EEGHMAN HAS BEEN COOKING UP WHITTED DEAL FOR SOME TIME, STATES CHICAGO PAPE

FORMAL SPORTS SAD FAILURE, ROVIDING NEITHER GOOD PLAY NOR WORTH-WHILE EXERCISES

ull-Blooded Young America Not Satisfied With Drills and Calisthenics—College Spirit Shy and Campuses Deserted Week-Ends

TE WHO laughs last has the final whoop. This ancient axiom or venerable saw finds responsive echo among the smaller colleges and those er ones that decided to go ahead with regulation varsity sports despite nditions, while Harvard, Yale and Princeton announced policies of mal" contests only. The Order of the Tin Can decoration now having conferred upon the informal variety by the institutions named, facts come to light to show how complete a failure was the experiment, th from the standpoint of athletic needs and student interest.

Substituted sports did not offer the sort of exercise demanded by a ull-blooded young American athlete nor did they supply that interest that duces college spirit and that holds the student on the campus and draws is attention from undesirable outside influences. The alumni also found thing of interest to bring them back or to keep fresh in mind the instion or its athletic achievements of the past. And the prospective udent, it may be observed, was more attracted to those colleges that were ping athletics going than those abandoning sports in which they aspired

The authorities at New Haven in particular have been outspoken in r expressions regarding the change. Yale professors who did not care to vent to their feelings while the university athletic authorities were ing about in the dark and making mistakes now have come forward with strong pleas for the return, to the old-even if it was honeycombed with faults. It was found that the abolition of the old sport system had esulted in not only physical but moral and social harm to the students. ing men need some wholesome vent for their excess spirits and energy, ind intercollegiate athletics provide that vent. With the adoption of the informal" system more students than ever before took to making weekend trips to New York.

No one will question for a moment the motive of the big in-stitutions in taking the stand that they did. It was pairiotic. but the idea proved impractical and has gone the way of other ex-

Detriment to Student Health and Well-Being

DROF. MATTHEW ABBOTT, the Yale crew couch, is stronger still in his expressions. He states;

"We have found that the absence of organized athletics has had a detrimental effect upon the health and well-being of the students. For instance, never in the history have so many men absented themselves from town over the week-end. Nothing could be more irreconcilable with collife and the esprit de corps of both military organizations than weekand visits.

"If college games do nothing else than keep men here over Saturday d Sunday their presence among us again is well worth while. Moreover, etting-up exercises and drill will never give men the quickness of movement, the alertness of mind and the ability to withstand the hard physical strain of modern warfare which the present-day athletic games give him

"With regard to drill and calisthenics being enough exercise to build and maintain a man's physical condition I should like to say a few words. If such is the case, why has the Government already spent millions in the formation of organized athletics in all cantonments and naval training

"In the camps the drills are much longer and more strenuous than they here in the university, yet the authorities of both services have gone immense expense in the encouragement of athletics. The Government has received the best available coaches and physical instructors and has instituted intercamp and interbase contests,"

In THE movement backward toward normal conditions Harvard has met renewed charges of overexclusiveness. Neighboring colleges that have yearly filled out her baseball schedule do not take kindly to the idea that the line has been drawn by official announcement to apply to Yale and Princeton alone

Weeghman May Not Be Flirting With Whitted, but-

MOGUL WEEGHMAN is not flirting with George Whitted, for he has so stated in a wire message widely sent out from Chicago. He could not so far forget himself as to do such a thing, not even to please a player who was sick for the society of old playing friends.

One Chicago paper at least, however, does not consider the story take, for it says that Whitted is there, is said to have had several conferences with President Weegliman and that it has been known for some time that the Cub spendthrift was working on a scheme to bring Whitted there, the only hitch being the absence of Manager Fred Mitchell.

But to be sure that no wrong construction may be put upon the narrative in question it is hereby reproduced in the exact language of Billy no signs the story in the Chicago Herald:

"Once again that Cub bankroll has stirred up a hornet's pest. This time the Philadelphia club has taken a running jump at the North Side officials and their glittering gold, accusing them of tempering with George Whitted, Phil outfielder, who is supposed to be in Chicago trying to induce President Weeghman to rescue him from Quakertown. The player says he has been given permission to arrange a trade for himself he wants to follow his old pals-Alexander, Killefer and Paskert.

"It has been known for several days that Owner Weeghman has been working on a proposition that would make 'Lucky George' a member of Bruin outfield, and he is awaiting the arrival of Manager Mitchell to put his O. K. on the deal.

"Whitted, it is said, has held several conferences with the Bruin executive, but, I'ke Weeghman, he refuses to say anything about his prospacts of summering on the North Side,

"When the news that Whitted was dickering with the Cubs reached ladelphia the Quaker owners proceeded to hit the ceiling and accuse the locals of scheming to get players. According to the dispatch, Owner Baker denies having given 'Lucky George' permission to trade himself to some other National League club, asserting that this is an alibi of the Cubs to escape punishment on the league rule which forbids one owner talking with another club's players.

"ON TOP of this Baker charges Weegliman with using his advertised \$200,000 bankroll to make his players dissatisfied, hoping to force the Quaker officials into making a trade."

Stallings Would Corner the Remaining Smiths

AST season the St. Louis Cards carried three members of the well-I known Smith family representation in the National League, the Braves, Giants and Dodgers disporting one each. Stallings now has added other, and another J. Smith at that, and is attempting to make a run on good old name by threatening to bring back into the harness the ner Brave first lacker, Butch Schmidt, a distant connection, thus sking this outfit have at least a technical claim to rival the Cards, provided this effort is successful.

Jim and John are the natural prefixes to the main title and with the sistion of the Giants' infielder Stallings has two Jameses, although "J. critisie" may be said to be more distinctive than plain "J." St. Louis's niths are John, James and Fred, and the two "J's" last season proved dly confusing to the scorers. Fred, who like J. Carlisle, is aristo-spelling his name with a "y," played third base and in one game in stadelphia J. Smith, who played in the outfield, appeared as throwing ers out at first base on infield grounders. Scorers tackling Boston with the two J. Smiths in the case may be expected to have like this year. Probably "J. C." will be used to designate the Braves'

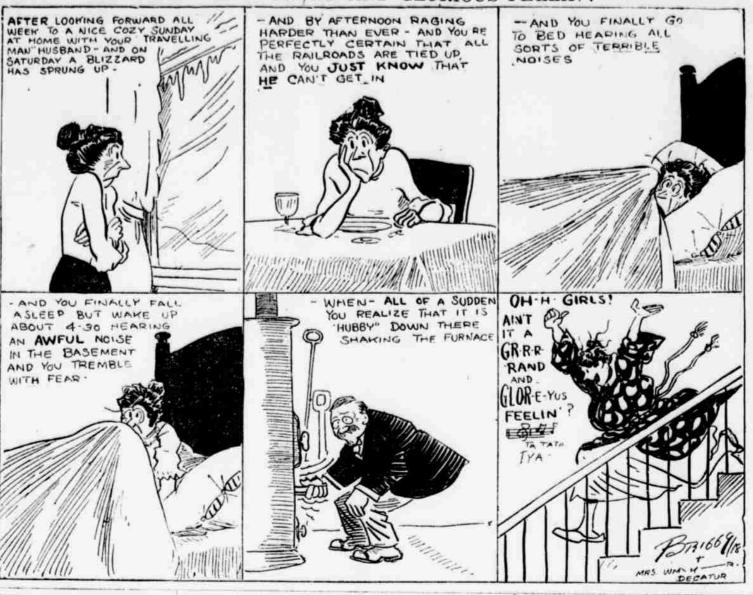
Elmer Smith was the lone representative of the family in the Ameri-League last sesson. He worked on two clubs, however, Washington Cleveland. He will have a technical running mate in the Ban Johnroult the coming year in Paul Smith, a pitcher bought from Mon-but who has been drafted by Uncle Sam's big league. Sherrod h, Dodger southpaw, the sixth of the name in the National last year,

Ebbete Says He Could Take the Field at Once

CHARLEY EBBETS, of the Robins, had a lot of worry lifted his shoulders when he received the signed contract of his veteran

th there are still several men on the club's roster who have bhets is not worrying. He says that if necessary he could on with the men who have already signed their contracts. is he evidently believes that Mamaux will more of Larry Cheney, one of the club's leading twirlers,

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



PHILS AND MACKMEN WILL RESUME SERIES

Will Meet April 13 for Benefit

Dust off your memories and you shall recall that the 1916 series between the Phils and Mackinen never came to a decision. What was to have been the final contest of the series was played at the Phillies park on April 11, 1915. The Athletica were leading with three victories to two for the Phils. In that contest the Mackinen were leading by a score of 3 to 2 until the eighth inning, when Gavvy Cravath turned apparent defeat for the Phils into victory by bounding a homer into the left field bleachers with two men on the bases. This tied the series at three victories each.

Three of the seven games of this series were played in Florida, two at Shibe Park and two at the Phillies' park. The scores of the contests were:

The final standing of the clubs was:

Phillies.

Therefore, the class between the Phila and Mackmen on April 13, at Broad and Huntingdon streets, virtually is the deciding game of that old series and to the winner will go the interleague championship of Lehigh avenue.

Sports Served Short

The fourth game of the national amate class A billiard faurnament at 18.2 1 line was wen at Detroit by David Media less, Jr., of Chicago. He defeated Eng L. Milburn, of Memphis, by 300 to 285.

Carnell defeated Columbia at Ithaca in necrollegiate League backetball game score of 30 to 26. The National Commission handed down a ruling awarding Player Harry Lake to the Chicago American League club.

The Mineapolis team of the American Association will forsake its usual spring training trip to the South this year and in-tead will set its workouts in its local mark. M. E. Captillon, president of the club, an-nounced.

Miss Bessle Brewster, daughter of former Sheriff George M. Brewster, of Hackensack, N. J. was meried to Harry Clayton Har-per, of Hackensack, star southnew bitcher or the Washington baseball club of the Amer-ican League.

More than \$2000 was added to the American Billiard players ambulance fund through the three-cushion billiard tournament had in Chicago recently.

Albert Mamaux, the Brooklyn pitcher, may not play hall this season, or if he does he will likely do so in an army cantonment. The Pittsburgh board for the sixth zone piaced Mamaux in class I A. which lists him for call in the max draft.

Boosts and Bumps

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WILL GIVE UP THE GHOST OF DEAN OF HIS LEAGUE

Indications Show That Collapse of Turner, Veteran Indian Infielder,

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A definite de-ision on the part of the International scagge to close its narks for the scanon of 1918 is expected soon, it was said ere today.

iere today.

Almost daily indications of a collapse of the league are found in the sale of players by the various clubs. In many cases the clubs are relling their best men.

The sale of such players as Geiz, Wilkinson and Enzemann by the Newark club, which was lined up with the clubs that favored a plan to continue, is a strong indication that the league is disintegrating, according to baseball menhere. Players on nearly all of the other clubs are said to be on the market.

A cispatch from Cleveland, however, says Larry Lajole expects to return to his job as manager of the Toronto Internationals. No less than four big league clubs bid for Lajole's services.

But, said Lajole today, "I was holding off till I heard from the Toronto club. Now they write me that the International League will be going again this year and that they want me back. So that's where I'm expecting to go again this year."

LAJOIE TO MANAGE

INDIANAPOLIS CLUB
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if the magnates decide to make it "even nickels" to eliminate penny change.

VAUKEE, Wis. Feb. 28.—Larry former Cleveland star and last anager of the Toronto club of random properties. The regular admission with the war tax added. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 28.—Larry Lajole, former Cleveland star and last year manager of the Toronto club of the international League, will be named manager of the Indianapolis team of the American Association coday, according to information obtained at the meeting of the American Association magnates here today. Lajole will succeed Jack Hendricks, now manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The association magnates siso will draft the playing schedule for 1918 at their meeting here, together with plane for the amusement tax.

RACING MARE BRINGS \$5100 AT AUCTION SALE

NEW YORK. Feb. 28.—For the high-est price paid in many years for a rac-ing mare at auction, Thomas W. Mur-phy, of Foughkeepsie. Tuesday pur-chased Mies Harris M., 2:00, at the Fasig-Tipton Company's midwinter sale, in Madison Square Garden.

WILLARD WILL FIGHT: ASKS FOR MORE BIDS

Life History of

Champion Says He Is Ready

"Excellent," said be, "If you can beat one particular player, for it is a course to your special liking." With my very next breath I asked the name of that particular golfer, I confess that when he said "Davidson Herron" I was dumrounded, for high as my opinion of the youngster was there were several others whom I feared more, chief of these being W. C. Fownes himself, for he is one of the very best golfers, and having built the course his intimate knowledge of it would make him a more than unusually dangerous competitor. Led Field at Detroit Yet this remark, half joking as it might have been, of one of the best judges of golfing men in the country, set me thinking. It seemed that another golf star had risen. I had seen Davy Herron for the first time at Detroit in 1915, when the national championship was played there and I remember that I felt a bit surprised, his local fame not having reached to Chicago, to find that he had been selected to play on the eastern team; but the stunning surprise came when I read the results of the first place at 73s! Now, Ned Sawyer is an experienced golfer, and he sould sale the sale of the provision of the promising youngster. Long, Consistent Hitter There was one thing of which I fall very sure on that first morning of the qualifying round at Detroit—any fellow who could make 73 on that course was a good golfer. The course is a leng one, and on that morning the tees had been set far back and the man who made a 73 must have hit many a lone one, and on that morning the tees had been set far back and the man who are far back and the man who could make 73 on that course was a good golfer. The course is a leng one, and on that forms man as strong at the far back an

DAVIDSON HERRON, GOLFING STAR

FROM PITTSBURGH, PICKED AS ONE

OF BRILLIANT YOUNGER PLAYERS

Light of Princetonian Obscured by Fownes

and Other Smoky City Golfers Who Are

Better Known in Tourney Play By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, JR.

THE 1917 national golf championship wise of the state by the war, had been scheduled for the Oakmont Golf Club at Pittsburgh.

"What." said I to W. C. Fownes, the noted Pittsburgh golfer and ex-national champion, "do you think of my chances over the Oakmont course?"

"Excellent." said be, "if you can beat one particular player, for it is a course to your special liking."

Long, Consistent Hitter

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NUMBER TWO Some Boyhood Fights

Terry McGovern

TREBRY lived in a rough neighborhoo where every boy delighted to mix it up with the other boys. As a result, he was the hero of many street fights and he quickly learned to take care of himself in these miniature bouts with his rivals. Here he lived for three years and as the family was noon, he underand, as the family was poor, he undervent many hardships.

When he was about ten years old his father was killed by being thrown from a coal wagon and this, coupled with the death of an older brother, made it necessary for him at a very early assist in the maintenance of the family Naturally enough, he sold newspapers and for three years Terry earned what he could. His street fights were nu-nerous, most of them with other news-

boys.

His mother then moved to South Brooklyn and in the course of two or three years he was old enough to get, regular employment. He became a "snapper-up t by" in a glass works. While a rough and ready youngster, during the year and a half he was employed he did not once go into a fistic encounter. In his own neighborhood the other boys had learned to respect his

of Ring Bouts Last Night BALTIMORE—Steve Flexaner received referee's decision over Joe Tuber, Dann Frush outboard Eddle Morgan, Franks Marguire, Stopped, Battling Longhyp, Patsy Wallace defeated Baltimore Dun-dee.

Evening Ledger Decisions

PEORIA. III.—Pal Moore shaded Pekin Kid Herman in a ten-round seran, FORT WORTH, Tex.—Fighting Ray-vey Thorp won from Bolds Waugh in fifteen fast rounds.

Scraps About Scrappers

By BILL BELL Frank ("Dac") Ragley, the manager of function has a learned valuer, has added mother how to his stable. The littest addi-nate barry or anxious to meet Johnny Himan, Marty is anxious to meet Johnny Himan,

It is reported that Artic Root, the fast featherweight of Cleveland, has been matched to meet Benny Valley, the French champion, to the wind-up of the Olympia A. A., Monday, March 11.

Frankie Donato has takea Frankie Ferine. Bantarin of Albany under his management. Donato is het en line trail of Joe Tuber. Young McGovern and Battling Murray.

Lew Hunter, a local bantam, has signed the a new manner and expects to enter a some "big bouts" in a short time funce has callated in the mayal reserve mot is stationed at the Whashlekon Back

Mike Christie wishes it to be known that Lou Salter, of Southward, is training faith-fully for his future bouts.

Tommy Carry, who staged a sensational "comeback" this winter, but who received a terrific beating from Irish Pater Cline in his hast bout, will meet Eddie McAndress, of Manayank, in the final tilt of the Camers A, L. tomorrow might

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