

OLD STARS OF THE DIAMOND REFUSE TO FALL AND EXPECT TO SHINE AGAIN THIS YEAR

OLD-TIMERS WILL HAVE SWELL CHANCE TO ESTABLISH CLAIMS AS COME-BACK KIDS NEXT YEAR

Oldring's Rumored Reincarnation Suggests Possible Reappearance of Other Antiques, Including Lajoie, Crawford and Carrigan

BASEBALL managers, owners, scouts, office boys and every one connected with the grand old national game are on a still hunt for perfectly good players to decorate the diamond this year. Bushers are out of the question because of their tender age, which makes them easy victims for the draft. Therefore the loyal searchers have closely scrutinized the footprints on the sands of time and several of the inactive members of the "gone but not forgotten" league have been asked to come back again and lumber up their aged and stiffened joints.

Connie Mack was on a still hunt and stumbled over the imprint of Rube Oldring's classic hoof. This was a pleasant surprise to our Connie and, according to the unverified story, Reuben was flitted with. Now it is said that he will be among us this summer, playing his old position in front of the gang in the left field bleachers. Traces were found of Beals Becker, the old Philly slugger; Davy Altizer, Bill Carrigan, Eddie Plank, Larry Lajoie, Bill Stumpf, Sam Crawford, Hans Wagner and many others. They are not considered too aged or infirm to do their duty on the ball field, and if they don't trip over their whiskers or stumble over their crutches the old names will be seen again in the regular line-ups.

The return of Rube Oldring is of considerable importance to local fandom. The Jersey farmer always has been a popular person at Shibe Park and his many friends will be glad to see him come back. Rube became disgusted with baseball, himself and other things on June 29, 1916, and quit the game. He was playing on a tail-end club and couldn't get going. He remained on his farm until July 13, when the Yankees sought his services. Two of their star outfielders had been injured, the club was in the race for the pennant and Rube consented to return to the game. He finished the season, but his work was not satisfactory to himself and he announced his retirement for good last year.

OLDRING contracted a bad cold in May, 1916, when he played in New York. He won two games for the A's with his timely hitting and on the western trip seemed to have gone to pieces. He dropped fly balls, couldn't run or hit and became so discouraged that he turned in his suit. He has been taking good care of himself on the farm and if he plays with the Athletics this year no doubt he will give a good account of himself. He will be the only remaining member of the famous Mack machine.

Bill Carrigan Said to Be Next Red Sox Manager NOW we come to Bill Carrigan, who piloted the Red Sox to the world's championship in 1915. Bill eased himself out of baseball last year and turned a deaf ear to offers of \$25,000 or more to come back to his old job. He wanted to run his banking business in Lewiston, Me., and baseball was furthest from his thoughts. Things are different now, however, as Jack Barry, his successor, is in the navy and will not be given a furlough to manage the club. That means Harry Frazee must fill the vacancy, and Carrigan is the logical man. In fact, Bill has stated that he would entertain a proposition to take over the job, but Frazee is not talking for publication. If he is negotiating with Carrigan it is a deep secret.

There is one thing certain, however, and that is Bill will be the real boss if he signs a contract for 1918. He does not care to be annoyed throughout the season by directors and the club owner. He wants to work things out in his own sweet way and will stand or fall on his reputation. Carrigan quit the game after the world series in 1916 because Joe Lannin, president of the Sox, was on his neck most of the time. Lannin was too much of a fan and was always making suggestions which interfered with him. President Joe meant well, but he soon got on his manager's nerves and this had much to do with Carrigan's decision to retire.

If the old pilot comes back to lead the Red Sox he probably will join the bench managers. He has played long enough and the joys of training do not appeal to him. Anyway, he has Wally Schang and four other backstops to call upon and he will not be needed as a player.

DICK HOBLITZELL and Stuffy McInnis also have been mentioned as Barry's successors, but this has not passed the conversational stage. Carrigan will get the job if he wants it, for the Boston fans are delighted with the news. Bill is quite popular with the routers.

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Becker has had as varied a career in the big leagues as has Buck Herzog, and he ought to have the confidence of familiarity with his surroundings if he does come back, for he has played twice with Cincinnati and one time each with the Braves, the Giants and the Phils. Weighman is pennant hunting this year, and the fact that Becker got in on two world's series pursues may have something to do with his reported chance to join the Portknot outfit.

EDDIE PLANK and Sam Crawford are two of the real Methuselahs of the sport who may resume activities. The former is expected to report to the Yankees and the latter is stated to be desired by teams in both leagues.

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Honus may be getting old, but he is not losing his eyesight as yet, and even an inmate of an asylum for the sightless is able to dimly discern at least a few interesting Pittsburgh baseball facts. Managing the Smoke-town team also means managing the most difficult club owner in the business, and the amiable Dutchman has no ambition in the scrappy managerial part. Particularly since attaining the matrimonial state does the veteran performer, who has been the main diamond works in western Pennsylvania for the last seventeen years, prefer the fireside and the carpet slippers, and Dreyfus will doubtless have to loosen up more than ever before if the old charger is to do any more prancing.

There is no doubt whatever, however, that Dreyfus wants Honus in the cast this year, and also there is about as little doubt that some other big league team would extend him the courtesy of a tryout if he wanted it.

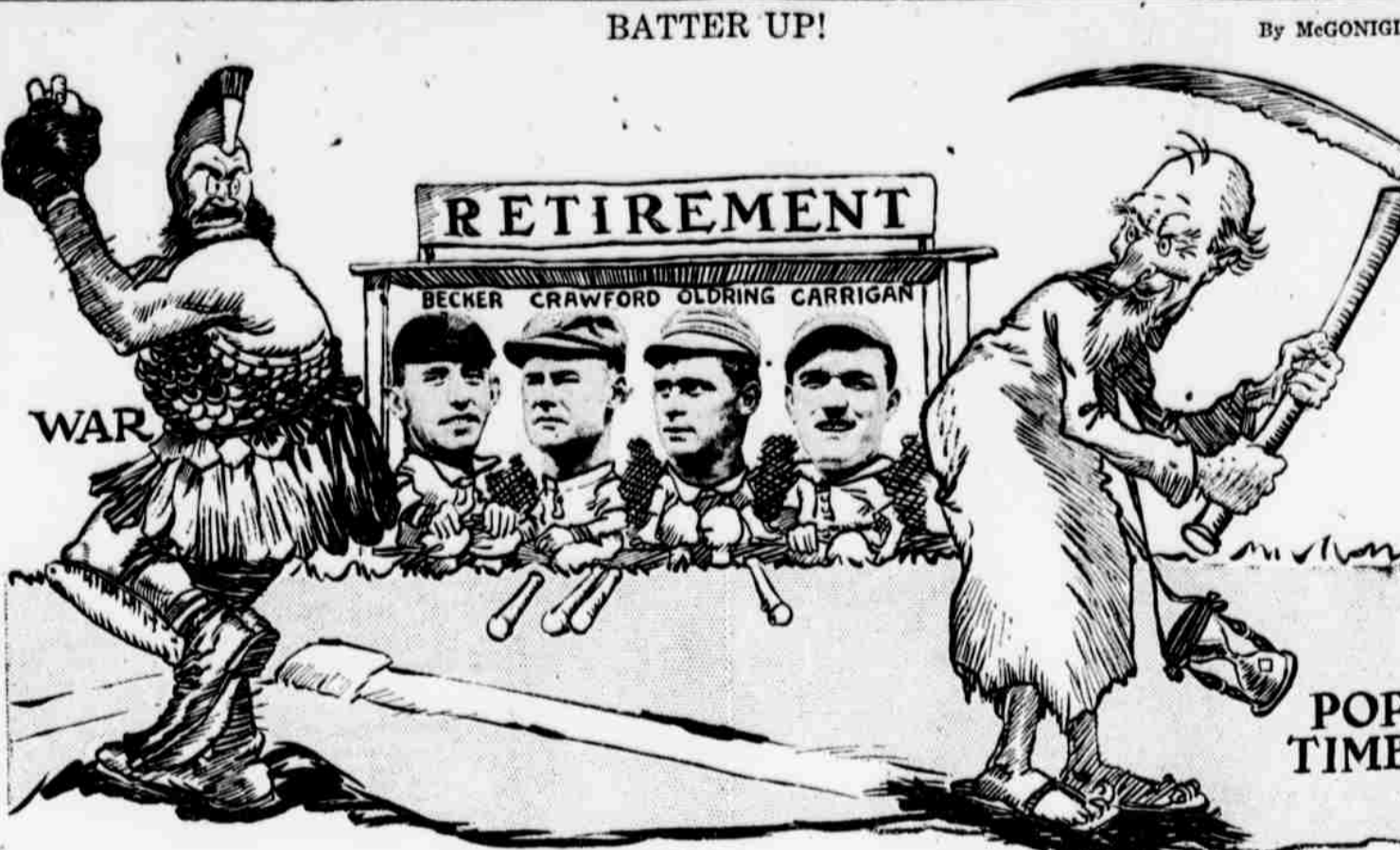
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With either of the above clubs the great player might yet attain the dream of his wonderful career—that of playing with a big league pennant winner and in a world's series. For twenty-one years the now prosperous Ohio farmer dreamed his little dream annually and saw the rose petals fall each autumn. In a qualified way, however, the vision came through last year, when he piloted a minor league outfit to first place. Only one other time did he have a real chance of coping his dream, and that was in 1908, when after a heart-breaking finish down the stretch he was noosed out as Cleveland jockey by the fast sprinting Hughie Jennings.

THE big Frenchman always will be fondly remembered by Philadelphia ball fans, no matter where he goes or what his fate, for it was in this city he started and ended his big league diamond career. And it was during his initial stay with the Phils that he took part in the making of some of the game's most notable history when he jumped during the baseball war in 1901 and landed with the Athletics, precipitating heated litigation that found him eventually in Cleveland.

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PENN LEAVES FOR CORNELL TONIGHT

Quaker Cage Five in Crucial Battle With Sharpe's Team Tomorrow

Penn's basketball players, imbued with the confidence that has come with three straight league triumphs, leave tonight for Ithaca to go through their first real test of the season. The Red and Blue squads Cornell tomorrow afternoon and upon the result of the game hinges the leadership of the Intercollegiate League.

ROBESON GREAT ATHLETE

Cornell showed a great burst of speed against Princeton at Ithaca and beat the Tigers out of the barrels in the last few minutes of their engagement. Sharpe's team is the dark horse of the league and, although the pennant will not be decided in the game tomorrow, a triumph for Penn would give the Red and Blue a great advantage in the league race.

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FRANK SHEA, SENSATIONAL PITT RUNNER, IS MEADOWBROOK ENTRY

Conqueror of Meredith Is Self-Supporting Student and Popular With His College Mates

FRANK J. SHEA, the sensational runner of the University of Pittsburgh, will compete in the annual games of the Meadowbrook Club, which will be held in the Second Regiment Armory, Broad and Susquehanna avenues, March 8-9. The Snook City entry will be among the starters in the special 220-yard dash, in addition to running on the University of Pittsburgh one-mile relay team.

SAINTS MAY WIN PENNANT TONIGHT

One of Manager Jim Coffey's ambitions may be realized tonight at Traymore Hall, when his St. Columbia team meets Girard Alumni in an American Baseball League contest. Coffey has worked long and hard this season, with the American League championship as his goal, and a victory tonight will assure his club the pennant.

Notes of the Bowlers

Finding the pins to his liking, Charlie Traylor, of the best local bowlers, only carried his equal to victory over the Wilmington team, in the Quaker City League, by a score of 200 pins, but he himself is a terrifically good bowler, for he has won over a total of 700 in his three games and by doing so earned first place in the high series for the week. Bill Brown, the Quaker City bowler, finished second with 619, Fox, St. Columba, with 610, and Tommie, Quaker City, with 609.

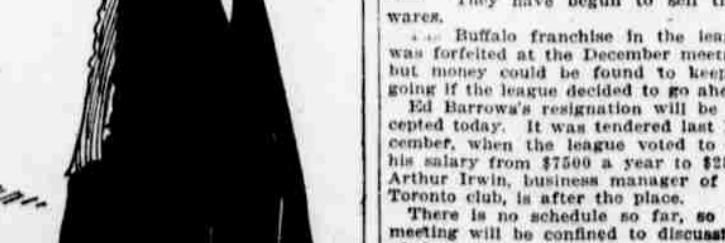
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INTERNATIONAL WILL DECIDE FATE TODAY

Minor Circuit May Take the Count at Important Meeting in New York NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—There may be one minor league less, so far as actual ball playing is concerned, when the International League hares its family history today. Indications are that the old International, which has suffered more than any of the small organizations, will naturally turn its little pink toes to the dust and pass away for a while.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



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By McGONIGLE

BATTER UP!

FRANKIE CALLAHAN'S EVENING AT THE NATIONAL IS SPOILED WHEN "SET-UP" REFUSES TO "SET"

Brooklyn Mauler Surprised When Terry McGovern Gives Him a Tough Battle and Lasts Six Rounds Instead of Six Seconds

Wising Up on the Secret

YOU never can tell what will happen in a boxing contest these days. The granddaddy is as uncertain as the P. R. T., and the guy who lays his odds according to his own judgment has as much chance to retire on a fortune as the merchant who sells cushions at Shibe Park. It's all wrong, Maxwvrs, everything goes through with a liberal touch of reverse English and the best-laid plans are strangled while in the womb.

Terry Surprises Frankie

But they were all wrong. Terry walked into the ring with all of the nervousness of a star brawler about to declare war on a big streak, and not only stood up and every minute of the six rounds, but also handled Mr. Callahan the surprise of his young life. This does not mean that McGovern won the bout. He didn't. He finished a poor second, so far as the box score is concerned, but Frankie from Brooklyn was foiled in his attempt to rock Terry to sleep.

Victory Over Girard Will Assure St. Columbia of American League Title

HANCOCK PLAYS B. B. I.

A victory tonight for Hancock, the runners-up, over Brotherhood of Beth Israel and a defeat for St. Columbia will put the Hancock team within two games of the league leaders and give it a chance to tie the league race.

Tendler and Touhey

Lonnie Tendler will collide with Tommy Touhey, of Paterson, N. J., in the final at the Olympia tonight, and, although the bout looks like a cinch for Tendler, the Paterson boy may cross the dome as a McGovern. Lew is going good these days and is the most popular boxer in the city. He has a large following and his wins are always pleasing.

Bobby's New Scheme

Bobby Gummie, founder of the boxing glove fund, has interested Harry Edwards in the project and an effort will be made to start a new fund to supply all of the army and navy contingents in the country. With this object in view, Mr. Edwards will entertain in boxing writers and leading men in the fistle game at a dinner at the Hotel Walton on February 21. Suggestions

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