PAT MORAN WAS A "SHARK" ON SIGNALS AND HE DIDN'T MUFF BAKER'S "TIP" TO MOVE

HEYDLER'S ELECTION OVERSHADO WED WHEN MEETING TONIGHT MORAN IS RELEASED

Selection of Tener's Successor as National League President Forgotten by Baker's Stunning Announcement-Luderus and Cravath May Go

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

WHEN it comes to making things interesting at a baseball meeting and furnishing the fireworks, William F. Baker, president of our Phils, wins the brown derby. Last year he did nothing but send Alexander and Killefer to the tall and uncut for a measly \$50,000, and yesterday startled the baseball world with the announcement that Patrick J. Moran, one of the best managers in the game, had been summarily dismissed, canned, given the gate and handed the tinware forever and anon so far as Philadelphia was concerned.

That was the opening act of our National League executive, and, strange as it may seem, nothing was said of selling Moran to the highest bidders. He was released unconditionally and has permission to get a job any place he likes, either at driving a truck, selling fish or managing another ball club. President Baker cares nothing of Mr. Moran's future, although he stated he would be glad to assist in any way possible to get him another job.

It took time for the news to slide through the corridors of the Waldorf and it caused no more excitement than a German raid on Wall street. Even the election of John A. Heydler as president, secretary and treasurer was forgotten. No one would believe it and men like John McGraw, Wilbert Robinson, George Stallings and Fred Mitchell put it down as pure bunk. They could not believe a man of Moran's ability would be sidetracked in times like these when the national game was about to regain its lost prestige and go ahead on a more sound financial basis. For hours it was regarded as a wild rumor, and not until President Baker announced Moran's missal was the report given credence.

"Yes, Moran has been released," said Baker between innings at the meeting. "I wrote him last August to look for another job and followed it with another note last month. Moran is a good manager, I'll admit that, and I cannot criticize his work. In fact, I shall be glad to recommend him to another position if he asks my assistance.

"I have another man selected for the job as manager of the Philadelphia club, but will not give out a statement until tomorrow. The man I have in mind will do some good work and the Philadelphia fans will accept him. Until tomorrow, however, I will have nothing to say."

Baker intends to offer Jack Coombs the position, but he first must come to terms with the old Athletics' pi-cher.

COOMBS pitched for Brooklyn last season and it is believed Charles Ebbets will turn him over to the Phils on some sort of a deal. But more of Coomba later.

Ousting of Moran Severe Blow to Club

THE ousting of Pat Moran is a severe blow to the Philadelphia National League club. It is more serious than the sale of Alexander and Killefer, for those players were only part of the machine, while Moran was the engineer who furnished the brains. No manager in big league baseball over equaled the record of the Fitchburg marvel, and no one ever will.

But one thing must be remembered. President Baker is sole boss of the Phillies and has a perfect right to dispose of as many players as he wishes. He is a far-sighted business man, never makes a move until he has considered it from every angle, and when he acts he is convinced it is the best interests of the Philadelphia club. This is inside dope on Baker from personal observation and it will be well to withhold criticism until we have future developments. Baker wants to make money for the club and he knows he has to deliver the goods to the Philadelphia public, but we must state frankly that he seems to have made a big mistake in turning loose one of the most valuable managers in baseball,

In absolute fairness to all concerned, I can state that Pat Moran has worked harder and accomplished more for the Phillies than any other man since Robert Ferguson managed the first ball club away back in 1883. He took the job at the end of the 1914 season under protest, signed at a ridiculously small salary and did nothing but convert a bunch of has-beens and cast-offs into a pennant winning aggregation. It was the first pennant the Phillies ever won, and in 1916 and 1917 the club finished second in the race, losing by the narrowest margin.

Moran was the man who did this wonderful work, and it is doubtful if any one else could have accomplished it. He never was given a free hand in selecting players, but was forced to get along with the material on hand. What big financial deals have the Phillies been involved in for the last four years? None that you can think of. When Moran took the job he traded Hans Lobert to New York for Stock, Demarce and Adams, three very good players who helped win the pennant. Sherwood Magee was turned over to Boston for Whitted and Dugey, two more high-class men. Nichoff was secured from Cincinnati, and that was the finish of new

VET Moran took those men, taught them real inside baseball and beat the Giants with their big bankroll

Players Insisted on Moran's Appointment

FOLUMES can be written about the work of Pat Moran, but his success with the Phillies speaks for itself. In 1914 he was ready for his unconditional release, when men like Alexander, Killefer, Burns, Luderus and Cravath insisted that he be made manager. They even went so far as to refuse to sign contracts until he was given the job. They knew what Pat Moran could do and he never disappointed them.

On the spring training trips he was a tireless worker. Morning and night he was on the ball field, giving as much attention to the rookies as to the stars. Every man was given a square deal, for it was up to him to develop the raw, green material, and he never lay down on the job His success was the talk of the league and he had numerous opportunities to go with other clubs.

Pac foran was not a high-priced man. He received less than one-half the salary of other big league managers who never have finished above the second division. He was interested in his work, however, and let it go at that. Perhaps Baker has a perfectly good reason for disposing of his manager, and, as I said before, it is his business to do as he pleases with his players, but it will take a long time to find any one who can take Pat Moran's place.

This is not generally known, but Moran revolutionized the signal system in the National League. He discarded the old, moth-eaten stuff and inaugurated a system all his own, which was difficult to detect. That gave him the bulge on the other clubs and helped him to win the pennant in 1915.

Last fall in Boston a report was spread that Moran was slated to go. credence was given it, however, and when Bill Killefer was asked about he said that the Phils might as well sell their franchise as dispose of Pat Moran. Every ball player on the club will state positively that Moran the best manager in the world and they will go the limit for him. But President Baker is running the ball club, he is taking everything on his own shoulders, and it is up to him.

HOWEVER, good business men often make mistakes. None of us is perfect. Otherwise they wouldn't be building crasers on lead

Tough Job for Man Who Succeeds Moran

THE man who succeeds Pat Moran will have the same social stanging in Philadelphia as a guy who follows a star act at Keith's. This is not slam at Jack Coombs, who is slated for the job if he can arrange a atisfactory financial deal with Baker, but Jack will have a tough row to oe. No matter how good he is or what success he may have, the canning of Pat Moran will remain in the minds of the Philadelphia fans.

No one would talk of the deal today, but enough was said to virtually it that Coombs would get the place. First, Jack came all the way m Paris, Tex., to attend his first National League meeting. Second. is on his last legs as a pitcher, so why should he make the trip? n asked about the proposed deal, Coumbs would neither deny nor affirm

Why should be assume that attitude? Then, to make it certain, Charley Ebbets would not discuss the matter any way, shape or form. He reluctantly admitted he had been in basesall for thirty-six years and in that time never met a man who stood out us much as Coombs. He gave Colby Jack a big boost, but that was all. t was rumored last night that Coumbs's wife opposed Jack taking the job

and that the veteran would not accept. Every one in Philadelphia knows Coombs. He was the mainstay of Athletics for years and worked so hard that he dislocated a vertebra ne of the world series games. He lay for months between life and th in a hospital, and the doctors told him he would be an invalid all life when he left.

WEVER, it will take a long time to forget Pat Moran. It also ted that Fred Luderus and Cravath will be uncondi-

END OF NATIONAL

Heydler Asks American League Owners for Joint Baseball Conference -

BAKER NONCOMMITTAL

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL.

New York, Dec. 11. The National League will end its ar ual meeting tonight without accou dishing anything in regard to the futur of baseball. The game will be played ext year, but nothing officially has been ione in regard to the length of the sea son, the personnel of the National Comalssion or the fate of Garry Herr-

Instead, President Heydler sent a tele gram to the president and club owners f the American League, asking for a oint conference to be held in the near uture. Until an answer is received othing will be done. Mr. Heydler's essage is as follows:

"At a meeting of the National League eld this morning the president was nanimously directed to request that a unanimously directed to request that is joint conference between all clubs of the American League and the Nationa League be held or that a committee representing each of said leagues to gether with the members of the National Commission meet in the immediate future at such time and place as many heavest and the commission meet in the immediate future at such time and place as many heavest and the commission meet in the immediate future at such time and place as many heavest accordance. nay be agreeable to you for the may be agreeable to you for the pur-pose of taking up and discussing the questions of the player limitation. length of schedules for the coming sea-son and the question whether the Na-tional Commission as at present con-stituted, to wit, three members, should be maintained or whether a government e maintained or whether a commission should be constituted. Also to discuss such other matters as may be of importance to both lengues and organized baseball in general.

Minors Represented

"Included in this invitation is a comittee representing the National Asso-lation of Minor Leagues, I am author-zed by my league to make all arrangenents for such a conference. President Baker, who released Pa Moran as manager of the Phillies unconditionally, stated today that he has not

decided upon the successor for the Fitchburg pilot and prehably will not do until the first of the new year. "I still have an open mind," said resident Baker today, "and have not ecided upon the manager for 1919. It probable that I will not do so until

fter the first of January." This statement by President Baker uts at rest numerous rumors which tave been going the rounds of Peacock Alley since the announcement of Moran's ease was made at the beginning of he annual National League session here

selected to succeed Moran by Baker, and on and decided the best way to prove after the two had had a conference, the that he carried a punch was to apply Phillie president felt sure that he had a it for Uncle Sam. He proceeded East new manager. It was also believed that and enlisted in the United States navy Coombs would be a great favorite with more than a year ago.

club wished to have a manager who resided in the Quaker City. Moran spent his winters in Fitchburg, Mass., and in one of the preliminaries at the Cambridge City during the muted to Atlantic City during the

the, Tex., last night, and all was hought to be well until Mrs. Coombs urned down the proposition.

of comment among baseball men, but all the talk is favorable, and it is be-lieved he is just the kind of an executive he league needs.

The offices of the parent circuit now are in the hands of one man. Heydler key is to the National what Ban Johnson is to the American League. Heydler is president and secretary-treasurer.

John Heydler is the second National League umpire to be elevated to the league presidency. He filled the office once before for a half year, being elected from Lewis. president in August, 1909, after the death of Harry Pulliam. He filled the office until the following December, when the celebrated Heydler-Ward deadlock

aused Tom Lynch to be elected as

Heydler was born in Lafargeville, Y, on July 10, 1869, but his family oved to Buffalo when he was quite small. He entered the newspaper busi-ness and got his first baseball experiuce in 1893 as baseball correspondent nd served in this capacity until 1898, hen he was placed on the regular staff. He quit umpiring that year in midseason fter an argument on the Polo Grounds It is understood that his salary will be \$19,000. Heydler has not yet taken

up the question of an assistant. He will discuss that question with the board of directors. William Manley, former secretary to President Barrow, of the International League, entered the Na-tional League's services last winter, but he is now in France in a pioneer regi-

The new board of directors elected consists of August Herrmann, Charles Ebbets, William Baker and Hempstead, presidents of the Chacinnati illadelphia and New York

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MADE GOOD IN SERVICE

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

THE call of the coin listens well in the I cars of all, even to the purest of amateurs. It is the duty of all good amateurs to give their best and in return take only enough to cover expenses plus a few highly coveted medals.

For a number of seasons a young sailor now stationed at Cape May startled the natives in his home, a small town in Ohio, by his fine work in the ring. He performed so well that he Jack Coombs, former Iron Man of the A s and considered a Philadelphian, was selected to succeed Moran by Baker, and

the Philadelphia fans.

President Baker was told by Coombs that he would have to leave the decision up to Mrs. Coombs. Baker specified that Coombs would have to live in Philadelphia, as the board of directors of the phia, as the board of directors of the company of the phia, as the board of directors of the company of the phia, as the board of directors of the company of the phia, as the board of directors of the company of the phia company of the phia company of the company of the company of the phia As the service men, as a rule, are not

bria on Friday night. Thus we present Joe Bowinkle.

According to a certain present amateur champion who is well acquainted Heydler Popular

The election of John A. Heydler as resident of the league is causing a lot from the league is causing a lot of comment among baseball was lot from the league in the league is causing a lot from the league is causing tournament for the King's good boy. He is a clever fellow with a good punch and a level head. Bowinkle, the westerner is a very and the league is causing tournament for the King's good boy. He is a clever fellow with a good punch and a level head. Bowinkle ican lightweight star, was eliminated by John Miller, a British private. Miller won on points.

but the sailor boys will watch the results of the bout anxiously. Sallor Joe expects to make good against McClos-

Gussie Lewis and Tommy Tuohey have the headline act. Lewis is a big favor-ite in Kensington, but will have nothing

TENDLER BEATS CALLAHAN

Yorker Quits in Ninth, Claiming Broken Hand Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—Lew Tendler, of Philadelphia, was given the decision over Frankle Callahan, of New York, at the start of the ninth round of their

scheduled twelve-round bout here last

and when the bell rang for the ninth

nce in 1893 as baseball correspondent washington. D. C., for a sporting ublication. He was made a substitute in the National League in 1894 round to start Callahan's manager refused to allow him to go on.

Eddie O'Keefe, Veteran Ring, Artist, Quits the Fight Game for Good

After twelve strenuous years in the ring the curtain is about to be dropped on the career of a well-known Quaker City performer. For one week this vettern has been trying to get in condition for a match but mature would not be a superficient was gone, his speed departed and all that remained was the frame of a once-separational boy. remained was the frame of a once-squ-sational boy.

Thus does Eddie O'Keefe say farewelf.
He was scheduled to meet Young Robi-deau at the Olympia on Monday night.
He wanted to stage another of his come-backs, but the effort was too much this time, and he now says he is through.
He made this announcement through his manager, Jack Weinstein, last night.
O'Keefe was a brilliant performer in his prime. He was a heavy buntam and a light feather and met the best in the two divisions. The tide first turned against him when he walked into one of Kilbane's right swings. From then on he gradually advanced toward the EXIT and found it yesterday.

GREB TRIUMPHS IN LONDON BOU'I

Stops Corporal Green in One Round — Ritchie Mitchell Loses on Points

London, Dec. 11. Harry Greb. Pittsburgh light heavy-weight, knocked out Corporal Green, of South Africa, in one round here this atternoon in the Anglo-American service boxing tournament for the King's

awarded the decision over Jake Abel, The ceremonies closed with the presen-Chicago welterweight.

West Philadelphia High Elects Davis Harry Davis, fullback on the West Phila delphia High School eleven this fall, this afternoon was chosen to lead the 1911 eleven. He is in his funfor year and played only one year on the team, He sleet captain of the baseball team and is center on the basketball five.

Scraps About Scrappers

Frank Bagley has signed five of his bat-tiers to take part in the all-star Christmas Day program of the Olympia A. A. The boys who will show are Johnny Murray, bantam, Phil Franchini, featherweight; Har-lem Eddie Keily welterweight; Benny Val-ger, the French boxer, and Willie Jackson.

Ed Slattery, manager of Frankle Conway is confident that his portess will surprise for Burman when they meet in the last part is adouble wind-up at the National A. A me Saturday night. Soldier Bartfield and K. O. Wille Loughlin will feature in the irst part of the double final. Max Williamson and Wille Spencer will be seen in the main preliminary.

Joe Leonard vs. Toung Ketchell and Grover Hayes vs. Willie Burke will be the contestants in the double wind-up at the Hog Island A. A. tomorrow night. Youn Jimmy Mct'abe and Battling Mendell, Bennid Goldle and Sammy Freedman and Johnny Lisse and Leo Parker will make up the rest of the program.

E. A. GIMBEL CUP AWARDED C. H. S.

Football Trophy Presented to Public School League Champions

MEDALS FOR PLAYERS

The Central High School was pre-sented with the Ellis A. Gimbel Cun-emblematic of the Public School League football championship, during the chapel exercises at the Broad and Green streets Institution this morning. The cup was presented by Ellis A. Gimbel, the donor, who is a Central High alumnus. Bob Folwell, the Penn Coach, made a

speech in true football style introducing Mr. Gimbel. Mr. Gimbel, in his speech of presenta-

tion, promised to lend his influence toward the extension of Central High School into the Municipal University of Philadelphia, such as many other cities have. The present course would be extended two years, and would be open to all students of the Philadelphia High Schools. He voiced his strong approval of the action of the Board of Education in approving a recommendation to the Legislature at Harrisburg for an increase in the school tax rate from six to

He also would have a suitable clubhouse and outdoor swimming tool erected at Houston Field. He praised the

athletic prowess of Central High.

After the battle of Chateau Thierry.
in which the United States soldiers played such a prominent part, Mr. Gimbel became the proud possessor of one of the projectiles fired on that memorable occasion

Professor Althouse had as guests "Billy" Stephens, captain of the 1914 team; "Bill" Butler, captain of the champlon 1915 team; Walter Rosenau, quar-terback on the 1915 team; Frank Som-mer, coach of the Ursinue eleven and a former star at Central and later at Penn; Bob Folwell, "Big Bill" Hollen; back and Jack Keough, the Penn coaches. tation of the coveted "C. H. S." to the football players. Twenty-one have been awarded first athletic honors, with nine gaining second honors, the "C. H. S. A. A." The following received first ath-letic honors: Captain Frank Long, Man-ager Thomas Krug, Paul Eddowes, John Bechtel, Louis Enslin, Joseph Biben, Mahlon Saunders, Edward Bennett, Earle Springer, Joseph Fuhrman, Walter Fix-ter, Wesley Hackman, Walter Clauser, Edward Kovachy, John Blessing, Leon Levintow, Jacob Kaufman, Isldore Har-ris, Alfred Gordon, Alvard Voeglin and George Humphreys George Humphreys.

FOGARTY TO COACH NAVY YARD QUINTET

Former Eastern Leaguer Bert Bell Anxious to Engaged to Tutor Train ing School Basketball Team at League Island

FOOTBALLERS TO PLAY

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

WITH the football season closed in a blaze of glory the athletic authorities at League Island are turning their attention to winter sports and already a great number of the enlisted men have responded to the call for indoor teams.

No less than seven basketball teams out for the team. Higgins, the star end, Center, for the weekly boxing carnivals, Two of the most famous basketball players in history have taken charge of a pair of the service cage teams. Articklefaber, erstwhile coach and star at Pennsylvania, has been tutoring the aircraft five for some time, and recently Joe Fogarty, the former Eastern League sensation, was engaged to coach the League Island training camp quintet. Poth is as much enthused over the training school basketball team as he was over the football eleven which gave Penn such a whale of a practice scrimmage right before the team merged with the leftover marines for the League Island team, which won six consecutive games on the gridiron.

At present the team is composed of Green and Mulhearn, forwards; Smith, captain and center, and Taylor and Lambert, guards. The first game of the season was played against Hog Island last Friday, and the sailors won by the lopsided score of 35 to 13.

Within the next few days Fogarty

Return and Lead Penn During 1919 Football

Sergeant Bert Bell, of the University of Pennsylvania Base Hospital Unit No. 20, in France, in a cable-gram to Fred Ford, a former newspaperman, stated that he was anxious to return and lend Fenn during the 1919 football season.

He said that next to being cited by General Pershing, the greatest tribute paid him came from Penn when he learned that he would be esptain of next year's football eleven. He will return to this country in April and will re-enter Pennsylvania in the fall.

have started at the navy yard, and several score sailors and marines are reporting regularly to A. H. Haughey, one back, will be two of the candidates, and of the assistant heads of the Recreation Motter, who played center on By Dick-Center, for the weekly boxing carnivals, son's eleven, will be out as soon as his

will have some of the football players



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