# WINTER TRADES HAVE MADE BRAVES THE SPRING MYSTERY OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

## STALLINGS'S BRAVES STRONGER NOW THAN ANY TIME SINCE 1914

Mystery Club of National League, Considered Lucky to Remain in Circuit, Shows Real Fight and Is Likely to Cause Surprises

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

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Columbus, Ga., April 3.

"OMPARING the 1919 edition of the Boston Braves with last year's aggregation is like trying to pan off a flivver for a twelve-cylinder unabout. It can't be done. Down here in Georgia the hired men em loyed by Stallings are playing some great baseball, every one is working his head off, and there are evidences of a deep-laid plot to put something

over on seven other clubs in the National League. There is a different spirit from that shown in 1918, and if everything goes through as planned, there will be something doing in

Boston is the mystery club of the National league. According to the dope. Stallings and is new owner, George Washington Grant, will e lucky to remain in the league. But that is according to dope. In reality, this mysterious gang looks better than at any time in the last

hree years and will prove it at any time or There is a vast improvement in the infield, with Holke at first and a kid named Schreiber at short, and an old bird labeled Riggert has added strength to the outfield. In addition. Rabbit Maranville is expected to be among those present about April 15 and

GEORGE STALLINGS Hank Gowdy is looked for around May 1. With that pair of soldier athletes on the job Boston must be considered a first-division club.

"The club looks better to me than at any time since 1915," said George Stallings after the morning workout. "The boys are working harder, are taking their jobs more seriously and act as if they really mean business. I never have seen so much spirit, and right now we are weeks shead in

CTRE pitchers look good, and while I am not predicting a pennant or anything like that, I can say that we have an interesting ball club which will win more games than it loses. If Maranville and Hank Gowdn were with the team I would say without hesitation we had the best-looking squad since I have been in

### Herzog Must Prove Worth to Grant

STALLINGS struck the right note when he spoke about having an inter-esting ball club. There is speed in the infield and outfield, the pitchers are going good, and the catchers, John Henry, Art Wilson and Walter Tragresser, also are in shape. Walter Holke looks like a different player, Herzog is working harder, Schreiber probably will take the shortstop job away from Rawlings until Maranville returns, and Red Smith is just as

For the first time in many years Herzog is trying to make good at second base. Heretofore he had the temperament of a high-salaried star a player much sought for and considered an asset to the ball club. This year it is different. He still has a contract which calls for \$10,000, but it contains the ten-day clause and he must prove his worth. George Grant. the new boss, did not give into a single demand made by Herzie, thus recomplishing something that hasn't been done for several years. The Stormy Petrel has the same social standing as any other player and will be judged on his 1919 efforts-not past performances.

Every day Herzog is the first man on the field. He gets as much baiting practice as possible and takes fielding practice around second base until the last batter has departed. He still plays a wonderful game, but it is a question if he is worth \$10,000 to a ball club unless there is a good chance to win the pennant. Grant is a shrewd business man, knows the value of a dollar and is likely to make some sort of a move before the end next month. In the meantime, Herzog is on trial.

CHICK MEEHAN, the stor quarterback of Syracuse in 1917, is a eandidate for second have and already has attracted considerable attention. He fields his position well, gets ground balls on either side and is a fair hitter. He has lots of room for improvement, but one year in the big show should help. Mechan is short and stocky, a good scatter and an ideal lead-off man-

### Schreiber, War Veteran, Looks Good

HANK SCHREIBER is another kid phenom who has every appearance of a finished ball player. His work at shortstop is gilt-edged and no one can kick on his hitting. In 1917 he led the New England League with a batting average of .360 and was drafted in the fall. Before he could do anything, however, he joined the army went to France and came back wearing two service stripes. This youngster will bear watching, for he also can play second base if that position suddenly becomes vacant.

They say the Braves are too old and too mediocre to do anything startling in the pennant derby. Don't you believe it. That dope is all wrong, and a public demonstration will be given on and after April 23. There are many good players on the team and the utility material is exceptionally high class. The infielders, Rawlings, Blackburn and Mechan. can fit in any place, but Blackburn is the most valuable substitute in the league. He has a good arm, fields well at second, third or short and is fast on the bases. He has changed his style of hitting and is doing much better in that department.

The outfield also is well taken care of, with two regulars. Powell and Kelley, on the job. Wickland has been a hold-out, but Powell has taken his place in right field. Rehg. Massey and Bailey have been traded, so it was cesesary to find another man to fill in centerfield. Joe Riggert stepped in, made good and looks like a fixture.

This bird has been trying to horn into the fast set since Tris Speaker was a pup and has had many ups and downs-mostly downs. In 1911 he went to the coast with the Red Sox and grabbed a job as a regular. the opening game, however, at his first time at bat, the first pitched hit him between the eyes and knocked him cold. Afer that he was date-shy and was sent to St. Paul. Brooklyn gave him a tryout two years later, but he again was returned to St. Paul. At that time Dalton, Wheat and Stengle were playing at the top of their game and Riggert was not

St. Louis tried him next, for he was gaining fame as a home-run hitter in the sticks. He failed to make an impression and was handed another return ticket to St. Paul. Now he is back again and intends to stick. No kinger is he plate-shy, and instead of knocking homers he is poling out singles. Although thirty-two years old, he is remarkably fast and Stallings mys he will stay with the club.

TOM MILLER, an outfielder from Richmond, also is trying for the team. This kid was claimed by the New York Yankees, but was awarded to the Braves by the National Commission. He is a eft-handed thrower and batter and very fast. Eddie King, who was tried out by Connie Mack a few years ago, has been signed and looks good.

### Jack Scott Rated as Another Babe Ruth

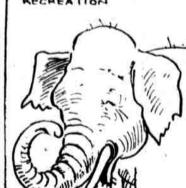
pitching staff, which is most important, is shaping up like a idable bunch. In my travels thus far I have noticed the clubs are nally well fixed in this department, and Boston is no exception. is one of the best left-handers in the league, and Dick Rudolph, who mostly with his head, is in great form; Bill James, Al Demaree and Ragan will form the relief squad; six others are shaping up well. George again is in the big show and Ray Keating is expected to a regular come-back. Jack Slattery, coach of the pitchers, says ag is as good as he ever was and his experience will make him a able man.

The Braves say they have another Babe Ruth in Jack Scott, the big tht hander. Last year Jack was all ready to leave on the training trip en he was injured in an auto accident. His right hand was put out of iness and it took a year for a complete recovery.

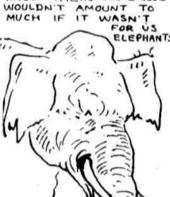
ANA FILLINGIM, who had six straight victories last year fore joining the navy, also shows an improvement. He his spit ball, but now has a curve which makes him more orthoup, one of last year's Musers, is in excellent

## WONDER WHAT A TWO HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD ELEPHANT THINKS ABOUT

WELL HERE I AM ON THE ROAD AGAIN. I'M GLAD TO GET OUT OF WINTER QUARTERS IT'S AWFUL MONOTONOUS I'M GETTING ALONG IN YEARS NOW AND NEED RECREATION



MR BARNUM USED TO BE AWFUL NICE TO ME AND SO ARE THE RINGLING BOYS. THEY KNOW HOW TO TREAT US - - I GUESS THEY KNOW THEIR OLD CIRCUS



THOSE LIONS AND TIGERS MAKE ME LAUGH. GEE HOW THEY HATE ME. JEAI OUSY. I LIKE CLOWNS AND THEIR FUNNY STUFF GOSH- THERE'S PAT

VALDO - HE'S A DANDY

LET'S SEE-IT WAS

JUST 150 YEARS AGO

YESTERDAY THEY CAUGHT

IT SEEMS BUT YESTER-

ME. I WAS ONLY A



BURNS'S BAT WICKED

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

the Mack payroll who had a lot to do

with the 15-4 rout handed the collegians,

into home-run alley, but still he's not missing fire whenever he aims.

AW-W - HERE COMES THE GUY WITH ALL THE FUSSY STUFF TO PUT ON TOP OF ME SO I'LL LOOK PRETTY IN THE GRAND PAGEANT.

THE SAME OLD CROWDS

BUT IT SEEMS GOOD TO

THERE'S A GIRL WITH

A PEANUT - I HOPE

SHE SLIPS IT TO ME

I'M AWFUL HUNGRY



THERE'S THE MUSIC IT'S A GAY LIFE AFTER ALL - IVE BEEN WITH THE SHOW BUSINESS FIFTY YEARS

WELL WHAT DO YOU KNOW BOUT THAT SHE ATE IT HERSELF --

LIKE A LITTLE ATTENTION

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NO SUCCESSOR NAMED

Boston, April 3.-The retirement from

cotball activities of Percy D. Haughton.

for nine years coach of Harvard elevens

was announced by him yesterday. Mr

Dresser Returns to Cornell

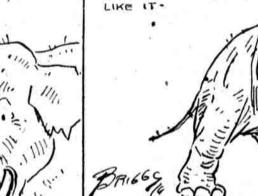
Hhaca, N. Y., April 3.—Ivan Dresser sturned to Cornell University yesterday, for being engaged in ship building activities since last spring. He won the two-nile race at the intercollegiates last year. Presser will represent Cornell in all the big meets this season.

Bowdoin Opens With Harvard

Middies Lose First Game

Annapolis, Md., April 3.—In the opening tame of the local baseball season the Ealth more Club of the International League de feated the Midshipmen 8 to 2.

DNCE IN A WHILE



## "LANK HANK" GOWDY. BALLDOM'S WAR STAR, LONGS TO JOIN TEAM

Now That the Big Battle Is Over, the Amiable Aggressive Maskman of the Braves Awaits Only for Orders to Sail, Then Report

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-By GRANTLAND RICE

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A YEAR can produce quite a number of changes in a citizen's existence, but there is a vast gap between April, 1918, and April, 1919, for Hank Gowdy. A year ago this April date found Hank a sergeant in the 166th Infantry, Ohio National Guard, of the Rainbow Division, resting at the moment in a fairly quiet sector, but headed for one of the busiest little springs and summers Lank Hank ever will know again.

It was only shortly after this that the Rainbow Division was thrown in with the French to repel the massive German offensive along the Champagne front, where the Teutonic assault, wave after wave, was literally cut and blown to pieces-the most effective check any German attack ever had met.

This was only the start. The Rainbow array was tossed back into action late in July just this side of the Ourcq. Coming along the road leading into the woods near Fere-en-Tardenois one morning we heard a familiar voice. And there, slogging up the road, was Lank Hank and his famous grin. Some one had said a few hours before that Hank had lost a leg.

"That rumor," said, Hank, "is practically unfounded. I think I've walked both my feet off, but my legs are still hanging on."



HANK GOWDY

HIS regiment had drawn its share of rough work, but the first major league ball player to enlist was still cheerful.

Hank's Reappearance in St. Mihiel Salient

THAT was early in August. Five or six weeks later we happened to be batting around the woods near Lemarches, in the St. Mihiel salient. It was pouring rain and the miid was knee-deep. Just around the turn & bedraggled figure emerged from the underbrush, minus a fresh shave, with two or three inches of mud scattered up and down his person.

It was Lank Hank again. The smile was still there, but a trifle subdued. Hank had been sleeping in this same stretch of woods for five nights with only one blanket. It was little better than a swamp. It was no place to spend a pleasant night if you had ten blankets.

"It's a great war," said Hank. "I hope I'm going to like it, for I think it will be my last one. I wouldn't mind it so much if I thought by next April I'd be pegging one down to second again. How long is it going to Famous Harvard Coach Anlast, anyhow?"

> 'Oh; not over three or four years," we said, to offer all possible cheer. An hour later we told him good-by again, and the tall catcher drifted back into the woods to see if any one had piffered his lone blanket during his absence.

No WONDER Hank had lost a small section of his ancient smile. The woods he happened to be inhabiting were a mixture of thick underbrush and swamp-under heavy rain all day-under

heavy rain and heavier shell fire all night. The Last Stop, Thence Homeward Bound

Haughton, recently discharged from his THE last time we saw Sergeant Gowdy came with a glimpse of pink hair

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HE LOOKED to be in fine physical shape. There is no great amount of fun carrying an army pack for eighteen months through French mud, but for all that it's a great conditioner,

### Gowdy's Career Has Been Rocky One

HANK was born just thirty years ago this spring in Columbus, O. He opened his professional career in 1908 with Lancaster in the O. and P. League. After two seasons in Lancaster he reported to Dallas in the Texas League in 1910. In 1911 he joined the Giants and was later traded to Boston. In 1913 he was sent to Buffalo, where he batted .317, and so was promptly recalled.

In 1914 he rose to his greatest baseball heights when he batted over .500 against the Athletics, pounded the ball all over the lot and drove in enough runs almost unaided to win the series.

Hank never has been a great hitter, ranging between .247 and .287. But he has always been a dangerous man at bat and one of the steadlest catchers in the game.

N 1917 he Mayed in forty-nine games and then chucked the gray uniform of Roston for the khaki of Uncle Sam.

### Good for Morale

BEYOND his baseball ability. Gowdy always was considered a good man for the club on account of his cheerful and amiable aggressiveness. He was good for morale. That grin of his alone was a morale maker.

Things couldn't break too badly to get Hank's goat. He always has hustled and given his best. In going in when he did, Hank did something more than serve his country. He was one of the very few who helped the game from sinking to disgrace by entering the service early at a time when men were needed most.

THERE are more than a few who will be ready to welcome him home with a reception worth while.

### BAIRD REJOINS KINNEY PROVES HE'S PERCY HAUGHTON PHILLIES' SQUAD REAL HITTING-HURLER QUITS FOOTBALL

New Infielder Takes Light Big Bill Scores Twice. Gets Workout—Is Almost Double and Steals Base Thawed Out in One Inning Against

Garnet

DEFEAT BELMONT, 8 TO 1

Charlotte, N. C., April 3. - Douglas Baird, who has been in drydock for the last few days because of a heavy cold, returned to the fold today and took a Bild. KINNEY Counte Mack's new light workout. Doug was almost frozen to death on Monday and forced to take theory that "some pitchers can hit."

The weather here is everything but were graded in the suitable for spring training. The sun is hot, but there is too much opposition from the cold, tenetrating wind which sweeps the playing field. The ball players are suffering and the elephants in the circus, which is parked in the adjoining lot, imagine some one has a slugger. The Texas played a cruel joke on them. The shrieks of the packederms and the craibing of the ball players make the life of the weatherman a hardship.

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kept busy, and for that reason no one is kicking about the extra toll. Jack the tee. route to first base to cover on bunts and Scored Twice did their work well. They located the bag every time and scored many put-

arctic circle and will be able to diagnose Fred's illness in a day or so.

Despite the weather, which is nothing that in the other training camps Coombs is working his men hard, and, strange as it may senie, they are in good shape. They are a healthy, sturdy to to f players, which accounts for their ability to stand up under the strain. If the weather gets cold in the early part If Burns in Form the season they will not be annoyed or worried. After a couple of weeks down here they could go up in the Canadian League and make good.

Tomorrow the hardened athletes will play the A. and E. College, whatever that means, and will win. This is inside dope and can be played across the the first time yesterday morning, and was inserted into the game at left field

TILDEN BEATS VOSHELL

IN SENSATIONAL MATCH

Three Hard Sets-Plays Lieutenant Ball, Yale

Star, Today

New York, April 3.—Semifinal matches | the match. The score was 4-6, 8-6, 13-12.

### Eddie Murphy Joins the List of Holdouts

Neranton, Pa., April 3.—If has become known here "Eddie" Murphy, of Dunmore, Pa., formerly a member of the Philadelphia Athletics, now owned by the Chicago Americana, is a salary holdout and has not reported a salary nodoni and has not reported to Manager Gleason for spring training. Murphy is displeased because of the salary out given him by the Chicago management. He says he will not go South unless a suitable contract is tendered him.

Haughton, a good tackle on Harvard elevens in his undergraduate days, became coach of the football team in 1909. Teams coached by him since that time have won the games with Yale, by which the success of Harvard's football season is annually judged, in five of the nine years, with two Yale victories and two ties.

### JACK BEATS M'CULLOUGH

Kinney was the first batter in the A's half of the seventh and he wisely Local Skater Wins by Quarter

outs on imaginary runners. Gavey the vary that yis yellow first, thereby getting a good workout without knowing it. He figured he had 1,000,000 put-outs and 2,000,000 assists in two hours.

The second team, or the scrubs, or whatever the extra club is called, traveled to Belmont College yesterday afternoon and soaked the students in the ball like a typewriter builter to right center. Then William did the unexpected for a pitcher and Gasazzas did the twirling and their stuff went big in Belmont, N.C.

Luderus on Sidelines

Fred Luderus, our ex-captain, is sufficed as a frozen foot or frost-bitten and is a good hitter and a good pitcher.

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### MRS. BARLOW DEFEATED

Working in the receiving ship as a gob at League Island has not driven any-of the Reenness from George's eyes. He's a trifle off form in getting the ball

He's a trifie off form in getting the out of the home-run alley, but still he's not missing fire whenever he aims.

Burns in Form

George had five trips to the plate during the first practice till of the searon, and in those quintet of chances he collected two singles, a double, a walk and three runs. That's a fair afternoon's work for any big leaguer, even if it is against a college club.

Roy Grover reported for practice for the plate when the takes on Walls well, Mrs. Hurd winning with a 93 to Mrs. Barlow's 94.

Dorothly Campbell Hurd defeated Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst yesterday in the second play-off of their tile for the qualifying medal in the women's north and south champlon, at Pinehurst yesterday in the second with the morth and south champlon, at Pinehurst yesterday in the second with the morth and south champlon, at Pinehurst yesterday in the second with the morth and south champlon, at Pinehurst yesterday in the second with the morth and south champlon, at Pinehurst yesterday in the second with the morth and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon, at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald H. Barlow, the north and south champlon at Pinehurst, N. C., April 3.—Mrs. Bonald

Temple University Girls Triumph The women's varsity cage team, of Temple University, last night defeated the West Branch V. M. C. A. girls, 21 to 15, Misses Von Hagen and Walton starred.



MOCKY BUNNIN Former South Philadelphia High star, who played a great game with S. P. H. A. in the American League this season human

## Brunswick, Me., April 3.—Bowdoin Col-gre will open the baseball season with larvard at Cambridge next Wednesday, and ill close it with a game with the Univer-tiv of Maine, at Orono on June 7. Seton Hall Defeats Army West Point N. Y., April 3.—The Selor Hall baseball team defeated the Army nine here yesterday in a fast game, 5 to 4.

### Loses Qualifying Medal to Mrs. Dorothy Campbell



his battle with Johnny Griffiths in Akron three weeks ago.

Tillman first was booked to face Young Joe Borrell, but the Italian sing-Goodle Welsh engages Roy Ennis.

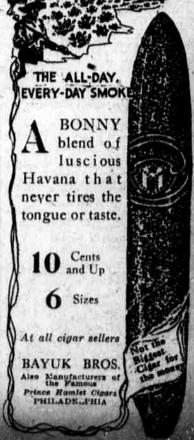
Johnny Burns has Battling Murray in shape for that six-round session with Jack Edile, of New York. These flashly flyweights mix in the Cambrie feature tomorrow mish. Murray hope hose is a smash at Jimmy Wilde and is taking to chances on losing to any of the home entries.

Kewpie Callender makes his second appearance in this city when he battles Young Merino in a return hout in the Cambria semiwind-up. If Callender wins he will mest Murray in a Cambria wind-up shortly. The other houts present Johnsy Moloney vs. Jimmy Tierney, Waiter Rennie vs. Joe Jackson and Young Buck vs. Young Hoppe.

Mohr has fought the best among the lightweights. He is a good hitter and always dangerous.

Max Williamson, the Quaker City en--The Toller in Tour We'll Make to Your Order a SPRING SUIT 25.00

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# SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

JOHNNY TILLMAN will make his here, when he engages fox in the Clymples ghore debut when he takes on Walter Mohr in the eight-round feature at the Atlantic City Sporting Club tonight. his battle with Johnny Griffiths in Akron or three weeks ago.

ger was unable to fill the engagement.

Max Williamson, the Quaker City en-try, who surpased by holding Battling Leonard to a draw in six sensational rounds, opposes Willie Spencer in the eight-round semi-windur Two other good bouts complete the program.