

RAY LINGREL MAY BE A FIRST-STRING PITCHER, SAYS GAVVY, AND NOT HIGH STRUNG

ATHLETICS TO SPLIT INCREASE OF TICKETS WITH CASH CUSTOMERS

Fans Will Pay More for Seats and Magnates Will Pay the War Tax—Mackmen Start South Friday to Prepare for Opening With Yanks Here April 14

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WHEN the new scale of baseball prices goes into effect in Philadelphia on April 14 the cash customers will be taken care of. True, they will be obliged to hand out more hankies for the seats, but the home club also will share part of the financial burden. It will be a sort of a 50-50 proposition. The fans will pay more for the tickets and the baseball magnates will pay the war tax. Nothing could be fairer than that.

At the big meeting in Chicago last week it was decided to raise the prices of all seats in the arena. That meant the bleachers, who used to pay two bits to get unobscured, would be asked to pay five for the same amount of bleachers in 1920. It was quite the same proposition and also ditto on the grand stand, to say nothing of the box seats. Therefore, the only thing to be done was to dig down deeper in the jeans and produce the excess without a murmur.

According to the early dope, the sun fifty, after purchasing a ticket and absorbing the war tax would be set back fifty-five cents, the pavilionites eighty-three cents, grand stand \$1.10 and box seats \$1.38. That would have necessitated huge amounts of small change and if there ever was a crowd the delay would have been terrible. But there is no need for worry. The magnates have decided to take the slap and everything will go along sweet, serene and lovely. John Shibe, treasurer and secretary of the Athletics, put up with a lot of the goings-on this morning. John is a wise cracker when money matters are concerned and knows how to handle finances like a real expert. He saw the difficulty of handling huge audiences of the cash variety if stray pennies and excess fifties were used in the act.

"We will pay the war tax," said John magnanimously. "That means, we will have regular seats of prices. The bleacher seats will cost exactly one-half a buck, which is another way of saying fifty cents. The admission will be forty-five cents, with the extra bit as war tax. In the pavilion a flat rate of seventy-five cents, which is slang for six bits, will be charged. This was made possible by making the ticket sixty-eight cents and the tax seven cents. In the grand stand it will be ninety-one cents with a nine-cent tax, and the box seats in the future are to be \$1.13 plus the twelve cents for the government. This seems to be the fairest thing we can figure out, and I hope everybody will be satisfied."

WHILE no official statement was handed out by the Phils, it is believed the same scale of prices will prevail. It is likely, however, that the seventy-five-cent seats will be eliminated at that park. Instead of dividing the bleachers, it is believed that the entire section will be fifty cents and the grand stand \$1.

Mack Working Hard to Get Good Team

PERHAPS our Athletics will have some luck next season and crawl out of the American League cellar, which is not a desirable place even in these arid times, where all drinking is done underground. Connie is working hard to get a good team and on Friday will ship his first section of bats to the Yanks for spring training. The team leader has so many candidates for his ball club that he can't ship the whole crowd at once for fear of tying up the railroad systems. He should be able to select a swell line-up from the mob, however, and send the others back by freight.

But there is one thing certain, and that is Connie certainly got all of the breaks which the schedule was drawn up. His club opens at home on April 14, and, of all the other both circuits, the best selection could not have been made for the opening attraction. The New York Yankees will be here, and, believe us, that club has some great attractions.

The great and only Babe Ruth, who brought \$125,000 on the hoof in open market, will play his first league game as a Yankee. He will endeavor to earn his \$20,000 salary and also start in on a 1920 home-run record. The Babe is taking himself seriously and believes everything depends on a good beginning. Therefore he will do all in his power to wallop the old pill out of the ball yard, just to show he has got it.

Another gem who has been in the public eye of late is Carl Mays, the pitcher. Carl did nothing but draw a \$40,000 check from the Yanks when he was purchased from the Red Sox last summer, and after that modestly started a scrap in the American League which threatened to wreck that circuit. Perhaps the old inhabitants remember that Sam Johnson was sued, the league brought into court five magnates were busy engaged in walloping three of their brethren and the winner of the Chicago last week. Well, Mays was the cause of it all, which proves he MUST be an important guy.

THEREFORE, the curious customers will have an opportunity to watch these gems perform in Yankee scenery in the opening game. There should be lots of interest in the 1920 debut and no doubt a pleasant time will be had by all.

Connie Pulls a Hasty Friday

CONNIE will pull a hasty one on his O'Sullivan's next Friday, which means he will shake the Philadelphia dust off his Rogals and tie himself southward with the first trainload of talent. Connie wants to hand his pitchers and catchers an extra week's work down in Lake Charles, so they can become acquainted with the home plate and other necessary spots on the diamond and point out those points of interest to the late arrivals. He will have about forty star boarders at the hotel when the mob gets together, which means more than four men for every job on the team.

The slim scheduler should be able to select a good gang of fence-busters from that cluster of talent. In the outfield he will have such persons as Amos Strunk, Tilly Walker, George Burns, yes, George will be in the outfield, which, Wingo and possibly Whitty Witt. First base will introduce Burrus and Griffin and Joe Dugan will perform at second. Connie decided to make a keystone sacker out of this youngster, believing he will do better than at short. Galloway will be the shortstop, if he can take the job from five or six others.

Third base is likely to be a problem, but Connie should worry. He has been trying to get someone to play the far corner in big league style since Frank Baker pulled his first retirement story. Connie was in a quandary about it, but he hit the size of his collar, was on the job last year and will fight it out with Frank Brazil, who lasted a short time with Brooklyn last season. Brazil is said to be a great player, so all he has to do is prove it. The chances are, however, that Whitty Witt will play the base. When Whitty was discovered up in Maine he was third-basing like a regular guy. Connie, however, used him at third, where he got by with more or less success, principally less. Still, he is a good third-sacker and his hitting will get him the job if he becomes a compulsory candidate.

THE picking stuff is the big problem. Mack MUST have several good peppers in order to get by. Scott Perry is all right and so is Jim Johnson. Naylor should be a first-class man this year, and the name goes for Kinney. In addition there are fifteen or twenty more to be looked over, as the prospects are bright. The catching department is well taken care of by Ty Perkins, and all Connie will have to do is select a couple of second-string men.

FRANK BAKER SAYS HE'S OUT OF BASEBALL

Yankee's Third Baseman Gives Death of Wife as Reason He Is Through

Easton, Md., Feb. 18.—Speaking through the partly opened door of his quiet home here, Frank Baker stated that since the death of his wife he has determined to quit baseball for good. "This is absolute and final," he said, notwithstanding the many articles appearing in the daily papers to the contrary.

"The death of Mrs. Baker," he says, "has killed all chances of me ever playing baseball again. There has been more or less talk throughout the country about my playing this year with the New York club, but please state me that there is no possible chance of me donning the uniform. Since the death of my wife I have lost heart and interest in the game, and I feel I could not do justice to myself or the club under the circumstances."

WILL PLAY 6-MAN HOCKEY

Lafayette Meets Penn Puckchangers Tonight at Palace

The Philadelphia Ice-Skating Palace will tonight be the scene of another hockey match with Pennsylvania and Lafayette as the contending players. The game put up by Penn played on Monday night against Princeton indicated that with a little more practice the Red and Blue should develop into strong teams.

Kositz, Fench and Pringle all show promise of becoming fine forward men, while Barklow proved himself a very good defense man.

DECATHLON RESTORED

New Olympic Draft Calls for Both Decathlon and Pentathlon

New York, Feb. 18.—Two all-around events, the decathlon and modern pentathlon, have been restored to the program of the Olympic games at Antwerp; it was learned today. In the original draft of the competition, it was deemed sufficient to have only one all-around event, the pentathlon, as held in ancient Greece.

The decathlon consists of ten events as follows: One hundred, 400 and 1000 meter runs, 110-meter hurdles, running high and broad jumps, pole vault, putting the weight, throwing the javelin and throwing the discus. This event was won for America at Stockholm by Jim Thorpe, the Indian baseball and football player, who was later declared a professional and his prize returned.

The modern pentathlon will be similar to the event held at Sweden and will consist of swimming, fencing, revolver shooting, cross-country riding and cross-country running. The events are contested on different days.

WENONAH IS BEATEN

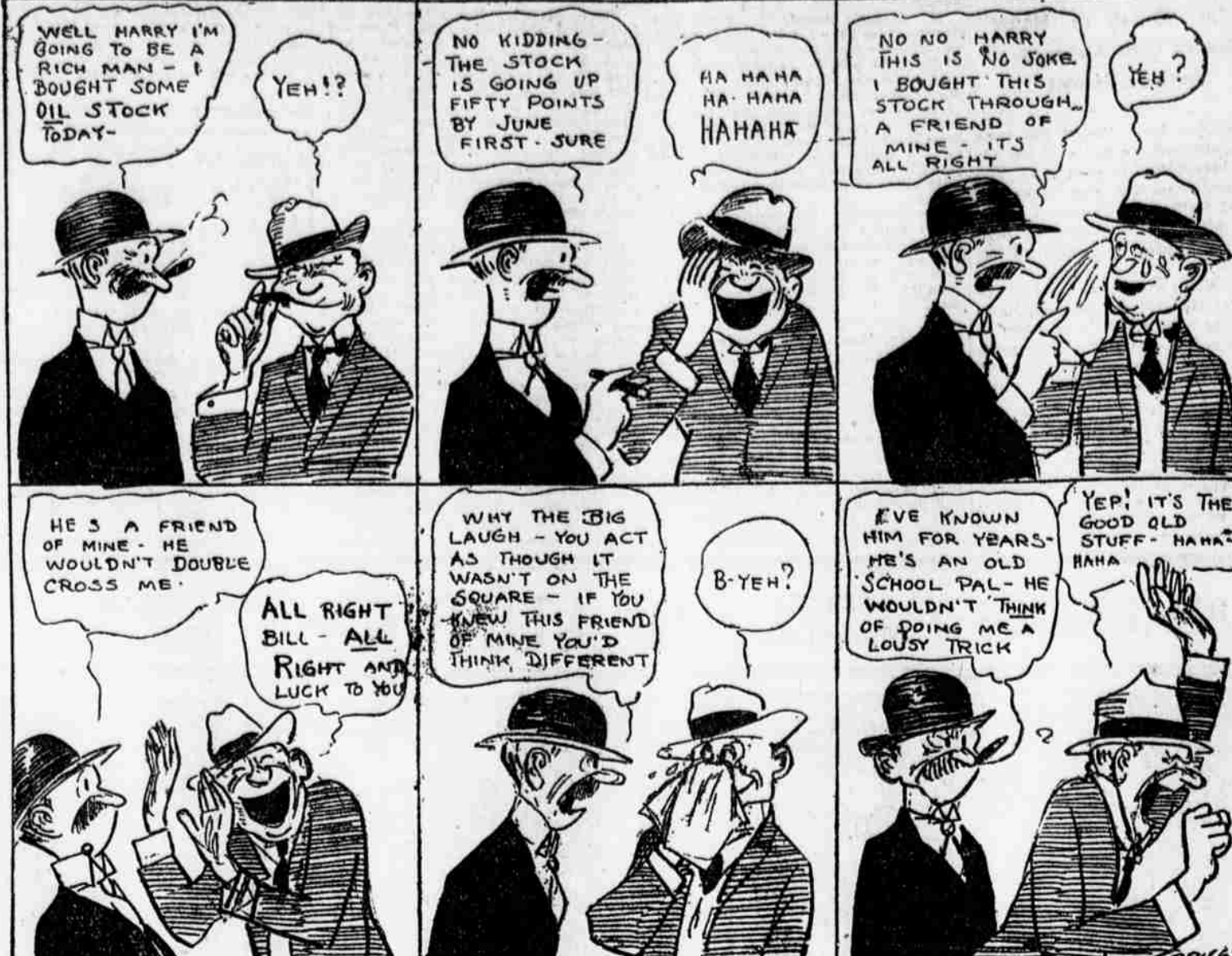
Germentown High Wins By a Point in Exciting Cage Duel

The Germentown High School basketball team, minus the services of Ramage, its center, defeated the Wenonah Military Academy in an exciting game by the score of 23 to 22.

The Clivedens fought an uphill battle, registering the deciding goal during the last minutes of play. Burying came to the fore with a foul goal, followed up by a field toss deciding the issue.

The first half was all Wenonah's, Paulus and Smith netting five double dunks between them while Howlett tallied four fouls, totaling 14 points. Red, Burley and Lungren scored for the victors and with one foul this gave Germentown seven coupons.

SOMEbody IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



N. V. YACHT CLUB ACCEPTS "DEFI"

Formally Notifies Sir Thomas Lipton It Will Defend America's Cup in July

New York, Feb. 18.—The New York Yacht Club has formally announced the acceptance of Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the America's cup. The series of best three out of five races will be held over the Sandy Hook course beginning Thursday, July 15. Races will be held July 15, 17, 20, 22 and 24, weather permitting, or until the challenging or defeating yacht has won three races.

Race Off Newport

In announcing its formal and definite acceptance of the challenge, the New York Yacht Club made public correspondence with the Royal Ulster Yacht Club which showed that the dates and course were the result of a compromise of the wishes of the two yachting organizations. The American Club, in agreeing to race off Sandy Hook, abandons its original desire that the regatta be held off Newport about the 1st of August. The challenger in turn acquiesces to a later date than the one first mentioned in the correspondence which was June 24.

A. P. B. A. GAINS IN POWERBOAT WAR

Receives Expression of Loyalty From Gar Wood and Miss Detroit P. B. A.

New York, Feb. 18.—With the receipt yesterday of a telegram from J. L. Barrett, secretary of the Miss Detroit Power Boat Association, and the gold cup emblematic of the powerboat championship of America, which he won last year with the Miss Detroit III. He already has challenged for the Harmarworth trophy race to be held in England next summer, and the news from Detroit recently seemed to indicate that he intended to ally himself with the newly organized International Power Boat Union and send a new challenge through that association.

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NAT HOLMAN STARS IN ROUGH BATTLE

His Six Sensational Baskets From All Angles Spell Defeat for Trenton—Norman Had Chance to Tie Score in Last Five Seconds

Germentown were made by Powell and Bruggy. The one basket of the latter came 23-1 after Holman had the going at 23-11 and sent the G's ahead by two points.

The "battle" was about as rough as has been staged for some time and the fans surely received their money's worth during an evening fraught with considerable excitement. Referee Baezel penalized Germentown on thirty-two occasions and Trenton on twenty-one occasions, a total of fifty-three for forty minutes of play.

STECHER BEATS BOHEMIAN

Throws Solan, Who Claims the Wrestling Title of His Country

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—Joe Stecher, champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, threw Frans Solar, claimant of the Bohemian mat title, twice here last evening.

Stecher won the first fall in forty-three minutes with a body scissors and arm lock.

The second fall came after eleven minutes, Stecher again securing his scissors hold.

Tin Whistles Stage Round Robin

Hingham, C., Feb. 18.—A round of six-tin whistles took part in the quality robin match yesterday. Twenty qualified for the round-robin play to be held today. The four best scores formed a set to play off at scratch, and the best sixteen scores formed a set to play off at scratch. The great majority of the field who failed to qualify will take part in a separate consolation event.

Fletcher Beats Bevans

Reading, Pa., Feb. 18.—Eddie Fletcher, York, won over Billy Bevans, Wilkes-Barre, in a ten-round go before 1200 persons in the armory last night. Young Leonard, Allentown, defeated Joe Nelson, Philadelphia. Bobby Burns, Reading, abated Eddie Harvey, Philadelphia. Battling Paakon, Reading, stopped the bout between Sammy Jones and Willie Shanks, a veteran of Park of Lancaster. The sixth, as Parks was badly cut.

Brown Stops Leonard in Seventh

Houston, Feb. 18.—Harry (Kid) Brown, of Philadelphia, defeated Louis Leonard, of the North End, in seven rounds at the Armory A. A. last night. The contest was stopped in the middle of the seventh round by Leonard's quarters, when it was apparent that Louis had slight chances of catching up with the speedy Quaker City fighter.

There was no sign of a knockout registered, although Brown scored hard and often enough to have dropped his man. Impressive first three minutes saw Brown speed-cutting down Leonard's nose and a slight one over his left eye.

QUAKERS' QUINTET READY FOR ACTION

Red and Blue Basketball Team Faces Independent College Five Tonight

After passing through several intercollegiate League games without casting the semblance of a shade over its loss column, the University of Pennsylvania basketball team will endeavor to continue its ruthless playing against an independent college five tonight, when Delaware College will meet the Quakers in Weightman Hall.

"Babe" Taylor Dead

Cornell Football Star Dies of Pneumonia in University Hospital

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Wilberforce ("Babe") Taylor, left tackle on the Cornell 1919 varsity football team and well known as an athlete, died in the Cornell University infirmary here of pneumonia.

Taylor was substitute tackle on the championship Cornell team, captained by Charles Barrett, in 1916. He entered military service in 1917 and returned to Cornell last fall. He was twenty-two years old. His home was at Hubbard Wood, Ill.

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GRACIOUS! BLOODED CANINES ARE SHOCKED

Maltese Embarrassed by Lack of Available Scrubbers for Daily Bath—Incident Causes Babble Among Royalty at Dog Show

By EDWIN J. FOLLOK

Oh, gracious! You hear the scandal of dogdom down at the Third Regiment Armory where the Kennel Club is holding its two-day charity exhibit?

"Think of it!" barked the Pomaranian to the Pekinese, and the Fox Terrier picked up his ears while the bulldog looked on with an air of indifference. "Ready to go into the ring and go bath? Why, it's shocking!"

"It's absolutely correct, my dear," replied the Pekinese.

"I'm sure," said the Toy Poodle, "I would feel utterly shamed if I thought it necessary to have powder sprinkled on me before I went to the ring. My bath? Why, my dear, I must have it every morning and I'm sure I would feel utterly unfit for the bench if I were forced to go without it."

Airedale Growls

The Airedale growled his disapproval of the scandalous dog. He showed his teeth and stamped all fours as he seemed to say:

"Tommyrot! If you were a regular feller like I am, dirt wouldn't show, and if you were rough and ready like me, baths would annoy you."

You see, the news developed into scandal when it was learned that certain Maltese entries came near having to undergo the humiliating experience of being judged without a fresh bath.

Local exhibitors have done fairly well. Mrs. Ralph C. Stewart, owner of the Vladeck Kennels, of Lansdowne, not only carried off most of the specials with her Russian wolf hounds, but she also was awarded best of breed with her Champion Vladeck of Vladeck.

PEARSON TO DEFEND TITLE

Local National Amateur Squash Racquets Champion to Play Boston, Feb. 18.

The national amateur squash racquets championship will be decided on the courts of the Harvard Club of Boston on March 6. It has been announced. The title competition will be held in connection with the Philadelphia-Boston intercity tournament. Stanley W. Pearson, leader of the Philadelphia team, is the present national champion.

Camden Scores Easily

Beats Lansdowne in Cage by Fine Floorwork, 45-22

The fast-moving basketball team of the Camden High defeated Lansdowne High yesterday on the Lansdowne floor by the score of 45 to 22.

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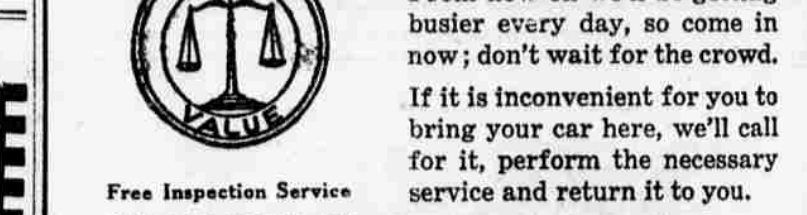
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