

THEY WILL BE MANY FLASHES IN THE ATHLETICS' BATTERIES AT SHIBE PARK THIS SUMMER

THEY WILL SELECT PLAYERS FROM BOSTON RED SOX TO FORM NUCLEUS FOR 1918 ATHLETICS

General Is Not Divulging Secrets, but Hopes to Put Out Creditable Team—Seasoned Men to Be Preferred

At the last week in the busy marts of trade have led us to believe that the name of the American League entry in our city is to be changed from the "As" to the "Zs."

However, and be that as it may, Connie is back and soon will get a team together—at least it is SAID he will get a team together to start the year right.

Perhaps the gaunt general of the shattered army had something up his sleeve when he disposed of Stuff McInnis for players instead of cash.

SO, to give Connie the benefit of the doubt, it looks as if he really has put over something in disposing of McInnis.

Giants Again Are Class of National League

JACK HENDRICKS, the newly appointed manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, in his first announcement as a major leaguer, says that the team will again be the most dangerous club on the circuit next season.

Hendricks infers that all the other clubs have been willing to sell and trade their players to Chicago because they wanted to see the Cubs beat the Giants out of a pennant next season.

"Right now the Cubs need more help to build up a ball club than the Cardinals. For years I have been keeping close watch on the major league clubs and I think I am fairly competent to judge of the strength of the various teams."

"Why should St. Louis sacrifice any of its players to help the Cubs? I am not claiming any pennants for the Cardinals right now, but I am saying that I will go the limit to be up there in the fight all the time.

"The idea of baseball," continued Hendricks, "is always to beat the other team. That means to beat the team that copped the pennant in the previous year. It helps the whole league, in the matter of attendance, to have the champion club set on the rocks. That's just baseball. I've met it all through my experience in the game. Every one is always out to beat the winner."

But in this case if the idea is to beat the Giants, why not let the rest of the clubs kick in with players to the Cardinals and let us be the ones to beat McGraw's men? St. Louis is a great ball town—perhaps the greatest in the country—if the fans were given a chance to root for winners, as have New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

New Ball Contract Calls for Actual Season Only

A new form of baseball contract will go into effect next season, according to a ruling made at the recent session of the National Commission at Cincinnati, changing conditions to include actual time of play only, and not a flat six months' period.

The form of the new contract does not of itself indicate a reduced salary, but a substantial saving to club owners will be noticed in the case of players taken on during the playing season. Players reporting near the end of the season hitherto have been paid up to October 15. Under the new contract such contracts will end with the last game of the schedule.

THE Giants, it is said, failed to regard a general understanding among big league teams affecting contracts for the coming season. McGraw's contracts were sent out the first of the year, as usual, and the old forms calling for six months and semimonthly payments were used.

Historic Hoodoo Still Pursues Yankee Team

After fifteen years of hot pursuit of the New York Yankees by a relentless bad-luck hoodoo has not yet ended. Every sort of player and manager who has been encountered in the meanwhile, and now the elements have come into play.

Manager Huggins was preparing to mobilize his men at Macon, Ga., as per contract arrangement, when along comes a tornado and completely demolishes the stands of the ball park as well as the mile racetrack adjoining it.

First class teams desiring games address Chief Yeoman John H. Doherty, care of Accounting Department, Building 26, League Island.

King of Bushers Has Developed Many Stars

Patronage figures have been developed in minor league baseball that show Ed Egan, familiarly known in the middle and lower grades as the "King of the Bushers."

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



JIMMY BROWN BREAKS RECORD

Former Camden Star Scores 8 Field Goals in American League Debut

GIRARD ALUMNI WINS

Jimmy Brown, the former Camden Eastern League star, made his debut in the American Basketball League last night and after watching him dribble all over the playing floor and shoot field goals from all angles, the eight hundred clubmen at Traymore Hall were unanimous in their opinion that Jimmy's "coming out" was a great success.

The Beth Israel quintet, through the heroic work of Doc Newman and Deussen, had managed to keep right on the heels of the Saints up to this time, but the remainder of the contest was a runaway for the league leaders.

The accounting department of the United States Naval Reserve force at League Island has organized a basketball team, and is anxious to arrange contests with first class college five throughout the State.

Colonel Jacob Reppert, of the New York Tenth Cavalry, is the former Graystock Eastern League star, the Naval Reserves stationed at Cape May have organized a basketball team, and are willing to play either at home or away with the various cantonments.

MANAGING BASEBALL PLAYERS ROSES AND NECTAR COMPARED WITH JOB OF MAKING SOLDIERS

Difference in Pay, Increase in Number Handled and Lack of Enthusiasm of Many Make Military Assignment Tough One

By GRANTLAND RICE

There was a day, somewhere back through the mists, when we used to call the managers of certain ball clubs. These poor managers had twenty-five men to look after and develop. Some of these men were honeys; some were crabs; some were lazy; others refused to keep training.

"I wonder then, just what the average baseball manager would think of his old job—the job of handling twenty or twenty-five highly trained athletes drawing down big pay for playing a game they loved to play and had played all their lives—for playing a game that meant increased health instead of a long run of crosses somewhere in France or a line of months through Flanders?"

Baseball is a great game," the C. C. continued, "but it is strictly minor league compared to the game of war. Its emotions, its problems, its development are insignificantly small compared to the red game now ruling the world."

And any one who has been in the bigger game, who has absorbed from the inside—not from the outside, looking on—the trouble and work that face a company commander, will understand that the captain is eminently correct in his diagnosis—so correct that there isn't even the chance for an argument or debate.

Sports Served Short

Joe Mayer was beaten by John Danikman by a score of 60 to 56 in the local three-cushion billiard contest.

The St. Louis Americans have bought Pete Johns, second baseman of the Columbus American League team.

The major league meeting scheduled for Dover Hall, Ga., for this week has been called off by Stan Johnson because of the weather conditions.

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The Brooklyn Dodgers lead all other National League clubs in the matter of salaries. Five have salaries as follows: Leon Coney, \$100,000; Fred Snodgrass, \$75,000; Ed Pfeffer, \$50,000.

Al Manaux is traded to Brooklyn by the Philadelphia Athletics.

Notes of the Bowlers

With thirty-nine victories and eleven defeats, White Knives of the Gladstone City League, led Martin by three games.

Liberty Bell leads the Pennsylvania Railroad team in the Philadelphia League.

Edward, in the Keystone League, is giving Rexalls a hard fight for first place.

In the Main Line Bowling League the first half of the four-clubs in the four winners each taking two out in the four losers.

Another handsome silver trophy has been donated to the Philadelphia League.

Northwestern No. 2 and Underwood, Section A, are leading in the "B" tourney, with Girard second in Section C.

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MACK NO SANTY, SAYS FRAZEE

Stuffy McInnis Not Given to Sox, Declares Owner of Red Sox

By GRANTLAND RICE

Harry Frazee, president of the Red Sox, said yesterday before leaving for New York that Connie Mack is very much mistaken in his statement that he gave Stuff McInnis to the Boston team.

"I hope it's true. If Connie says so there must be something to it, but I will have to be shown. I will say the same as he did when he denied that I paid \$60,000 to him for Bush, Schang and Strunk."

"No one will believe any such yarn as Mack is trying to put over. McInnis is the property of the Boston club now. There are only a few things to complete the deal, such as delivering certain players to the Philadelphia club."

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NATIONAL COMMISSION PERMITS BARNSTORMING

Reverses Previous Attitude at Urgent Solicitation of Club Owners, Official Report States

The National Commission has reversed itself on the question of barnstorming players. The commission has decided that ball players may take barnstorming trips at the end of the season if they have the permission of their club owners.

Whether this also changes the policy of the commission in regard to world's series players participating in exhibition games the commission bulletin does not say.

Herzog Says He Is Planned JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 15.—Charles Herzog, recently traded to Boston by the New York club, said today that he is well pleased with the deal.

Welling Boxes O'Brien Tonight NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Joe Welling, the Chicago light heavyweight, will fight a six-round exhibition bout with Sam O'Brien at the Pinner Sporting Club.

\$500 IS RAISED FOR WILDING MEMORIAL The Wilding memorial fund being raised by Australian tennis players to purchase a perpetual trophy to commemorate the memory of Anthony F. Wilding has passed the \$500 mark and gives promise of doubling these figures.

WALKS 35 MILES ON SKIS THROUGH STORM Marvoren by a blizzard at Carr, Ill., early on Sunday and into Chicago on Monday.

CLINE-TILLMAN BOUT HAMMER AND TONG AFFAIR BUT HONORS ARE EVEN AFTER 6 HARD ROUNDS

Irish Patsy Takes Lead at Start, but Jaww Finishes Strong and Grabs 50-50 Break in Windup at the Olympia

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THERE was only one thing wrong with the wind-up at the Olympia last night. It wasn't long enough. For six rounds Johnny Tillman and Irish Patsy Cline mauled and battered each other and at the end of the sixth round Cline failed to see it. It was a very good draw.

Cline put up a classy Irish performance, but so did Tillman. The visitor used it to his advantage all his own and used it to good advantage. On the other hand, Tillman, with his lumbering, awkwardly clever stunts, which came from every direction, also used it hard to land his punishment on the other. No matter how you figure it, it was a fifty-fifty break.

Cline is a boxer and his work was flashy. Tillman walked around like a sailor on the sea and had every motion of a ship in distress. He had no science to speak of and his clever stuff was as valuable as a very large amount of money.

Patsy hit straight from the shoulder and made the better showing. No matter where his blows landed they impressed the spectators. He landed many wallops on Johnny's anatomy, but the majority of them hit Tillman's arms and chest. He seldom missed. Tillman is a swinger and when he missed his wallops flew harmlessly through the air, causing as much damage as a breeze from an electric fan. But he landed as many blows as Cline and put more behind them.

Johnny got off to a bad start and was trailing at the end of the third stanza. He was swept off his feet by the rushing wind from every angle and Patsy was running a bad second. In the first round he tripped over his own feet and fell to the mat, and at the end of the second round another flop when Patsy leaned on his jaw when Tillman was off balance.

Muggy Taylor's pride began to take notice of things in the fourth, and started a steady tattoo on Cline's ribs. He showed blood from every angle and Patsy had as much chance to stop them as Connie Mack has of copping the pennant. Cline slowly but surely lost his lead, and at the end was a very tired person.

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Today it was placed squarely up to Jess Willard to either talk turkey or quit the roost.

With an offer of \$75,000 from Promoter Bill Wellman, of New York, in his hands, it is Jess's move to either consent to a match with Fred Fulton, foremost challenger, or invent some brand-new alibi.

Wellman wants to stage his bout over the 45-round route in either Reno or Carson City, Nev. The big sum will be paid into the hands of Jack Johnson's conqueror, if he accepts. Nothing has been said about remuneration for ferocious Fred, but indications are he will be well taken care of.

The main drawback is that Wellman wants Fred to go a little slower in his self-appointed task of effecting all the promising heavyweight. Of course, if some bloke should come along and bust Fred's streak of luck it would be tough sledding for Wellman's mill and that, after all, is the big thing.

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"My champ is in for a swell lacing," he confided to the customers at ringside before the fuss began. "I don't know why I think so, but I just think it, that's all."

In the first round Glassman was so interested that he began to shout: "That's the way, Leo! Hook it to him, old boy! Take your time, Leo!"

"Hey, what's the deal?" shouted one of the seconds. "You ain't pullin' fer Leo. You're with Mique. Get next to yourself!"

Phil blushed and changed his tactics.

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