

HERE'S ANOTHER TREAT FOR LOCAL FANS—THERE'LL BE NO SERIES BETWEEN PHILS AND A'S

BASEBALL SEASON TO GET UNDER WAY HERE ON THURSDAY

With Arrival of Manager Garry Cravath, Wheels of Phillies' 1920 Machine Will Start—Much Work on Hand for Cactus

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JUST as soon as Charles Clifford Cravath—which is another way of referring to Garry Cravath, manager of our Phils—just as soon as Charles Clifford checks his telescope valve at the station, visits the offices of the ball club, removes his coat and celluloid collar and locks down to work, then will be the time of the official launching of the 1920 baseball season from a local National League standpoint. At present the mighty swatter is skimming over the rails, having boarded the train at that popular metropolis, Laguna Beach, Calif., which easily can be discovered on all maps of the country in which it hides. He is expected to arrive on Thursday, blushing how to the plaudits of the mob at the Sporting Writers' banquet at Hotel Bingham, partake of huge quantities of food and then predict that his team will win the pennant or something. All managers have got to win the pennant before March 1 or they are not real managers.

"Everything is set for the arrival of Garry," said President Baker yesterday. "There are many things to be done before we leave for the South and Cravath will be kept busy. As manager of the club, he will have to approve of the schedule of practice games which has been arranged, look over the list of players to be taken to Birmingham and then make his own arrangements for the southern jaunt. Garry will have absolute charge of everything pertaining to the playing end and will not be hampered in any way in selecting his line-up for 1920.

"All of the contracts have been sent out, but it is too early to hear from the players. Some have stated that they would rather talk to Garry about next season and are waiting for his arrival here.

"Garry also has a large bundle of mail to answer. Hundreds of young ballplayers are anxious to receive a tryout at the training camp and there might be some good prospects in the list.

"Irish Meusel wrote us a few days ago and stated he is in great shape for the coming season. His arm, which troubled him considerably last season, is stronger than ever and he is anxious to get down to Birmingham to prove it. Irish played too much winter baseball in 1919, but this year kept off the burn-storming teams on the coast. He gave his arm a needed vacation and profited greatly thereby.

IT ALSO was announced that Lefty Baumgartner, who twirled for the Phils in 1915, probably would be given another chance with the club this year. Lefty was a good pitcher and would help considerably if he can stage a comeback. Captain Duvy Bowerly has not yet signed a contract but is expected to do so when he sees Cravath.

Big Baseball Meeting in Chicago Next Week

NEXT week will be an important one in big league baseball. The two leagues will meet in Chicago, discuss the new rules, adopt a schedule, transact other business and elect a chairman of the National Commission. This is one of the most important gatherings the magnates have had in some time.

The fireworks will begin on Sunday, when the rules committees of the leagues get together and take action on abolishing the spitball and other illegal forms of delivery. Pitchers like Hod Eller, Cicotte and other shine artists will experience considerable difficulty in getting by on the mound if the legislation is put through. The idea is to allow the old birds to use their stuff one more year and then adopt the legal delivery. No new spitball pitchers will be allowed in the league this year.

All of which means more work for the poor, downtrodden umpires. Those guys will be forced to make a ruling on every ball pitched and they will come in for some severe punning before the season is over. However, they are used to it by this time and shouldn't mind.

The next big stuff will be the meetings of the club owners' managers, who will circulate in the lobbies trying to put over trades which will strengthen the clubs. There has been little trading going on this season, and the time has come for a few big deals to be sprung. Miller Huggins is in the market for an outfielder, McGraw wants a few infielders, and everybody is looking for high class pitchers. No one can tell what will happen, but it looks like a very busy session.

Of course, the Three Musketeers, meaning the Colonels—Ruppert and Houston—Frazee and Comiskey, members of the anti-Johnson Administration Society, will be there and it is said those recalcitrants will not attend the American League meeting on Tuesday. They feel they are not wanted or something like that, but will be very much in evidence at the joint meeting. They probably have something new to spring to baffle Ba.

THE IMPORTANT election of a National Commission chairman will be eagerly awaited for. There is some talk of putting Garry Herrmann back on the job as a compromise candidate, but this should not be taken seriously. Garry is out for good, as far as the National League is concerned, and Johnson will not be able to put him over. The leading candidates are Judge Landis, Bill Edwards and John Foster.

Garnet Gets Good Coach in Lafitte

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE is fortunate in securing Dr. Ed Lafitte to coach the baseball team this year. Lafitte had big league experience as a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers and did very good work. He left the Big Show, however, to practice dentistry in Philadelphia, but played occasionally on semipro teams. In 1917 he played with Frank Poth's Chester team in the Delaware County League and aided considerably in winning the pennant. Poth, by the way, never has been officially notified that he won the flag, nor has he been presented with the silver loving cup or the pennant.

Dr. Lafitte was in the war and served as a major in the dental corps. He played baseball on the other side and pitched in that famous baseball game in London, on July 4, 1918, between the Army and Navy, with King George of England as a spectator. Herb Penock pitched for the sailors and his side won by the score of 2 to 1.

THE NEW Garnet coach will take charge immediately and will have the candidates out for practice as soon as the weather permits.

McLean Has Made Fortune on Ice

BOBBY McLEAN, who now is in Norway training for a series of races with Oscar Mathieson in Christiania next Saturday and Sunday, is a Chicago product and has made a fortune in the ice-skating sport. Bobby will defend his title against Mathieson and also try to win prizes which are said to aggregate \$50,000.

McLean "broke into" the skating game in Douglas Park, on the west side of Chicago. At the age of 15 he captured the international ice-skating championships, and at 19 was the possessor of 119 championship titles. Right now he holds nine world's amateur and professional records.

Bobby has been skating for ten years and earned more than \$10,000 yearly in eight of them. The other two were spent in the U. S. Naval Service, and he was assistant navigator on the Magnolia, the ship which sunk the first German submarine.

McLEAN is the best skater ever developed in America and should have little difficulty in defeating Mathieson.

Campbell Tied for Billiard Title

A PHILADELPHIAN is in line for the national three-cushion billiard championship, and tonight makes the effort to bring the title to this city. He is William Campbell, Jr., who meets W. B. Hury, of Chicago, in the final of the elimination tournament at the Chicago Athletic Club.

Campbell is president of the William Campbell Inc., and represents the Union League in the tourney. He was the only Philadelphia entry in the championship.

A TIE exists in the standing of the playing now. Campbell and Hury each have won five matches. Arthur Newman, of Brooklyn, the title-holder, was eliminated last night.

A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



RUSSO GETS DRAW WITH Y. TIPLITZ

Boxer and Slugger Put on Great Fifty-Fifty Battle in Bout Full of Action

By LOUIS H. JAFFE It was all even—horrowing a perfectly proper term from Sandy McNiblick's golf terms—when the final tangle of the gong sounded ending the sizzling six-session sockfest between Yulit Tiplitz and Jocko Russo in the main melee at the Olympia last night. It was another one of those sock-fest, usually figures. A pleasant time was had and everybody evacuated the clubhouse well satisfied.

From a scientific boxing standpoint it wasn't. Russo attempted to make the bout a clever one, but Tiplitz wouldn't have it that way. While Russo was the sizer, more rugged and harder puncher. At times Jack, because of his superior cleverness, looked like the winner, and then Joe succeeded in making matters "fifty-fifty" by his slugging tactics.

At no time during the bout did either have a lead big enough to sew up the bout. From the outset Russo's cleverness was in evidence. On the other hand, Tiplitz's harder punching powers stood out prominently from the beginning.

The only chance of a knock-out being scored was in Joe's favor, but "Tip" was unable to get over the crushing elicit; nevertheless, Russo found himself in front of a lot of blows that carried no little force. In the fifth frame Tiplitz dropped Russo, but Jack was up in a jiffy, without taking a count.

Russo's exhibition was noteworthy. As one of the ringside spectators said, it was the best bout Jack has ever put on in local competition. He worked with lots of speed, showed brilliant footwork, and his aerial jab was timed to left, while he was entirely off the floor, sent back Tiplitz's head with a snapp; but Joe always was in there with tripping hammer punches.

Nobody knew who won the semifinal, and apparently nobody cared. Paul Sanson and Dan O'Dowd were the principals—but it was hard to differentiate one from the other. They both looked alike, each wore green trunks, and fought as well as badly, whichever way one cared to take it. It was a slow, lumbrous heavyweight scrap, and when Timekeepers Purell and Cervino ended hostilities the sound of the final bell awakened the many fans who had fallen asleep.

Whitey Fitzgerald banged Danny Favese all around the ring and mostly around the body. Favese was no dummy punching object, however, and did some socking on his own hook. Fitz's wallops, though, were oftener away to head and body than to the body. Tommy Sullivan put on a game exhibition, but finally Jimmy Austin's wallops had him in such tipsy condition that Referee Lou Grimson used good judgment in stopping the bout with but fifteen seconds to go before the finish of the fifth round.

A brace of more than 100 pounds, neither weighing much less than a dozen even sessions when Martin Judge and Charles Ray failed to show to advantage.

MACK NOT WORRIED OVER NEW YORK SUIT

Result Will Reflect No Credit to Yankees, Says A's Boss. W. M. Richardson, Washington Magnate, States Move Is Silly

THE Philadelphia and Washington baseball clubs of the American League are not at all worried over the \$500,000 suit brought against Ban Johnson by the New York Yankees, nor are they annoyed by the suit brought against them as members of the "Loyal Five." After reading the reports in the morning papers, Connie Mack, of the A's, and William M. Richardson, president of the Washington club, shrugged their respective shoulders and said to the world: "We should worry."

"I haven't much to say," admitted Connie, when disturbed at his office in Shibe Park today. "The New York owners have entered another suit, and that speaks for itself. However, I wish to state that if the case comes to trial the result will reflect with no credit to the Yankees."

Silly, Says Richardson Mr. Richardson was busy attending to his grain customers at the Bourse, but hailed long enough to give vent to the following: "The whole thing looks silly to me. It is a poor business move on the part of the New York owners, and I really believe it has been brought about to effect a compromise before the league meeting is held in Chicago next week. The Washington club is not at all alarmed, and will continue to act for the good of the league. I don't see how President Johnson can be removed if the majority of club-owners do not desire it. The majority usually rules."

The latest legal action taken by the New York club owners, meaning Colonels Ruppert and Houston, is directed at Ban Johnson and divided into three different and distinct parts. They are as follows: Suit No. 1—Banishment of Ban Johnson from baseball. Suit No. 2—Damages amounting to \$500,000 asked for conspiracy to injure the property rights of the Yankees. Ban is expected to pay the half million. Suit No. 3—Receiver for the league funds during the pendency of these actions is asked for, and also seeks to enjoin the "Loyal Five" from aiding Johnson in what they term "a continuing violation of the constitution."

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INDOOR BASEBALL MAKING PROGRESS

Industrial League in Germantown Drawing Big Crowds on Boys' Club Floor

Table with columns for Industrial League teams, wins, losses, and percentages. Includes teams like Link Belt Co., Schutte & Koerting, etc.

INDOOR baseball is making steady progress in Germantown. The Industrial League is drawing big crowds every Thursday and Friday evening at the Germantown Boys' Club gymnasium. Three teams are tied for first place, Link Belt Co., Schutte & Koerting and Noneman & Hotchkiss each having won three contests. Johnny Barossa, of the Schutte & Koerting nine, is having a great season in the box. Last Thursday night he fanned nineteen batters. In Joe McShane, Midvale has an excellent tosser. McShane hurled a great game last week, but he did not have enough men on the floor and his club was beaten in the league match, although he won the exhibition contest with a full nine.

Johnny Ray, the Christ Church baseballer, is having a good indoor season in the Industrial League.

Jimmy Shryock to Wed James S. Shryock, who captained Penn's swimming team several years ago and who held the rank of lieutenant in the army, will wed Miss Martha J. Brenner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Brenner, on February 5, according to an announcement made last night. The wedding will take place in the Red Memorial Church. The bride met Shryock while the latter was in the ordnance corps at Augusta, Ga. They will reside in Chicago after the wedding.

RED DIRECTOR PICKS P. MORAN TO REPEAT

George Balch Says Pat Has Improved Cincinnati Club and Will Conduct World's Series This Year for National League

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Last month of winter (though March is as bad), Here's to a very fast trip to you, lad, Leading along to the pink edge of May, Where the tennis balls bound and the golf ball's in play, And Ruth is at bat, with the pitcher at bay, Ready to duck when the eminent bloke Leans on the ball with a swing or a poke, Make it as fast as you care to, old thing, Ambling along on the highway to spring.

THE Hon. George Balch, on the board of directors of the Cincinnati Reds, informs us that Pat Moran will very likely conduct the next world series in behalf of the National League. "Why not?" says Mr. Balch. "He is the only National League manager since Spalding who could stop the American League rush. In addition to this he has improved his 1919 machine, and that machine was the best in baseball, outfield, and I don't believe there was ever much argument as to the general worth of his pitching staff."

AT THIS date a year ago no one had a time to give the Reds any consideration. It was largely a matter to be decided between the Giants and the Cubs. Now for the first winter in fifty years every one is wondering what club will be strong enough to hold Cincinnati in check. Neither the Giants nor White Sox last season could save off the Red rush at critical moments, and Pat's machine will be stronger in 1920 than it was in 1919. The National League hasn't won two world series championships in success-

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