

SAVING-DAYLIGHT MOVEMENT WILL BE WARMLY SUPPORTED BY THE DOUBLE-HEADER BUGS

TO THE WELL-KNOWN INQUIRY 'ARE WE DOWNCAST?' AMERICAN LEAGUE MANAGERS THUNDER 'NO'

Organization Soaked by War, but Shifting Players and Extended Recruiting Expected to Improve Game and Enliven Race

'ARE We Downcast? No!' This favorite query of the boys going to the front is echoed in a mighty chorus by American League managers...

The American League has felt the effects of war conditions considerably more than the National League. Every club in Ban Johnson's circuit has set its quota of players into war service...

It is surprising that the American League managers, while describing the outlook for the coming season, all express confidence that their teams have been actually strengthened by these exchanges of players...

Manager Ed Barrow of the Red Sox is free to declare that the great gaps caused by the war will be more than counterbalanced by the stars secured from Connie Mack, re-enforced by some of the goose hanks high...

THE White Sox virtually are intact, and Clarence Rowland cannot see anything but a repetition of last season's glorious conquest...

Huggins and the Rest Find Conditions Inspiring

THE signing of Derrill Pratt causes Miller Huggins to utter a note of optimism. The old slough of despond need not be so considered any longer...

Detroit will be about the same, according to Hugh Jennings, except that Hellman will go to the outfield, Dressen, St. Paul recruit, taking his place at first...

As is more or less well known, Connie Mack proposes a comeback. The lean leader has a guess that the fans will be agreeably surprised...

As to remaining outfits—Browns and Senators—offer respective managers cause for gloom. There will be a large number of changes in the Brown cast...

DETROIT has Ty Cobb and Cleveland has Tris Speaker and Clark Griffith has Walter Johnson. The Senatorial mogul declares that he will have plenty of live material to surround Walt and to replace the five men lost to the service...

Must Play Rising Ball to Win at Tennis

WITH the emphasis being placed upon speed in service at the present time, tennis players will be compelled to readjust the style of the receiving end of the game in order to get to the net ahead of the other fellow...

"If the server is able to deliver the ball with all the speed and bound as shown by the best exponents of the serving game, then there must be some reply to this attack by the striker to give him a chance to succeed...

"There is no doubt that to wait back until the ball falls is to play so far back in the court that there is very little chance of passing the volleyer. Even hitting the ball on the top of the bound is hardly in near enough...

"One gets the idea of the right height to hit it where it can be best done, and naturally plays it there as much as possible; but if the young player could be taken early enough and made to hit the ball always on the rise...

"AND his strokes would be more decisive, because he would necessarily have to jump in on every ball and hit it quickly and sharply or else miss it altogether."

Kauff's War Status Stirs U. S. and Huns

BENNIE KAUFF'S war case now is before the home-town board, having been transferred from the Marlin medical authorities to Pomeroy, O., which spot boasts of having given the great flash to the profession of baseball...

The worst is true. One of Bennie's arms is longer than it ought to be, or else one is shorter than a regular arm should be. This disclosure of national moment did not come as a surprise to Bennie, it is said, and then it did...

But the worst is yet to come. Bennie has that awful thing known as "flat feet." The pedals may have been round at one time, but they are flat now, and a man must have round feet to fight well...

Football Like War, Says Big Bill Edwards

Big Bill Edwards, former Princeton football star and now Internal Revenue Collector in New York, addressed about 2000 schoolboys on the war a few days ago...

"Tactically and strategically, football bears a close relation to war," he said. "That is one reason why it should be studied and applied in our two Government schools—football should continue during wartime..."

Tyler May Be Utility First Sacker

CHICAGO fans have wondered whether Manager Mitchell of the Cubs was in earnest when he said he would use Pitcher Tyler as substitute baseman this season...

Tyler says he is very much in earnest. He has seen Tyler practice position and knows he fields the place with speed and accuracy. He knows that Tyler is far from being a weak hitter...

It is recalled that at least two pitchers—both left-handers, like Tyler—would have made excellent first sackers. They were in the White Sox, and Wilson, of the New York Giants...

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



BIDS FOR WILLARD MATCH AWAITED

Oklahoma Promoter Resting on Oars, Expecting Many Good Offers

PLACE NOT CONSIDERED

Chicago, March 19. Colonel J. C. Miller, Oklahoma rancher, who holds Jess Willard's agreement for a heavyweight championship battle...

CLAIMS YALE FOSTERS MOST ATHLETIC SPORTS

A Yale enthusiast declares that that institution fosters more kinds of sports than any other. He says: "The Blue has just organized a lacrosse team, and besides that game has had at various times intercollegiate competition in football, baseball, yachting, rowing, swimming (which is a noble form of exercise and content to be a major sport), basketball, soccer, fencing, trapshooting, chess, golf, water polo, hockey, wrestling, billiards, track athletics, tennis, handball, cross-country running and gymnastics. I believe, too, that there have been infrequent boxing and polo. It is doubtful whether any other institution has shown the spirit of sportsmanship to quite such a versatile extent."

JOIE RAY TO ATTEMPT TO BREAK WORLD RECORD

New York, March 19.—Joie Ray, of Chicago, will attempt to lower the world record in a special three-quarter mile race here tomorrow night in the Wanamaker Institute games. He will be clocked at three-quarter mile, but will run out the mile distance. The record 3:07 was hung up at Buffalo in 1913 by Joe Driscoll.

LEWIS-ZBYZSKO BOUT IN NEW YORK TONIGHT

New York, March 19.—Strangler Lewis and Wladek Zbyzsko will meet here tonight at Madison Square Garden to decide which shall be matched with Earl Caddock for the heavyweight wrestling title.

JESS WILLARD SIGNS ARTICLES

Jess Willard is shown here in the act of signing the articles which bind him to fight Fred Fulton July 4, 1918, for a purse which is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The match will be held at the Casino, Atlantic City, N. J.

BASEBALL ENTHUSIASTS WORK FOR SABBATH BILL

Albany, N. Y., March 19.—In an effort to make possible Sunday baseball nearly five hundred enthusiasts from all over the State came here today to appear before the codes committee of the Senate and assembly in behalf of the Lawson-Kiernan bill. Opponents of the measure legalizing the great national sport on Sunday were also active and had a number of speakers on hand. The bill would permit games to be played on Sunday after 2.

BALL CLUBS GENERALLY WILL START PLAY LATE

New York, March 19.—Ball clubs throughout the country are ordered to set a later hour for the starting of games this year under the daylight saving bill, according to baseball men here today. Though clocks will be turned ahead one hour, the games can be played on the old schedule in so far as the sun is concerned, and it is believed patronage would be greatly increased.

SPORTS SERVED SHORT

Bob Cannelax, of St. Louis, was a winner over Gus Conover, of Pittsburgh, in the Inter-State Three Cushion Billiard League match by a score of 59 to 23 in forty-one innings. Oscar Turner, the Cuban hurler, obtained by the Cardinals, has signed his contract for 1918. The document came to hand at Cardinal field. Turner lives in Havana, Cuba, of which Mike Gonzalez is the leading citizen. Both Turner and Gonzalez will report direct to San Antonio. The scheduled meeting of the Eastern League was postponed until some day next week. A meeting of the International League is set for March 25 in New York, and it is likely certain that the Eastern League will not be called together until after that time. Moline was selected for the 1918 regatta of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat Association by voters of the association. A number of boats, including the champion Miss Detroit II and Miss Minneapolis as well as Pugh's Disturber, have been entered. Pete Herman, world's bantamweight champion, has been barred from fighting in the prize ring for three months by the fight commission. He was defeated by the fight commission on March 25 has been indefinitely postponed. Parker W. Whittemore, of the Country Club, and Percy Gilbert, of Brass Burn, had a best ball of 36, 24-70 on the championship golf course at Pinehurst. They played against Charles T. Crocker, Jr., of Pineburg, and Donald Ross, and won by 2 and 1. Kenneth W. Bevier, of Brooklyn, N. Y., led a 125-pounder in a wrestling match against Charles T. Crocker, Jr., of Pineburg, on Friday and Saturday.

CLUBS TEAM TOTALS

Table with columns for Club, G, RR, HPR, FOF, SO, and Totals. Lists statistics for various baseball clubs.

A MESSAGE TO SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND MARINES

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IN TILLY WALKER CONNIE HAS LANDED TEMPERAMENTAL STAR

Record Is Two Seasons Per Team and Plays as Well as He Is Managed

A GOOD many rough-neck ball players get into the temperamental classification through a mistake, the idea entertained by many being that which cheers and to break things up a whole lot. A good example of the real thing, however, is accredited to Connie Mack this season in securing Temperamental Tilly Walker. Apparently he has drawn a real playing problem—a man who can play as well as he is handled.

The new outfielder secured from the Red Sox has had a picturesque career, just like all artists who are cured with the fickle stuff. He broke into the game, after playing swell ball at the University of Tennessee, as a member of the Spartanburg team of the Carolina Association. Spartanburg, a town that drives known town than formerly since the soldier boys put it so firmly on the map. But Walker beat the soldiers to the job, for he lined 'em out at a .394 clip in his second season there, and he next Clark Griffith went after him. He hit around .275 for two years and then was turned back to Kansas City. Here his clubbing revived, and he ran his mark to the .300 mark during both years as a member of that outfit.

This gave Clarence another life, but not much. It was with the Browns. An usual, he stayed two seasons, and he next did his accustomed time with the Red Sox in the effort to fill Tris Speaker's brogans. He was purchased from St. Louis for \$3500 when the great Texan was let loose by the Red Sox to Cleveland, and he has since the assignment with uncertain success. He has played in flashes and spots. He is good in all departments when he is right, and is particularly clever at the long drives. He is fast enough in getting about and is what is known as a rangy fielder.

According to the dope sheet Walker first saw the light of day in Denver, Col., in 1885. He was educated at Tennessee schools, however, and was a resident of Bristol, in the far eastern section of the State, when he became a ball player. Walker may be expected to remain a couple of years with Connie. That is his limit with everybody and it would not be consistent to break it. But temperamental people are not consistent and his previous record may have been accidental, as has been his playing at some time during each of his periods of an outing.

PHILLIES GOOD WAITERS

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When it comes to receiving walks, Gavy Cravath showed that he possessed a good eye or that he was much feared by the moundmen, for Gavy ranked third in the league, with seventy-seven walks, one less than the number credited to Groh, of the Reds, and only five less than Burns, the leader. Luderus was not the best batter in the league or on the Phils, but he proved to be king of the receivers among the Moranmen. He was hit six times.

HIT LUDERUS OFTEN

The team leaders of the eight clubs in drawing passes of both kinds and in reaching first on errors were as follows: Philadelphia—Cravath in passes, Luderus in being hit by pitchers and Bancroft in reaching first on errors. Boston—Smith in passes, Rawlings in being hit by pitchers, Maranville in reaching first on errors. Chicago—Flick in passes, Mann in being hit by pitchers, Mann in reaching first on errors. Cincinnati—Groh in passes and in being hit by pitchers, Chase in reaching first base on errors. New York—Burns in passes and Fletcher in being hit by pitchers and in reaching first on errors. Pittsburgh—Carey in passes and in being hit by pitchers, Ward in reaching first on errors. St. Louis—Horsaby in passes and in being hit by pitchers, Long in reaching first on errors.

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GAVVY CRAVATH THIRD IN WALKS

Slugging Outfielder Receives 70 Passes and Trails Leader Burns by 5

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PAT MORAN AND HIS COLLECTION OF TALENT WATCH MACKMEN IN FIRST DRILL AT JACKSONVILLE

Phils Make Poor Train Connections and Stop Over in Mack Camp—Connie Satisfied With Looks of Squad

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 19. After a four days' journey the Phils arrived here this morning and started active training for the 1918 baseball season. Pat Moran and his men were due to arrive last night, but the boat missed connections with the morning train and the players did not depart until last night. Trains are not numerous in Florida these days.

The stop-over gave the men an opportunity to visit the Athletics at Rose Field, across the river, and watch Connie Mack put his new baseball club through their paces. The line-up with only three former Athletics players in the game. Rube Oldring was chasing flies in the outfield, young Joe Dugan named Dykes and Davidson, worked out as substitute infielders. Hauser, Watson, Geary and Fahey were the pitchers.

Many Missing Ones Philadelphia fans will find it hard to recognize the new version of the Athletics. Stuffie McInnis is gone and the club looks strange without him. Wally Schang, Amos Strunk, Joe Bush, Grover, Bill Meyers, Ping Bodie—all of them are missing. Virtually a new ball club is on the field and Connie Mack is the only familiar face in the park.

But there is no sign of gloom among the new players. They are out to play good baseball and the team looks better than in two years. Even Connie is satisfied and is more optimistic than he ever has been him.

"We have a good ball club this year," he said, "and I expect to be in the running. The players look better than at this time last year and the other clubs in the league will know that we are in the fight. The infield, with Burns, Shannon, Dugan and Davidson, played well together this morning and I can't see where our outfield has been weakened. Kopp is a great player, Jamieson is good and Oldring looks like he did ten years ago."

Rube First on Field "I was surprised when I saw Rube today. He was the first man on the field and had more pep than any of the rookies. He was on his toes all of the time and wanted to do all the work. I had to tell him to slow down before the practice was over. Oldring will have a good year and be of considerable value to the club."

Shannon, at second, played a wonderful game in practice, and I expect him to star in that position. He is an ideal man for the keystone sack and works well with Dugan. You know all about Larry Gardner. He has lots of aggressiveness and appears as if he is a joyed playing on my club. Despite the fact that the infield played together for the first time today everything was run off smoothly and in a short time it will be a well-oiled machine.

Needs Pitchers "If I had some pitchers I wouldn't fear any club in the league. There is where we are weak. Hauser, Geary, Fahey and Watson are only prospects and no one can tell how they will turn out. At present I have only two good pitchers, with a chance to get another one. "Elmer Meyers and Veon Gross should do well and Jim Johnson would decide to play ball this year. I expect to hear from Johnson any day. He has his plans for the future. But you can rest assured that I will do my best to strengthen the pitching staff and will get some good men if they are obtainable."

"Chester Thomas, the catcher, has not reported, and I don't know if he intends to play. I expect he is in the movies and may stay out on the coast. However, I am not worrying. Larry Gardner was enthused over his new job. "The change has made me feel ten years younger," he said, "and I know I will have a great year. For a long time I have wanted to play on another club, as I felt I had been in Boston too long. As a first I dreamed a change, but now that it has come I really like it."

Oldring Peppery Rube Oldring looked like a school kid when he appeared in the old uniforms. He seemed perfectly happy to get back in the game and is eager to make himself useful. He liked the work of Kopp, the outfielder, and did not hesitate to say so. "This fellow Kopp is a wonder," he said. "He will be a sensation and it looks as if he would play left field. He can cover the ground as well as any outfielder I ever have seen and will work well with Walker and Jamieson. As for myself, I expect to be a utility man or something like that and help Connie in every way I can. The club looks good this year."

The first exhibition game with Pittsburgh will be played next Saturday. Dodgers in Sunday's game with the Red Sox, Manager Robinson injected extra hitting into today's practice session. Several Dodger pitchers were permitted to cut into the Yankees' bullpen. Dan Griner, in particular, Jack Coombs arrived today and took his first workout.

ALEX MUST JOIN CUBS TODAY OR GO HOME

Big Twirler and Mitchell Will Hold Final Conference at Pasadena Today

NEWS OF THE CAMPS

Pasadena, Cal., March 19. While the Cub recruits and veterans get up their regular practice today Manager Fred Mitchell and Grover Cleveland Alexander, pitcher de luxe, will hold one final conference in an effort to "get together." It is understood that if Alexander falls to come through today he will be given his passport eastward.

Montgomery, Ala., March 19.

Failure to report for duty of Fred Toney, the Cincinnati Reds' star twirler, and Eddie Gerner, the International League southpaw, is causing Manager Mathewson to wear a large frown. The rest of the team are on the job.

Marlin, Tex., March 19.

The Giants are being driven harder than usual this spring because of a shorter stay in camp. McGraw ordered all hands to put on second speed today, and the regular infielders and outfielders from Kauff to Zimmerman were permitted to cut loose with many throws. Hubbard, Causey, Winters and Hoyt, four rookie pitchers, are being closely watched by the manager. McGraw expects to keep at least one of the newcomers.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 19.

Pitcher Bill Evans left the Pirates squad to answer the draft call. He is the second twirler to be lost. Recruit Milligan leaving last Saturday. Manager Benzke arrived yesterday and practice was begun in earnest today.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 19.

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