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# COALLESS WINTER FAILS TO WORRY BASEBALL MAGNATES; HOW ABOUT A SEATLESS SUMMER? LAW OF AVERAGES CONTROLS IN

## CRITICAL RAILROAD SITUATION COMPLETELY STUMPS MAKERS **OF SCHEDULES FOR BIG LEAGUES**

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## Two Instead of Three Trips Suggested to Safeguard Traveling Hazards and Save Expenses-Will Consult Uncle Sam

THE most critical situation ever faced by hig league schedule makers confronts National and American League representatives in their conference with Government officials in Washington next Tuesday.

Schedule-making at any time is a man's size job on account of the difficulty of avoiding conflicts. Ordinary schedule preparation implies regular passenger train schedules, and the nation-wide transportation crisis is going to make the general task much more difficult this year. The situation will be fully canvassed and it is expected that the Government will give whatever aid it can to help out.

The question of conflicts will, in consequence, give way in importance to the matter of guaranteeing teams ample time to travel from city to city and yet make it possible to play the usual number of games in the usual time. The most radical suggestion is to have each club make only two trips around the circuit instead of three. This arrangement would save traveling expenses, but it is problematic whether lengthening a voties to, say, six games, would prove popular. The plan at least would have the big advantage of permitting two days between games, which would give a good margin for time to travel.

As to just how serious the situation by the subject of samplementary transportation has been engaging the attention of the schedule makers for some time. The use of autos and heats will indeed be handy in the East, where Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Washington are bunched.

Sound steamships are mentioned as proving handy as transportation fillers in the Bosten and New York train traffic. A like situation another year and flying machines no doubt would be available.

## Yanks Prepared for Traveling Reforms

MILLER HUGGINS'S Vanice tribe will have the advantage over other big league teams in one respect during the coming season. They at least will be warmed the in the matter of individual luggage "toting," to meet ordered travelling reforms. New York's second team, it seems, stood the endurance tost during the last western trip last season, when the number of jumps caused by extra exhibition affairs made it necessary for the men to look after their own traveling effects.

The days of the uniform trunks are over, for a while at least. The ban has been placed upon the elaborate wardrobe stuff on account of the uncertainty of travel the coming year. Each player, therefore, will be custodian of his own effects at all times. Everything, in fact, will be carried by the players except an ensemble of bats, for which a special trunk will be used.

The scheme adopted by the Yankees, and which worked successfully, was to provide each player with two suitcases; one of these, of sheet steel, for playing togs, and the other, of teather, for ordinary wearing apparel. The metal cases are said to have shown wonderful capacity as shock absorbers and capable of any sort of rough abuse. They are pronounced rain-proof, wreck-proof, tornado-proof, bomb-proof and too weighty to interest a gentleman burglar.

## Fielder Jones Tells Woes of Losing Manager

MANAGER FIELDER JONES, of the St. Louis Browns, comes forward with one of those exclusive interviews secured at great expense at his peaceful ranch somewhere in Oregon and explains some of the perplexities and anxieties which Larassed his managerial soul last season. He denies all the stories of disaffection, disagreement and discord appearing in papers or dished out as club gossip, with one exception.

Reported trouble with Plank, Severeld and Shotten is flatly denied, but he admits that Johnny Lavan was disgrantled all season and places the salary question at the bottom of the indifference of the Ann Arbor medico.

He throws some new light upon Plank's quitting the team, stating that the veteran southpaw appealed to him in a flood of tears to let him turn in his uniform on account of the fact that he was discouraged and believed himself no good for the remainder of the season at least. He declared that he and Eddie wer , pals and as proof cited that prominent among his Christmas remembrances was a letter from Plank containing a picture of the baby and best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Toward shotten he also feels like a brother, he told the interviewing person. Severeid, he declared, was merely a glutton for work and was allowed to have his own way in gratifying his inordinate taste for catching. . . .

8 TO prospects for next season, they are declared "good." A"Fighting in the first division." is the way he puts it, and he expresses faith in Grover Loudermilk proving another Walt Johnson the coming year.





## PITCHERS ARE NEEDED

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL The 1918 baseball season of ficially in Philadelphia today. The Govcomment order to go easy on the coal supply did not interfere with the maunmation, for no matter how powerful old Doc Carfield may be, he cannot take away the fuel for the Hot Stave League.

away the fuel for the Hot Stave League. With the steam ripes cracking ver-rity in his Philadenbih office, President W. P. Baker played the opening chorus when he sent a flock of contracts to ble hired men. Some reductions were made, but on the winds, the players were treat-ed flocally in regard to salaries. Baker believes that baseladl will not suffer this unimer and is not expecting any serious financial difficulties. The fans will turn but to see the games as of yore, and they will see none first-class haseball. The precident says his club text senses will be up in the two and the loss of Alex-inder will not be so great as was pre-nicted.

Needs New Pitchers

Needs New Pitchers However, the fact that the pitching staff of the Phils is all shot to pieces cinnet be denied. Mex and fitzey left, a yawning hole to be filled and now it has been learned that Davis, the right-handor rowkie, has been called in the draft. With Lawender and Fittery mong the absent, Pat Moran has only Bender, Gozsinger, Mayer, Pendergast and Woodward a rookie, to do his fling-ing. More hurling them is needed, expecially a good southpaw, and it de-veloped in the meeting between Moran and Baker, in New York yesterday, that men future. Fredward Must Win Decisively to Be Considered of Championship Caliber

BANTAMS AT CAMBRIA near future. The infield remains intact, with The minod remains minod, with Luderus on first, Neihoff, pescond : Ban-eroft, short, and Stoch, third base. In the outfield there are Willited, Crayath Fitzgerald, Müresel and Long Cy Williams. Par believes Williams will be

By BILL BELL

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**MISKE TONIGHT** 

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President Baker denied that his con-ference with Moran in New York yes-terday had anything to do with the Alexander deal. That Alexander Deal his opponent in a very short time. It is a classy performer and re-remeas with Moran in New York yes, terday had anything to do with the charmarks of the Willard-Moran battle and has the carmarks of the Willard-Moran battle the logical opponent for Willard, but Alexander deal. "That deal rests with fint," said Mr. Baker, "It was a straight infineer battle in case Alexander the smaller main it a dis-proposition with a definite understand-ing. We agreed that in case Alexander the provide to thirty days before the opening of the champlonolip sension (approximately March 16) the deal would not go.

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"Stories have been circulated that president Weeghman, of the Cubs, has attempted to call the deal off in face of the fact of the major league schedules in the the had several trades in view that would be submitted to take the fact or the fact of the major league schedules in view that would be submitted to take the fact of the major league schedules in the fact of the major league schedules in the fact of the major league schedules in the view fact or the fact of the major league schedules in view that would be submitted to take the fact of the major league schedules in view that would be submitted to take the fact of the major league schedules in view that would be submitted to take the fact of the major league schedules in view that would be submitted to take the fact of the major league schedules in view that would be submitted to take the fact of the major league schedules in view that would be submitted to take the fact of the major league schedules in view that would be submitted to take the mode.

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**Big Deals Thrill** 

from Turner.

**Boston Ball Fans** 

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SO LONG THE OLD APPETITE IS GONE

GOLFING PASTIME THE SAME AS

Bad Breaks in Luck May Handicap Success.

but True Form Wins in Long Run.

By CHAS. (CHICK) EVANS, JR.

as in Game of Life

IN THE OTHER SPORT BRANCHES

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shortstop who would prove a sensation. -Yesterday it was learned that the sensation is an old friend of New York fans. for he is none other than Bill Stumpf. who played on and off, mostly off, with The Yankees during the regimes of Harry Wolverton and Frank Chance. Stumpf has been purchased from Port-land, now denoted from the Paelfie Coast League to the Northwestern

League. Stummf was brought to the Yankees by Arthur Irwin, who always persisted that Bill had the greatest arm in the game and berated Wolverton for keeping him out of the line-up. Bill did get a chance to show the strength of that arm he always threatened the schoolhouse over on the far side of old American League Park. Hugo Bezdek had lots of opportunity to see Stumpf in action and no doubt recommended his acquisition by the

Water polo-Fisher, goal; Farles and

By CHAS. (CHICK) EVANS, JR. DOES success in golf, or in life, for the intervention of the grant of the second of the present of a good break at some critical moment? Can the training of years be overthrown by an unfortunate happening that cannot reasonably speaking, be foreseen or pro-vided against? I think that all thought ful persons minest agree that accidents may in one disastrous moment sweep way the work of years, destroying mealth, hapsdiness even life itself; but of ourse, this is a fact of possibility, not the trace is usually to the swift and the version of the greetest probability. In all the ordinary conditions t must confers that to the trace is usually to the swift and the version is to the strong. General Results Count

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Same as Game of Life
All sorts of bad luck may delay success, but skill averages well as all the infield and Barber in the outfield, it insortant things of life.
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200-yard swim - Leopold and P.

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but lost to Princeton in the meet, although a victory was worted over the Tiger six. The Yale swimming and pole teams have clean-cut wins over the C. C. of N. Y., their only lengue contests this

clances. He is taking his faking no chances. He is taking his fest men to the New Haven institution, but will not send the entire squad to Boston, According to the Quaker tutor, the swimming events will be close, but Penn should win in water polo without a great diffi-

800-yard relay-Allen, J. Keiser, Watts | pirates.

IN BOSTON TOMORROW The Penn swimming and water pole

There is more granine enthusiasm in Basism avec the field say just now than at any time since they went two world's championships. The hay deals that have inded struck. Schane, Basis and Mchunis in the Hab came bave aroused the fan-all over New Eastand. Bit baseball transactions always bave been well re-reived in Mohern Athens, beginning thirts years are with the purchase of Mike Kerin and John Clarkson from Chieage for \$20,000, Subsequently, the Boston club tauk Statuell Prazee's tay-ment of mearly \$75,000 for the for-troits for Bennett, Ganzell, Brouthers and Richardison, Fresident Prazee's tay-ment of nearly \$75,000 for the for-bet of the statue is a subsequent in the and the former in the former in the chieage star statue is a subsequent of the for-ter of the stars has capied the chimax in Beauville. teams left this morning at 11:20 for New Haven to struggle with the Yale tank-men in an intercollegiate dual meet and

ning, and a clean slate of a pair of riumphs in water polo. The Red and Slue trianmed the College of the City of New York in swimming and in polo,

Coach Kletler recognizes the strength

The Penn entries for the meet follow: 50-yard swim-Watts and J. Keiser, 100-yard swim-Leopold and J. Keiser.

and Leopold. Fancy dive-Kirchner and Klein. Plunge for distance-Elderkin and

PINCH HITTING is an exclusive and highly essential role in the modern game of baseball, but a player has to be able to do something worth while besides merely being able to line 'em out in an emergency to hold a permanent big league berth. This fact is emphasized by the shunting of Big Bill Rumler, of the St. Louis Browns, to Columbus. Bill war the champion pinch swatter of the circuit last season, but was not deemed good enough to catch and was not of any additional value to his team as a base runner.

The downfall of the greatest pinch hitter of his day is recalled as an echo of Rumler's passage back to the minors. Old Dode Criss was as slow as a cow and as awkward as a giraffe but he could lambast the spheroid. After a while it was discovered that it was a stroke of strategy to put him on base instead of permitting him to swing at the ball. On the bases Dede gummed the entire works and when opposing pitchers adopted the general policy of walking him it was not long until his days of big league usefulness were over. . . .

THE pinch hitter of the coming season more than ever will be reguired to be able to do something more than pound the ball, for economy of players makes this imperative. Now that there is nearly always a good hitting pitcher on every team, for the present boxmen are likely to be used frequently in the emergency hitting

### Eddie O'Keefe, Hard-Luck Boxer, Is Training Again

THE champion hard-luck boxer of Philadelphia has started training again. After a layoff of seven weeks, Eddie O'Keefe, the local bantam, is looking for work and cares not whom he meets. He broke his arm in a bout with Joe Lynch at the Olympia early last December and the bout was stopped in the third round. O'Keefe on that night put up a great exhibition of gameness and was battling away with one hand when Pop O'Brien called all bets off.

O'Keefe has had some great battles, having met the best boys in his class. Unfortunately, however, he was forced to take long layoffs after each fight, and as a result never was allowed to reach top form. A boxer must be kept busy to become a drawing card. Eddle won from Kid Williams and Artie Root and knocked out Gussle Lewis, and now seeks a match with Pete Herman.

"I see where Johnny Burns has taken charge of Gussie's business and has challenged Pete Herman," said Jack Weinstein, O'Keefe's manager, "Lewis probably would give the champion a tough battle, but he is not the logical man for the match. O'Keele deserves it, but in order to settle all arguments I think it would be a good stunt to match Eddle with Lewis and allow the winner to meet Herman. That is, of course, if Herman is willing to meet the winner. Pete hasn't been anxious to mingle with O'Keefe in the past and you know Eddie has a knockout victory over Lewis. The only way I can figure it is to have an elimination contest and allow the best man to meet the champion. And take it from me, the best bantam in the world is none other than Eddie O'Keefe. When he is in shape there len't a bantam in the country who can trim him."

WEINSTEIN also is seeking a return match with Joe Lynch, and the chances are that his man will box Young Britt in Beston in a couple of weeks. Jack Hanlon promised to use O'Keefe at the Olympia the week of February 1.

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## Three Players Worth \$4000, Says Jennings

Bits league ball players resent the statement made by Hughey Jennings not long ago that there were only three players in the American League who are worth \$4000 per year. He named Cobb and Speaker, and said he was still looking for the third man who was worth that much. When Jennings was a star shortstop there were no \$4000 a year men in the National League, for \$2490 was the limit, but in the last ten years \$4000 estaries have been common, so the lads who have been drawing the big y think Hughey is getting the viewpoint of the club owners rather their that of the players and they don't like it a bit.

There will be a cutting and slashing of salaries this year that will to the pampered pets of the diamond bleed inwardly. They know it is e, and as there is no Players' Fraternity to protect them, they are

Moran and the proper moment presumably during the schedule meets frank Abran meets frank Abran meets frank Abran meets frank Abran weeks. Murray Meets McGovern Johnny Burns has another all-bantum how at the Cambrin tonight, and pre-sents Battling Murray and Young Me-tors will be interesting. The Phillies will train at St. Peters forg. Fig., again the year. No definition the statist passe in the assembly.

time has been set for the assembly, the training trip will in all probability. The training trip will in all probability be shorter than usual, as the weather in Southern Florida is hot. The time of going and the length of the star may be influenced by the training plane of the Washington Club of the Amer-

lean League

Sports Served Short

Frederick W. Trevithich, an old bassicat-......

Frank Causey, the result pitcher from ne Wann shill of the Texas League last ar and later farmed out to the Rochester no, shaned the 1918 contrast with the

Child, Fishen or the middle distance runner bas field a claim with the War Droarting forfaire, New York National Guest, he tween September 22 and Devember 12, 1919

4. 5. Landa, cos-time swher of the Bos-time Med Son. has purchased the preserve of the Salibury doi! Club, on Long Island, comprising about 325 acres. The soft inks were laid out by Deverence Alliburg, the well-known value shares at Traymore Hall, when

Sturgis, O'Brien, Horzog, Beeves and next week.

The New York and New Jersey banks and trust commanies have organized the An sociated Bank and Trust Company Bockey splendid passing game and guarded **Checker players** will have the opportunity of winnessing tonight at the Contral Y. M. A. Newell W. Hanks, the world's checker hampion Blindfolded, he will play ten dumme against the ten best players in the

Sign Eastern League Stars

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W. H. Follett, the medalist, and George C. Dutton will play in the first of the first fight of the advertisers golf tournament at Discharet. Julian T. Bishes, riditg George, won the flat race at Pinehurst.

Norman Maxwell made a 74 in a four-

JACK BRITTON VICTOR IN FIGHT WITH ROBSON PROVIDENCE R. L. Jah. 18.-Jack Fritton, of New Tork, won an case de-dision over Tommy Robson, of Malden, in their twelve-round boot hars.

Frank Carbone, the Broaking middles weight, who has given Mike O'Duod By and batiragelia in the semisind-up at the Sa-ional constroy might. Wigning and Stasser, backs. Substi-tional tomorrow might.

M'INNIS WILL JOIN MARRIED MEN'S CLUB TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Covern in the wind-up. Murray made a big hit two wrels ago, when he knocked out Dick Gotwald and carned a pisce in the wind-up. In McGovern he stacks up against a tough proposition and the battle should be interesting The winner will be matched with Joe There. There is a good preliminary card. Jack McGuigan, after > two weeks is on deck again with his weekly show

a few miles from Gloucester, Stuffy's own home.

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**BARRETT FAILED TO SCORE**