Fly Balls and Flights of Fancy:
A Century of Spring Training in Pinellas County
and Commercial Aviation throughout the World

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BASEBALL GOSSIP

WARNS FANS, CLUB MAY ABANDON TEAM

Lack of funds may prevent St. Petersburg from having a team in the Florida State League this summer, according to a statement issued late Friday night by Robert Carroll, president of the St. Petersburg Athletic Club.

"The season tickets have not been selling," President Carroll said, "and unless we sell $10,000 in season tickets there will be no St. Petersburg team in the Florida State League.

"The directors have made up their minds that they will not go into debt and will send the players back to their homes and relinquish the franchise unless the season tickets are sold."

The St. Petersburg Athletic Club, of which Carroll is president, has sunk thousands of dollars in a baseball field, which Judge Landis and others declared the best of its kind in the United States, and now are faced with the prospects of having no team, through lack of cooperation from the fans.

President Carroll made the announcement Friday night that George Washington Grant, president of the Boston Braves, had signed an agreement with him in which Grant will give the local club $1,500 as an option on any player in the Saints club, the man to be sent to Boston at the close of the Florida State League season. In case the man is accepted by Boston, the local club will get an additional $500.

"President Grant's offer," Carroll said, "was very generous, neither he nor I have any conception of the man to be chosen, Grant will send his scouts to St. Petersburg during the season to keep a record of the local players. The player whose record shows up better, will be chosen by Boston," Carroll said.

"It was only Grant's manner of helping us out of a financial hole," Carroll said.

The attendance of the local fans at the first game of the state league played here Monday afternoon in Waterfront park, will go a long way in deciding whether St. Petersburg will have a club in the state league.

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The local team plays Lakeland next Saturday, Bown here the following.

The game will be played in Waterfront park.

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Swimming Eve in Connectic Festi

A feature of the States water carnivals this afternoon was the swimming swimming school and festival staged in the yacht club by T. J. Howland of Connecticut. The following took part in the events:


Winners were nam
21 September 1867

As a Base Ballist!

Eureka!

Look at that brace of hands, once so soft and pretty, now suffused with the Egyptian blushes. Then look into those optics and tell us tales of sympathy. And look at that Mount Tom on our right cheek bone. Base Ball! that is the row.

It came about thus: Secondary deployment is to go. The doctor, or knows.

Ball, we joined. Bought a book of instructions and for five days studied it wisely if not too well. Then we bought a sugar scoop cap, a red belt, a green shirt, yellow trousers, punkin colored shoes, a

Twenty seven dollars paid out for things.

One buged eye, badly bunged.

One broken little finger.

One bump on the head.

Nineteen broken backs.

A sore jaw.

One thumb dislocated.

Three sprained ankles.

Five swelled legs.

One dislocated shoulder from trying to throw a ball a thousand yards.

Two hands raw from trying to stop hot balls.

A welt, the size of a hornet's nest on my left hip, well back.

A nose sweetly jammed and five unforms spoiled from rolling in the dirt at the bases.

I have played two weeks and don't think I like the game. There is not a square inch on, in or under me but aches. I sleep at nights dreaming of hot balls, this foul ball.

Ruth stole wheat since the burning of Luther.

But I am proud of my proficiency to the game. It's five exercise, a little easier than being run through a threshing machine.
Bird's Eye View of St. Petersburg in 1895.
Clearwater, 1890s
circa 1910
THE "FATS" AND "LEANS" WILL PLAY

GREAT BASE-BALL GAME HERE
THANKSGIVING DAY—BENEFIT OF THE HOSPITAL.

The game of ball to be played at Symonett Park Thanksgiving Day between the "fats" and the "leans," promises to be one full of fun, but whether it will be a good sample of base-ball remains to be determined. Although the date of the game is more than a week off, those who will be players on the nines are being selected. For the "fats" the following have been chosen: F. A. Wood, Ralph Bennett, James S. Norton, C. F. Goodwin, O. T. Railsback, Eugene Marshall, Dr. Colson, W. H. Burns. For the "leans" the following, R. H. Thomas, Noel A. Mitchell, J. S. Davis, A. F. Thomasson, C. C. Symonett, Roy Ridgely, W. A. Meador and Henry Schutz. In a previous game the last-named gentleman was one of the players who upheld the credit of the "leans," and he is wanted on the nine again.

The game will be called at 2 o'clock. The early hour was named so that the players could have at least three hours in which to play. Some predict it will require four hours in which to play.
Looking Northwest from La Plaza Theater. Belmont Hotel at Left. Mirror Lake Center.

circa 1913
circa 1914
Waterfront - St. Petersburg - 1914
14 October 1913

CLEARING SITE FOR BALL PARK

Trees and Stumps Will Be Blasted

GETTING READY FOR GROUND KEEPER WHO WILL COME FROM ST. LOUIS LATER.

Work was started on the baseball ground at Coffee Pot Bayou, and Snell and Hamlett will begin this morning blasting up the trees and stumps on the ground. J. A. Meriwether has contracted to remove all the roots from the soil and put it in shape for sodding.

Yesterday morning 10 men were sent to the Coffee Pot site to begin the work of clearing two lots, which will be the Hedges’ St. Louis baseball training camp. This work will take several days to put the ground in proper shape, and will be an ideal place for the diamond to be played.

Each man in the local baseball company has been out soliciting stock, and until the required $10,000 is raised, money will be borrowed from a bank to promote the work.

When the ground is prepared and sodded, Mr. Hedges, who is president of the St. Louis team, will send an experienced baseball man here early next year from St. Louis to superintend the work until the diamond is perfect. Mr. Hedges says the expert ball ground man will investigate the condition of Florida soil, will confer with men who built the Tampa ball fields, and will help to make the grounds the best in the country.

TWO CREWS START WORK ON THE BASEBALL PARK TODAY

Money Being Borrowed Pending Incorporation of Company—Ground Keeper to Arrive Soon.

Two crews of laborers, aggregating about twenty men, commenced the preparation of the baseball park site at Coffee Pot bayou this morning under the direction of the St. Petersburg Baseball company and Snell and Hamlett jointly. Stumps and roots are being blasted and grubbed out and the ground levelled for sodding.

According to the statement of R. L. Hedges, president of the St. Louis American league team, while in St. Petersburg last month, his ground keeper should leave St. Louis about tomorrow for St. Petersburg to superintend the preparation of the park for the use of their teams during their stay here.

Members of the baseball company are busy securing further subscriptions to complete the $10,000 capitalization. Up to the last report $5,300 had been raised, leaving a balance of $4,700 to be sold. Another meeting will be called shortly to receive the reports of the various members who are soliciting stock. Pending the capitalization and incorporation of the company money is being borrowed to conduct the work requiring immediate attention.
INFIELD IS NEARLY READY AT COFFEE POT PARK

BY END OF WEEK IT WILL BE COMPLETED AND WORK STARTED ON OUTFIELD.

Preparing For Local Holiday Games

Work on Board Fence Around Park Will Be Started As Soon As Bids Are Received For Furnishing Material and Contract Is Let.

By the end of this week all the infield at the baseball park on Coffee Pot bayou will have been prepared, and work will immediately begin on the outfield. The water system has been installed, and the work will progress rapidly under the direction of Groundkeeper Barnes and C. E. Brown in an effort to have the diamond in shape for games during the holidays.

The St. Augustine Baseball club is now being organized and next spring the Browns, who will train here, will play games with the Cardinals, who will be at St. Augustine. At the Ancient City, a club is being organized with a capital of $2,500. The money will be used in preparing the grounds. No money will have to be spent for transportation of the Cardinals to and from the city, the only expense being...
Noel Mitchell, the “Sand Man”
Mitchell's Beach, Johns Pass

The Favorite Spot in the South.
Study the Plan Below, Then
Come in and Let Us Show You.

Mitchell’s Beach

This is the Most Interesting Place in All the South For the Following Substantial Reasons

FIRST

While comparisons are at times adverse, yet facts bear out the following statements. Mitchell Beach is much closer to St. Petersburg than any other resort. It takes several hours to go to Anna Maria Beach, while 45 minutes from the local quay you can be land on Mitchell Beach. It takes 5 hours, 5 minutes, to get to Pass-a-Grille, while in only 45 minutes you can be in the midst of Nature’s playground at Mitchell Beach.

FISHING

Everybody is fond of fishing. Mitchell Beach of Johns Pass is the acknowledged greatest fishing grounds in South Florida. Here is the home and sporting ground of the Blue King, the Tarpon, the game of fish humanity. Here are the gorga bones, the tarpon, the Spanish mackerel, and all other fish in abundance.

SHELLS

No one thinks of returning north without a choice collection of deep water shells. You can never your basket bare with the clams that is found. A short trip in these waters will reward you with shells that are attractive in any eye and are never found elsewhere in their varied colors and shapes, but will work into most ornate and valuable shell work, unadorned in the north.

BOATING

No one is satisfied with his trip complete until he has had a ride out on the placid waters of the Gulf of Mexico. From Mitchell Beach you get the ride, both for pleasure or deep-sea fishing. No more fascinating boat ride is to be had than this one.

BATHING

A swimming pool in the Gulf is one of the great attractions to the tourist and a real health stimulant. A fine, commodious bath house is at your disposal.

Accommodations

At Mitchell Beach, you will find ample and modern facilities, where you are assured of a delicious fish or shore dinner. It is to your advantage. Better get you a lot here and make your summer ground permanent. This is a place to occupy his in all its fullness, join your neighbors in this charming spot, where you have nothing bears in the manner and manner and comfort in the world. Take the Jungle boat at the galley corner and be met every hour by a boat at the Jungle. Have a lovely boat ride across placid waters and under charming scenery, to

Mitchell’s Beach, Johns Pass

For further particulars see

Mitchell, The Sand Man
LEAPING TARPON, CAUGHT AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. 
BY-THE-GULF-STREAM.
THE WIGWAM

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Exceptionally fine location, one block from the Bay. Lavatories in bed-rooms; bath suites; sun parlor; ample verandas.

$2.50 per day; $10 to $14 per week. Sunday and holiday dinners, 75c.

ELEANOR C. REED, Prop’r.
Miss Mae Peabody First Woman in St. Petersburg to Ride in Airboat

In the face of a stiff breeze from the southeast so strong that the small fishing boats did not leave the harbor, Miss Mae Peabody, of Dubuque, Iowa, took a trip in the Benoist airboat this morning, being the first woman in St. Petersburg to fly with Tony Jannus in the first airboat operating on a regular schedule between two cities. Miss Peabody was not daunted by the wind and said she was willing to go if Jannus was willing to take her as she had confidence in his judgment. The truth is that the pilot was a little hesitant about taking up a woman in the wind but after the trip said to Miss Peabody:

“You are all right. I will be glad to take you again, any time you want to go. You have as good nerve as any man.”

The boat, with Miss Peabody and Jannus in it, took the water shortly before 10 o’clock. Soon after passing through the entrance to the yacht basin in the boat encountered big waves and did a deal of skipping on the tops of the breakers. Jannus soon rose from the water and sailed gracefully into the wind. He circled over the new city pier landed in the yacht basin. Miss Peabody was greatly pleased with the trip and said:

“It is the best sport I have ever had.”

She said she had seen many airboats and aeroplanes and had had one opportunity to take a flight but was ill and could not go when the time came. She said she then resolved to fly if she ever had another chance. She expects to take the trip to Tampa before she returns to her home in Iowa. P. E. Fansler, manager of the Benoist boat line, is trying to persuade Miss Peabody to buy a boat for her own use and she is considering the proposition. The boats sell for $4,500 each.

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Arrive Tampa 3:30 P. M.
Leave Tampa 3:30 P. M.
Ar. St. Petersburg 3:30 P. M.

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NOTE—Passengers are allowed a weight of 200 pounds GROSS including hand baggage, excess charged at $5.00 per 100 pounds, minimum charge 25 cents. EXPRESS RATES, for packages, suit cases, mail matter, etc., $5.00 per hundred pounds, minimum charge 25 cents. Express carried from hangar to hangar only, delivery and receipt by shipper.
LARGO TO HOLD A COUNTY FAIR
WILL MAKE A SPECIAL FEATURE OF FLORIDA PRODUCTS.
WOMEN BACK IT.

Women of Largo, members of the Woman's club, are arranging to hold a county fair for three days beginning Jan. 25, when things produced in Florida will be exhibited. A list of premiums is a long one and indicates that the fair will be well attended. Citrus fruits will be displayed and prizes are to be offered for oranges and grapefruit of various varieties. It is expected that there will be sharp competition for these prizes between the sections of Pinellas county. St. Petersburg growers will send exhibits and Clearwater and Seminole also will send choice fruits.

The promoters of the fair are going to do a lot of advertising and hope to make a success of their project. They are doing it to encourage growing of fruit and vegetables in this county as well as to advertise Largo.

SIX DYNAMITERS ARRESTED AND CONFESSIONS

New York, Nov. 31. Six men—five strikers and a chauffeur—were placed under arrest here today on charges of having blown up the 110th street subway station several weeks ago. The police say the men have confessed and given the details of an amazing plan of dynamiting the trolley company's property.

The subway station was blown up at the time excitement ran high over the strike of the street-car men and when New York was practically tied up in the matter of street transportation. Mayor Mitchell took a prominent part in trying to settle the differences between the trolley company and the employees, but President Theodore P. Shontz held out stubbornly. Threats of sympathetic strikes on the part of subway and elevated men and other lines of industry were freely made, but they did not materialize and the strike was a failure.

The police expect to run down a number of men implicated in the plot to dynamite the trolley company's properties and inaugurate a reign of terror.

NOT TO VOTE IN A CHURCH

Voters in the first precinct in St. Petersburg will not vote at the old Auditorium, as was announced from Clearwater, but the polling place will be in a room of the Detroit hotel, located on First avenue north. The old Auditorium is now used as a church by the Christian Science congregation and the election officers did not think it would be proper to have an election in a church so did not even ask the church to allow the use of the building. The room on First avenue north will be convenient and well lighted.

It is believed by the officers of election that the count can be completed next Tuesday, quicker than at the recent Democratic primary. The ticket is no longer and there will be only first choice votes to be counted. The count will be made as quickly as possible. It should be finished earlier than at the June primary as the polls will close much earlier and the count can be started earlier. The polls close at sunset and the sun sets much earlier now than it did in June.

LAND DEALERS HIT BY RULING

THOSE WORKING FOR FIRMS ON COMMISSION MUST PAY THE CITY TAX.

POULTRY MEN MEET TONIGHT

WILL EITHER ORGANIZE FOR BUSINESS OR DROP PROJECT FOR PRESENT.

JANNUS KILLED IN FAR RUSSIA

AVIATOR WHO FLEW HERE TWO WINTERS MEETS DEATH. HAD MANY FRIENDS.
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AVIATOR WHO FLEW HERE TWO WINTERS MEETS DEATH. HAD MANY FRIENDS.

Friends in St. Petersburg of Anthony Jannus, the noted aviator who for two years has been working for the Curtiss company, were shocked yesterday afternoon to get the news that he had been killed in Russia. How he met death is not known, the cable message merely stating that he was killed. Presumably he was flying when he met death. Jannus had gone to Russia to deliver airplanes made for the Russian government by the Curtiss company. He had made one trip and returned to this country, going back to Russia later with another consignment of the planes. Whether on his last flight he was testing a machine or was in the service of the Russian government is not known.

Tony Jannus was well known in St. Petersburg as in many parts of the (CONTINUED ON PAGE TEN)
I. Rumbler; 2, Agnew; 3, Shotien; 4, Austin; 5, Hamilton; 6, Witte; 7, Manning; 8, Ensoroth; 9, Crossin; 10, Pratt; 11, Hoch; 12, Wallace; 13, Leary; 14, C. Walker; 15, Branch Rickey, Mgr.; 16, Clemens; 17, Baumgardner; 18, E. Miller; 19, Wellman; 20, James; 21, G. Williams; 22, Taylor; 23, Bold; 24, McAllister; 25, Howard; 26, Mitchell; 27, Sugden; 28, Leverenz; 29, H. Walker; 30, D. Walsh; 31, Jenkins; 32, Messenger; 33, Bisland; 34, Wares; 35, C. Roche; 36, Barrett, Scout; 37, Dr. Lawler, Trainer.

ST. LOUIS AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAM, 1914.

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Branch Rickey
A Few Words About the Brown's Training Camp

By X. Purf.

As we have furnished you with biographical sketches of 21 of the ball players that are to report here next month to take up the work of rounding into shape that Branch Rickey may look over his prospects and pick from the fruits of his scouts, such material as he thinks ripe for the task of helping pull the Browns out of the last notch in the American League, we today wish to tell you something of the importance of that little plot of ground out at Coffee Pot Bayou that is so rapidly being placed in condition for the use of these ball players we have told you of and others that we are to continue to tell you about from day to day until the entire Brown tea party is mentioned.

If you have not seen the $10,000 be ball park that is being built in the

tage to be derived from a sliding pit and about the great beauty and worth of the expert sliding baserunner of modern baseball, we will tell you of the uses of handball and its advantage to the young athlete in early training. Go out and see this park in course of construction—familiarize yourself with the place that is soon to become the most popular place in the city and we fear that there will be days when you can't get into this grand amusement place—for instance, the day that the shy old fox, Connie Mack leads the World's champion base ball team out upon the sward of Coffee Pot Bayou. (Better get your tickets now.)

There are many features to be seen in the local park today. It will undoubtedly be the best and most modern ball park outside of organized baseball and far better than many of the league parks, and we hope from
Twenty Games Arranged
For the St. Louis Browns

Twenty big league baseball games have been scheduled for the St. Louis Browns, who will train here, and ten of them will be played on the Coffee Pot Bayou field. This arrangement was made to The Times last night by a member of the local baseball association with the statement that the schedule will be arranged as soon as Branch Rickey, manager of the Browns, is heard from again, which will likely be within the next few days.

St. Petersburg baseball fans will be treated to something different when Rickey brings his squad of regulars and rookies down here this month.

With what teams the games arranged will be played the local baseball officials were not authorized to state, however he said they will be with teams of national prominence, major league clubs, and no one locally will have cause to complain at the brand of ball put up here this spring.

Rickey's men will begin reporting here very soon and as fast as they show up they will be started to work at the Coffee Pot. His first squad may arrive here next week and from the date of arrival of the first bunch of ball players until the entire four-man personnel will answer here to roll call the players will arrive quickly.

All arrangements for taking care of the teams has been perfected. The park mentioned will be worked on especially for the use of the St. Louis Browns and every thing essential to their well being will be provided for them.

The park is in fine shape and only needs a little dressing down to make it just what Rickey wants to train his players on. The local men who formed the baseball association have

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RICKEY COMES TONIGHT WITH BROWN SQUAD

TWENTY-THREE MEMBERS OF ST. LOUIS CLUB HEADED THIS WAY

WILL START SPRING TRAINING AT ONCE

First Workout Will Be Held at Coffee Pot Bayou Park Tomorrow Morning; Has Best Ball Plant in State

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 14.—Twenty-three members of the St. Louis Browns baseball club, with Branch Rickey, manager of the club, heading the bunch, enroute to St. Petersburg, Fla., will arrive in Jacksonville on the Seminole Limited Sunday morning. They will leave Jacksonville a few minutes after arrival and will reach St. Petersburg Sunday night.

Every preparation has been made here for receiving the Browns and when Rickey and his 23 catchers and pitchers arrive here this evening at 2:25 they will drop into what will likely be the next training camp for a number of major league baseball teams. Rickey comes south with his first squad earlier than any of the other big league managers start in training. He desires to get in just as much time working out the tailenders of the American league as possible, and believing that in the Coffee Pot park which is situated on the shores of the Coffee Pot Bayou, out there where the breezes are tempered by the transparent waters of the bayou and where pines lend a pleasing tinge to the ozone Rickey will put his team of professionals through the trying ordeal known as spring training.

Rickey’s contracts stated that the players signed by Col. Hedges’ club were to report at the Coffee Pot baseball park, St. Petersburg, Fla., Monday, Feb. 16, 1914. A number of the regulars of the Browns, including some of the star players, pitchers, catchers, in and out-fielders, will drop in today and tomorrow, but the bunch Rickey is conveying here personally is composed mostly of rookies, fledglings in the baseball game, who look to have the stuff but who have got to show it.

Tomorrow morning bright and early the Browns who come with Rickey tonight will fare forth from the Fifth Avenue hotel, which was built especially to house the ball players, and will repair to the ball lot. There the preliminary tactics will be gone through. Every day until training camp is broken the players will be found on the lot. Sliding pits, handball courts, batting cages and other adjuncts to a training camp have been constructed there and Rickey will find when he takes a stroll over his lot Monday morning the very thing he has been looking for. In another column of this paper the schedule of the games which the Browns will play during training will be found, and local fans will have the opportunity of witnessing for the first time big league ball in St. Petersburg.

PITTSBURG COMES TO BIG ST. PETERSBURG

The Pittsburgh Pirates contained an animation to the Benfita operated between St. Petersburg and Tampa, last Sunday. The illustrations were colored and the page was the most attractive section of the
Training makes Browns hungry and they clamor for more food

Complaints about the food served at their hotel have been heard from different members of the Brown crew, the objection being based on the small amount given each man at mealtime. It is suspected that the hotel management has Rickey’s orders about the quantity of provisions which the men are to have but the players feel slighted when the waiters refuse to bring them a second order after they have disposed of the first with little difficulty. A number of the men have been residing on farms throughout the cold months where they could eat to their stomach’s content and the cutting down of rations does not go well at first. The trips to and from the park their exercises, and most of all, their coming to this part of the land have given all of them added appetites.

Training exercises by the St. Louis Americans started at 9 o’clock yesterday morning and ended at 1:30, Manager Rickey deeming it wise not to work the men for a very long period so early in the season. Hunting practice in the batting cages occupied a large part of the morning, especially for the recruits, while the majority of the regulars took the diamond and practiced throwing. With Jack Enzenroth at the plate and Joe Jenkins...
Fans Will Fill Coffee Pot Park

What promises to be a record crowd will attend the opening of the baseball season Friday afternoon, when the St. Louis Browns open their practice season with the Chicago Cubs at the Coffee Pot Park. Besides the crowd from this city which promises to turn out in full there is a large delegation coming down on a special train which will be run down from Tarpon Springs and will stop at all stations on the way down.

From the demand for seats in the grandstand and the open stand there will be a crowd that will overflow into the field and ropes will probably have to be stretched and allow the fans to congregate on the field to witness the game. This is an unusual event for the residents and visitors of this city and is the first time in the history of St. Petersburg that a major league baseball game has been played here.

There are eighteen boxes in the lower part of the grandstand and eleven of these have been sold for the season. Six of the remaining seven have been sold for the opening game. This is an indication of the fans' interest in baseball and the national sport promises to take precedence over any of the other attractions offered to the visitors. The tickets for the game are on sale from 10 to 12 o'clock each morning until the day of the game, at the Central National Bank.
STOICES WILL CLOSE FRIDAY FOR BALL GAME

Friday will be a big day in St. Petersburg history and in celebration thereof the merchants of the city will close their stores at 12 o'clock to remain shut tight the balance of the day. All this observance and celebration is occasioned by the Browns-Cubs game which will be played Friday afternoon and the rabid and half-rabid baseball fans of the city are as excited as a debutante on the eve of her coming out party.

A. F. Lang, financial manager of the St. Petersburg Baseball association, makes the statement that all the merchants of the city have signified their intention of closing their stores and taking a half-day off to see the first game of baseball ever played between two big league teams in this city.

Extra trolley cars will be operated on the Coffee Pot line to take care of the crowds which will go to the game to haul the crowd back to the city after the final batter is out and the smoke of battle clears away. The grandstand will accommodate twenty-five hundred people and the bleachers will take care of the same number. It is expected that both will be filled to capacity and that standing room on the ground will be at a premium.

FRENCH PRESIDENT NOW A VERY POPULAR MAN

Paris, Feb. 21.--President Poincare, executive of the French Republic. He has now completed a year as chief has gained for himself the reputation of the most active man in France and increased the popularity he so suddenly acquired ten fold.

Breaking away from the traditional trammels of etiquette, President Poincare has sought to associate himself with every class of French thought and endeavor. He has presided at hundreds of public banquets, not only of the political and philanthropic order, but also of the purely social variety. It is said that whenever his engagements permitted, he attended the regular sessions of the French Academy, of which he is a member.

In addition to official visits to Spain and England, he has visited every part of France, going by automobile to many remote villages, where a president had never been seen before. His unassuming tact, the remarkable skill with which he can be affable without compromising the high dignity of his position has gained for him the affection, and for his office, the respect of tens of thousands of Frenchmen, particularly of that class...
ST. PETERSBURG TAKES A DAY OFF TO GO TO FIRST GAME OF SEASON

Half-Holiday Observed in Celebration of Contest Between Browns and Cubs—First Big League Game Ever Played in the Sunshine City.

For the first time in the history of the St. Petersburg, a baseball game stopped business today, even the real estate men joining with the merchants in abandoning their usual occupation. The game, that closed the commercial season of the city, is the first contest between big league teams that has been played in St. Petersburg; hence the excitement over it. The famous Chicago Cubs are battling with the St. Louis Browns, no less famous (though for different reasons), and the people of the city are out to cheer for the Browns.

An order from Superintendent Avisby to his teachers, dismissing all classes by 1 o'clock this afternoon, proved immensely popular with the pupils and many of them availed themselves of an opportunity to see the big league game at Coffee Pot Park. Since the entire city, with the exception of the newspapers and a few other concerns, was to enjoy a half-holiday, Mr. Avisby could see no good reason why the children should not take a vacation, too.

Record time was made in the construction of a pier in the bayou near the park, and it was made ready for service today. The Manatee and other steamers which made the trip used it as a landing place. Pine trees in the immediate vicinity of that part of the bayou were felled and made into piling, driven down at the water's edge, and the whole floored over with heavy planks.

Tampans in large droves swarmed into the city this morning, jubilant over the victory "their team" won over Bickey's club yesterday at Plant Park, and confident that this afternoon's battle will be a repetition. Besides the rooters, the Cubs were accompanied here by representatives of the Chicago Tribune, Record-Herald, Inter-Ocean, Examiner, News and Post, besides the Tampa Tribune and Times, reporters. Added to the four St. Louis sport writers who are here with the Browns, this lineup of newspaper men makes a formidable array and the largest number ever collected in the Sunshine City.
27 February 1914

STREET CARS WILL RUN TO COFFEE POT THIS AFTERNOON EVERY TEN MINUTES
TWO SPECIAL CARS COMING FROM BELLEVUE

SULZER CLAIMS MURPHY NEVER RETURNED COIN

New York, Feb. 26.—William Sulzer, deposed governor of New York, on the witness stand today in the John Doe inquiry into political graft, testified that Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany Hall leader, did not give back the twenty-five thousand dollars campaign contribution of the late Anthony N. Brady in 1912. Murphy in a recent public statement said he had returned the money to Brady. Sulzer conceded today that Murphy had paid Brady twenty-five thousand dollars, but testified that it was not the money paid by Brady to Sulzer as a campaign contribution. Sulzer declared that the money was paid by Murphy to Brady in compromising a suit for forty thousand dollars. Brady had brought against Murphy.

"Brady made Murphy a present of fifteen thousand dollars," added the

ROOTERS WILL COME BY TRAIN FROM TARPON

Another special train will be run down from Tarpon Springs today to bring the fans from up the county to see the game between the Browns and the Cardinals. Pinellas county and its visitors have gone baseball mad. Fans, like mushrooms, have sprung up over-night by the advent of major league baseball in this city. Tarpon has its quota of rooters and Bellaire is a hotbed of the followers of the game. The whole county is buzzing with the fever and everybody is on edge to see the games.

The special will leave Tarpon at 12:10 o'clock and will stop at all the stations on the way down to pick up the rooters. A special car for the rooters from the Bellview hotel, at Bellaire, will be a part of the train and the sports will fill it to overflowing according to the report of the number which is coming down to see the game. Among this crowd will likely be George Ade, the famous novelist, who is a guest at the Bellview.

The train will leave this city immediately after the game and will get the fans back to their stopping places in time for dinner in the evening. According to the report there will be between three and four hundred rooters on this train.
FOUR THOUSAND PEOPLE SAW OPENING GAME OF BASEBALL SEASON

Silver showers by the hundreds rolled into the coffers of the St. Petersburg baseball association yesterday and a crowd which taxed the seating capacity of the grandstands and bleachers turned out to see the St. Louis Browns and the Chicago Cubs open the spring season in St. Petersburg. It is estimated that there were over four thousand people at the game and the grandstand was nearly filled a half hour before play was called.

Everybody went to the game. Every profession and every class was represented within the enclosure, and every type of the crowd was there. Railroad magnates, famous authors, spotlight favorites, gentlemen of the cloth, "sporty" men, doctors, lawyers, judges, teachers, merchants, clerks, hash hustlers, cab drivers, chauffeurs, negro laborers; they all turned out to see the opening of the season. When the first.

Snell and Rainlett landing at the Coffee Pot from the electric dock. Much credit is due the trolley company for the way it handled the crowd and the dispatch with which the people were brought back to the city after the game. The only feature which would be objected to by anyone is the distance from the terminus of the trolley line to the entrance to the park, and this is of minor consideration.

The special train which started from Tarpon Springs yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock brought five cars of passengers to see the game. Of this number there were two solid cardinals of guests of the Bellevue Hotel, at Belleair. A special party for the game was made up at the Bellevue and headed by manager Sexton of the hotel, they came in great style to see the first game of the season in St. Petersburg. The special train returned to points up the peninsula.

Fashionably gowned women and faultlessly dressed men; women in plain business clothes; and men who didn't give "a hang" how they looked just so they saw the game, were there. The outfield fence supported a score or more of kids who had rather see the game hanging onto the top rail of the fence, running the risk of "gotten" pinched than to witness it from the best box seat in the stand. The pine trees near the baseball lot groaned under the weight of the fans.

The game was like the others: the "Tampa team" just as people of St. Petersburg consider the Browns the Sunshine City's own aggregation, rooted consistently for Hank O'day's men and cheered them through some tight places.

Among those who came from the Bellevue hotel were the following: Mr. J. Plait, of Connecticut, president of the New England League, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rossa, Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stenger, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Daridge, and many others.
TWO ST. LOUIS TEAMS CLASH AT COFFEE POT

CARDINALS COME TODAY FOR TWO GAMES WITH 'MICKEY' BROWN MEN.

BOTH GAMES WILL BE HARD PLAYED BY BOTH

Championship of St. Louis is at Stake
And Both Managers Will Put Best Men Forward in Games at Sunshine Park.

Fighting for the championship of St. Louis and for prestige in the hearts of the fans in their home town the St. Louis Browns will take on the St. Louis Cardinals this afternoon at Sunshine Park and the contest promises to be the most spirited one of the present season. The Cardinals will remain in town for another game tomorrow.
Base Ball

Coffee Pot Bayou Park, Tues. and Wed., March 3 and 4

St. Louis Cardinals

vs.

St. Louis Browns

Game called at 3 o'clock

Reserved seats now on sale at American Bank & Trust Co.

Prices—Boxes, $1.00. Grand Stand, 50c Bleachers, 25c

These will be the most important games of the season and every one should be there.
TAKE MOVING PICTURES OF THE ST. LOUIS BROWNS AND COFFEE POT BALL PARK

With the intention of showing the world just how big league ball players work out during their spring training, Robert Tomsen, manager of the Commercial Film company, will make about 800 feet of film of the St. Louis Browns in action, which will be exhibited in every big league city in the United States. Some pictures were taken yesterday and some more film will be run off tomorrow.

The pictures will show the Browns working out in the batting cages, in the sliding pits and on the handball courts. There will also be a picture taken of a game being played.

Following the pictures in this city Mr. Tomsen will go to St. Augustine to take pictures of the St. Louis Cardinals, will visit Fort Meyers and take pictures of the Louisville Colonels and will then go to Jacksonville and take pictures of the Athletics, the world’s champions.

These pictures are being taken to show the work-out of the big league ball-tossers. The pictures of the players in this city will be the most extensive of any of the others. Here the players have batting cages, sliding pits and handball courts, which the other teams training in Florida are lacking of.

This film will probably be seen by millions of people. It will be a big advertisement for this city as it will be of the Sunshine training camps. The added features for the training of the recruits will be shown and emphasis put on these things which the other parks lack.
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CHICAGO CUBS vs. ST. LOUIS BROWNS, (1st TEAM)
FEB. 26th, MARCH 5th, and 7th.

3 HOTLY CONTESTED GAMES
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LEANS TO FACE FATS IN DONKEY BASEBALL GAME

Postmaster Pearce Leads Postal Employees to Win Over Suwannee

William F. Davenport, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will lead his Lean donkey baseball players into action against a Fat aggregation headed by "Roxy" Fritz tonight in the next to the last donkey game of the season at the Waterfront park. The game will get underway at 8 o'clock.

Ab Rabe, veteran diamond ball player, will pitch for the Leans with Davenport behind the bat. Carvin...
Expansion of Baseball Marketing

21 OUT OF 23 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS, SMOKE CAMEL'S!

by FRANK FRISCH

They were satisfied at the time, but the Cardinals were through, in great style, to the World Series, and the Camel's manager of the baseball team was wont to tell me that he was glad they had not sold out to the American Tobacco Company. The Card's manager was a man of great strategy, but when the Americans offered him a large sum of money to let his team smoke Camels, he refused. Instead, he chose to continue smoking Cigarettes, and the Card's manager was glad he had chosen to continue smoking Cigarettes, as the American Tobacco Company was afterwards determined to buy the Card's manager and his team.

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CAMEL'S COSTLIER TOBACCOS NEVER GET ON YOUR NERVES!
21 OUT OF 23 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS SMOKE CAMELS!

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They sure made it hot for us this year, but the Cardinals came through in great style clear to the end when we needed every ounce of energy to win. We needed it—and we had it. There's the story in a nutshell. It seems as though the team line up just as well on their smoking habits as they do on the ball field. Here's our line-up on smoking: 21 out of 23 of the Cardinals prefer CAMELS.

The World Series is over. The Cardinals are on the top—supreme in the baseball world! Their astounding achievement will go down in history—a sensational change from 7 games behind to win the pennant...and then the series! Timely hitting...great spirit...abounding energy...tell the story.

They are champions—popular champions. Frankie Frisch, Carlston, Rother.

Owenit, Leo Durocher, Bill Walker, Medwick—all America knows this Cardinal team by heart and applauds its stirring victory.

“WHAT DO THE WORLD CHAMPIONS SMOKE?”

A natural question. And above you get Frank Frisch's answer. The preference is overwhelmingly for CAMELS.

CAMELS have a delightful way of renewing energy. They have the mildness, the flavor. They don't interfere with healthy nerves.

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James Stewart and June Allyson

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