

THE HUN IDEA IS TO CARRY A HOME UMPIRE AND CLAIM THE GAME AFTER PRACTICE

MANAGERS AND CLUBS MAKE PLAYERS OR VICE VERSA? QUERY EVER ALIVE AMONG BALL BUGS

Cases of Cobb, Speaker, Alexander, Johnson and Others Cited to Sustain Viewpoint of Average Fan

BASEBALL has several problems that are harder to down than a bad conscience. There is the question of relative merit of the game now and then. This is an annual query that is no nearer being settled than when it began the second year of the existence of the pastime.

Will the war put the game on the blink this year? That one hasn't many followers in the ranks of the bugs, who declare that they will want the game more than ever on account of the need for mental relief from the stress of the conflict and will be satisfied if the game goes on.

Another player who carries a whole club on his shoulders is Walter Johnson. Clark Griffith may be a miracle man, but he can't seem to get other ball players together or develop them into stars.

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Golf Doesn't Aid Baseball Play, Says Pratt

DERRILL PRATT, of the Yankees, is one of the numerous baseball players who have gone in strongly for golf. Rather, he is one. He isn't strong for it now. Not that he loves the game any less, but he doubts seriously whether golf is good for a baseball player, and he has dropped it for a time anyway, dropped it completely.

Loss of Eye Ruins War and Baseball Careers

PLAYFUL snapping of a heavy bath towel cost Uncle Sam a good soldier and deprived a promising catcher of participation in any more baseball games.

Tigers Have Often Favored the Yankees

YUOHEY JENNINGS, manager, and Frank Navin, owner of the Detroit Tigers, can never be accused of not helping give New York fans a winning American League team.

Cubs Look Good in California

CHICAGO scribes doing the long-distance pen work from the only big camp in California pronounce prospects scrumptious. Dode is showing up unusually well and is sure not only of a regular berth but of the clean-up batting role.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



TEN BILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF FIGHTING MEN UNCLE SAM'S CONTRIBUTION IN WORLD WAR

At Least 85 Per Cent of Sammees Have Taken Out War Risk Insurance Policies, Writes Sergeant Louis H. Jaffe

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Feb. 22. UNCLE SAM'S contribution of fighting men to the Allied forces in the Great War for the purpose of eliminating Kaiser and autocracy, apparently is the most valuable organization of human flesh in history of the world's hostilities.

Every enlisted man in the United States service was to have been given an opportunity to protect himself and also his family. Every man had sufficient time, the limit being February 12, to take advantage of the Government's splendid offer.

One hundred men, including officers, were selected for the insurance campaign in the war zone. In about six weeks every soldier in England and France had the insurance plan thoroughly explained to them.

It was interesting work, too, insuring our anxious American boys; anxious to ease the Kaiser and anxious to return home. Small units of war-risk representatives were formed for the work of insuring the Sammees.

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On the other hand, many of the ebony-hued folk grasped at the opportunity to take out the maximum \$10,000 policy, one particular Georgia gentleman explaining: "She, gib me a ten thousand. Ah want be on the safe side. When Uncle Sam gets ready to send us niggers to the front, he's gonna keep the ten thousand niggers for the last."

Working from camp to camp I had an opportunity to meet a lot of France and her people, although my inability to carry the lines proved a great handicap in getting the full benefit of sightseeing. When with the Americans, though, I evened up matters.

Not a soldier here has a complaint about quarters or chow. Barracks like those in the camps at home are being put up daily, while the Americans also are having the advantage of living in quarters previously occupied by French soldiers. The Sammees have showers where warm water is turned on during certain hours on certain days.

Views Landscape After being put on the field for a month, sightseeing and working on the insurance, I was lucky to be one of two enlisted men to be selected for the return trip to headquarters by motor. Our journey covered a distance of about 180 kilometers and we were back in the gay city after a three-day trip, stopping in several towns "just to look around"; also to see a number of chateaux, cathedrals and numerous small churches built by the Romans centuries ago.

connected previously. I hope that I succeed. While in artillery camps last Saturday morning I was a spectator at a barrage fire. Three 5-inch guns and three 6-inch guns were being fired at thirty-second intervals. It was a great sight. The 5-inch shells were invisible as they left the gun, while the 6-inch shells looked like peas for several hundred feet before they became invisible.

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MORAN TO REMAIN IN ST. PETE TO GREET HOLDOUT CREW WHILE PHILS MAKE JOURNEY TO MIAMI

Peppery Pilot, Three Veterans and Five Rookies to Linger at Training Base—McGuffigan's Great Work Impresses

PAT MORAN has decided to assume the watchful waiting role down here in the training camp and will stay on the job to greet the holdouts if they happen to wander in this direction in the next few days. The manager fears his reluctant signers will not be treated as soon as possible, and even will go so far as to meet the trains as they stagger into this well-known land of sunshine and hot air.

Discovered by Wolf Last year McGuffigan was discovered by Scout Jim Wolf out in Vernon, Cal., and shipped here for a tryout. He made a fairly good showing, was taken North and stayed with the club until July, when he was railroaded to Richmond.

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Yarns From Dixie Training Quarters Larry Doyle, who is back with the Giants again after an absence of nearly two years, first came to the club in 1907. He was then a ruddy-faced youth of nineteen, who had attracted the attention of Dick Kinsella, at that time a scout for the Giants, by pounding the ball for an average of .299 with the Springfield club of the Three-League.

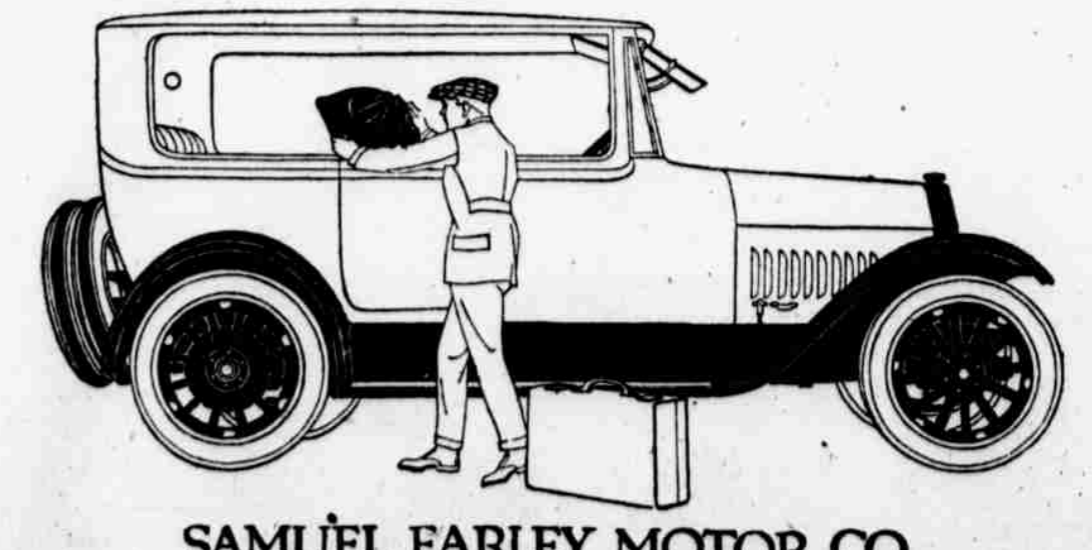


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