NEW YORK FANS SAY THE TEAM THAT BEATS OUT THE GIANTS WILL LOSE WORLD'S SERIE

EHMKE LIKELY TO BE OF GREAT **ASSISTANCE TO HUGH JENNINGS** IN KEEPING BENGALS UP THERE

Youngster Who Made Such an Auspicious Start Late Last Season May Be Just the Man Freckled Manager Needs

THEN Hughie Jennings headed his scrappy Detroit Tigers for the North a young and ambitious pitcher who answers to the name of Howard Ehmke was among them. When the American League race commences and Jennings os his Tigers on their rivals this young man's name will be on the score cards a member of the regular pitching staff, for Howard Ehmke has made a proound impression on the Tiger boss. Detroit fans are full of conversation whenever Ehmke's name is mentioned. They have heard so much about him from the scribes who accompanied the club to the land of cotton that they can scarcely wait until he is turned loose in a championship game. The gentlemen of the are united in the assertion that he is a find; that he is just the youth Canager Jennings has been looking for to round out the pitching staff.

Ehmke was obtained from the Syracuse Club, of the New York State League. He came to the Tigers with a reputation for effectiveness that few young pitchers bring up from the minors, and, so far, he has lived up to his "rep." In a total of thirty-eight games in which he worked for the Syracuse club Ehmke finished with thirty-one victories and seven defeats. He established a strike-out record for the league by whiffing 195 batsmen, and opposing teams were able to score only 1.84 runs per game off his delivery. So far this spring Ehmke has looked every inch a star. His only reputed weakness when he joined the Tigers was said to be his inability to handle bunts, yet his fielding record shows that only three errors were charged against him in thirty-eight games-which is considerable of a Pecord. Detroit scribes have concluded that the report on Ehmke was pure bunk.

LIKE all newcomers in the big leagues, Ehmke has yet to demonstrate that he is ready for a regular job, but Jennings is confident that he will go the route, and if the veterans of the Tiger staff can return to the form that Hughie has a right to expect of them the Tiger staff, with Ehmke, may be all that Jennings needs to enable his lads to slip under the wire ahead of the field. Who knows?

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· Will the Tiger "Comebacks" Come Back?

SPEAKING of the Tigers reminds us that they have a "comeback" in their midst. He is "Tubby" Spencer, the veteran catcher, and, from reports, he a real wizard at the stuff. Spencer joined the Tigers late last season, and the enthusiasts around the American League circuit who knew him in the old days were surprised to see in him a greatly changed player. Like Larry McLean and ne other players whose failing for the bright lights has caused a lot of grief to their managers, Spencer fell from grace and drifted to the minor leagues, where be played for several seasons. Then he dropped out of sight altogether, and when next heard from was playing out West, and playing bang-up balt.

Spencer while making ready for his comeback went into the northern woods d spent some time in a lumber camp. He has broken away from his one-time erratic habits and is considered a valuable asset by Manager Jennings.

Another old-time backstop who went South with the big leaguers this spring Paddy Livingston, now a member of the St. Louis Browns. Paddy spent last eason in the Western League as a member of the Sioux City club, and, although no may not participate in many games with the Browns, Fielder Jones may scide to keep him with the club regularly as a coach for the pitchers.

LIVINGSTON, unlike Spencer and some of the boys who have hit the bright trail, has always been a player with the best of habits. Paddy's cheerful smile and his Irish wit, combined with his knowledge of baseball, are his assets.

Wood and Caldwell Show Form

THE "comeback" club has been augmented this spring by two pitchers, Joe Wood and Ray Caldwell, both of whom have shown form during their sojourn in the South which indicates that they are going to be stumbling blocks in the paths of the batters. Wood went about his comeback carefully during his stay of the Cleveland Indians in New Orleans, and Manager Fohl did not permit him extend himself, with the result that when the bell rings he will be ready. Caldwell, fresh from a winter of playing ball in Panama, was in great shape when he reported to "Bill" Donovan at Macon.

THE fans will watch the work of these two erstwhile stars with more I than usual interest, for when "right" there are no better pitchers to be found anywhere.

The Spitball Is Still With Us

THE spitball will be hurled at the batters again this season by pitchers all over the country. It will continue on its moist and misleading way despite the efforts of some baseball reformers to legislate it out of the pastime, for the spitter has become just as much a part of the pitcher's art as the curve. During the stove season, which came to a close with the departure of the athletes for the South, the spitter came in for its annual panning. Baseball men in various parts of the country talked against it. Chief among the pansters was Percy D. Haughon, of the Boston Braves, who believes the elimination of the spitter would be a long step toward increasing hitting,

Haughton put the spitter on the pan every time he got a chance, and he is onest in his convictions against it. But the members of the rules committee did not even discuss the spitter in a casual way. The rules committee found virtually nothing to do, for the rules as they stand today are just about as solid as they

THE fact that many baseball men do not champion the moist pall will make no difference, and it would be an injustice, because its use has been permitted for too many years.

National Golf President Has Right Idea

HOWARD W. PERRIN, president of the United States Golf Association, vice president of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, president of the Pine Valley Golf Club, owning one of the finest links in the country, and for all these reasons serving an extraordinary amount of attention, has the right idea in all this furore about calling off golf schedules due to military pressure of the times. The national golf head believes it is all most untimely and entirely unnecessary at this time to call off the events scheduled for the coming season. He is ready and willing to call a committee together at any time the situation becomes so acute as to demand that the national championships be canceled for the season and has so otified the military authorities. He is also ready and willing to lend his vote to the same purpose with regard to the local schedule. But he takes the eminently ane view that there is absolutely no call for this to be done as yet. Not only that, but he has no time for petty and lengthy resolutions announcing intentions of what is to be dore. The new president of the U. S. G. A. believes in action rather than flowery essays for effect. He quietly addressed a letter to General Wood offering the national golf organization for any service possible, holding his letter down to about four lines, but offering a very strong force, which was ceply appreciated, as the reply he received showed.

Perrin takes the sensible stand that there is no call for any drastic steps at resent, particularly right now, when the plans of the Government have not even

THE national golf president believes that this country's part in the war is a moral and financial backing of the Allies, with possibly the sending of a small army for support. The coast and industries of the country st be protected, but until there is a call for every possible man to the colors there seems to be no real reason for abandoning golf tourneys.

Why Do Promoters Overlook Christie

FANT a rugged, willing boxer plods along for a number of years virtually unned by the fistic world at large and getting little or no credit for being the best of his class. Such a boxer is Gus Christie, the rugged Milwaukee who has recently opened the eyes of Brooklyn boxing fans to the fact at he has a right to claim rank with the best of the light heavyweights.

Christie is not a newcomer by any means, for he has met virtually every and light heavyweight in the business who amounts to a row of pins. ves credit because he is still a rugged, willing battler and also for the hat he has really improved as a ring workman.

Welsh-Nelson Bout a Colossal Joke

to fans who read of the signing of articles between Battling Nelson and Weish for an eight-round bout in St. Louis probably blushed. From est was made in earnest and the promoters are to go through with ween the one-time Durable Dane and the titleholder. Any sensible m will agree the match is a farce. It ought to be canceled. ning prestige. It is a discredit to the Briton, and the promoter boxer from the old soldiers' home is the poorest matchmaker the Nelson stopped an opponent recently, one who probably way he should be matched with the king of the lightmake a chopping block of him if the champion enters

THE SPRING DRIVER MR. VERNOR I WANT TO ON PHONE SPEAK TO MR. GUNTHER-YES- THIS IS MR. VERNOR TALKING KEEPS HIS CAR AWFUL IMAGINARY PICTURE OF AGENT BEFORE THE PROSPECT BEFORE BUYING PROSPECT HAS BOUGHT CAR THE CAR TELL HIM I'M SPEAK TO MR. 0 IM I'M BUSY-GUNTHER-ANTTHING YES- THIS TO MR. VERNOR! VERNOR PHONE TALKING THE NEW OWNER USED TO PLAN TRIPS FOR THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY BUT NOW HE SPENDS HIS RIDING THE IMAGINARY (?) PICTURE OF THE "PROSPECT" AGENT AFTER HAS NOW BOUGHT SALE HAS BEEN MADE THE CAR OVER THESE NICE TELL YA FIFTEEN FORTY STEEL MILES AN HOUR IS FAST ENOUGH OVER THESE ROUGH POADS MONTH THE NEW OWNER IS GOING SOME AT FIFTEEN

ELI NINE TO QUIT IN EVENT OF WAR

Hostilities Would Disband Yale Team on Easter Trip in South

OTHER SPORTS ARE OFF

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 5.
Certainty that the team would be disbanded at the end of its trip south, if not before, faced the Yale baseball nine when it left here for its Easter journey.

Because of the expected declaration of Because of the expected deciaration of war, the team will close its season when the six scheduled games are played, if not before. It was stated on the campus that the trip might end with the game Saturday, when both the nine and the crew which has gone to Philadelphia to race the University of Pennsylvania would positively be disof Pennsylvania would positively be dis-

The nine left for North Carolina, further than any previous baseball team has gone for its Easter games, believing that it would be assured of better weather than in Vir-ginia, where its Easter engagements have before been played.

It will meet the University of North Carolina, Trinity College and the Arts and Mechanical Institute the last three days of the week. It is scheduled to play Georgetown and Catholic University in Washington Monday and Tuesday and to play Columbia in New York on Wednesday.

In the event of a declaration of war all intercollegiate athletica at Yale, except those scheduled for the week, are to cease twenty-four hours after such declaration is made, according to a resolution adopted by the University Athletic Association, modified to meet the developments of the last two days. It says in part: "Under no circum stances, after the declaration of war, shall contests be continued after Saturday, April . If war is declared before the departure of the teams the schedules shall be there

PROBABILITY OF WAR DISBANDS TIGER CREW

PRINCETON, N. J., April 5 .- On ac count of the loss of five men who have left to join the colors, or who are planning to leave within a few days, the Princeton varsity crew has been definitely disbanded and three rooms carceled.

Hilliard has joined the Aviation Corps, and Hogg, last fall's football captain, has and Hogg, fast fairs football captain, has become a member of the mosquito submarine fleet. Loeb, a junior, who has shown much promise, will leave shortly for an army post, while Paul is studying aviation in the Princeton aeroplane class, and Mc-Cann is a member of the Naval Reserve

All the other oarsmen are planning to join the officers' reserve corps and are now drillng with the Princeton provisional battallon The first race of the season was set for April 19, with Harvard, on Carnegie Lake. This race has been canceled, as well as the race for the Childs Cup on May 5 with Columbia and Princeton and the dual meet-ing with Cornell at Ithaca on May 26.

MILITARY PROGRAM WILL RETAIN HARVARD SPORT

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 5. - Regi-CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 5.— Regimental athletics are going to succeed intercollegiate sports at Harvard with the official call to arms. Captain Constant Cordier, U. S. A., in command of the Harvard cadet regiment, has declared in favor of some form of regimental sport for the spring, with Saturday afternoons set aside

for competition.

A baseball league formed from the battalions of the regiment is to be organized, while competition is also expected between the rowing and track athletes in the soldiery.

Massachusetts Tech's Sports Off CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 5.—All crew races, except class events, beheduled by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have been canceled in view of the imminence of war. The season will closs with the interclass races next week. Captain E. F. Deacon urged all crew candidates to join the engineering corps at the institute.

Virginia Sports Off After April 9 CHARLOTTESVILLE. Va., April 5.—The iniversity of Virginia has called off all hassball and track contests after April 9 on account of the preparedness movement at the university.

Loss "Pro" at Philadelphia C. C.

'MIDST MANY F. F.'S OF JAWJA WE DISCOVER A FINE GARDEN-VARIETY OF STAR "EX-OR-NOW-IS" ATHLETES

Red Clay Belt Discloses Such Sport Favorites as Tyrus the Peach, Bobby Jones, Walthour the Cyclist, and a Score of Like Ilk

By GRANTLAND RICE

This list is only a partial one. But you will find that it covers famous characters

n baseball, football, golf, bicycle racing

Jones, Alexa Stirling and Bobby Walthon already is far beyond the average.

WIGHTMAN PLAYS CRANE;

National Court Tennis Title Match to

Be Held Saturday in

Boston

and Joshua Crane meet in the national sin-gles court tennis championship here today

gles court tennis championship here today, and the winner will play Jay Gould for the

title on Saturday.

Wightman defeated Dr. George Derby in

the second round of the tourney. The score

In the other match of the round Crane

a former champion, defeated D. P. Rhodes in straight sets. The score was 6-4, 6-5, 6-4.

U. S. CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

CHICAGO, April 5.—Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight boxer, whom Governor Whitman barred from boxing in New York State because, he said, Darcy was a "slacker" evading Australian military service, has taken the out of allegiance and

ice, has taken the oath of allegiance and signified his intentions of becoming a citizen of the United States. He received his first

citizenship papers from the Circuit Court of

and his occupation as a blacksmith and pro-fessional athlete. He gave his home as Maitland, Australia.

trey gave his age as twenty-one years

Cook County

DARCY RECEIVES FIRST

BOSTON, April 5 .- George Wightman

THE well-known State of Georgia may be as thickly populated as several other formmonwealths, but it would be hard to land upon a locality which has produced a student at Tech. land upon a locality which has produced as many interesting varieties of athletes as the Red Clay dominion wedged in between Alabama and the Atlantic Ocean.

Almost everywhere one may light one hits upon a famous character, either from the present era or from other days. And these are in no way confined to one sport. They embrace almost every variety now grow in Uncle Sam's domain,

It would be useless to mention Ty Cobb first. Ty and Georgia are inseparable links. He is Georgia's First Citizen, and Georgia isn't any fonder of Ty than Ty is of Georgia —which happens to be 100 per cent each

But Ty isn't the only ball player Georgia has set adrift upon the major leagues. Just above Atlanta the furrow is still extant where Nap Rucker once ran his plow. And just below Atlanta Red Smith and Sherrod Smith have their homes. Further south one runs across the vine-clad cottage of Jimmy Lavender, the Montezuman Marvel, while Frank Schulte's peach orchard is a thing of beauty and a joy for

at least two months each summer. And this list hasn't yet made mention of George Stallings, still known as the Miracle Man of the Mandarins of play-the one man who came nearer achieving the impor sible, or who achieved what was closer to the impossible, than any other man when he lugged a ball club from last place in July to first place in September and then beat a mighty machine four straight world

In Other Lines

Atlanta still boasts two famous entries in sports. One is Bobby Walthour, who has ridden and won more bleycle races than any other rider now living. Bobby was a messenger boy in Atlanta over twenty years ago and yet he is still up around the front. He began his racing career in Georgia's capital, and has a fine residence in that city when he finds time to alight and take meal at home.

Bobby made a big part of his reputation in Berlin, but it is rumored that he will not ride in that city this season.

Another famous Bobby is Bobby Jones, the kid phenom at golf, who at the age of fourteen was the sensation of a national championship and who has since proved to be one of the great golfers of America. Bobby is now playing fine golf around Atlanta courses, and at fifteen is given by many experts a fine chance to win a chamlonship within the next two years.

Another golfing star among the cham-pions is Miss Alexa Stirling, who at eighteen has won the woman's golf champion-ship and is undoubtedly the finest woman golfer in America. And to these might be added Perry Adair, who at fourteen was runner-up in a southern champion-

In Football

Atlanta, in a football way, calls atten-tion to Coach J. W. Heisman, the old Penn-sylvania end from 1891, who is one of the sylvania end from 1891, who is one of the greatest football instructors in the history of the sport. Seven years before the forward pass was even discussed Heisman advocated its adoption, only to be laughed at. He has been coaching the Georgia Tech team for twelve years, and no later than last season turned out a championship array. He has a fine eleven primed for

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EXHIBITION BASEBALL RESULTS

Phillies, 5; Raleigh, 6, Athletics-Atlanta, postponed, rain, Boston Americans, 8; Brooklyn, 5, New York Nationals, 8; Detroit, 4, Pittsburgh, 6; New Orleans, 5,

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE Vernon, 7; San Francisco, 5, Oakland, 3; Los Angelea, 1, Portland, 9; Sait Lake, 3.

and other lines.

A State that can boast of Ty Cobb, Bobby COLLEGE RESULTS
Holy Cross, 8; Pennsylvania, 3.
Columbia, 8; Amberst, 5.
Army, 17; Manhattan, 1.
Syracuso, 8; Navy, 3.

command of Captain Berry; they wheeled about and faced the diamond before being HAMILTON, FORMER PHILLY,

LYNN, Mass., April 5.—William R. Ham-ilton, formerly a baseball star, member of the Phillies, Boston Braves, later their scout, and then manager of teams in the New England League, last year being man-ager of the Worcester team in the Easten League, is being prominently mentioned for appointment to chief of the Clinton poles department.

HOLY CROSS HARD

WALLOPING BUNCA

Penn Faces Great Hitting

Nine and Drops First

Game of Season

HOWARD BERRY A STAL

Penn proved unable to halt the winnisstride of the powerful Holy Cross machinin the initial game of the 1917 bases season and fell before the onslaught of the New England clouters to the score of the 3 at Franklin Field yesterday.

Captain Nig Berry lived up to his restation as a star by scoring two out of the triple credited to the Red and Blue tea.

The New Englanders lived up to the reputation as hard hitters and their singing in the fourth inning put the game ice. O'Neil started the landslide with zipping single to the north stam, the Wiglesworth, the visitors' burly left fields maced out a triple to his own playing position. The next pitched ball brought his home, as Dugan landed out a single to right field. At the end of this disastrous session six runs were credited the Worcester is situation and the Red and Blue team facel a severe beating.

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Swigler, who started the game on the Penn mound, was benched in favor of Crewwell, and the change proved effective. While the newcomer was hit Treely there was repetition of railles of huge proportions.

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Wiglesworth was the high light of the Holy Cross team. The big fellow furnishes sensational catches and his hitting was a big feature. Norton, who is touted as a second Jack Barry, produced two runs and played fast bell all of the time. His first tally came in the opener.

Despite the loss of the first game of the season, Penn played good ball, and with a little more polishing should fall into a winning stride. Several dangerous railies by

ning stride. Several dangerous rallies by

the visitors were cut short in the latter is nings by sensational work.

The crowd was given a view of the milk

tary order of the times when the Pens squad made their first appearance. The me were marched out four abreast under the

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