IF THERE'S ANYTHING IN A NAME, GEORGE WASHINGTON GRANT CERTAINLY IS A PATRIOT

WITH PAT MORAN AS MANAGER, CINCINNATI WILL BE DANGEROUS

Reds Have Collection of High-Class Players, and Only Capable Pilot Necessary to Drill Them Into Pennant-Winning Combination

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BASEBALL business is improving and the grand old game is perking up a bit before the annual pilgrimages South—that is, all of the clubs except our A's. Just when news was getting scarce along comes the yarn that Pat Moran is to manage Cincinnati and the Boston Braves actually have been sold. That's enough excitement for one day and it gives the boys some excess conversation to unload. Soon we will be waiting anxiously for the opening of the season.

Pat Moran's departure from the Giants will partially crab the opening act at the Phils park on the afternoon of April 23. Patrick was expected to stand on the coaching lines and root against his old team, while Jack Coombs did the same against the Giants. Moran was a big opening-day attraction, and it might be necessary to get Charles Dooin, Billy Murray or some other member of the ex-managers' association to fill in.

However, Pat is the real man for the job in Cincinnati. Garry Herrmann did not pull a bone when he asked the wizard from Pittsburg to make the journey to talk things over and sign the papers. The Reds are a high-class, walloping, fence-busting ball club, and capable of making things interesting for the other seven rivals for the National League gonfalon, provided the boys are handled properly. Moran knows how to get the players working together, which was the chief fault of Christy Mathewson, who mismanaged the team last year. With Patrick at the helm, the Reds stand out as probable pennant winners and may reverse the dope. Heretofore the Herrmann aggregation always did its best work in February and March.

Last year Cincinnati had the best team in the National League. The pitchers were working good at the start and the sluggers were knocking the ball out of shape in every game. It looked like a cinch for the Rhinelanders, but soon the players began scrapping among themselves and Mathewson was powerless to restore order. It looked like a dissatisfied ball club and put up a brand of pathetic baseball.

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IT WAS said then that Moran could have taken that team and copped the pennant hands down. Let's hope he has a chance this year.

Reds Have Plenty of High-Class Talent

THE loss of Toney and Schneider will weaken the pitching staff, but Ruhe Bressler, Regan, Eller and the others will form a nucleus on which to work. The sluggers still are on the job, however, and they are good ball players. Neale, Roush, Rehg, Griffith and Sherwood Magee form a formidable outfield, although Sherwood may be shifted to first base. Heinie Groh at third, Bill Kopf at short, Lee Magee at second and perhaps Walter Holke at first compare favorably with any infield in the league. Shortstop is a trifle weak, but that position may be bolstered. Ivy Wingo is the best catcher and would improve under Moran.

John McGraw's attitude when told of Moran's opportunity to land a big league berth shows why he is so popular in baseball. Instead of standing in his assistant's way, John told Pat to go ahead, get the job and as soon as that was done the New York club would release him from his contract. McGraw always has been a friend of the ball player, and almost every man who worked for him is a booster.

Herrmann and McGraw always were close friends. For years Garry aided the Giants and the Giants aided Garry. Many deals have been pulled between the clubs and a new one is in prospect. McGraw wants Hal Chase and wants to send Holke to Cincinnati in exchange. While negotiations are going on, Pat Moran is asked to manage the ball club. That being the dope, why shouldn't Chase be exchanged for Holke and no questions asked? Q. E. D.

There has been some talk of keeping Mathewson in New York as McGraw's assistant and coach of the pitchers, but this is not likely to happen. Christy has been getting a big salary in Cincinnati and might not be satisfied with a paltry $5000 for a few months.

Clarence Rowland and Jack Hendricks were prominent candidates for Matty's job before Moran entered the scene, but these have been eliminated. Rowland was touted highly by his friends, but lack of experience in the National League was against him. Hendricks counted himself out when he signed to manage the Indianapolis club in the American Association.

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THE Reds leave for Shreveport, La., the middle of March, to get in shape for the opening game. Already 15,000 seats have been sold, which indicates the team and the new manager will get plenty of encouragement—on the opening day.

Bezdek Talks on National League Situation

HUGO BEZDEK, manager of the Pirates and coach of everything at Penn State, dropped a few remarks about the baseball situation after his basketball team was defeated by Penn Wednesday night. Hugo was anxious to talk baseball after watching his basketball team perform.

"We will have a great season this year," he said. "All of the clubs have been strengthened and it will be a hard fight from the start. At present the Giants seem to have the inside track for the pennant, but you never can tell what will happen. New York looked like a pointed shot last year, but when they hit the toboggan [illegible] things. As that, the team looks good with Kauff, Burns, Young and Robertson in the outfield and Zimmerman, Fletcher, Doyle and possibly Chase in the infield. Barnes, Causey and Perritt are the best pitchers with Benton, Ruether, Schupp, Smith and a few new ones to pick in order needed. Barnes says much for the catchers, but McGraw has a few men who might fill the bill.

"Chicago had the best pitching staff in the league last year and the same men are back. In addition, [illegible] he gets going the clubs will win some ball games. Kelleher is the best catcher in the league, so you can see the Alibis [illegible] the battery line. The infield needs bolstering and some new faces in the lineup would help some. Remember, these are just my views, [illegible] talking from a fan's viewpoint. [illegible] Moran signs as manager.

"I expect Jack Coombs to have a good season [illegible] he's a smart ball player and I always have admired his work.

"As for Pittsburgh, I can't predict very much. If we can get all of the players we will have a strong ball club and [illegible] You know, everything depends on the results of the series. It's [illegible] is hard fought, and that's what makes major league ball [illegible]

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BEZDEK is the busiest man in athletics. He [illegible] every hour on his two jobs. As [illegible] season he hustles to Penn State to coach the football team and after that all he has to do is to coach basketball and manage all of the other sports until the time comes to take the baseball trip. However, he always gets results.

Theatrical Men Control Boston Clubs

IT TOOK a long time, but the Boston Braves finally have been sold. The new owner, George Washington Grant, has the proper stuff for a patriot, especially in these patriotic times. The Braves have been on the market for more than a year, and for a time it looked as if Tim Murphy would have to step in and take the club instead of the team for the ball park. The Braves have not made much money since 1914, when they won the pennant and walloped the Athletics, and the owners were glad to step out. George Stallings will continue as manager.

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NOW Boston has two theatrical men [illegible] ball club. Lothrop is mixed up in the stage game, while George Washington Grant is a moving picture promoter.

A Tribute to Late Joe Tuber

NEWS does not travel very fast to the boys in France, and for that reason the following letter from Morris Wolfson is printed. Wolfson is in Coblenz Germany, and writes as follows:

"Being a reader of your paper and also a subscriber, I wish you would grant me some space. I received an EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER dated November 14 telling of Joe Tuber's death. Knowing him from the beginning of his career and also knowing him as a clean and good fighter, I wish to express my opinion to the fighting public and his widow that a better little man never stepped into the ring."

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JACK McGUIGAN'S benefit boxing show will be held at the National next Wednesday, February 5. There will be several high-class bouts—not sparring exhibitions, but real battles—and every dollar will be turned over to the widow and five little children of the late boxing promoter. It is a worthy cause and deserves the support of the boxing public.

MOVIE OF A MAN ARRIVING HOME IN THE DA RK

INDOOR TENNIS TOURNEY HERE

Philadelphia District to Hold Middle Atlantic States Championship

AT LOCAL ARMORY

By ROBERT T. PAUL

Tennis in this section is coming back with such a crash that the echo will be heard plainly many yes, many, miles away. The officials of the net game, not satisfied with bringing the sport back to its pre-war status, are planning to boost it to a plane never occupied before in this district.

Boost tennis, aptly, rightfully termed the slogan of the delegates to the annual meeting of the Philadelphia and District Lawn Tennis Association held late yesterday afternoon in the Federal Building.

One of the most important topics discussed last evening was that of staging a Middle Atlantic States indoor tennis championship in one of the local armories, preferably the First. It has been some years since an indoor tourney was staged here, but those present were unanimous in the belief that such an event would be held successfully.

Week of February 17

It is planned to hold the indoor tournament the week of February 17, which would bring the best matches to be played on Washington's Birthday. Junior singles and doubles and senior singles and doubles will be played. The junior events will start each afternoon at [illegible] o'clock and the senior events get going at [illegible] o'clock.

William Rose, president of the Belmont [illegible] was acting president in the absence of President Percy W. Gardner, detained by business in Washington, attended the meeting yesterday. To be added to our [illegible] in general in the minor tournaments [illegible] William Tilden, chairman; Joseph Jennings, T. W. Harris, Craig Biddle, Hosmer Hanna and Lawrence A. Lewis.

The committee will hold another meeting next Monday evening at the Union Club.

Should Be Success

There is no reason why an indoor tournament [illegible] should not be a success. [illegible] attention to the tournament, Mr. Tilden [illegible] Wallace Johnson, Nathaniel Niles, Dr. Dean Lamb, Dr. Dwight Davis, Dr. Walter Reed, Dr. Lewis Ashton, Dr. Lewis Stephen Ware, Dr. Lewis Stephen Ware, Dr. Lewis Stephen Ware