

Rowland Is Released by Chicago Americans and His Assistant of 1917 Is Called Back to Lead the Club

KID GLEASON WILL MANAGE WHITE SOX

Veteran With 80 Years Experience Selected to Succeed Rowland.

Special Despatch to The Sun. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—William Gleason, better known as "Kid" Gleason, to-night was named manager of the Chicago White Sox, the world's champions of 1917. Gleason succeeds Clarence Rowland, Comiskey broke all precedents when he hired Rowland to manage the Chicago Americans in 1915, as Rowland had won all his renown both as a player and manager in the minor leagues. Rowland never saw New York until he went there with the White Sox on their first trip through the East in 1916.

Good Wishes for Rowland.

Rowland has understood his position for some time and any discussion of that point came from him," said President Comiskey. "I have nothing but the best wishes for him and hope that his future efforts will meet with success."

A Two Fisted Fighter.

There perhaps never has been a better two fisted fighter in baseball than Kid Gleason. He has a fist twice the size of an ordinary man's, and when he strikes it felt like a blow from a hammer.

Gleason, who is 53 years old, originally started out as a pitcher, and his first baseball job was with Saratoga in 1877. He played for the White Sox with the Phillies, and during the next thirty years, with few exceptions, he has been connected with some big league team or other.

He went to the Giants in 1896, and from there in 1901 he jumped to the Detroit Americans, and remained there two years. In 1903 he went back to the Phillies, and played until 1907, when during an injury he knuckled him out at second base.

He was in 1915 returned to the game as coach and assistant manager of the White Sox.

HEYDLER CALLS MEETING.

National League to Convene Here on January 15.

Chicago Heydler yesterday sent out a call for the National League meeting here on January 15. The league will discuss several internal matters before the joint meeting with the American League.

Heydler yesterday announced the names of the new board of directors and National League committees which will be set up for the coming year. The board of directors comprises Charles E. Bennett, president of the National League; August Herrmann, Cincinnati; Harry N. Hempstead, New York; William F. Baker, Philadelphia; John B. McGraw, New York.

Committee on Playing Rules—John Heydler, chairman; Barney Dreyfus, Pittsburgh; William Veck, Chicago. Committee on Telegraphy—Harry N. Hempstead, New York; August Herrmann, Cincinnati; Charles H. Ebbets, Brooklyn; William F. Baker, Philadelphia.

TO DRAW UP SCHEDULES.

Johnson, Heydler and Dreyfus to Meet at French Lick.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, is to Indiana to-day to spend New Year's with his relatives, after which he will go to French Lick Springs to meet John A. Heydler, president of the National League, and Barney Dreyfus, president of the Pittsburgh National League club. The three will draw up the major league schedule for 1919.

BARRY PREFERS BOSTON.

Refuses to Say What He Would Do if Traded.

Worcester, Mass. Dec. 31.—Jack Barry, former manager of the Red Sox, was seen early this morning, refused to say whether he would continue to play baseball or not if the proposed deal between the Boston Red Sox and the Boston and Clark Griffith of Washington to trade him goes through.

"Would you quit if you are traded?" he was asked.

"That is altogether too personal a question to answer," Barry replied.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORT

BY DANIEL.

To you all, a Happy New Year! Out of the dark and dreary days which ushered in 1918 have come bright skies and a new outlook on life. Things are looking up again. No better index to the trend of our life can be obtained than through the trend in sport. "Back to sport, and stronger than ever" is the slogan all along the line. The new year promises to be as great an improvement over 1918 as the footcurement which has passed over our 1917. Again to all a Happy New Year!

AGITATION against the temporary professional coach, which featured the series of college athletic meetings here last week, appears to have developed considerable misunderstanding. Our advocating the abolition of the temporary coach appears to have roused the ire of several football mentors, who either misunderstood our attitude or who got the wrong angle of it because we did not make ourselves clear. Frank O'Neill, the Syracuse coach, yesterday came to bat with this:

"I read with interest your article to the effect that we poor unfortunates who are coaching football must give up our work. I have also noted with a great deal of interest in the public prints that Dean Angell of Chicago University has decreed that the seasonal coach must go. I venture to say that the dean has not seen an athletic coach, and is probably never. He is, therefore, fully qualified to discover the disease that exists in connection with college athletics, as well as to prescribe a cure for it.

"If it is a fact that the influence of the college coaches over their men is not for the better, then such coaches should not be tolerated. If, on the other hand, their influence is, and has been, for the good of the men, then this disease, which the deans are trying to cure, exists only in their imagination and the coaches should stay. There must be some way of finding out what the truth is in that regard and I should like to suggest a test. I have been a professional coach for sixteen years, during which time I have been connected with Williams College and Colgate and Syracuse universities. During that period upward of a thousand boys have come under my direct influence and they have also had that of several college deans. I would propose that a vote be taken among those men to ascertain whether, to their minds, my influence was more of a help than morally, mentally and physically or was that of the deans of the colleges. Certainly that would be a fair test and I would be willing to abide by the result."

When we refer to the temporary professional coach we do not include men like O'Neill, Sanford and several others who might mention. We refer to that small army of coaches who travel from one college to another, never staying anywhere more than one season unless they obtain substantial salary increases, always working for themselves first and the colleges which employ them second, developing in their charges an intense and highly undesirable professional spirit, many times taking their players from one college to another. Who are these men? We need mention no names, but they are to be found in the ranks of the professional coaches. We do not question the spirit which men of the O'Neill and Sanford type develop in their players, and we cannot overestimate the value of their influence for good over their young charges. But we must do away with the travelling coach, who is on even a lower plane than the tramp athlete.

British Boxers Threaten to Regain the World Crown.

England is in the throes of the beginning of a big revival in boxing which British sportsmen hope will result in England's recovering the supremacy it once held in the roped arena. The army and navy have developed boxing and in fact, boxing has become a national tournament, in which Richie Mitchell of America was outpointed by Sergeant Miller of England, hitherto an unknown. There are many Millers in the British service, we are told, and British boxing followers look forward with great zest to coming events in their favorite sport.

The war not only has developed a lot of newcomers, but has given some of the veterans new spirit and more power. The biggest improvement, we think, has been noted in Commander Williams, who it will be remembered, outpointed Eddie McGoorty in London. The Bomber's defeat was a campaign of rehabilitation and plans a return to this country. Writing of Wells in a recent issue of a London sporting journal Eugene Corri, the noted English referee, says:

"Wells is one of the greatest paradoxes in ring history. He should and could beat all the heavies, but there is in him that sensitiveness that is apt to be aroused by a robber's hand in the pocket. I sincerely hope that when the champion reenters the ring he will have shed his temperamental weaknesses; if he has we are in for the greatest heavy-weight bouts we have seen in this country for years."

Wells showed no "temperamental weakness" on June 28, 1912, in this city, during the first two rounds of his bout with Al Paizer. In fact the Englishman was very confident and self-possessed and "put it all over" Paizer, but in the third round he crashed, crashing right on the Bomber's sensitive. The reason for the "temperamental weakness" described by Corri may be his appearance. Wells is a fine fellow and a perfect specimen of an athlete. We hope he "comes back."

Rowland's Release Outdoes Moran's as a Surprise.

Some of our major league baseball managers truly may complain. "This is the winter of our discontent." In the wake of the surprising release of Pat Moran came the even more surprising discharge of Clarence Rowland yesterday. Charley Comiskey says Rowland has lost his hold on his players. That was the very same reason assigned by William F. Baker for the release of Moran. Like Moran, Rowland at one time had sufficient hold on his men to win a pennant. Rowland went further and won the world's championship. But Comiskey, who should know, says that Rowland is fortunate in having so splendid a substitute to send into the breach. And besides, Kid Gleason has scored a great triumph.

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TONY SENTENCED TO TERM IN PRISON

Gets Four Months; Not Through Yet.

Nashville, Tenn. Dec. 31.—Fred Toney, pitcher of the New York Nationals, was given a four months jail sentence to-day after pleading guilty in Federal Court here to violation of the Mann act.

Toney will be tried to-morrow on charges of attempting to evade the draft law. His case was the result of a mistrial several months ago.

The affairs of Toney make it look improbable that he will pitch for the Giants next season. Toney's pitching staff toward the end of the 1918 season:

Boxer Killed in Bout.

"Terry McGovern" Dies After Mill With Young Britt.

Boston, Dec. 31.—"Terry McGovern" of Philadelphia, a boxer known in private life as Frank D. Leo, who was injured in a match last night with Frankie Britt of New Bedford, died at the City Hospital to-day. His skull was fractured by hitting the opponent in the sixth round. Britt was arrested early to-day at his home in New Bedford and was brought to this city for arraignment.

"Terry" was taken to the Back Bay police station, where he was formally charged with manslaughter. He was fixed at \$2,000. The case will be arraigned on Thursday.

DUGHYBS TO SEE GARPENRER FIGHT

French Champion Will Meet Dick Smith at Strasbourg on July 4.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Dec. 31.—In the wake of the announcement by Charles Cochran, the noted theatrical manager and boxing promoter that he had offered a purse of \$25,000 for a twenty round bout between Jimmy Wilde and Pat Moore came forward today a great interest to followers of the sport. The relief from the tension of war and the impetus furnished by the recent international tournament in which British boxers won over the Americans have developed tremendous interest in boxing here and many big bouts already have been arranged.

Cochran said to-day that he had offered a purse of \$27,500 for a twenty round bout between Bombarider Wild and Pat Moore. The bout will be staged in the Holborn Stadium in London.

That Carpenter means to get back into the ring as soon as possible was demonstrated to-day by the announcement that Dick Smith, the light heavyweight champion of England, had signed a contract for Smith to fight Carpenter twenty rounds in Strasbourg, France, on July 4. The bout will be for \$20,000. The promoters in Strasbourg, which used to be Germany, but once more is going back to France, feel that this is the only way to get back into the ring as soon as possible was demonstrated to-day by the announcement that Dick Smith, the light heavyweight champion of England, had signed a contract for Smith to fight Carpenter twenty rounds in Strasbourg, France, on July 4. The bout will be for \$20,000. 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