# FIRPO WILL PLAY LONE HAND IN TRAINING FOR WILLS BOUT

## ARGENTINE BOXER HAS SELECTED QUARTERS

### Will Prepare to Fight Negro at Saratoga Springs Camp; Will Not Employ Any American Trainers.

NEW YORK, July 28.—(By the Associated Press.) — Luis Angel Firpo today decided to train at White Sulphur Springs, Saratoga Springs, for his bout with Harry Wills, negro heavyweight, on September 11.

Firpo plans to go to Albany by boat tomorrow night and will proceed almost immediately to the springs. His training will be entirely in the hands of the South Americans who accompanied him to this country, although he may add an American sparring partner to his staff at a later date.

The Argentine has refused innumerable offers from American trainers to aid him in his work.

## URUGUAY CONFIDENT OF FOOTBALL VICTORY

### Triumph of South American Soccer Team in Olympics Was Not Unexpected.

BUENOS AIRES, July 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The surprise expressed in the United States and Europe that a little country like Uruguay should have produced a football team able to win the Olympic championship is not shared in South America.

Just as in the United States boys learn to play baseball as soon as they can lift a bat, boys in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Paraguay and Brazil learn to play soccer football when they are tiny tots. In all these countries football is the national sport, and it is considered no wonder that in Uruguay, or in any of them, world champions could be produced as the result of the universal devotion to this game.

Soccer football was introduced into the River Plate countries by the English 30 years ago and took an immediate hold. Since that time crack English and Scotch teams have come to the River Plate and gone down to defeat, as well as teams from Italy, Spain and Czechoslovakia. They found that they had nothing to teach the South Americans, either in the science of the game, or in skill and sportsmanship.

For the past seven years, annual South American football championship contests have been held which rival the world baseball series in the United States in popular interest. One championship final between Argentina and Uruguay played in Buenos Aires drew an attendance of 60,000 persons. Of the seven championships so far held, Uruguay has won four, Brazil two, and Argentina one.

The football rivalry between Argentina and Uruguay is particularly keen. In Buenos Aires or in Montevideo teams of various categories play series of matches every year for different trophies that draw many thousands of spectators who cheer their favorite with an enthusiasm no less frantic than that of baseball fans at a game between the Yanks and the Giants.

It is a saying about Uruguay that there are only two classes of people in that country, those who play football and those who watch it. In Argentina there are more than 100 football clubs in what is known as the first division, comprising the best teams, and many hundreds of other clubs of the inferior divisions. All are amateurs, for professional sport, excepting pugilism, does not exist in South America.

## EPINARD IS TREATED LIKE ROYAL PERSON

### Visiting Hours Are Established for French Turf King; Starts Light Workouts.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., July 28.—(United News.)—A baronial-like security has been built up around Epinard, king of the French turf, as the great horse of Pierre Wertheimer's stable is prepared for the three races against American competition.

Even the members of the fairer sex are barred from the stable, in fact it is the feminine influence which caused the building up of restrictions against visits to Epinard.

When the French horse arrived here some days ago America's pulchritudinoks hundreds started visiting the stable. The women folks wern't content with merely seeing the French horse but they desired to fondle its thoroughbred head.

Countless kisses were dashed off on the French champion's nose. Arms tugged lovingly at its mane. And the horse couldn't dodge.

Therefore, Trainer Eugene Leigh issued orders that Epinard was to have visiting hours just like any baron or marquis.

Between 10 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the afternoon visitors may visit the stable. But all attempts will be made to prevent women visitors from planting resounding smacks on the horse's shiny nose.

The first workouts for the French horse have been held on the Saratoga track, a very muddy track a that. The horse didn't appear overly fast in the preliminary workouts and the suggestion was made that perhaps Epinard might be bothered by the mud.

"Epinard is a race horse, he's no plug," Eugene Leigh said. "You don't have to pick a track for a race horse."

That ended all of the discussion. Epinard will be given daily workouts from now on and the public is invited to attend these workouts, that is, those members of the public who can arise sufficiently early.

The horse's hours of training are at 7:30 a. m. They are rather short lived, as he is sent three times around a one and one-eighth mile track and then led back to the stable.

Epinard will not race at the local track, but will appear in several workouts at the afternoon meetings during the season. The horse will be kept at light work for a while to determine if the change of climate affects him. The real hard work for his first race at Belmont Park on Labor Day will begin about the second week in August. The French racer has been fitted with his first pair of American shoes, and while they are slightly heavier than the latest modes in Parisian footgear, which are made of aluminum, Epinard seemed well satisfied with them.

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## HEINIE GROH EXPLAINS HIS STAND AT PLATE

### Figures Out Best Way to Judge Curves; Is Only Choke Hitter Left.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Heini Groh's queer stance at the plate probably sets more people to wondering than the inarticulate promptings aimed by George Kelly at the Giant pitchers. The stranger at the Polo Grounds asks his neighbor about it. The regular, shy about betraying his ignorance on the subject, simply wonders in silence. Maybe you have wondered about it yourself. If you have, you may be interested in an explanation from Heinie.

"When I started to play ball," he said, as he watched his teammates limbering up, "I stood at the plate just as any other player does. I gripped my bat by the handle and I swung as freely as the rest of them. I could hit fast balls but I couldn't hit curves, so curves were all I got, for the pitchers are smart in the business, too, and it didn't take long for them to find out what a sucker I was for a curve. I was with the Oshkosh club of the old Wisconsin-Illinois League then—it was in 1908—and the W-I averages at the end of the season showed that I had batted .161.

"During the off season I thought it out carefully and decided that if I kept on swinging I'd never hit curve balls and that the thing for me to do was to choke my bat. The next spring, then, I became a choke hitter. At first I didn't choke the bat much and I didn't hit much, so I choked it a little more. The more I choked it, the further I turned toward the pitcher, so that by the time I got my hands down where I thought they belonged I was facing the pitcher squarely. I found that I could judge curve balls and hit them well, and my batting average began to climb. At the end of that season I was hitting .285. In 1910 I hit .297, so, you see, I was having considerable success with my new style. I stuck to it and brought it up to the major leagues with me."

"Alexander says you're about the only choke hitter left in the league."

"I never thought of that," he said, "but, now that you speak of it, I guess I am."

"Aleck also says that he wouldn't be surprised to see you swinging, just to be fashionable."

"Well, I don't know about that," he said with a laugh. "When I'm not in a slump, such as I'm in now, I can hit the ball pretty hard while choking my bat. I've been swinging a bit lately to try to pull out of my slump, and if Aleck could see me he'd think he had the right dope. However, as soon as I start hitting again I'll choke the bat as much as ever."

"When you are hitting you make a lot of long drives. Where do you get your power from?"

"I put my whole body behind my pokes at the ball. You've heard the expression, 'He leaned on that one.' Well, that's exactly what I do. I lean on the ball, and, by poking it down the lines or between the fielders I can get a lot of distance out of a chop at it. Willie Keeler had the right idea when he said: 'Hit 'em where they ain't.'"

"Make any difference to you whether you're batting against a righthander or a southpaw?"

"Not as far as results are concerned. I hit both about equally well, but if I had my choice I'd rather hit against a righthander."

"Who's the toughest pitcher for you to hit?"

"They all look pretty much alike to me all the time. When I'm hitting I can hit them all. When I'm not I can't hit any of them. If I have to pick out one for you I'll say it's Alexander. He's the smartest pitcher in the league today, I think. Jimmy Ring is another smart pitcher and a mighty good one. So is Wilbur Cooper, and so is Eppa Rixey. There are a lot of good pitchers and a lot of smart ones in the league."

"Are there as many smart pitchers today as there were when you broke in?"

"I think so. I have batted against so many pitchers that it's pretty hard to think of them all at once and pick out the smartest, but, on the whole, I should say that the pitching now is just about the same as it was then. A few years ago there weren't so many good ones. You could figure then that one or maybe two pitchers on each club would be hard to beat, but now every club seems to have at least four tough ones."

"Didn't you start out as a second baseman?"

"No. I was a shortstop in the beginning. I played short for three years for Oshkosh. Then I went to Springfield, which was managed by Dick Kinsella. He had Ray Chapman as his shortstop, but right after I joined the club he traded Ray to Davenport and put me in his place. That year I went up to the Giants and, if I'm not mistaken, Ray went up to Cleveland about the same time. I played wherever they could use me temporarily when I was with the Giants, and when I was traded to the Reds I got a chance to play second base because Dick Egan became ill. I stayed at second until Charlie Herzog was appointed manager of the Reds. He put me at third base and kept me there.

"Which position do you prefer?"

"Third base, now. All I ever wanted was to play where I could get the most action. Third base isn't the hardest position in the infield, but it's hard enough. The ball comes down to you pretty fast, especially since they have been using the lively ball, and you have to be on your toes all the time. At third it's a case of 'you do or you don't.' If you 'do' it's fairly easy to get your man. If you don't the chances are it's a base hit and the ball is by you almost before you've had a chance to see it. The lively ball has made it just a little bit tougher for a third baseman than it used to be. You have to play back further, and this gives the batter a better chance to pull a bunt down the line and get away with it than he used to have."

"How do you rate Travis Jackson?" Heinie became very earnest.

"When Rogers Hornsby first came into the league," he said, "I thought he was the best looking young ball player I ever saw, and I stuck to that belief until I saw Jackson. Travis is a much better player right now than Hornsby was when he had been in the league a year, and he is developing rapidly. When you play next to him, you have a better chance to judge his speed than when you look at him from the stands, and I think I've got about as good a line on his speed as anybody. He is going to be a great player because in addition to his natural skill in fielding and hitting, he's smart and he's eager to learn. He's always asking questions, and once you tell him something he doesn't forget it."

"How are you feeling now?"

"I'm feeling all right again. That cold I had lingered with me a while and it got so bad that I could hardly see the ball and had to lay off for a couple of days, but I managed to get rid of it. I've been more fortunate this spring in the matter of injuries than I have been for some years. I haven't been hurt yet."

Here Heinie rapped his knuckles on one of his famous bottle bats. Heinie you see, is as superstitious as most ball players.

### YANKEES SIGN PITCHER.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 28.—Earl Dunlap, left handed pitcher, recently released by the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast League, has signed a contract to report to the New York Americans next spring. Dunlap has been playing with a city league team here.

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## M'GRAW HAS REAL SOUTHPAW

By NORMAN E. BROWN.

THE adage that no team can win a pennant without a good, reliable lefthander, has been repeated in big league circles for many, many years. Of course the adage has had its bumps. But what is a bump or two among adages. The wise boys keep right on chirping the tune.

For what purpose (as Chairman Walsh chanted at the Democratic nominating marathon) does the writer bring this up?

Simply to state that if southpaws are a necessary adjunct to a pennant the Giants have their fourth league bunting nailed to the masthead. For two of the best pitchers on their staff right now are Arthur Nehf and Jack Bentley. And there has never been the slightest suspicion that either of these men was righthanded. Bentley has been leading the staff in victories won and Nehf has been doing yeoman service although he has not pitched as many full games as Bentley.

Bentley's work is more than pleasing to McGraw. He paid Baltimore something like $65,000 for the big fellow a year ago last winter. Bentley had been the star of the International League team.

He won 13 games for McGraw last season but his chief worth to the club lay in his pinch hitting ability. In the regular season and world's series combined he was sent in as a pinch batter 22 times and delivered the goods 11 times. This spring, however, McGraw realized that Bentley's services would be needed in the box regularly and directed the southpaw's efforts toward pitching.

Nehf had seen nine years of big league service when the present campaign rolled around. McGraw had hopes that the veteran would have one more season left in the old soup bone but dared not depend too much upon the old timer.

Nehf's work has surpassed McGraw's expectations. The man who pitched two heartbreaking battles in the 1921 world's series and tried ineffectively to stave off defeat last year, is doing his share in the effort of the club to make it four straight National League flags.

## R. THOMPSON HITTING WELL IN INDUSTRIAL

R. Thompson, of the South Atlantic Telephone & Telegraph Company baseball team, contenders in the Industrial League, has assembled a very good record for himself thus far this season. He is the first player in the league to run his total of base hits into two figures, he now having 10 to his credit. In addition to his consistent good hitting this player also tops the fielders in his circuit with a clean slate in seven games.

## CINCINNATI REDS WILL RECALL PEDRO DIBUT

CINCINNATI, July 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Pedro Dibut, Cuban pitcher of the Cincinnati Reds, who was farmed out to the Florida State League early this season, will be recalled when the Florida State League closes, according to Manager Jack Hendricks. Dibut has won his last six starts with the Southern team.

### DOWNS NAMED DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AT TUFTS

MEDFORD, Mass., July 28—Charles H. Downs has been appointed director of physical education and athletics at Tufts College to succeed Clarence P. Houston, who resigned at the end of the last college year to practice law. Downs was graduated from Tufts in 1921 and while in college was captain of the basketball team. For two years after his graduation he directed the program of Tufts' intramural sports.

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## RACING SYSTEMS ARE DRUG ON THE MARKET

### Hit or Miss Betting Methods Still the Favorite, Is Complaint of Aged Inventor.

By ROBERT D. LUSK,
United News Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, July 28.—In these days of necessary economics, even the sport of kings has become systematized. Whereas old King Charles would have sportingly placed 10 farthings six-pence on Ride-a-Cock-Horse to win the fifth race at Danbury Cross, the present-day racing scientist would say, "Charley, you are all wet. The old mule may win, but what does it net you? Play a system, my boy; it's the only way to win."

Not only would the scientific follower of the ponies tell the old gentleman this, but he would sit down and prove it to him, unless his majesty could intercept him with one about an important meeting of the privy council.

One of these modern racing men, the product of the highly efficient age, is now blanketing New York with circulars which tell what a fool the person is who bets on horses in the old-fashioned hit-and-miss method without the aid of his system, which he guarantees will produce 48 per cent a week on the capital invested.

The circulars have produced quite a stir among the young bloods of the metropolis, but so far, according to the "scientist," they have failed to bring in any subscribers.

"Americans are a bunch of suckers," the old man growlingly reechoes P. T. Barnum's business axiom. "They will buy millions of dollars' worth of fraudulent securities each year which are glowingly offered them with the promise that they will be millionaires in a few short months, but when I tell them that I can show them how to make $1,200 a week without any chances, they say that it is too good to be true, and then go back and bet the same old way."

"Even the staid old, conservative business man is a gambler when he gets to the race track," complains the man with the system.

For years the old man worked for Lloyd's, the great London insurance firm. He helped to discover what the risk on vessels carrying cotton is compared with a ship with a cargo of wheat, and just how much premium is required so that the insurance company can gamble and always win. For the last three years he has been working to find out what the risk is on racing.

He has emerged to tell the world what he has discovered. He has figures banked waist high in his little garret room. He claims that he has put the racing game on a sound basis.

His name is not important and men with systems for beating the races are cautious about names, anyway. He is just one of those curious characters that drift about New York with something "funny" in their heads.

He has spent all his money figuring this thing out, he explains, and now he can't sell it. Why hasn't he made a fortune for himself with his sure-thing calculus?

"Can't get the capital, sir; can't get the capital to start me off."

They always have an answer.

## SPORT SPOTLIGHT

### Another One.

MILWAUKEE always seems to have a lightweight bidding for the crown.

In the list of those crowding the champion there's always a boy from the town that has finally reclaimed its right name after being known for years as "Schlitzville," "Brewery Point-on-Lake Michigan" and other irreverent sobriquets.

J Azzerella

The latest Milwaukeean to bob up in the class over which Benny Leonard presides like a teacher, is Joe Azzerella. Joe has been taking on the boys right and left and making a very favorable impression on ring followers.

Seems he can give 'em as well as take 'em.

## KANOE KLUB HOLDS ITS WEEKLY SESSION

The regular meeting of the Miami Kanoe Klub held at the club rooms last night was the scene of a rather unusual happening when one of the most interested and active members of the club, Ben Sykes, now in Atlanta, Georgia for a while, called on the long distance and spoke to members of the club on their Jacksonville Full Moon Canoe meet and the entries and possibilities of the Miami team bringing home the cups and trophies offered for the best showing of a Florida canoe club.

The regular meeting was called by President Brown at 8:45 and after general discussions on the work of the teams and on the arrangements for the Jacksonville meet, the phone rang and Ted Houser was called. He spoke for some 10 minutes and gave Ben Sykes all the news of the club and as much information as he was able.

Arrangements are going steadily forward for the big entertainment and dance being given by the club at Rainbow Gardens on Thursday, July 31. Special attractions are being arranged, and canoe club members will be there in a body to show all a good time.

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## CHARLIE WEINERT IS BEATEN BY ROMERO

### Chilean Boxer Given Newspaper Verdict in Wild Melee in New Jersey.

NEWARK, N. J., July 28.—(United News.)—Quintin Romero, champion of Chile, won a newspaper decision over Charlie Weinert in a mad 12-round bout here Monday night.

The decision was that of the newspaper men, as all fights in New Jersey are to no decision. According to the consensus of opinion among the reporters, Romero easily won five rounds and Weinert one, while the remaining six were even.

Romero fought like a wild man, putting the American on the defensive through most of the battle. Weinert boxed in order to avoid the rough and tumble style of fighting that the South American seemed to favor.

## JOHNNY COMPTON IS AWAY ON VACATION

Johnnie Compton, well known locally to the fans, has left this city for an extended visit on the West Coast. His loss will be keenly felt by the South Atlantic Telephone Company baseball team, as his pitching for this club has been the main factor in putting it in its present position, next to the league-leading Roofers. Compton has been credited with pitching the Automatics to every one of their games won, the best record of any hurler in the Industrial loop.

### MAJORS SEEK PITCHER.

New Orleans reports that the Yankees, Dodgers and White Sox would like to have Johnny Hollingsworth, start member of the Pelican pitching staff. Several scouts have been following the New Orleans team around just to glimpse Johnny's work. Owner Heineman says he doesn't want cash, but players, if a deal is made for the pitcher.

## FLAMINGOES TO PLAY INDEPENDENTS FRIDAY

Twilight ball will be on the local baseball bill of fare this week when the Flamingoes, of Miami Beach, meet the Independent Stars, a local picked team, on Royal Palm park diamond Friday evening. This game will be called at 5:20 o'clock, giving the fans who might enjoy a few innings of good ball before dinner, ample time to be on hand for the contest. Battery men and other details of this game will be announced in The Herald on the day of the game.

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Description of tract in the NE¼ of Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, consisting of five (5) lots having their frontage upon Lake Okeechobee and of the following approximate dimensions:

Lot "A"—226 ft. East and West by 860 feet North and South, and on the East bordering Parrot Avenue, running South from the City of Okeechobee, containing 4.8 acres more or less.

Lot "B"—209 feet East and West by 1078 feet North and South, and adjoining Lot "A" on the East, containing 5.2 acres more or less.

Lot "C"—450 feet East and West by 1257 feet North and South, and adjoining Lot "B" on the East, containing 13.0 acres more or less.

Lot "D"—356 feet East and West by 1457 feet North and South, and adjoining Lot "C" on the East, containing 11.9 acres more or less.

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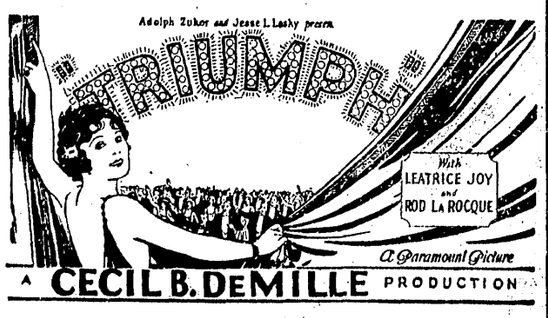


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