By Hungerford

BASEBALL WEEK IN NEW YORK; FORD'S BASKETBALL TEAM KEEPS ON WINNING

ordon Ford's Independen's Again on the Sporting Map

e biggest crowd yet recorded Gordon Ford's Independents the measure of St. Elizabeth, of elphia, Saturday night at the street by the count of 36- The way this local machine is ng indicates that we have anlive organization which putsisburg on the map. Manager knew something when he at d''Horse'' Haggerty. the speed are star who is a great draw-

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where the British are sup to have lost 30,000 men in thir

esn't need to be ashamed to at his chest," he says. "You have heard the farewell barthe 'Yanks' put over

s. With his enormous reach andcuffed Moorhead complete-Wallower was out of the battle illness, but Gerdes made a row substitute, ringing the bell ple times. Gough wore spangles li times and Ford, himself, strippled managed to stay to bitter end.

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Baseball Will Start April 23 and Wind Up on September 30

The National League will open its season on April 23 in the cities of Boston, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Chicago. The Bos-

Cincinnati and Chicago. The Boston opening will be preceded by two games on Patriots' Day, April 19. The usual morning and afternoon contests will be played. This means that Boston will open the season four days before any of the other major league clubs and will then remain idle for three days.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, declined to announce the opening dates in his league, but there is no doubt the date will be the same as in the National, April 23, In view of the fact that the cities which will have National League openings have been announced, it is easy to figure that the American League will open the season in New York, Washington, St. Louis and Detroit.

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There was considerable surprise over the announcement that the Giants will not open in New York this year. The Yankees opened in New York in two successive years, 1916 and 1917, and it was believed the Giants would get two straight openings to equalize matters.

There was some hitch over the Boston National League club getting permission to start the season so far in advance of the other clubs, but John Heydler held out for the right of the Braves to utilize this holiday date. If Hank Gowdy and Rabbit Maranville are back with the Braves by that date the holiday may yield Boston a rich return. It is understood that the world's champion Boston Red Sox will open in New York which would give the Yankees financially one of the most successful openings in years. The Giants are likely to open in Philadelphia, and Brooklyn in Boston. The Robins most likely will share in the rich Patriots' Day series in Boston. The other eastern opening will be the Athletics in Boston. The other eastern open-ing will be the Athletics in

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In the West indications are that Pittsburgh will open in Cincinnati and St. Louis in Chicago in the National League, and Chicago in St. Louis and Gleveland in Detroit in the American League.

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The schedules will close on September 30, said President Heydler, so that the 1919 world's series may be started around the 2d of October. The Schedules will call for three trips as heretofore, two of three games series and one trip of four games series.

The only comment that Ban Johnson made was: "The American League schedule is highly satisfactory, but it is not our custom to announce any of its details at this time."

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LIVELY WEEK IS PROMISED FOR **MAJOR BASEBALL**

League Magnates From All Over Country to Try For Co-operative System

Plans have been completed for the nost important series of basebail meetings in New York this week since the firm establishment of organized baseball, achieved with the signing of the national agreement. Accordboth major and minor leagues will be represented in a series of conferences, which will be attended by evofficial in the United States.

exchange of ideas.

Tuesday, A. M.—Meeting of new International League, P. M.—Meeting of National Association Professional

Wednesday, P. M.—Meeting of American League!
Thursday, A. M.—Meeting of American League, P. M.—Joint meeting of National and American Leagues.
Friday and Saturday—Continuation of joint National and American Leagues' meeting and consultations with National Association of Professional Parabell Leagues.

he schedule of the National gue will be considered at the ting, President Heydler anplace their grievances in proper form by an authoritative committee before a joint meeting of the major leagues. Mr. Heydler stated. He said that

Mr. Heydler stated. He said that several of the requests already made by minor league committees and by individual minor leagues are in conflict. Something should be done to aid these leagues, he said, but personally he is in favor of retaining the draft, optional agreements and the right of the major league clubs to sign any player who is a free agent. "If we gave in to the minor leagues on all these points," Mr. Heydler declared, "where would the big league clubs procure and develop

Rickey received his discharge

"Ireland Forever!" Pledge Moran and MORE CHANGES IN McGraw Who Will Try For Pennant THIRD CLASS CODE

When William Baker. president of the Phillies, recently elevated Pat Moran from the managership, he rather hurt himself than Pat, who is now shaking hands with J. McGraw in a cozy berth and the two Celtic chieftans are congratulating each other that they are at last hooked up on the same team. Pat Moran comes to the Giants as a coach of pitchers and John McGraw is relieved of an onerous and somewhat unpleasant task. Moran many prove even a greater success in his new endeavor than was Wilbert Robinsin before he quit the McGraw forces for Baltimore and then the Dodgers. The coach of pitchers once was regarded as a useless appendage of expensive conduct of a ball club. Only the Giants and the Giants, but I always admired McGraw is wise in the name of the coach at a place among the recognized elessentials. Some managers do not like these coaches, because they believe they make all too willing and ever handy successors to the managership. Vide the rise of Lee Fohl Kid Glesson and Fred Mithers and Graw is wise in getting Moran, and Moran is wise in joining the coach and hand an entire the same figure. In his four years at the heart of the phillies Moran won one pennant, twice finished second and manded sixth last year after his team and does how the same figure. In his four years at the heart of the Phillies Moran won one pennant, twice inhished second and and does how the work of the was calcined for the Phillies Moran won one pennant, twice inhished second and and been broken by the sale of the great Alexander-Killefer battery. Moran, it is understood, will draw as large of a far less renowned and and been broken by the sale of the great Chance machine. The ereat Alexander-Killefer battery. Moran, it is understood, will draw as large of 55,000 a year as coach of the New York State Leasue ever since second catcher to the proposition of the New York State Leasue ever since second catcher to the proposition of the propositio

Lengthen Terms of

Councilmen

Reading officials and students of the third class city code are commencing to talk about changes in the Clark law and predict that bills will be presented early in the session. The movement is interesting because Reading will be out of the third class in another year, as it is believed its population will be well over 100,000.

A Reading dispatch says:
"Former Mayor Ira W. Stratton, vice president of the League of Third Class Cities, chairman of the Legislative Committee and the only member of the Law Committee of the League who is not a city official, has reviewed some of the proposed legislation following a meeting of the city solicitors, held in Harrisburg.
"The bills amending the Clark Act will contain a clause to lengthen the terms of the Councilmen. This clause has been the stumbling block in the amendment at the last two sessions of the Legislature. The bill will, therefore, be introduced as two bills, the one dealing with the term of office, while the other will straighten out the imperfections of the Clark Act. The present term is for two years.

"It is proposed to amend the Public Service Commission bill, by which

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"It is proposed to amend the Public Service Commission bill, by which the commission will have opportunity to suspend any changes in rates upon the complaint filed until such time as final action is taken on the complaint. Under such legislation the Reading Transit and Light Company would not have been allowed to increase fares until the complaint was finally disposed of.

"Another amendment is to authorize the State Public Service Commission to have experts to send to the aid of boroughs and municipalities, with authority to go into the financial affairs of public utilities companies.

"The proposed bill will contain a clause dealing with the repeal of the law of the four-mill tax on municipal indebtedness when a municipality or borough is compelled to make improvements.

"The bill will contain a clause to permit municipalities to tax the real estate of public utilities for local taxation. This would greatly increase the revenues from taxation in many cities and boroughs.

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Reading People Want to

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"There is a clause which will require that any person seeking damages from a municipality will be required to file the claim within ninety days. At present a claim can be filed within two years, and very often the municipality has difficulty gathering evidence.

"The bill will request that the state pay over to the municipalities at a part of the automobile license tax money."

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Champion and ex-champion clash for the first time in almost three years when Willie Hoppe, the balkline billiard titleholder, and George Sutton, former kink of the cue, meet at Allinger's Academy, Philadelphila, in a four-day match starting this afternoon. The knights of the green table last opposed each other in St. Louis almost three years ago.

Billiard fans are looking forward to new records when, the two cue artists match their skill in Philadelphia,

Sutton is one of the most sensational players in the country and is known particularly for his nerve and coolness in big matches. In his last championship tourney he had a high run of .234, average of 100 and a high run

Game Warden S. Maurice Shuler, o Liverpool, shows that 5,000 rabbit and 4,000 squirrels were kiled during the year in Perry county, in addition to a number of quali, ring-necker pheasants, etc. Little large game fel victims of the hunters. A single bea and twenty-nine buck deer were kill edd One female deer was illegally should be the same of the same

President Wants Yanks All Home in Eight Months

Paris, Jan. 13 .- If President Wilfighting men now in Europe will be back in the United States within the next eight months.

the President's conference with General Pershing Saturday dealt excluknown to be deeply interested in the to go back to civil life without any delay not absolutely imperative.

Mr. Wilson, it is understood, ques tioned General Pershing particular ly with regard to the German merchant marine available for the trans portation of our soldiers. It is be

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an attack of influenza, is reported to be slightly improved.

The members of the local Firemen's Relief Association held a meeting yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the parlor of the Liberty hose house. This was the first meeting for the new year and a large number of the members were present. The newly-elected officers of the organization were installed, in-**Install New Officers** the organization were installed, in cluding the president, Colin S. Few Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Snyder, who reside at Mount Joy, Lancaster county, announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Frances Snyder, on Monday, December 15, 1918. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Snyder was Miss Alice Klugh and resided in North Union street, Middletown.

Sergent J. H. Boherts a member.