DOWN - THE - BACK STRETCH

Popular Science Magazine recently published an article on the training of colts, with illustrations entitled "Tricks That Train Trotters and Pacers." As at this season of the year many of our horsemen friends will be giving lessons to colts it may not be out of place to quote methods used. . . "Harness racing, which provides those picturesque classics of the county fairs, is in the midst of a nation-wide revival. Seemingly on the verge of vanishing from the American scene only a few years ago, this sport, one of the earliest in our country is booming again. At every meeting in the last three years, attendance has been up. Purses have increased over 33 percent to more that $2,000,000 a year. Meetings have increased. About 6,000 harness horses raced this season, about 2,500 of them trotters and 3,500 pacers.

Behind these meetings is an industry. Training horses to race is a complicated job. It is not natural for a horse to trot or pace. His instinct tells him to run like the thoroughbred. But he can be bred to trot or pace and if breeding doesn't do it, he can be taught. That is what the harness-racing industry does. It breeds and trains and teaches horses and then races them. Let us take a typical yearling through his training and onto the track at a big meeting. First fix in mind the difference between a trotter and a pacer. When you see a horse travelling with a diagonal, pincer, gait, that is a trotter. Opposite front and hind legs move forward and backward together. The pacer's gait is ambling, lateral. The two legs on one side are forward while the two opposite one are back.

Each November the breeding farms hold auctions of yearlings born in the previous year. The birthday of all race horses is January 1, no matter when they are actually born. About 400 yearlings are bought at four big sales. Those who buy them are taking part in one of the biggest gambles in sport. There is little or nothing to tell a trainer if the yearling he buys will be a winner or a flop. He goes by pedigree and physical appearance. These are the only clues. Some of the biggest money winners went for peanuts at the yearling sales.

Many yearlings have only been broken to halter and in five months must be ready to race as a two-year-old. So the first thing the owner does when he gets the colt home is to put a harness on him and turn him loose in a stall. This is a critical moment. The horse may break his neck. If he doesn't he is led out of doors in harness but without a cart. That is called ground breaking. The young trotter always resents restrictions on his freedom. He rears and bolts if he can. When he calms down he is driven, with the driver walking behind and one or two extra men holding onto lead straps. Tugs to the right and left introduce the idea of control into his young life.

A yearling may not take to trotting or pacing. If not, he has to be helped by mechanical means. For this, toe weights are placed on his fore feet to 'square up' his gait and keep him on it if he is to be a trotter. For a pacer, hopples are used. The weights make him lift his feet higher and punch them out straighter in front of him. By adjusting the weights he can be brought into the exact gait desired. The pacer's hopples are leather straps linking together the front and hind legs on either side. Hopples may also be used on a trotter if he proves stubborn. For him the straps link forelegs with opposite hind legs.

Many times it is necessary to perform a minor operation to make colts a racer. Many colts have narrow feet with contracted heels and hoofs growing under and pressing in the frog. To remedy this, a V-shaped steel spring is inserted into the sole. As much as an inch can be added to the width of the hoof in this way.

These defects the trainer discovers in the first three weeks, during which the colt is being prepared for the breaking cart, a rough, heavy version of the racing sulky. He begins correcting faults immediately and has to keep it up right through the training period. After a few days of pulling the cart, the yearling is used to the idea and he is required to jog ever-increasing distances until he reaches three miles a day.

When the weather is getting cold many of the colt trainers go to Florida with their charges. There his training continues. The colt is brought to a trot, a few rods at a time a few more each day. By January he takes to the racing sulky and he trots a quarter mile in about 40 seconds. By February 1 he does it in 35 and on or about March 1 he is put to a mile in 2.15 and he is pretty well ready to race. By fall this colt if he is a real star may trot in 2.02.

He is now ready and he is going to see a lot of country. He will go on the Grand Circuit, a series of meetings in cities from Maine to Wisconsin with purses totalling $1,000,000. Meanwhile the eyes of his owner will be on Goshen, N.Y., home of the Hambletonian, harness racing's classic for three-year-olds with a purse of $50,000. During the off season, from November to April, the horse costs $60 a month for trainer, groom, and feed. During the racing season in the remaining months, a first-class trainer receives $90 a month and a groom $75. Shoeing comes to about $6 a month and stake payments run from $900 to $1,300.

The horse's feed bill averages about a dollar a day. Winter and summer he has three meals a day: 6 a.m. 11 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. The first two consists of about two quarts of oats each, and the last of two quarts of bran and two quarts of oat mash soaked in water. Occasionally potato and apple peelings, handfuls of corn, and perhaps three or four carrots a day, serve to liven up the fare. The horse has hay in the stall all day, and a salt lick in the corner.

The pacers are slightly faster than the trotters. Every decade in the past 100 years as records have been bettered, the 'sidewheelers' have managed to stay a fraction of a second ahead.

A colt costs its owner from $3,000 to $3,500 a year plus about $500 for equipment, but if he stays sound he has a good chance of paying his way. About one-third of all two-year-olds win enough to do that. After a year his chances increase, for 65 percent of the older horses pay their way. If he does not pay his way he probably will not be raced another year. If he does he may race for ten or twelve or more years and live to be thirty years old. It is not a bad life for a horse."

Accompanying this very interesting article are illustrations showing the trotting form exhibited by a colt after several weeks of training, illustrations on ground breaking, breaking to cart, showing how to put on toe weights, rubber bell boots, special types of shoes for colts, methods of using V-shaped steel springs to widen heels, head straightener — which is a billiard cue—types of boots to correct faults of hitting ankles, brushing knees and cutting quarters, method of adjusting head checks and finally the colts lined up ready to race.

Just yesterday we received a letter from our young friend Joe O'Brien, who is figuring so prominently in the races at Dufferin Park, Toronto, with his charges, All Grattan 2.06 1-4, Peter Reamore 2-12 1-2, Singing Sam 2.10 1-2 and Dudey Patch 2.06. He says All Grattan has not yet recovered from the injury received on the train and that he thinks Peter Reamore is the gamest little horse he has ever had anything to do with. Dudey Patch finds it difficult to get through the heavy footing on muddy days, but has shown that he has as much speed as any horse at the track. How he will step over the ice is something that has yet to be learned. Singing Sam is coming along very well, goes away better and shows a real brand of speed as will be seen by the summary of Monday's races which appears below.

Harness horsemen here will note that the purses are, to say the least, not extravagant — $150 to $165 for three heats. A horse with a summary of 3-9-6—and he was fourth in the summary with six others racing behind him, we refer to Placid in the Class F. Trot and Pace—would win an infinitesimal amount of coin for his afternoon's exertions. On an afternoon following a rain we can visualize the appearance of horses and drivers (having been there ourselves) as they dismount towards the close of the day, with very little about them having the appearance of regular habiliments.

Again anent Monday's racing, it will be noted that Singing Sam was 1-2-1 in a tough, tough field, which included Patsy McGregor, Lilly Part, Bruce Henley, Lee Oliver, Princess Guy, Jane Harvester, all seasoned campaigners, and others. Not only that but it was the fastest race of the day with the second heat in 2.11 3-4, the fastest heat. It looks as though in Singing Sam, Joe has a real top-notch performer.

Following are the results of harness races held at Dufferin Park Monday:

Class D Pace; purse $165; 3-mile heats:
Singing Sam (O'Brien) 1 2 1
Patsy McGregor (Ingles) 2 1 2
Miss Lee Grattan (Lindberg) .5 3 3
Jackson Henley (Wellwood) . 3 4 5
Also started: Lilly Part, 4, 7, 6; Bruce Henley, 9, 4, 8; Morgandale Squire, 6, 6, 5; Lee Oliver, 8, 9, 7; Princess Guy, 10, 8, 9; Jane Harvester, 7, dr. Time—2:12 1-2, 2:11 3-4, 2.14.

Class F. Trot or Pace; purse $165; 2 1-mile heats; 6 1-2 furlongs;
Captain Harvester (Colton) ..1 1 1
Ray Evans (Champion) 11 2 2
Ramona Harvester (Chapm'n) 8 3 4
Placid (T), (Craig) 3 9 6
Also ran: Todd Britton 10, 8, 3; Sir Guy, 4, 11, 7; Sometime, 5 5 8; Beth L. Harvester, 7, 7, 5; Miss Lee Togo, 6, 6, 9; Hattie Grattan, 2, 10, dr. Time, 2:16 1-4; 2:17; 1:49 1-4.

Class E. Trot or Pace; purse $150; 3-mile heats:
Lord Durham (Loblanc).... 4 1 2
Peterine (Harvey) 1 2 6
Frisco Todd (T), (Colton) ... 2 6 1
Unko Bars (Chapman) 3 3 5
Also started; June Rowan, 7 4 3; Miss Topic, 5 5 4; Kaye Harvester, 6, 7, 7; Archie Brewer, 10, 8, dr. Bertha Lee, 8, dr; Locke McComas, 9, dr. Time, 2:15, 2.16, 2:15 1-2.

Class C. Trot or Pace; purse $165; 3-mile heats:
Pine Ridge Celia (Champion) 1 6 1
Dr. Lee (Chapman) 5 1 2
Irene Harvester (Wellwood) .. 2 4 3
Devil's Child (Colton) 3 2 4
Also started: Peter Reamore, 4 3 6; Dillon Henley, 6, 5, 5,; Lillian Lee, 7, 7, 7. Time, 2:14 1-4, 2:14 3-4, 2:13.

Bowling

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON LADIES LEAGUE

Marigolds:—			
Mrs. J. P. Clarke	225	117	178
Mrs. Allen	134	123	133
Mrs. Irvine	188	155	178
Mrs. Hobbs	132	160	161
Mrs. McAulay	121	150	126
Bluebelles:—			
Mrs F B. Clarke	187	156	149
Mrs. Bishop	194	178	199
Mrs. Cameron	152	129	176
Mrs. Dunning	99	101	152
Zinnias:—			
B. Large	203	117	124
Mrs. Gardner	230	96	152
Mrs. Clawson	139	176	124
Mrs. Dalling	150	186	140
N. Longworth	88	108	112
Tulips:—			
Mrs. Campbell	139	122	188
Mrs. Craig	168	250	150
Mrs. Kelly	237	144	140
Mrs. Norman	152	143	170
Mrs. Walker	97	74	140

High single Mrs. Craig 250.
High three Mrs. Bishop 571.

Remember When

Nels Stewart, veteran hockey battler, ended a brief retirement three years ago tonight by scoring a goal for New York Americans 15 seconds after stepping on to the ice. It was the 318th goal of his career. When Stewart retired for good in 1940 his goal total in 15 seasons was 336 including playoffs an all-time N. H. L. scoring record.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Well, its to be Navy and Air Force for the opening game of the City Hockey League at the Forum on next Tuesday night and judging by the interest being manifest by the boys of both services and the hockey fans in general it appears a likelihood that a big crowd will usher in what is expected to be one of the best hockey seasons locally in years.

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Air Force went through their second workout of the season last night and like the other squads that have been witnessed in action they are rapidly getting their skating legs into form. And don't think that the flying boys will be any weak sisters in the league.

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They have already shown enough to warrant that statement. Composed of players from all over the Dominion, as far west as Winnipeg and as far east as New Brunswick, with a Maritimer handling the coaching duties this all-Canadian team from the R.A.F. Station are confident they will be "right in there" when the time for announcing champions is decided.

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With a roster of 20 men to pick from the Air Force squad will ice three fast skating forward lines, four hard-hitting defence men and two capable goalies that can and will shovel out enough rubber to keep their team in the hunt in every single game.

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Oh, yes the Maritimer that is coaching them is none other than a former Big Six and Big Four performer, now Y.M.C.A. supervisor at the local R.A.F. Station.

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Don Sharpe is the name. Sharpe, has added a lot of weight in the years since he broke into the Big Six with Campbellton Tigers. A team that was equal to the best in the league. Only a youngster at the time and still young in years Sharpe is confident that his charges will surprise even their most rabid supporters.

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Don after his start first with Mount Allison and later to Campbellton and then with Saint John Beavers in the Big Four at the time when that league was the best amateur league in the Dominion and he brings to the Air Force team valuable experience gained while playing with the top-notch hockeyists that performed in those days.

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Opposing Sharpe on opening night—this hasn't really been confirmed as yet but is regarded as a certainty—in a coaching role will be another veteran of Big Six and Big Four days in the person of Walter Lawlor a local youngster who in the past four years has brought four Maritime titles to this city three with the juniors and one with the juvenilles.

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Lawlor originally scheduled to perform with the Y.M.C.A. team has had charge of a recent workout of the Navy squad and it is altogether likely that Walter will be at the reins of the "Tars" when they skate out on the ice Tuesday night.

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As usual Walter would say little about the ability of his charges. But that is not unusual with him. He was noted for his reticence when in charge of the juniors and juveniles even when his teams had come through and who knows but this may be the case again this year.

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This is a story not often told but when the late Jimmy Gardiner was coach of the Abegweits Big Four team he then dubbed this same Lawlor as one of the smartest hockey players on that star packed outfit. Many did not agree with the late well-known coach at the time but in the march of time since that day ten or eleven years ago Lawlor has made a mark in coaching that compares to the best.

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So it appears that Navy will be well-led in the coaching line if Lawlor's acceptance is a definite fact and with Sharpe opposing him on Tuesday night the game may well turn out to be a battle of wits, between the two coaches.

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Last night's scheduled meeting with the idea of formation of an outdoor sporting club was postponed until a later date. There was a good crowd of persons interested on hand but owing to unavoidable circumstance the promoter of the idea, Hubert Morris of the Y.M.C.A. decided that the gathering would not warrant the election of officers, etc., and the decision was made to postpone it until a later date.

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However postponement of last night's meeting does not mean by any method of reasoning that the idea has faltered out. Enough interest has been shown already to guarantee formation and when the date of the next meeting is set plans for the season will really get underway.

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The East-West football final is now a matter of history but we think this tribute by Charles Edwards, C.P. Staff Writer is worthy of repeating in that it pays a touching tribute to a grand western veteran who said his farewell to football after last Saturday's game. Says Edwards:

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One picture of Saturday's east-west football final stands out in memory—a pathetic picture of a mud-smeared man stumbling alone and utterly weary across the gridiron to the Winnipeg bench where he collapsed from exhaustion.

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It was Lou Mogul. Veteran of 11 gruelling football season, participant in seven east-west classics. Lou Mogul was through as a player for that game and probably forever. Now 34 and father of two children, Lou says he will hang up for all time his muddy grid togs and the helmet with it distinctive noseguard.

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Lou wanted to make his last effort a winner. Ever since he turned out with the club in 1932, with no previous football experience, but with a great fighting heart and a spare but solid body, Mogul had been a 60-minute middlewinger. He wanted to play out his time with Bombers.

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But a month ago he suffered a leg injury. He could not practice with the team. Blood poisoning set in. Lou spent 10 days in hospital and was discharged just three days before Bombers left Winnipeg.

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Those days in hospital took toll in physical condition, but Lou played grand football for 50 minutes Saturday. Then Toronto's Pop Poplowski and Don Crowe started running over him for big gains. Lou knew he was through. He had barely strength enough left to lurch slowly across the field to the bench.

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There had been many substitutions, but this time it was different. The game was held up a few moments while officials waited for that solitary figure to reach the sidelines. Perhaps the fans did not realize they were witnessing a farewell to football—the farewell of one of the game's greatest players, greatest sportsmen.

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In the Winnipeg dressing-room, Mogul sat hunched upon a bench, openly sobbing his disappointment. There was no need for tears on that rugged, homely face. For 11 years he had given and taken hard knocks, but always cleanly. He had never given less than his best, a lineman making headlines for the ball-carriers, not for himself.

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Mogul and others like him had built the east-west game into a classic.

Trading Prospects So Poor That Medwick Will Be Taken Off Block Says Rickey

By JUDSON BAILEY
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 —(AP) — Trade prospects for Brooklyn Dodgers have dwindled to the point where President Branch Rickey says he has taken Joe Medwick off the block and now will attempt to resurrect his once-potent batting power with oratory.

He plans to leave tomorrow for his home at St. Louis to spend an extended Christmas vacation and while there will talk to Medwick, who also lives in St. Louis.

"Medwick was a great ball player a few years ago and there is no reason why he couldn't still be if he set his mind to it," said Rickey.

"He is 31 years old and should be right in his prime. There is nothing wrong with him physically.

"Medwick batted .300 last season and his average never has fallen off badly. The difference between him now and a few years ago is in his extra base hits. He used to take a cut at a ball. He could hit anything and give it a ride, especially bad balls. Why, Bill Terry once told me the safest way to pitch to Medwick was right through the middle.

"Last year, I am told by various managers, he would take a real cut at the ball on his first swing, but after that he was protecting himself. If he missed that first one he would shorten up, just try to punch the ball some place. That can be corrected and I want him to cut loose again on every swing."

Rickey explained that while in Chicago for the baseball meetings last week he had talked to Billy Herman, veteran second baseman, about a number of things, including terms and the possibility he might be asked to play first base if Dolph Camilli doesn't return.

Rickey said that while at home he also would see catcher Mickey Owen, who lives on a farm in Missouri, and Pete Reiser, the outfielder who has been reclassified to 1-A in the draft and probably will be inducted early in January.

Rowing At Yale Out For The Duration

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 11—(AP)—For the first time in 20 years, Ed Leader will not have a Yale crew to coach next spring and his appointment has therefore been ended, Ogden D. Miller, Director of Athletics at Yale, announced today.

All formal rowing at Yale is ended for the duration, he said, because both local boathouses are unavailable.

The suspension includes the annual Yale-Havard classic at New London.

Hockey Briefs

CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 11—(CP) —Cornwall Soldiers increased their lead at the top of the Quebec Senior Hockey League standing to five points as they eked out a close 6-5 win over the second place R.C.A.F. team from Montreal here tonight. The leading Army team from Basic Training Centre 31 had to come from behind to edge out the speedy airmen in one of the best games of the season.

SYDNEY, N.S. Dec. 11—(CP)—Stregnthened by seven new players, including Billy Benson, formerly of New York Americans in the National Hockey League, the Navy entry swamped the Air Force 10-4 tonight in a Cape Breton Hockey League fixture. It was Navy's second win this year, both over the fliers.

Benson centred a new line with Sorrell and Smith, another newcomer, on the wings as Coach Mickey Roach juggled the lineup to produce new scoring punch. He scored twice and assisted on a third.

Schedule Of Week-end N.H.L. Games

Saturday

Detroit at Toronto.
Canadiens at Boston

Sunday

Canadiens at Rangers
Boston at Detroit.
Toronto at Chicago.

Indianapolis Player Loaned To New Haven

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 11—(AP)—The arena announced today that Gordon Sheritt, Indianapolis defenceman, has been loaned to New Haven Eagles of the American Hockey League to replace Gordon Reid, who is out with a leg injury. Sherritt will play his first game with the Eagles against Cleveland Sunday night in New Haven.

Lou Nova Kayoed In 6th

By Sid Feder
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—(AP) —Lou Nova failed in his latest chance at the heavyweight big time tonight as Tami Mauriello, outweighed and outreached youngster from the Bronx, knocked out the California "Adonis" in six rounds before a near capacity crowd in Madison Square Garden. Mauriello weighed 183 3-4; Nova, 203 3-4.

Floored in the first round and in trouble in the fourth and fifth because he couldn't get out of the way of Nova's long, stubborn straight left, Mauriello worked on Lou in the sixth until he had him backed into a neutral corner. Then he fired a short, hard hook that caught Nova alongside the jaw and the California collegian slumped face down on the canvas.

He stayed there while referee Bill Cavanaugh counted the full ten, and then had to be helped back to his corner.

For the five completed rounds, Nova held a slight edge of three rounds to two on the Associated Press score card. One of these, the fourth, was given to him when Tami was guilty of pitching a low blow just before the bell sounded, but Nova appeared to have an edge on points in this heat anyway.

Seeks Team - Play

(Continued from page 1)

British connection and association with others of the United Nations.

In working out the program of the party he said he wanted "team-play" from the delegates, from the "grand fellows" who had contested the leadership election, and from the best specialized brains and the people of Canada. He wanted to restore Canada to the unity Mcdonald and Cartier had achieved when the party was young, "and which Laurier so well maintained."

He said he wished to end the trend toward separatism in Canada. The rights of minorities had to be protected and the majority must practice tolerance and justice.

"People's Charter"

The Premier went on to list 14 points in what has been called his "people's charter," including his expressed belief in determined prosecution of the war, establishment of an enduring peace, planning for the after-war period, aid to farmers, rebuilding of unity, social security, educational opportunity, careful use of public funds, and the right of future generations to a world of plenty.

Several of the points mentioned by Mr. Bracken as his personal beliefs were similar to those expressed in resolutions adopted by the convention earlier.

Social security, farm legislation, health services, development of natural resources, labor relations, solders' rehabilitation and reconstruction were among the points covered in resolutions which the delegates approved.

The convention completed its discussion of policy today clearing the agenda of resolutions brought before it by the resolutions and policy committee which had examined more than 1,000 proposals sent in by rank-and-file Conservatives through the country.

Electoral Reform

This morning, the delegates approved the appointment of a committee on electoral reform, which will report to Mr. Bracken after a study of voting systems.

W. Kent Power of Calgary, appointed chairman of this committee said that if proportional representation had been used in recent Federal elections, Conservative representation in the House of Commons would be larger than at present.

Mr. Stevens, as the low man on the first ballot, rose to announce his withdrawal from the leadership contest as soon as the result of that ballot was announced. He said he was leaving public life in good company, gesturing to the other candidates who ran behind Mr. Bracken.

Amid a burst of cheering, Mr. Green, fourth on the first ballot, announced he was withdrawing. Last night Mr. Green collapsed while making his nomination speech but addressed the convention briefly this morning and appeared to be completely recovered.

Maj. MacPherson, who ran second, moved to the chairman's table and began to speak as if he planned to withdraw.

"I am a fighting Scot, but. . ." he began. His supporters among the delegates began to shout "No! No!" and Mr. MacPherson said that if they wished him to continue in the fight he would do so.

Mr. Diefenbaker, who had 120 votes on the first ballot, also began to move to the speaker's table as if to make a statement, but delegates shouted: "No! No! stay there!" and he resumed his seat.

After the second and the final ballot, Maj. MacPherson immediately moved, and Mr. Diefenbaker seconded, a motion that the election of Mr. Bracken be made unanimous.

Delegates Cheer

The delegates stood up and cheered when Mr. Bracken's election was announced. He came to the chairman's table in the bright glare of movie-camera lights and quietly thanked the assembly.

He spoke of being unable to attend the convention earlier because he had not been a Conservative. He thanked the four other candidates, who, he said, had given their first demonstration of "team-play." He returned to the "team" idea a few moments later when he spoke of the limitations of one man in national affairs, and the importance which could attach to the work of a group.

Today's speech was one of the great speeches of Mr. Bracken's career. It was simple and it covered a wide range of problems, both of war and peace. The Premier and National Conservative Leader spoke in a firm voice and without hesitation, better than he did in his nomination speech last night when he seemed worried by the 20-minute time limit.

The delegates voted on their new leaders in a civic auditorium hall dimmed with smoke from pipes, cigars and cigarets. The election was slow getting started since there had been some delay in delegates picking up their ballot papers.

Lt.-Col. George A. Drew of Toronto, Ontario Conservative Leader, spoke while the ballots were being counted. He said he had not been a candidate for the party leadership since he had taken a "job" in Ontario and he felt it was near completion.

Col. Drew said he doubted if Premier Gordon Conant of Ontario, who recently succeeded Hon. Mitchell Hepburn as Premier, commands the suport of more than two or three of his own followers.

Regimental Sergeant-Major Joseph Richard Owens of Montreal now stationed at the Canadian Army Basic Training Centre at Cornwall, Ont., who has been awarded the Decoration Militaire Belge in appreciation of aid given to the Belgian Forces in this war.

INVISIBLE LIGHT

Ultraviolet and infra-red rays are known as "invisible light."

SPARTANS' GAS

Spartans in 400 B.C. used wood smoke as a form of gas warfare.

FROLIC DAY

8 — 5 p. m.
8 — 10 p.m.
THE FORUM

Revision Seen In Spring Training Trips Of Major League Baseball Clubs

By CHARLES DUNKLEY
Associated Press Sports Writer

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 — (AP) — Major league baseball clubs, accustomed to making long spring training trips each year, may make sweeping revisions in their plans after Clark Griffith, owner of Washington Senators, calls on Joseph B. Eastman, United States Director of the Office of Defence Transportation, within a week.

Will Harridge, President of the American league, said today that Griffith would represent the league in a move to get a more definite expression from Eastman than that contained in a letter he addressed to the Major leaguers at their meetings here last week.

Eastman at that time called upon the club owners to "select training sites as near as possible to each team's home city where climatic condition would be suitable." The Major leaguers were of the impression that Eastman's letter was more of a suggestion than an order.

"What we want to do, of course," said President Harridge, "is to comply with Mr. Eastman's wishes in the best possible manner, and I think we can do this by getting something more definite from him than was contained in his letter.

"It should be pointed out to Eastman that the teams do not take whole baseball clubs from the home city to the training camp site. We must make sure he knows that before we take any definite action intended to curtail travel.

"We do not want to go ahead with something which might have to be changed later."

Harridge said that most American League Clubs, as well as the National League, already had completed exhibition schedules, mostly with teams in the vicinity of the training camps, and that all clubs have planned to cut down the long schedule of exhibition dates on return trips from either California or Florida camps.

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TIPPIE AND "CAP" STUBBS

TILLIE THE TOILER — **THE ORDER OF THE DAY**