Mathewson May Be Manager Of the New York Giants

McGraw Planning to Cast His Mantle Over Shoulders of the Former Idol Among Pitchers Now That Pat Moran Has "Gone West"

By Charles A. Taylor

Christopher Mathewson as manager of the Giants? Just as the news came out of the West yesterday that the esteemed Patrick Moran had landed the job as manager of the Cincinnati Reds, Old Lady Rumor got busy in baseball circles here.

The world was wafted about that the old idol of the Polo Grounds, who had "faded away" from the box and from the Giants when his day as twirler extraordinary was done, to take the managership of Garry Herrmann's men was coming back to the town where his fame was made.

And it would seem that there is somewhat of truth in the rumor that drowned out the anti-prohibition voices along the Great White Path last night. John J. McGraw, the sterling manager of baseball, who for years has kept the Metropolis close to the centre on the national pastime map, at last achieved his life's ambition when he helped to swing the big deal that snatched the New York Giants from the Brush interests and transformed Manager John into a real magnate.

For many, many years it had been the ambition of McGraw to say good-by to the playing field, where the knocks he received outweighed by a wide margin the few boosts he got. He fought nobly and well on the coaching lines, the umpires to the contrary notwithstanding, and he ever had as his main goal the keeping of old New York in the centre of that baseball map.

But as the years of stress and strain passed the big ambition to be one of those magnates grew and grew and the desired prize was finally grasped when a syndicate headed by Charles A. Stoneham bought the Giants, and McGraw, very much interested in the deal, was named vice-president and manager.

Needs an Assistant

The Little Napoleon was perfectly willing to keep his weather eye on the playing antics of the Giants during the coming season, but he felt that in his new position it was no more than right that he should be relieved of a big part of the old burden he had carried so long. It was with this idea of lessening the strain that McGraw induced the New York club to engage the services of Pat Moran as coach to the pitchers, but in reality as assistant manager.

The contract with Pat was duly signed and everybody, including John Barleorn Foster, was happy over the solution of the problem confronting the local National Leaguers. But if fame and good fortune had waved their banners in the face of McGraw it would seem that the same twine had shaken their folds in the face of Moran.

For Patrick received the call from the West to take in tow the Reds, who have been floundering about aimlessly on the sea of baseball since Christy Mathewson deserted the craft to take a job with Uncle Sam and Hal Chase, the peerless, was sent into exile.

When word reached McGraw that there was a chance for Moran to better himself, although it might mean the tearing apart of the whole fabric of plans John J. had in mind, the New York manager and magnate informed Patrick to betake himself westward with the best wishes of the new Giants.

Sir Patrick obeyed, and the doubtful pleasure of managing a baseball nine in a town that is especially hard crusted and unsympathetic, judging from past history, is the lot of Pat.

Matty's Contract Expires

And here is where Christopher Mathewson comes back into the story. The famous pitcher had a two-year contract with the Cincinnati Reds at $15,000 per annum, which expired last year. Garry Herrmann, chief mogul in Rhineland, according to authentic gossip has been trying to get into touch with Captain Mathewson of the Chemical Corps, affiliate somewhere in Germany, for several weeks. Garry's desire, being to learn when Christy was going to quit the war game and return to the peaceful pursuits of baseball. But there has been nary a word from Matty, and, anyhow, the reorganized Reds would not feel able to renew the old terms with Christopher.

The alertness of John J. McGraw has been of a twinkle the last few days, and when Johnny wave carte blanche to Patrick to me himself to Cincinnati and land the job there if he could. He had in mind the possibility of bringing the revered Matty back to the shadows of Coogan's Cliff.

[illegible] population, and [illegible] every day salating the chalk marks that designate the foul lines at the Polo Grounds?

Comiskey Plans Baseball Tour of South America

CHICAGO Jan. 30.—Plans for an invasion of South America next fall by two teams of major league ballplayers were revived to-day by Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, who has just returned from several weeks' visit in Florida.

Mr. Comiskey said it was his intention to take up the matter at once with John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, and it was his belief that the trip could be started soon after the close of the world series next October.

"I wanted to go to South America not only last fall, but the year before," Comiskey said, "but war conditions prevented. These conditions now are eliminated, or will be by next fall. It looks now as if we can arrange it after next season."

Geo. W. Grant New Owner of Boston Braves

BOSTON, Jan. 30.—The sale of the controlling interest in the Boston National Baseball League Club to George Washington Grant, for the last ten years the owner of a string of motion picture theatres in London, England, was announced to-day.

The purchase price of the large block by which Grant obtained control of the club was not made known. The transaction, however, it was stated, was entirely in cash. The stock was sold by Arthur C. Wise, treasurer of the club, and a member of the firm of Millet, Rowe & Hagen, and associates. This stock, in part, represents that taken over when Percy D. Haughton retired as president and turned in to Mr. Wise and his associates his financial interest in the club.

George T. Stallings, manager of the Braves for the last five years, will be retained, and Walter E. Hapgood, the business manager, will continue in that capacity. Mr. Grant will be president of the club and in future will reside in Boston.

George Washington Grant, the new president of the Boston Braves, has been an ardent National League rooter and personal friend of McGraw for many years. Almost daily he could be seen at the Polo Grounds when the Giants were home. He came originally from Cincinnati, but got his business start in this city, after going to London, England, where he compiled a huge fortune in the motion picture game.

The sale of the Boston Nationals to Grant places in the hands of New York capitalists no less than six of the sixteen major league clubs. The Giants, Dodgers and Yankees, of course, are all home owned. Harry H. Frazee, of theatrical fame, is the big noise of the world's champion Boston Red Sox; William F. Baker is the power behind the throne in the Philadelphia Nationals.

Gibson Signs as Manager

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—George Gibson to-day signed a contract to manage the International League club here. Gibson announced that he would play regularly in addition to directing the team. Negotiations for the purchase of several players are under way.

Columbia Grammar Five Wins

The Columbia Grammar School basketball team reversed the outcome of its recent meeting with the Collegiate School five by defeating the latter on the home court yesterday. The score was 30 to 19. At half time the tally was 21 to 9.

Rickard Picks Dempsey As Willard's Opponent

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 30.—Tex Rickard, boxing promoter, who was here last night en route to the Ranger oil field, where he has some holdings, announced that he wanted to arrange with Jack Dempsey to meet Jess Willard, providing Dempsey sustains no injuries between now and next July while the world's championship bout is to be staged.

Jack Dempsey stands ready to box Jess Willard upon any terms agreeable to Tex Rickard. This statement was made here yesterday by Dempsey's manager, who further announced that Dempsey would meet Georges Carpentier in an exhibition bout before [illegible] a match was consummated.

New Orleans Results

Heydler Hears Chase Charges; Holds Decision

Many Witnesses Testify in Secret at Trial of the Famous Baseball Player

By W. J. Macbeth

The second reel of the great National League thriller, "Did He or Did He Not?" or "Who Throw the Mickey Wrench into the Cincinnati Red Machine?" left the spectators at No. 8 West Fortieth Street chiefly concerned with the safety of their overcoats at its termination abruptly at 4:43 yesterday afternoon. The solution of the plot awaits the third and concluding reel which Stage Manager Heydler is liable to pull any time between a week and a fortnight.

This thriller, be it known, is the trial of first baseman Hal Chase, of Cincinnati, on charges preferred by Christy Mathewson, ex-manager of the Reds, who was unable to appear yesterday in person against the defendant as Matty seems to be still in France in command of his company in the Gas and Flame Department of the United States Army. Matty accused Chase of indifferent play and of having attempted to influence rival National League players to arrange things so that championship contests might be decided otherwise than on their merits. His charge was supported by affidavit and supported by the affidavits of a number of players of his own and rival teams.

Many Witnesses Present

That is as much as could be learned after waiting a perfectly good, sunshiny and salubrious afternoon in the cramped ante-room of the National League headquarters where were gathered together divers witnesses for the prosecution and defence as well as the hounds of the press who could not be trusted to look in at the "first run."

As a matter of fact most of this was only hearsay. The plot in detail had to be pieced together through the fragmentary admissions of the witnesses themselves, who were permitted to see no more of the reel than that which included their personal stunts. The cast was closed so far as taking evidence was concerned. But President John A. Heydler, of the National League, who is chief umpire, decided to reserve his decision until he had an opportunity to study in detail the stenographic notes of the testimony and cross examinations.

Under these circumstances Chase and his counsel, of course, would have been very foolish to talk. Indeed, Hal made his escape through the secret passage down the back stairs when the hounds of the press watched the wrong outlet to the burrow. As judge of course, Mr. Heydler could not elucidate further than to furnish the names of counsel and witnesses of the interested parties.

John Conway Toole appeared as counsel for Mr. Heydler and, according to certain of Mr. Chase's character witnesses, served as prosecuting attorney on the side. Rudolph L. Cherry, J. Franklin Tausch and Harry Chorlet appeared as counsel for Chase. Both sides were plentifully supplied with expert stenographers.

Poll Perritt Absent

Earle (Greasy) Neale, the outfielder, and pitchers Pimmy Ring and Mike Regan, all of the Cincinnati team, together with John McGraw and all of whom had previously presented affidavits, answered the National League summons to appear in person. Poll Perritt, of the Giants, who had submitted an affidavit, was prevented from making the long trip North because of pressing business.

Norris Feller, O. O. De Basse, L. T. Rich and Sid Mercer horned into the torture room singly as character witnesses for Chase.

Mr. Heydler said that all those mentioned willingly agreed to be sworn before their depositions were taken. And that is about all he did say. Oh, no. He pulled the section of the National League constitution under which the investigation was conducted and which reads as follows:

"Crookedness and Its Penalties

"Sec. 40. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the playing rules, shall be forever disqualified by the president of the league from acting as umpire, manager or player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a league club."

And that, ladies and gentlemen, terminates the second part of the panorama.

Hal Vollmer Will Not Return to Columbia

Hal Vollmer will not return to Columbia University for the spring term, and as a result Columbia's swimming prospect took a tumble yesterday when the semi-official announcement was made by the swimming authorities.

Vollmer has been at the Pelham Bay Naval Training Station as an instructor for seven months, and it was understood that he would receive his discharge in sufficient time for him to make arrangements to enter Columbia for the spring term.

Very Good, Eddie! Welcome Home! - - By Ed McBride

THE AUTOMOBILE WORLD HAS A RIGHT TO TOOT IT'S HORNS

Eddie Rickenbacker, the Big Ace of American aces in the world war, is due from France late to-day or early to-morrow morning. The sport world and more especially the automobile world, has planned to make his return a memorable one for he was as popular as any hero of the sporting game both with the trade and the public before he laid away his celebrated racing car to study the art of flying.

Rickenbacker soon became quite as efficient at handling a motor in the air as he had been in handling one in the great automobile classics and after he reached France wasted little time before going after the German fliers. He is credited with putting twenty-six German aviators out of business. Rickenbacker is returning on the Adriatic.

Kentucky Tracks To Be Controlled By Big Syndicate

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 30.—Lexington advices, quoting State Senator Thomas A. Combs, indicate that all four Kentucky race tracks will pass into the possession of a syndicate of horsemen and business men shortly.

According to Combs he has made a cash payment of the $550,000 purchase price for the Latonia and Douglas Park tracks and has secured an option on 75 per cent of the stock of the new Louisville Jockey Club and the Kentucky Association, respective owners of Churchill Downs and the course at Lexington. The deal for the Latonia and Douglas Park property, according to Combs, will be completed within thirty days, while the option on the other two tracks will be exercised in the near future. Deals for the four tracks, Combs said, were made with former United States Senator Johnson N. Camden, of Versailles, Ky., who acted for majority stockholders.

The tracks will be incorporated under the name of the Kentucky Jockey Club with P. J. Hanlon, of Louisville, president. The incorporators, the Lexington advices state, including Hanlon, will be Edward T. Simms, of Texas; Alvin T. Hert, Louisville, Kentucky member of the Republican National Committee; James B. Brown, Louisville; Edward R. Bradley, Lexington, and J. B. Respess, Covington.

Meanwhile, it was indicated, spring race meetings will be conducted by the present track managements.

Projan Out for Practice

Irving Projan, captain of the City College basketball team, who sprained his arm in the game against the Brooklyn Polytechnic team last Saturday night, and had to withdraw from the game, reported for practice again yesterday and went through a short workout. Projan has been a great asset to the Lavender team and has been the strongest factor in their scoring machine.

New Orleans Entries

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*Apprentice allowance claimed.

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With Barney Oldfield on the shelf
And Eddie Plank retired, too;
With Larry Lajoie also through
And Jeff a shadow of himself;
We rise to toast Sport's Grand Old Man,
Untamed by eight and sixty years,
Whose blood runs warm as sport blood can—
Our "Silent Salesman," Ed (Pop) Geers.

LATEST SVENGALI

"MAJOR BRANCH RICKEY Seems to Have Some Good Cards Up His Sleeves," headlines "The St. Louis Post-Dispatch."

Well, St. Louis fans will have to admit a state of hypnosis unless the Major wears handcuffs or wristlets. None of the good cards have tumbled out on the green baize of the National League as yet.

Life's Little Ironies

Connie Mack and his Athletics staying home to prepare for last place.

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

Aren't those Irishmen the queer fish? Just think of having to sit through a Parliamentary session conducted in Gaelic.

Neither Do We

The Phillies will open the season at home on April 23. No, we never suspected you cared.

TAKING NO CHANCES

GEORGES CARPENTIER has more between his ears, evidently, than space. Having been at war four years, he intends to "ease" himself back into form.

Doubtless why he has just contracted to knock out Bombardier Wells again.

Racing Revival in England

ENGLAND and France, perhaps more than the United States, appreciate the service rendered during the recent war by the fine thoroughbred stock the sport of kings developed during years of patronage on the part of government officials and dignitaries. Without the thoroughbred it would have been impossible to furnish sufficient mounts for the officers of the two great armies which held the foe at bay till Uncle Sam could pitch in.

France and England will not soon forget the service rendered by the turf interests. And so both countries intend at once to inculcate and foster again public interest in this fascinating sport. It is true that both countries in the past four years suffered heavily in racing blood. A number of the equine aristocrats had to be sold to Americans at one grave stage of the great drama because of the crisis in the food supply abroad due to the submarine menace.

But England, especially, does not intend to delay one moment in getting back to the proud position she held before the war as a world leader of the turf, if this is possible. The London (England) Racing Calendar publishes a list of meetings to be run this year, which proves conclusively there will be a greater activity in English racing circles than at any time since the early part of 1914.

Lincoln is provided for March 24 and two days following, and Liverpool for March 27, 28 and 29. There will be racing at Kempton Park, Birmingham and Newcastle on Easter Monday. Epsom spring meeting is fixed for April 29 and 30; Kempton Jubilee for May 16 and 17 and Epsom summer for June 3 and 4.

On Whit Monday there will be racing at Hurst Park, Redcar and Wolverhampton. Ascot takes place on June 17 and three days following. Sandown, Birmingham and Ripon have meetings on August Bank Holiday. Races will take place at Doncaster on September 9 and three following days.

Schaefer Leads In Billiard Match With Cochran

Jake Schaefer played in brilliant form in defeating Walker Cochran in the afternoon game of their special 1,800 point match at 18.2 balkline at the National Recreation Academy, Brooklyn, yesterday. The victor overcame a lead held by his rival in scoring the initial 400 points to 262.

Both men gave a rare exhibition of billiards, but the consistent cue work of Schaefer was more pronounced. He began the match by counting 115 caroms in his opening inning, and ending it with an unfinished run of 9. Schaefer also had a high run of 125. He averaged 42.9-10.

Cochran also played well, but his position play was far inferior to that displayed by his opponent. His high runs were 61 and 50 and he averaged 28.3-10.

Morrell Plays Carroll In Folrida Golf Final

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 30.—The annual Lake Worth tournament advanced to-day to the semi-finals, leaving Alvin H. Hackenback, facing M[illegible] Carroll, of the Country Club, for championship honors. Hackenback fought an uphill match against Mellwain to-day, never being [illegible] the seventeenth holes straight. Morrell [illegible] to tie the eighteenth hole, [illegible] long putt for a 5, but [illegible] hanging on the lip.

Jim Carroll Morrell [illegible] to-morrow a hard man to beat. [illegible] Chicago amateur champion [illegible] appears to be now playing [illegible] top of his game.

Going out the Carroll match was close. They tied [illegible] first two holes, the former ha[illegible] all at the turn and [illegible] one down, with a 37 [illegible]. On the inward journey Carroll [illegible] one up [illegible] tenth he added his [illegible] from well off the green.

Havana Results

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The Duke, Butcher Boy and Dac also ran.

Yale Club Team Easy Victors in Squash Games

Harvard Players Triumph Over Princeton—Squash Club Combination, 3 to 2

By A. C. Cavagnaro

Team Standing

In Squash Series

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Yale	[illegible]	[illegible]	.750
Harvard	3	1	.750
Princeton-Squash	1	3	.250
Columbia	1	3	.250

The supposedly weak Yale Club team continues to sweep aside its opponents with its defeat yesterday of the Columbia Club in a series of the Metropolitan Association squash tennis team championship matches. Donald MacKay, Eli hero on the baseball diamond years ago, again stood in the breach by turning in the winning match in decisively defeating Frank Kidde, captain of the Columbia forces, in the final match of the fray. The score was Yale 3 matches, Columbia 2.

Another victory went to the Harvard Club, champions of 1918, in triumphing over the combined forces of the Princeton and Squash Clubs on its courts by a score of 3 matches to 2. The victory by both Yale and Harvard still finds these aggregations tied for first place in the championship race, with three wins and one defeat.

Easy for MacKay

MacKay's victory was the easiest he has gained during the tourney. Kidde did not prove himself, being recently released from the army, and his lack of training found him unable to cope with the varied attack of his rival. MacKay smashed violently and also gained many points through Kidde's errors. In the second game Kidde fought on even terms with his Eli opponent until it was 6-all when he was caught napping repeatedly by MacKay with "cross-court shorts and "kills."

The series was unusually hard fought, with three of the matches going into an extra game. T. Livingston Platt, Yale's No. 2 player, rallied brilliantly in downing H. D. Bulkley, Columbia, by a score of 5—15, 15—8, 17—15. In the third game, Platt led by 14 to 6, when he became erratic. Bulkley managed to set the game, but was outgeneraled in the fight for the extra three points.

Harvard succeeded in downing the consolidated teams despite the absence of two of its regular players. F. H. Davis, the captain, was ill, and W. Rand, who substituted, fell an easy victim of W. H. Vander Poel, Squash Club champion, by a count of 15—1, 15—11. Harold Tobey, the Princeton southpaw, also won as he proceeded in eliminating Hamilton Hadden, the other Crimson substitute, by a tally of 15—3, 15—9.

Win for Harvard

J. W. Burden and Arthur Lockett returned victories for Harvard, as also did John W. Lee, who in the deciding game gave his club the series by vanquishing Robert Jones, Princeton Club, in the final match of the day, by a score of 15—12, 12—15, 18—13. Lee's finish was a Garrison one in the third game. Monks lost by 14 to 13, but then factored, with his rival setting the game at 13—all. Lee continued his inviting cross playing, counting five aces in succession order to win the match.

The summaries:

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Total score—Yale Club, 3 matches; Columbia [illegible]

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Total score—Harvard Club, 3 matches; Princeton Squash Club, 2 matches.

Busy Season on Courts Awaits Squash Playe.

Squash tennis devotees have a busy season before them, with the approval by the executive committee of the National Squash Tennis Association yesterday of three principal features. There [illegible] than usual to permit those players still in the service to compete for the honors.

The inter-club tournament will be held by the Yale Club on its courts beginning February 17, following which Class B entrants will get in trim for the annual championship series, which will be promoted by the Harvard Club. On March 15 the national championship meeting will get under way at the Squash Club and, according to the members of the committee, a record entry is expected.

N. Y. U.'s Five Off for Two Hard Contests

New York University's basketball team will leave this afternoon for its annual Southern invasion. The trip this year includes but two games in as [illegible]

The Violet five will meet the team of Georgetown University in the first game of the series at Washington, D. C., on Monday evening between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock. The local quintet will [illegible] Annapolis, where they will clash with the good footed Navy team, the Cadets having a record [illegible] successive victories to their credit the latter on the University Heights aggregation.

[illegible] Captain and Coach Sam Fogel, confident that he can well prove Coach Dobie's contention a hard [illegible] however.

Havana Entries

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*Apprentice allowance claimed.

Women Golfers Name Arcola For Annual Title Tourney

The annual meeting of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association was held yesterday at the Baltimore. There were about thirty clubs represented by delegates. The ticket selected by the nominating committee was unanimously elected, as follows:

President, Mrs. C. F. Ubelacher, Hackensack Golf Club; vice-president, Miss Marion Hollins, Deabrook Golf Club; treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Frayne, Dunwoodie Country Club; secretary, Mrs. Percy Thompson, Arcola Country Club.

In addition to these officers the following were elected members of the executive committee: Mrs. Edward F. Sanford, Essex County Country Club; Mrs. Howard F. Whitney, Nassau Country Club, and Mrs. J. S. Irving, Englewood Country Club.

It was decided to resume the annual championship and renew all activities. Four clubs offered their courses for the event, Arcola, Essex County, Montclair and Englewood. When it was put to vote, however, the Arcola course proved the strongest.

In the order of rotation it is the Metropolitan district's turn to hold the intercity matches for the Griscom Cup, and a letter was received from Miss Ethel Maule, president of the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia, requesting that the Metropolitan Association choose a course and a date for the event. As New Jersey has been given the Metropolitan championship, it was the voice of the meeting that the trinity match should be given to either a Long Island or Westchester County club, so it was finally decided to leave the selection of the course and date for playing in the hands of the executive committee for further consideration. The Women's Eastern Golf Association, which holds its championship in connection with the trinity matches, which postponed its activities on account of the war, it is said, will resume the event this year.

The former system of district team matches has been modified by simply having four teams to represent the four districts—Northern New Jersey, Southern New Jersey, Westchester County and Long Island. The president of the association was empowered to appoint a captain from each district, who will pick her team from the best available players from those who have handicaps of 15 or less.

There will be many one-day tournaments played throughout the season, especially in the spring and fall. The only spring date actually named was June, by Glen Ridge, although spring dates are offered by Scarsdale, Apawamis, Montclair and Hackensack. Siwanoy will give a date in September, while Dunwoodie will give a date some time during the season. The Essex County Country Club, it is said, will allow a two days' tournament when agreeable dates can be arranged.