EORGE STALLINGS ALSO IS MASTER WRECKER OF WORLD-BEATING BASEBALL MACHINER

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT

RICKEY BACKS BAKER IN PLAN TO SUPPLANT MEN NOT WILLING TO ABIDE WARTIME CONDITIONS

Cardinal Chieftain Declares Holdouts Positively Will Be Replaced and Starts on Extended Hunt for New Material

HE warming up of the forces for the titanic fray on the western front in France has nothing on the preliminaries to the impending baseball cas in this country between managers and players. And just as abroad, oth sides are fighting a defensive battle for existence; at least, such is

The players who are now holding out and who are charged with framing p an informal club to secure the value of organized effort charge, and charge freely, that their home preserves were invaded with fire and sword in the form of an understanding reached by the magnates during the winter that all baseball prices this season, excepting admissions, were to be revised downward. Such an agreement, however informal, they declare, is against the code of civilized warfare and corresponds to dropping bombs on women and children and bombarding hospitals.

It was intimated by Branch Rickey that the Players' Fraternity was behind the newly reported player combine, this impression perhaps growing out of the fact that the organization showed a flash of existence by forcing Mogul Frazee to come across with the past due salary demand of a member of the now defunct ofder. This fact is denied by Dave Fultz; but this is another story, as Friend Kip would say, and is incidental only to the main narrative.

In any event, whether the players formally have combined or not, it is plain that they are holding out in individual groups at least, and it also is plain that they consider such a step justified in the game of warfare which they claim has been forced upon them. The clubs affected perhaps more than any others are the Giants and the Cardinals, where concerted holding out seems certain.

DESPITE optimistic reports some time back, McGraw has his biggest stars yet to sign. His three leading pitchers are announced rebels, as is Captain Fletcher and Burns and Robertson, the remainder of his outfield if Kauff goes to war. Besides the Hornsby case, Rickey confronts a mutiny which includes his entire outfield, consisting of Cruise, Jack Smith and Long.

Rickey Follows Baker in Holdout Policy

Baker was the first club chief to flatly announce a policy of going ahead despite player salary objection and of supplanting these who failed to adapt themselves to present-year conditions. Branch Rickey now comes out with a flat foot on the same platform, and his remarks are construed to mean Rogers Hornsby and the rest of the unregenerate. He declares that he will be in a position by the opening of the season to fill any gaps in the make-up, and he backs the assertion by starting on a visit to Chicago and Cincinnati in a chase for new players.

The St. Louis highbrow stands upon plausible ground, which he defines in the following well-chosen language:

"I do not expect several of the 1917 Cardinals to be with the club during the coming season. As a result, I am trying to find players to fill their places. I do not expect to get talent just as good as the players ! refer to, but I will do the best I can, and I am positive the public will agree with me in such a course.

"Casting aside all personal references, it is plainly apparent that some of the players do not appreciate the extraordinary conditions existing in baseball. This does not apply alone to the Cardinals.

"I have tried to be fair with all parties. I have offered the best I felt stified in paying and I can do nothing further in the matter. If they do not feel disposed to come in at a reasonable price under war conditions, the next best thing to do is to find substitutes for them."

THE Card president states further that the public scenes to be in I the same boat with the players to this extent; it does not apparently realize the urgent necessity of retrenchment along all lines if the game is to come through during wartines. He also states positively that Hornsby will not be sold under any conditions.

Stallings Also Is Master Machine Wrecker

ABOUT the only title that has been handed Connie Mack of late is that of undisputed champion in the art of wrecking world-beating baseball outfits. All accounts have it that nobody even was in the class of the astute "A" magnate for ruthlessness in the respect named, come having gone so far as to say that Connie did the job with the same degree of glee and eclat as a German spy dropping a monkey wrench into a delicate piece of machinery. Candor compels the admission that Connie has a competitor and that

the same is none other than your Uncle George Stailings, whose catalogue of faces for the coming season resembles the celebrated 1914 outfit that hazed the Glants and then the Mackmen fully as much as a Russian unit of the vintage of 1914 does one of the Bolshevik variety. The 1918 cast, in fact, is minus all but two of the notable visages that decorated the once whiriwind squad. These are the smiling countenance of Red Smith and the wry face of Dick Rudolph, who declares that he declines to accept a trading stamp contract.

The noted team's line-up included Rudolph, Tyler, Cruther, Davis, Cocreham, Hess, Strand, Gowdy, Whaling, Schmidt, Evers, Maranville, Smith, Deal, Connelly, Cather, Devore, Gilbert, Mann, Moran, Whitted, Martin, Dugey and James. One by one the stars slipped through the fingers of Stallings like the sand that runs in the hour-glass. Some went by trade, others were sold and still others resigned.

THERE is at least a chance of one more of the great squag coming back this year, according to report, which states that Bill James has asked for a contract and is willing to come all the way from California to prove that he yet has the well-known game of his life concealed in the old soup bone.

Pitcher Who Killed Johnny Dodge Holding Out FRITZ MAISEL is reported to have signed a Brown contract and word

has it that Fielder Jones's troubles have been reduced to worrying with holdouts Hank Severeid, Lee Magee and Coast Outfielder Ken Williams. This news does not at all dovetall into the reports from Gallatin, Tenn.,

the spot made famous as having perpetrated Hub Purdue. Not that Hub is among those seasoned players proposing another life on earth this season, The original Gallatin Squash now is satisfied to case himself down pitching on some Southern League team near home, where he can get back to the calves and the pigs on Sundays and some whole week-ends. The news relates to Hub's protege, Southern League leading right-

hander in 1916, who was carried by the Browns last season, but had little opportunity on account of an injured arm. Rogers almost is as sore as Ping Bodie. He, too, finds that modern managers are wearing the cash register in the wrong place. Rogers absolutely is positive that with the ouragement of a nice contract this season he would pitch the game of

One tragic event figured in Rogers's big season in the Southern while helping Manager Roy Ellam, Conshohocken boy, win a pennant for Nashville. Johnny Dodge, former Cincinnati shortstop, playing then for Mobile. tapped into one of Rogers's fast ones, received it in the temple and died

IT WOULD seem as if the Browns would give the pitcher another chance on his 1916 record, for that year the now holdout won twenty-four games. Last season he almost broke even with the Browns, winning five and losing six games.

Hendricks Refused to Bite on the Return Trip

CCORDING to a Boston scribe, players in the Red Sox outfit are ined to wonder why Jack Hendricks did not grab Pitcher Dan Tipple. tly let out by the Yanks. Attention is called to the fact that Tipple rly played for Hendricks at Indianapolis.

There probably were many good reasons why Hendricks failed to claim mer employe, one of which being that he disposed of him for \$11,000 d the said Tipple proved to be one of the finest little gold bricks ever schased by the Yankees, and that is putting the proposition in stout

Evers Family Shows Up With Brother Athletic Team

THE McNichol family of athletes at Penn, the Brickleys at Harvard. he Lewises at Williams and others is added the Evers family of Troy. is not a college outfit at all, but it is a fast one and can bowl some stet is composed of the well-known John J., Joe, Tom, Mike and Ed. mble they made a good showing at the Troy Elks' Club a few

my is not the main works in the family athletic album just now, famous come-back he has staged in connecting with an-contract when it was supposed he was permanently inleague contract when it was supposed he was permanently incided, the youngest, is in the aviation service and is preparing to stuff on the Hun from varied angles. It is needless to observe an cause the German as much trouble as Johnny, is accustomed the unpleas he will be an assist bearest. Joe was present on a line of the rame and proved the value of military training



WHITTED LURED BY CHICAGO ROLL

COOKIE JAR

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Tale of \$250,000 in Real Money Pries Gawge Loose From Old Homestead

TROUBLE IS BREWING

Trouble is brewing in the National League and there is a chance that Charley Weeghman, the self-confessed proprietor of a \$250,000 bankroll, and William F. Baker, of the Phils, will go to the mat over the latest move made by Gawge Whitted, the snappy southerner, who now is in the city of high winds, to do a little personal trading with the boss of the Cubs.

As the poet has often remarked, straws show which way the hot air blows, and some of the baliny atmosphere must have permeated Gawge's old homestead down in Durham, N. C., wherever that has been were dropped off at the railroad station, for Whitted evidently has read of the threat of Weeghman's to spend money with a lavish hand, and the Phil outpost decided to get some first-hand information.

By PAUL PREP

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BILL M'KENTY TO GET TRY-OUT WITH PHILLIES THIS SEASON

Pat Moran Will Take Star Brown Prep Southpaw to St. Petersburg

Andrew Johnston and Jack Thomps eavyweights weighing more that sounds, will meet in the semiwind up.

Jack Weinstein has not been seen around the usual haunts since he heard the news of Reduc O'Reefe's gownfall in Hesten Friday night. Jack took the defeat very much to heart, but is suffering in silence.

Danny Buck, a fast-rising bantam of this

Nate Smith, popular house manager of the Oympia A. A., has taken under his man-agement Tominy Sheehan, of Chicago. Shee-han will servive in this city in a short while to take part in a few bouts at the Olympia. Sheehan boxed here a few years ago and sopped Joe Heffernan in five rounds.

Frankle Conifrey, the New York fireman who recently joined the naval reserves, would like to compete in a few houts before going "over there."

Fine New Booby Record Set

in Bowling at Cincinnati

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

The fog which surrounds the questified have an 'act" or, if it was not nent for a titular bout with Jess Willard should be cleared considerably by the two scraps scheduled for tonight between the four leading candidates for Andrew Johnston and Johnston two scraps scheduled for tonight be-tween the four leading candidates for the 'heavy' crown. Down in New Or-leans Freddle Fulton, the ferocious, will battle with Frankle Moran, the lion-hearted Pittsburgh blonde. Out in Mil-waukee Jack Dempsey, the Utah comet, who has been going like a house afire, swaps punches with Bill Brennan, the knockemout from Chicago.

Ferdinand is a 8-5 favorite over Mo-ran. After watching Moran go through his first workout on Saturday the betting odds receded and it is expected that the above will be the ringside figure. Dempsey is the favorite to win from Brennan, and if the advance stuff runs Comes a report from New York that Paul Doyle, the fast-rising weller, has broken with his manager, Scotty Monteith, Doyle claims that his former manager didn't pay much attention to him and refused to arrange any bouts for him. true to form he will be matched to meet the winner of the Fulton-Moran fight, the bout to take place in Milwaukee early

Lewis-Bartfield Tonight .

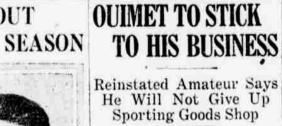
But why worry about the two heavy-weight scraps when right here in our home town Ted Kid Lewis and Soldier Bartfield will put on their little act in the final bout at the Olympia A. A.? Ac-cording to those who saw the final re-hearsal this act should make a "hit" with the patrons of the South Broad Lew Hunter, a brother of Danny Buck, wishes to meet all 116 to 118 bounders in this city. He has boxed such boys as Frankle Clark Joe Tuper, Whitey Fitager-ald and Wally Nelson. Mike O'Dowd, middleweight champion, meets Harry Greb in a ten-round, no-decision battle in St. Paul tonight. A \$15,000 gard is expected.

McKetrick, manager of Soldler Bartfield, has something to say about tonight's battle. He strenuously denies tonight's battle. He strenuously denies that his man will put on an act with Ted Lewis and predicts the fans will say after it is all over that it was one of the hardest scraps put on in this city, for some time. Dan has a reputation as a high-class, fair and square boxing manager and is anxious to maintain it. For that reason his views are printed

Fought Hard Battles

"Bartfield and Lewis have fought ome hard contests," writes McKetrick. In Buffalo, Toronto and Columbus the "In Buffalo, Toronto and Columbus the fistic scribes were unanimous in stating that the bout was the hardest fought in months. Buffalo scribes even went so far as to say that Bartfield and Lewis did much to save the game that was fast losing prestige through poor bouts. Surely these writers know something about boxing.

"I ask you to print this letter and let the fans deales for themselves on Montant and Columbus as to shether Lewis and Buffalous as to she the same that t



STANDS BY HIS PARTNER

By PETER PUTTER

FRANCIS OUTMET, the present westfirst American amateur to win the open title of this country, has accepted his reinstatement by the United States Golf Association at its annual meeting here without great clation. He says that he is not going to give up the sporting desert his partner, Jack Sullivan, who was barred as an amateur last year and who has not been reinstated with him.

Bargain Session Offered and Hancock quinters will be deadlocked for second place. If, on the other hand Y. M. H. A. wins and Port Richmon right at Traymore Hall

He gives his views in the current

ceived it means nothing. If I am to be reinstated, then, too, my partner must be. He is just as good as I am, and so truer amateur sportsman ever lived than 'Jack.' I will not desert him or leave him out in the cold. We will both come back together, without any 'ifs.' ands' or 'buts' or I don't come at all. I'd like to say what I think of the entire affair as it appears, but I guess it is better for me are made and the state of the like to say what I think of the entire affair as it appears, but I guess it is better for me are for the state of the same and has the honor of being the only team that succeeded in defeating St. Columba, and may surprise tonight. CHICAGO, Feb. 15 - President Charles Weegluman today denied re-

Not a Bit Enthused

Player

CITIES IN OHIO WILL

EXCHANGE BOXING 'TIPS'

sion for stalling or any other reason are to find the penalty affects them all over Ohio. Tips as to the physical condition of fighters also will be given,

Sports Served Short

Announcement was made that the Cleve-nd baseball club has purchased Outfielder role Farmer from the Portland club, of the actific Ceast League.

Hans Wagner, the grand old man of bases all, celebrated his forty-fourth birthday at a home in Carnegie, Pa. A banquet will be sid in his homer by the Stove League of litabursh later in the week.

At a meeting of the New York and New Jerney Cricket Association, it was said that it was doubtful if any Halifar cup matches with Philadelphia cievens would be played this year, because so many of the players are wearing kinal.

Brown and Amherst had a hot tussis in mining match at Providence, when it no team won by the close margin of nt, the score ending 27 to 26.

"I am not in the least bit enthused, as I have already said, and it may be narrow-mindedness and so forth, but those are my feelings.
"Indeed, though I did ask for reinand Manager Hendricks, of the St. Louis Cardinals, during the week to discuss trades, Weeghman may make another big offer for the services of Roger Hornsby.

statement, it was purely for the purpose of gratifying the wishes of my friends. As far as I myself was concerned, I would never have done so. T would have men satisfied to remain outside of the so-called pale of amateurism, knowing as I do the feelings of one who likes the game itself and not what it brings in the way of remuneration.

Jack Wolpert, the fast-rising flyweight of Lancaster, who was recently stopped in the second round at the National A. C. by Battling Armonia and the National A. C. by Battling with the Rattling person in the mear future. Pete Hartley, who meets Lew Tendler in the wind-up at the Olympia next Monday night, was defeated by Mel Coogan in a treelver-round beut to a decision in Woomscheel, B. I., Saturday night. Fighters penalized by one commission of the commission of the commission of the meetings and data on all fights held under its auspices. Fighters penalized by one commission of the commission to extend the commission of the commission to extend the commission to the commission of the commission to the commission of the Commission to the commission of the Commission to th Puts Issue Squarely

I do not regret any more the faut that was debarred for engaging in a sport-ng goods business that had as part of ing goods business that had as part of its stock the sale of clubs and balls Neither am I unusually or moderately clated at the notice of reinstatement. If I have to severe my business connections with the firm of Oulmet & Sullivan to play goif as a lily-white amateur, I have to sever my business connections the consequences. I'll stick to my part-ner, Jack, and the U. S. G. A. will rule as as it sees fit. We are both ansateurs whether holding forth at 52 Bromfield street or serving the United States Gov-At the time of his reinstatement

At the time of his reinstatement I commented on the fact that Outnet had at no time stated that he was going to give up his business and propounded the query what would happen after the war was over in the event that Outmer decided to continue in the sporting goods business with his partner. His state-ment puts the issue squarely before the golf officials and it would be interesting to know just what they think of his

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He's clever, unselfish and true. And really it pleases you when-Just out of pure friendship for you-He permits you to lend him a "ten." After that, though you look till you're blind, Recalling his vow to repay, He's quite what you thought him, you find-A man you don't meet every day.

That Early Training Jaunt

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The part of rival magnates because some players on the New York, Brooklyn and Chicago National League clubs will his themselves to Hot Springs, Arkansaw, to boil out for the coming season. This is not violating the principles of Mr. Hoyle, nor is it an attempt at camouflage or something. Instead, it is one of the sweetest little plans ever conceived by a baseball magnate and should work out beautifully.

Hot Springs is a swell place to turn out a gang of ball players to pasture after a hard winter. Those guys are accustomed to the best in the land after the snow disappears and they can get off to a flying start at the Arkansaw resort. One can get a nice steak for \$11, and other sluff is just as cheap. With their slender bankrolls—we will assume that they are slender after a hard winter—how long can they lust at that pace?

The Plot Thickens

Another thing must be considered. There are hose races down there, and if there is anything a ballplayer likes outside of drawing his semimonthly pay check it is betting on a hoss race. It is the easiest thing in the world to pick longer, and ballplayers always follow the line of the least resistance. Therefore, the race track and the slow hosses will see the first and a record to be prost.

losers, and ballplayers always follow the line of the least resistance. Therefore, the race track and the slow hosses will get all of the spare change the restaurant proprietors have overlooked.

Now for the sweet little idea on the part of the hard-hearted magnate. He knows he has to sign his players at reduced rates before the season starts

duced rates before the season starts and ships them south to get into condition for the ordeal. All they have to do is to cat a couple of meals and spend a few days at the track and they will sign up for life at any price. It's a swell scheme, and the funny part of it all is that Connie Mack hasn't tried it well. The trouble with Sam Crawford. get.

Gavy the Gambler

Clifford Charles Cravath, the demon slugger of the Phils, never han joined

"The trouble with Sam Crawferd, each Jack Hondrichs, of the Cards, is that Sam has his dates mixed. He still thinks it is 1908 instead of 1918 when he discusses the salary question."

RICAN CLOSES WITH 3 GAMES and Y. M. H. A. These two teams have had a private rivairy between themselves for several seasons and have been anything but gentle in their contents. The Sugarman, Franckle and Nowman combination ussed out Y. M. H. A. as their last meeting by two points. If B. B. I. beats Y. M. H. A. as the proper to Glazard, the B. B. I.

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