours each day to sewing, knitting and bandage making.

Rachel Crothers, one of the most successful women playwrights, conceived the idea of war relief work by women of the theatre, and she found a ready co-operator in Mrs. Henry B. Harris, widow of the producer. It was Mrs. Harris who donated the Hudson Theatre for yesterday's mass meeting.

"We are going to open a workroom and a clearing house," said Miss Crothers to-day, in outlining the work of her associates. "We are going to prepare clothing, handkerchiefs, surgical dressings, comfort kits and everything that a woman can do with a needle or a knitting needle and that wounded soldiers or other sufferers can use. We will direct the instruction of any woman who wants to take up active field service."

"It's easy to show impulsive generosity, to flit about from one commiseration to another, but the woman who sticks to one dull little job, who sits in a corner and sews on buttons all day, is the really effective patriot."

Active in the work of organizing the women of the stage are some of the women best known along the Bialto. Miss Elizabeth Marbury, the first successful woman theatrical producer, is a leader of the new organization. Louise Drew, who comes from one of the oldest families on the American stage is treasurer of the organization. Eleanor Gates, whose "Poor Little Rich Girl" was one of the most popular of American dramas, will care for the publicity. Dorothy Donnelly, who made "Madame X," will have supervision of the workroom. Alice Kause will organize work among the women with traveling theatrical companies. Jessie Bonstelle will lead the women who are in stock companies.

Fifty beautiful chorus girls sang patriotic songs during the mass meeting and aroused a tremendous wave of spirit.

An old, wrinkled scrubwoman said she had given her son and now she was ready to give herself.

HAVRE DE GRACE RACING RESULTS

Havre De Grace, Md., April 16.—Racing results today were as follows:

FIRST RACE—Three-year-olds and up; five furlongs. Jose Zarate, 8-5; Imperator, Collins, 6-5; Owana, McDermott, 6. Time, 1:01 3-5. Scratched: Al Hudson, Sureget, Sweeter Than Sugar, Polly J., El Rey, Sleepy Sam.

SECOND RACE—Two-year-olds; four furlongs. Umattila, Ambrose, 8-1; Lady Eileen, Connors, 6; Irish Kiss, McTaggart, 4. Time: :49. Scratched: Payment.

THIRD RACE—Selling; 8-year-olds; five and one-half furlongs. Meelicka, Ambrose, 15; Lady Longon, McTaggart, 5; Carl Roberts, Johnson, 6. Time, 1:08 3-5. Scratches: Galie, Encore, Stilliana, Royalist, Smirking, Freshet, Carkaverock, Wiley, Sable.

FOURTH RACE—3-year-olds and up; six furlongs. Ambrose, Metcalf, 6-5; Preston Lynn, Collins, 2; Royal Interest, McTaggart, 3. Time, 1:15. No scratches.

FIFTH RACE—Five and one-half furlongs. Sandmarsh, Collins, 3; Leochares, Troise, 7-5; Pennant, McDermott, 2. Scratches: Skiles Knot, Starling, Fruit Cake, Anita, Lady Moll, Top O' Morning, Blue Fox, David Craig.

SIXTH RACE—Five-eighths mile. Hyannis, Metcalf, 4; Reprobate, Connors, 5; Tyrant, Butwell, 30. Scratches: Valerie West, Star Finch, Mae Murray, Amalgamator, Jerry Burns, Lady Moll, Kills.

SEVENTH RACE—One mile and twenty yards. Repton, Merimee, 6; Thesieres, A. Collins, 6; Brickley, Robinson, Scratches: Baljee, Choctaw, High Horse, Prim Harry, River King.