# ALEX SHIVERING IN THE DRAFT, WEEGHMAN MAY CUT DOWN BAKER'S SUPPLY OF DOUGH

### NCE OF ALEX WILL SMASH GHMAN'S PLANS TO CAPTURE ENNANT IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

### Pitcher Was Expected to Add Many Vics to Cubs' Total—Must Report 30 Days Before Season Begins or Deal Is Off

William F. Baker, president of the Phils, handed out the announcein New York that Alexander and Killefer had been sold to the be he weathered the storm of protest shot at him by the scribes "The deal might look pretty bad to you now, but as time goes III find that I have done the right thing. Events of the future that I did not make a mistake." That was two months ago and on which shook Philadelphia worse than a cyclone has passed The only thing remaining are the words of President Baker, se as it may seem, those words are being taken seriously today. ng to a report from Omaha, Neb., the winner home of Alex-

big pitcher has been drafted for army service. Furthermore, ced in the first class, Division A, which means he is one of red soldiers with no dependents and single. He will not be availbaseball next spring if the news really is true, but will practice made throwing instead of rehearsing new slants to fool opposing However, there still is a chance that he has not been drafted and en a rating on his questionnaire, which recently has been filled to carly for the second draft and it is possible that Alex got als crossed. This has happened before.

at any rate, it proves that our former pitcher is in line for service in r game and may be a dead loss to the Cubs so far as playing is concerned. In a case like this there should be no pikers nor there be howls of distress emanating from the Windy City. Even magnates are patriots these days, and if Alex goes to the front he to with the best wishes of his new boss instead of leaving behind gang of soreheads. It's up to all of us to do our bit in this crisis, the war game Alexander is just as important as any other \$20 a rookle. There is no distinction after you don the khaki.

THAT it would be a tough break for Weeghman if he lost A his star twirler before he had a chance to use him. Alex was nted upon to win many games and also swell the receipts, for is a wonderful drawing card and able to make up his salary th extra admissions at the gate.

### Baker Is Likely to Lose Some of the Purchase Money

what will happen to the big deal and the \$50,000 said to have been aid for Alex and Killefer still is a mystery. It will be remembered only thing we know officially is that the deal was consummated the battery went to Chicago. No mention was made of the money changed hands and the \$50,000 is a guess "on good authority." er, we recall a conversation with Weeghman in the Waldorf in New after the announcement of the sale had been made.

What will happen if Alexander is caught in the draft?" the Cub boss

"In that case," replied Weeghman. "there will be a settlement of some The first payment will go, but something will be done about the der of the money. He must report thirty days before the playing son begins."

That is the conversation as we remember it, and it showed that some t of an agreement was made to guard against the loss of the premier te. But the usual secrecy prevailed and even now it is hard to deterwhat will happen. Magnates have a habit of changing their minds also of handing out a bunch of conversation which fits in with the lons. Occasionally they are right.

President Baker, of the Phillies, was in New York yesterday and late ight said over the long-distance phone:

"Alexander is the property of the Chicago club, and it is up to that to call the deal off. Further than that I have no comment to make at

THERE was another angle in the story from Omaha. Alex intimated that he didn't care to play baseball this year because he was not treated properly. "I didn't intend to play baseball this ser, any way," he said, "after I failed to get my part of the chase money. I don't know what my chances are of getting that ey, so I don't know what difference the draft will make."

### chall Slipping? Not on Your Life, Says De Wolf Hopper

HAVE been interested in reading accounts of how the grand old game baseball is about to slip from public favor this year." said De Wolf who is acting in our city for a couple of weeks, "but I can't see it, are baseball bugs by the thousands and it will take more than a war pulse them forget their favorite game. I meet many persons in a year judging from those I have met, baseball his season will be the same fore. I have studied my audiences in the last two months and if they not crazy about baseball I don't know what I am talking about. I have repertoire, if you remember, a little poem called 'Casey at the Bat.' as old as the hills and I have recited it a couple of million times, but still call for it. Then when I hand it to them again the audience gets ball fever and roots the same as at a game. They can't get the of baseball out of their systems, and take it from me, the crowds will t to the ball parks the same as before when the season opens. "Athletes have an easy time of it," continued the big actor

et, any one in the sporting game, goes out and does the best he can kires amid the plaudits of the multitude. Their work is finished and nce appreciates it. With an actor it is different. He goes out on works his head off, does good work and when he finishes his s he through? I should say NOT. The audience applauds and keeps auding until the actor comes back and does his act ALL OVER Not that we hate applause, because we don't. That is the best we get and it brightens our existence. But the encores are the

OR example, suppose Ty Cobb came to bat in the minth inning with the bases full and cracked out a homer which won the me. How would he feel if the audience howled for him to do it over again? Also, take a boxing match where one guy knocks at the other in the last round. Would the victor care to fight the round over again to satisfy the spectators? And what would oser think of it? Athletes are lucky because they can't even and the word encore in the dictionary."

### De Oro's Victory in Havana Now Is Being Questioned

E is a sweet little scandal on the tropical isie of Cuba, and the es of Havana are handing out what is commonly called the "rawso the world's champion three-cushion billiard player, Alfredo De ter his sensational victory over Charley Otis last Saturday night. returned to the old homestead after an absence of some twenty with the championship emblem pinned on his manly chest. He was to see their idel in action. Thereupon a match was arranged with Otis for the championship, which was to be decided in three nights'

erybody in Havana turned out to get a look at the 150-point match. tary of State or something was the referee and the President of occupied a prominent seat at each game. Excitement was at at and every one was happy when De Oro easily won the first two on the third evening something happened. Otis started shooting afire and overcame the Cuban's early lead. With the score 149 and Otis at bat, the Brooklynite looked over a perfect set-up sted an impossible shot. At least, the accounts from Havana hot was impossible. Of course, he missed and De Oro won the

5 Cubans are wise, but no one tried to wrap a cue around riey's head. They were highly indignant, however, and bethat they had been buncoed. We don't know whether the were in or not, but according to reports the dissatisfaction great that another match will be played in the near future. ild help some especially the players.

### ue Mogula Will Confer With Government

knottlest little war parleys ever held outside of Berlin to take piace in Washington next Monday, when representaar what may be heard relative to two points greatly ague baseball mind at the present time. One of these a fair and convenient method of collecting the war tax of transportation facilities during the baseball playing

### MOVIE OF A MAN SINGING POPULAR SONGS



# TO PLAY TONIGHT

Former Trenton Star and Jackie Adams in American League Contests

AT TRAYMORE HALL

Two more Eastern League cage stars are expected to make their initial appearance tonight in the American League games at Traymore Hall, Franklin street and Columbia avenue.

Last week Port Richmond announced that it had secured the "John Hancock" of Jackie Adams, the star forward and captain of the Camden club. Monday night the Brotherhood of Beth Israel manager gave out the information that Harry Franckie, who tossed them in for Trenton in the "days gone but not for-gotten," would be on hand tonight to play against the fast-going Hancock quintet.

The game between Hancock and B. B. I. should be a thriller. If Lew Sugarman. Newman and Franckle are in the Beth Israel line-up there will be seven former Eastern League players on the floor, for four of the Hancock five. Powell, Jocko Lawrence, Hill, Zahn and

Hancock is in second place, but must win this contest to remain near the league leaders, St. Columba. B. B. I. has lost its two last starts and is fol-

lowers are hoping for the best.

The other fracas will bring together the league sensation, Port Richmond and Y. M. H. A. The Port Richmond five has won its last two games and with Jackle Adams in its line-up should make its wimning streak total three. Without the former leader of the "Skeeters" it is any one's game.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. A persistent rumor that Connie Mack More French Spirit will soon become manager of the Boston Red Sox gained strength in baseball

go to Boston as manager and part owner. The City of Slug

"Too absurd to be characterized by a denial," he said. "Why the thing is to which city has known the hardest ridiculous. You couldn't get Connie out of Philadelphia with dynamte."

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Some one has developed a debate as the genial Russians are all right to which city has known the hardest be at war with, but they are rought their friends. Being at peace of Philadelphia with dynamte."

The vote was given to Detroit, with Russia is the great strain-producer.

### HARRY FRANCKLE NOT MUCH TIME FOR BRASSIE AND MASHIE IN THE WHIRLWIND OF CAMP MILITARY ACTIVITIES

The B. C. has in mind; By the time you have had six lectures And the drills that you can't cut,

There's not much time for the good old yame That goes with the six-foot putt. There's not much time for the mashie Or the brassie's stirring clout;

I sometimes wonder how the old game looks

And what it is all about. When you have done this thing and that From dason to ten P. M .;

When you have run a program through One day can hardly stem;

When you have finished up a day With scorn and sceary soul. There's not much time for the good old game

That goes with the Nineteenth Hole.

There's not much time for the mashie Or the brassie's stirring whiz: I often wonder how the old game looks And just what a putter is.

WHICH recalls the circumstance that golf is a fine game for at least one section of army work, and that is range judgment.

The average gold golfer, after one

CONNIE MACK TO PILOT

BOSTON, IS NEW RUMOR

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Despite Denials, Athletics'
Manager Is Said to Be Slated for New Job

The spirit of France seems to be im-bedded in the ball-playing soul of Nap

Red Sox gained strength in baseball circles here today. It is said that Jack Barry will be unable to leave the service and that President Praxee, of the Boston club, is angling for the veteran Athletos manager. Though Frazee is said to have denied the report, baseball mentager of office of office one to work his way under the bare consider it quite possible in the face of many unexpected deals that have been made during the winter.

Harry Frazee, president of the Red Sox, who returned yesterday from Boston Club, is angling for the veteran Athletos and the property of the soldiers remarked: "Well, that ties it up at 12 and 12." Twelve and 12." said another soldier: "Well, we've knocked out twelve of losing heart, he started out at the age of forty-one to work his way under the bare to make the first speaker.

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and tell, almost to the yard, just how cently playing at a southern camp. The far the enemy's trenches were away, up battle had been a terrific one, with the to 500 yards.

stretcher-bearers busy.

The genial Russians are all right to war with, but they are rough on

### LEVINSKY AND BRENNAN **BOX DRAW: CALLED FAKE**

Boxers Showered With Lemons When They Wrestle Through Twelve Rounds in Boston

BOSTON, Jan. 16.

BECAUSE Bill Brennan, of Chicago, refused to box unless a draw de-

an incident that Boston never saw before and may lead to both boxers and their managers being barred from this There was very little fighting and the

There was very little fighting and the prevalent opinion was that it was a fake all the way. The crowd threw lemons, apples and everything else that was handy at the boxers, who wrestled and stalled through one of the worst exhibitions yet perpetrated here. Some time ago Brennan got a draw decision with Levinsky here, but Levinsky won by a big margin. A New York referee was imported then by Brennan's manager. The trouble started early in the evening when Brennan telephoned President Miah Murray, of the Armory A. A. He insinuated that his manager was not on the level and that he would not enter the boxing club unless he received \$500. Murray refused, and Brennan announced that he would take the next train out of the city.

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Battling Levinsky tonight, the contest
an agreement went with Flaherty in the
ended a draw, with both men on their
feet at the end of twelve rounds. It was
feet at the end of twelve rounds it would
be a draw.

### Amateur Notes

Neither side had scored a touchdown but as another man was carried off the field one of the soldiers remarked: "Well, that ties it up at 12 and 12." "Twelve and 12." said another soldier:

Sox, who returned yesterday from Boston, assumed the most becoming smile of incredulity when asked if there was any truth to the rumor that Mack might

### Sports Served Short

Boston will see the National Amateur Athletic Union bexing championships or April 8 and 0. John J. McGraw has left New York for Havana, where he will be for a month be-fore going to the New York training camp at Martin.

Otis Lowry, for two years with the Ath-letics, will not report to Connie Mack. He says he is out of the game for good.

Frank Jones lost his fifth straight game a the local three-cushion carom billiard purnament. Otto Relselt beating him by a J. will play ten football games The game with Notre Dame will at South Bend October 26. The will be at Pittsburgh on Novem-

# SEASON SATURDAY

Mercersburg to Compete in Meet With Natators of Johns Hopkins

**OPEN SWIMMING** 

SOUTH PHILA. VS. TRADES

California comet, who played such a weaken.
sensational game at halfback on the Wellman Out With Offer

As for present-day stars, Simitman places Hill Hutler at the head of the list. Bill is now at Annapolls, where he has been amember of the varsity football team for two years. At Central he captained a champlonship football team, captained a champlonship football team, captained the basketball five, put the shot for the track team, rowed on the crew and played on the baseball nine when he found time to take a day off from the other sports. For present-day stars, Simitman says, Butler has no equal,

S. J. C. comes forth in behalf of the stars of sesteryear of St. Joseph's College. St. Joe has developed many first-class athletes, and finding it difficult to name only one in each aport. S. J. C. has nominated two for the honor in basischail, three in foot-

## PENN RUNNERS HONOR LANDERS

Pole Vault Champion First Sophomore Ever to Captain Track Team

The Pennsylvania track squad added another feature to Red and Blue athletic history yesterday when it elected Sherman Landers, of Chicago, captain of the cinder path team for the coming season. Landers is the first sophomore ever to be chosen captain of a Quaker major sport team and also the first man to lead a team without previously win-ning the coveted varsity letter.

last spring, after the season was closed, the runners elected Howard Berry to the captaincy for 1918. Berry, however, foined the colors shortly after the football season. When candidates were called out for the Indoor season a fortnight ago, not one letter man from last year reported. Price, Beardwood, Brooks and Levering were the only ones who were even members of the squad a year ago.

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Landers was the logical man for the position and the runners did not allow difference in class rating to interfere. The Chicagoan is considered the best pole vaulter in collegiate ranks and is the favorite for the title in the outdoor title games. In 1916 he won the national A. A. U. championship at New-ark with a vault of twelve feet ten inches. He did not compete in the 1917 national games.

Landers entered Wharton School at

Landers entered Wharton School at Penn in the fall of 1916. Last winter he competed in many indoor meets and in the spring vaulted for the freshmen. However, he never has competed as a member of a varsity team at the Quaker University.

### MEDALIST A WINNER

follett Victor in Advertising Golf Tourney at Pinehurst

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 16.—The Advertiser played one round of match play in all divisions. It has fol-lowed the lead of the Western Golf As-sociation and abolished stymies in all match play rounds through the tournament.
The favorites, Dutton, L. A. Hamilton, Purves and Follett, all won their matches by good margins. The only favorite to suffer defeat was Marahall Whitlach, who was defeated by S. H. Patterson, E. J. Barber won the playoff of yesterday's tie for net soors with an St.

### BIG OFFERS FAIL TO DAZZLE WILLARD-IF THERE IS FIGHT HE WILL BE HIS OWN PROMOTER

Champion Jess Ready to Battle Any Logical Contender, but He'll Manage Affair if Red Cross Rejects Offer

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

**Evening Ledger Decisions** 

of Last Night's Ring Bouts

WILKES-BARRE. Ps. (ten rounds)—Mary Cross outfought and outsingged Tommy Ferguson.

BOSTON, Mass. (twelve rounds)—Rattling Levinsky bexed a draw with R. O. Bill Brennan.

NEW YORK (ten gounds)—foe Welling casily outsointed Shamus O'Brien. General Tunney stopped Harry Weir in second and Anthony McGowan knocked 600 Johnny Larkin in first.

Jimmy Dougherty's Idea

Scholastic Games Today

South Philadelphia vs. Trades at West Philadelphia High.
Darby High at Lower Merion.
Ambier High at Doriestown Righ.
U. of F. Inner C. C. at Media.

By PAUL PREP

Mercersburg Academy will open its swimming season next Siturday with the natators of the Johns Hopkins University as its opponents. The up-State mermen have been practicing under the direction of Coach Edwin Wood for several months, and with virtually a vgt-eral months, and with virtually a vgt-eran squad a successful season is anticipated.

Coach Wood, who is a former national v. M. C. A champion, has selected the conversational stage. They SAY they will hand Big Jess a bundle of coin all for himself if he will meet Fulton in a fifty or sixty round battle, get their names in the paper and wait for developments. It's a great life if you don't weaken.

A purse of \$75,000 would not be con-sidered by Willard. He knows how much he can draw in a match for the much he can draw in a match for the title and he can't see any of the outside promoters. Jess believes that Fred Fulton is not anxious to do any fighting, but desires to spend all of his time in challenging for the title. Willard is willing to sign the papers any day.

When Matt Hinkle offered to underwrite the show for \$1,000,000, provided the Government would raise the ban on moving pictures and the authorities of New York or Philadelpha would allow a twenty-five-round battle, the public gained some idea of the drawing power of the match. Matt knows quite a little about the boxing game, having promoted many big events in his day.

sensational game at halfback on the football team.

Phillips, who has been swimming near record time, will take care of the distance events. Reid will compete in his favorite events, the dive and 50-yard sprint. Wilson is entered in the sprints, while Monroe and Traylor have been getting the most distance in the plunge for distance.

The meet next Saturday was arranged primarily for preparing the men for the Penn Interscholastics, to be held in this city the latter part of this month. Coach Wood will enter his full squad in an effort to cop the prep school title of the East.

Wellman Out With Offer

The latest blurb comes from N Yawk, where Mr. William Wellman holds forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day forth. William has promoted motor races and successfully staged six-day for Another promoter who has had some experience is Jimmy Dougherty, the Baron of Leiperville. Jimmy financed the big Kilbane-Leonard bout at Shibs Park last summer, putting up 120,000 in real money to bind the match. The baron believes Willard and Fulton will draw a lot of money and is willing to help make the affair a success.

"I will not come out with offers of big purses which will not be accepted," he said, "but if Willard is looking for a place to stage the bout I would like to have him take a look at Leiperville. A fifteen-round battle could be put on there, and I have the ground for the erection of a big stadium. Transportation facilities are wonderful and hundreds of trains could be handled. This means a big crowd, because we are close of Philadelphia and on a direct line with New York, Baltimore, Washington and other big cities.

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Sport—Lajoie True Frenchman

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When you have finished all the jobs
The R. C. has in mind;

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from the game via the four personal four route, Northeast had been unable to get more than a three-point lead over Central, but with the entrance of Russ White the tide turned. Two field goals by White and Schneider and one from past the enter of the floor by Herzsog carried the Archives well into the lead, which they held until the finish of the game. The final accre was 24 to 26.

Frankford furnished little more than practice for the West Philadelphia five. Chick Adams falled to break the high individual field goal record through being overauxious. With eight minutes to go he had caged nine and was four behind the record. He scored two from the floor before the end of the game, but missed many easy shots. Rhoades also had a good day, dropping five tirrough the net.

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Some Championships

Notes of the Bowlers

Provident Life A. A. women's team finds section C running off with first honors, having won seventeen games and losing only three.

American Ice Company League, with its teams, shows that station No. d is master of the tenpins, having a lead over main office team of three games.

Eckman, of the Philadelphia Drug League, stepped into first place last week, taking the sad from Mulford.

Commercial and station S. of the Phila liphia Electric League, are still battling r first honors, both teams tying for first

Saville, of Narberth, and Helm, of Rad-nor Fire Company, were the only two duck-ers to go over for a double score last week.

At the end of the twelfth week we find Overbrook white team, of the interciub bowl-ing tournament, leading with a percentage of .687. Merion and Overbrook green are tied for second place.

A record-breaking number of contestants are looked for in the coming international bowling tournament to be held in this city during February and March.

In the men's section team No. 4 now two-game lead over team No. 2.

### THREE MEN PRACTICE FOR HARVARD'S CREW

Previously Overlooked CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 16. -- In-Champion Nulsance—The Kalser,
Camouflage Champion—Branch Rickey,
Champion Talker — Phil Ball, who
talked himself into a \$50,000 damage
suit,
Diet Champion—Hoover,
Champion Marksman—Jess Willard,
who hits the buil in the eye every other
day,
Champion formal 'varsity rowing is in the dumps at Harvard. So far only three men have reported for the crew which started practice last week. As there is a likelihood of a race with Yale this pring, the poor showing is creating Champion Aeronaut—theries herzog who went up in the air and quit the Glanta.
Champion Blacker—The married man who wouldn't to to war in spite of a panthrowing wife.
Champion Buyer—Weeghman, who purchased Grover Alexander.
Nere Champion—Baker, who had the need to be Akrikat—Charley Chaplin, who drew \$400,000. consternation here. The Crimson has undertaken a campaign to get more upper classmen out for Coach Haine's

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