

VETERAN "NAP" LAJOIE MAY GO BACK TO CLEVELAND CLUB AS NEW MANAGER

LARRY LAJOIE MAY LEAD CLEVELAND AMERICANS UNDER THE REORGANIZED REGIME

Athletic Second Sacker Would Be Allowed to Buy Block of Indians' Stock—Not Likely to Play With Mack Again

IF THE Cleveland capitalists who are now dickering for the controlling interest of the Indians are successful, Larry Lajoie, the veteran second baseman of the Athletics and one of the most historic figures ever connected with the national pastime, will never be seen in a baseball uniform again.

Lajoie has the consent of the Athletics to dicker with the prospective buyers in case they are successful, and the famous slugger will purchase a block of stock in the Cleveland Club and act as manager of the team.

In a letter to a friend in this city Lajoie wrote: "If my friends are successful in purchasing the Cleveland Club I expect to be allowed to purchase a block of stock, and I understand I am to be seriously considered for manager."

War has been kind to the St. Louis Browns. In the three baseball wars the Browns have been the greatest gainers in the matter of getting star ball players.

The declaration of peace between the Federal League and organized ball will result in the transfer of Eddie Plank, Dave Davenport, Armando Marsans, Harry Chapman, Ward Miller, Young Tobin and other stars who will bolster up the weak points of the tail-end Browns.

If the St. Louis Browns decide to retain Marsans, Cincinnati will have to turn Ivy Wingo, the hard-hitting young catcher, over to the Cardinals.

The proposed boxing tournament at New Orleans, at which the promoters expect to stage three championship battles within a week, recalls the famous tournament held in the Crescent City in 1892, which was brought to a climax when James J. Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan in 14 rounds.

It is the intention of the promoters to stage 20-round bouts to decide the bantamweight, lightweight and heavyweight championships, two of the titles which were at stake in September, 1912.

In the famous New Orleans tourney George Dixon, featherweight, knocked out Jack Skelly, of Brooklyn, in eight rounds. The negro received \$17,500 for his 23 minutes' work and also retained the title.

The last battle was the famous Corbett-Sullivan mill, the result of which startled the pugilistic world and did more to promote scientific boxing than any other set-off staged.

After Frank Moran knocked out Jim Coffey in the fourth round of their bout two months ago, the sporting public appeared to take it for granted that the latter had been put out of the running as a contender for the right to meet Jess Willard.

Until a few days ago this feeling continued to prevail, but suddenly, for some unknown reason, sentiment has changed and not a few who were predicting another knockout victory for Moran have switched to Coffey.

Local Billiardist Dies at Atlanta, Ga. Word has been received from Atlanta, Ga., of the death of A. J. Rogers, a well-known local billiardist.

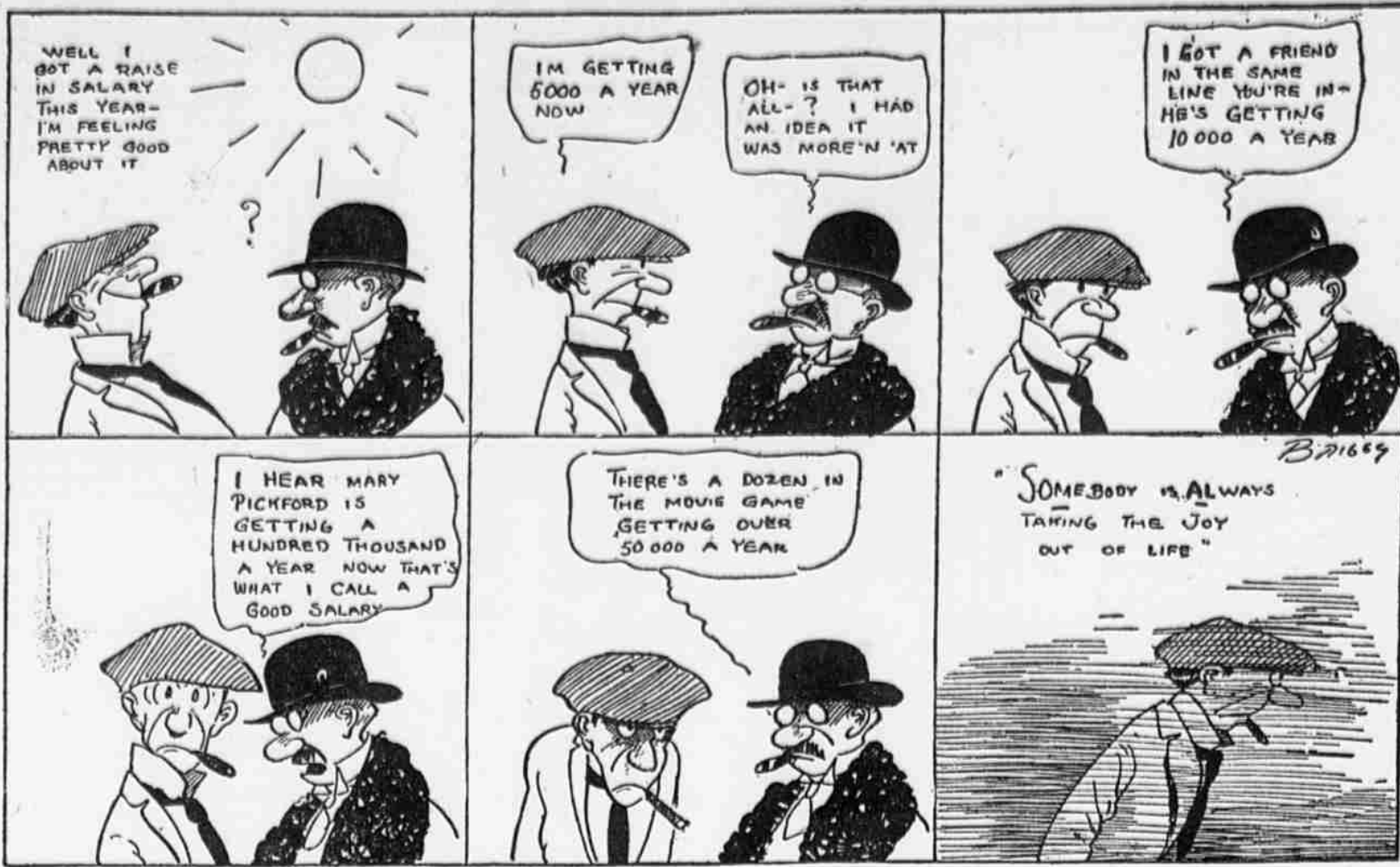
American Jockey Missing in England Matty McGee, who rode Durbar II when it won the English Derby in 1913, is among the missing in England and his parents, who reside in Cincinnati, have requested the State Department to try to locate him.

Williams Was Not Offered Coaching Position A member of the Pennsylvania football committee declares that there is absolutely no truth in the report that Dr. Carl Williams was offered the position of head coach at Penn for next season.

Rain caused the postponement of the great intercity soccer match between the Packards, of Detroit, and St. Georges, of New York, which was scheduled to take place in Detroit last Saturday.

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



STARS OF TRACK ARE LIKELY TO BE REINSTATED

Cases of Kiviat and Smith Still Under Advisement by the Committee

EFFECT ON OTHER MEN

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL. The whole athletic world, collegiate as well as amateur, is interested in the final disposition of the cases of Kiviat and Smith, the New York distance stars, who are at present under suspension on the charge of having asked and taken excessive expense money for competing in an amateur meet.

There is a growing feeling among the friends of the two men that the special committee appointed to hear their appeal and which is headed by Gustavus T. Kirby, the former A. A. U. president, will recommend a lifting of the suspension some time in the near future.

Getting to Know Him "You don't know him, eh? Well I didn't know him for a while, but I've made his acquaintance, and he's stood for my sometimes ungentle remarks, and has accepted my apologies times without number for the rather strong language my coach sometimes used in the line of the really big fellows now taking Yale courses."

Played for W. and L. "I made further inquiries from fellows who knew him. 'Olson Scott Osbourn,' they said was his name, and informed me he was of an old mountaineer family hailing from Shenandoah Junction, W. Va.

AMATEUR CAGE NOTES The "Meris B. C." fourth and fifth class teams in the city have been organized for the winter season.

Red Sox Want Mahan BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 6.—Eddie Mahan, Boston's football and baseball star, is reported to have been offered a contract to play for the Red Sox.

Ackerland to Hold Stock CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Harry Ackerland, who has been in the Chicago Cubs' lineup in the city a hard battle, is reported to have been offered a contract to play for the Cubs.

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YALE'S GREATEST FOOTBALL HERO NEVER ON VARSITY

C. S. Osbourn, an Ineligible, Recommended for His "Y" as Token of Great Work for Old Eli

HARVARD UNIVERSITY football men are now discussing a story that has come out of Yale, following the football season—a story of unselfish loyalty and hard, grueling endeavor, all done without thought of recognition or reward.

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The opening of the recent season found Osbourn again on the job. Out upon the field he trotted with his old Washington and Lee uniform, and into the line of the ineligible he went, after asking me what I thought would be the best thing for him to do.

You probably know of some of the conditions encountered at Yale this fall. Too much already has been said of them. You can realize, however, what a help it has been to have a chap like Osbourn backing you up and trying in every possible way to help you.

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Well, when the varsity and ineligible teams that year opposed each other on my first practice I saw this rascally chap in the 'scarlet letter' busting up my plays and making things generally bad for the regulars both on offense and on defense.

When the scrimmage finished I went to him and asked him why he was in the 'scarlet letter.' He told me he was a graduate of a Southern college and was ineligible for the varsity, but that he loved Yale and wanted to help in any possible way.

He was a wonder, and being head coach, I wished more than ever that I could place him on the varsity. He was not a terribly heavy chap, weighing but 130 pounds, despite his height of six feet and over, but he knew how to play, and his long, stringy muscles were like steel.

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CAMDEN TEAM CLIMBING FAST TOWARD PINACLE

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OTHER NEWS OF CAGES

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SOCCER DOPE NOT RUNNING TRUE TO FORM

League Champions Find "There Is Many a Slip" in First Half of Season

INDUSTRIAL'S OPENING

During the first half of the season, which closed with old 1915, not a single league champion made a showing good enough to warrant being placed in the first half of the season.

Patentville, the United League champion, was the only team to repeat its 1914-1915 victory. In the American League, the Bethlehem eleven lost its first league match since the club was organized, Diston winning the November 20 game, by 2 goals to 1.

Although Putnam, the champion of the Allied League, did not lose a league match in the first half of the season, he was held to two 1-1 drawn games by the Wanderers, holders of the Amateur Cup.

Falls C. and F. C., formerly of the American League, is tied with Putnam for 12 points; Diston F. C. is third, with 10 points; Cardington fourth, with 10, and St. Paul's and Wanderers tied for fifth, with 8 points.

The championship race in the Industrial Soccer League, Philadelphia's baby soccer organization, will get under way on Saturday with three games.

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