RANCH RICKEY STARTS PROGRAM OF CLUBBING THE HOLDOUT BRIGADE INTO SUBMISSION

EARLY ALL BIG LEAGUE BALL LUBS HAVE GREAT WEAKNESS HATSEEMINGLY CAN'T BE CURED

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

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

Almost every big league team has had its weak spot of long standing many today, after years of spending, mending and worrying, are no er off than when the weakness developed. One team fights year after for a prime boxman or catcher; another worries season after season the effort to land a real outfielder or infielder. And so it goes. Some as find it impossible to get a real manager.

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

Since that time a genuine movie thriller has been enacted at the Pirate Station 1, no fewer than twenty-one players having been tried, only one of whom lasted for two seasons. The real lucky guy was Jack Miller, who managed to hang on under Fred Clarke a pair of years. The average per season therefore has been nearly two per annum. The kaleidoscope reveals in rapid succession the faces of Howard, Hildebrand, Clancey, calon, Storke, Swacina, Gill, Kane, Abstein, Flynn, Hatt, Sharpe, Hunter, McKechnie, Miller, Konetchy, Johnston, Brief, Mollwitz, Hinchman and finally Old Man Honus. Koney was the only real player at the job, but he was lured by the Feds before he could become established.

ABSTEIN had the peculiar experience of playing through a world championship season, but failed to survive the can the

Yankees Have Had Complicated Complaint

CEVERAL years back the Phillies were in the slough of despond. Managers and players came and went and things were all to the bad. The tky drawing of Big Alex started the tide backward and ever since Pat ran arrived a creditable article of ball has been seen. Up to the occaon of the break in fortunes the trouble was general-well distributed and not a case for a specialist.

For a complication of treubles of long standing, however, the Vanks are entitled to the belt or the silver cup or some sort of testimonial. pagers, pitchers and outfielders have fallen in flocks. Vast fortunes ve been spent for material for all three departments of play, and yet results are not forthcoming. There have been seven managers in the last eight seasons and enough outfield and pitching talent bought and thrown away to stock an ordinary league.

The Giants and the Cards have had their pet ailments at the same pot, while the Senators and Indians have suffered in like style. Second spavin has afflicted both McGraw and whoever was managing St. Louis for some time-past. McGraw has switched of late years between Herzog and Doyle, while the Cards have tried a lot of keystoners and still are experimenting. Cleveland and Washington have followed in the Dreyfus footsteps and have been weefully minus in first base material. White Sox had infield trouble of long standing until Eddie Collins d Chick Gandil filled the breach, while the Browns have been afflicted than elsewhere at the third corner.

THREE clubs have been free from troubles of late years with I the exception of the fact that they had no ball teams. Cincinnati was without a seam for forty years, more or less, until last season, while Connie Mack has been getting along without a regular outfit for three terms. The Pirates have a good ball yard and an opening at first base.

International May Reorganize in Part

GENERALLY is admitted that the International League awaits only dead line, March 25, to formally disappear from the baseball scenery. scene already is set for the obsequies and the remains will be quietly

Persistent word is heard, however, of an effort, said to be backed ipally by Jack Dunn, of Baltimore, and McCaffery, of Toronto, the club owners voting to continue, to tatch up a new circuit and in a by keep the old hulk going. Reported organization plans propose to op Montreal and Providence, taking in Syracuse and either Wilming-Del., or Jersey City. The probable line-up of the league will be nto, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse in the north and Newark, Baltimore, Richmond and Wilmington, Det., in the south. Under the plans of the new league Providence will be taken over by the Eastern League.

McCaffery .. iready has announced definite plans for keeping the sport to and it is plain that he proposes to use his hold on Larry Lajole in one of two ways. He might be willing to pay the big Frenchman good money to stay and also he might not be unwilling to use a good offer to him as a means of getting a better figure in turning him loose to

Knabe May Play Second for the Cubs

S TO just how desperate the infield situation with the Cubs is, the A Chicago Chronicle states that it is possible that Otto Knabe may be and at second base and quotes Manager Mitchell to that effect. The fact is pointed out that the veteran as manager of the Richmond team in the International last year played a corking good game, which the records er out. The old boy, according to the figures, hit .280 and fielded .960.

The trading of Larry Doyle leaves as big a hole in the inner works of the Cub machine at second as at short. Mitchell is not at all sure of young Hollocher even if Hornsby is not secured, and is quoted as saying, I may have to use Knabe at second and shift Kilduff to short." Knabe was supposed to have been secured to do the Johnny Evers pepper stuff eneral goat getting, but it seems that along with other old-timers he have another chance for playing existence this year.

Bagby Joins Turner as Cleveland Holdout

WAT 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 laid off of the holdout stuff for twelve years and proposes to ne back strong. And now Jim Bagby falls into line, handing his plaint a Cleveland paper, so that all the people could see how ungrateful is club management in the case of a player who pushed Eddie Cicotte or games won honors in the American League last season. Bagby writes m his home at Augusta, Ga., that \$3000 is altogether inadequate for a arty who did such noble hurling last season.

Prendergast Glad to Play Under Pat Moran

CCORDING to Chicago papers, Prendergast, who will be a member of the Phil pitching staff the coming season, expects to have a good year d is greatly pleased to be a member of Pat Moran's outfit. The Chronicle the following to say upon the subject:

Mike Prendergast, who went to Philadelphia along with Pickles Dillin the Alexander-Killefer deal, says he is more than satisfied to join foran's club. He feels that he is going to one of the smartest leaders National League and is confident he will make good. Mike has ed here all winter and says he weighs 184 pounds."

Rickey Begins to Wield Ax on Holdouts

RDING to announced schedule, Branch Rickey has begun to wield he knockout bludgeon on Card holdouts. The first to get a taste of was recently promised conscientious protesters by the St. Louis as it were, and the promising outgardener now finds himself in the of the car track with a label reading "Vernon, Cal., C. O. D." Long from the Southern League, where he was quite a bear, but he fell both in fielding and hitting last season.

Three-Cornered Deal Reported On in the West

of a three-cornered deal brewing between the Pirates, Cubs and is reported from Chicago. The triangular swap is said to involve seeded catcher for Pittsburgh, a pitcher for St. Louis and an in s various mysterious conferences in the Windy City in con-

Another League Cuts Out Freak Deliveries

The League has followed the American Associatio. In abolish-liter and all forms of the freak pitching stuff. This action the begue mosting in Des Moines a few days ago. A coa-

MOVIE OF MAN WAITING FOR AN INVITATION TO JOIN IN

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GEORGE BURNS COMES HERE AS A MACKMAN

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Slugging Ping Bodie Goes to Yankees in Three-Cornered Deal

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Boosts and **Bumps**

They're at It Again

a rough journey from Atlanta, Ga. The lifest in the telegraphic dispatches was the same, but some of the words were different. Have a look,

Connie Mack today had remedied a scrious situation that might have taken at this population of the reacht, is in denance of the light of the last of the "old guard" from the Sale has been first always with a three-cornered swap that amputated Discovery of the draft deem appear to be one of Mack's worries.

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As for Mack, his benefit from the deal at this writing appears to be limited to when we studied the second wire, which at this writing appears to be limited to the possibility of adding another star to the Athletics' service flag.

Expects No Trouble

Mack obtained Bodie from the Parific latter. They made solicity and liming between Lewis and Britton. It's a shame to impose on the loospitable natives of Atlanta like that, and Jimmy Johnson and Dan Morgan should know latter. They made solicity are allerty and the parific latter.

Burns played only a part of the season with Detroit last year and his work was not as good as in 1916, when he batted .286 and was one of the star dean-up hitters of the American League

West Philadelphia C. C. Five Wins
In the first game of a series of three contests for the Catholic club championship of this city West Philadelphia C. C. easily showed superiority over Victrix C. C. of the West Philadelphia Baskethall League, by a secre of 53 to 11.

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Many Friends Honor New A PAIR of messages imped into the of breath several times and mussed each office yesterday, showing signs of other up to the extent of a black eye or Matchmaker of National A. women the jobs. He jobs to the property of the A. at Hotel Walton

Turing the winter Bodic made himself clightle for a trade when he boidly authoused he would not play ball unless has contrast was boosted considerably in the matter of salary. He modestly indiced he was worth more money, because he and the Liberty Bell were the country real attractions in Philadelphia.

only real attractions in Philadelphia.

Connie, who does not care to argue the timate all question with his players, evidently gol busy at once and the Yankees were selected for the deal. It will be noticed that no money changed hands, Miller Huggins probably purchased Burns from Detroit and then turned him over to Mack.

Last week Counie, went to New York to complete the Boston deal and held to complete the Boston

FOR HERMAN TAYLOR

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

currious to see it. GETS SILVER SERVICE it is believed there will be plenty of women to apply to the golf club house

Sports Served Short

Engene Milburn, of Memphis won f Alexander Elinville, of Milwaukee, Bon 211 in the class A national amateur hill tournament at Detroit.

dency this year to employ women in farm work to take the places of the men in service or in other occupations.

The dates for the annual spring golf ournament of the Country Club of Sake good were announced for Arel 25, 27 and 7. The fournament is the initial golf conset in the metropolitan dottriet and always altracts a large number of players.

"Pep" Young, star second baseutan of the Detroit Americans, has signed his 1913 contract. Only two members of the De-troit club have not signed their contracts. These men are Catcher Spencer and Thire Baseman VII.

With the signing of Vaughn and Tyler, slitchers. Fred Mitchell, manager of the Thicago Nationals, said that twenty men-iers of the club were new sinder contract, its players remain to be signed.

Miss Eleaner Sears and C. W. Wighting vill fight it out todes with Mrs. Raws Nood and Pred C. Imman in the mix loubles finals of the invitation termis tourn sent at Paim Beach.

Not content with her 81 at Pinchurs Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd established new record gaing out in a remarkable and coming home in 43 for a 79.

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 at the Ardmore avenue station of the Merion Cricket Club's golf course Philipdelphia and Western Railroad this spring as laborers, and in deciding Green Budget Cut on this innovation Merion is the first | Last year's green budget called for

on this innovation Merion is club in the country to employ the fair \$18,500. This year the amount has been sex in maintaining the links, This decent 25 per cent. Merion has no fewer cision Merion believes will have a large than 410 members in national service and moral effect, as it will enable other the majority of these are golfers. Their clubs to follow suit and by adopting the dues will be carried by the club during plan conserve men laborers for war and the continuation of the war. Necessarily other important and essential industries, this will cut into the income of the

Incidentally the west course will not be club. The club has decided not to open the thrown open for play this year unless absolutely necessary.

Winthrop Sargent, chairman of the green committee, and Hugh L Wilson, his principal associate and the construction of the following Merion courses, the two foreous Merion courses, the same of the galders this year. The 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 and that women can do a lot of the work now done by the sterner and that women can do a lot of the work now done by the sterner and that women can do a lot of the work now done by the sterner and that women can do a lot of the work now done by the sterner and that women can do a lot of the work now done by the sterner and that women can do a lot of the work now done by the sterner and that women can do a lot of the work now done by the sterner and that the east course can take care of the golfers this year. The fairways and greens will be cut high, the grass on the greens being kept at three lines.

where and that women can do a lot of the work now done by the sterner sex. There will be male laborers at Merion and they will do the hard manual jobs.

Will Do the Light Work

There will be war gardens for the employes on the west course as there were last year, and the women who will be employed on the east course will The women will be used to cut the have an opportunity to grow vegetables

The women will be used to cut the tees, run the horse-driven mowing machines, rake the bunkers and other light work. The task of running a lawing mower over the putting greens is a man's job, and if you do not believe it, tackle the job of cutting a large putting green and see how hard it is the lades on the other havmowers are not set so close to the turf and are more easily run, so that the women can handle this part of the work without trouble. There are five borse-driven triplex moving machines at Merion, and while all are not in service at the same time, these can be operated by the women after a little practice in learning to adjust and shift the gears.

The women will be naid from twenty.

five cents an hour and upward, and they will have sleady jobs until the latter part of the fall. The club is not certain just how many women will be employed, and will not know until the women themselves make application for the jobs. Inagmen as there is a tendency this year to employ women in Watch

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