

WAR-TAX COLLECTION AT THE WINDING WOULD MAKE SOME NEW JOBS AT THE BALL PARKS

PHILADELPHIA LIKELY TO LOSE PAIR OF BEST LEFT FIELDERS WHEN THE 1918 SEASON OPENS

Ping Bodie and Gawge Whitted Possess "Color" and Are Keen to Play First Base for Their Teams—Tax Question Up Today

THERE is a possibility that two of the best left fielders in Philadelphia will be lost to their teams next season—as fielders. This does not mean that they will be sold, traded or anything like that, for any additional sale of star or near-star players will put the grand old game on the blink for keeps. But as a result of the manipulations of the local magnates the pair of VERY BEST left fielders indicated likely will be switched to other positions for the good of the game and to make the ball parks safe for democracy or something.

Here is the dope: Connie Mack has Ping Bodie on the payroll and the spaghetti demon probably will register a kick about playing in the outfield this year. Ping can gargle better than he can cover ground, especially now that Strunk has gone, and with new and untried pitchers dishing them up to the American League sluggers, Bodie evidently fears he will run himself to death chasing two, three and other base walkers during the early part of the season. He is a swell first baseman and should be played at that position, because Connie has traded McInnis and canned Griffin. Unless Ping is shifted to first, who will play it? Thus we have the first part of the startling news disposed of.

The other portion consists of Gawge Whitted, the speedy outfielder of the Phils. Gawge is a high-class performer out in left, but critics have pointed out that his class is much higher when he cavorts around first base. Last season he sat in for Luderus several times and his dashing style of play was far more impressive than that of Luderus'. This does not mean that Luderus is through. Far be it from that. Fred is a steady, consistent player, is working hard all of the time, but is unfortunate in playing what is called a colorless game. He does not make the spectators stand on their toes and cheer when he makes a hard chance out of an easy one and carelessly gets his man at first. He can't do that and Whitted can. Also, Ludy worries quite a little and, with Whitted on the job to relieve him a greater part of the time, the Phils would profit by the switch.

PAT MORAN has a good outfield with Fitzgerald, Muesel, Williams and Cravath, and Whitted can fit in nicely on the initial sack. He would speed up the infield considerably and make the club look more like a championship aggregation.

Phils Not Worrying About Cellar This Year

THERE is no feeling of nervousness in the Phillies' headquarters about the 1918 season. President Baker, Pat Moran, Bill Shetsline, May Mallen and Jimmy Hagen all look forward to a prosperous year and the standing of the club is the least of their worries. They figure that there are only two clubs in the senior circuit that have a license to beat them out and they are not sure that such will be the case. The Phils should be better than Cincinnati, St. Louis, Brooklyn, Boston and Pittsburgh and have a good chance to dispute the league leadership with the Giants and the Cubs. Last year New York won in a walk because McGraw had the league hoodoo. The team looked so strong on paper that the other clubs decided it was unobtainable. In the world series, however, the terrible work of the Giants against the White Sox showed that the team is not invincible and can be walloped the same as an ordinary gang of players. That psychological dope will be used liberally next season and New York will have some rough sledding.

As for the Cubs, the critics freely admit that the acquisition of Alexander makes them a contender for the pennant. Now Alex may have the high sign on the other clubs, but there's nothing doing when his old pals on the Phils are concerned. They know Alex too well to be afraid of him and the big pitcher is likely to have some trouble when he comes here. There are other players on the Chicago club, but the Phils do not look bad in comparison. Therefore—still quoting the critics in the Phillies' headquarters—the Phils should win the pennant or come mighty near it. You never can tell what will happen in baseball, and anyway, it is better to claim the pennant in January than lose it in October.

War Tax and Railroad Problem Annoy Baker

THE thing that worries President Baker more than anything else is the war tax and how it will be operated this year. He also is thinking seriously of the transportation problem, and when they are solved everything will be lovely. The matter of taxes will be taken up in Washington today if the Government officials do not observe the coalless and heatless Monday. The committee, of which Bill Shetsline is a member, will listen to words of advice from the big guys and act accordingly.

The baseball magnates do not feel that they should pay the tax out of their own pockets, because they need all the money they can get. Ten per cent will make a big difference at the end of the season, for under ordinary conditions the profits are not one-half of that. The fan will be soaked the extra coin and the prices will range from twenty-eight cents to \$1.10. It will be difficult to handle a big crowd and make small change without considerable delay, and some scheme must be devised to relieve the threatened congestion.

President Baker has two very good ideas which probably will be put into effect. "The only thing to be done," he says, "is to open three or four more windows at the ball park, put in a good supply of pennies and with the extra men on the job handle the crowds as rapidly as possible. That will help a little. And I believe another good plan would be to sell tickets in sets of five or ten. For example, five bleacher tickets would cost \$1.40 and could be used in one game or in five. Mail orders would be taken care of immediately; and we are thinking of putting ticket booths in the railroad stations, where the fans can purchase their seats before getting on the train."

In regard to the transportation problem, Mr. Baker says that his club will take as few players as possible on all trips. "In the past," he declares, "we have been taking the entire squad on the road, whether the extra men are needed or not. We had two cars at our disposal and each man had a lower berth. This year we expect to use only one car and when we leave Philadelphia only the men absolutely necessary will be taken. For example, we can leave some of the youngsters here while we are playing in New York, Brooklyn and Boston, and in case one is needed he can jump a train and be on the job in a few hours. However, I shall put this up to Pat Moran and let him work it out."

THE schedule committee will meet in Pittsburgh tomorrow and try to work out a plan whereby the ball clubs will not spend too much time on the trains. The long jump from Boston to St. Louis probably will be eliminated and more direct routes chosen. Over-night rides will be the maximum if it can be arranged.

Connie Is Defended, but Philly Fans Are Panned

CONNIE MACK has an able defender in Daniel, of the New York Sun, who upholds the Athletics' manager in an article published recently. Daniel also hands a nice little panning to Philadelphia and the fans, calling the town a "two hit" city and the fans a gang of cheap skates. He writes as follows:

"Connie Mack says he expects to develop another winning club in Philadelphia. Even if he stays there we doubt the realization of his aims. We will venture the prediction that while the leader of the Athletics persists in the economic policy which has prevailed in the Philadelphia club ever since he took hold of it the Athletics never again will rise to the top or near the top. We are willing to recognize Mack as the greatest developer of youngsters the game yet has seen, but we doubt if any manager ever again will assemble a galaxy such as that with which Mack won the world's championship under conditions such as surrounded his acquisition of those players. The reason lies in this—the other managers have stolen Connie's thunder.

"The foundation of Mack's success lay in his being the first to recognize the true worth of college stars. The tentacles of his scouting system reached out to all college and school diamonds and enabled him to acquire such players as Collins, of Columbia; Barry, of Holy Cross; Eddie Murphy, of Villanova; Jack Coombs, of Colby, and Lawton Witt, of Goddard Seminary. He got a line on others in school and had them developed under his direction with minor league clubs of the lowest classification. Now most of the other managers have acquired the habit of watching the college and school teams more closely than the lower class leagues. If three or four scouts get after a youngster the Mack offer was very likely to be the worst of the lot for the Philadelphia club has not been in a position to offer high salaries even to its stars. Witness the presentation of McInnis to the Red Sox because Mack could not meet his salary demands, which were no greater than the terms under which he worked last year.

MACK should not be too harshly criticized for the narrowness of his financial policy. Philadelphia is a two hit town. There are more bleacher seats at a quarter each at Hbbie Park than there are at any other big league park in the country. The Philadelphia fans want as much as those of New York, yet they are not willing to pay for it. That's the whole case in a nutshell.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



SCHOOLBOYS TIED FOR CAGE HONORS

Reeves and Bunnin Lead Interscholastic League in Points Scored

TRAUTWEIN IS THIRD

By PAUL PREP Captain Fredrick Reeves of Northwood, Mochy Bunnin, of South Philadelphia, and Ziddie Trautwein, of Central High, rivals on the gridiron and diamond, are having another great fight on the basketball court. This time the contest is individual high scorer of the Interscholastic Basketball League.

Reeves and Bunnin are tied for the leading honor with sixty-five credits each, but two fourth or one field goal in front of their opponents and gold rings. But the Archie captain and Trautwein have each taken part in four championship matches, while their Southern rival has played in only three.

Foul Shooters Lead The player who has proven in practice that he is the best foul goal shooter on his team and is, therefore, given the task of throwing all the free throws from the fifteen-foot mark, has more chance to boost his number of points than any other who depends entirely on his goals from the field.

This is why the first four men in the list are leading their respective teams in scoring. Bunnin has scored the most fouls, with 45 in 64 trials; Reeves is second, with 43 in 67 attempts. Trautwein and Clark, of West Philly, are tied for third honor with 35 in 62 and 51 chances respectively.

Adams Best in Field Goals Chick Adams, the West Philly center, leads the other players in the number of field goals scored with 19, eleven of which were gathered in against Franklinford. Other high scoring marks made in one game were made by Bunnin, 13 and Vogelin, 10.

Hackman, a brother of the Central High varsity leader, is the highest scorer in the second team division, with 39 points. He well deserves the top position, as he leads the league in the number of field goals and foul goals scored.

Table with columns for First Division, Second Division, and individual player names and scores.

BASEBALL FANS MUST PAY WAR TAX AND NOT CLUBS

Magnates Confer at Washington With Internal Revenue Commission Over Plan Which Will Include Dead Heads

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Baseball magnates reached here today for a conference with Commissioner of Internal Revenue Hoper over the question of the baseball tax for the coming season. Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, was the first on the scene.

He said the commission planned today to reach a complete agreement with Commissioner Hoper as to just how the baseball tax under the war revenue law is to be collected.

Western Golf Association Abandons Championships

The directors of the Western Golf Association decided to abandon the championship meet for 1918 owing to war conditions and to hold a patriotic tournament to sustain active interest in the game, as suggested by President Wilson.

FULTON PUTS IT UP TO WILLARD

Says He'll Fight Champion for Two-Cent Stamp ANY TIME, ANY PLACE

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 21.—Mike Collins, the manager of Fred Fulton, is out with another blast and he again puts it up to Jess Willard. He says that Fredrick will fight for a two-cent stamp if necessary, at any time or any place. Here is his statement:

"Jess Willard has been offered more and not get more today for a fight with Fred Fulton than any other man in the world. Jess Willard is not the man to pick his opponent for a championship bout. He is a lot more than Jess.

"Fulton got the popular decision over Billy Miske and that is a lot more than Jess could do in most of his fights up to date.

"For instance, his fight with Tom McMahon a few months before his fight with Jack Johnson.

"McMahon weighed only 170 and beat Willard every round of their twelve-round bout. Also his fight with Joe Cox in Springfield, when Cox made him quit cold in five rounds.

"Fred Fulton in beating Billy Miske, defeated the greatest light-heavyweight in the world today. Miske's clinching and hanging on enabled him to stifle.

"Fulton will fight Jess for a postage stamp, if necessary, at any time or any place.

DEEP STUFF IS SHOWN IN STRIKING OUT COBB

A story is told of Joe Doyle, nicknamed "Slow Joe" because of the length of time it took him to deliver a ball to the batter, and who pitched for the Yankees some years ago. Joe didn't last very long, but at least he lasted long enough to make one quaint observation that will long be remembered. It seems that Doyle was pitching in a game on the Hilltop, shortly after joining the club, in which the Yankees were opposed by the Tigers, and Ty Cobb came to bat with two on and two out at a critical stage of the game.

The Yankee catcher walked out to Doyle and said: "Better pass this guy." "Pass him?" asked Doyle, who either did not know Cobb or was consumed of a world of confidence. "Why not strike him out?"

"And, by the gods, that's exactly what he did!"

SPORTS SERVED SHORT

The national championship field trials scheduled to begin at Grand Junction, Colo., today have been postponed because of the heavy snow.

SWEENEY LEADS IN CAGE SCORING

Penn Forward Tops Intercollegiate League With Total of 33 Points

SERVICE GAME OFF

Mike Sweeney, who is called George in Atlantic City, domestic circles, tops the intercollegiate league in scoring for Penn with a grand total of 33 points, which is 15 more than the second place man, Trimble, of Princeton, and Van Ryan, of Yale, who are tied at twenty.

One week ago, Sweeney's margin of superiority was only 2 points, but in the Yale game Saturday night, he tallied once from the floor and ten times from the foul line out of sixteen opportunities. Trimble, of Columbia, who was second a few days ago, now is fourth with 19 points, not having engaged in any encounters during the last week.

Larvie Davis, the brilliant and sensational player at Duke, is in the standing with 18 points, which were made via the field goal route. The former Haverdell lad with Trimble leads the league in field goal shooting. Trimble, however, has scored two goals and thus occupies a higher position in the rating.

The records of those who have scored 10 points or more in league games follow:

Table listing player names and their respective scores in league games.

Penn Fools Often The Penn quintet has played championship ball in its three league games and exhibited an exceptional brand in beating Yale Saturday night. Against Newark, Cornell, Fordham, Princeton, and Yale, Penn. forward scored 10, 10, 10, 10, and 10 points respectively.

In collegiate basketball circles there have been many reactions against the league rules. The rules are fresh in a large measure and tend to slow up and spoil a good basketball game. However, it is expected that the Penn players will stand up to the Red and Blue twenty fouls were committed, while the Blue fouled sixteen times.

In all, Penn has had forty-seven fouls called in three games. Fourteen were against Princeton and thirteen against Columbia. The Tigers fouled only eight times and Columbia fourteen. As a result, the former team, against Penn, only thirty-seven fouls called on opposing teams.

Weightman Hall Closed Walter Dunn, manager of the Pennsylvania Amusement Unit No. 29 basketball team, announces that the return game scheduled for tonight at Weightman Hall between his quintet and the Cooper Battalion will be postponed. The game of the series will be played in the former home of the Greylock Eastern League Club.

Francis O'Connell's name again is brought prominently to the attention of the delegates. He is now serving his country as a sergeant. He is in the employ of Uncle Sam, but still is connected with his sporting goods store in Boston where Mr. O'Connell's partner, is running the business for him.

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MEET TUHEY AT OLYMPIA

Frankie Callahan Says He Is Ill and Calls Off Bout

REGULAR SHOW TONIGHT

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL The Olympia A. A. will hold its regular show tonight, but it is rumored that only one-half of the star act will be presented to the visiting clubmen. Louie Tender will be on the job, ready to fight, but Frankie Callahan, the Brooklyn slugger will be among those absent.

Frankie decided that he was not in shape to meet such a rugged foe as Tender and a safer water was sought. He kept his engagement. An effort is being made to sign Tommy Touhey of Patterson, N. J., to take his place.

This parcel of news was spread around town last night, but it could not be verified by any of the Olympia officials until this morning. It is said, however, that the original fuel order which closed all places of amusement on Monday nights, caused Frankie to call off his part of this evening's entertainment. He was notified, it is said, that the show would take place Wednesday, he let down on his feet. The date was switched back to Monday, he was not in good enough shape to do his best and everything was called off.

Money Back to Patrons "Frankie Callahan notified us that he had the grip and was unable to appear," said Louie Tender this morning. "We" then tried to procure a good substitute and asked Willie Jackson, George Chaney, Rocky Kansas and Babe Piccolo to meet Tender. All of them refused, and we fortunately got in touch with Touhey.

"I am sorry," we were unable to notify our patrons of the change before this, but the Olympia A. A. will refund all the money paid for tickets purchased in advance. If a patron comes to the club tonight with the idea of seeing Callahan Louie Tender, he can have his money back if he already has bought a ticket. We want every one to be satisfied.

The show will be held, however, and Tender will have to extend himself if he meets Touhey. The Patterson boy is a tough fighter and always makes a good showing. He has appeared here several times.

Willard Meets Fulton Some big stuff will be pulled in Chicago some time this week when Fred Fulton meets Jess Willard in a no-decision battle. The pair will discuss a battle between two fighters who are a cross or some other war charity, and perhaps something definite will come of it. Fredward has been talking a lot in the last few days and he is in great shape to hold his own with the champion. Willard still insists on staking the bout for charity and says he is willing to pay the training expenses out of his own pocket, and when it is up to Fredward to make the next move.

Banquet for Murray Battling Murray will be honored by his friends at the Bingham next Thursday night when he is tendered a testimonial banquet by his fellow employees at the Victor plant and his admirers in Philadelphia. E. T. Keiffer, superintendent of the Victor Talking Machine Company; Charles P. Ritt, his assistant, and H. J. Ryan will attend, and help make the affair a success. Mike Patrol, president of the Red Circle Club, will be there with all of the members. The following are on the committee:

Charles Keiffer, Harry Foker, John Sweeten, W. E. Spangler, L. D. Hopkins, Harry Coppelen, Guid Vitto Colona, Philip P. Campbell, James Wallace, John K. Selner and J. Ponto.

TO DISCUSS TITLE QUESTION FRIDAY

Annual Meeting of U. S. G. A. Will Be Held in This City

As the date draws near for the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association, to be held at the Bellevue-Stratford next Friday night, a growing air of expectancy is apparent on all sides. While the association officials prefer not to discuss the situation there is a general belief that a number of things decidedly more important than "regular order of business" will be transpired.

For instance, no one need be surprised if Francis O'Connell's name again is brought prominently to the attention of the delegates. He is now serving his country as a sergeant. He is in the employ of Uncle Sam, but still is connected with his sporting goods store in Boston where Mr. O'Connell's partner, is running the business for him.

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CHICK EVANS CARRIED BILLIKEN WHEN HE WON BOTH AMATEUR AND OPEN GOLF TITLES IN 1916

Believes Golfers Should Lay Aside Superstitions, but Says He Will Keep Image Just to Be on Safe Side

By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, JR. In 1912 I was a semifinal hoodoo, I'm afraid; I can never do as you do, Jimmie Brad; I've a genius not to do it, I excel at almost-lost-but-I-won't-see-you-through-it. I'm afraid.

I have seen how Hilton plays it, and each problem how he weighs it, Unafraid; Straight he goes, for use or feel; And his nerves are bits of steel; Made to work, and not to fail; Thus he plays.

Now it's just as plain as can be, So I must play an also-ran-be, In a rut; Hilton, could I do as you do? Oh, a mascot for my hoodoo? Travis, tell me how 'tis you do. That's all you put.

Oh, a mascot, for I'm ever One of you; Quietful and horseless never Bring me never; A truce to all I need, Hoodoo-proof, and guaranteed; That no foals it will lead; Nothing more.

In 1916 Ah, a mascot how I found, Luck; I; Just the semifinal hoodoo; Safe and high; To the highest spot of all; Not a slip, and not a fall; Fate has kindly heard my call— Sent a mascot.

Golfers Superstitious GOLFERS are a superstitious crowd and hoodoos abound among them. I have had a great many myself and it is surprising how often one hears of the conversation of the golfing fraternity. One of the most frequent delusions is that a perfectly innocent

Eddie Plank Sends Word That He Will Play Again Eddie Plank, the veteran southpaw, who has played the Red Sox next season. This rumor was officially confirmed in a letter from Plank to the Boston Herald from his home at Gettysburg he sent word that he would be back this summer.

SCHWARTZ LEADS AMERICAN LEAGUE

Beth Israel Forward First in Individual Scoring, With 58 Points SCHNEIDERMAN SECOND

The official scoring records as compiled by Secretary A. F. Hauk for the first seven weeks of the race show Schwartz, forward on the Brotherhood of Beth Israel quintet, to be the leading scorer of the American League.

Schwartz has tallied eighteen times from the field for twenty-pointers and netted the oval on twenty-one occasions from the fifteen-foot mark.

Two Games Tonight The modification of the Garfield field order exempting places of "dry" amusement from the Monday "chill law," thus permitting the carrying out of the original schedule of the American Basketball League, was received with joy by the local game.

The American League had already called off its contents arranged for tonight, but at a meeting yesterday decided to hold the games tonight at Traynor Hall. As usual, a double-header will be served to the clubmen, Hancock meeting Port Richmond and St. Columba playing Y. M. H. A.

There is a rumor afloat that one of the teams which makes the Saints' week has greatly strengthened its lineup, but until the new additions take the field in basketball togs their names will be kept secret.

HONOR ROLL FOR LAST WEEK Score of Art Elliott, of the Liberty Bell team in the Philadelphia League, brought his team to the "top" of the "chill" list as he registered the high score of 664 pins for three games. He was followed by Libby, who was a close second, with a total of 618 pins. Nick Beck finished fourth, with 600.

If any one ever says Art Elliott and Mike Beck are "chill" players, let them have their own opinion. We have our opinion and we stand by it. We have our opinion and we stand by it. We have our opinion and we stand by it.

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