

A BIG ADVANCE IN THE PRICE OF PEANUTS, PINK LEMONADE AND POPCORN IS INDICATED

CONNIE MACK, THE SILENT ONE, HAS DESIGNS ON THE PENNANT; DECLINES DANGERS OF THE SEA

Will Send His Hirelings South by Train—Alex Is Now in a Position to Defy the High Cost of Any Old Thing

CONNIE MACK has designs on winning the pennant in the American League this year. It is not strange or unusual that Connie should have these designs, especially in the American League, but the weird part of it is that he has not announced his intentions in a vociferous or audible manner.

Connie evidently thinks an awful lot of his ball players, or he wouldn't be so careful of their welfare. Last year a cargo of Athletics wouldn't have brought much money if sold on the hoof, and the sudden change of sentiment looks suspicious.

Connie Is Enigma of the Baseball World

LAST year when the Athletics were exploring the lowest depths in the league, Mack took all of the knocks and reproaches with a smile and only murmured, "Wait until next year." He experimented with numerous youths from our very best colleges and occasionally grabbed off a green one from the bushes for a trial in the big show.

If all of the players sign, the Athletics will have one of the hardest hitting combinations in the league. Bode, Thrasher and Strunk are well-known sluggers, and Melnis, Witt and Schang are well up in the batting list.

Mack's Big Problem Is Pitchers

IT IS the problem of finding some capable underlies for Bush and Meyers that is troubling Connie more than any other. He has been bitterly disappointed in many of the youngsters he expected to develop into consistent winners.

THE worthy statisticians will now edge in with the information that \$25,000 stretches—feet if reduced to one dollar bills and placed end-on-end. There are baseball magnates who can make it stretch even further.

Alex and the Circus Folk

JUST how deep do the circus folk intend to cut into the ranks of our best athletes? Their latest maneuver is to offer a huge flock of dollars to the best pitcher in the universe, Alexander, and unless President Baker, of the Phillies, can see his way clear to come to an agreement with the great hurler, he is likely to be lost to baseball for all time.

HOW can a circus afford to pay a star a bigger salary than a baseball club? Here is a question which literally thrashes itself upon us, and in view of the lament of the magnates, it is hard to answer.

Chick Evans Reads His Morning Mail

CHICK EVANS, our foremost open and amateur golf champion, got a delayed valentine from the executive committee of the United States Golf Association in the waning of the last week. It was to the effect that the national golf body was very fond of him, but its heart would beat for him no longer if he committed the overt act for which his suitcase was so packed and many of his best adeils already said.

Will Pursue Operations at Home as Heretofore

THEY were the bags of some of the players, and mostly of the millionaire baseball fans and golf bugs who made the trip, partly to be in touch with the Cubs during the training stretch and thus take the bath of California zephyrs in pleasant company, but mostly to get in some of the golf which is very fine in the belt of the Golden Gate.

Going over all these various points, the U. S. G. A. executive committee decided to frame its valentine to Chick of undying affection and hope that he would not be so rash as to go with the Cubs and the millionaires.

ALEX claims that he is not after all of the money in the world. Well, he doesn't have to be—it is thrust on him.

Kid Williams Not the Same Bearcat

BOXERS, like athletes of other sports, cannot last forever, and the star of Kid Williams, former bantam champion, is setting. The Baltimore lad was considered one of the greatest little battlers of all time, and until he was dethroned on points by Peter Herman, Williams met them all.



VICTORY OVER KID WILLIAMS WAS ED O'KEEFE'S AMBITION FOR THREE YEARS; HE GAINED IT LAST NIGHT

Philadelphia Piles Up Advantage in First Four Rounds, and Former Champion's Rally Is Insufficient to Even Score

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

EVERY ONE has an ambition in life. Eddie O'Keefe had his—that of meeting Kid Williams—and he gained it. In 1914 he was perfectly satisfied today.

It was an almost unanimous opinion that the former bantam champion still was declining from his athletic prime. The statistics, aggressiveness and punching ability that made him the greatest bantam for almost five years was not the same.

WILLIAMS gave a demonstration of some of his old-time form in the fifth and sixth rounds. He settled down to his famous inside fighting style, and the latter part of the fight was a struggle between the two men.

Edwards' fast work apparently tired him, for the remaining two periods and for the last six minutes Williams gradually chopped down his opponent's lead, not enough, however, to even up matters.

Easy for G. Lewis. "Jep-uh-mum" Lewis again came through with a victory, winning an eight-round bout with Young Marino, a New York bantam, Marino wasn't in the running at any time.

"SHERY" MAGEE TURNS BACK CONTRACT TO THE BRAVES

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—The signed contracts of John Rawlings, a shortstop who was with the Toledo Club, of the American Association, last season; of George Davis, a pitcher, and Eddie Fitzpatrick, second baseman, have been received by the Boston Nationals.

CLAY DIXON HAS CHANCE FOR TITLE AT PINEHURST

PINEHURST, N. C., Feb. 20.—The February birdie and eagle golf contest at Pinehurst is narrowing down to a three-cornered fight between Ned Beall, of Uniontown; Clayton Dixon, of Philadelphia, and Donald Farnon, of Youngstown.

NEWS OF THE BOWLERS

Stokes & Smith were unable to get their team out and were forced to forfeit to Kottelmann.

WALTER KIRK runs up a 209 score in his second game.

White Hawks dropped the second game to Eagles.

George was high scorer in the Mucko League, with an even 200 in his first start.

ALEX IS NOT "HEP" TO HIS CIRCUS ACT

Doesn't Know Anything More About It Than the Astounding Wire

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

GROVER Cleveland Alexander has not yet returned to join the circus this summer and show the rural youth the proper way to deceive 'em with a baseball.

No Direct Offer. "I have not received a direct offer to join the circus this season," murmured Alex this morning when he emerged from the hay.

It's a Great Idea. Pickens has a great idea, however, and probably would put it over successfully in the grass roots.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 20.—Bill Pickens is a justly celebrated press agent specializing in auto-race publicity.

CUBS BANDED TOGETHER READY FOR TRIP SOUTH

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Twenty-four members of the Chicago Nationals have reported to Manager Fred Mitchell.

BILLY MURRAY BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE PIRATES

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 20.—Billy Murray, former manager of the Phillies and former scout of the Pittsburgh club, has been appointed business manager of the Pittsburgh club by President Dreyfus.

VEACH, TIGER HOLDOUT, FINALLY REACHES TERMS

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 20.—Robert Veach, left fielder of the Detroit club team, has signed a 1917 contract and will leave for the training camp at Wauahatchie, Tex., March 19.

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Mickey Gallagher vs. Joe Walsh

SKULLIST MERKLE APPEARS BEST GOLFER AMONG BIG LEAGUERS NOW

BATting 'EM OUT IN BASEBALL Colonel Hanna Says Fred Shot an 81 at Ormond and Intimates Better Things if It Had Not Been for High Winds

By GRANTLAND RICE

TO the glory that was Greece And the grandeur that was Rome.—Poe

Not to forget both the glory and the grandeur attached to that venerable ruin, John Honus Wagner.

Under Two Flags. Considerable argument and debate has been handed back and forth as to the best golfer among major league baseball players.

WILL SEE BAKER TODAY. Grover Cleveland Alexander has not yet returned to join the circus this summer and show the rural youth the proper way to deceive 'em with a baseball.

HERD IS THE FAVORITE FOR NATIONAL LAURELS

California to Meet Voshell, of Brooklyn, in Final of Singles Championship

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Clifton B. Herd, of Los Angeles, and S. Howard Voshell, of Brooklyn, are to be finalists for the national indoor lawn tennis singles championship.

JOHN CONNOLLY THROUGH AS CAGE PLAYER AT PENN

Operation for Appendicitis Will Keep June Graduate Out of Game for Season

JOHN CONNOLLY is lost to the Penn basketball team. He was first substituted for Ward after a number of the quarter that won the intercollegiate championship from Princeton in a post-season game last year.

ARMORY ORDER SUSPENDED?

A. A. U. Said to Have Obtained Permission to Use "22d" Shed

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—According to Bob Kennedy, who is managing the Metropolitan senior indoor track and field championship meet, permission has been granted the A. A. U. to stage the games in the "Twenty-second Regiment Armory on March 3.

RYAN'S OYSTERS

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