BENDER MADE GREAT IMPRESSION ON PLAYERS AND MANAGER AT ST. PETES IN EARNING.

CHIEF BENDER'S FINE WORK AT TRAINING CAMP A GREAT SURPRISE TO ALL FANDOM

Famous Indian Hurler in Best Physical Shape Since His Great Season With Athletics in 1913

WHILE the most noticeable feature of the Phillies' training season in St. Fetersburg was the wonderful improvement in their team play, this was scarcely less striking than the splendid form into which Chief Charles Albert Bender developed. It is universally conceded among the baseball experts that the Phillies will have the most powerful pitching corps in the country if Bender is able to take his turn in the box this season and help Alexander with the relief work.

Pat Moran himself realized before the training season began that he needed older badly, and that he needed him in good condition. Consequently, he told the Tiogan to get in shape in the way that he judged was best. This the Chief seeded to do. He did little pitching for two weeks after he went to St. Petersburg. His work consisted in chasing flies in the outfleid, fungo hitting, batting and golfing. This athletic diet put the Indian in the best physical condition that he has been in since 1913, and the prospects are that he will continue to keep in this fine shape all year and be of great assistance to the Phillies.

Bender Has the Same Old Craft

While no one who has seen Bender this year is making the absurd statement that he is able to shoot his fast ball across with that dazzling speed which marked his pitching in 1911, nor that his curve breaks as wide and fast as it once did, nevertheless he has enough to be a puzzle in the National League if he does not develop a lame arm.

Here is what r, man thoroughly familiar with baseball said of Bender after watching him at St. Petersburg this spring for several weeks: "I think the most marked change in Bender is his attitude toward the players, toward Pat and toward his work. I have watched Bender when he was with the Athletics, but I never saw him show the spirit that he has this spring. I firmly believe that since he has joined the Phillies the big Chippewa has taken a new lease on baseball life.

"Bender's :pirit at St. Petersburg was a revelation to me. He was always in the best humor of any one on the field; he mingled with the players in a way that I never saw him do before, assisting the young pitchers and giving all the aid in his power to every one whom he thought needed it.

"I watched the Chief closely and to me he seemed to have a lot of his old stuff left, which means that he is going to make some of those heavy National League hitters look to their batting laurels when he is in the game. Of course, he is just as crafty as ever, and, while he does not know the National League batsmen as well as he does the American Leaguers, I don't doubt that he will know the weakness of every man in the league after he has been around the ofrcuit once."

Lacked Ambition With Baltimore Federals

Last year Bender lacked ambition when he was a member of the Baltimore Feds. Naturally he felt hurt that he should have been released by Connie Mack. although the sting was taken off somewhat by the fact that he left the Mackmen along with his old teammates, John Coombs and Eddie Piank

The Chief did not do well at Paltimore, mainly because there was so little incentive. He was not satisfied with the management, and, while he has never niade such a statement, it is generally understood in Baltimore that he did not articularly care for any of the players, or at least he did not care enough to mpt to assist them in any wav except by taking his turn in the bex.

This year everything is changed. Bender is back in the majors, is playing home and with teammates whom he knows well, whom he likes, and who e great confidence in his ability. There is not, in fact, a man on the Philly today who will not do everything in his power to help the Chief in his "comeck" act this season.

Pat Moran has given out no statement regarding Bender's probable record, it he does not nesitate to state that he thinks Bender was never in better shape, that means that the Philly leader believes the Chief is going to do some great

Outfields in Majors Fast This Season

s not necessary to enter into a long discussion to show that the outfields arious clubs in the two major leagues this season will be the fastest, on e, that ever walked on the diamond. While every manager has not definitely what trio he will use, the appended list is close to the way they will line up for the opening gun next Wednesday:

National League-

Phillies-Whitted, Paskert and Cravath. New York-Burns, Kauff and Roush, Boston-Moran, Magee and Connolly. Brooklyn-Wheat, Stengel and Myers. Pittsburgh-Carey, Baird and Hinchman. Cincinnati-Leach, Killefer and Griffith. Chicago—Williams, Schulte and Zwilling St. Louis-Dolan, Long and Wilson. American League

Athletics-Oldring, Strunk and Walsh New York-Maisel, Gilhooly and Lee Magee Boston-Lewis, Speaker and Hooper. Washington-Milan, Shanks and Moeller, Cleveland-Smith, Graney and Roth, Detroit-Cobb. Veach and Crawford. Chicago-Felsh, Jackson and Eddie Murphy, St. Louis-Shotton, Walker and Marsans

Athletics' Outfield in Great Shape

The Athletics' outfield looks exceptionally good. The outfield never was the strongest point of the old machine, but it was better than the average, and today it is better than at any time in the last five years. A few victories or a berth high up in the second division for the first month of the race may give the three veteran outfielders the ginger they now lack, and if they get it there will be little cause to worry about that department.

Oldring and Strunk are as good as ever. The former looks like a better ball player than he has shown himself to be since 1913, while Strunk is still going at top speed. Jimmy Walsh's work in right has been one of the bright spots of the spring games. If Walsh continues at his present clip he is going to be a more valuable man to the team than was Eddie Murphy, who held down the right-field position on the old machine.

Mike Doolan Looks to Be "Through"

When Joe Tinker took charge of the Whales-Cubs combination this season he expected Mike Doolan to do great things at shortstop. But Mike has been a

Last season the former Philly shortfielder and captain played a good game for the Chicago Federals, although he was, as usual, weak at the bat. However, Tinker seemed to think that Mike was going to do better as a batsman this year than he had ever done before. In this he was again deceived. Doolan was in poor condition when he reported to Tinker at Tampa. He was overweight and alow. His work at the training camp did not relieve him of all his superfluous

Hence, when the exhibition games began, Doolan showed up to miserable advantage. He fielded poorly on the whole and batted in his old Philly formthat is, he would occasionally get a base hit with one on, but with runners within scoring distance the writers would wire in the ancient stuff, "Doclan popped to

Tinker is now attempting to play short himself. No one on the Cub team seems to be able to handle the position, which has led many to think that he did wrong in releasing Bob Fisher, who, though not a flashy player, was at least consistent; something that none of the present candidates are.

Two Fine-Looking Youngsters

Mack has picked up two great youngsters as a starter toward building a new machine, and there will be two more just as good that will join the team by the end of June. If he has any more youngsters like Witt and Catcher Bill Meyers, it is a fairly good bet that he will fulfil his prediction that he will have another championship team in 1917

Young Witt continues to sing the ball, and all doubt about his ability to hold the pace he set at Jacksonville when he first reported has been cast aside. He is a great natural batsman, one of the kind that is discovered only once in two or three years. In the field Witt is still rather crude, but is improving

NO-HIT BASEBALL **GAMES RECORDED** BY SCHOOLBOYS

Penn Charter, Collingswood and Friends' Central Held Without Bingles

CHELTENHAM VICTOR

If the schoolboys continue to twirt in the midseason form they are now show-ing or unless the youngsters at the plate

ing or unless the youngsters at the plate improve in their ditting, the season will furnish a new record in no-hit scholastic games. Already three have been played at the expense of Penn Charter School, Collingswood High and Friends' Central. Penn Charter tailed to make a single hit off the trio of Penn twirlers, when Titzel, the Pittshurgh High School boy, a ciever southpaw; Vates and Bernhart held the Quakers safe, the first-year college team winning by a score of 17 to n. Then came the Episcopal-Collingswood High game.

In this contest Shirley McCall of Enisepa), fanned 20 Collingswood High play-s and held the visitors hitless. In the heltenham High-Friends' Central yesterday afternoon, Duncan, the F bre Park twirler, had the Friends' tea at his mercy. Friends' Central joined the no-hit class in this contest.

Dick Harrian, the Friends Central all-cand star athlete, made a very commendable hoseing in the game with Chelenhum Hah-estarday afternoon. Hartung pitched a steady ame for so carty in the season. He made ome pretit carries and proved to be a valua-le man for the shortstop position.

Cheltenham High's team of veterate are out to duplicate the wood record made by the feet-ball squad last season. Duncan, Schlett, Car-son. Hutterworth, Hollingshead, Thorpe, Wald's, Harby and Woodbury are familiar names in Cheltenham High's athletics.

Did the victory over Collingswood make the hurchmen overconfident? The team showed a eversal of form in the game with the Vireland fight School nine yeaterslay, but the fact that incloud has a very strong squad this year nust not be overloaded. Episcopal had many eagues to score, but falled to take advantage of them. Consequently, the score: Vineland, Episcopal, 3.

Rovers to Play Here April 15

INSIDE DOPESTER PICKS BOTH BOSTON CLUBS FOR VICTORS

Phillies Given Third Place in National League Race, While Athletics Are Sentenced to Last Position in Johnson's Circuit

By GRANTLAND RICE

NATIONAL LEAGUE.				
Club Boston	Pirst Place Odds. 11 5	Second Pines. 4-5	Third Place. 1-4	Flace.
Brooklyn	5-1	Even	1-3	1111
Philadelphia	2-1	Even	1-3	1343
New York	4-1	7-5	1-2	1-5
Chicago	Action 198	5-1	216-1	Even
Cincinnati	25-1	10-1	5-1	2-1
St. Louis	50 - 1	25-1	10-1	4-1
Pittsburgh	80-1	25-1	10-1	4-1
AMERICAN LEAGUE.				
Club.	First Place Olds. 85	Second Place, 1-2	Third Piace, I-3	Flace.
Detroit	216-1	4-5	1-3	1.00
Chicago	31	Even	2-5	PERSONAL PROPERTY.
New York	8-1	3-1	8 - 5	1-2
St. Louis		81	8-5	12
Washington	25-1	10-1	5-1	65
Cleveland	1-007	50-1	25-1	10-1
Philadelphia	100-1	50-1	25-1	101

Pick Boston Clubs

John Doyle, sporting impresario, found so many fans this spring who had wagered hats, cases, automobiles and loose change on the two pennant races that he decided to arrange the proper odds for them

Colonel Doyle, who is a shrewd dopester but what the leading wagerers were of-fering against each club—not only for first place but for second, third and

The result, given above, is interesting. The insiders pick both Boston clubs to giving them safe margins in the

The National League

In the National League they are willing to lay 11-5 against the Braves, which means that the Braves are figured with a 31 per cent, chance to finish first. The Brayes were picked first for three

reasons-Stallings, the pitching strength and the infield. and the infield.

Brooklyn and Philadelphia are rated neck and neck. They are laying 2 to 1 against either to finish first and even money against either finishing second.

Giants, despite the acquisition of Kauff.

Roush, Bariden and Anderson.

The Giants are rated uncertain quantities on account of the pitching staff more than anything else, for this part of the club is an unknown quantity. And there is the feeling, too, that like other flag winners who have slumped, the Giants have lost their ancient pep and will not be inclined to make the old drive for the top. The Cubs are the main surprise in these odds, for they are laying in to 1 Tinker's club doesn't win out and even money that it doesn't finish in the first division. Reds, Cardinals and Pirates are figured out of it, with only a pleak chance to win.

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The Red Sox are rated stouter favorites in the American League than the Braves are in the National. The wonderful pitching power of Lannin's club, plus the unusual outfield strength, puts this club out Fall River Revers will play Disstans at Diss-on's Ball Park April 13. This match, which in the second round of the American Cup ouncefition, has been postponed for several seeks due to the Revers being engaged in a District Cup Connectition in the New England On account of these two strong departments, they are only laying 8 to 5 against

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the world's champions, which means they figured with a 40 per cent, chance to hold the top.

Two and one-half to one is offered against the Tigers, who are ranked the second strongest club in the league, on account of the amazing outfield power, headed by Cobb, and the fighting spirit of

the club.
The Tigers receive a slight edge over The figers receive a signt edge over the White Sox. The insiders pay more attention to pitching strength than any other factor and the wide margin the Red Sox have with Shore, Leonard, Ruth, Foster, Gregg, etc., crowds both Tigers and White Sox back.

The White Sox are figured with slightly better pitching than the Tigers, but they are also figured as lacking something in cohesive team play.

All this in state of the presence of Collins, Jackson, Fournier and Schalk.

The Yanks are ranked fourth; 8 to ontingent and 8 to 5 is offered that they

don't finish third. The club is conceded good attacking power and a first-class pitching squad, but several elements are too uncertain as yet. No one knows at this early stage just what the club will do with so many new people lumped together. The dope is that with another very some contents and the club will be set to the club will be with another year's experience in team play the Yanks will be a robust factor, with a strong chance to win for 1917, but no easy task to hurl a new line-up into the pennant the first year out.

A RECORD BREAKER AT POPULAR PRICES-SATURDAY NIGHT National A. C. National A. C.

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EDDIE MEANDREWS VS. JOHNNY TILLMAN

GOLF IN GREAT BRITAIN IS HARD HIT BY THE WAR

Increased Income Taxes Likely to Close Many Clubs

suit in the game of golf abroad, and from the looks of things at present whether the war continues or not, they will also be felt on this side of the Atlantic.

Taxes in Great Britain are being increased on everything, and the income tax will be several times greater this year than in 1915. Instead of fixing the tax one-third the value of property as has been done heretofore, the full value is being taken.

There is an organization in Glargow, where about one-third of the members are off to the front, and the officials are facing the necessity of winding up their affairs.

There are also other clubs in which the annual subscriptions are being increased in order to help, but more and more of the members are being called for service, and it will need more than the annual subscriptions to keep the clubs going. Many of the newly established clubs will be forced to close out.

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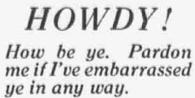
A message was received this morning at the office of the Philadelphia baseball club. In the Stock Exchange Building, to the effect that Shortstop Irelan, who was formerly a member of the Philies, had broken his leg in a game played with the Omalia club, of the Western League, at Beatries, Nebraska.

It could not be learned in just what way Irelan was hurt, although Secretary Guy Constans stated that he believed the accident resulted from a slide to one of the bases.

Irelan was farmed out to the Montreal

Irelan was farmed out to the Montreal club, of the International League, last year, and was later reclaimed by Pat Meran. This winter he was again released to Omaha, and has been training with that club since they began preparations for the approaching season. Irelan is a fast man in the field, but

he was too weak at the bat to ever be of great value to the Phillies.



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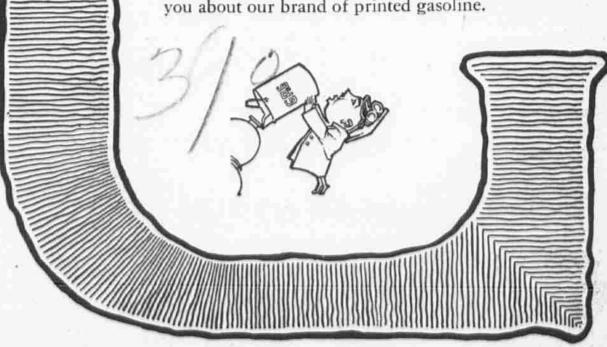
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