

PROPRIATING BALLS HIT INTO STANDS THIS YEAR MAY CAUSE PRO-GERMAN CHARGES

SAVE BASEBALLS AND HELP WIN WAR AS SLOGAN MAY AID SOME AND ALSO HELP FANS' MANNERS

Three Valuable Military Products Would Be Conserved if the Balls Knocked Into Stands Were Returned for Further Use

THERE is anything in habit created by interest suggesting the American public should be the best little conservator that history has produced. Every branch of the thrift process in the interest of war...

The suggestion now is made—and it is no joke—that it may be emphasized to the fan flock the coming season—conspicuously displayed on placards in big league ball yards—that a nail may be pulled out of the Hindenburg statue and the Hun sent more quickly to the fench by handing back balls batted into the stands instead of playfully concealing them on the person.

So that when the coming season is well under way it is not at all unlikely that a new test of patriotism will be made. Those attempting to follow tradition may find themselves classed as slackers or positively pro-German.

RUBBER formerly was a prime element in baseball-making, but the use of the elastic stuff has been reduced of late, for two reasons, perhaps. It now costs too much and cork has been found a reliable and cheaper substitute.

Yarn the Chief Article to Be Conserved YARN is one of the most needed articles of war use, as it can be made into sweaters, helmets, socks, wristlets, etc.

Horsehide is a valuable war product and the difficulty of obtaining fine grades is becoming greater as the war progresses. And while horsehide is not a direct war essential now, it counts, for it is available for the manufacture of shoes and can be utilized to relieve the shortage in the supply of ordinary shoe leather, which is getting scarcer daily.

So that if the patrons of major league games the coming season are confronted with placards reminding them to "Save Baseballs and Help Win the War" they need be neither surprised nor shocked nor even amused.

THERE is no more reason for a patron at a ball game appropriating a baseball than any other property of like value belonging to a club, and if the proposed economy can reform the code of etiquette or the moral perception of big league audiences as it relates to the property rights of ball clubs it will have done a good deed.

Managing Owner Toughest Job at Pittsburgh THE perplexities of managing the Pirates under the censorship of Magnate Barney Dreyfus are well illustrated by a peculiar situation with two angles now prevailing in Smoketown baseball circles.

The second angle of the predicament of the Pirate chief at present is to be found in the case of First Baseman Vic Sauer. Dreyfus is claiming the services of the player from the Cubs via the waiver route but according to the facts as reported he has about as much ground for his claim as he has that Mammaux's contract has attracted widespread attention, the idea as best it can be gathered seeming to be that he had the right to trade the player, but that the latter was not entitled to protection on his contract for 1918.

Roger Bresnahan, the astute pilot of the Toledo club of the American Association, wants the player and is so set on nabbing him that he is reported to have tendered the crippled star the biggest salary ever offered in that circuit, the figures being placed at \$4,000.

THE facts in the case are correctly stated, Sauer undoubtedly is a free agent, in which case he either can play in the minors at a fat salary or can force a higher bidding bout between the Cubs and the Pirates. In a financial combat between the Cubs and Pirates there is virtually no problem as to whose the player would land.

Ancient Tennis Master Re-enters the Lists AFTER carefully scanning the sport sections of the current press, especially that part relating to baseball, Beals C. Wright, ancient and honorable tennis shark, lifts up his voice to announce that he is unable to see why there is not just as good an opportunity in the net pastime for the veteran as in the diamond sport.

THE return of Beals Wright to the lists doubtless will serve as a stimulus to many other old-timers to come out of their retirement and mix with the juvenile element in the effort to prove the superiority of the old game as played by old masters over the present variety of play.

Mathewson Seeking Trade for Two Twirlers PITCHERS Tony and Eller signed for military duty. Charles Mathewson, manager of the Cincinnati Nationals, is making a big drive to two star pitchers at the National League meeting.

Jack Hendricks Also Wants Larry Lajoie HENDRICKS, manager of the Cardinals, has let it be known that he wants Napoleon Lajoie to play second base for the Knobholers the ensuing season.

Willie Connor, the Pirates' pitcher is a hotshot according to Pittsburgh reports. Connor offered Jim in the contract sent by President Barney Dreyfus.

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WILLARD WILL FIGHT DEMPSEY OR FULTON Heavyweight Champion Says He'll Meet Winner in Ten-Round Bout

KANSAS CITY Mo., Feb. 12. Jess Willard will fight the winner of a Fred Fulton-Jack Dempsey match on Monday night at the Madison Square Garden.

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BOBBY QUINN DECLARES BONUS SHOULD BE RULED FROM GAME AS BREEDER OF TEAM DISCORD Urges Baseball Commission to Act to Save Club From Suffering at Hands of "Sore" and Trouble-Making Players

BOBBY QUINN, business manager of the Browns, has declared war on the bonus. He has announced that he won't regain his composure until he has seen the "influencer" legislated out of baseball.

QUINN'S remarks about the bonus were brought out during a recent discussion of 1918 salaries. It is generally understood that managers are signing wages all along the line under cover of "extraordinary conditions" in the national pastime.

THE bonus system has been suggested as the logical alleviation for disgruntled players. Thus, it was figured if a player was tendered a lower contract, a clause might be inserted providing a bonus reward if the player batted above a stipulated figure.

QUINN doesn't believe the bonus will solve the wage problem, but it is his opinion that it will create more disgruntled players than otherwise would exist.

QUINN makes for individualism and decries the system of team salaries. "I can't tell me that a pitcher or batter who is striving for a \$500 bonus or whatever it may be—will not subordinate the interests of his team to those of his own."

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PENN NOW FAVORITE FOR THE CAGE TITLE Victory Over Cornell by 21 to 18 Gives Quakers Edge in Race

Penn's basketball team sprinted out to a good lead in the Intercollegiate basketball race last night by defeating Cornell at Ithaca by 21-18, and the victory not only gives the Quakers a comfortable edge, but makes them the odds-on favorite for the championship.

COACH Jourd'art's men have played only four games and the schedule calls for ten, but even at this early date they look like the best combination in the league, especially since Captain Lew Martin is back in the fray and playing in his old-time form.

THE most pleasing part of the Penn victory was that the Quakers won on field goals and not on fouls. Ten baskets were tossed through the net by Jourd'art's pupils, while only eight were made by the Ithacans.

ANDY Stannard and Martin were the heroes of the game for the Quakers. The former was all over the court and completely baffled the Ithacans by his speedy play. He chipped four field goals.

IT was decided at the last minute to play Martin, who had been on the sidelines for some time due to an injury received in the first game of the season.

COLUMBIA scored another victory over Dartmouth and advanced to a tie for third place in the league standing with Princeton. The New Yorkers' 22-18 win over the New Englanders was the fourth straight defeat for the Green and the thirteenth reverse of the season.

THE Veteran Athletes of Philadelphia, an organization composed of those who competed in amateur athletics or were prominently identified with amateur sports prior to 1915, held their annual gathering last night at the Arcadia Cafe.

THE fond hopes which Philadelphia tennis players have cherished for some time, that of having one of their brethren elected to the presidency of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, may be realized when the delegates to the national association hold their annual meeting Friday in the Waldorf-Astoria, New York.

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NEW SET OF ADMISSION PRICES TO BE ADOPTED AT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SOLONS Fans, as Usual, Will Pay Freight in Fees and War Tax—Moran Closes Deal, Getting Pitcher Hogg for Cooper and Fittery

Table with columns for 'AT HOME' and 'ON THE ROAD' listing dates and venues for National League Solons.

Hogg Deal Closed Pat Moran, the big fisherman of Pittsburgh, has closed a deal with the Philadelphia team. He has secured the services of pitcher Hogg for Cooper and Fittery.

Griffith Changes Plans The Philadelphia team has changed its plans for the coming season. Griffith has decided to trade Hogg to the Athletics.

Moran Acquires 'Spitter' Moran has acquired a new pitcher, 'Spitter', from the Athletics. He is expected to be a valuable asset to the team.

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