

CONNIE MACK DECLARES FRANK BAKER WILL NEVER PLAY WITH ATHLETICS' TEAM AGAIN

"I'M DONE WITH BAKER; SHALL NEVER PLAY ON MY TEAM," SAYS MACK

Athletics' Manager Now Bars Home Run King in Interest of Financial End of Game—Willing to Make Sacrifice.

BOSTON, Mass., April 25.—"I'm through with Frank Baker as a ball player. He will never appear in an Athletics' uniform as long as I am connected with the team. And it is my intention at the present time not to allow Baker to become the property of any other team in the American League. I would not sell him for \$1,000,000 in cash."

This is the decided and positive statement Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, made to the EVENING LEDGER correspondent this morning, just before he went into his regular morning strategy session with his ball players at the Coppy Square Hotel, the same to be devoted to discussion of ways and means to spike the Red Sox guns in the final game of the present series between the two clubs this afternoon at Fenway Park.

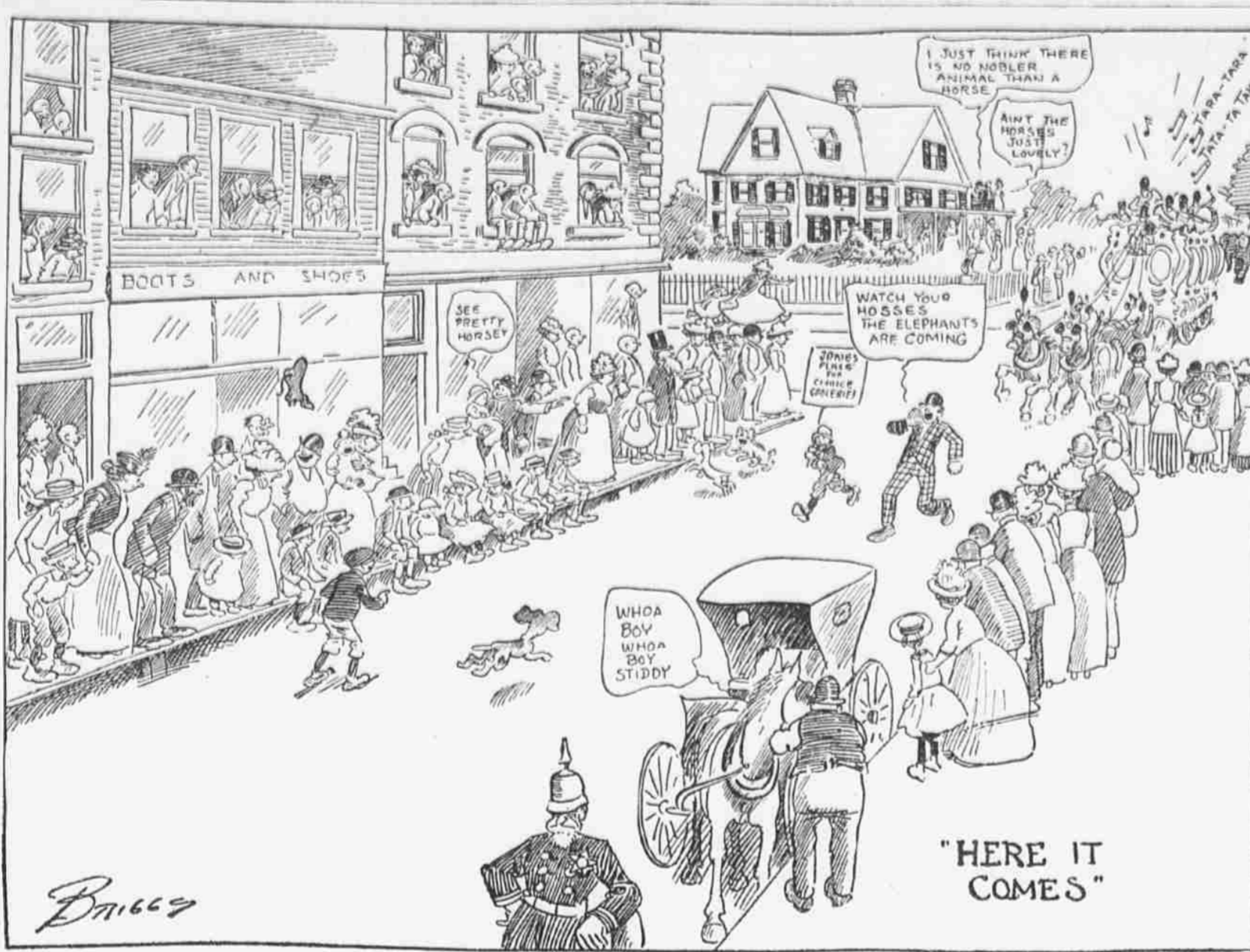
The last straw in the Baker-Mack episode was the fact that Baker played with the Upland team in the Delaware County League of Pennsylvania Saturday afternoon. Baker had to ride four or five hours from Trappe, Md., to get to the scene of the game. It was with this knowledge in mind that Mack made the above statement.

Mack believes that he has gone the limit in the Baker affair and that it's now time to call quits. "I have not yet examined Baker personally," qualified Mack, "but as a matter of principle I have decided that he will never play on my team. We talked the matter over. He even came to see me about it. He decided not to report, now it's over, and he can't report."

With Baker in our line-up we'd be fighting for the pennant, and would be as likely a winner as any team. Without him we are not a pennant team unless we are fortunate enough to get or develop a first-class, hard-hitting third baseman in very short order, and unless our young pitchers live up to expectations.

It is now convinced that the present standard of salaries in baseball is too high. Some one must make a sacrifice. Some one must set an example or the business end of the game will suffer even worse than it has already. I am prepared to make that sacrifice. I am not saying that I am the best equipped to make the step, but it must be made, and the Baker case furnishes the opportunity.

ATHLETICS CALL OFF GAME
Poor Condition of Players Prevents Exhibition Contest.
ROCKY POINT, R. I., April 25.—The exhibition game between the Philadelphia Athletics and the Providence team of the International League, announced yesterday, was called off because of the poor condition of some of the American League champions, according to an announcement by the Providence management.



THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT

SARATOGA STAKES WILL CLOSE TODAY

Book Includes Twenty Fixtures of Summer Meeting Over the Flat Course at Spa.

To the number of 20 the stakes for the Saratoga Racing Association's summer meeting at the Spa will close today with the secretary, A. McL. Earlock. These stakes comprise the fixtures over the flat course, the four steepchase events being left open until May 19. Six of the flat stakes are devised under selling conditions, they being the Amsterdam, Cutskill, Mohawk and Seneca for 3-year-olds, and the Troy and Kentucky for 2-year-olds. The last two are at the five and a half furlong distance.

COACHES AT PENN BITTERLY DENOUNCED

Professor O'Boiger Replies Hotly to Plea in Behalf of Hours for Athletics.

Prof. Thomas D. O'Boiger, of the English department of the University of Pennsylvania, this morning gave out a statement in which he attacked the plea of the coaches and students of the University who are advocating 5 o'clock hours for recitations and lectures. Doctor O'Boiger expressed his opinion that the plea made more important than the scholastic work. He also objected to being made to do extra work to please the Pennsylvania coaches, to whom he referred as "either not college men, or, if they are, are only so by living upon their good name and our undergraduate enslavement to the commercialism of athletics."

AIKEN POLOISTS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP FOR BIG TROPHIES

Hopping Plays in Rare Form Against Rumsons.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., April 25.—The Aiken Tigers carried off their third set of polo trophies for the week when they took the Randolph Cup yesterday afternoon from Rumson. The game was hard-fought, but one-sided. Rumson received two goals by handicap, and they were only able to add one more during the game.

ALEXANDER AND WALTER JOHNSON GREATEST PITCHERS IN THE GAME

New York Sports Writer Sees in Phillies' Star Probably Most Notable Hurler of Day—Two Are Compared—"Alex" More Graceful in His Box Work.

Damon Runyon, in the New York American, contributes a classic to the sports comment of the day in his appraisal of Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Phillies, and Walter Johnson, of Washington. It is: "Whenever we see Grover Cleveland Alexander pitching at top form, we conclude that he is the greatest right-handed pitcher in the land, and we cling to that conclusion until Walter Perry Johnson comes along with a line of his best pitching. Then we decide that Walter is the greatest, and we hold to that decision until the day that 'Alex' reappears."

KILBANE TO FIGHT LEONARD IN NEW YORK THURSDAY

Featherweight Champ Eager to Tackle Lightweight.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The most important bout of the week will be that between Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion of the world, and Benny Leonard, the Bronx champion, at the Federal A. C. on Thursday night. Almost equal in importance will be the go between Leach Cross and Packey Hommey, which is on the same card.

PLAYERS FAVOR "ALEX."

"Ball players who have hit against both men—or rather who haven't hit against them, for there is never much hitting against Walter or Grover—say that the Nebraskan is the better of the two. They say he has as much 'stuff' and knows how to use it better than Johnson.

MACKMEN IN TO WIN FINAL FROM RED SOX; BRESSLER MAY PITCH

Collins or Foster Scheduled to Hurl Against Athletics Today—McConnell Probably Continues to Play at Third Base.

BOSTON, Mass., April 25.—Encouraged at their good showing on Saturday, when Herb Pennock pitched them to a 5-3 victory over the Red Sox, the Athletics feel rejuvenated today. They expect to capture the series with the Fenway fellows by taking the final game. President Lannin has agreed to have the game this afternoon begin at 2:50 o'clock in order that the Athletics may catch the Federal express at 5 o'clock for Washington, where they open tomorrow a four-game series.

CENTRAL HIGH'S SPURT IN BASEBALL RACE

Crimson and Gold Wins Two Contests and Will Give the League Leaders Hard Run.

INTER-SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE STANDING. Won, Lost, P. C. Northeast High School 3 1 .750 West Philadelphia High School 2 2 .500 Central High School 2 2 .500 Catholic High School 1 2 .333 Southern High School 0 0 .000

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with columns: Clubs, W., L., Pct., Win. Loss. National League: Philadelphia 1, 1, .500, 309, 309; Cincinnati 7, 3, .700, 727, 638; Boston 5, 5, .500, 545, 454; St. Louis 5, 7, .417, 462, 308; Pittsburgh 4, 6, .400, 454, 364; Brooklyn 4, 6, 400, 454, 364; New York 2, 7, .222, 300, 233. American League: Detroit 8, 3, .730, 769, 692; Washington 5, 4, .556, 600, 500; Boston 4, 4, .500, 556, 444; Cleveland 6, 6, .500, 538, 462; Chicago 6, 6, 500, 538, 462; Athletics 3, 5, .375, 444, 333; St. Louis 3, 3, .500, 308, 233. Federal League: Newark 9, 5, .642, 667, 600; Pittsburgh 8, 5, .615, 642, 571; Chicago 6, 4, .600, 636, 545; Brooklyn 5, 5, .500, 615, 538; Kansas City 6, 0, 500, 538, 462; Buffalo 5, 5, .385, 429, 357; Baltimore 5, 8, .385, 429, 357; St. Louis 3, 8, .273, 333, 250.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

National League: St. Louis, 4; Pittsburgh, 1. Chicago, 4; Cincinnati, 4 (3 innings called). American League: Cleveland, 3; Detroit, 1. Chicago, 1; St. Louis, 0. Federal League: Pittsburgh, 3; St. Louis, 0. Chicago, 10; Kansas City, 2. Kansas City, 9; Chicago, 2 (2d game).

BASEBALL SCHEDULE TODAY

National League: Boston at Philadelphia, clear. New York at Brooklyn, cloudy. Chicago at Cincinnati, clear. Pittsburgh at St. Louis, clear. American League: Philadelphia at Boston, clear. Washington at New York, cloudy. St. Louis at Detroit, clear. Cleveland at Chicago, clear. Federal League: Baltimore at Brooklyn, cloudy. Buffalo at Newark, cloudy. St. Louis at Pittsburgh, threatening. Kansas City at Chicago, clear.

BROOKLYN CELTICS IN THROES OF BIG LOSING STREAK

Badly Beaten Yesterday in Game With Yonkers F. C. NEW YORK, April 25.—The Brooklyn Celtics are in the throes of a losing streak. They were defeated last week by the Scottish-Americans in the American Football Association cup tie finals, and yesterday they bowed before the prowess of the Yonkers F. C. in a game played at Marquette Oval, Brooklyn. The score was 3 to 0.

PARRISH LOSES GOLF PLAY-OFF

Seaview Qualification Medal Goes to Risley, 81 to 84.

ATLANTIC CITY, April 25.—Maurice E. Risley, the star golfer of the seashore field, defeated James C. Parrish, Jr., of the National Golf Links, yesterday for the gold medal in the play-off of the qualification round tie of Thursday at Seaview, when both turned in cards of 79. Risley went around in 31, as against 34 for the Metropolitan player.

50 FREE TRIPS to the California Expositions

50 persons are going to the Panama-Pacific and San Diego Expositions as guests of the Public Ledger-Evening Ledger. Not one of them need spend a cent. They will see everything, travel first-class and stop at the best hotels. If you would like to be included in the party, send for particulars.

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DEMAREE MAY PITCH TODAY IN FINAL GAME WITH BOSTON BRAVES

Tyler or Strand Probable Choice of Stallings, Although James May Be Used—Moran's Men Are Back to Normal.

Philadelphia fans will see the Boston Braves in action against the National League leaders this afternoon for the last time until June 20. The final game of the present series will not begin today until 3:30 o'clock. Moran's men will endeavor to make three out of four at home with the world's champions. If the local tarpopers are able to come through with another victory over their cultured rivals, they will have defeated them five out of six games played this season.

In order to accomplish his purpose, Pat Moran will probably send Al Demaree, the ex-Giant, to the hurling hill. Demaree's only start, that against his former club at the Polo Grounds last Monday, was a huge success, and the Phillies are counting on him crushing the enemy today should he draw the assignment. Demaree seems to be in winning shape and he ought to be able to down the Braves.

HAL CHASE MOBBED BY FANS

Once Popular Idol Hooted and Kicked in Harrison, N. J. HARRISON, N. J., April 25.—Hal Chase of the Buffalo Federal League team, yesterday got mixed up with some of 18 local fans after the game here, and as a result was roughly handled. The police came to the assistance of the first baseman, and arrested Billy Quinn, who started the trouble by jeering at Chase. The Newark mob then took a hand in the game, getting Quinn away from a police man and apirited him away.

PENN MEN TRAIN TODAY

Coach Orton to Shape Men for Inter-collegiate Championships. The University of Pennsylvania track authorities today began the work of preparing their team for the intercollegiate track and field championships, to be held here on May 25 and 29. Coach Orton ordered nearly all the men who competed on Friday and Saturday to rest up until Wednesday, when they will do a little light work to put them on edge for the Princeton handicap races, to which a team of 20 men will be sent. The principal exception to the men who are to be rested was Jim Patterson, the sprinter. He has been training only two weeks, and since he is to be the chief reliance in the 100 yards, he is anxious to work to get into condition.

BILLIARD TOURNEY TONIGHT

Week's Sport Begins for Best of Uptown Talent. Starting tonight, a pocket billiard tournament will be held at 314 Kensington avenue that will bring together some of the best of the uptown talent. The schedule for the week is as follows: Tonight, Arthur McBeth, of Port Richmond, and Anthony Graef; Tuesday, Leo Mack and John Gallagher; Wednesday, John Mack, of North Penn, and Stephen Bennett, of Aramingo; Thursday, William Plummer, of Coopersville, and William Hoyle.