

PREAS IS DENIED REINSTATEMENT

Case of Former Bingham Athlete Lost Before S. I. A. A. —Important Ruling.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15.—The adoption of a resolution prohibiting students of a college of more than four hundred collegiate students to participate in intercollegiate football contests until they have been in attendance one collegiate year, featured the Saturday session of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association. By the ruling, the term, collegiate students, will be construed to include all regular students except short term students and preparatory students.

The University of Mississippi was reinstated. J. H. Preas, the Georgia Tech athlete, was denied reinstatement. Preas was charged with being a professional. He has been preparing for the Olympic games. His disk throwing is said to mark him as a coming champion.

BILL TO MAKE OPTIONS AND FUTURES ON STAPLES ILLEGAL

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Harrison of Mississippi, has prepared a bill which he will introduce next Tuesday to declare illegal options and futures on cotton, hops, wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, wheat, flour, pork, lard, bacon or other agricultural or food products. The bill embodies drastic provisions to abolish all such transactions and to penalize buyers or sellers of options and futures.

CONDITION OF INDIANS SAID TO BE DEPLORABLE

Dr. Dixon Declares They Are Dying From Neglect by White Man.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 15.—Bringing a report on the condition of the Indian which is described as deplorable, the Rodman-Wanamaker expedition of citizens to the north American Indian has returned to the city after a visit to 180 tribes of Indians in the United States. The expedition, which was headed by Dr. Joseph K. Dixon, spent six months in its investigation. Dr. Dixon has prepared a lengthy report in which he makes a strong appeal for aid for the red men who, he declares, are "fast dying from starvation, pestilence and neglect by the white man." A summary of the report has been placed in the hands of President Wilson and other government officials.

BELIEVED MISSING MINISTER IS IN N. Y.

Harbor Springs, Mich., Dec. 15.—It is believed here that the Rev. A. Vandermere, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, who disappeared Thanksgiving day, is alive in New York city. Since the minister has been missing a country-wide search has been made to locate him.

The Rector's Aid society of Trinity church will meet this afternoon with Miss Jones, at her home 28 Clayton street. The meeting will be held at 4 o'clock and all members are requested to be present.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer has returned from Chapel Hill where he went to deliver a lecture before the student council of the University of North Carolina.

Roy Darrow lecture tickets at Nichols' shoe store and help charity. 261-27.

TRAINING CAMP MAY COME HERE

Possibility That Toledo Baseball Club Will Train Here in the Spring.

There is a chance that Asheville will secure the Toledo baseball club for its spring training next spring. George B. Wild, secretary of the club, will probably be here the first part of next week to look the situation over and it is felt that he will decide on this city for the training ground for his club. This club is one of the members of the International league, and if Asheville is selected the men will come here between the first and the middle of March to begin their training.

Information on this matter has been received in a letter to Division Passenger Agent James H. Wood of the Southern railway from Frank R. Darby, traveling passenger agent of the Western Maryland railroad. Mr. Darby states that he met Mr. Wild a few days ago and the latter said he was about to leave for Hopkinsville, Ky., and Bristol to look over prospective training grounds. Mr. Darby recommended Asheville and that recommendation met with approval. Mr. Wild stating that he would be glad to come here and look over the situation, and that if he finds conditions favorable he will bring the club here early in the spring.

INTERESTING PAPERS ARE PUT ON SALE

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—A document certifying that a certain Puritan was not guilty of witchcraft in the early days in Massachusetts was a feature of the sale of autograph letters in the Eliot Danforth collection here Saturday. The document was signed by many prominent men and women of the time and brought \$65.

The highest price realized at the sale was \$250 for a grant of a house and lot in Albany by Richard Nicolls, the first English governor of New York.

NO ACCOUNTING FOR SANTA CLAUS



HE twins were deep in the mysteries of mince-meat making under the direction of the faithful Dinah. Maud stood on a chair chopping beef and apples in a huge wooden bowl; Marian sorted raisins and citron at a side table; Dinah stirred some savory mess that cooked. So busy were they that the stealthy entrance of Wilbur was not noticed until his excited face peered over Maud's shoulder. With a startled scream she dropped her chopper: "Go away, you horrid boy! We're too busy to bother with your pranks."

"Indeed, I'm not up to any pranks at all," he began in an aggrieved tone. "I've just seen something that makes me so excited!"

"Don't keep us in suspense!" came in curt accents from the side table.

"I've discovered all sorts of odd shaped bundles in the storeroom closet!" he exclaimed impressively. "The twins gasped, and Dinah spoke crossly. "And



THE TRIO REVEALED IN THE SHINING MASSES.

what was you doin' in dat closet? Children ain't got no call to meddle in what doan' concern 'em, now!"

But neither of the three was to be put off thus. "How many were there?" asked Marian. "Did you peek in 'em?" queried Maud. Then Marian's sense of honor came to the rescue. "It really doesn't matter," she said. "They are evidently meant to be secrets. Perhaps Santa Claus is concerned in them."

"But," began the boy hesitatingly. "It makes me doubt if Santa Claus really exists to see all these things beforehand. Do you think there is such a person?"

"Well, Wilbur Pennington, of all silly questions! Doesn't he always fill our stockings and bring us a tree? Doesn't he always get the notes we put in the fireplace for him and give us everything we write for? Haven't we been told loads of times about his reindeer and sled and workshop at the north pole and his jolly face and all the rest of it?" These questions were fired at him in a volley by both twins.

"Well, I don't care," he answered doggedly. "The fellows in school laughed at me when I spoke of him the other day, and it does seem queer how he can do all the things he does."

"Go 'way, chile!" ejaculated Dinah. "Dere's lo ob t'ings dat's past our understandin'. Does we know how de blessed sun kin shine ober de whole country at once? Does we know how de wind blows an' de waves come rollin' widout ceasin'?" We cese'n't care how Santa Claus gets roun' de way he do. I disremember de time when he forgot me. Ever since I was a lil' pickaninny befo' de war he's brung me gifts. Old missus used to 'low him to set up de tree in de big mansion an' leave de darkies' gif's 'long wid de white folks' Go 'way, chile! Doan' you try to make me believe dere ain't no Santa Claus, 'cause dere jest nackerly has to be one." And Dinah stirred violently to ease her injured feelings.

"Of course there is a Santa Claus," said Marian, coming to her rescue. "You see, Wilbur, it's just this way. There is no doubt of the love and care that give such joy to boys and girls at this happy time—the love that gratifies their dearest wishes and takes into account all their efforts to do what is right, even though the results often look like failure."

"It really doesn't matter by what name we call this love. If we're told it is Santa Claus, why, then, we ought to agree to accept the old fellow, with all his delightful traditions and novel ways of doing kindnesses. It's really the spirit of Santa Claus that makes Christmas the happiest day in the whole year. So I, for one, am not going to deny the dear fellow's existence. Come out and explore the snowy drifts till the sun goes down. Maybe we'll discover the north pole."

And the trio reviled in the shining masses until the shadows of darkness swallowed the sunlight, much as their doubts of Santa Claus had been swallowed in the depths of trusting love.

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FOOD EXPERT SAYS EGG BOYCOTT INEFFECTIVE

H. E. Barnard Defends Cold Storage Operator as a Conservator.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 15.—A boycott on eggs as one way of lowering the price of this produce is a fallacy, according to H. E. Barnard, state food and drug commissioner of Indiana. Mr. Barnard also defended the cold storage operator as one of the men who actually does lower the high cost of living.

"Any attempt to reduce the price of eggs or the cost of living by doing without," Mr. Barnard said, "is of no avail except as it may affect the expenses of the individual who is doing without. Just as soon as the price is lowered to a point that satisfies the boycotters they will begin to buy, and if the demand is great enough to reduce the supply of eggs the prices will shoot up again. The law of supply and demand regulates the price of any commodity."

"There has been much talk that the cold storage business is a trust which operates for the sake of depriving a hungry nation of food through its ability to manipulate. As a matter of fact, storage is true conservation and operates, not to increase the cost of food, but actually to reduce them."

SMALL RESULTS ATTEND "RAID" ON CITY MARKET

Warden Finds Game For Sale Contrary to Law in One Stall.

Armed with search warrants, County Game Warden T. R. Parker, Saturday searched all the meat and fish stalls in the city market for quail and other game he suspected was on hand and for sale contrary to the law. In the Star Market he seized 72 quail and three pheasants, but failed to find anything at the other places searched.

The birds captured were placed on cold storage and were sold at public auction in the afternoon at the county court house, the proceeds of the sale going to R. A. Brown, treasurer of the Audubon society of North Carolina.

This is the first time during the present season that such a raid has been made and the game warden stated that he was very much surprised to find such a small amount of birds, as from information he had received several places in the city had been selling them. He is of the opinion that some one must have given the "tip" that he was coming with the warrants.

APPROPRIATION BILLS WILL BE CUT DOWN

Washington, Dec. 15.—Speaker Clark, Democratic Leader Underwood and the chairman of house committees which report appropriation bills have agreed to keep new appropriations within the amount appropriated for the present year, which was \$1,098,000,000. Millions will be pared off pending bills.

The naval appropriation bill, however, will retain the two battleship program of the administration. The plan is to have no new projects authorized in the rivers and harbors bill and no omnibus buildings bill.

HOTEL WORLD PUBLISHER AN ASHEVILLE VISITOR

John Willy of Chicago Favorably Impressed With The City.

John Willy, publisher of the Hotel World, Chicago, is spending a few days in Asheville. This is Mr. Willy's first visit to the city, and it is noteworthy that he is favorably impressed since the Hotel World is a publication of wide circulation. Mr. Willy took an automobile trip about town Sat. in company with Messrs. Rector of the Langren and Alexander, of the Battery Park hotel.

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