

Sporting Gossip and Comment

GAMES TODAY.

National League—
 Pittsburgh at New York, clear.
 St. Louis at Brooklyn, clear.
 Cincinnati at Philadelphia, clear.
 Chicago at Boston, clear.

American League—
 New York at St. Louis, cloudy.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, clear.
 Boston at Cleveland, clear.
 Washington at Chicago, clear.

American Association—
 Columbus at Indianapolis, clear.
 Toledo at Louisville, clear.
 Milwaukee at Minneapolis, clear.
 Kansas City at St. Paul, clear.

Lincoln's return to the map in the wrestling world will be signaled this evening when Chris Sorenson, one of the great wrestlers in the American army, meets John Pesek, Nebraska heavyweight, in a finish match at the street ball park. The main event will be preceded by high class preliminaries, starting at 8 p. m. The Pesek-Sorenson match goes to a finish, two falls out of three, regardless of time.

The face of Ralph DePalma may be known to traffic policemen, they at least have heard of his fame as a racing driver.

On the night before the celebrated Italian departure from Detroit for the Indianapolis 500-mile race, personally supervised the loading of his cars and racing equipment, finishing his labors at a late hour. With no one in sight, and the desire for sleep urging his usual caution, he started to turn up the boulevard for home.

Suddenly from the shadows appeared a motorcycle policeman and gave chase. When he had overtaken DePalma the usual lecture ensued as to the danger of fast driving, etc. DePalma, who is one of the most mild-mannered and courteous drivers in the game, listened until the harangue of the officer had died away. Finally it was decided that to report in court next morning would be sufficient, and the representative of the law pulled out his pad and pencil to get the details.

"What's your name?" was the first question. "Ralph DePalma," came the answer. The traffic officer stepped to one side to get the rays of a street light on the driver's face, and after a minute's silence exclaimed, "You are, eh? Well, I don't believe you, but you drive like him just the same."

Dario Resta, the famous Anglo-Italian who ruled as betting favorite for the international 500-mile Liberty sweepstakes race on the Indianapolis speedway, May 31, prior to the withdrawal of the English Sunbeam team from that classic, has cast his lot with the French Ballot combination, composed of Rene Thomas, Albert Guyot, Louis Wagner and Paul Bahot, that ranks as the most formidable contestant in the field for Indianapolis championship honors at the present time.

Following the defection of the Sunbeam combination, Resta was swamped with invitations to join the camps in the big Hoosier classic. The shrewd Italian, however, always has an eye to the main chance, and his selection of the Ballot contingent is final proof, if such were needed, that this galaxy of European speed stars is the most dangerous among all Indianapolis 500-mile contenders.

Resta's role among his newly acquired brothers-in-arms has not yet been fully determined, however, but thought that he will act as relief for all four members of the Gallic speed quartet, besides directing their race into the pits. In either capacity the wily veteran in the big bank that could possibly have been made his driving ability being too well known for further comment, and his keen wits and knowledge of every trick of the game enabling him to plan and direct a race with the sure touch of a master hand.

With Detroit out of the running, as a port for the light harness game, since the proposed gambling bill was defeated, President H. K. Devereaux, of the Grand Circuit, says the big line must expand next season and forget about Detroit.

Peoria and Springfield in Ill. it is understood, are willing to take a flyer in the big line of the harness pastime, and from President Devereaux's manner it would not be surprising to see one or both of these cities lined up on the 1920 schedule. "The Grand Circuit must expand," said Mr. Devereaux, "we cannot be continually refusing franchises to such good cities because we never can tell when some others of our old reliables are closed just as Detroit was closed. I am personally in favor of taking the Grand Circuit wherever it will be properly supported, but of course we cannot permit the schedule to become too large and impossible to handle as to the matter of racing dates."

"We have absolutely no hope of resuming the sport in Detroit now," continued the president, "but the legislature to permit gambling with a revenue to the state for agricultural purposes would pass so that we might once more count Detroit among our members, but since it met ignominious defeat and was greeted by general opposition from all sections of the Wolverine state, I do not now hold the slightest hope that we will ever be able to open the game there again."

The Grand Circuit stewards will not consent to a meeting at any point where pools cannot be handled in some manner. In Philadelphia close tab is kept on the betting end of the game, but the oral system has enabled the fans to get their coin down in their favorites and to date there has been no great difficulty, altho the system is not entirely satisfactory. Philadelphia, however, would have a difficult time to hold its berth if another really good city could be located, according to some of those who are quite close to the inside affairs of the "big line."

In breadth of effort and diversity of events only the Olympiad itself can hope to claim rivalry in interna-

tional interest with the inter-allied games, details of which have just been issued by the army athletic bureau. In contrast with the Olympic games system, whereby the nation supplying the stage has so far been able to claim the lion's share of the honors, the promoters of the inter-allied events have both roughly fair competition, so that each nation entering may hope to show the world its superiority in certain branches of sport. There will be no winner of the big meet, but there will be plenty of individual winners. For example, it is reasonable to suppose that France can put it all over America in fencing, and France will be given a chance to show what she can do with sabre and foils, without having her achievements in this line minimized by the capture of other trophies by the entries from other countries.

Twenty-four different kinds of athletics are included in the competitions the spectators will see in the Paris stadium. There will be contests on baseball, basketball, boxing, cricket, cross-country racing, fencing (foils), fencing (sabre), fencing (epee), soccer football, intercollegiate football, rough football, horse-riding, rowing (singles), rowing (four-oared), shooting (individual pistol), shooting (team pistol), swimming, tennis, track and field, tug-of-war, and wrestling.

In the track and field meets, the following events will take place: 100 metre dash, 400 metre dash, 800 metre run, 1,500 metre run, modified Marathon over 15,000 metres, or slightly more than 10 miles, 31,600 metre high hurdles, 200 metre low hurdles, running broad jump, standing broad jump, running hop-step-and-jump, pole vault, throwing the javelin best hand, throwing the discus best hand, putting the 12 lb. shot best hand, pentathlon (200 metre dash, running broad jump, 16-lb. shot put, discus throw, 1,500 metre run), 800-metre relay, 1,600-metre relay (one man runs 200 metres, one 400 metres, one 800 metres and one 1,600 metres).

The cross-country race will be over a distance of 10,000 metres. Yesterday's hero—George Dauss, the veteran beat the Athletics, 3 to 2, for the fifth straight victory for the Tigers.

Cecil Causey was sent against the Cardinals by John McGraw and had little trouble winning by a 5 to 1 score. The Yankees drove out ten hits to seven by the Browns, but also ran 6 to 5.

A triple play by the White Sox frosted a Senator rally and Walter Johnson hit the dust, 6 to 5. Three hits was the total of the Pirates' effort against Sherrod Smith—three hits and no runs to five. Larry Gardner swung a wicked mace against his former teamies, the Red Sox, and the Indians won, 3 to 2.

There is small chance to draw a true line of comparison between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey.

In the first place, the men are entirely different in style and temperament. Willard is slow, takes lots of punishment, and is not the heavy puncher that Dempsey is. He fights because that is his business.

Dempsey is fast, punches with pile

driving power and fights because he likes it. Records considered as matters of record, show four men who have faced each principal in Tex Ricard's big bouts. They are Arthur Pelkey, Gunboat Smith, Charley Miller and Carl Morris.

Of the above lot, there isn't one who could last with Dempsey, and Willard didn't stop one of them. Pelkey and Willard boxed ten unsatisfactory rounds in New York and there was no decision; he lasted less than a round with Dempsey in Denver.

Gunboat Smith, at that time at the very top of his career, gave Jess a fine cutting in San Francisco, altho the decision was wrong. This was a twenty-round go, and Dempsey met Smith twice, once getting a decision over him in a four-round bout in California and the second time stopping him in two rounds in Buffalo. Smith was floored nine times in the latter bout before he finally stayed down.

Charley Miller and Willard fought four rounds to a draw in California. It required less than a round for Miller to sleep when he met Dempsey. Carl Morris and Willard staged a very tame bout in New York, the show going ten rounds, Morris once lost to Dempsey on a foul in six rounds, after taking a beating. The next time Dempsey gave him Carl the next one round dose.

REDRAFT SAAR BASIN CLAUSE

Big Four Makes Changes in Terms Relating to Mines.

PARIS, May 26.—(Chicago Tribune Cable, Copyright, 1919.) (By Henry Wales.) The "big four" yesterday completed the redrafting of the Saar basin clauses of the treaty, following German communications asking for changes. Under the new arrangements German sold payments for the mines and gold payments for other expenses are changed. The communication announcing changes relative to the Saar will be handed to Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau today.

The "big four" also completed the economic terms of the Austrian treaty. The "big four" called in Viscount Chinda yesterday, who made a state-

ment regarding what Japan can do in Russia to solve the bolshevik muddle. Chinda made certain statements regarding Admiral Kolchak and the new government. Afterward the "big four" launched the Austrian proposals, completing all except a small portion of the Slovak boundaries on the south. Tomorrow the "big four" will complete the treaty.

There was no meeting today. Present indications are the tentative pro- treaty handed to the Austrians on Wednesday.

Latest estimates place June 3 or 4 as the date when the Germans will sign the treaty, as they probably will be allowed only forty-eight hours after May 29, when the week's grace name the date when they shall be called to sign or refuse.

It is now believed improbable that President Wilson will visit Belgium before setting the treaty out of the way, and from present indications it seems he will be unable to visit Belgium at all, as it is a foregone conclusion he will proceed to the United States immediately the German treaty is disposed of.

The Dutch and Belgian negotiations concerning the south bank of the Scheldt river and Dutch Limburg has reached a practical deadlock, owing to a refusal of Holland to recognize any Belgian claims.

Belgium may have to solve the former question by the construction of a deep water canal from the Rhine and Meuse, and thence to tidewater via Buzeges and Zeebrugge, if capital is obtainable. It is understood, such a canal would divert much of the Rhine traffic from Rotterdam, but would also militate against Antwerp as a port.

It is understood Belgium is dickering for American capital for construction of the canal. Right of way across Dutch Limburg is necessary for construction of a direct canal, however, and this is held up by The Netherlands, the prestige of whose ports will be maintained.

Belgium claims that Dutch failure to maintain neutrality in Limburg requires that the allied and associated powers back her demands for eradicating this salient in the frontier, but the big powers refuse to enter the controversy because Holland is not an enemy power.

STAGE SET FOR WRESTLERS.

Pesek and Sorenson to Have It Out at M Street Park Tonight.

Charley Moon, promoter of the wrestling match to be held tonight at

the M street ball park, said last night the stage was all set for grapple between John Pesek, the Slavonian wrestler, and Chris Sorenson, the army champion. The big match will be called at 8:30. The park gates will be opened at 7:15. Devotees of the grappling game say the match should be a sturdy one. Many are expected from over the state. Adv.

Storms Carry Birds North.

Certain instances of birds found singly far to the north of their usual range are possibly to be explained by the whirl of our cyclonic storms. The wind turning counter-clockwise blows off shore in the south and carries the bird out to sea. But soon or late, if the bird has the good fortune to last out the experience, the farther spin of the storm tends to bring him ashore again.—Minneapolis Journal.

Internal Difficulties in Italy.

In the article in the World's Work for May, Lathrop Stoddard itemizes the difficulties each of the European countries face. Referring to Italy, he says:

"Italy is in much less favorable shape than France. A relatively poor country, with few natural resources and a rapidly growing population constantly tending to outrun available means of subsistence, the war has imposed upon Italy burdens which will not easily be borne. Before the war Italy's national debt was less than \$3,000,000,000. Today it is nearly \$13,000,000,000, and Signor Luzzati, Italy's leading financial authority, recently stated that, when all outstanding government bills had been paid, it would reach \$16,000,000,000. The entire national wealth of Italy is only about \$20,000,000,000. In fact, Signor Luzzati went on to state: 'Italy, I am sad to say, leads the whole

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world in the relative heights of anarchy lives in pitiful poverty and war debt. Such statements are not reassuring when it is remembered that Italy has long manifested signs of social instability. Italian society harbors some grave abuses. The Italian industrial workers have legitimate grievances, the southern peas-

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