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... ISLAND SWAMPS MADE INTO MODERN BALL FIELD IN LESS THAN FIVE WEEKS

Admiral Bowles' Men Set New Record When Twelve-acre Plot Is Prepared for Opening Today—Ninety Thousand Dollars Spent to Fix the Grounds

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ONCE upon a time there lived a youthful person who got by without any cares or worries, lived on the fat of the land and basked in the sunlight of content.

It was on June 24 when Admiral Bowles rubbed the lamp and said: "Let's have a big baseball field, the largest in the United States, with all modern improvements, and have it finished on July 27 so the boys can play a game there."

Swamp Converted Into a Modern Baseball Field

BUT the story of the band of builders led by General Foreman J. B. McCabe will go down in athletic history as one of the greatest feats. It shows what can be accomplished under difficulties if the men work together and typifies more than anything the progressive American spirit.

At Ninety-fourth street and Tincinn avenue there was a swamp on Monday, June 24. The ground was lined with furrows, holes containing stagnant pools were everywhere and the place was the most dismal and uninviting one could possibly imagine.

One hundred and twenty-five men started in to fix up the place and after a week there was a noticeable change. The ground was leveled, the holes filled in, the water was absent and the doubtful ones admitted that a ball park would be there some day.

Then a fence began to grow on the outskirts of the field and the grand stand and bleachers sprang up as if by magic. The diamond was laid out and the grounds made ready for today's game.

Twelve Acres of Ground Surrounded by a Fence

I VISITED the new athletic field yesterday and was astounded at the sight. The new grand stand and bleachers look small in comparison with the rest of the place, but even a Yale stadium would have room to spare if placed in the field.

There is not a blade of grass on the field, but that is due to the fact that it cannot be grown overnight. However, seed will be planted and before the summer is over a green covering will be there.

Far off in the distance, near the left field fence, there are six tennis courts and nine more will be constructed in a short time. Between third base and the fence, off the foul line, a gymnasium costing \$20,000 will be constructed.

Admiral Bowles Made It Possible to Build Field

LAST January Dyer conceived the idea of building an athletic field for the employes of Hog Island. He experienced some difficulty in launching his plan at the start, discovering to his dismay that the only thing he had was an idea—nothing else.

I never have interviewed Admiral Bowles and only have seen him at a distance. But to discover what work he is doing at Hog Island all one has to do is talk with the employes. They know the Admiral's record, they admire him for the work he has done for them and not one man hesitates to express his feelings.

Football Will Be Played Next Fall

THERE are great plans under way to push all branches of athletics on the island. There will be an interdepartment baseball league with twelve clubs, a shipway league with six teams and a protection department league with four. These teams will start playing in a short time on the new field.

STARS IN AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES CLASSIFIED IN FIGURES

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

JUST WHEN YOU'RE BEGINNING TO FEEL BLUE AND DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR YOU READ THAT THE ALLIES AND AMERICANS HAVE CHECKED THE BIG GERMAN DRIVE AND THAT THE ITALIANS ARE CHASING THE AUSTRIANS ALL OVER EUROPE



AND THAT WE HAVE NEARLY A MILLION MEN IN FRANCE AND WE ARE LAUNCHING 89 SHIPS IN ONE DAY OH-N-H-H BOY!! AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



GOLF STROKES ARE EXPLAINED

Chick Evans Tells How Intentional Slice is to Be Made

NOT A HARD SHOT

By CHARLES CHICK EVANS, JR. A number of readers have written me asking suggestions with reference to golf strokes and I believe I can answer all of these queries in an article, which will be of interest to every golfer.

READY TO FIGHT, SAYS MEREDITH

Ted Writes Father Airplanes Are Needed for 'Big Stuff'

PRAISES AVIATORS

The following letter has been received from Ted Meredith to his father, J. H. Meredith, 2520 Cedar Avenue:

Upward Stroke

On the upward stroke the clubhead will then pass considerably inside of the line it would follow in an ordinary swing.

No Furlough

"Any chances for a furlough are hopeless," says George Meredith, catcher of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Internal Revenue Executives Win

The executive committee of the United States Golf Association has decided to postpone the 1918 championship golf tournament.

Camp Crane Receiver Injured

Attention, Pa., July 27.—John Douglas, receiver of the Philadelphia Athletics, was injured during a game.

West Reading Repulsed

Vernersville, Pa., July 27.—Galen Hall won from West Reading, a game which was the longest hit ever made on the Galen Hall field.

POSTPONE START OF TENNIS PLAY

Eastern Penna. Tourney Will Get Going Monday at Cynwyd

ENTRY LIST STILL OPEN

The men's singles and doubles championship tournament of Eastern Pennsylvania, which was to have started this afternoon at the country of the Cynwyd Club, has been postponed until Monday afternoon.

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Secretary Baker's Ruling Death Blow to Baseball

Secretary Baker's latest ruling, which virtually closes the ball parks after September 1, will help the game, instead of creating a crisis. Mr. Baker has made it more difficult for the club owners to continue for another month.

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TYRUS COBB LEADING AMERICAN LEAGUERS BY A VAST MAJORITY

Tris Speaker, on Swatting Milton Stock Hit in 17 Consecutive Games Before Comstock Stopped Him

TRIS SPEAKER is on a batting spree. He has gotten one or more hits in each of his last sixteen games, during which he came through with 24 hits in 57 tries for an average of .421. He also scored 12 runs.

MILTON STOCK was on quite a batting rampage when Ralph Comstock applied the brakes. Milton had hit safely in seventeen consecutive games when he quit to the above hurler. Stock, hitting as pinch hitter for Jack Adams, failed to get a hit and broke his long streak, during which he came through with 23 hits in 76 attempts for an average of .302.

Table with columns for Player, Club, G, AB, R, H, RBI, P, etc. Lists batting averages for various players in the American and National Leagues.

AMERICAN LEAGUE PITCHING

Table with columns for Pitcher and Club, W, L, P, C. Lists pitching statistics for American League pitchers.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHING

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