

THE PHILLIES' WAR IS O'ER WITH SIGNING OF PEACE NOTE BY SECOND-BASEMAN NIEHO

MEN WITH ATHLETIC TRAINING WILL MAKE GOOD SOLDIERS, THE OPINION OF MAJOR M. J. PICKERING, OF PENN

Man in Charge of Quakers' "Athletes' Legion" Doing Fine Work at Red and Blue Institution. Amos Strunk Star of Mackmen's Trip

MEN who are familiar with the rigors of athletic training agree that athletes make the best soldiers. Major Mylin J. Pickering, graduate manager of athletics at Penn and the man in charge of the "Athletes' Legion" at the West Philadelphia Institution, which numbers approximately 350 men, believes that his charges will make the best sort of soldiers.

LET us continue athletics by all means, always being careful not to let the work interfere with the recruiting campaign in progress. And when our boys, youths and men go to the athletic field let them go with the definite aim of getting "into shape"—not for themselves, but for their country.

Says Bob Maxwell, Our Sports Editor—

THE real star of the Athletics thus far seems to be Amos Strunk, the hard-working center fielder. All Amos has to do these days is to play his own position and cover territory in right and left fields. Thrasher is bad, if not worse than Eddie Murphy on an off day, and seldom goes after a ball that requires much of a sprint.

It now looks as if "Oats" Lawry had copped the second basing job for the Mackes. Since going back into the game after injuring his ankle in Albany he has played wonderful baseball. His fielding is excellent, and in addition to that he is leading the batters on the club. In two days, against all kinds of pitching—mostly good—he hit .556. He was at bat seven times and drew down four singles.

BOTH Philadelphia teams are fortunate in having center fielders who are capable of covering a mob of ground. For a number of years Pickering's speed made it possible to keep Cravath and Magee in the outfield without reducing the defensive strength of the Phillies' outfield to a prohibitive degree.

Braves Are a Battling Bunch

THE Boston Braves have somewhat of a reputation as a fighting ball club. The Braves are fighters on the field of play, and in this year's campaign they may be counted upon to make a warm scramble for the rag. But whatever may be said of the Braves, one thing stands out as an unusual feature. They have more temper and nervous energy anchored around second base than any other club in the two big leagues.

During the winter Evers attended the National League meeting and at that time he looked to be in perfect health. He said he had high hopes of a banner year. If he succeeds in keeping his health all season he may make this his last year in the majors.

EVERS and Frank Schulte are the only members of the Cub champions of 1908 who played in the memorable game in which Fred Merkle pulled his famous bone in New York by forgetting to touch second. Evers' presence of mind in that game marked him as a brainy player, and today there is no smarter man in baseball than the little Trojan.

Word "Holdout" No Longer in Sports Dictionary

WHEN Bert Niehoff attached his signature to a contract yesterday the word "holdout" was deleted from the Philadelphia sports dictionary. Moran is now in a position to put the same term in the field that he did last season, but it is by no means certain that he will do so. With Whitted in the fold, Cravath will be given an opportunity of gratifying his desire to sit on the bench and perform occasionally as a pinch hitter.

IN PASSING, it is interesting to note that three of the long-winded and most stubborn holdouts came to terms at about the same time. Archer signed with the Cubs, Hooper with the Red Sox and Niehoff with the Phillies within twenty-four hours.

Tennis Champion May Not Be Rated No. 1

RULES for the guidance of ranking committees of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association incorporate several sound principles, the most pleasing of which stipulates that the national champion shall not necessarily be rated No. 1. If some other player, because of a stronger record for the entire season, merits the leading position, it is the privilege of the ranking committee to place him above the champion.

MORE than that number never are likely to merit being rated on a par for the highest honor in American tennis.

WILLARD'S best basketball player, from the standpoint of scoring goals, has been honored with the captaincy of the five for next year at Cornell. He is Edward Burnside Ortner, who finished second in the Intercollegiate League in number of points scored by an individual.

WILLARD has wired President Wilson that he is ready to fight. After his record since he became world's heavyweight champion his reputation as a red-hot tip. Willard's attention might be called to recruiting stations where the circus is playing—

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



TIGERS, WHITE SOX, INDIANS AND BROWNS COMPOSE ANGRY MOB SET TO COP AMERICAN LEAGUE FLAG

Grandoldpe Doesn't Give Eastern Clubs Any Chance at All Except in National League, Where There Are Odds—Atlanta's Golfers

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE western wing of the circuit isn't likely to attach any pennant in the National League. The odds here are anything you like, the best available being 100 to 1.

West vs. East. In the American League the West has the best of it, for while the Red Sox and Yankees are well primed for a flag drive, Washington isn't that husky looking, and the Mackmen will be extremely thankful to emerge from last place.

Against these two strong eastern clubs the West can respond with the Tigers, White Sox, Indians and Browns—and there isn't a soft, spongy entry in the lot.

They were away to a bad start, but after their first rally were within easy striking distance of the first four clubs. And Cleveland, with Joe Wood in shape, will be an entirely different matter.

The Western Chance. The West has not indulged in the luxury of a world's series since 1910, when the Mackmen came to Chicago and rumbled the fading Cubs into a shapely loss.

Now the West is fixed for a fight to the finish and on beyond. With Eddie Collins and Joe Jackson hooked up in one machine, the punch here is sure to make the White Sox flinch. Last season Eddie dropped below the best ball in the league this year, but his average is around .325 to .340, and with Jackson's average around .366 the combination should be highly valuable.

This club is about due to get up and go somewhere. It has lacked something, but that something may be supplied at any stated moment.

More than certainly the Red Sox and Yankees will have their kits full suppressing this western combination.

Force of Habit. There must be something in the atmosphere of Atlanta, Ga., highly beneficial to the golf germ.

When one community begins turning out one youngster after another who is a sensation, chance no longer rules.

Maybe it is force of habit. Whatever it is, no other city in America has ever produced three such young sensations in golf as Perry Adair, Bobby Jones and Tommy Prescott.

Two of them were marvels at fourteen. The other, Tommy Prescott, was a star in his second season at the game, which so many find requires years of play and practice.

And that isn't all. We have in mind at least six other young golfers between nine and fifteen years of age now coming on. And the nine-year-old entry has as fine a golf swing as any golfer you ever saw. He hasn't the punch yet, but that will come.

Remarkable Round-Up. It is a remarkable thing that Atlanta, with some 200,000 citizens, should have turned out more young golf stars than New York, with 4,000,000 persons, and 60,000 golfers, or Chicago, with 3,000,000 persons and 40,000 golfers.

There are not more than 1000 golfers in the Georgia capital. Yet one youngster after another is always popping up, beating stars and playing almost unbeatable golf.

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Thorpe, in Pinch, Strikes, Beating Ump to "Strike"

Jim Thorpe was sent to bat as a pinch hitter in a game which the giants played at Waco the other day. He looked with disdain at the first ball served up to him, but, to his surprise, Bill Brennan, who was umpiring, called it a strike. Jim fooled the next, and though the pitcher's third offering nearly struck the crowd in front of the plate, the Indian took a vicious swing at it and missed.

HOOPER, LAST OF RED SOX HOLDOUTS, FINALLY SIGNS

BOSTON, April 6.—The last of the world's champion Boston American baseball players who were dissatisfied with the salaries offered them has come to terms. Harry Hooper, the team's star right fielder, signed a contract at Indianapolis, according to advices received here.

DODGERS AND RED SOX SPLIT \$16,000 ON TOUR

World's Series Clubs Have Financial Success in Spring Exhibition Series

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 6.—The last game between the Boston Red Sox, world's champions, and the Brooklyn Dodgers, National League champions, scheduled for Washington Park here, was canceled because of rain.

Attendance figures for the entire trip were placed in the neighborhood of 30,000. It was perhaps the most successful joint tour ever undertaken by big league clubs.

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NORTHEAST NINE IN GREAT SHAPE FOR HARD CAMPAIGN ON DIAMOND

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL was the only local institution to hold baseball practice every afternoon in the week. The Red and Black youngsters were notified by Coach Harry Snyder to report daily at the field before the holidays started, and Northeast has not lost any time in preparing for the strenuous league season.

Germantown High's baseball candidates have worked on a different plan, as Coach Phil Lewis does not believe in much practice for the schoolboys. "A short practice, with lots of 'pep,' is my idea of preparing a school team for any sport," said Coach Lewis last night. "Therefore I did not ask the boys to report this week, and we'll get in all the practice we need next week."

South Philadelphia played a practice game with Girard College, and the West Philadelphia boys were working out three afternoons under the direction of Coach Fred Vail. The rain yesterday postponed the opening Interacademic League games until next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Captain Ridsdale will lead his Brown Preparatory School team on the field in the game with the Girard College nine at Girard College tomorrow afternoon. The Brownies look strong this year. McKenty, a former pupil of Connie Mack, has been whipping the team into shape. He is a star twirler. Brown has no professional coaches, and he has therefore been asked to look after the candidates.

The Brown management received word from Norristown High that the game scheduled for next Monday would have to be canceled, and the next game after the Girard contest for the Brown and White is with Villanova Preparatory at Villanova next Wednesday afternoon.

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