AMERICAN LEAGUE WILL OPEN BASEBALL SEASON THIS AFTERNOON AT BOSTON AND CAPITAL

CONNIE MACK, WITH BEST TEAM SINCE 1914, READY TO OPEN THE SEASON WITH BOSTON TODAY

Athletics-Red Sox and Red Sox-Athletics Will Meet in First Conflict of Year at Fenway Park Ball Grounds

By a Staff Correspondent

Boston, Mass., April 15.

Just about a day ago you would not give a plugged nickel for the chances of the Athletics opening the Boston big league season here this afternoon against the Red Sox, as per the official schedule. Then a wicked if beautiful appearing blanket of snow covered Fenway Park, and there was no suggestion of violets in the wind. But late yesterday afternoon the sun came out, the snow disappeared, a soft wind started blowing away the surface moisture, and the same sort of thing held over this morning. The result is as perfect a stage as could be wished on upon which to open the season between the Red Sox-Athletics and the Athletics-Red Sox.

It will be a big opening. Both teams are colorful and curiosity stirring to the extreme, the Sox because they have assembled all the stellar remnants of Connie's once great machine and the A's because the Tall One by judicious swapping and trading has gathered together a well-balanced team, possibly a mite weak in pitching, but in every other department apparently superior to anything with which Connie has started the season for these many years.

Both Clubs Hard Hit

No two teams in either league have been drained by enlistment and conscription as have these two clubs. Of course, the present temper of the American public is such that it will show much more interest in and enthusiasm for such ball teams than in the ordinary run of clubs, some of which mirraculously escaped the draft.

The plans of the managers included a battle of south paws, with Vean Gregg of the A's opposing the enormous and herculean Babe Ruth, of the Hubmen, thus represents the wiles and the wisdom of the old order of things and has been prancing around this spring under Mack, as a liberal dose of high life had been inserted. Babe has been hammering home runs and giving Brooklyn batters the grip, pneumonia and other things by whizzing over his fast ball.

Connie Is Optimistic

The Tall One came in this morning, and there's no use denying that he views the campaign with anything but alarm. He admits he has a better team than a year ago and the advance stuff from Jacksonville and Philadelphia has convinced Boston fans that, with Larry Gardner, Tilly Walker and Forrest Cady and other veterans, tried and found true, in the Mack line-up, the A's are nothing like soft pickings. Maurice Shannon, ex-Brave, is at second and going strong for the A's and Joe Dugan, once of Holy Cross, is shortstopping like Barry when the latter was fresh from Holy Cross.

This opening game will be a good test of baseball under real wartime conditions. If the attendance is not up around the 10,000 mark, then it will be time for the magnates to do a little worrying, particularly those who, like Frazee, of the Sox, has gone ahead on the proposition that baseball, like the theatres, will go big in war times, provided the teams are up to the standard.

All the Frills Today

The new Mayor of Boston, Andrew J. Peters, will throw out the first ball, Governor McCall will be there as one of the special guests. The Royal Rooters, that ancient order of baseball bugs whose unmusical "Tessie" has nauseated the rooters of other big league cities in world series times, will be the guests of Owner Frazee. Some of them may root for the A's, because you can't get away from the fact that Larry Gardner was a big favorite here.

Johnny Evers, by the way, will not be in the line-up at second base for the Red Sox. Dave Shean, the Greater Boston boy, bought from the Reds, will play the keystone sack. Troy-John is here ready to play, and he says that he has received no offer to manage the Jersey City club in the reorganized International League. It seems that John has a loose, wide-open sort of a gentleman's agreement with Frazee and Ed Barrow. If Johnny can better himself in any way he is at liberty to do so and the Hub magnates will not stand in his way.

How Playres Will Line Up in Opening Game at Boston

ATHLETICS	RED SOX
Kopp, lf.	Hooper, rf.
Jamieson, rf.	Shean, 2b.
Gardner, 3b.	Strunk, cf.
Burns, 1b.	Hoblitzell, 1b.
Walker, cf.	McInnis, 3b.
McAvoy, c.	Whiteman, lf.
Shannon, 2b.	Scott, ss.
Dugan, ss.	Agnew, c.
Gregg or Myers, p.	Ruth or Mays, p.

Walker

Gardner — Bush — McInnis — Strunk — Scheng — Cady

OLD FACES IN NEW UNIFORMS TODAY

RUBY RED NOSE RUINS GOOD FIGHT

Referee Eckhart Uses Judgment in Ending Leonard-Brazzo Battle

TAYLOR GETS A CUP

By BILL BELL

A bloody nose ruined a perfectly good battle at the National A. A. Saturday night when Jack Brazzo, after giving Benny Leonard a tough tussle for almost four rounds, was chased to his corner and the bout stopped. Brazzo was not hurt, but Referee Johnny Eckhart did the proper thing when he called a halt. Jack's nose was running like a gushing fountain, there was blood everywhere and the ring looked like a slaughter house. The battle just had to be stopped and that's all there was to it.

However, Leonard was kept busy while the quarrel lasted. He did not have a cinch—in fact, was given the best fight he ever had in a Philadelphia ring. Brazzo did not fear the champion. He went right in and slugged from the start, and Benny didn't know what to make of it. But Jack's nose began to bleed and he was a sorry looking spectacle at the end. It was best for the boxing game that it was stopped and the spectators were satisfied.

In the semiwind-up Paul Doyle, of New York, defeated Joe Welsh in six rounds. Welsh appeared too gentlemanly and polite to inflict any damage, and allowed his opponent to pile up a lead which could not be overcome. Joe is a good boxer, but lacks aggressiveness. He would be a world beater if he had some of the fighting spirit and pep possessed by his famous manager—Bobby Gunnis.

Taylor Gets Loving Cup

Herman Taylor, matchmaker of the club, was honored by Joe Christiana and other friends when he was presented with a silver loving cup. Taylor had done wonderful work since the new club opened, and in one month gained a place in the front rank of the matchmakers of the country. On Saturday night each bout was well matched, and there were no one-sided affairs. The young matchmaker even went so far as to dig up a hard opponent for Leonard—something that hasn't been done before.

Speaking of Leonard, the champion looks more like a welterweight than a lightweight these days. The outdoor army life seems to have agreed with him, and he has taken on quite a little weight. He may find it hard to get down to the lightweight limit if he boxes Lew Tendler.

Action at Olympia Tonight

There will be plenty of action at the Olympia tonight, when Joe Jeanette meets Jack Thompson in the wind-up. Jeanette is one of the most famous battlers in the ring today, having met all of the good heavyweights and always giving a good account of himself. He will box a rugged youngster in Thompson, who has battled his way from the preliminaries to the wind-up in three months. The bout is well worth seeing. In the semiwind-up Kid Norfolk meets George Christian. The other bouts on the card look good.

Scraps About Scrappers

Joe Lynch, of New York, and Frankie Burns, the Jersey City bantam, have been matched to box at Weehawken, N. J. They will box eight rounds on the night of May 2.

Eddie McGoorty, the Oshkosh middle, weight, has signed to box Phil Harrison, of Chicago, in a ten-round bout at Racine, Wis., April 22.

Chick Brown, the New Haven lightweight, and Eddie Wallace, of Brooklyn, will meet in a fifteen-round bout at New Haven April 22. Brown also boxes Charley (Kid) Thomas, of this city, at the National A. A., April 27.

Jack "Twin" Sullivan and Leo Pollack, Benny Valger and Kid Mendo and Dick Loadman and Elmer Doane are on the card at the Queensberry, A. C., Buffalo, for Wednesday evening.

The proposed match between Benny Valger, the French champion, and Battling Reddy, of New York, which was to take place at Providence, Wednesday evening, has been canceled.

Benny Valzer will meet Dick Loadman. Joe Lynch will tackle Kid Wolfe and Irish Patsy Cline will box Vincent Portanti in an all-star show at Cleveland tomorrow night. Each bout is scheduled to go ten rounds.

The preliminaries for the A. J. Drexel Biddle boxing tournament will be staged at Jack O'Brien's gymnasium, April 23, and the finals will be held April 26. James J. Corbett has donated three wrist watches, while William H. Rocap, sports editor of the Public Ledger, has donated two gold watches to be presented to the winners of the featherweight and bantamweight classes.

Willie Jackson, the New York lightweight, probably will show in this city in a short while against a good man.

Benny Kauffman, local bantam, has started training for his bout with Charles (Tougney) Murray, of Pittsburgh. They will meet in the main preliminary at the National A. A., next Saturday.

Patsy Broderick, who recently was stopped by Eddie Wagoner, has been matched to meet the wild-swinging Italian in a return bout at the National A. A. in two weeks.

Ping Bodie to Retire; Will Quit Game in 1925

Ping Bodie says he is going to quit baseball for good in the fall of 1925. "I will have had enough by that time," said Ping, "and I'll be ready then to buy a little bungalow out on the Pacific coast and settle down. I figure that this season and the two following will see me hitting the old pill at a better than .300 clip." Ping's optimism is wonderful. He is quite certain that the Yankees will be leading the league by the first of August.

SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR CRICKET SEASON

Twenty-five Matches Scheduled for New York and Jersey Associations

Although hard hit by the war, which has taken away many cricketers from their accustomed haunts in New York and Philadelphia, interest in England's national pastime will be kept alive here by those remaining at home and who will again engage in a cricket drive in behalf of world democracy on Memorial Day at Livingston. Twenty-five championship matches for the coming season have been arranged by the New York and New Jersey Cricket Association, in which six teams will compete—the Staten Island Cricket and Tennis Club, Manor Field Cricket Club, Bensonhurst Field Club, Bensonhurst Rovers, Columbia Oval Cricket Club and Columbia Oval Rovers. In addition there will be five intercity matches with Philadelphia to take the place of the Halifax Cup competition, abandoned for the duration of the war. The championship schedule follows:

May 25, Manor Field vs. Columbia Oval; Bensonhurst vs. Columbia Oval Rovers; May 30, Staten Island vs. Bensonhurst Rovers, Columbia Oval vs. Columbia Oval Rovers.

June 1, Manor Field vs. Staten Island, Columbia Oval vs. Bensonhurst, Bensonhurst Rovers vs. Columbia Oval Rovers; June 8, Staten Island vs. Columbia Oval, Manor Field vs. Columbia Oval Rovers, Bensonhurst Rovers vs. Bensonhurst; June 15, Bensonhurst Rovers vs. Columbia Oval Rovers.

SPORTING WRITERS NAME CANDIDATES

The annual nomination meeting of the Sporting Writers' Association of Philadelphia was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hotel Walton, Vice President Ross E. Kauffman presiding.

The following were nominated for the various offices: President, Ross E. Kauffman, James W. Gantz; vice president, D. LeRoy Reeves, Charles A. McCrea, Peter P. Carney, William E. Brandt; treasurer, Louis N. Goldsmith; secretary, James H. Sterrett; board of governors (five to be elected), Alexander H. Brooke, H. C. Pike, Levi Wilcox, Al Saunders, Lawrence McCrossin, Joseph M. McCready, William E. Scheffer, Frank Albright, Ray Zeigler, Joseph Costello, Paul W. Gibbons, J. G. Carpolan, J. G. Carl, W. U. Baker, J. C. Leaming-er.

The annual meeting for the election of officers will take place at the Hotel Walton on Sunday afternoon, May 12, the ballot-box to be open from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Vice President Kauffman appointed Harry B. Hoffman as judge and Mark W. Wilson and H. C. Crowhurst as tellers to conduct the election at the annual meeting.

Interclass Meet at Northeast

Northeast High School will hold its annual interclass track and field meet this afternoon on the school athletic field. Twenty-ninth and Cambria streets. This meet always has brought some star to the front, and Coaches Gerney and Sigman hope to discover some first-class men for the scheduled meets.

Notes of the Bowlers

Jim Guest, the ceaseless wonder at toppling the maples, once again romped off with the high honors last week when, rolling on the Reasli team in the Keystone League, Section A, he toppled the pins for the high score of 687 for three games. Geary, a pin-toppler for the Terminal Vets, in the same league, was a close second with 668 pins. Geary's name is a new one among those in the honor roll. Flood, a railroader of the Philadelphia League, finished third with 648, and Grossman, of the White Elephants, Quaker City League, fourth with 646. Guest also carried carried high scoring for two games, getting 483. Flood was second with 470. This consistent bowler outrolled Jim for the high single game, going him six pins better by scoring 257 against 251. Flood's high scoring also carried over the Pennsylvania Railroad squad with the banner score for five-man teams—2805 pins. Manero was second with 2850 pins and White Elephants third with 2913 pins.

Honor roll for the week follows:

	1st	2d	3d	Tl.
Guest, Keystone A.....	203	251	282	687
Geary, Keystone A.....	257	213	198	668
Flood, Philadelphia.....	257	213	178	648
Grossman, Quaker City.	200	214	226	640
Trucks, Quaker City....	243	161	201	605
Zier, Quaker City.....	193	211	201	605
Greenwell, American....	197	217	203	617
Martin, Philadelphia....	189	186	235	610
Knox, Quaker City.....	183	212	212	609
Hoelzer, Iron and Steel.	202	190	190	605
Smedley, Keystone A....	203	207	193	603

Five-man team scores:

	1st	2d	3d	Tl.
Penna. R. R., Phila....	1035	885	965	2885
Manero, Quaker City...	1054	983	931	2950
W. Elephants, Quaker C.	855	992	946	2913
Reasils, Keystone A....	944	913	931	2788
Greenwell, Philadelphia.	907	982	957	2856
Terminal Vets, Key. A.	883	932	881	2706
W. Elephants, Quaker C.	883	913	998	2794
Arzasis, Keystone A....	894	858	936	2788
Liberty Bell, Phila.....	915	867	918	2700

Two games worthy of mention:

Carey, 267, 211; Flood, 257, 213; Morer, 220, 216; Smedley, 206, 212 and 203, 267—all of the Philadelphia League. Lawrence, Keystone A, 212, 214; Greenwell, American, 197, 203, 217; Trucks, 243, 201; Zier, 208, 223; Knox, 212, 212—all of Quaker City League.

Single-game high scorers:

Flood, Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia League, 257; Jim Guest, Reasils, Keystone A, 251; Geary, Terminal Vets, Keystone A, 248; Cook, Manero, Quaker City, 237; Peck, Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia, 236; Snyder, Milford Drug, 246; Goodyear, Iron and Steel, 234; McCorkell, American, 231; Hayes, Quaker City, 228, and Hoelzer, Iron and Steel, 225.

Next Wednesday evening will bring to a close the final roll-off in Section C of the Arthur League. Girard having won the championship in this section, the roll will be for second and third places.

Young Outhit Speaker in Giant-Indian Series

The Speaker-Young batting feud during the Giant-Indian series ended with Young outhitting the older Texan. "Pep" is credited with twenty-five times at bat for a total of ten hits. Speaker kicked the ball eight times in twenty-seven turns at bat. Young came within an ace of increasing his lead when he whacked the ball down through the infield, only to be robbed of his extra bit when Tommy Turner made a wonderful stop and throw to first.

STANFORD WINS DUAL MEET FROM CALIFORNIA

In Last Intercollegiate Contest Until War Ends—No Records Are Broken

Stanford University, Cal., April 15.—Victory in the last intercollegiate athletic competition between Stanford University and the University of California, until the end of the war, went to Stanford Saturday when the cardinal track squad scored 69 points against California's 53 in the 1918 dual meet. It was Stanford's ninth straight track victory over the Berkeley institution.

No records were broken or threatened, and the meeting showed clearly the war's effect and inroads upon intercollegiate athletics, according to spectators who have annually witnessed the dual meets.

THREE BIG TENNIS TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULED FOR PHILADELPHIA AND MERION CRICKET COURTS

Intercollegiate, Women's and Girls' Championships Will Be Decided in This City. More Important Fixtures for 1918

ONE of the most interesting of the tennis fixtures announced for the year is the girls' national championship, which will be held for the first time. It will be a feature of the week of June 17, when the women's national championships will be played at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

The intercollegiate championship as usual will be held at the Merion Cricket Club and this event is scheduled for the week of September 9.

National on August 26

The national singles championship will be played at the West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, L. I., beginning August 26, and the national doubles at the Longwood Cricket Club, Boston, August 12.

The schedule of about 150 tennis fixtures for the coming season, which was issued saturday by the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, while showing a cut of something like one-third from the schedule that was arranged for 1917, indicates a full season of tennis throughout the country.

A close study of the schedule reveals the fact that in many cases the missing tournaments are those rated as of minor importance. This is not entirely true, for there are two events among the absentees which have heretofore held a recognized place among the big fixtures of the year. These are the Longwood singles and the annual tournament at the Casino at Newport.

May 30—Columbia Country Club, Washington, D. C.; Middle Atlantic tournament; Middle Atlantic sectional doubles championship.

June 17—Philadelphia Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa.; championship of the United States—women's singles, doubles, mixed doubles; girls' championship of the United States.

June 24—Orange Lawn Tennis Club, South Orange, N. J.; Middle States championship.

July 1—South Side Tennis Club, Chicago, Ill.; clay court championship of the United States.

July 1—Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Ga.; Southern championship.

July 29—Chicago Tennis Club, Chicago, Ill.; Western championship.

July 29—Atlantic City Yacht Club, Atlantic City, N. J.; Atlantic City championship.

August 5—Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club, Seabright, N. J.; invitation tournament.

August 12—Longwood Cricket Club, Boston, Mass.; doubles championship of the United States.

August 17—Ocean City Yacht Club, Ocean City, N. J.; South Jersey championship.

August 19—Meadow Club of Southampton, Southampton, L. I.; invitation tournament.

August 26—West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y.; national singles championship of the United States; junior championship and boys' championship of United States.

September 9—Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pa.; intercollegiate championship.

Bingles and Bungles

"PLAY BALL!"
The call of baseball rings out again today,
And across light on fields adrip with gore,
There comes a call we cannot fail to hear
Above the sounding cannon's greedy roar;

To France are thousands of the nation's sons,
Willing to die for victory o'er the Huns,
But still we pause to listen to the call
That mingles with the rattle of the guns.

In Dixie court we'll meet the day by day,
We'll gladly shoulder burdens as the will,
And just to keep our spirit running high
We'll speed on hour after hour and then to play.

The call of baseball rings out again today,
But not so loudly as in other years.

This is the closed season for stove league gossip and hold-outs.

The umpires will begin his season of uncertainty tomorrow.

Many a leaguer sought in the draft is now busily back to the basket. And many more are headed for France.

Miller Huggins started his American League drive against Walter Johnson.

Between postponed games, the war tax and the army draft, the theory little was will have his hands full.

Figuring the Giants win the pennant, Heinie Zim has started a season of intensive training in the sprints.

Athletic Goods Army Necessity

Baseballs, footballs and other athletic paraphernalia have been made a part of the regular military equipment of American soldiers sent overseas. The athletic division of the War Department commission on training camp activities is endeavoring to furnish each company going to France with a complete box of athletic goods, it was announced today.

Lajoie Assumes Charge of Indianapolis Team

Napoleon Lajoie, who was declared a free agent by the National Baseball Commission, has gone to Indianapolis to assume the management of the local American Association club. Lajoie will take charge of the Indianapolis club today at its first exhibition game on the home grounds this season. This game will be against the Cleveland club, with which Lajoie played for twelve years.

DONOVAN MAKES GOOD AS COACH AT DETROIT

"Wild Bill" Has Developed Great Pitching Staff for Spring Drive

The name of Bill Donovan, glorified more by connection with a major league team as manager, nevertheless promises to create considerable disturbance this year in American League circles.

As New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington prepared today to open the season, Bill was leaning back and enjoying himself, for the Detroit pitching staff, for the first time in many and many a day is about ready to cut loose and show the American League it can do things.

Training season results are poor things as a rule by which to judge coming performances, but it is a startling fact that the Cincinnati Reds, one of the hardest hitting teams in either league, has been able to do very little with the Tiger heavers. And usually the Tiger pitchers have been rather ineffective.

The Detroit Tigers, therefore, must be counted in the American League race—probably the dark horse and next best to the White Sox. And Bill Donovan is coaching the Tiger pitching corps.

The Yankees, who go into action today at Washington, appear ready to challenge the league for a first division berth, but pitching weaknesses have cropped up, and there is no reason to believe that Darrill Pratt will strengthen the infield enough to make the Yankees any great shucks as contenders.

225 BOXING MATCHES TO DECIDE CAMP TITLE

It may take only one bout to decide the boxing championship of the world, but it's going to take approximately 225 to find the champion of the Eighteenth Division at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Through the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities and Captain B. R. Murphy, division athletic officer, an elaborate tournament to decide the championship has been arranged. There will be contests in eight weights—108 pounds to heavyweight—and each regiment, battalion and separate unit, including the Depot Brigade, will be represented in the competition.

ALEXANDER TO PITCH FIRST GAME FOR CUBS

St. Louis, Mo., April 15.—Still worrying over the status of Grover Alexander in the draft, the Chicago Cubs were all today prepared for the opening game tomorrow. Alexander went to Chicago for a conference with President Weegman, but probably will be here to pitch in the first game. If Alex isn't called April 24 he is expected to be in the box May 1 call.

Fred Merkle, first baseman, was a last-minute holdout for higher wages.

Sports Served Short

Richard E. During, of the Brooklyn baseball team, just announced as founder of a franchise in the New International League, located at Portland, Me., in the Naval Reserve, having obtained permission from the draft board of his home district in Kentucky. During was with Portland last year.

With a parade and band concert, Sing Sing prison's Mutual Welfare League had a big outing and opened their baseball season with a victory over the Metropolitan Insurance Company nine from New York by a score of 5-4.

After ten years of success, the managers and teams of the Tri-County Baseball League confessed that the war has given a setback to the circuit. A meeting was called for this week, but only James Lees, of the Freeland Club, and James Lees, of the Drifton nine, reported that their teams will support the sport.

Lafayette College has elected James B. Easton, to lead the Maroon and White football team in the coming season. Easton has coached the Easton high school team. In that time he has played forty-four games and lost but three.

W. Thacker, for the last three years director of athletics at McAlester College, St. Louis, has resigned to accept the appointment as assistant athletic director at Battle Creek, Mich.

Carriden, former National League player, has been engaged to act as coach for the navy training camp at Great Lakes, Ill.

They're Off Today With Games at Boston and Capital

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TODAY
New York at Washington—Clear, 4 p. m.
Philadelphia at Boston—Clear, 3:15.
TOMORROW
St. Louis in Chicago
Detroit in Cleveland
NATIONAL LEAGUE
TOMORROW
Boston in Philadelphia
Brooklyn in New York.
Chicago in St. Louis
Cincinnati in Pittsburgh

DISSTON WILL PLAY INDEPENDENT BALL

Jack Fenton to Coach Industrial League Champions—Open Season With Camp Meade

The Disston A. A., champions of the Northern Division of the Industrial League, 1916 and 1917, have organized and will play independent ball this season under the management of Harry G. Fredericks. They have secured the services of William Fenton, better known as Jack Fenton, to do the coaching. Jack will be remembered as being closely identified with the best semipro teams in Pennsylvania, for years with various North Penn League teams.

Disston will open its season May 4 with the team from the Ordnance Department, Camp Meade, considered to be about the best from there. The Ordnance team is under the management of Harvey Taylor, former captain and first baseman of the Disston club. All first-class teams desiring games, please state guarantee expected, addressing all communications to Harvey L. Gaumer, 218 Sheldon street, Olney. Telephone Tacony 200, between 8:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

Comiskey Gives to Red Cross

Ten per cent of the receipts of all games played at the Chicago American League Park this season will be donated to the Red Cross, Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the club, announced tonight. Comiskey's contributions to the Red Cross last season amounted to $17,000. Jackies from the Great Lakes Naval Training station and soldiers from Fort Sheridan have been invited to attend the opening game of the season here tomorrow, when the world's champions play St. Louis.

DAILY BASEBALL YARN FROM TRAINING SPOTS

Got the Wrong Key

A game scheduled at Memphis the other day between the Giants and Indians was not played because Steve O'Neill, the Cleveland catcher, gave Val Sildin, the Charley Faust of Memphis, the key to third base instead of the key to the pitcher's box. Sildin drifted into the Hotel Chrisca looking for Leo Fohl, the Cleveland manager. He announced that he was outfielder and first baseman and desired to work out with the Cleveland club.

Some one pointed to Harry Cooper, the vaudevillian, who was standing in the lobby, and told Sildin he was Fohl, whereupon the Charley Faust of Memphis edged up to Cooper's side: "Mr. Fohl," he said, "I'd like to get a uniform to practice with your team this afternoon."

Cooper never cracked a smile. "All right, son," he said. "Go over to Steve O'Neill and get the key to the pitcher's box, then come back to me."

Sildin approached O'Neill and asked for the key. O'Neill took a bunch of them from his pocket and handed him the key to a grip that he lost five years ago. The Faust of Memphis returned to Cooper.

"Here is the key, Mr. Fohl," he said "How about the uniform?" Cooper took the key and attached it to a long strap and handed it back to Sildin. "The uniforms are out at the ball park," he said. "You take this key and go out there now and wait for us. Have the pitcher's box opened up when we arrive, and I'll fix you up with the uniform." Sildin went out to the park. He was there when the Giants and Indians arrived, searching everywhere for the pitcher's box that he was to open. Cooper, who is appearing in vaudeville in Memphis, was not at the park, so Sildin could not find the key before Umpire Bill Brennan called the game off because of the arctic temperature.

Two "hearts" with but a single wish —MURAD.

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