

ONE BAR THAT WON'T GO DRY AFTER JULY 1 IS LOCATED NOT FAR FROM GLOUCESTER, N. J.

S. S. MERRIMACK, WITH NOSE WET, LEANS ON DELAWARE RIVER BAR

Sandy Variety Only Kind of Bar Discovered on Trip to Southern Training Camps—Boat Runs Into Fog, but Misses Barge in Mist

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On Board the S. S. Merrimack (Some Place in the South Atlantic), March 21.

TO START this story properly, allow us to state that this noble frigate on which we are slowly but surely speeding southward is NOT the well-known and highly pres-argued vessel that lost a decision to the Monitor in the Civil War...

Furthermore, we are in a position to state that this is NOT the heroic ship which was sunk by Lieutenant Hobson in the Spanish-American War to bottle up Santiago harbor...

We also have had many adventures in our quest for printable material in the baseball camps of the South. After a difficult-to-say nothing of a perilous voyage from Philadelphia to Gloucester, N. J., the good old ship managed to locate a bar—the sand variety—and just leaned against it for four hours...

The first couple of days we always were running into something. First we crashed head on into a dense fog, and the fog won the decision on points. We took the count for three more hours off Wilmington, Del., but there was no objection. At that stage we didn't care where we anchored or took the count or anything.

AFTERWARD we ran into the breakwater, scored a bulls-eye on the ocean and almost delivered a knockout wallop to a harmless barge which was safely anchored right in the channel and concealed by a dense cloud of mist.

There were no stray submarines or floating mines, because we didn't hit any. The good old frigate, whose engines had been faithfully trained and rubbed down by Bill Drew and his trusty assistants...

However, the Merrimack did some contortionist stunts which were the pride and envy of the spectators. She endeavored to slide backward, roll sideways and go forward all at the same time, and succeeded in everything except going forward.

Included in the nine-tenths of the noncombatants were a dozen sailors who were on their way to Fort Royal to become guests of Uncle Sam from four months to ten years.

After a couple of days of bouncing on the billows the passengers were resigned to their fate and decided to get well by keeping from starving to death. There was no chance to get off and take a train, for they were licked the moment they stepped on board.

STRANGE as it may seem, no ball players were on board. Those birds never touch an water unless they have to, because for some reason or other they hit the mat as soon as they leave the dock.

Major Eggeman Praises Pat Moran as Manager. It is impossible to travel any place these days without stumbling into a discussion of baseball and the prospects for the 1919 season.

Last night as we were steaming through a quiet sea, the ship leaving a trail of phosphorescence in its wake and a bright moon shining, a group of passengers sat on deck and orated on the coming baseball season.

"Look what they did last year with a mismanager and the players fighting among themselves! Finished way up in the race and should have won. The Reds had the best club in the National League in 1918 and should be better this year."

"AT PRESENT they need a shortstop. If they get a good one they will win hands down. A player who can hit about .300 will fill the spot nicely. Jimmy Smith looks good, but I understand Pat Moran is on the trail of another promising youngster and may land him."

Oscar Duguey May Assist Moran. "JUST figure the 1919 line-up for batting strength. Jake Daubert, first base; Lee Magee, second; Jimmy Smith, Claude Davidson or the new phenom, shortstop; Heinie Groh, third base; Sherry Magee, left field; Eddie Rousch, center, and Earl Neale, Reih and a couple of other sluggers for right field. Wingo and Rariden will do the catching, and then take a slant at the pitcher."

"Old Sal Sallee will be a big help, and in addition there are other southpaws like Roy Mitchell, Rube Bressler and Dutch Reuther. The last-named looks good to Moran and he will be given a thorough tryout down South. Mitchell also has possibilities, for he trimmed the Cubs beautifully last season and should repeat. The right-handers are not so bad, either. Ring and Eller are the top-notchers and there are many youngsters to be looked over. Pat Moran need have no difficulty in selecting his pitching corps."

"I picked up an interesting piece of gossip when I was in Cincinnati. It concerned Major Eggeman. They say out there that Oscar Duguey, who assisted Moran while he was with the Phillies, will be working for his old team this season. Oscar, you know, is one of the brainiest coaches in the game. At third base he is a wonder, and that has been the weak spot on the Reds for many years. With Duguey on the job, Cincinnati will win many close baseball games—at least, that is what they say in Johnstown's village."

"Every one is excited over the opening of the season. Every seat has been sold for the first game and Pat Moran will be given a wonderful reception. Already Pat is quite popular with the fans, for they believe he will come close to giving the town its first pennant. I am pulling for Cincinnati this year and there are many others like me."

AFTER that the good old ship continued on its southward journey and all hands made bets on the possibility of arriving at some port this month. The betting was even today, but the odds will change if we travel against the wind.

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



WELL, I JUST THOUGHT I'D LOOK OVER MY OUTFIT—NO HARM IN THAT—WHAT'S THE USE OF LETTING THE CLUBS GET RUSTY AND LOOSE—I'LL TAKE 'EM UP TO THE CLUB AND HAVE 'EM PUT IN SHAPE

I UNDERSTOOD YOU TO SAY YOU HAD LOST INTEREST IN GOLF—THAT YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE UP PLAYING

AW—WELL, HE SAID I COULD HAVE ONE OF HIS CLUBS FOR A SHINY STICK

LAST FALL YOU BECAME SO DISGUSTED WITH YOUR GAME YOU TOLD ALL YOUR PALS AND YOUR FAMILY THAT YOU WERE THROUGH PLAYING GOLF FOREVER. NOW COMES A NICE WARM DAY AND YOU HAUL OUT THE OLD WAR CLUBS AND ALSO COMES THE DESIRE TO TRY OUT YOUR "FORM." PERHAPS THE LAYOFF HAS IMPROVED YOUR STROKE

JOE BURMAN NOW "Babe" Ruth Signs, Then Makes Speech

Star Bantam, Who Meets O'Donnell at National Tonight, Ambitions

KAUFMAN A 'COMEBACK'

Joe Burman is on the war path. Aroused over his failure to persuade Pete Herman to meet him, and slightly annoyed over his inability to lure many of the toughest bantams into the ring, the little Chicago boy now is directing his challenges in the direction of Johnny Kilbane.

Real Bantam Burman is a legitimate 118-pounder. Why he wants any of Kilbane's name only burman knows. He also informed Matchmaker Jack Hanlon, of the National, he was ready and prepared to entertain the champion of the featherweights.

O'Donnell Improved Burman meets Joe O'Donnell at the National tonight. Burman, outboxed by one of the Gloucester boys' punches was worth more than a dozen burman jabs.

Won't Trade Bancroft Will Play With Phils This Season, Says Coombs

HALL BREAKS 99 Misses but Once at West Overbrook Traps

GREENLEAF WINS FINAL Lost but One Match in Ten at Casino Academy

Passon's Play Features The Philadelphia Boys' Club gave the Ardentes Juniors a neat little trimming last night by taking the long end of a 24-hole score in a cage game played at Meier Garden. Passon's work featured.

"Babe" Ruth Signs, Then Makes Speech

Eccentric Southpaw Takes in Three Shows Before Concluding to Accept Frazee's Terms

SIGNS FOR THREE YEARS

New York, March 22.—Babe Ruth, the Tzar of Baseball, yesterday signed a three-year contract with the Boston Red Sox, champions of the world. He put his moniker on the official documents of Handsome Harry Frazee, owner of the title holders, shortly after 4 o'clock.

Big Ten Meet Tonight Western Classic Draws Total of 131 Entries

Lipton on Way Here Will Confer on Resumption of Yacht Racing

Haverford Beats Penn Marney Grosman Scores 11 Points in Gym Meet

Cubs Depart for Mineral Wells

Maxwell to Write Who's Who in Major League Training Camps With the departure of the teams for the South the 1919 baseball season has officially started. The great national game is awakening from its three-year war period of hibernation, and the result will be history's greatest revival of sports.

NAVY FIVE EVENS SERIES WITH WIN

Training Quintet Defeats St. Columba in Thrilling Game, 34-19

JIMMY BROWN ABSENT

Score one for Naval Training in the series with St. Columba, champions of the American League, for the city title. The service title holders knocked the very daylight out of Jim Coffey's evening at League Island last evening by the score of 34 to 19.

SWIM TITLE FOR CHICAGO Victory in Final Event Decides Intercollegiate Contests

Decide Gate Title Monday

JOHNNY KILBANE hasn't gone back as a boxing attraction. The champion failed to show his class in his first fight with Al Thompson.

Tommy Rabbott and Frank Carbons will be the wind-up boys in Trenton on Monday evening.

Joe Koons and Dave Meter will entertain in the Cambria feature on the night of March 28.

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CHEATER AT GOLF A MARKED PLAYER

South Is Filled With Ballplaying Golfers

It would surprise the average base ball fan to know just how many golf bags have been taken south by the players of the major leagues. While many such clubs are pleased to have an order preventing the ball players from playing golf during the ball season, they let the men indulge in the game as much as they please down South, so long as the game does not interfere with the practice.

HONOR FRANK Cavanaugh Dartmouth Grants Degree to Former Football Star

Boston, March 22.—President Ernest B. Hopkins, of Dartmouth College, announced here last night that Frank W. Cavanaugh, of the American Expeditionary Force, and a member of the class of 1917, had been granted the degree of A. B. "honoris causa." The degree was voted at a recent trustees' meeting, and the diploma will be conferred at commencement in June.

Van Orman in Line May Succeed Sharpe as Cornell Gridiron Coach

Ithaca, N. Y., March 22.—That Ray Van Orman, for the last ten years end coach of the Cornell football team, will be succeeded by the Cornell player, H. Sharpe as football coach at Cornell University when the latter goes to Yale this summer is the belief of many Cornellians who have canvassed the situation and discussed the possibilities.

PRESTON BROWN DRAWS Fitzgerald's Finish Earns Even Break at Cambria

After being sick at the close of the first round from the effect of several wicked body punches, Whitey Fitzgerald rallied strongly, and by slugging ferociously in the remaining five rounds, earned a draw with Preston Brown last night at the Cambria Athletic Club.

STOSH FINISHES STRONG Overcomes Knockdown and Earns Draw With Pierce

Baltimore, March 22.—After being floored by Harry Pierce, of Brooklyn, in the second round of a twelve-round bout here last night Dick Stosh, of Cleveland, came out with a vengeance, refused to let Pierce's advantage count, and by the score of a draw, making no allowance apparently for the Brooklynite's one-round flash.

ZBYSKO THROWS LEWIS Turns Apparent Defeat Into Sensational Victory

New York, March 22.—Wladek Zbysko, the Pole, beat Strangler Lewis, of the United States, in a match scheduled for the championship of the North American Madison Square Garden last night. Time, 1 hour 24 minutes 37 seconds.

Seniors Win Chester High Meet

Alex Ross in Great Shape

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