PHILLIES TO HAVE BIG STRUGGLE TO KEEP PACE WITH GIANTS AND CUBS, SAYS MORAN

PHILLIES MUST IMPROVE TO REPEAT 1915 VICTORY. SAYS MANAGER MORAN

Development of Greater Strength From Secondstring Players Is Job on Leader's Hands to Put Team in Running

"I MUST either improve the team or develop greater strength from my second-string material to be in the running next season," said Manager Pat Moran in discussing the outlook for the coming season with the EVENING LEDGER representative at the National League meeting. "As we stand now, we will have a terrific struggle to keep pace with the Glants and Cubs If these teams look as good on the field as they do on paper. Both clubs have strengthened at least 50 per cent., while we apparently are in just about the same posiion in which we finished the season.

"Looking at it in that light, it would seem that we have little chance to repeat in the National League race; but the dope frequently goes wrong. Three teams look better than we do at the present time, but we might fool them again. We have had a lot of hard luck this winter in our bids for players and were crossed in our attempt to get Gideon. Perhaps Gideon would not have made good, but I was willing to take a chance on him on the recommendation of Eddie Burns. I thought we had Rousch, the brilliant young outfielder of the Newark Federal League club, until I read in the paper last night that he had been purchased by the Giants. This youngster would surely have helped me, because he is a great all-round player.

"Two other Federal Leaguers were almost in our net, but some other club beat us to them. I have my eye on a Federal League pitcher who has never been highly rated, but who is going to be a mighty good pitcher, and I think we will get him. I am always willing to take a chance on a pitcher who shows the slightest ability if he is ambitions, and some day I will find a star.

Moran Believes Devore, Good and Adams Are Profitable Gamble

"Why am I getting so many outfielders? Well, the only answer I can give to that is that it is a good business proposition to pick up a lot of players at the waiver price of \$1500 at the present time. Any one of them may fit in perfeetly with my plans and will more than pay for all others who fall to strengthen my team.

"If I were to have allowed Good and Adams to go to a minor league club and then started looking for an outfielder and pitcher in the fall I probably would discover that both are valued at \$5000 or more, so you can see that it is a good gamble. We can get about \$1000 for each if we cannot use them, or procure an option on some promising youngster.

"Devore's case is somewhat different, but we are getting him for nothing. None of the trio is carrying a heavy, long-term contract. With a curve ball Adams is certain to develop into a good pitcher, while I expect either Devore or Good, and perhaps both, to show enough to warrant carrying for the entire

Cravath Cannot Last Forever

"You can never tell when you are going to need a capable man. Becker fell off last year at the close of the season, while it is certain that Cravath and Paskert will not get any better, as they have passed the stage where they are coming, and Gavvy's legs have been troubling him more or less.

"I am in a position where I must develop my reserve strength. Last year was my first year as a manager. I took a bunch South who had never played together, some of whom I did not really feel sure I knew, and I was forced to find the best combination in a hurry. After finding it I had to perfect team play and instil fighting spirit. The race was too close for me to take any chances on my youngsters or to give them much of my time in practice. Therefore they did not show signs of developing as fast as they would have under ordinary conditions.

"This spring I feel certain that this reserve strength and young blood must come through if I am to be in the race. I know what my regulars can and cannot do, so now I can give the youngsters all my time. Stock played great ball last season; so did Eddie Burns, but the work of both will be better this season because I can eradicate faults this spring, whereas I did not dare

Moran Thinks Killefer's Arm Will Be O. K.

"If Killefer's arm is really gone it will be an awful blow. He is without doubt the best catcher in our league and, I think, better than any man in the game. One does not appreciate Killefer's value until they play with him. We can't spare him, and to tell you the truth I don't think there is any danger of

"It would only be natural for him to be slow rounding into form after his accident, but he is too young to have an injury like that trouble him long. They told me I threw my arm out in 1905, but I was still pegging them as ever until 1911. You can bank on Killefer to be in or

by midseason. "Pitching played an important part in our success last season, and I think we will be better off this year. Alexander's arm is in great shape again, Chalmers, Mayer and Rixey are sure to be better, while McQuillen, Demarce and the recruits will round out a pretty fair staff, particularly if I land the

"We won't be the favorite, and I am not making any predictions, but you can bet we will hustle from start to finish and give them all a hard fight.'

Herzog Only Playing Manager in Majors

A few years ago there seemed to be a craze for playing managers in major league baseball clubs. The teams that had managers who sat on the bench and did not play regularly could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Now a glance at the field that will start this season discloses the most remarkable change in affairs.

There are but two actual playing managers in the two major leagues, and one of these has announced that he is through as a player and will hereafter merely manage. In the National League, Buck Herzog will be the lone playing manager. Boston has Stallings, Brooklyn has Robinson, New York, McGraw, and the Phillies, Pat Moran; all out of active service. Jimmy Callahan in Pittsburgh, Joe Tinker in Chicago and Miller Huggins in St. Louis, also are scheduled for the bench this year. Both Tinker and Huggins have announced that while they may fill in occasionally if called upon for relief; they will not be regulars this season.

Bill Carrigan is the only American Leaguer who approaches the definition of a playing manager, and last week he announced that he would not catch this year unless it was imperatively necessary in case of accidents to his regular catchers. Bill Donovan is to manage the Yankees from the bench, as will Clarke Griffith in Washington, and of course, Connie Mack will, as usual, occupy his little perch in the corner of the bench.

The western clubs of the American League also have only bench managers, among them being Rowland in Chicago, Jones in St. Louis, Friel in Cleveland and Jennings in Detroit. Just how long this condition will last is an unknown quantity, but the fact remains that Buck Herzog occupies the unique position of being the only playing manager among the 16 major league leaders.

Originally the preponderance of major league managers were catchers, but this condition does not exist just now. Six of the 16 are former infielders, 5 catchers, 3 pitchers and 2 outfielders. However, the managers of the champlon team in the two major leagues in the past two years were catchers, they being Mack and Stallings in 1914 and Carrigan and Moran in 1915,

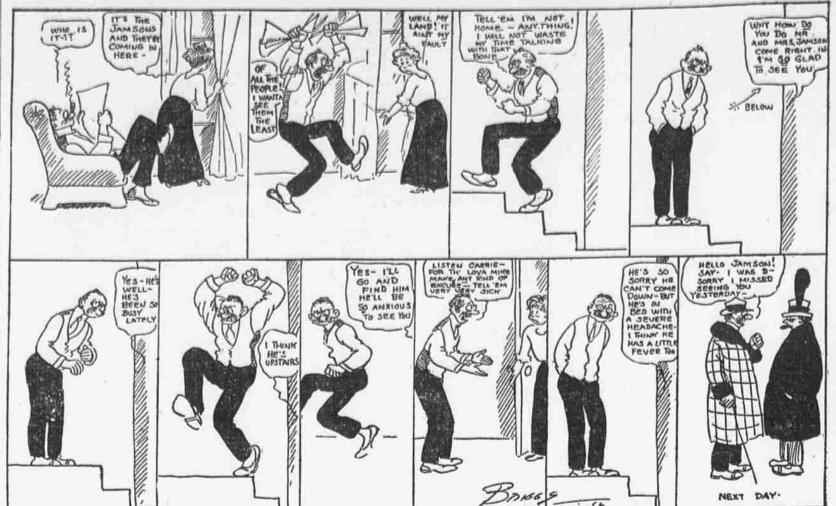
. . . McGuigan Good Referee for Willard-Moran Bout

Philadelphia will be represented in the 10-round match between Jess Willard and Frank Moran in New York, March 8, if Tom Jones and Ike Dorgan approve of Promoter Tex Rickard's suggestion to have Jack McGuigan, of this city, referes the match. As the respective managers are at loggerheads over the third-man question, it is probable they will agree to have McGuigan officiate, nes demanded that Jack Skelly be selected for the job while Dorgan wanted Bill Brown.

Since McGuigan has been in the boxing game he has refereed quite a number of important matches, out of town as well as in this city. It is probable that the Philadelphian will be decided upon unless one or the other of the munagera gives in.

McGuigan's ability as a referee is well known throughout the country, The last big match he officiated in was between Mike Gibbons and Young Ahearn in St. Paul several weeks ago in which the Philadelphian counted the "fatal ten" over the Brooklynite in the first round,

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST OF REGULATED FAMILIES



EBBETS' DRAFT RULE REVISION FAVORED

ferred in Other Baseball Organizations

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 .- Charles H. Eb bots is the proudest man in baseball at the closing session of the National League today. His revision to the drafting rules was considered favorably and was referred to the American League and the minor leagues. The reference was accompanied by a hearty recommendation by Governor John Kinley Tener, and Ebbets believes that formal adoption of the Not the Old Bunk scheme is only a question of time. So he will wait with bated breath until the witching hour arrives.

Ebbets, as has been told, favors a reform in the present system of drafting which will give the second division clubs the preference in selecting any players named by any of the other clubs. The nominations will be limited and will prevent any lockeying. In urging the adoption of the plan, Mr. Ebbets said grandiloquently that inasmuch as the Superbas were firmly intrenched in the first division, as they were in the heart of Brooklyn fandom, he could not be charged with ulterlor motives in urging such a sweep-Ebbets, as has been told, favors a reulterior motives in urning such a sweeping reform. He pleaded the cause of the tallenders of the past, present, and tallenders to come.

burgh and Cincinnati stood firm for the limit as it was. There are many men of many minds, to be sure, so Cincliniati favored a reduction in the player limit and argued that the number be placed at and argued that the number be placed at 20. While on the question of players and player limits, it was decided that the Cubs be allowed until April of 1917 to dispose of their surplus players, but that they will have to conform to the 21-player limit this year, regardless of the number of players they have under contract.

The constitution was so amended that, starting with the coming season, any manager who is suspended for any cause will not receive any salary. Heretofore letter of the rule applied only to players. It was voted, also, that any club which disregarded the rule would be fined \$250. This action was taken to clear up a point which was raised several times last year when bench managers incurred the official wrath of umpires and were suspended by the president of the league,

WHITTED SENDS SIGNED CONTRACT TO PHILLIES

Outfielder Is in Good Shape for 1916 Season

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 10 .- George Whitted, who a few weeks ago strenuous-ly objected to the contract the Phillies sent him for this season, had a change of mind about holding out, for he has signed the document and forwarded it to the club's headquarters in Philadelphia. Whitted evidently did not like the idea of being a hold-out, especially when so many of the Federal League stars were

hanging around loose.

Whitted is in splendid condition, for he has been leading the outdoor life all winter, hunting fishing and cross-coun-try tours afoot being his chief occupation. His leg is sound again and George looks for a banner year with the Phili

TINKER FIRST TO CLAIM FLAG IN NATIONAL RACE

Cubs Will Play in 1916 World's Series,

Says Manager

CHICAGO, Peb. 10.-Joe Tinker jumped nto the limelight today with the sea-on's first claim of a big league pennant. In a statement telegraphed here from New York the boss of the Cubs-Whales said his organization is certain to repre-sent the Nationals in the world's series next October.

And he reasons thusly: "I have the best pitching staff in the league. The ealy outfield that compares with mine is the Giants' garden trio. I've got the best infield of both leagues and the best pitching staff of the bunch. Beside. My. Weeghman has more coin that I ever thousest in the staff of the staff. Weeghman has more coin that I ever thought I could see."

PHILS' CHANCE IN NATIONAL RACE AS GOOD AS ANY TEAM

Suggestion Is Voted to Be Re- No Favorites Stand Out as Clubs Get Ready for Big Scramble—Close Competition Should Be Feature

By GRANTLAND RICE

short upon every putt.

is hardly the proper word.

We Are Willing

If amateurs are those

Are cigar store Indians.

Verse Libre

that never reaches the edge of the cup.

Who don't get any money out of the game, The only real amateurs I know

COACH FOLWELL PLANS NEW

SYSTEM FOR PENN FOOTBALL

Confident Quakers Will Win Every

Game on 1916 Schedule

More than 75 members of last year's

varsity, scrub and freshmen teams

reported at the football rally last evening

at the Athletic Association office at

Weightman Hall. The meeting was called

with the idea of bringing the fellows into closer touch with the new coaches.

Folwell outlined the plans he had laid for the coming season in relation not only to the games scheduled, but to the train-

"The entire spirit should change." Fol-well said, "and there should be an elim-ination of the factions which have been

so evident the last season. I am going to have an entirely new system." he continued, "one that has proved to be good." Folwell is confident that the team will defeat every team which it will encounter during the season. In speaking of the manner in which he will pick the team, he said: "I will select my men according to

said: "I will select my men according to their defensive abilities, for I believe that a good defensive team has the battle three-quarters won." He advised the men

to go into some particular sport which would keep them in good condition until the fall. Rowing, baseball, track and

would keep them in good condition until the fall. Rowing, baseball, track and lacrosse he mentioned as being well fitted to condition a person for football. Fol-well gave a brief summary of his expe-rience as a coach and trainer at La-fayette, Johns Hopkins and Washington and Jefferson to employee the conditions.

and Jefferson to enable the candidates for next season's team to understand him

Capablanca Draws With Kupchik

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Jose R. Capablance, I Hayama, drew with A. Kupphik in the fourth ound of the finals of the Rice memorial chees assers' tournament yeaterday. Boris Kostie, of Serbia, and David Janowski the French hampion, adjourned their contest.

Olympia A. A. Broad & Bainbridge Harry Edwards, Mgr. MONDAY NIGHT—8:30 SHARP HARRY BRENNER vs. FRED RUSSELL ABE KABACOPF vs. GEORGE BLACKBURN TRIPLE WINDLE WILLIE MEEHAN vs. JACK HUBBARD HOMER SMITH vs. LARRY WILLIAMS JOHNNY ERTLE vs. JOE TUBER Adm. 25c. Bal. Res., 50c. Areas res., 75c, \$1.

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SENSATIONAL ALL-STAR SHOW

Hope springs eternal in the baseball ; to take swift poison than to be constantly breast. But hope has sprung higher in the baseball breast of the National League this season than it ever sprang before. We mean by this that more ball clubs in that circuit actually believe they have a chance to win the pennant than any other passing winter has ever known.

You know the old spring bunk of the same—"the team that beats us out," etc. There is none of that bunk this season. Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, New York, Chicago and Pittsburgh feel pretty sure they have a good inside chance to win, while Cincinnati and St. Louis are looking for first-division finishes. Some one, as usual, is due for a folt. But pick-ing the order of the October parade is another matter.

For the first time in many campaigns there will be no distinct favorite. Giants and Reds finished under the heap last fall-yet Glants and Reds today look to he as stoutly constructed as any other two rivals.

enders to come.

The question of changing the player limit was discussed in an informal manier, and the various club owners were sounded. The Giants, Braves and Cubs late winter are picking the Phils to mainer in favor of raising the limit to 22 players, while Brooklyn, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, and Cincipanti stood from for the late whether are picking the Phils to maintain their perch on top. They have burgh and Cincipanti stood from for the perch on the property of the percentage of the player. any better chance than Braves, Dodgers and others have.

On form 1916 should present the Big Scramble, which should mean interest through the summer.

The Masterpiece

Homer was a lucky bard, Few with Mr. Burns could cope; Browning mopped up good and hard With his Pippa Passes dope; Shakespeare had a bale of goods, Most of which were superfine; Almost any thing of Hood's Is a classic in its line; Yet Pd take my chance with fame, Calmly let it no at that, With a chance to write my name Under "Casey at the Bat."

Dante lit a classic rope, So did Dryden, Keats and Gray; Shelley, Milton, Moore and Pope, All were leaders in their day; Southey had a subtle touch, Coloridge was a winning bard; Virgil holds an endless clutch On the busy world's regard; Yet within this high brow fog I would leave these stranded flat, With the right to slip my cog Under "Casey at the Bat."

Ty Cobb's Rival

"Ty Cobb," said George Stallings a day or two ago, "will have one rival this sea-son. Just one. No. I am not referring to Speaker or Collins or Jackson or Kauff, I am referring to Lee Magee, of the Yan-

"Magee," continued Stallings, "will b the closest thing to Cobb there is in the game. In the first place, he looks like Ty is about the same build. In the secplace, he is almost as fast and shift only with his feet, but with his brain. Like Cobb, he is a fine hustler, and like Cobb. he is of the aggressive, run-making

More About Magee

"There is another thing about Mages that hasn't been commented upon. Mages is a made-over left-hand batsman. That is, he started out as a right-hand hitter and then switched over. It has taken him and then switched over. It has taken him some time to get accustomed to this change. But if you will notice, he has been getting better and better. Last year he looked to have found himself. He should bat better this year than he ever did before. If he doesn't bat around 330 or better I will be very much surprised. I told Ty the last time I saw him that he had a real rival this season, and I believe the year's records will show that I am the year's records will show that I am

Among those who hope that Colonel Stallings is not wrong are Colonel J. Rup-pert, Captain T. L. Husten and Smiling William Donovan.

Maxims of the 19th Hole My son, it is better to bite thy nails or

WEEK IN COMPETITION

Gymnasts, Swimmers, Cage Men and Wrestlers Have **Events Scheduled**

Four University of Pennsylvania teams will be in active competition during the

The gymnastic team will open its inter-For there is but one impossible shot in the game-and that is to run down a putt Money is said to be cheap enough, but when it comes to offering Willard and Moran \$70,000 for a 10-round reel, cheap Sir-Why go to the trouble of playing ist games in each league? The two pen-nant races are already over. The next world series will be Boston Braves vs. Beston Red Sox. It's a cinch. RUDDY.

The Red and Blue basketball team at the present time is leading the other

The success of the Penn wrestling team against the Naval Academy matsmen will depend upon the men wrestling in the classes from 115 pounds to 153. The loss of the injured Mike Dorizas, the Greek, the intercollegiate champion in the heavyweight class, is keenly felt, as no one has been found to fill his place. With two defeats and one victory as their record, the Penn swimming team will endeavor to even up the score by handing a defeat to the Yale tankmen. Coach George Kistier has been working the squad hard and it is steadily showing improvement, as shown by the work in the recent meet with the University of Pittsburgh. Captain Jimmy Shyrock is in splendid form, having recovered fro his attack of malarial fever. It is the first big meet for Yale and, while they are not very strong as an all-around

New Yorkers Win Gimbel Golf New Yorkers Win Gimbel Golf
NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Gilbert Nicholis metropolitan open champion, and Joe Mitchell, representing the New York branch of Gimbels,
defeated Charile Hoffner and Dave Cuthbert,
from the Philadelphia store, over the
nine-hole indoor links at Gimbels by the score
of 2 up and 1 to play, in 36 holes. As the
New York team finished one down in the 36hole match at Philadelphia last week, the
bye hole was played out and Nicholis and
Mitchell won by 2 up in the 72 holes.

FOUR PENN TEAMS END

collegiate season with Princeton tomorrow night at Weightmann Hall. On Saturday the basketball team plays Columbia University at Morningside Heights, New York. The wrestling team, which was selected last night, will open its intercollegiate season on Saturday with the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The only local event at Franklin Field on Sat-urday will be the dual swimming meet between Penn and Yale.

n coming out a victor. Does any one know a couple of boxers who need a light workout? We have \$80,000 or \$90,000 we don't know what to

team, they should give Penn a hard

remainder of this week.

teams in the League race, having won four games and dropped one, that being to Yale at New Haven by a score of 18 to 17. The Red and Blue team is in fine fettle for the contest, and while not having met the Columbia bunch so far this season, they should have no trouble in coming out a victor.

TO BE HARD HIT IN 1916 SEASON Midsummer Dream That Is

PLAYERS' PURSES

Almost Nightmare for Pastimers

OWNERS' EXPENSE LITTLE

While the New York Glants and other institutions of great wealth are paying Christmas tree prices for stars of the late lamented Federal League, there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among the great majority of ballplayers at the prospect of having to stand for a few concessions to His Majesty, the Clubowner, in 1916. #

Especially in the training season may the average ballplayer be hit where he feels it most—in the latitude of the hip where he keeps his greenware. A few lucky stars hold to rosy prospects for another year or two by reason of long-term contracts made when the Feds seemed determined to spend all the money in the world.

It's hard to figure how they can be hit It's hard to figure how they can be hit by the changed conditions unless the club owners choose to fly in the face of the Supreme Court, the law and the slikhatted fraternity appertaining to the same. But of the unlucky athletes who found themselves caught without the protection of binding whereases they're telling another story as the time to go South draws near.

Not as Hungry

The lads whose chief concern in spring is the pretty tintinabulation of the dinner bell may fight shy of the dining room on the conditioning tour this year. At the rate of 25 cents for soup and \$1.25 for steak they may not be as hungry in the spring of 1916 as in the days of the base-ball war. ball war.

Then the magnates were smiling through their tears and standing for nearly anything to keep the slaves in line. Now, with the magnates on terms of extreme friendliness, there's a stringency of the old purse strings which looks porten-tous for the spring-time gambolers.

It was a matter of jest in last year's training tours that the players were rubbing it in on their obedient owners. Expenses meant little to them; the clubowners had a lot of 'em, and the more owners had a lot of em, and the more they paid the more they seemed to grin. Training bills ran into thousands and the spring games brought only a few pal-try shekels, scarcely enough to buy linment for winter-softened hurling wings. And the start of the league season found the clubowners maced for a right respectable roll.

No Extravagance

No one has announced it yet, maybe no one will, but persons in the know of baseball don't believe for a minute the mag-nates will be tossing away railroad fare, hotel expenses and other coin this year just to hear it jingle along the pavement Maybe a whole crowd of athletes will

have to pay the conductor for the rid from their respective homes to their equal-ly respective rendeavaon; maybe they will have to go through certain financial for malities with the hotel man this year which were attended to in 1915 by the club treasurers, and maybe, while the game of supposin' is strong—maybe some of the players will find the price of their own uniforms deducted from the first semimonthly pay check. Ball players winked at their financial

and gastronomic stategy on the road in other years. They dropped off at way sta-tions and stayed the pangs of hunger with, lunch-counter sandwiches, though they were allowed liberally for dining-car mea's at dining-car prices. It was a form of graft, and with some athletes amounted to quite a sum in the course of the season.



The Golden Age Drama by E. H. Sothern

The other day Sothern and Marlowe sold their theatrical wardrobe. Hamlet's bejeweled sword and Desdemona's silken robes were sold from the auction block!

And now comes our own familiar E. H. Sothern in a sadly reminiscent talk in the Evening Ledger's Saturday Amusement Section, of the days that are dead, and the foolish search for that Never - Never - Land where the fancies of old actors and theatre-goers find rest.

SENSATIONAL ALL-STAR SHOW NATIONAL A. C. Juck McGulgan, Prop. SATURDAY NIGHT—SATURDAY NIGHT JIMMY FRYER VM. RODIE WEST JOE HIRST VA. FRANKIE MCGUIRE JACK BRAZZO VB. BUCK PLEMING SOLLY BURNS VM. EDDIE WAGOND GEORGE CHANEY VM. MICKEY DONLEY 1. Santana and a EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—SOME BOXERS, BOBBY, ARE CLASSED AS HOBOES LOOKING FOR SCRAPS

