

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By JACK KEENE

American boxing fans were not surprised at the recent news that Charley Ledoux had lost the French bantamweight title. Andre Routis recently slapped Mr. Ledoux for a row of souvenir shops in a 20-round bout. Ledoux, a brilliant boxer and popular favorite, had reigned in the bantam class for 14 years. In that period he had met all comers. He had given the best years of his life to the sport. It was only a question of how long he could defy old Dad Time.

Ledoux was well known to American fans, having fought several bouts in this country.

"Princeton Defeats Yale" read the headlines in the papers recently. It was only a basketball victory, of course, but it was pleasant reading to the Tiger fans after that football trimming.

As a solution of the conflict in dates which books the Yankees and the Giants for games in Knoxville, Tenn., on the same day next April, the Giants may play at Bristol, Tenn., instead. This is the second time Bristol has won baseball attention. Two years ago Miller Huggins of the Yankees fined Pitcher Carl Mays \$200 in that burg.

"Thaw May Postpone Olympic Ice Games," says a headline. First time we knew that Harry was interested in the meet.

Pitcher George Dumont deserves to win at least a berth with the New York Yankees if he doesn't become a regular. For perseverance such as that exhibited by Dumont should be rewarded. Back around 1915 Dumont got a chance with the Washington Senators. Later he showed to ad-

vantage for a time with the Red Sox. Then he was shunted back to the minors. He pitched for Atlanta last year and the Yankee scouts were so taken with his work that they recommended that he be signed. He was. With such pitchers as Shawkey, Bush, Jones, Hoyt and Penneck on the firing line the chances of breaking in regularly seem remote, but Dumont could render valuable services as relief hurler.

While the baseball boys are laying plans for their spring training season we hope that none of them are (fearing on getting the writing fever or grabbing off any extra kale under their pillows. Let's have one season without any need for chloride of lime.

One reason we have holdouts in baseball every spring is that the fellow who fails to sign the first contract tendered him gets more attention than the gent who "takes his medicine gracefully."

The Cleveland Indians will set a precedent in big league baseball training methods when they assemble their rookie pitchers as well as their vets at Hot Springs, Ark., February 14, two weeks before the regular training camp at Lakeland, Fla., is opened. This is the first time big league youngsters have been given an extra two weeks of conditioning. Usually they report as the first squad at the regular camp. One reason for the move on Speaker's part is that he hopes to be able, through it, to start the regular season with a youngster or two ready to work regularly with Coveleskie, Smith and Uhl. Redgood probably will be one of the younger twirlers to draw a regular berth.

CANNIBAL FILM AND VIRGINIAN ARE FEATURES

Torrance Theatre Bill This Week Exceptionally Good

No matter what may have been the purpose of Dr. W. F. Alder in picturing the life and customs of a little-known Indo-China race, his "Tale of Vanishing Men," which is being shown today and will be featured again tomorrow at the Torrance theatre, is an equal mixture of entertainment and instruction.

There is romance in the thought of this almost unheard-of island tribe off the China coast, once boasting a hundred thousand population what with surrounding tribes, and which now is in reality becoming a vanishing race. The tribe pictured was the last to submit to the Dutch government.

The production, made after a long and tortuous journey to the ends of the earth by the intrepid expedition headed by Dr. Alder, appears to be a true depiction of the habits of the uncivilized head hunters of our history studies. Educational material there is aplenty, but it is instruction that is dramatized by actors unconscious of their parts. Or perhaps they were, for the men do nothing, and the women practically all of the work. And we are told this is the custom.

A notable part of the picture are scenes of the last tribal feast and dance, at which human sacrifices adorn the banquet tables, a custom of centuries. This took place only about two years ago, before the Dutch government banned them forever.

"The Virginian" Tom Forman, erstwhile Texas cowboy, realized a lifetime ambition when he completed the screening of Owen Wister's classic, "The Virginian," admittedly the greatest story ever written of the west, which comes to the Torrance theatre Thursday and Friday. Through a remarkable chain of circumstances every detail of the production was in the hands of men born and bred to the life led by the novelist's picturesque hero.

Beginning with Forman as director, the picture had the services of two other men familiar with the western cattle country. Louis D. Lighton scenarist, was a cowpuncher at one time, while Col. William Hawley, a personal friend of Wister's and the man who staked out Casper, Wyoming, where the novel was written, contributed historical accuracy to the picture.

COME ON, MINNESOTANS The Minnesotans are among the most loyal to the memory of the old home state, and their picnic reunions are jolly affairs. The next will be held in Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles, all day Saturday, Feb. 16. Sell it by our classified ads.

IN THE JUSTICE COURT

The T. J. Blanton case has been continued until February 11, at 10 a. m. Blanton is charged with a violation of the Wright act.

Charged by Charles Merrill with disturbing the peace, L. J. Jones was fined \$5 or five days. He paid up.

The case of Frank Conley, charged with conducting a disorderly house in the oil district, will be opened February 11 at 10 a. m.

HAIL, ILLINOISANS

Thousands of loyal Illinoisans are waiting for the picnic. The picnic will be held in Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles, all day Tuesday, Feb. 12.

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