R BASEBALL MAGNATES READY FOR ANNUAL FEBRUARY MEETING OF AMERICAN LEAGUE N SALE OF BAKER OR GREAT RELIEF, DECLARES MACK

Connie Thinks End of Tiresome Affair Will Prove Great Benefit to Game

ALL MONEY NOT THE ISSUE

The sale of Frank Baker brings greater staction to me than winning penasts." This was the deciration of Manper Mack, of the Athletics, today, "I not care particularly about the money gired in the transaction, but am glad e ret rid of the responsibility which was ed on my shoulders through the whole

Mack says it was a matter of principle in him or he would have declared Baker free agent long ago. He could have gred the home-run king for the same sount of money offered by the New York American League club, but refused was to compromise or allow Baker to man to the Athletics at the terms of all outract after the "mud-slinging" is old contract after the "mud-slinging" dalged in last spring.

Mark said today that he had no inten-ses of breaking up his famous machine will Baker "retired." The departure of will collins was deemed advisable, acadle Collins was deemed advisable, acming to Mack, but the other stars who
are sold later would have been retained
at Baker remained with the team. A
min of unrest and disastisaction, detmental to the team, developed after the
aler incident. This made it imperative
that to clean house. Mack to clean house.

There will be no more stars sold. Mack itends to keep the few survivors of the mous machine of 1913 and make them be foundation for a new and greater malie which he sincerely believes will be approach he form the alone of the mountains. structed before the close of the present

Mack admitted that the deal for the sale Mack admitted that the deal for the sale

Baker was consummated two months
am as stated exclusively in the Evening
modes, but that the failure of the New
fork Club to induce Baker to accept
terms because of his dickering with the rederal League, prevented the signing of

"I was agreeably surprised at the speedy Twas agreeably surprised at the specure communation of the deal. I did not know a thing about it until yesterday afternoon as I had washed my hands of the whote mark. It was entirely up to Baker and as New York Club. If he wanted to sign ith Donovan and they still wanted him, now were privileged to open negotiations a by time providing, of course, that pot the price I deserved for his devel-

The deal is an excellent thing for basecity of a nature which does not do he game any good. The statements issued aing the purchase price and Baker's alary are wrong. We have an agreement facts from the public.

There already has been too much pubity about the financial side of the game mil be for all concerned. As I said at me Sporting Writers' banquet, you can not assured that the player always gets al that is coming to him, and I for one an content to let the magnate take care d bimself without bringing the financial of the game before the public. If at the game before the public. If the wants to tell what he is receiving, hat is his own business, but I know him saty well and don't think he will. At my rate, nothing mentioned yet in regart to money concerned in the deal has been anything but a wild guess, and far from the mark."

DOBSON FIVE THIRD IN INDUSTRIAL RACE

Last Night's Battles, However, Have No Bearing on League Championship

The two games played in the Industrial Lague last night resulted in victories for La J. Dobson and Electric Storage over onal Biscult and American Pulley repetitively. The games in no way af-field the race between Western Electric Ed E. G. Budd for the pennant, although Debion climbs into third place. Debion and by the score of 33 to 27, while Electric Storage captured its game, 38

Undon, Dobson's alert forward, was big factor in the victory of his team, a shown by his six field goals. He was, we'ver, weak last night in his foul thesting, caging only five out of 15. McComas, the former Northeast High School athlete, with five double-deckers, was high scorer for National Biscuit. Wither termainder of the team dropped a caly four two pointers. Harry King and an opportunity to win the game on fast tosses, but he missed 12 out of 21. In the other game Kirchner, of the Estrics, scored six field goals and slowed some fast floor work, being the star of the game. of the game.

INTERCOLLEGIATE STANDING ECHEDULE FOR EATURDAY.

Smbia at Pennsylvania, Cornell at Yale,

ston at Dartmouth.

The York, Feb. 16.—Before a gala throng busies week, celebrants Princeton deal Celumbia at basketball fu the University of the Celumbia of the Columbia of the Celumbia of the Celumbia to the Celumbia to last night, thereby adding another to the rope which binds Columbia to last in the Intercellegiate Rasketball Lengue a hard game for Columbia to lose, as a first minutes of the second haif, but olapsed the celumbia to lose, as the samutes of the second haif, but olapsed the celumbia the celumbia to the second haif and olapsed the celumbia the celumbia the celumbia the celumbia the celumbia the celumbia the same than the celumbia the was his first game and that the celumbia the was his drive generated the celumbia the was his drive game and that the

CYCLISTS SCOFF AT BAN

Suspended Six-Day Racers to Compete Again at Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—Bleycie racers gathered here for the six-day race which is to start next Saturday in Convention Hall, have declared that the action of the National Cycling Association in suspending all the riders who participated in the recent Chicago six-day race had been expected. The race to be conducted here is also under the direction of Packey McFarland, and virtually all the racers who will start came here from the Chicago race. The majority of the riders declared their intention of riding under the Twentieth Contury Cycling Association, a new organization.

JONES CONFERS WITH WILLARD ON BIG BATTLE

Definite Decision on Match

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Tom Jones ex-pects to be able to tell a waiting world some time today whether the Willard-Moran match will be postponed or can-celed. The manager who made three champions dropped off a fast train from New York at 5 o'clock this morning and hustled out to the Willard residence in Rogers Park, where he consulted the world's heavy-state. world's heavyweight champion concern-ing his present physical ailments.

If they be such that in the opinion of Jones and the battler it is necessary to call off the match entirely it will be called off, never fear. If they necesitate a postponement of a couple of weeks such a postponement will be in order, else there will be no fight. else there will be no fight.

One thing is certain, the gladiators will not mingle on March 8, the date on which Tex Rickard hoped to dump them into Madison Square Garden before a record-breaking house. Williard has announced from the inner recesses of his home that there positively will be a postponement, no matter what the promoters and stakeholders do with his for

Jess is willing and eager to muss with the Pittsburgh redhead, but there is no chance at all to drag him into the ring with Frank until he is fit to do himself justice, regardless of what the delay will sting him financially.

Willard, in a statement sent out from

There is no chance for me to fight on

"I will insist on being in the best of condition before I fight anybody. The heavyweight championship is too precious financially to risk when one is not in trim. March 25 sounds pretty good to me, and I sincerely hope I will be able to go through with the engagement on that

At first it was decided, in case of a postponement, to hold the bout at the Garden on March 28. This date is held by Jack Curley, who had planned to hold a wrestling bout on that night. Curley offered to give up his date for the fight, but Rickard is superstitious, and when he leavest that he could get Priday night. he learned that he could get Friday night, March 31, for the bout, he decided to hold it at that time in case of a post-ponement. Rickard thinks that Friday is a lucky day, as he has consummated thing definite from Jones today.

Rickard stopped the printing of the date on the tickets until he ascertains some-thing definite from Jones temorrow.

The promoter has also decided that in stead of having the ringside seats divided into boxes, he will arrange them in rows of plush theatre seats, which will be more comfortable for the spectators, who will pay \$25 to see the show. The theatre seats, according to Rickard, may also attract more women spectators than the boxes. into boxes, he will arrange them in rows

Basketball Stars Signed

Taking advantage of the last day to sign runfessional players, the Jasper and Reading Fastern League basketbail clubs yesterday rushed three players names to President William J. Schaffer to be placed on their playing list. Jasper signed two of the newcomers to Eastern society, they being clubs. a former Utica guard, and Toma, a well-known centre, who has played in nearly every professional league. Reading's latest acquisition is George Norman, who at one time played with the Newark (New York State League) club.

Penn Fresh to Race Mercersburg Pennsylvania's freshman relay team to slated to meet the two-mile relay team representing Merceraburg Academy at the Meadow-brook games, in Convention Hait, on Saturday, darch il, and although it had at first been planned to have the Red and Blue team compate in a mile race. Coach George Octon has lecided to enfor only a two-mile team in those cames.



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MONEY TO LOAN

LOSS OF ROBINSON WILL SPOIL MICHIGAN'S CHANCE

Mike Murphy Product Declared Ineligible to Represent Wolverines in Intercollegiates

THE University of Michigan track team received a terrific blow when it was announced today that Arthur Robinson, holder of every world's scholastic sprint record, and rated as one of the best 100 and 220 dash men in the country, was declared ineligible by the faculty because he falled to live up to scholastic require-

ments.

Robinson's loss will prevent Michigan from sweeping the sprints in the intercollegiates and practically ruins the chance of the Wolverines to win the championship. With Robinson running the 100, 220 and 440 yard dashes and Harold Smith the 100 and 220 yard championship. With Moran to Be
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CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

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average team for the distance runs and field events to force another institution to score more points than are generally necessary to win the meet. For the benefit of those who do not re-member who this youth is, let it be ex-plained that he is the former Mercerburg

star who at a meet on the State College track two years ago was credited with a record of 9 3.5 seconds for 100 yards and 20 4.5 seconds for the 220 yards. He is now a sophomore at the University of now a sophomore at the University of Michigan and will have his first taste of intercollegiate competition this spring. Steve Farrell, his coach, is confident he will make good and also prove the authenticity of some of the record-breaking performances he has tried in vain to get on the A. A. U. books.

Robinson is a discovery of the late Mike

Murphy and hails from Westtown, Mass., where Murphy was born and lived every

CLEVELAND CLUB SOLD TO THREE CHICAGO MEN

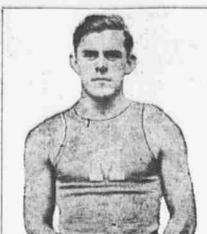
Ban Johnson Refuses to Give Out Names of Purchasers

have been sold to three mysterious Chi-cago men of money, who have put up the cash with Owner Somers' bankers' com-mittee to acquire title.

"There is no chance for me to fight on March 8. Jones will realize that when he sees me today. I may not be able to train for a couple of weeks, and, as you know, I will need plenty of work to get tready for a tough, hard hitter like Moran. "I will insist on being in the best of condition before I fight anybody. The "It is not Walsh, Burns or Bruce," he said smilingly. Every effort last night to not know who Johnson has in mind.

Columbia Ball Practice

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Andrew J. Coakley coach of the Columbia buseball team, will arrive at Mornineside Heights tomorrow according to announcement by Manager Cornwall. Coakley probably will call out the battery candidates immediately. The entire squad will be set to work February 23, a week sooner than the original man.



ARTHUR ROBINSON

summer. About six years ago, during his summer. About six years ago, during his summer vacation at Westtown, Murphy was attracted by this long-legged youth, who, without any training was able to outstrip all other boys in town. What Murphy thought of Hobinson's possibilities then is shown by the following remark he made to Jimmy Curran, then the track coach at Mercershurs Academy. coach at Mercersburg Academy.

"There's a boy up at Westtown," said Mike, "who is the greatest natural sprinter I ever saw. He never had any training, but I'll bet he can do 10 seconds in his first year of training."

He did too. For the next year he went to Mercersburg Academy and in scholastic meets on Franklin Field did the 100 yards in 10 seconds, the 220 yards in 21 4-5 seconds and the quarter mile in 49 seconds. Unfortunately, Robinson has enever been able to train hard because of weak legs, but it is said that he has recovered and will be able to stand hard training this spring.

GROVER ALEXANDER STARTS TRAINING AT HOT SPRINGS

Phils Star Will Join Teammates in South in Two Weeks

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 16 .- The vanguard of the major league baseball players who will get into condition here to begin training for the 1916 season have arrived in the persons of Grover Cleveland Alexander, the Philadelphia National's pitcher; Carl Mays, of the Boston Amer-icans' twirling staff, and Clyde Milan, the Washington Americans' outfielder. Walter Johnson, Washington pitcher, is expected Alexander will remain here until the

first week in March, when he will join his teammates in St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will train. He declared he already was in fine condition.

Women to Play at Baltusrol NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The annual championship tournement of the Women's Metro-polition Golf Association will be held this ven-over the course of the Railusrol Club at Bal-tuarol. N. J.. in the week beginning June 12.

FRANK BAKER'S SEVEN-YEAR RECORD IN BASEBALL WORLD

J. Franklin (Home-run) Baker was born at Trappe, Md., March 13, 1886. He is 6 feet tall and weighs about 175 pounds. Baker bats left-handed, but throws right-handed. His complete professional baseball BATTING FIELDING FEEDING

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Charley Brickley Busy Holding Down Toeless Job

In the midst of life we are in Giant mountains crumble; sturdy oaks decay. Charley Brick-ley is at present engaged in selling

insurance for a Boston firm.

The man who kicked five field goals against Yale in 1913 intends ultimately to become a banker, and his present job will merely serve to take up his spare time until he returns to his coaching duties at Johns Hopkins,

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS Three heavyweights each of whom will oppose Jack Parroll five rounds in the semi-windup to the Eddle Revoirs-Young Jack O Brien encounter at Norristown Pepruary 22, will be selected from Dutch Brandt, of Chicago, 210; Al Heines, 200; Ike Carroll, 100; Mahagney Ell, 205; Sea-Saw Kelly, 175; Lon Hodle, 200, and Spike McFadden, 185; Carroll weighs 105 pounds.

Homer Smith, the Paw Paw heavyweight, has the calibre to develop into a leading contender for dess Williard's nutries. Smith is fast on his feet for a big fellow and he nunches good, too. With the teaching of an expert trainer, Homer probably would never himself a brilliant battler before many moons.

The show Hobby Gunnis plans to stage at the Douglas Club Washington's Birthday will be of the all-star variety. He has decided to book Willie Moore and K. O. Farrell for the windon, while his other metches may be as follows: Joe Weish vs. Mickey Gallagher. Lew Stinger vs. Frankle White, Eddle Sullivan vs. Jack Hantrow and Young Jack Toland vs. Marty Kane.

Lacrossa. Wis., may be considered a small-time town, but it has a fight promoter who classes himself, as a metropolic matchmaker. He saired Johnny Lucas a Do per cent offer for Joe Borrell To substitute for Young Aharn, who is sink, To substitute for Young Aharn, who is sink, To substitute for Young Aharn, really is independent Gue Christle. If Americ really is independent Gue Christle, It faintly that he would sign for a bout in Brooklyn for the line would sign for stood bearing shows draw almost \$400 or \$500 bearing.

Pal Moore again will box under the guidance of Jimmy De Forrast, who brought the local locar into nuglistic limegiare from the pre-iminary class. Pal nay appear in a New York boat March 2.

Since his arrival home Yony Buck has turned down two offers from the West. Matchmakers in St. Paul and Minneapolis were after Buck's services for matches the early part of March. Tommy says he will remain at home for several months and that he will be ready for the best of 'em. Johnny Klibane and George Chaney included.

Al McCoy will defend his middleweight title sgain. He is hooked up for a 10-round go with islian Joe Gans in Brooklyn Saturday night. hambons may come and champions may go, but McCoy will stay around forever-unless iomebody uses an ax to knock him out.

GERMANTOWN BOYS DIRECT

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

IT SEEMS a pity that any school with under Mr. Osbourne, the rew headmanter.

The whole idea at Germantown is to take progressive athletic director as German-town Academy should be handicapped in its progress by the comparatively small number of students in it.

Yet it is safe to say that the Germantown system of running its tennis team is unique in the city, since the management of it rests entirely with the boys.

There is a school Tennis Committee of nee taking charge of all matters restaining to the first team tennis and a junior committee of three boys, who run the junior events. These committees are merely supervised

by the chairman of tennis and not inter-fered with in working out the school's This broad-minded view and system was

inaugurated under Doctor Kershaw, prin-cipal emeritus, and is now carried on

BASKETBALL NOTES Lehigh and Lafayette-great rivals in all aports—will meet at basketteall in Easten this evening. Lafayetts looks to have the bulke on the Hethlellen team.

If Camden can beat Grevatock tonight and repeat on Friday at Cooper Hall and the take a fall out of Reading Saturday night Camden, it will be in specond place, but the two games back of Grevatock and first place. That lets Camden sut.

te Neri has trimmed Trenton three times to Trenton floor this senson and has won of the seven against played between the teams. The to prove that De Neri can ball a reminder that the team has won ee games in a row and five of the last

Trenton evidently has given up hope of bet-tering conditions this year, and Harlow, a local lad, will be used at forward the remainder of the campaign. He looks like a mighty good youngster.

Simendinger will be played at guard by Trenton the remainder of the season because "Simle" will pass the ball. If Lennie Frost would look to see if one of his teammates was uncovered before shooting, he would make a great player for Trenton or any other right.

THEIR OWN TENNIS POLICY

a boy as young as possible and develop him both as regards the game itself and the management of it. The first form men, baseball stars and track stars, freely give their time to develop the younger boys. A real example of the kind of school spirit which leads to development.

The older boys who are tennis mars in-clude Conrad Clothier, George Holmes and Edward Lamb. The younger boys of great promise include Pouncy Beck. Thomas Vischer, David Beard, a boy who if he ntinues playing tennis, should be heard from in a few years; Lewis Smith, Joseph Jellett, Sinat Valentine, the kid who caused such favorable comment in the Cynwyd Junior tournament hast year; Newton Beck, Harry and Francis Smyth and many others.

Germantown lost nearly its whole teem by graduation last year, but the number of buys who will play tennis this year far exceeds that of last and bids fair to uncover some new stars.

The co-operation between headmaster, athletic director and student body is so perfect that Germantown should make great advancement in the tennis world this



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