

## CITED FOR BRAVERY KIWANIS HEAD ST. PAUL, Minn.-Sammy Ransom, one of the greatest ne-gro football players in history. has achieved the ambition of his life, according to letters from the battle front received by friends here. WILL ANSWER ROTARY

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'Mickey" Cleary States

ThatChallengeWill beAn-

swered; Practice Begins

Insurance Commissioner M. J.

Cleary has acknowledged the re-

ceipt of the baseball challenge which was hurled at him in his efficiel ce-

pacity as president of the Revenis

club by President R. J. Nermanna

Mr. Cleary intends to answe def, bit has been too bysy thus far. The challenge asks for a guide of ball between the two clubs to be

played on Monona avenue before

ublic, preferably next Thurses

is planned to take up a coller of fo some war charity at the game the

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gles: To the Honorable M. J. Cleary,

Madison, Wisconsin.

The Rotary club of Madven be lieving that in its membershy be

the power to humble the tikes ability of some chosen classifies

Kiwanis, does hereby challenge

mond to be prepared avenue, in the city of Madis-

organization to a game of base-

In order that the outliets  $\omega_{i}$  Ma

ison have an opportunity of win nessing your defeat it is success that the game be played on a dis

the time of play he such that greatest number of citizens

witness the spectacle: and that t

game be played for fun, money, not bles or War Savings stampt:

It is further suggested that a

umpire be selected by arbitration

formed men, aided and abetted

the home guards, to protect the body and person of such aftread

We, therefore, trust that if it possible for a definite legition

emanate from the office of the inst

lated whereby the people of ballson

may know whether Riwards accer-

Trusting that you are w

njoying your work, we are. Respectfully years.

The Rotary Club of Madison

R. J. Neckerman

ance commission a real;

Rotary's challenge.

and that Chief Shaughnessy

vised to detail his force of

umpire.

President Kiwanis club,

State Capitol,

Dear Mickey:

of the Rotary club.

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from the battle front received by friends here. Sam—he is Lieut. Ransom now—has already proved his worth as an officer. He and Binga Dismond, former crack sprinter at the University of Chicago, have been cited for bravery.

Ransom's never-say-die spirit, typical of his gridiron play-ing for Hyde Park high school. Chicago, won him a commission in the army. Until a year ago, he was the door-keeper at a St. Paul club. When war came, he tried to qualify for the first officers' training camp, at Fort Snelling, but failed. That setback did not discour-

age Ransom and he enlisted in the army as a private. His keen mentality, resourcefulness and ability to lead men soon ad-vanced him to a non-commis-sioned officer and later he won his bars.

Ransom and Dismond participated in z raid on German trenches and their conduct under fire was the subject of special

John St. John reports that he has ent to Louisville for a spens bunch of bats and that he is to make the Rotarian nir-CRAWFORD'S REVENCE FOR PUNK UMPIRING practicing every night for two The letter has some accusing an

Sam Crawford was always of an casy going disposition and inclined to take things as he got them from the umpires and fer were his disputes during his long career in the majors. Elowever, Sam occasionally would figure it out in his own way that he had been given the worst of it on a decision and then he would carefully, deliberately

plot to get even. The terrible vengeance he would then wreak on the offend-ing umpire is illustrated by a story that Sam tells himself with much gusto and many a

"I had an argument with Jack Egan," said Sam. "but I got good and even with him you bet. He called 'em bad on me and finally I said to him:

"'Jack, you remind me of a play I saw the other night.' "I didn't say any more just then and I could see he was puzzled. He got so curious he had to ask me what I meant. "'What was the name of that play, Sam?" he finally asked

me. "They called it "The Thief," I said. And you bet, after that he didn't speak to me for a week, he was that mad. I sure rubbed that one in on him. Mayhe i, was a mean thing to say, but I just couldn't help it. He didn't put me out of the game though." And Sam let it be known that

he hadn't been penalized in a manner that indicated he still wonders why he wasn't suspend-ed for life.

SPORT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Matt Brock, lightweight, knoched out Harry Bramer in the first round of a 15 round bout at Denver, the latter being unconscious five minutes.

Ray Chevrolet won the 1121/2 mile independent auto derby at Uniontown, Pa., with an average of 95 miles an hour. Barney Oldfield won the international world championship over Arthur Duray in a five lap race, averaging 101 miles an hour.

Allan Russell, New York American pitcher, went to the Sparrows Point team of the Steel league; Fred Anderson.

663 on in the stretch. 617 The 2:14 pace with nine starters 519 was another battle from -wire to 481 wire. Murphy however, landed - 31

ged him nome and he was distanced. Lee Grand won the final heat, out-brushing Oro Fino and Verlie Patch-

