

# 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 Second-string 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 Giants and Cubs if those 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 position 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-around 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 ambitious, 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 perfectly with my plans and will more than pay for all others who fail 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 season.

### 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 Faskert will not get any better, as they have passed the stage where they are coming, and Gavy'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 instill 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 last year.

### 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 losing him.

"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 good as ever until 1911. You can bank on Killefer to be in prime condition 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, Demaree and the recruits will round out a pretty fair staff, particularly if I land the pitcher I am after.

"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 catcher. 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 14 major league leaders.

Originally the preponderance of major league managers were catchers, but this condition does not exist just now. Six of the 14 are former infielders, 5 catchers, 3 pitchers and 2 outfielders. However, the managers of the champion 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.

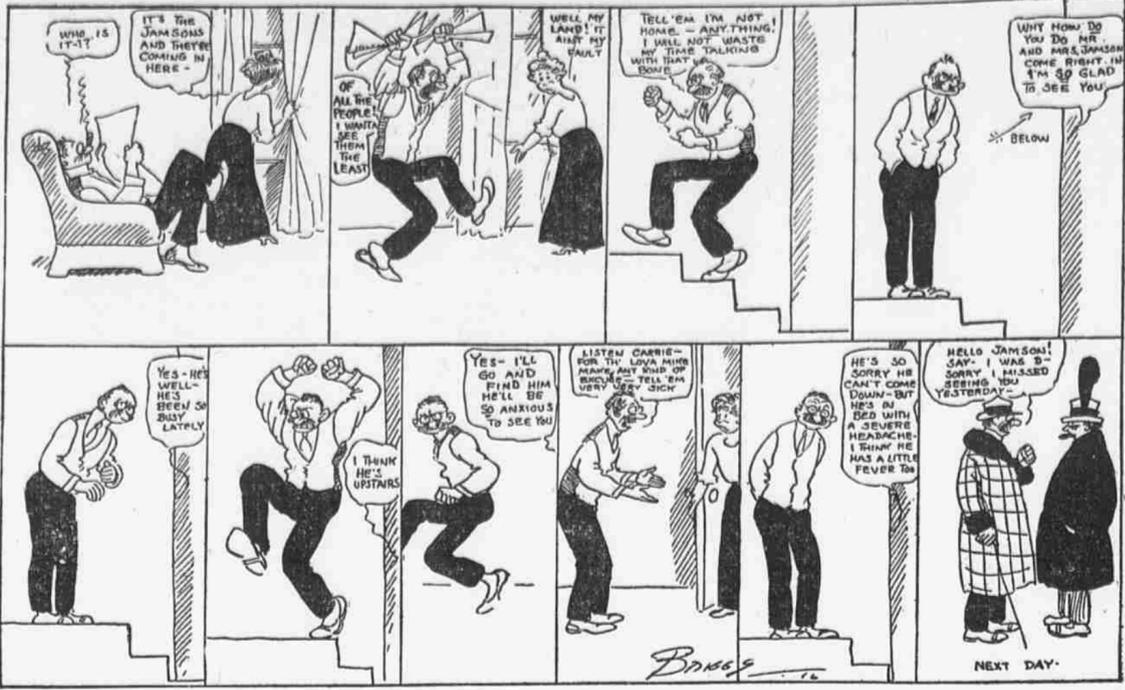
### McGuigan Good Referee for Willard-Moran Bout

Philadelphia will be represented in the 16-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, referee the match. As the respective managers are at loggerheads over the third-man question, it is probable they will agree to have McGuigan officiate, unless 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 Philadelphia will be decided upon unless one or the other of the managers 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 Philadelphia counted the "fatal ten" over the Brooklynite in the first round.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST OF REGULATED FAMILIES



### EBBETS' DRAFT RULE REVISION FAVORED

### Suggestion Is Voted to Be Referred in Other Baseball Organizations

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Charles H. Ebbets 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 scheme is only a question of time. So he will wait with bated breath until the wretched hour arrives.

Ebbets, as has been told, favors a reform in the present system of drafting which will give the second division clubs in favor of raising the limit to 22 players, while Brooklyn, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati stand firm for the limit as it was. There are many men of many minds, to be sure, so Cincinnati favored a reduction in the player limit and argued that the number be placed at 20. While on the question of players and player limits was taken up 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.

The question of changing the player limit was discussed in an informal manner, and the various club owners were sounded. The Giants, Braves and Cubs are in favor of raising the limit to 22 players, while Brooklyn, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati stand firm for the limit as it was. There are many men of many minds, to be sure, so Cincinnati favored a reduction in the player limit and argued that the number be placed at 20. While on the question of players and player limits was taken up 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.

**The Philly Outlook**  
The pennant winner of one year is generally picked to repeat—upon the theory that it is the best looking club until some rival proves different. Few this late winter are picking the Phils to maintain their perch on top. They have their chance with the field—but it isn't any better chance than Braves, Dodgers and other have.

**The Masterpiece**  
Howser sees a lucky bird. Few with Mr. Burns could cope; Browning snipped up good and hard. With his Flippa Passes dope; Shakespeare had a bats of goods; Most of which were superb; Almost any thing of Hood's is a classic in its line; Yet I'd take my chance with fame, I claimly let it go of that; With a chance to write my name Under "Casey at the Bat."

**Whited Sends Signed Contract to Phillies**

**Outfielder Is in Good Shape for 1916 Season**

**DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 10.—George Whited, who a few weeks ago strenuously 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.**

**Whited evidently did not like the idea of being a hold-out, especially when so many of the Federal League stars were hanging around locally.**

**Whited is in splendid condition, for he has been leading the outdoor life all winter, hunting, fishing and cross-country tours of foot being his chief occupation. His leg is sound again and George looks for a banner year with the Phils.**

**TINKER FIRST TO CLAIM FLAG IN NATIONAL RACE**

**Cubs Will Play in 1916 World's Series, Says Manager**

**CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Joe Tinker jumped into the limelight today with this season's first claim of a big league pennant. In a statement telegraphed here from New York the boss of the Cubs-Whites said his organization is certain to represent the Nationals in the world's series next October.**

**And he reasons thusly: "I have the best pitching staff in the league. The only 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. Besides, Mr. Weeghman has more coin than I ever thought I could see."**

### PHILS' CHANCE IN NATIONAL RACE AS GOOD AS ANY TEAM

### No Favorites Stand Out as Clubs Get Ready for Big Scramble—Close Competition Should Be Feature

By GRANTLAND RICE

Hope springs eternal in the baseball 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 playing winter has ever known.

### Not the Old Bunk

You know the old spring bunk of the game—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 job. But picking 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 Giants and Reds today look to be as stoutly constructed as any other two rivals.

**We Are Willing**  
Sir—Why go to the trouble of playing 151 games in each league? The two pennant races are already over. The next world series will be Boston Braves vs. Verste Red Sox. It's a cinch. RUDDY.

**Verse Libre**  
If amateurs are those Who don't get any money out of the game, The only real amateurs I know Are cigar store Indians.

Does any one know a couple of boxers who need a light workout? We have \$50,000 or \$30,000 we don't know what to do with.

**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 training as well.

The entire spirit should change," Folwell said, "and there should be an elimination 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 their defensive abilities, for I believe that a good defensive team has the better chance of winning." He advised the men to go into some particular sport which 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. Folwell gave a brief summary of his experience as a coach and trainer at Lafayette, Johns Hopkins and Washington and Jefferson to enable the candidates for next season's team to understand him better.

**Capablanca Draws With Kupchik**

**NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Jose R. Capablanca, Havana, drew with Kupchik in the fourth round of the finals of the Heco memorial chess master's tournament yesterday. Boris Kostic, of Serbia, and David Janowski, the French champion, adjourned their contest.**

**Olympia A. A.** Broad & Bainbridge, Harv Edwards, Mgr. MONDAY NIGHT—8:20 SHARP. HARRY BRENNER vs. FRED RUSSELL. ABE KAMACHO vs. GEORGE BLACKEY. TRIPLE WINNER. WILLIE MURPHY, JACK HUBBARD, HOMER SMITH vs. LARRY WILLIAMS. JOHNNY KITTLE vs. JOE TUBER. Adm. 50c. Box Seats, 50c. Arrive Feb. 10, 11.

**YOUNG JACK O'BRIEN OFFERS TO MEET MIKE GIBBONS EDDIE REVOIRE**

**NORRISTOWN, (154 lbs.) FEB. 22ND**

**SENSATIONAL ALL-STAR SHOW NATIONAL A. C.** Jack McGuigan, Prop. & Chairman. SATURDAY NIGHT—SATURDAY NIGHT. JIMMY PRYER vs. EDDIE WEST. JOE HERTY vs. FRANK MORGAN. JACK BRAZZO vs. BUICK FLEMING. BOBBY BURKE vs. EDDIE WAGONER. GEORGE CHANEY vs. NICKER DONLEY.

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

### FOUR PENN TEAMS END WEEK IN COMPETITION

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

Four University of Pennsylvania teams will be in active competition during the remainder of this week.

The gymnastic team will open its intercollegiate season with Princeton tomorrow night at Weightman 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 Saturday will be the dual swimming meet between Penn and Yale.

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

The success of the Penn wrestling team against the Naval Academy matmen 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 Kistler 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 Shyroek is in splendid form, having recovered from his attack of malaria fever. It is the first big meet for Yale and, while they are not very strong as an all-around team, they should give Penn a hard battle.

**New Yorkers Win Gimbel Golf**

**NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Gilbert Nichols, metropolitan open champion, and Joe Mitchell, representative of the New York branch of Gimbel's, defeated Charlie Hoffer and Dave Outbert, from the Philadelphia store, over the nine-hole indoor links at Gimbel's by the score of 2 up and 1 to play, in 36 holes. As the New York team finished one down in the hole match at Philadelphia last week, the Philadelphia team, which won by 2 up in the 72 holes.**

### PLAYERS' PURSES TO BE HARD HIT IN 1916 SEASON

### Midsummer Dream That Is Almost Nightmare for Pastimers

### OWNERS' EXPENSE LITTLE

While the New York Giants and other institutions of great wealth are paying Christmas tree prices for stars of the lamented Federal League, there is 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 hit where he feels it most—in the latitude of the hip where he keeps his greenware. A few lucky stars took to rosy prospects for another year or two a stringency of long-term contracts made when the Fed term determined to spend all the money in the world.

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 stultified fraternally appealing to the same. But of the obduracy athletes who found themselves caught without the protection of binding whereas 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 untimeliness of the dinner bell may fight shy of a minute of conditioning four 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 1915 as in the days of the baseball 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 extortion and the obduracy athletes who found themselves caught without the protection of binding whereas they're telling another story as the time to go South draws near.

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### EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—SOME BOXERS, BOBBY, ARE CLASSED AS HOBOES LOOKING FOR SCRAPS

