

BRANCH RICKEY STARTS PROGRAM OF CLUBBING THE HOLDOUT BRIGADE. INTO SUBMISSION

EARLY ALL BIG LEAGUE BALL CLUBS HAVE GREAT WEAKNESS THAT SEEMINGLY CAN'T BE CURED

Years of Effort, Backed by Vast Fortunes, Unable to Remove Historic Jinxes That Pursue Owners and Managers

BASEBALL clubs and managers both are just like ordinary human beings in one respect. They have their pet weaknesses and historic defects that follow them like an avenging demon, never letting up and making life one round of excitement after another.

Almost every big league team has had its weak spot of long standing and many today, after years of spending, mending and worrying, are no better off than when the weakness developed.

Perhaps the most historic jinx is the one that annually pursues Barney Dreyfus, the Pittsburgh promoter, in his hunt to land a reliable first baseman. The chase at the old "initial corner" in Smoketown has been running for the last thirteen years, starting with the biggest bono ever pulled by Barney Dreyfus when he let Kitty Bransfield go to the Phillies for Del Howard and Paul Krueger.

ABSTEIN had the peculiar experience of playing through a world championship season, but failed to survive the run the following spring.

Yankees Have Had Complicated Complaint SEVERAL years back the Phillies were in the slough of despond. Managers and players came and went and things were all to the bad.

The Giants and the Cards have had their pet ailments at the same spot, while the Senators and Indians have suffered in like style. Second base sprain has afflicted both McGraw and whoever was managing St. Louis for some time past.

THREE clubs have been free from troubles of late years with the exception of the fact that they had no ball teams. Cincinnati was without a team for forty years, more or less, until last season, while Connie Mack has been getting along without a regular outfit for three terms.

INTERNATIONAL May Reorganize in Part GENERALLY it is admitted that the International League awaits only the dead line, March 25, to formally disappear from the baseball scenery.

Knabe May Play Second for the Cubs AS TO just how desperate the infield situation with the Cubs is, the Chicago Chronicle states that it is possible that Otto Knabe may be found at second base and veteran Manager Mitchell to that effect.

WHAT they never get too old to hold out is shown by the rebellion of Terry Turner, the oldest player in the service of the American League. The veteran hold out of the holdout stuff for twelve years and proposes to come back strong.

Prendergast Glad to Play Under Pat Moran ACCORDING to Chicago papers, Prendergast, who will be a member of the Phil pitching staff the coming season, expects to have a good year and is greatly pleased to be a member of Pat Moran's outfit.

Rickey Begins to Wield Ax on Holdouts ACCORDING to announced schedule, Branch Rickey has begun to wield the knockout bludgeon on Card holdouts. The first to get a taste of it was recently promised conscientious protesters by the St. Louis club is Tommy Long, the outfielder.

Three-Cornered Deal Reported On in the West WORD of a three-cornered deal brewing between the Pirates, Cubs and Cardinals is reported from Chicago. The triangular swap is said to involve needed catcher for Pittsburgh, a pitcher for St. Louis and an infielder for Chicago.

Another League Cuts Out Freak Deliveries Western League has followed the American Association, in abolishing the spider and all forms of the freak pitching stuff. This action was taken at the league meeting in Des Moines a few days ago.

MOVIE OF MAN WAITING FOR AN INVITATION TO JOIN IN

A four-panel cartoon strip titled 'MOVIE OF MAN WAITING FOR AN INVITATION TO JOIN IN'. Panel 1: 'THIS MAN IS A STRANGER IN THE TOWN AND VISITS THE LEADING POOL AND BILLIARD EMPORIUM HOPING TO HORN IN ON A GAME OF KELLY'. Panel 2: 'AND JUST AS HE HAS ABOUT GIVEN UP HOPE SOME KIND AND PLYING STRANGER - ASKS HIM IN!!'. Panel 3: 'HE FEELS A DRAFT'. Panel 4: 'HE MAKES A BLUFF INSPECTION OF A CUE PROTESTING THAT HE HASN'T PLAYED FOR YEARS ETC ETC'. Panel 5: 'HE APPLAUDS THE VARIOUS SHOTS IN THE HOPE OF OPENING UP THE WEDGE FOR A LITTLE CONVERSE'. Panel 6: 'HE ALLOWS HIMSELF A FREE MANICURE AS HE IDLY SITS - AND YEARS FOR THE INVITATION TO GRAB A CUE'. Panel 7: 'AND IN HIS GRATITUDE CALLS THE WAITER - WHICH OF COURSE WAS ONE REASON HE WAS ASKED TO JOIN IN'. The cartoon is signed 'P. 1918'.

GEORGE BURNS COMES HERE AS A MACKMAN

Slugging Ping Bodie Goes to Yankees in Three-Cornered Deal

CONNIE IS SATISFIED

Bodie Fills Out Outfield

Expect No Trouble

West Philadelphia C. C. Five Wins

Put It Over

This Is the Best

Never gets on your nerves

10¢ up Real Havana

Boosts and Bumps

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. They're at it Again

CONCERNING CONNIE

Wanted More Salary

Putting It Over

This Is the Best

Never gets on your nerves

10¢ up Real Havana

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR HERMAN TAYLOR

Many Friends Honor New Matchmaker of National A. A. at Hotel Walton

GETS SILVER SERVICE

Why Pay

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MERION CRICKET CLUB DECIDES TO EMPLOY WOMEN LABORERS ON GOLF COURSE DURING YEAR

Will Perform Lighter Work of Links Maintenance—West Course Will Not Be Opened This Year Unless Absolutely Necessary

By PETER PUTTER

WOMEN will be employed on the Merion Cricket Club's golf course this spring as laborers, and in deciding on this innovation Merion is the first club in the country to employ the fair sex in maintaining the links.

Winthrop Sargent, chairman of the green committee, and Hugh I. Wilson, his principal associate and the constructor of the two famous Merion courses, are responsible for the plan. They feel that many of the men ordinarily employed on the course will be needed elsewhere and that women can do a lot of the work now done by the sterner sex.

There will be no constructive work of any kind on either course and the money spent this year will be in the upkeep exclusively.

There will be plenty of golf at Merion this year and the closing of the west course is done as a matter of economy and because of the absence of so many of the golfers. Even during the spring and summer months most of the golf at Merion is over the championship east course, and only on Saturdays and Sundays in the west course need to any extent on the days and holidays it has been impossible in other years to accommodate the golfers on the east course.

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