PAT MORAN PLANS CHANGE AT KEYSTONE SACK FOR PHILLIES IN THE 1916 CAMPAIGN

DAVE SHEAN MAY REPLACE BERT NIEHOFF AT SECOND BASE FOR PHILS THIS YEAR

Signing of Veteran Infielder by Manager Moran Apparently Means Change in Line-up of National League Champions

WITH the signing of Dave Shean, veteran second baseman, by Pat Moran, of the Phillies, it is evident that the leader of the local National League club plans to shake up his infield for the 1916 campaign. Boss Moran informed the writer last night that if Shean showed good form around the keystone territory he would use the veteran as the regular second baseman. This apparently means that the Phils' leader is not sure that Hert Niehoff, of last year's National League championship infield, again will gallivant around second

Shean is a veteran in every sense of the word. His last major league berth was with the Boston Braves. He was turned loose by the Hub City club and last year succeeded "Wild Bill" Donovan as manager of the Providence team of the International League. Shean played second base and managed the team. He formerly played with the Phillies.

He played in 121 International League games in 1915 and compiled a batting average of .309, only four players who participated in 100 or more games having registered a better hitting mark. He was at bat 457 times, scored 68 runs, made 141 hits, 23 of which were doubles and seven triples.

Mack Has Good Third Baseman in Ritter

Arthur Irwin, the veteran player and former scout for the New York American League club, declares that Connie Mack has picked up one of the greatest young third basemen he has ever seen in Ritter, a younger brother of the Glants' pitcher. Irwin was manager and part owner of the Lewiston team of the New England League and had an excellent opportunity to size Ritter up after he graduated into the N. E. from the Vermont State League.

Irwin, in telling about Ritter, brings out strong how thorough Mack is with his scouting system. He says that Harry Davis looked Ritter over for three weeks and then wired to Mack to send Bressler, a left-hander, and Wilbur Davis, a right-hander, up to him, so he could watch Ritter against better

Young Ritter made five hits, including a home run and triple, off Bressler and found Davis for two home runs and two doubles. That satisfied Davis that he would do and he hustled back to Philadelphia and reported to Mack.

Taking his usual long chances. Mack did not put in a draft for Ritter, but allowed Jack Dunn to pay the draft price of \$750 instead of \$1500, as it would have cost the major league club. Mack then turned over Kopf, Knowlson and Sherman to Dunn for Ritter. In this way he landed a star youngster for half what he would have cost another club.

Not Worth While to Cross Fellow Manager

Joe Tinker has learned that it does not pay to try to put something over on a fellow manager or magnate. Joe and Helnie Zimmerman met last winter in Chicago, according to a magnate attending the meeting, and Tinker thought It would be an excellent idea to use Heinle as a means of getting even with Charles Murphy. Tinker did not want Zimmerman for the Feds, as he had enough trouble on his hands; but, after talking things over with the Cub star, made a bluff that he was going to sign him to a Federal League contract.

The result was that the Cubs were forced to give Zimmerman a three-year contract, calling for \$7500 a year, to "keep him from the Feds." This pleased Tinker immensely, as his dislike for Murphy was well known in fandom.

But, like most jokes of this sort, the deal proved a boomerang to Tinker Murphy was forced to pay Zimmerman \$7500 for one year, but now that Tinker is manager of the Cubs he is responsible for Zim's salary for the next two years at the same figure.

Herrmann Welcomes Back Tinker to O. B.

When Joe Tinker drifted into the Waldorf-Astoria the first person he met was Garry Herrmann, whom he had not seen since the baseball war started. It would have been an odd situation with Herrmann merely as the chairman of the National Commission and Tinker one of the leaders of the Feds, but it was made doubly so by the fact that Tinker's release as manager of the Reds by Herrmann was in reality the cause of the start of the Federal League as a major league organization.

They looked at each other a moment and then Herrmann advanced with outstretched hand and said, "Welcome back, Joe; let's forget the past."

"All right, Garry," Tinker replied. "You can bet I am glad to get back, but I still think we would have licked you if peace had not been made."

Herrmann laughed and immediately introduced Joe to some of the new magnates since Tinker jumped.

Seaton's Arm Is as Good as Ever

Tom Seaton and Otto Knabe, two former Philly stars who made the Federal League possible, were about the hotel. Seaton has been purchased by the Cubs, but Knabe has not landed as yet, as the bulky second-sacker is waiting to see the outcome of the Baltimore row.

Although Seaton is really East to see a specialist about his arm, he declares that his arm is as good as ever and that he proved that conclusively after he had been traded from Brooklyn to Newark. Seaton says that neither he nor any other member of the Brooklyn team could get along with Magee. Seaton also agrees that peace is a good thing for the game and that he is glad to be

Philly players will be shocked to learn of the death of "Bill" Irwin, the young catcher who was taken South with the Phillies last spring. Irwin also helped both Dooin and Moran, when they were short-handed, by warming up pitchers and doing general utility work about the ball park. Irwin was thrown through the window of an uptown saloon, his jugular vein being severed. It was reported that the dead man's first name was Edward, but it was in reality the Philly recruit.

Al McCoy Also Unpopular Boxer

The ability of Freddy Welsh and several other unpopular boxers to rake in the coin recalls that Al McCoy is still in the game and is reaping a harvest. McCoy is unquestionably the most unpopular boxer in the game, and all because he happens to be the real "middleweight champion," despite the fact that there are at least 20 better 158-pound boxers in the country.

George Chip was crowned middleweight champion when he toppled Klaus over twice. One of Chip's first bouts was with McCoy, who was rated as a dub. McCoy startled the boxing world by hitting Chip with a wild punch which knocked him out after about one minute of fighting in the first round. This lucky punch gave him the championship.

Every boxing fan will testify that McCoy is a second-rater; but he has the title, and succeeds in holding it because he can take a terrific beating and still be on his feet at the end of 10 rounds. He refuses to fight more than 10 rounds, and therefore is likely to retain the title for some time to come, although the fans never mention his name when talking about star middleweights.

The fans know that McCoy is not a real champion, but whenever he acheduled to fight the club is packed to doors. If one were to ask every fan attending McCoy's bouts why he is always so anxious to see him fight, 75 per cent, of them probably will admit that they continue to enrich McCoy and his manager because they want to be present when he is knocked out.

It is very much the same way with Freddy Welsh, although one must admit that Welsh can fight when he wants to. The trouble is he seldom feels disposed to take a chance with his precious title. On the other hand, McCoy will fight any man who can make the weight and takes his beating cheerfully, but he will not fight anything but 10-round no-decision contests.

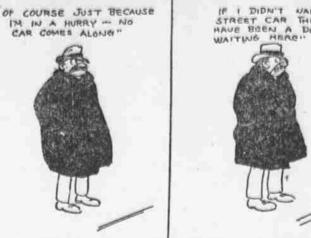
During a fanning bee between a group of minor and major league managers the conversation turned to outfielders and naturally to Ty Cobb and Bennie Kauff. To show that a player is seldom appreciated in his own town, we will mention that four out of ten managers picked Amos Strunk as Cobb's mearest rival, placing the Mackman above Jackson, Speaker and others.

While speaking of Bennie Kauff, it might be well to mention that every one who has seen the Federal League star admits that he is a wonderful hitter, They all agree also that he has more confidence than any youngster they have

Until late last night the meeting in New York was a dismal failure. Then Bherwood Magee arrived. No National League meeting is a success until Sherwood arrives, and then it is a "howling" success.

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bowling this season it is perhaps inter-

esting to know that bowling originated

more than 1000 years ago, games on the turf and grass being forerunners of con-

Like golf, bowling is a pastime that one may induige in all his life. It does not grow away from one, but year by year its witchery increases.

In bowling, as in baseball and other sports, there are matches and challenges. The spirit of competition is prominent in the game, and its uncertainty is, in itself, a fascination.

Bowling on the green is an exceedingly

ancient pastime; traces yet are found early in the 11th century. Then it was

played with smooth stones as near as possible to a given mark.

In olden times the game became very popular indeed, and was played to such an extent that it fell under the ban of the law, as did golf; so much time was devoted to it that the authorities feared lest archery and other arts of war should be neglected.

As no penalty was prescribed for those

Originally an out-of-door game, bowling

was later transplanted indoors, for on the green it could be played only on fine days; on the alleys, however, it could be

indulged in the whole year around, and great sums of money were wagered on the results of contests. In fact, we learn that in the reign of Richard II many

From a variety of reasons the indoor

than the original outdoor sport, and in cold climates it predominates.

The aristocrats clung to the greens, for they, and they only, were permitted to maintain them, while the poorer people

It was not until the middle of the 18th

century that the restrictions imposed on howling were removed and the full and natural growth of the pastime was per-

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persons were thereby impoverished.

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tests on slate and wood alleys.





Tommy Buck, local featherweight, who has been in Kansas City the last few months, is in Chicago new on his way home. Tommy, ex-nects to be in Philadelphia next week. Buck gave Cal Fleming a boxing lesson in Gary, Ind. the other night.

A majority of the newspaper verdicis favored Willie Meehan in his bout with Wild Bur Kenny in New York last week. As a result the "untained" hereon lost a chance to meet Buttling Levinsky Friday night. Jack Keating, the sailor, will meet the Battler.

"A ten-pound boy and all the sarmarks of a champion," states a wire from Pueblo, N. M. Jim was a good trial borse for aspiring champions, but it is doubtful if he will raise uphis boy to be a lighter after his discovery of so many Jaba and Jolis in the game.

Fight fans in New Orleans are demanding another 20-round bout between Champion Kid Williams and Kid Herman, following their sensational draw the other night. And to think, after 20 rounds of ring work, several tourins wanted to take a nunch at Billy Rocan. The police believed, apparently, that the Philadelphian was not getting an even break and "called off" hostilities.

They are still boxing. No other more prominent White Hopeless individuals than Carl Morris and Arthur Pelky know not when to quit. They meet each other Friday night at Tulsa, Okla. The promoter should be credited with pleking the two best heavyweight bicks in the country.

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Twombly Returns to Baltimore

Jimmy Toland, former local featherweight, who is making his home in Pottstown, will be pitted sgainst Willis Jackson in a 10-round match in that city February 21. Women's Golf Dates

John (Yumn) Carr, a great devotee of hoxing in this city, has returned after a stay of several months in Atlantic City, "Gee, it's great to see the bows in action again," says Yump. "I almost forgot what a boxing glove looked like."

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—George Twombly, left fielder of the Cincinnati National League team, has been sold to the Baltimore Inter-national team, Jack Dunn and Garry Herr-mann closed the deal during the meeting of the National League magnates here. The rrice was not made public.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Decision to hold the annual championship of the Women's Western Golf Association of Grand Rapids, Mich, has been reached at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the association. The tournament is scheduled for August 21 to 25, on the Kent Couriry Club course.

Tigers Sign Clubhouse Boy Frederick Moore, who two years ago was a clubhouse boy for the Athletics, is a mem-ber of the Detroit American League team, having been signed as a second baseman by Hugh Jennings, manager of the Tigers.

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Herzog's real object in getting He was to cover up Mollwitz, whose a back to cover up Mollwitz whose a has been informed that the bone in The Cincinnati infield will be made Heinie Groh, second base; Herzes, in base, and Esmond, shortstop.

Stakes for Grand Circuit DETROIT. Mich. Feb. 8. Excepting the stakes, all events at the Blue Jrand Circuit harpess meeting is District 24 to 28, will be raced on the three pain with the part-mutuel system of so lon, has been announced.

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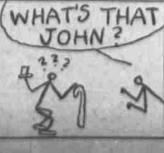
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