

PENNANT OUTLOOK IN NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR 1917 MAY BE CHANGED BY GIANTS' FIASCO

McGRAW'S ATTACK UPON HIS PLAYERS LIKELY TO DISRUPT FAVORITES FOR 1917 PENNANT

There Now Does Not Seem to Be Chance to Instill Harmony in Giants After Scrappy Manager's Charges Became Public

WILL the McGraw incident disrupt the Giant machine, which apparently was destined to clinch the National League pennant somewhere along about the middle of August in 1917?

Any way one looks at it, there does not seem to be a chance for even a McGraw to instill harmony into the ranks after the fiasco and the New York manager's charges were made public. It is admitted that the majority of the players on the New York team are bitter against McGraw for his sensational attack, while it also is certain that McGraw will not retain several of the men he accuses of loafing and disobeying his instructions.

The more one thinks of the Brooklyn incident the more he must wonder what could have possessed the Giants to play such a game. Knowing how McGraw felt, the players must have been able to see that he would not tolerate anything but the best they had in them. It is odd that the players on a team that appeared to be the strongest in either league should have taken such a chance.

It cost Owner Hempstead a fabulous sum to build the machine that created the greatest sensation in years by winning twenty-six consecutive games, and it would be a pity if this loyal sportsman should have his team broken up because of the indifference of players who could see no further than their noses. No doubt the players appreciate the full situation and realize that the world series money they expected to spend next season is a myth and that they carelessly have injured themselves.

Hempstead's Generosity Gives McGraw Great Team

WHEN the Giants won seventeen straight games earlier in the season Manager McGraw thought he had found the combination, but before long the team was down in the second division and he realized that he must strengthen the club to have the kind of a team he believed could win the pennant hands down. McGraw never was much on this almost-pennant winners who might happen to pull through with the breaks, for he always was trying to construct a team that could make a runaway race of it if possible.

President Hempstead opened his pocketbook for McGraw and got him the players he wanted. They were the great Zimmerman, Charley Herzog, McCarty, of Brooklyn, and Hoelke. These men fitted into the plans of McGraw perfectly and gave him a wonderful team, thanks to the generosity of Hempstead and the policy of the little manager to satisfy his players so far as salary was concerned.

McGraw got this machine working perfectly and he was proud of his twenty-six consecutive victories, but he also desired to accomplish another feat, which was to decisively defeat every team in the league in succession, even though it killed the pennant hopes of his friend Wilbert Robinson. McGraw had his heart set upon turning this trick and finishing in third place, and he probably would have done so if his players had continued to hustle.

The fans may recall McGraw's prediction, made to the writer, that he was going to return good for evil, meaning that he would forget 1908 and defeat the Dodgers, which would aid the Phils. As a matter of fact, this boom pi stuff between McGraw and Robinson is mostly bunk, as the old partners are not so thick as they were a few years ago and the Giant manager did not relish the idea of sending Robinson to Brooklyn to a pennant winner, though he was fair enough to praise Hobby at every turn. McGraw is only human, and the fact that Robinson was becoming more popular than he (McGraw) in New York did not make much of a hit with him.

Red Sox Pitchers Are Dependable

WHEN the Red Sox and Brooklyn clash in the opening game of the world's series tomorrow afternoon at Braves Field, in Boston, Carrigan's crew will have the big edge mainly because every one of the pitchers is in fine form and all are absolutely dependable. It is likely that Dutch Leonard, who, incidentally, pitched a no-hit game this season, will start on the mound for the American Leaguers in the first tilt. Brooklyn cannot offer any hurler who will be as good as Leonard, if we can judge his work in the coming series by his season's performances and his pitching in the world's series against the Phillies in 1915.

The only one of the Red Sox pitchers who is not sure to be up to 1915 world's series form is George Foster, and it is an even bet that he will be. However, in the event that Foster does not warm up well in the game he is chosen to pitch, young Mays should come through with a victory. He pitches just the style of baseball that baffles the Dodgers—that is, he has all the necessary "stuff" and uses an under-handed, side-arm delivery which is very puzzling to any club.

Weather conditions will have something to do with the selection of Boston's pitcher. In case it is hot tomorrow in Boston, or even warm, Leonard is sure to start; but if the weather is cold, then Shore is very likely to be the man on whom the Red Sox will depend.

Much has been said of John Coombs' chances to beat the Red Sox in one of the world's series games. It is hardly likely that he will, because in spite of his wonderful knowledge of batmen and his general craftiness in the box, he hasn't the fast ball nor the curve he once had, and unless a pitcher has everything he cannot hope to win from that clear-eyed, hard-hitting Boston team.

Fred Mitchell May Succeed Joe Tinker

IT IS said by persons who ought to be in position to know whereof they speak that Fred Mitchell, who coaches the Boston pitchers and handles Harvard's ball team, has accepted a proposition from Charles Weegman to manage the Chicago Cubs next season. Mitchell, who was here with the Braves, refused to admit that he had been offered Tinker's position; neither did he deny it very strenuously.

According to the rumor, Weegman is now planning to pay Tinker off for the 1917 season, according to the terms of his contract, and will release him unconditionally. Mitchell is one of the smartest players in the game, and it is believed that he will be just as much of a success as Pat Moran, who also was a pitching coach prior to being appointed to succeed Charley Doan. Manager Stallings, of the Braves, insists that Mitchell's work in handling the Boston pitchers was responsible for the sensational finish made by the Braves that season, and is reluctant to part with Mitchell, but says that he will not stand in the way of the veteran coach's chance to better himself.

Huntingdon Valley After Golf Classic

THE Huntingdon Valley Country Club, at Noble, has been mentioned as the place of venue for the next women's national golf championship. Mrs. Caleb P. Fox, a former national runner-up, has been campaigning for the local club during the championship event at Belmont Springs, Boston, and through her it was learned that if Huntingdon Valley applies to the U. S. G. A. at the annual meeting this winter the Noble club is certain to receive the award.

It is this city's turn to stage the women's championship, which has not been held in this district since 1912, when the Wilmington Country Club had the event. Huntingdon Valley has never been the scene of a national championship, but two events of national importance are held at Noble every year—the Lynwood Hall tournament for men and the Berthelmy Cup tournament for women. These two events have served to prove to the leading golfers of both sexes that Huntingdon Valley is a championship course, and the few who are not aware of this now will certainly find it out before another year.

The Phillies were the guests of Fred T. Chandler, vice president of the club, at a banquet last night, and took occasion to make a presentation to Grover Cleveland Alexander, who was given such a rousing reception by his teammates that he broke down. Manager Moran also came in for a great reception and praised his men in a short speech.

The Brooklyn Standard-Union insists that John McGraw prove his charge that his players "laid down" or be driven from the game. Judging by McGraw's actions he seems to court an investigation and is not worrying about the matter as much as the fans and scribes.

OH, WHAT A SEASON!



SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Al Nelson is still winning. The Little Italy favorite featherweight was the first to put a ribbon in the consistent winning of K. J. Al Wagner when the pair clashed at the Broadway bar night. Exchanges were even for the first two rounds, but thereafter Nelson had the other Al holding on almost continually in the clinch. Nelson not only outlasted Wagner, but he also outpointed him, beating the Kasee player at his own game.

The Pat O'Malley who was knocked out in Reading, Pa., last week was not the Brooky follow boxer of O'Malley. He has never been in Reading, and he saw he is only returned because an alleged boxer is using his name.

James Murphy makes his 1916-17 debut at the Lincoln A. C., and the West Philadelphia is used to prove his brilliant form of the early part of last season. He will have to defeat Joe Welch, his opponent. Welch is boxing better than ever and he may prove a genuine threat for Murphy in the latter's re-start up the local lightweight ladder.

Willie Beckert, who meets Johnny Egan to the west of the Lincoln A. C., is a starting partner of Joe Welch. Charley Walters, supposed to be a contender for the title, is a terrific puncher, and he has several knockouts to his credit during his short career.

When Eddie Mitchell responds to the gear in the main event at the National Club tonight, he will not find his opponent, Eddie McManis, off his guard. The Manhattaner has been in strict training for a fortnight, and he is expected for one of his usual rip-and-ear battles.

Mikey Sheehan, the Clevean boxer of no account but a fighter extra-ordinary, again will be seen in action at the National tomorrow night. The wild Irishman from the Windy City is paired off with another Irish, Mac, from the Auld Sul, and a victory over Jack Toland is his American debut.

Jack Dunaway stacks up against a pretty clever promotion at the Olympic Monday night, when he encounters Willie Jackson, of New York, in the semi-final to the Henry Leonard-Johnny Nelson tilt. Jackson writes he is in great form and hopes to fight himself back into form, whereby he can get another crack at Johnny Williams. Charley Leonard meets Johnny Blakey. Also knockout against Jimmy McAule and Young Alway vs. Hatling Murray opens the show.

Another highway robbery is on record, but not on a police blotter, according to reports from Memphis. It is stated that the Hatting-Levinson show has been given the decision in his match with Joe Christie by a wide margin in the sixth night, but the referee declared the contest a draw.

Eddie Bremer is paired off for a ten-rounder with Walter Starb in New York tonight. West Philadelphia seems to show some Gotham glove lovers flashes of Joe Gann's class, and he has been boxing regularly there. This is another case of a local boy having to leave town to get a chance to make good.

Charley Weinert and Bob Moha have been

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

BROADWAY A. C.—Al Nelson easily defeated R. J. Al Wagner, George Berkburg knocked out Willie Beckert with right-hand punch in the fourth, Fred Sedler made Young Harry Smith quit, third, Jimmy Coyle stopped Willie Egan, first, Frankie Williams defeated Eddie Kelly.

NEW YORK—Jack Dennis won from New Al McCoy. Dave Kutz beat Norm Chick.

LINCOLN BOUTS TONIGHT
Freddy Manly vs. Bobby Woods, Young Sam Landford vs. Jimmy Legett, Charley Walters vs. Bobby Hayes, Willie Beckert vs. Johnny Egan, Jimmy Murphy vs. Joe Welch.

Central High Stars Ineligible
Football at Central High School received a setback yesterday when it was announced that ten of the varsity squad and five of the scrub team would be unable to represent the school on the gridiron until they had made up scholastic deficiencies. It is unlikely that any of the ineligible will be able to play before November.

Soccer League to Have Eight Clubs
Philadelphia Textile joined the Philadelphia Soccer League at the meeting held last night in North Branch Y. M. C. A., Germantown and Lehigh avenues, the inclusion of Textile making the great at eight clubs.

George Sisler to Be Married

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 6.—George Sisler, first baseman of the St. Louis Browns, will be married here to Miss Kathleen Holmquist on October 27. The romance began when they were students at the University of Michigan.

After summering at bumps in San Francisco, Eddie Camp is on his way here again. He stops off in Minneapolis for a match with Matt Brock, October 14. This will be the California's third invasion of the East. He looked here as a champion on his first trip. Now he is a full-fledged featherweight.

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ACCORDING TO DOPE RED SOX SHOULD DISPOSE OF DODGERS BY TAKING FOUR OUT OF SIX

Brilliant Pitching and Proved Steadiness Under Fire, the Two Main Essentials, Assets Possessed by Favorites in World Series

By GRANTLAND RICE

WHAT chance has Brooklyn? If one is to believe in the main ingredients attached to the Granddoodle, the direct answer comes at once—NOT VERY MUCH.

But if one is to take into consideration the eternal possibilities of an upset in a seven-game series, the answer might not be so direct. In dealing directly with a situation of this sort the only way ahead is to follow the obvious trail of the dope. And so far as the dope is concerned Boston's Red Sox are overwhelming favorites.

Reason 1: The first reason is this—the Red Sox went out and bagged their pennant in a tough league by overpowering their main rivals—Detroit and Chicago.

When the flag was at stake they took these two rival towns by storm, winning five of the six games played. They asked for no outside help—they went out and won.

On the other wing, the Brooklyn Robins went despite their inability in the stretch to stop their leading rival. With eight September games cast against the Phillies the league leaders won one and lost seven. This shows the big difference between the clubs under fire—for results go a long way in any argument that isn't loaded with prejudice.

Reason 2: Robby has a good, steady pitching staff in Marquard, Coombs, Pfeffer, Cheney and Smith.

But for world series effect compare this staff with Babe Ruth, Dutch Leonard and Ernest Shore.

Ruth, Leonard and Shore topped Cobb, Crawford, Jackson, Collins and Veach whenever they cared to.

But Marquard alone could stop the Philly attack in the other league. Ruth, Leonard and Shore comprise two great lefthanders and a great righthander. Once keyed up they almost will be unkillable. Marquard and Coombs have had world series experience and we believe these two will be effective. The Hubs looks as well as ever, and he has beaten the Red Sox before. Coombs is a smart, courageous pitcher with a world of experience and a lot of stuff left. Neither of these will be easy to beat. But the Brooklyn pitching staff doesn't stand up with that Boston trio by a number of spans.

The Red Sox, with Hobbittell, Barry,

Scott, Janvyn and Gardner, have a sure-infield on defense and one that will hit every whit as hard. At short and third Boston has a decided advantage. Between the two infielders Boston has the better of it, not only through greater world series experience, but through a far greater steadiness against the test.

Reason 4: Wheat, Johnston, Stengel and Myers can hit the ball with Lewis, Hooper, Walker and Shorten.

But we know pretty well what Duffy Lewis and Harry Hooper can do in such a series, for we saw them operate against the Giants in 1912 and against the Phillies in 1915.

Lewis and Hooper are two great world series types, the sort that have the knack of rising to the occasion, either with a miracle catch or a long, timely smash at bat.

They both have been seasoned in many bitter wars, and unless they happen to bump into an off week they are pretty sure to star again.

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Comic strip titled 'PETEY'. The first panel shows a woman saying 'HOUSEWIFE, UNCLE PETEY, HAVING THAT HALF A MILLION DOLLARS HER UNCLE JIM LEFT HER. HASN'T CHANGED AUNT HENRIETTA A BIT?' and a man replying 'IT SURE HAS!'. The second panel shows the woman saying 'I HAVEN'T NOTICED IT—' and the man replying '—IT'S TURNING HER HEAD—THAT'S WHAT IT IS—GETTIN' SNOBBISH AS THE DEUCE!!'. The third panel shows the woman saying '—I THINK THAT'S A TERRIBLE THING TO SAY OF AUNTIE, UNCLE PETEY' and the man replying 'OH, IS THAT SO?'. The fourth panel shows the woman saying '—WELL, I GUESS I KNOW—I HAD TO CALL HER THREE TIMES THIS MORNING BEFORE SHE CAME AND LACED MY SHOES—SHE'S A CHANGED WOMAN!!' and the man replying 'C.A. Veigler'.