



# YANKEES AFTER YOUNG HITTERS TO WIN OLD RAG

(United Press Sports Editor)  
 NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—"If hitting can do anything in the 1926 American League pennant race, we ought to be way up there," Ed Barrow, business manager of the New York Yankees said a few days ago.

"Our club is being rebuilt almost entirely and we have made special efforts to grab young players who can hit. If the players we now have live up to past performance we will have eight men in the lineup who can hit .300 or better.

"Much depends upon Babe Ruth. We expect great things of him. He's still a young ball player and if he keeps himself in shape he certainly ought to put the club back in the championship race.

"Bob Meusel and Combs are young and experienced. Buster Gehrig is just getting started. Joe Dugan isn't a tottering veteran. Erin Ward is young and ought to have a better year and Mark Koenig and Tony Lazzeri are just out of the minors. Benny Bengough was one of the best young catchers in the league last year and he ought to improve as he also is a youngster and a hustler."

The Yankees, around the American League circuit, are being taken very seriously as a pennant possibility.

The Washington Senators, winners of two pennants, will have more of a struggle this year. Dutch Keuthen and Stan Coveleskie hardly can pitch as effectively as they did last season and Walter Johnson will not be any better. It is an old ball club and it may crack all of a sudden like the Yankees did last season.

The Philadelphia Athletics have to be figured because it is a young club with a lot of stuff and it ought to benefit by the experience of last season. With Joe Hauser back in the game, the first base problems will be settled.

Cobb has not been successful in strengthening a weakness around second base and the Tigers hardly will be able to get any place without an improved infield.

Eddie Collins and the Chicago White Sox have a lot of supporters around the circuit and there are many smart baseball men of the opinion that if there is to be a surprise in the league race that the White Sox will furnish it. Collins is a hustler and he had the club going great last year.

# OIL BELT LEAGUE TO BE ORGANIZED HERE ON SUNDAY

Eight Clubs Will Be In Circuit; Fast Teams Assured Fans Whole Season.

At the request of Manager McCarvey of the Ranger-Magnolias, and Manager Fairbairn of the Eastland club, a meeting will be held of representatives from Cisco, Breckenridge, Mineral Wells, Thurber, Eastland and Ranger, next Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock in the green room of the Gholson Hotel, Ranger, for the purpose of organizing a semi-pro league. This league if perfected will be known as the "Oil Belt Baseball League" and will function similar to the one that existed two years ago, although it is hoped more successfully. At the meeting Sunday each town above named has been invited to send representatives to talk over and to plan a league of this nature and to try to effect an organization of this nature.

Both Managers, McCarvey and Fairbairn report that their teams have been greatly strengthened and are making plans for a good season. The chamber of commerce secretaries of Ranger and Eastland are working with the managers to put this semi-pro league over.

**BRECKENRIDGE STORE IS RAIDED OF GOODS**

Ten thousand cigarettes, as well as numerous other articles ranging from sausage and bacon to gloves and candy, were stolen from a store at Breckenridge last night, the sheriff's office in Eastland was notified this morning.

**COUNTY TRUSTEES HOLD MEETING THIS AFTERNOON**

The county board of trustees will meet this afternoon in Eastland in the office of the county superintendent, Miss Beulah Speer. Only routine matters are expected to be taken up.

With President Coolidge's recommendation to congress for removal of unnecessary hardships wrought by the present immigration law as a basis of argument the Jewish council of greater New York has inaugurated a movement designed to mobilize public opinion in favor of letting down the immigration bars—particularly affecting families of naturalized citizens.

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# FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

# HOCKEY CRIMPS FIGHTING GAME AROUND N. Y.

Tex Rickard Now Pays More Attention to Other Winter Sports in Garden.

By HENRY L. FARRELL, (United Press Sports Editor)  
 NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Boxers around New York and their managers, who have been basking in the big dough for four years, have cause for concern over the hockey craze that has seized the city.

They have reason to be alarmed, too, over the interest that Tex Rickard is taking in ice sports in his new Garden and the warning that he has sounded for next year.

He said a few days ago that there was more money in the promotion of hockey and that boxing had degenerated so in class that he might use a fight card only once a month next winter and that he would bother only with the very best attractions.

It was a big gamble for Rickard to install the costly ice-making machinery in the Garden because hockey was practically a dead sport in New York and there was plenty of competition from convenient skating rinks.

But there were reasons to believe that New Yorkers were getting sour on boxing on account of the poor cards and the difficulty experienced in getting good seats. Some one must be responsible for the success the speculators have in getting choice seats but Rickard could not be blamed for the poor cards.

The good fighters, figuring on a seating capacity double that of old Madison Square Garden, where Rickard operated for years, doubled the price demands when Rickard moved into his new building and they gave him the laugh when he said he wouldn't pay any more big money for cheap cards.

The fighters made the mistake of figuring that the success of the Garden depended upon boxing and

# Gorman Champions Will Meet Loboos In Big Struggle

Gorman, class B basket ball champions of the county, will meet the Cisco Loboos, class A champions, on the Cisco court tonight in the opening struggle of a series which will eliminate one team from a chance at the all-class title.

According to the plan, the rural school champions will meet the winner of the Cisco-Gorman series for the county championship.

The second game of the series will be played tomorrow night, also on the Cisco court. Fans of the county are looking forward with interest to the games and doubtless a crowd that will pack the gymnasium will be on hand.

# Ranger Bulldogs Begin Training For Next Season

Ranger Bulldogs, snapped right into action Monday for spring training. Forty men reported, and suits were issued. Today at the City ball park, Ranger, regular work will begin.

Captain Cooper to the nth power and he will aid in the directing. The largest man on the squad is Clyde Pepper, who weighs 217 pounds, while Swofford, Phillips, Knott, England, Himor, and Cornelius are all hovering round the 200 mark in weight.

# Two Arrests Made In Robbery Case

Two young men have been arrested on a charge of robbing the City News stand in Eastland several nights ago. All the checks and part of the money have been recovered, stated Police Chief Lawrence. The loot totaled \$81.

"Peewee" Helium of Eastland and Bill Condon of Cisco were taken in custody at Breckenridge.

# Maverettes Meet Defeat by Team From Breckenridge

The Breckenridge girls' basket ball team won in a game last night against the Eastland Maverettes at Eastland, the score being 22 to 8. The contest was hard-fought and interesting. The Breckenridge girls gained a heavy lead in the first half but in the second half the Eastland team battled on an even footing.

# EASTLAND HIGH TRACK TEAM IS SHOWING UP BIG

Eastland High has some promising material for track and field events, stated Coach Vernon Adams today, although the squad will be deficient in several departments. Adams plans to begin track training within the next week or 10 days.

Ed T. Cox, the 200-pounder, is counted on to give the Mavericks quite a few points in the county meet. He is Eastland's chief hope in the discus and, with Jimmie Mathews, constitutes the reliance of E. H. S. in the shot put. For the past three years he has been supreme in the 140-yard dash and last year won both the county and district low hurdle event.

The lad who finishes ahead of Cory in the 100-yard dash will have to be stepping some, Eastland fans believe. Cory likewise will be entered in the 200-yard dash.

Volney Day and Robert Cox will be

# JURY COMPLETED MULLOY CASE

Jury was completed just at noon today at Eastland in the \$100,000 suit brought by J. P. Mulloy against C. J. Rhodes, charging alienation of affections.

Testimony is expected to begin this afternoon. Judge Elzo Been of the 88th District court is presiding.

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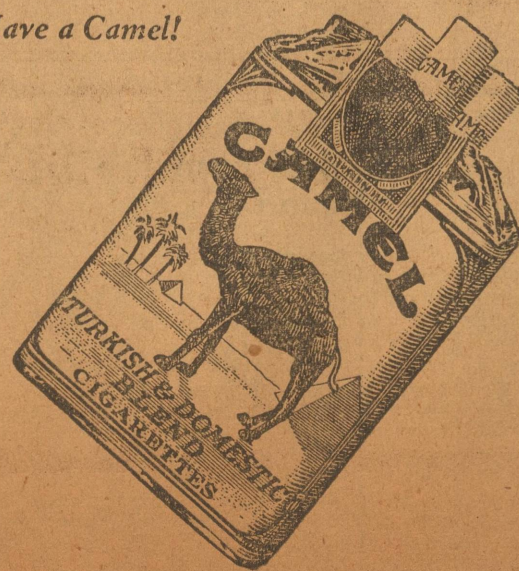


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### Bank and National Holidays To Be Celebrated in February

The following list of bank and public holidays which will be celebrated in Feb., 1926, on the dates indicated, is furnished by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

Monday, Feb. 1, Honduras (Inauguration Day), Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania (Hobart), Regatta Day, Victoria, Western Australia (Foundation Day), Portugal, Portuguese East Africa, Portuguese West Africa (Memorial Day).

Tuesday, Feb. 2, Austral (Public Holiday), Hungary, Liechtenstein, Madeira, Roumania, Spain (Barcelona, half-day) (Candlemas), Brazil (State of Para; commemorating notable event in state or municipal history).

Wednesday, Feb. 3, Paraguay (San Blas Day).

Friday, Feb. 5, Mexico (National Holiday). In the United States: Arizona (in all counties except Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo, and Yavapai counties; Arbor Day).

Wednesday, Feb. 10, Malta (Shipwreck of St. Paul at Malta).

Thursday, Feb. 11, Japan (King's Birthday), India (Bombay; Maha Shivratri).

Friday, Feb. 12, Jugo-Slavia (Three Kings). In the United States: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming; also in Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (Lincoln's Birthday).

Saturday, Feb. 13, China, Dutch East Indies, Federated Malay States, French Indo-China, Hong Kong, Siam, Straits Settlements (Chinese New Year), Venezuela (Carnival; half-day).

Sunday, Feb. 14, French Indo-China (Chinese New Year), Canary Islands, Switzerland (Basle; afternoon) (carnival).

Monday, Feb. 15, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil (City of Rio de Janeiro; bank holiday), Canary Islands (half-day), Guatemala, Malta, Panama (half-day), Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela (half-day) (carnival), China, Federated Malay States, French Indo-China, Hong Kong, Siam, Straits Settlements (Chinese New Year), Jugo-Slavia (Candlemas, O. S.). In the United States: Arizona (Administration Day).

Tuesday, Feb. 16, Argentina, Bolivia, Canary Islands, Guatemala, Malta, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela (half-day), Switzerland (Basle; afternoon) (carnival), Belgium (half-day; unofficial), France (public holiday; part-of-day), French Quiana (public holiday) and in the United States: Louisiana (Parish of Orleans) (Mardi Gras), Brazil, Panama, Syria (afternoon), and in the United States: Alabama, Florida and Haiti (Shrove Tuesday); China, Siam (Chinese New Year), Lithuania (national festival).

Wednesday, Feb. 17, Bolivia, Dominion of Canada (Quebec, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon), Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Spain (Barcelona, half-day) (Ash Wednesday), China, Siam (Chinese New Year), Newfoundland (Substitute for St. Andrew's Day).

Monday, Feb. 22, Panama and in the United States in every State in the Union and in the District of Columbia; also in Alaska, Hawaii, Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, and in the Virgin Islands (Washington's Birthday).

Wednesday, Feb. 24, Brazil (Promulgation of the Constitution), Cuba (Revolution of Baire), Estonia (Independence), Latvia (Flag Day).

Friday, Feb. 26, Siam (Maha Buja).

Saturday, Feb. 27, Dominican Republic (Founding of the Republic), India (Bengal and in Calcutta; Dola-jatra).

Sunday, Feb. 28, Mesopotamia (Purim), Uruguay (Independence), India (Bombay; Holi).

# The YELLOW STUB

by Ernest Lynn  
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#### BEGIN HERE TODAY

Henry Rand, middle-aged business man, is expected home to help celebrate his son, Jimmy's 27th birthday. A theater party is planned to include Jimmy, his father and mother, his sister, Janet, and her fiance, Harry Colvin.

While they are waiting, police telephone with word that Henry Rand is dead in a cheap hotel.

The body is found in a gas-filled room, a small welt on the back of the head. The only clues are a woman's handkerchief and the stub of a yellow theater ticket.

Janet Rand breaks her engagement with Colvin, because of the "disgrace." Jimmy learns that the stub is from the Paragon Theater in Water-ton leaves for Water-ton with Detective Mooney.

#### NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER VI

"NOT much to go on, Rand, but better than nothing," Deceptive Mooney folded his wallet, in which he had just replaced the yellow theater stub and the handkerchief.

The train was pulling into Water-ton. "As far as I'm concerned," observed Mooney as they were leaving

the Pullman, "the first thing to do is to get in touch with the local police. Courtesies of the profesh, you know."

He continued, more seriously, "I'll have to let the detective bureau know I'm her and what for. Chances are they'll be glad to give us a lift if they can be of any use. After that I'm darned if I know our next move, unless it's to go down to this Paragon Theater and see if there's any chance of running down the guy who bought this ticket." He tapped his chest, where the wallet reposed in the inner pocket of his coat.

"There's about as much chance of doing that," he added, "as of finding a needle in a haystack."

"But still a chance," Jimmy persisted.

"Well, I'm not overlooking any bets, no matter how slim they look. Give me credit for that."

"Look here, Mooney," Jimmy hastened to add at sight to the other's injured look, "don't think I have any idea that this thing is going to be cleared up in a day. I haven't. As a matter of fact, I've come here prepared to stay for some time and the first thing I'm going to do is to hunt up a rooming house and a job. I haven't the slightest idea of how to go about running down a clew. I'm not one of these story-book amateur detectives. I'm darn glad you're along with me, Mooney."

"I have an idea, though that I can be of some help. Besides," he added, "when we catch this — this man we're looking for, Mooney, I want to be there."

Mooney looked at him shrewdly. "So that's the way the land lies," he said. "I've an idea, Rand, that you intend to make it hot for this customer if we do find him. Look here, now," he turned on Jimmy, "you'll not be pulling any rough stuff on anybody while I'm along. The law will take care of 'em."

Jimmy was staring vacantly at the passing crowd in the station. He did not answer. When he spoke he gave no indication that he had even heard.

"While you're down at police headquarters, Mooney, I'll be looking around for some place to live, and perhaps for a job. And if I want to do any job hunting," he added, "I'll have to get a hustle

on. Today is Saturday and most places will be having a half holiday. Suppose I meet you at two o'clock."

"Two o'clock," agreed Mooney. "In front of the Paragon Theater. We might as well start out on the right foot."

Jimmy's search for suitable living quarters was short. He found what he was looking for after answering a couple of classified "ads."

It was a large room, and spotlessly clean, with a double bed, two comfortable chairs and a mahogany finished dresser. The bath was nearby in the hall.

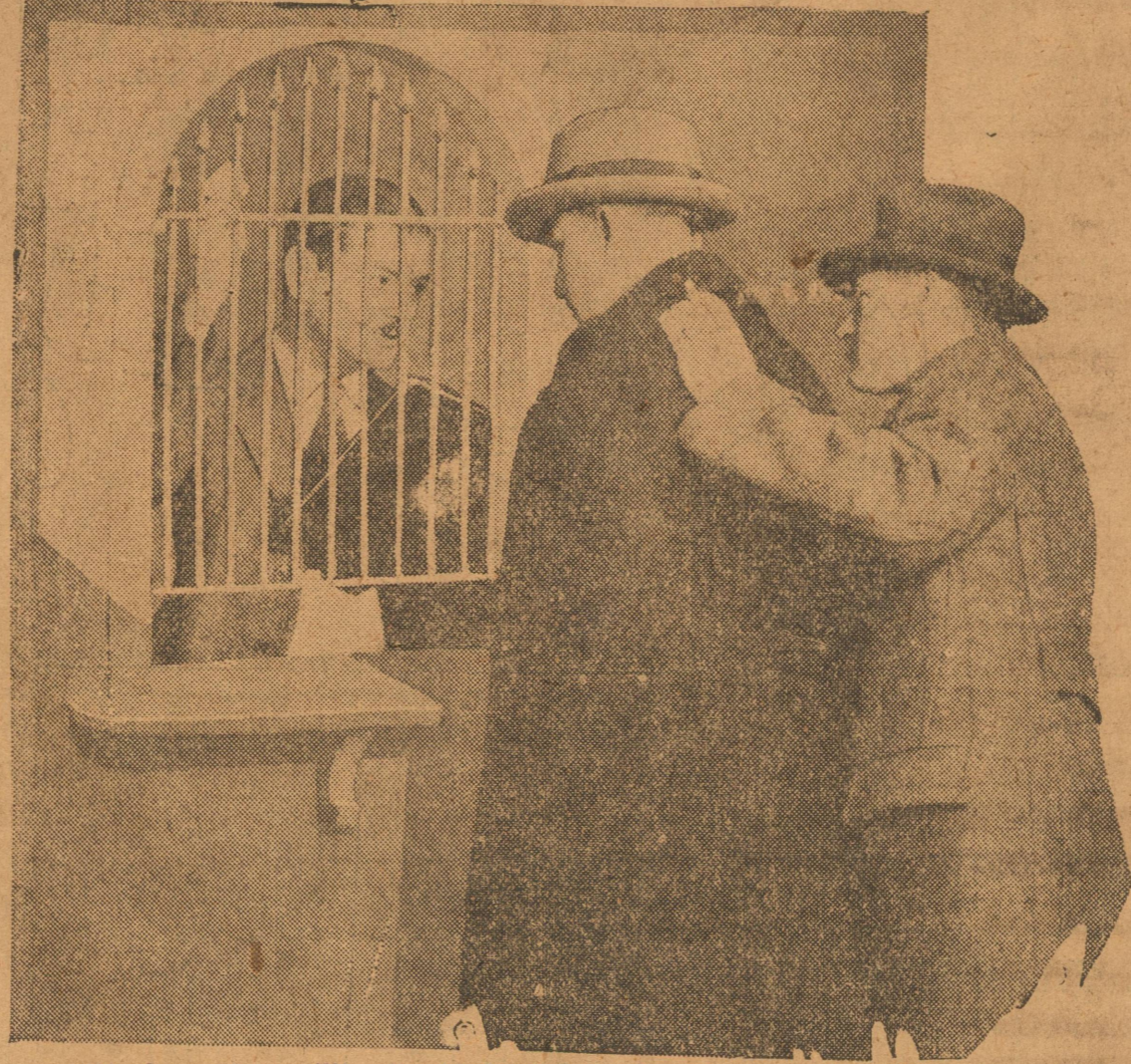
There was even a telephone — an extension of the one downstairs. Mrs. King, the landlady, a tall, angular woman with a tired look in her eyes, explained that the gentleman who had been occupying the room and who had just moved out — "to get married" — had been particularly insistent on having a phone in his room.

"Of course, if you don't want it," she added, "we can have it taken

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