Injuries to Players Greatly Weaken Several Big League Clubs for Beginning of 1922 Campaig

MANY BALL STARS ON SICK LIST, AND SEASON STARTS TOMORROW

National and American Leagues Each Has Seven of Its Best Players on the Side Lines—Take Too Many Chances in Exhibitions

> By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

SOME of the big league baseball clubs are not so strong as they were two weeks ago, and will step into the opening game tomorrow with a few stars on the sidelines. Injuries have weakened seven teams thus far, and there. is no telling how many others will be affected before the barrier drops.

It seems this year that the players either were more unfortunate or took too many chances in the exhibition games. The early season contests mean nothing outside the gate receipts, and usually the athletes do nothing but spend the afternoon in the hick ball parks. They get a little practice, but that is all. Nothing else matters except

the time the train leaves for the next town. This year Ty Cobb was giving an exhibition of daring base running and sprained bis ankle. Steve O'Neil stopped a foul tip with the end of one of his fingers and now nurses a split digit. Max Flack, of the Cubs, was hit in the head by a pitched ball and is laid up with a cracked skull. Tris Speaker injured his knee in practice,

and Joe Wood also is hobbling around on one foot.

The list of injuries to date follows: National League Bill Doak Jacques Fournier Heinle Grob Frank Frisch

Fred Toney

American League Dixle Davis Tris Speaker Steve O'Neil Ty Cobb Joe Dugan Walter Johnson

Cleveland and Detroit apparently are the hardest hit in the American League, and St. Louis and New York in the National. Flack and Terry can easily be replaced, and the Red Sox and Washington are not counting on their stars. Dugan and Walter Johnson are not in good physical shape, but were not injured on the field of battle. Jumping Joe is recovering from stomach trouble and Johnson contracted a mild case of flu down in Tampa,

THEN we must not forget the Yanks. Ruth and Meusel will be absent for five weeks, and this pair will weaken the attack con-

Mutiny Breaks Out in Yanks Ranks

THEY say every cloud has a silver lining or something like that, and per-haps the disasters are all for the best. Nobody can claim the New York clubs are top-heavy and will walk away with the pennant. The Giants will lose only Frisch, as Grob will be in the opening game and Toney will be ready in a week or so, but the Yanks will have the tough time.

All is not well with the American League champions this year. Mutiny has broken out in the ranks, and some of the players have openly defied the manager, M. Huggins. Carl Mays was fined \$200 for throwing the ball over the grandstand in Mobile, and other athletes have not

acted as if they cared whether they won or lost. The war correspondents, who toured through the South with the team, refer to it as the Ruppert and Huston Grand Opera Troupe. There are too many stars and too many temperaments. Unless order is restored and the players get down to business, the Yanks will be in a bad way

The ball club looks good on paper and should win the pennant. If they are beaten the players can blame no one but themselves.

Cleveland is qualifying as the hard-luck ball club, Last spring Wambsganss broke his wrist, and Lunte, the utility infielder, sprained his ankle before the opening That made it necessary to drag Riggs Stephenson out of college and place him in the infield. The team was weakened at the start and lost games that would have helped a lot later in the year.

CARL MAYS Now the Indians are minus the services of Tris Speaker and Steve O'Neil, two of the mainstays of the club. Spoke has a sprained ankle which is not responding to treatment. His loss will weaken the team 50 per cent, for he is one of the greatest leaders the game ever has known, and when in the line-up sets an example for the others to follow. O'Neil is a wonderful backstop and a good hitter. While he is convalescing his timely wallops and accurate throwing will be missed.

Joe Wood strained his leg in one of the practice games and this injury may lay him low at any time.

is said Red Faber as a bad knee, but no one could notice it this spring. The star hurler of the White Sox has been going exceptionally well in the game against the Giants and appears to have as much stuff as last year, when he won twenty-five games. The Sox, however, will start without Dick Kerr, who insists he will not put on a uniform unless he receives a big boost in salary. He hasn't received it yet.

TOE DUGAN is not expected to play until next month and Walter Johnson is slowly getting back into condition.

Cobb Will Be Missed in Tigers' Line-up

COBB is needed on the Detroit Club. Like Speaker, he has to be in there every day to get the best result, and anyway, it is impossible to find man to fill his place in the outfield. Outside of the managerial end, the Tigers need their boss in center field.

Ty injured his knee two years ago in Chicago when he collided with Flagstead. This injury kept him out of the line-up for weeks, and all of the specialists were baffled until Dr. J. B. Carnet, the Philadelphia surgeon, looked him over. Dr. Carnet had him back in the game



This year Cobb sprained his ankle. The injury is considered serious, and he will not play until next month. Therefore, Detroit will be weakened in three positions. Emery, at shortstop, is an experiment, a new second baseman must be used and a sub outfielder will sit in for Cobb. Now, the four second-division clubs are about It's anybody's race for fifth position.

Dixie Davis has a sore arm, and the Browns will miss him. However, it is nothing serious, and while he is recovering, Shocker, Danforth, Bayne, Vangilder and Wright will do some nifty pitching for St. Louis.

The Cardinals have been hard hit through the absence of Bill Doak and Fournier. The spit-ball hurler, who led the league in effectiveness last year, has a kink in his elbow which will not be iroued out, and Jacques has an infected leg. Del Gainer probably will play first base for a time and Sherdell will be used in the opening games instead of Donk.

TEAMS like the Athletics, Phils and Cincinnati have not had any hard luck this spring. They have enough of it after the season Copplight, 1922, by Public Ledger Company

League and Semi-pro Gossip

Gullman, of the Athletics, and Hamilton, of the Michigan-Ontario League; Bill Hockenbury, of Nativity, and Fred Robinson, of the Rockdale, Delaware County League champions, Behind the Lat is John Berriman, also of Hamilton, and Mike Loan, of the Phillies.

On the infield are such players as Joseph J. Thiel, who led the team in hitting last year; Henry Ewalt, who turned down major league offers; Sam-uel McConnell, of the Athleties and Aberfoyle; "Bill" Fossett, of Fleisher, and "Eddie" Myers, of Stetson's. The contains some of the best, by Manager McCormick and Young, who was one of the iders in New Jersey last year.



UNCLE DUDLEY



Money Is Root of Evil in Ring. Writes Wilmington

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WHAT IS THE TROUBLE WITH BOXING?
This subject, which has heretofize been treated lightly by American writers, has suddenly borned up in the sporting world as a question of international discussion. For instance, from the Sunday Sportsman of London, England, we read a swere condemnation of the British Board of Boxing Control.

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After calling this function a washout and after criticizing it for issuing referees certificates to incompetents, the article terminates in this tenor.

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"Imagine paving from \$1 to \$8 to see common, unscientific mittmen in action and with the 'say the limit' to see a champion, ship fracas. Again imagine fighters demanding anywhere from \$25,000 to \$300,000 to tisk a tite match—digiters who will never know the science of a Joe tians of a Bot Titzsimmons Bonny Leonard being excepted. In those days, echied an old timer, is more was giad to make a living and the public collect him a "pug". But today the word leaser seems to be a seminarym for capitalist.

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PROFITEERING BIG Old-TimeTennis Records May FAULT IN BOXING Never Be Beaten, Says Tilden

R. D. Sears Won Seven Titles in Row; Larned Tied Number in Ten Years, But These Days

By WILLIAM T. TIDEN, 2d

BACK somewhere a thousand years ago some one twittered that "Money was the Root of All Evil." And he Davis Cup, make the championship a unique event in the sporting calendar. taken a lot of pains, going into details Many remarkable records have been established during the thirty-four years to show "What Is the Trouble With of the tournaments. Names have been Boxing?" delves in length. He is Ber- written in letters of undying fame on

the books of tennis history.

Matches that will never be forgotten have featured the final rounds when the



knowledge?

From these sentiments it became pretty apparent to me that there was a black evel in fistinan somewhere and it was to solve this enigma that I flie C. Henry in his Voice of the City, packed up my fifty-three saticties in dock of chids and mood shirt and assumed the garle of a seif-constituted investigator. Somehow I felt that the Rexing Commission and punk referre issues were merely incidental faults. What I sought was the fundamental fault.

In my quest I had greeted Billy Penn some six different times and was so embarrassed by failure that I decided to hit the has when I surreptitionsly attumbled across a conversation which trade my ears cock.

Say, Cohen, says once bexing enthissism to another, fome mate. Tell me do true. There, thought I as I carefully weighed the results. Sears won the American the foreigner's load. That fellow has when it surreptitionsly attumbled across suckers und Grob for all of de money.

Here, thought I as I carefully weighed the foreigner's load. That fellow has withing the goose that lark the golden eags. Think of the outraseous murantees and percentages demanded by any ordinary boxing upstart—demands so ridiculous and out of the question when considered that many a struggling club and promoter who have couragesously tried to meat them have been pushed against the rocks and forced into bankruptcy.

"In my quest I had greeted Billy Penn some six different times and was so embarrance in my opinion. It must be recalled that, in the old days, the title-holder stood out and met the winner of the All-Comers in the challenge round, a ruling which clearly had a bearing on the results. Sears won the American Terminal 1 file for seven consecutive years, from the inauguration of the event in 1881, R. R. N. Pillers that the lower of fame them have been pushed against the rocks and forced into bankruptey.

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April 22.

For the third consecutive time the Car Service misses shut out the Terminal lassies without a field goal. The first half ended 11 to 3 in Car Service's

holder was called on to play through the event.

R. D. Wren, with four years as champion to his credit, is the other outstanding figure from the days of the defending title-holder. O. S. Campbell and M. D. Whitman each won the

championship three times. The season of 1912 found the defending champion a thing of the past, and William A. Larned retired with one leg on the new trophy cup, which agers become init-way reasonable in the diamands for guarantees and letteretages, thus permitting the promoters to reduce the respective of admission and cater to the reages these wolves are going to interest their manufacturities on the time arrives their manufacturities on the manufacturities on the manufacturities of the manufacturities and when that time arrives their manufacturities and with a time arrives their manufacturities of the manufacturities

> Best Man Wins The names on the cup rend like a "Who's Who" of American tennis of

the last decade : 1911 - William A. Larned, 1912-M. E. McLoughlin. 1913-M. E. McLoughlin, 1914-R. N. Williams, 1915-W. M. Johnston, Williams. 1917-R. L. Murray (this event was Patriotic Tournament).

Murray

THESE warm days the boys in the Southampton and proceed to London office bemoan the fact that all the by rail to look around. Jack Kearns, fans are at the ball park

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Our Daily Guessing Contest-What game is played with a baseball? Naturally the 1922 style in limited by the rising generation

Henry J. in the Pinchurst golf finals was

GUR DAILY MOTTO- A BIRD IN THE HAND GATHERS NO MOSS. Though not soughirds, the Penn

You Have to Play Through

From the foregoing it can be seen at a glance what a battle royal there will be this year for the cup. McLoughlin, pionship. The enormous crowds. com-bining social and artistic celebrities with Johnston, Williams and I have two sentiments of many people interested in gether with the greatest players from fisticuffs, both on the inside as we'l all of the nations challenging for the itself, but have been sentiments of many people interested in gether with the greatest players from all of the nations challenging for the itself, but all value it, not for the cup itself, but for the respectively. keep. We all value it, not for the itself, but for the names engraved on it. There is no reason, to be sure, that the cup will pass out of competition this year, for all the great players of the world will be in the championship.

Not since 1903, when E. L. Doherty carried the title to England, has the singles championship left our shores.

some of these outstanding figures that I would write. The days of a man holding the title longer than a few short years are over. There are too many great players now in the game and far too many rising to take their places to allow any one to low any one to the singles champions of America. It outdistance the would not surprise me if 1122 found field sufficiently to him crowned the new champion

Mr. Tilden's next article will be 'The Women's Championship.''

CAR SERVICE GIRLS WIN

Will Defend East at Railroad Meet at Columbus

Superintendent Kennan's Car Service girls' team by defeating Philadelphia Terminal misses last evening at the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A., Eighteenth and Filbert streets, by a score of 19 to 6 carned the title of champion girls' team of the East in the Pennsylvania System championships at Columbus, O.,

Kitty Lentz and Charlotte Walton

excelled for the winners, while Edith Brown scored all the points for the Ter-minal lassics from the 15-foot mark.

EASTERN MOGULS MEET

Basketball Officials Will Award Pennant to Celts Tonight The Eastern Basketball League will hold its spring meeting tonight at the Hotel Windsor. The swarding to

1922 championship to the Celties is the chief business of importan-The circuit for the next senson will in all likelihood be discussed, but no intimation of the teams is forthcoming, although it is said that Contesville

would like to transfer its franchise to a location in West Philadelphia.

This would be a poor move, as Philadelphia must be represented by a club that means something and with Phila-delphia backers. It should be Jasper, Greystock or some particular neighborhood where the fans are interested in

JACK DEMPSEY SAILS Heavyweight Champion Expects to

Miss Nothing in Europe New York, April 11. In his invasion of Europe Jack Dempsey, who sailed on the Aquitania today, will be emulating the habit which most of the American world heavyweight changions have become addicted to since the nomadic John L. Sullivan

took England by storm. the champion's manager, has no definite plans, but from a perusal of the After seeing the A's vs. the Phils, passports the group is carrying it apsee're still waiting to see a ball game. hears that none of the numerous lands of Europe is likely to be missed.

SPHAS PLAY SKEETERS

South Philadelphia basketball fans

Downtown Cage Team Plays Eastern League Team

will see the Sphas in action this evening at New Auditorium Hall, Seventh street and Snyder avenue, against the Camden five, of the Eastern League. The same clubs met about a month "Rube" Chambers is the latest achilities to set down boxers for not adhering to the hurling staff of the Sohas. Eddie Gottlieb is still looking sround for another star which jurisdiction the sport is promoted, and better matches would be in order that the downtowners had signed Frank Brieger, formerly of the Filies, as catager, but Gottlieb quickly desied the same.

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With Vince Richards coming so fast, many predict next year they'll rank one or two extra players of note in the game and may surprise the Skeeters.

"WHITEY" WITT IS

Connie Mack Seeks Services of Infielder for Veteran **Out-Gardener**

GO TO YANKEES

Lawton W. Witt, otherwise known as "Whitey," is about to be sold down

the river. The tow-headed outfielder, who has toiled for Connie Mack for six long seasons and qualified as the veteran of the squad, is on the auction block, and will be awarded to the highest bidder. Several clubs are anxious to get him, and the bidding is fast and furious. No favoritism will be shown, however, and Connie says it will be every man for himself. The best offer will be snapped up, and Whitey will be measured for a new rat'road ticket.

ured for a new railroad ticket.

"Don't think for a moment that Witt is through as a ball player," said Connie Mack this morning. "He is an able athlete, a good outfielder and has many years of active service before him. I know I am allowing a valuable man to leave us, but it must be done.

"I need an infielder more than an extra outfielder. In Bing Miller, Mc-Gowan, We'sh and Tilly Walker, the outfield is well taken care of. I want another hard-hitting infielder, and hope to get one.

to get one. "Waivers were asked on Witt a week "Waivers were asked on Witt a week ago and nearly every club in the league claimed him. Yesterday I withdrew the waivers and notified the clubs that he was on the market and would go to the highest bidder. I don't want money. I want a good infielder."

It would not be at all surprising if the New York Yankees kicked in with a very good offer before long. Miller Huggins needs an experienced outfielder, and Witt would fit in nicely until Ruth and Meusel serve their sentences. A

and Meusel serve their sentences. A chance like this is too good to be

passed up.

Jimmy Mitchell is an experienced infielder, but it is doubtful if Connie will take him. He probably would listen to a trade which included McMillan, for Manager Mack is mighty sweet on this youngster and has tried to get him for the last three years. McMillan played third base and shortstop at Greeneville, S. C. and the Yanks purchased him.

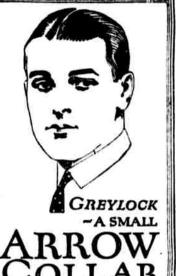
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Last year he was with Rochester.
McMillan would be a good man for the Athletics and could play either third base or shortstop. He is big, fast, has a great arm and will hit around .300.
Witt is only twenty-six years old and has been with the A's since 1916. has been with the A's since 1916. He started as an infielder and later was shifted to the suburbs. He is a good

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Naylor May Start

Mack still is undecided about his hurler for tomorrow's opening game in Boston. It is likely that either Rollie Naylor or Roy Moore will get the assignment. Naylor proved that he is in splendid form on Saturday when he turned back the hard-hitting Phils in the first five innings. Moore also is in good condition and raring to go.

The Mackmen left here this morning at 11:25 for Boston. There were twenty-three in the party. Mack will not leave until tonight.

The twenty-three athletes who made the trip to the Hub are:

Outfielders—Miller, Walker, Weish and McGowan.

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Catchers—Perkins and Fuhrman.

Pitchers—Naylor, Harris, Rommell, Moore, Heimach, Sullivan, Yarrison, Eckert, Loftus and O'Neill.

Pep Young, who has been obtained from Detroit via the waiver route, has been ordered to report in Boston.

The players who did not get the Boston trip will remain here and labor at Shibe Park. Among the stay-atchemes is Bob Hasty, whose arm is not in the best of shape.

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Leonard to Defend Title July 4

New York, April 11.—Benny Leonard world's lightweight champlon, will defend the first first the Miller of the Miller of

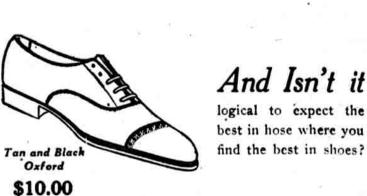


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