IF BABE RUTH STEALS A BASE NEXT YEAR HE'LL MAKE NEW LEAGUE RECORD FOR HIMSELF

MANY NEW VOICES WILL ANSWER SPRING'S WILD CALL IN DIXIE BASEBALL CAMPS THIS SEASON

Rush to Uncle Sam's Colors Has Removed Many Diamond Notables From the Present Scene of Action—Season of Uncertainties

THE wild call of spring is about to send the athletes lying southward. And the lying this year is going to be considerably more afflicted with lonesomeness than at any other time within the memory of major leaguers and other spangled favorites of the populace.

The faces present, as a matter of fact, will look like a new layout for many of the upper baseball class. A glance into the army and navy would locate many of the players who last year were among those present.

The pennant hunt in the 1918 season appears from a long distance glance to be just as much of a guess as it was a year ago. Transfers that have been made during the winter, while benefiting some clubs and laying injury on others, nevertheless leave a balance in both big leagues that should make the dash from barrier to the finish a hot one.

In the minds of most fans, of course, there will be a spark of favoritism for the White Sox in the American League and for the Giants in the National League. Just as in pugilism, baseball is prone to string along with the old champion until the sawdust has been kicked out of its doll.

But—there isn't a thing certain in baseball. The late Harry Pulliam made famous the remark, "Take nothing for granted in baseball." There are clubs in either league which, if given the right start, kept free of injuries and allowed to proceed at an even pace down the field, would be fully capable of getting under the wire first.

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INJURIES to this or that club might intervene. Some star might crack and leave a void that could not be filled.

Top-Notch Club Must Be Smooth-Running Machine

THE top-notch baseball club, as a matter of course, must be a smoothly running machine. It must have no dissension; its players must be friendly and willing to pull together at all times. If there is a baseball club not possessing these attributes, no matter how strong its potential ability may make it look, lay a few shekels that it cannot finish ahead. Mere gray matter, ability to knock baseballs over fences and to field like demons, all are swept aside when the worry of grieved feelings creeps into a baseball club.

Happily, dissension has been driven out of most clubs in the big leagues, with greatest emphasis laid on the first division gangs. There was a time not so very long ago when things were not going overly nicely among clubs that had been picked to win pennants, and for that reason they were left in the rear.

It's called temperament in some quarters, but the real definition for the trouble-maker on a baseball club is "no good."

Chicago is going to have something to say about both pennants. St. Louis cannot be counted out of the National League first division and no more can the Reds. The Dodgers and Braves have added strength. The Pirates, while stronger than a year ago, still look like a bad ball club. The Phillies without Alexander, Killefer and Rixey have bright prospects and with the new talent the club should be in the running.

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CLEVELAND will not be able to present so strong an array this year. Boston has been strengthened some in the American League and the National League clubs look clearer. The Yanks, with a new manager, may start all over. The Athletics and Browns are hopeless propositions. The Tigers are barely weaker than a year ago.

Eddie Plank Is Ready for 17th Year Under the Big Top

WHEN Eddie Plank reports to Manager Huggins at Macon this spring he will embark on his seventeenth year as a big league ball player. The Gettysburg southpaw joined Connie's Athletics in 1901 and has watched scores of youngsters come and go while he remained on the job. While with the A's Eddie was Connie's best bet, and he kept up the good work with the St. Loosey Feds and later with the Browns. He quit in midseason last year because of the torrid weather in the Mound City and also because of some run-ins with Fielder Jones. Eddie and his manager are said to have been as friendly as a pair of mile-posts, but Fielder denies this. He states that he and Plank are the best of friends and even exchange cards at Christmas. Jones gave out the following interview regarding Plank a couple of weeks ago in Portland, Ore.:

"The writers in the East said Eddie Plank and I had a disagreement and that Plank quit the team in August. True, Plank quit, but here are the facts:

"I used to tell Eddie the day before he pitched that he was to work. On one of these occasions when it came time to warm up Plank said he couldn't work, that his arm was sore. He went to his room after the game and the next morning called me on the phone and asked me up to his room.

"When I opened the door he was crying. It seems that he had been to a doctor and was advised to quit baseball for the rest of the season, that his arm was in bad shape. He told me then that he thought he was through.

"I told him to go home and rest. The papers published a report that Plank quit the team because of a fuss with me. Why, it was only last Christmas that I received a long letter and a picture of his baby from Plank, with best wishes from himself and family."

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AT ANY rate, we wish Eddie all kinds of luck in his new job and hope he gets away to a good start. He always keeps himself in shape and his salary wing still is good enough to grab off a flock of victories for his new boss.

Ruth Only .300 Hitting Pitcher in Captivity

PITCHERS who can hit .300 are oft heralded in the feature stories and other branches of fiction, but the moundsman whose general average entitles him to recognition in polite swatting society now exists only in one instance. According to the records this rare specimen of sport humanity is Babe Ruth, the Red Sox heaver, who through the run of three years in a big league uniform is entitled to a place in the hitting hall of fame at a fraction above the minimum qualifying limit. His respective batting marks are .315, .272 and .326.

During his American League career the pounding hurler has played in 166 games, has batted 261 times, scored 49 runs, made 109 hits and sacrificed 13 times. His big drive collection includes 22 doubles, 7 triples and 9 home runs. His four-bagger off Bill James on August 19 last is guaranteed to have been the genuine, bona fide and exclusive "longest hit of the season." The ball went into the center field bleachers at Boston.

The American League was crowded with pitchers who could hit last season. Among those who the records show didn't have to step aside as weaklings when a swat was demanded were the two Russells, of New York and Chicago; Mays, Cunningham, E. Myers, Caldwell, Ehmke and Bagby. Of these, Caldwell and Bagby are good pinch men and hard hitters, although their averages are not as high as some others. Russell, of the Yankees, hit .313, standing next to Ruth, while his namesake of the White Sox barely missed .300, being only one point under that figure. Only four twirlers in the National showed any ability with the willow, according to the figures. These were Mitchell, Hendrix, Cadore and Barnes. As a bunch they do not class with their American confreres.

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BUT if the big Boston southpaw must be classed as a freak performer on account of his ability to consistently hit in .300 society, he yet is altogether consistent as a pitcher in one respect. He has yet to steal his first base as a big league player.

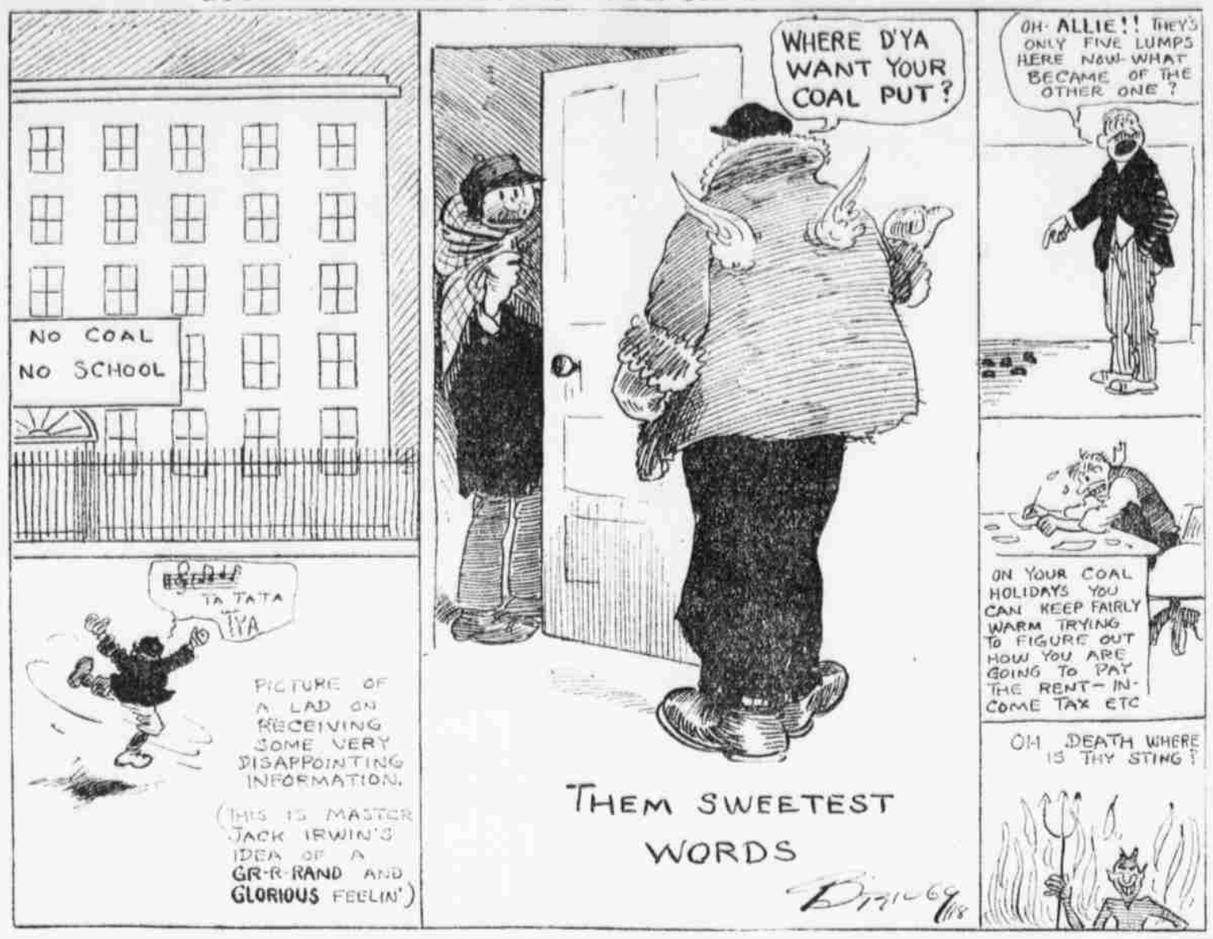
Guncraft and Not Flying Hobey Baker's Forte

AN INTERESTING story and comparison are offered in the careers of the first two American aviators flying under United States colors to be brevetted from the highest aviation schools of France. The two men are old pals—Hobey Baker, the Princeton gridiron and, in college and out, ice hockey wonder, and Edwin Post, Jr., of New York. The pair have been pals from boyhood, attended school together, roomed together and now are flying side by side in the dizzy heights, courting death every instant, in the cause of their country and its allies.

Baker's already acquired celebrity as a flyer, augmented by his recently reported feat of bringing down his Hun in his first air encounter, rests, it is said, not upon his flying ability. His side-kick Post excels him in this feature of the game, it is said. Post is an automobile engineer and has the advantage of mechanical knowledge and training over his companion of the clouds. He is pronounced much better in this department. It is in gunnery that Hobey excels. His marksmanship is pronounced uncanny. It is stated that his record in hits has been wonderful and altogether astounding to his French teachers.

When it is recalled that there are thousands upon thousands of young American college athletic stars in every branch of Uncle Sam's service and that Hobey Baker is only a good sample of what American trained eyes, nerves, hands and brains can show in fighting, some concrete idea of American fighting effectiveness is had. Such reflection particularly is interesting when it is recalled that a flock of 20,000 air machines, manned in the main by college athletes of the Baker type, is to be in time turned loose here of the Teuton lines.

GOOD MORNING! HOW'S YOUR OIL STOVE WORKING?



SUGARMAN WILL PLAY WITH B. B. I.

Former Greystock Star to Get Into Action Tonight at Traymore Hall

MEET GIRARD ALUMNI

Lew Sugarman will make his first appearance in the American Basketball League tonight when he takes the floor wearing the colors of the Beth Israel Brotherhood team in its contest with the Girard Alumni at Traymore Hall, Franklin street and Columbia avenue. Several other members of the disbanded Eastern League are expected to make their debut tonight, but the managers will not make their names public until they appear at the hall ready to play.

The former Greystock forward was announced to play with Beth Israel several times, only to disappoint the cage fans by not appearing. This time, however, Lew is sure to be on hand, according to the manager of B. B. I. He will play one of the forward positions, with Schwartz as his running mate. With three Eastern Leaguers, Doc Newman, Harry Francke and Sugarman, in its line-up, the Brotherhood team should start climbing in the league standing.

Beth Israel is in fifth place in the team standing, with three victories in eight starts, just four full games behind the league leaders, St. Columba. This handicap appears to be too great for the team to overcome with the season half over, but a slump on the part of the Saints would soon bring them back into the fold.

The Girard quintet will take the floor without the services of Dienes, who is on the sick list. It is doubtful if he will get into many more games this season.

St. Columba and Port Richmond furnish the other half of the attraction. Strengthened by the addition of Rube Cashman, of the "Fighting Navy," and Jimmy Brown, formerly of Camden, the Saints at this time look like the probable winners of the pennant. Port Richmond is playing its best ball of the year and may surprise the team of big leaguers in tonight's tilt.

W. J. TRAVIS, HERO OF MANY GOLF MATCHES, BEGAN TO PLAY AT 35, AND WON NATIONAL TITLE AT 38

Never Captured Open Championship, but He Was the Only American to Capture British Amateur—Gardner His Bete Noir

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS, JR.

IT SEEMS but yesterday that we were all reading of the wonderful golf victories of Walter J. Travis, and yet he himself announced a year or so ago that he considers his days of competitive golf ended. He believes that for a few rounds—he beat Travers in the last Metropolitan championship in which he played—that he is as good as ever, and during those rounds he can put very good men out, but he has not the endurance for a long tournament.

To the golfers who have played regularly any time during the last ten years our big tournaments can never seem quite the same, for Travis's playing set a standard for us all. To be able to defeat him was an event almost like winning a title, and every competitor in the National Championship trembled at the fear of being drawn against him.

Beat All but Gardner

I think that he has played almost every famous golfer in the world, and some time or other he has managed to beat every one of them except Robert Gardner. In both of their two encounters Bob was victor. I have played Mr. Travis just twice. Once at Glen View, when I went down before marvelous putting, and again in the National Championship at Garden City, when I won. I was paired with him in the qualification round in the National Championship at Chicago Golf in 1909, and was so proud of the honor and so nervous in consequence that I missed my third shot completely going to the first hole and it ran into the cup, but managed to draw enough inspiration to win low medal.

The first time I ever spoke to him was in 1905 at Glen View, when I was a small boy and he was the most famous golfer in the country. I elbowed my way through the gallery and said: "May I have the honor of shaking hands with you, Mr. Travis?" My brother, a few years older, was deeply shocked at my presumption, but Mr. Travis kindly and gravely permitted the familiarity.

Began to Play at 35

Walter J. Travis was born in Victoria, Australia, January 16, 1862. He did not begin to play golf until he was about thirty-five, a circumstance that should be a great encouragement to other golfers who began late in life. He advanced rapidly to the very top of the game, winning the National Championship three times—1900, 1901 and 1903. He has never won the American open, but he tied for second place one year, and until that time no amateur had been within twenty-five strokes of the leader. There is one achievement of Walter J. Travis's, however, that stands out above all others, and that is winning the British championship in 1904. It was a memorable victory, unique in the history of the game, and not likely to be duplicated soon. But should it be, it can never mean what it did before the war. Those were great days at Sandwich, when the little American was playing the flower of English golf.

Mr. Travis is a small, slightly built man, and his individual dress and certain mannerisms made him a very easily recognizable and picturesque figure on our links.

Authority on Rules

Mr. Travis has written much on golf, and he is one of the greatest authorities on rules in the country. His theory of the game was unusual and simple. He believed that if one was straight down the course and could putt victory was sure, and it proved to be so in his case. He was wonderful on his approaches and putts, and I do not suppose that any one will ever equal him. He did much to popularize golf in this country, and the sport owes much to him. He has had a big share of golf honors, and his achievements will not be overlooked or forgotten.

PENN TO GRAPPLE PRINCETON TEAM

Red and Blue Without Veterans for Season's First Wrestling Meet

KETTERER NEW CAPTAIN

Pennsylvania opens its wrestling season Saturday afternoon with Princeton at Tigertown and Coach Machett will be forced to send a group of novices against the Orange and Black, for every veteran of last year's squad has either graduated or is in the service.

The Red and Blue tutor has chosen five of the seven grapplers who will meet the Tiger representatives, but he is doing considerable worrying about the other two competitors. The five wrestlers who have been chosen were the ones who won the University championships in their respective classes.

Ketterer has been chosen captain and he looks like the best prospect on the squad. The new leader wrestles in the 125 pound class. He succeeds Carl Keiser, the lightweight intercollegiate champion of last year, who is now an ambulance sergeant in service in France.

Another good man who has succeeded so far because of his extraordinary strength is "Babe" Lamberton, a freshman heavyweight. Lamberton threw Moulton in the championships last Friday night in five minutes and twenty-five seconds. He is a graduate of Mercersburg. The other three men selected are Rose, McDermott and Strauch.

SKATER HITS CONCRETE BASE IN ROUNDING TURN

French-Canadian Crack Forced to Withdraw in Series With Norwegian Star

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 23.—Oscar Matthieson, Norwegian skating star, has the advantage today in his series of races with Norval Baptie, the French-Canadian speed skater.

Baptie won the 220-yard dash in 29 seconds, but Matthieson captured the half mile in 1:21⅘. In the three-mile race Baptie struck on a concrete flag base on the turn and was injured so that he was forced to withdraw and Matthieson finished the course alone. The remaining races of the series will be run Thursday night.

CHAS. H. NEWCOMB LEADS THE PINEHURST GUNNERS

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 23.—The midwinter trapshooting tournament opened officially at Pinehurst yesterday, 115 gunners toeing the firing line at the beginning of the big 600-target contest.

Following up his victory in the preliminary event Charles H. Newcomb, of Philadelphia, led with the score of 195 yesterday, an improvement of two birds on Monday's record, and left the rest of the field a clear three birds behind.

NOTES OF THE BOWLERS

Team C, women's, of the Provident A. A., continues to grip the first place in that league, with Team D a close contender for second place.

In the American Ice League, Station 6 and Station continue to play tie-away for first honors, and a similar situation exists for third place, with a quartet struggling for that position. Main Office, Station 9, Station 19 and Station 7 each having won 16 and lost 14.

Eckman and Stifford, who last week played into a twin for first place, are being pushed hard by Wampole, with only one game separating them.

Texaco grappled the lead from Atlantic when it won three straight, giving it six games won and none lost. Union Petroleum tied Atlantic for second place, having won four and lost two.

Corn Exchange's quintet continues to run away with first place in its league, having a lead of six games and a percentage of .700. Philadelphia Trust is second, while Pennsylvania Company still holds third place.

Monotype and Simon & Strove are now tied for first place in the Manufacturers' League.

Station 8, Philadelphia Electric League, stepped into first place this week with a lead of .006 over Commercial, which had been leading the league for several weeks.

Robins, of the Mocko League, now has only two games over their competitors, the Doves.

H. T. Potter & Co. Export has jumped into the running in the Iron and Steel League, retaining first position for the last two weeks. Lebanon Valley is struggling hard to hold second place with only a two-game lead over Domestic, of Potter & Co.

McKelly, of Wayne M. C., got away to a flying start when he dropped the pins for 203 in his first game, but was not at his best in the next two rollings, scoring only 170 and 133.

U. S. GIVES BOXING BIG BOOST AND 10-ROUND DECISION BOUT WILL BE PUT ON NEAR CHICAGO

Ever Hammer and Sailor Freeman Will Revive Sport Which Has Been Dead in That Section for Twenty Years

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

BOXING has been given a tremendous boost this year and the game now is in a more healthful condition than ever before. The fact that the United States Government has placed its stamp of approval on the fistic pastime has silenced many critics, for now every one knows that the sport is beneficial not only from a participant's, but also a spectator's viewpoint as well. If the finger of suspicion is kept away, boxing again will be firmly intrenched in this country and have the same social standing as baseball and other sports.

But the biggest boost of all comes from Chicago, where, it is said, Ever Hammer, the well-known lightweight, will meet Sailor Freeman in a ten-round bout tomorrow night to a decision. The exhibition will not take place right in the city, but at Fort Sheridan, which is situated on the outskirts. The announcement has caused quite a little surprise, for boxing has been dead in Chicago and vicinity for almost twenty years and repeated efforts to revive the sport met with dismal failures. When the United States Government took hold of it, however, everything went through with a rush, and the bout tomorrow night will be well attended by outsiders as well as soldiers. Perhaps it will mark the return of boxing to the Windy City.

Tendler and Leonard

Admirers of Lew Tendler now are talking of matching the newsboy with Benny Leonard in the near future. They figure that Lew has cleaned up all the aspirants for the lightweight crown and he is the only logical contender for Benny the Champ. All of this is true, but Tendler will be a very wise person if he lays off Leonard for some time to come. Lew weighed 127 pounds in his bout with Frankie Callahan and looked like a stripling when he stood beside his rugged foe.

He is not strong enough to take on a tough opponent like Leonard and won't be until he puts on some more weight. At that Tendler is about the only real lightweight in the business outside of Dundee. Few of the topnotchers can make 133 ringside, which is believed to be the legal weight limit.

Tendler is just a kid, although he has been boxing for three years or so. He was carefully trained by Phil Glassman, however, and it was not until six months ago that he became a wind-up attraction. Phil used excellent judgment in selecting opponents for his man and as a result Lew never received a terrible lacing. The worst he ever experienced was on Monday night, when Callahan hit him with everything he had in the early rounds and found the boy coming back for more. Lew proved that he can take a beating, and this, combined with his skill, makes him a topnotch boxer.

Too Light for Benny

But he should remain as such for at least another year before even thinking of meeting Leonard. It will be remembered that Johnny Kilbane, one of the grandest little fighters that ever lived, tried to take the lightweight crown from Leonard, and was knocked stiff in three rounds. He was helpless before the lightweight champion, and made a pathetic showing. Using this as a horrible example, it can easily be seen that Tendler has no license to go through the same experience. Johnny hits harder than Lew, he knows more about the game, has had more experience, has the confidence of a champion, yet he failed to last the limit.

What chance would Tendler have? He weighs between 125 and 127 pounds and Kilbane scaled in at 126½ on the night of his last fight. Our local pride had better forget the championship bug and devote his time to trimming the other lightweights. Leonard will keep for a future date.

Scraps About Scrappers

It is said that Jack McGuigan will dispense with his regular Saturday night shows and hold boxing matinees every Monday while the Garfield order is in effect. Jack, however, has not made any formal announcement.

Jess Willard will see a boxing match and run no danger of being hurt next Friday night. He will stay on the outside looking in while Homer Smith mingles with Jack Dempsey in Racine, Wis. Jess is interested in this Dempsey person, who has been rudely hurling challenges at the titleholder for some time.

Ever Hammer is expected to come East in a short time to try out the crop of lightweights in this section. He will be handled by Muggsy Taylor, who has been so successful with Johnny Tillman.

Tommy Carey, the Kensington mauler, who has staged a real comeback, will collide with Terry McGovern at the Cambria on Friday night. Four other star bouts are on the card.

Sir Nicholas Hayes is anxious to gas upon Charley Weinert, the Newark heavy, who is billed to meet Chief Turner at the National on Saturday or Monday. "This guy Weinert has been nineteen years old for the last six years," says Nicholas, "and I want to see how he does it. Pretty soft for some of those bimboes during the war."

Johnny Tillman will box Ted Kid Lewis, the welterweight champion in the wind-up at the Olympia February 4. Next Monday night the star bout will be between Kid Williams and Joe Lynch.

Pete Herman, the bantamweight champion is suffering from some eye affliction and all of his matches have been called off. Jack Hanlon is working on a match between Pete and Johnny Ertle as soon as the champion recovers.

Phil Glassman has a regular system when he seconds his fighters. On Monday night he wore his coat and hat when he seconded Toughey Murray, but when Tendler appeared Phil shed his coat and broke out with a vivid blue-and-white striped silk shirt. The big stuff was saved until the end.

LOCAL ATHLETES LEAVE FOR GAMES

Will Compete Tonight in Millrose Meet at Madison Square Garden

DALLAS HEADS PARTY

The officials and athletes of the Meadowbrook Club and a number of guests escorted by the J. W. C. I Band, left at 9 o'clock this morning on a special train for New York to represent this city in the annual Millrose track and field games to be held tonight in the Madison Square Garden.

An elaborate program has been arranged to entertain the local contingent while in the "big town." The Millrose and J. W. C. I. reception committees of New York will meet the train at the Pennsylvania Station. At 12:30 lunch will be served in the store. During the afternoon the combined bands of New York and this city will give a concert on the grand stairway in the Stewart Building.

Another combined concert will be given in the Madison Square Garden, beginning at 6:45 and continuing for an hour, when the first event of the games is scheduled to start. The Philadelphia party will return to this city on the 11 o'clock train tonight, leaving from the Pennsylvania Station.

Samuel J. Dallas, the secretary of the Meadowbrook Club, president of the Middle Atlantic A. A. U., vice president of the National A. A. U., and a prominent official in many other athletic clubs and unions, will have charge of the trip.

There will be many Meadowbrook athletes in the events, but the great majority of them will not compete for the local organization. Most of the events will be closed to service men. Some of the members of the Meadowbrook Club who will compete for service teams are Howard Berry, the sensational Pennsylvania hero, who will represent Camp Dix; Everett Smalley, Mike McHale and Wesley Gadd, all former Central High runners, now at Fort Slocum in the Ordnance Department, and Maxam, former star quarter-miler at Penn, who is now in the naval aviation service.

Braves' Fans Worried Over Mound Situation

With George Tyler and Jess Barnes missing next season, what sort of a pitching staff will the Braves have to open the season? Baseball critics give Stallings credit for getting the better of the deal with the Giants, but this is not alone interesting Hub fans. They are considering both ends of the deal. Before the deals were announced Boston had Tyler and Barnes, two fine hurlers—and a big hole at shortstop and another behind the plate. Now, what have they got? They've got Herzog to fill Maranville's place, a new catcher and $12,000. And they've lost two pitchers. Does this give the Braves the best of it or the worst of it?

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CAN'T PLAY LEAGUE BALL; MUST STICK IN SERVICE

Major and Minor Leaguers Now in Yards or Camps Will Not Be Granted Furloughs to Play

BOSTON, Jan. 23.

NO BASEBALL player now in the service of the United States Government will be given a furlough for the summer in order to play major league baseball. Jack Barry, manager of the Boston Red Sox, who is now a yeoman in the naval reserves and who is on duty at the Boston Navy Yard, has been so notified.

This decision was announced to President Harry Frazee by Lieutenant J. K. Park, Jr., athletic director at the navy yard and Frazee will now have to get some one else to run the team.

The decision also affects all major and minor league players now in both branches of the service.

The ball players, however, will have opportunity to keep in practice this season so far as is known now.

They will play with the various navy yard teams. It is planned to have a navy yard league in the east, but, of course, whether or not the statement is carried out will depend largely on how the war affects the navy.

BOXING COMMISSION MAY BAR FRED FULTON

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 23.—Fred Fulton may be barred from further fighting in this State, if the report that he fought Miske with a broken hand proves to be correct.

Frank P. Thompson, chairman of the commission, declares that if proof is produced that Fulton was cognizant of the injury at the time he went into the ring he will be barred from boxing in that State.

Dr. Edward J. Clark, a physician, of Minneapolis, stated that he gave cocaine to Fulton to ease the pain in his hand and that the effect of the drug was to prevent the boxer from doing his best work in the ring against Miske.

KNITTING DAY PROPOSED FOR FEMALE BALL FANS

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—"Knitting Day" once a week may be established at the National League parks this season, if plans under way here yesterday are carried to completion.

SPORTS SERVED SHORT

Tommy Leach, for many years one of the stars of the major leagues, has been given his unconditional release by the Kansas City American Association club. He will probably retire.

Walter E. Powell, of Cleveland, has been named director of athletics at the Charlestown Navy Yard. He has coached at various Ohio colleges.

One hundred and one players were entered for the qualifying round of the Bellair tournament. Dr. C. H. Gardner and W. Parker Seely tied for the medal with a 74. 77.

Frank Jones defeated Harry Cline in the local three-cushion tournament. It was his first victory and Cline's first defeat.

Commodore Allen K. White has been re-elected head of the Atlantic City Yacht Club for the fifth consecutive time. The club has thirty-five members in the national service.

N. S. Schroeder has been re-elected president of the New Jersey Golf Association. As he is now a resident of Boston, it is probable that he will resign. No action was taken with reference to the playing of the championships.

Weeghman Succeeds Himself

CHICAGO, Jan. 23. — Charles H. Weeghman was re-elected president of the Chicago National League Baseball Club at the annual meeting of the stockholders yesterday.

PLANK SAYS NO MORE BASEBALL FOR HIM

Southpaw Declares His Arm Is Right, but He's Had Enough

Plank to Pratt to Pipp to Peck

So it has happened! When Plank pitches for the Yankees next summer and an enemy batsman is caught off first base, the ball will be handled thus:

Plank to Peck to Pratt to Pipp; or Plank to Pratt to Peck to Pipp; or Plank to Pipp to Peck to Pratt; or Pipp to Plank to Pratt to——

Boy, get an ambulance! A p-p-p-p-p-printer has phallen into a phlit!

"I will not go to New York next season. I am through with baseball forever. That goes. I am not trying to hold anybody up, and I hope that my retirement will not upset the deal between New York and St. Louis, but if it does, I cannot help it."

This statement was made by Eddie Plank, the forty-three-year-old southpaw, at his farm near Gettysburg, where he is snowbound, when he was told of the deal between New York and St. Louis.

"When I announced last summer that I was through with baseball at the end of 1917, I meant just that," said Eddie. "Talk about doing your bit in the army, I guess I have done my bit in baseball and am entitled to a rest. I am not all in by any means. My left wing is as good as ever, but I have enough. I have my farm, my home and enough to take care of me, so why should I work and worry any longer? If the deal is dependent on my signature for its completion, then I am sorry to say that it will be all off."

TY COBB MAY INSTRUCT REDS IN BASERUNNING

Tyrus Cobb will act as instructor of baserunning this spring, and his pupils will be the Cincinnati Reds, says a Toledo paper.

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