ARRY DAVIS, HERO OF MANY BASEBALL BATTLES, RETIRES FROM THE GAME TO ENTER BUSINESS

CK ENTITLED TO KIND WORDS **NSTEAD OF KNOCKS IN EFFORT** TO BUILD UP NEW BALL CLUB

Cean General Will Maintain Silence Until Ready to Make Real Announcement-Phils Will Strengthen and Prospects Look Good

THE eyes of the baseball world are focused on Philadelphia as the 1918 eason draws nigh. The financial transactions perpetrated by Connie and William F. Baker have given the city huge gobs of publicity. nd it is the belief of the wise ones that baseball will be very much on nk this year. The National and American League entries are exed to finish eighth in their races, and they are given this ranking cause there are only eight clubs in each circuit.

Not only that, but the experts who fling a nasty typewriter are reng to Philadelphia as a joke town, and in a short time followers of ball are likely to believe that such is the case. One writer, in dising the national game and conditions in general, grooves the following

"One of the many evils of major league baseball for many years has en the fact that the wealthy clubs have been able to purchase stars from the weaker outfits. This has brought about joke baseball in the depleted cities, Philadelphia, for instance."

This writer is partly right, if the dope is taken seriously. True, the Athletics are a beautiful picture of desolation and a first-class wreck, besause of the sale of McInnis, Strunk, Bush and Schang and the loss of ten other players, who have entered the service; but no one can tell what will happen when the season opens. Connie Mack is a wise bird; he stands in a class by himself as a manager, and it's a cinch that he has something ed in his sleeve which will cause a big surprise when the season pens. But at present the club must be placed in the joke class.

Conditions are different with the Phillies. The loss of Alexander and Killefer will be keenly felt, but that does not mean the club will trail the league. Rixey's enlistment and the trading of Dode Paskert will be felt, but there are other players who can perform their duties in big league style and keep the team up in the running. Pat Moran has lost only four men-two yery important ones, it is true-but there are some new men coming this year who may fill the breach. Let's wait and see if they are joke

Make-Up of Athletics a Mystery Until Connie Talks

ETS take a look at the prospects of the two big league clubs and how ey line up for the 1918 derby. First we have the Athletics, guarded by the sphinx-like silence of Connie Mack. There is no news emanating from Shibe Park these days, but from the data in hand it is possible that seven players are available for the opening of the season. The left-overs from last year-Bodic, Jamieson, Schauer, Elmer Myers and Joe Dugan-probably will be with us, and Thomas, Gregg and Kopp, obtained from the Red Sox in the first trade, also are slated to be on deck. Connie will not admit that these men will play this year. In fact, he will admit othing as yet, stating he will maintain a discreet silence until March 1. He will not deny or affirm the report that Gardner, Cady and Walker will be turned over to him for McInnis, and gives the guessers free rein to guess their heads off-until March 1. Perhaps these three players will be here next season, as the news comes from Boston, and there may be something to it.

But no one can blame Connie for his clamlike attitude. He is running the ball club; it is his money that is invested, and with so many volunteer advisors to point out his mistakes, he has a perfect right to keep mum. Mack is running a business valued at \$500,000 or more, and is trying to make it pay. He is just the same as any other business man, and should he allowed to use his own ideas in conducting his affairs. If a stock broker shed a story to the newspapers before pulling off a big deal, he would find others on his trail and everything spoiled before it started. Connie is in the same position. He is working out his own problems, and they are tough ones. He wants to put a good ball club in the field, and his work is harder than any one imagines. He is panned and discredited on all sides no encouraging words are offered him, and it is up to him to work out his own salvation alone and unaided. He hasn't had a booster for three years, and is it any wonder that he wishes to be left alone?

UT you can rest assured that Connie will pull something big when the time comes for the official announcement. He is hot after talent, and does not care how young or how old the players may be. Instead of building up a club from youngsters he will have a flock of veterans on hand, and perhaps his standing in the race will be higher than in the last three yars. It might be a good plan to lay away the hammers and give Connie a chance. He was a great guy when he was winning pennants, and now that he has slipped, a little boost now and then will be far better than those constant raps. Let's wait and see what happens

Phils Do Not Look So Weak in Comparison With Other Clubs

Now the Phillies have lost only four of last year's regulars and gained one in exchange. Alexander and Killefer will weaken the team a trifle, but perhaps not so much as is expected. The star battery helped considerably last year, and we looked upon it as 50 per cent of the club. President Baker, however, believes his team will not be in the joke class or linger in the second division. The infield is intact and the oufiteld, with Cy Williams, Muessel and Fitzgerald, will be strengthened quite a little. Whitted and Cravath also will be in the game, so there should be no worry. about the guardians of the outposts.

Jack Adams is said to be another Killefer, and if used regularly is excted to be one of the stars of the league. He showed up well last year, and Pat Moran thinks well of him. Eddie Burns, who was not in good shape last season, will be used, and Dilhoeffer, the kid backstop, has the goods. Adams, however, is picked as the real star, and we are pulling for

The pitching department must be strengthened, and Pat Moran is anging for a bunch of high-class twirlers. He is said to be flirting with Hippo Vaughan, the southpaw with the Cubs, and hopes to land him. With Rixey in the service, Pat needs a good left-hander to take his place. At present be has Bender, Oeschger, Mayer, Fittery and two rookies, David and

NEW YORK and Chicago look good in the National League, but the other clubs cannot be considered stronger than the Phillies. The ace in the hole, to our mind, is Pat Moran. The Fitchburg genius has a faculty of developing good ball clubs, and he will be well up in the running if his team has any kind of luck at the start. But the Phils cannot be placed in the joke class. They have not

Managers Said to Be After McGraw's Scalp

66TNFORMAL" sport has been quite popular the last season, which fact may be responsible for a story coming from western papers to the feet that a little informal and casual understanding has been reached ng the managers of three National League teams intended to clip the of the Giants the coming season. The plan as set out is for the chers of each club to be used against McGraw's outfit just as often tible. Here is the plot as set forth:

"Alexander and Vaughn, of the Cubs; Ames and Meadows, of the rds: Cooper and Miller, of the Pirates, are to be sent into action against McGraw's men as often as they can be used, rubbed down, freshened and

ond-string pitchers can be held back and used against other teams, whenever the Giants appear on these three arenas they are to be led the hottest opposition that can be put forward."

The story further is to the effect that the managers involved have (also rmally) suggested to Christy Mathewson the fine possibilities of ing in on a deal of the kind in the interest of his team's prospects for

Stallings Has Big Fielding Star in Wickland

WICKLAND, secured by the Braves from Indianapolis, will go to ster of American "kultur" with no reputation as a wielder of he enjoys a wonderful fielding record. During the entire erican Association recruit made only two fielding playing in 124 games, giving him the magnificent defensive

Vickland's misplays came in June—one on the 4th, in his and one on the 18th, in his seventh game. At accepted eightylefore an error was marked up against him, and then cared the before committing his second and last misplay of the checufter, participating in sixty-three contents under Jack of Cardinal leader, Wickland played 1.000 ball, accepting 113 leads, who was born in Chicago January 27, 1830, has been a least bought him from Dayton in 1912.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



SWARTHMORE HAS STAR IN JUDGES

Prep School Basketball Team Will Meet Penn Fresh Tomorrow

CHAT OF SCHOOLBOYS

By PAUL PREP

In view of the recent victories over the Wilmington Friends' and Westtown School quinters the Swarthmore Prop basketball team and its rooters are inclined to look forward with expectations of victory to the "big" contest with the Penn Freshmen tomorrow afternoon in the Swarthmore gym.

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In the Wilmington fracas Coach
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any other paper, caging six goals from the field. For a time Coach Harry had feared for the success of his team when the field. For a time Coach Harry had feared for the success of his team when the field and supported the game and the France Lungren dropped the gam

Although the baseball diamonds are at present buried under the recent heavy snows, baseball comment is in the air. snows, baseball comment is in the air. The Episcopal Academy students already have taken stock and found that Coach McCarty will have only four members of last year's team around whom to form his nine. "St" Sellers, who was honored with the government of the state with the captainey at the close of last season, is the latest to be numbered among the "gone but forgotten."

In his place James V. Hazlett has been

elected to head the team for the coming season. Haziett and Johnny Earp, both football players, are both strong at the bat and will be the mainstay of the team in the matter of score-getting, but the greatest promise of the team seems to lie in "Bud" Starr, the youthful short-stop of the 1917 team, who has the ear-

week in April.

There is talk at the Friends' Select already of the coming baseball season.

Manager Illingsworth has only a couple
of games to settle upon before he will
have the schedule ready to give out.
The season is rightly looked forward to with much enthusiasm with such an attractive schedule and the many members of last year's team who are in school. Remmey was elected captain and expects to lead another successful team.

Coach O'Brien of Central High, has been unable to have the track team practice during the last week on account of the lack of heat and light. Now that the exams are in progress he will be unable to get the candidates together until after February 1, when they start to get in shape for the open-ing of the indoor track season on Feb-ruary 16, when the Crimson and Gold meets the Northeast High team. The outcome of this meet will give the scholastic track fans a chance to dope out the result of the indoor quads on March 11.

Sports Served Short

Vaughn Pitches No-Hit Game Every Four Seasons

A good bet to make is that if Jim Vaughn is pitching four years hence he will hurl a no-hit game. The Chicago clubs' southnaw has been a no-hit here three times, each of his box master-pieces being four years apart and each coming in a year in which a Freedent was inaugurated.

The first no-hit game Vaughn pitched was for Macon, of the Sally League, against Columbia, on May 22, 1909, Only one man get on, Jim franking one of his opponents in the ninth. The score was 5 to 9. 3 to 0.
On June 22, 1913, Vaughn, hurling for Kansas City, turned the Toledo Mudbens hack without hit or run, winning 2 to 0.
Last year, on May 2, Jim abated the
Reds for nine frames without blow or
tally, but Fred Toney did Just as well,
and in the tenth Cincinnati sot both
a bit and a run. Yaughn losing, 1 to 0.

O'MARA LATEST DODGER TO ENLIST IN SERVICE

and at present is the best squad that has represented the Garnet school in many years. The majority of the team are years. The majority of the team are national service, and the monarch of around or over the six-foet mark, and the monarch of Fiatbush is beaming with pride. He this is one of the several reasons why

BAN GETTING AMERICAN BALL SCHEDULE READY

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.-Ban Johnson, president of the American League, expects to put the finishing touches to the 1918 schedule of the league here today. Johnson returned from Pittsburgh with a rough draft of the schedule, but still has a few wrinkles to iron out of the program before giving it

MORAN REFUSES TO BOX IN WEST

the Red and Blue yearlings.

In the Wilmington fracas Coach
Harry's players held the Wilmington five
without a field goal during the second
half until within a minute of the final
whistle, when Captain Taylor dropped
in two tallies in succession. During this
period the Swarthmore team added nineteen points to the seventeen they scored
in the first half.

This contest uncovered Judges, the
former scrub player, in his first varsity
contest, and he scored more points than

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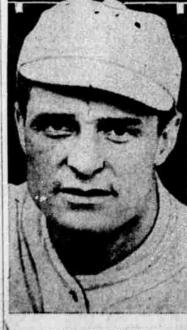
Bobby Gunnis has started a movement to supply boxing gloves to the army camps. It super is a parietic idea and Bobby should be given jobs of assistance by the club owners in Philadelphia.

Indoor batting practice will soon start in the academy symmasium, and the opening game will be played the first week in April RED SOX CLUB DURING WAR

First Baseman Is Selected for the Job, as Barry Must Stick to the Navy-McInnis to Play Second

pennant plans of the Boston Red Sox have been smashed to smithereens in have been smashed to smithereens in the last few days. Harry Frazec, Connie Mack's principal customer, has been notified that he would have to struggle along without the services of Jack Barry, Ernie Shore, Mike McNally, Chick Shorten, Del Gainer and Herb Pennock and now is doping out a scheme to patch up the vacant spots.

Of course, Jack Barry will have to step out of his job as manager for the duration of the war, and a tip comes from Beantown that Dick Hoblitzell will be offered the position. This has not heen announced as yet, but it is safe to state that he will be the new pilot in a couple of days.



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Hoblitzel recently was permitted to leave a hospital in Cincinnati, where he had undergone a difficult operation. He is now convalescing at his home there and probably will meet Harry Fraze of the Red Sox at the schedule meeting of the Red Sox at the schedule meeting of the American League in New York on February 14.

A strange part about Hobby's operation is that he decided to go through with it to enable him to enter the detail service in the army. The proffer of the temporary management of the Boston team may cause him to change his mind.

Hoblitzell will continue at first base for Boston, and Stuffy McInnis, the Athleictics' old first baseman, will be shifted to second. While McInnis has won most of his fame as a first baseman he originally came into the American he decided to second. While McInnis has won most of his fame as a first baseman he originally came into the American he decided to second. While McInnis has won most of his fame as a first baseman he originally came into the American he originally came into the American he for his first string pitchers.

DICK HOBLITZELL

McPherson of Maneto, topped Art Elliott's three-game score by thirty-sky pins. His local was 693 for three games.

Main Office, of the American Ice League of the Collins, Barry and McInnis—will base heat three members of Mack's famous \$100,000 in Reld—Collins, Barry and McInnis—will base heat season. Barry will play second base next season. Barry will play second base next season. Barry will play for a navy team.

Despite the inroads which the war has made on the Red Sox, Hoblitzell will be able to put a ratching good team on the field next season. He will have be able to put a ratching good team on the field next season. He will have will have be able to put a ratching good team on the field next season and Gard, Ruth, leave the commendance out Mulford by one game bace of McIncis and Gard, Called and Gard and Gard and Gard and Gard a

But let's get back to the lost story. When Connie shunted his stars to Bos-ton for so much per star and canned some of the goofs to the minor leagues,

Ferocious Fredward Not spored another victory over baseball, Keen About Keeping His

Date in New Orleans

LYNCH'S OPPORTUNITY

By BILL BELL

Fredward Fulton does not seem to be highly enthused over his coming batte with Frank Moran in New Orleans, February 22. The ferocious one is thinking seriously of forsaking the sunny south for Donner and asked that the February 22. The ferocious one is think-ing seriously of forsaking the sunny south for Denver and asked that the cene of battle be shifted to the West-NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Oliver E. orn city. Moran, however, refused to do this, saying that all arrangements already have been made and the fight It would not be at all surprising if Fulton decides at the last moment not to keep his date with Moran on the two other occasions. The heavyweight title claimant likes to meet the soft His Last Appearance

Billy Kelly is certain he has the notedle-weight champion in Chuck Wiggird Indianapolis, Chuck weights 152 pound is anxious to argue with the 1 sotchers. He is seeking a bout with 2 arron or K. O. Lauzhlin. Patsy Cline and Johnny Dunder have been matched twenty rounds in New Orleans on behruary 12. The bout will be a de-

Hits Into Double Play

Harry let two bad ones slide by and then took a mighty swing. He hit the ball on the nose and sent it to the left of the second baseman. It looks like a sure safety, but Fritz Maisel made a sensational stop, but Schaus at account sure safety, but Fritz Malsel made a sensational stop, got Schang at second and the ball was relayed to first in time to nip Davis by a step. The double play retired the side and to this day Harry blames everything on the guy who stole his bat. Had he been swinging the old war club, which was one inch longer, the ball would have been knocked into Kensington or some place, be claims.

The Yankees won the game in the fifteenth inning when they shoved a mir of runs across the pan. Harry Davis was the originator of the reverse steal in baseball and caused the rules to be changed. In one game he reached second and in order to / worry the pitcher, stole first move had the desired effect.

Notes of the Bowlers

Jim Guest, of the Wyndham team. Quaker City League, gave one of the greatest pin-scattering exhibitions ever witnessed on a local bowling alley when he felled the pins for 247, 227 and 242 in three games, getting a total of 116 pins. His wonderful achievement not only gave him the high individual honors, but, in addition, his total was almost equal to one-third of the total score made by his teammates, their three rollings netting them the magnificent sum of 2114.

RICE'S SELECTION OF MASTER MOUNDSMAN BRINGS ON GREAT DEBATE WITH THE FAN FOLK

FROM GAME Straw Plebiscite in Form of Mail Vote Shows Many Favoring Cy Young and Walter Johnson Over Matty as All-Time Star Mack's Right Bower Will

By GRANTLAND RICE

HARRY DAVIS

MAKES EXIT

Devote Time to Business

and led the American League in home

in 1902 led the league in two baggers

when he rapped out forty-three. In 1995 he gathered forty-seven and in 1997 came through with thirty-seven.

That's some record for extra-base clouts.

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
Another good story was spoiled last night when Harry Davis, common councillman from the Twenty-eighth Ward, president of the Sterling Iron and Steel Company and assistant manager, captain and scout extraordinary of the Athleties ball club decided to step out of baseball and devote his entire time to common counciling and taking care of his customers who need iron and steel Harry left Comple and Connie is not sore at Connie and Connie is not sore at Harry. They are the best of friends; they did not go to the mat after a scrap or anything like that. Davis quit just because his business was growing so rapidly that he didn't have that. Christy Mathewson has done from 1961, the mame of the ali-star pitcher brought on the greatest his sturred in the field. The Connie is not sore at Connie and Connie is not sore at Connie and Connie is not sore and control to the mat after a scrap or anything like that. Davis quit just because his business was growing so rapidly that he didn't have the time to devote to baseball.

But let's get back to the lost story, when Connie shunted his stars to Bos-

Would Young and Johnson, minus speed, still be winning factors? Mathewson also did an enormous amount of work that was never registered. Day after day he had to warm up in order to be able to relieve some faltering mate. He did much more of this work than either Johnson or Young. In 1998 Mathewson worked almost every other day for the last few weeks. He was not Ed Walsh's equal in this respect, but for all that his burden was heavy. In naming this selection there was a wide discrepancy. Some of the oldtimers stood by Radbourne. A few named Amos Rusie. But in the main the votes were cust for Cy Young and Walter Johnson, with Ed Walsh and Alexander also named. it was hinted that Davis would return to the game and play first base next season. Harry was about the only player left, and it was thought he would fill in at the initial sack until some one was procured. Although the ripe old age of forty-five, Harry still is very active and able to play a good game of baseball. Every one was anxious to see how he would come out, but now the stuff is off. Thus Big Business has scored another victory over baseball.

Played Many Parts

Harry was one of the unique character was not considered and Boston—West and East—to show he could meet any change, Worked was hinted that Davis would return

land and Boston—West and East—to show he could meet any change, Worked with pennant winners and with losing teams, but was always a star.

For Johnson—Has been handicapped most of the time by a weak club, but in spite of this, did wonderful work. Had more speed and was harder to hit than any other. Would have made an even more remarkable record if he hid been with the Giants, as Matty was. With a strong club back of him unbeatable.

self useful at all times and his easy-going methods earned him the name of "Jasper" among the players. Harry was a great hitter in his day runs for four straight seasons. In 1964 he had ten circuit swats, eight in 1205, twelve in 1306 and seven in 1907. He could hit 'em a mile in those days and

Out of the entire army it was almost universally voted that Wagner stands as the all-time king of fielders, with Cobb the all-time king of outfielders, batting and baserunning being used to was. With a strong club back of him to get a few runs would have been unbeatable. Young, Johnson and Matty There is so much to be said in favor of all three men that no definite proof gate than any other ball players. batting and baserunning being used to sum up the complete account. These two stand beyond any and all challenging. One is the most useful infielder that ever lived; the other them they have drawn in more money at the of all three men that no definite proof gate than any other ball players.

Four men on the all-star line were absolutely undisputed. They were Hans Wagner at short, and Cobb, Speaker and Keeler for the outfield.

There were those who believed that Chase should displace Tenny and that Lajoie should displace Tenny and that Lajoie should displace Eddie Collins. Also that Kling or Mike Kelly or Bresnahan should displace Buck Ewing. But Wagner, Cobb, Epeaker and Keeler stood unchallenged all the way.

The Undisputed

unchallenged all the way,

The Two Leaders

ELWELL, WITH 78, WINS

1916 World's Series Games to Be Replayed This Spring

The world's series of 1916 will be re-produced for the New Orleans baseball fans in April. The Boston Red Sox and the Brocklyn Dodgers are going to hook up in the Crescent City in a series of training rip games. Both teams will make long imms in order to participate. The Brooklyn Ciub trains in Florida, the Red Sox at Hot Springs.

He played in one game last year and just missed being a hero by one inch. It was in the thirteenth inning of a scoreless game with the New York Yankees, played at Shibe Park on May RISBERG AND KOPF HOLD

20. Both teams were playing wonderful ball, the pitchers were going good and the batters were a path from the home plate to the bench. Connie was anxious to grab that game and inserted new

"How do you feel. Harry?" he asked.
"Can you hit for Jing?"
Davis rushed to the bat pile and searched for his old bat. It was not there, but he grabbed the longest one in the bunch and strode up to the plate. The Yankees were surprised and Love couldn't believe his eyes. No one expected Harry to take an active part in the contest any more than Comic Mack. But he pitched to the veteran and the crowd—the largest of last reason—sat Cardinals, 37,000 boys were admitted to championship games played on the home grounds by the Cardinals last season. It had been planned to still further increase the membership this season.

The boys occupied geats in the fifty-cent covered stand and for each admission over a certain number—equivalent to the average pass list at other parks— a charge of twelve and one-half cents crowd—the largest of last reason—sat back and breathlessly watched the outfor each boy was paid to visiting clubs. On a basis of last year's attendance of Knotholers, plus the five-cent war tax, the Cardinal Idea would cost the

Baskethall Games Tonight

club more than \$5000.

Two of the many local baskethall is will be in action tonight. The North Church Association's names at First I hall are between Bethany and Schreider and Covenant and Olivet-Cover The inter two are tied for first, neither ing lost a game in the second half of schedule. The other leasus in action the newly organized National, which at St. Timothy's Hall, the games being ton Boys' Club against Junio Boys' and Ardeniaes Juniors against Foutch.

QUALIFYING MEDAL

Veteran Walter Fairbanks Second in Big Golf Tourney at Palm Beach

PALM BEACH, Fig., Jan. 29.-The annual Lake Worth golf tournament

It was with a total of 91.

It was with keen regret that the many players and spectators saw Walter d. Travis sitting on the clubhouse veranda instead of being among the contestants. The event hardly seemed the same without Travis, who so long and so about defended the championship of the Palm Beach club. Summaries:

FIRST SIXTEEN

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J. B. Elwell, Apawamis, 78; Walter Fairbanks, Denver, 80; Paul Clifford, Brasburg, 82; George Wright, Hoston, W. G. Barnes, Englewood, S.; W. Houter, 16; Market, 16; Marke

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