HERZOG SAYS HE WILL REPORT TO M'GRAW UNLESS TERMS ARE MET, BUT SUGGESTS NO REFEREE

NATIONAL PROMISES TO SHADE AMERICAN IN FIRST-BASE FORM DURING THE CAMPAIGN OF 1918

George Sisler Easily Class of Both Bodies, but Older Circuit Excels in Quantity of Seasoned Veterans

AS THE situation lines up in advance of the actual season's play, the initial sacking this season seems to show the older circuit better fortified than the Ban Johnson circuit. Viewing the face of the returns, the Tener organization will line up almost solid from last year and will show an outfit of veterans whose worth has been proved during sundry campaigns. And the American, while lacking the general class of its elder rival, will have some new faces whose playing value is highly uncertain.

The American, however, contains the big individual star in George Sisler. This great allround star easily is the class of both circuits and is but starting upon a career that admirers contend will show him to be the eventual successor to Cobb as the game's greatest star. There is no one else in the Johnson circuit to be considered in the same breath with the Ann Arbor versatile performer, now that Stuffy McInnis has been shifted, but in the National it is different.

With Jake Daubert tumbled into lower case last year on account of injury or going back or whatever the trouble was, Hal Chase showed the real class. The Dodger former star fielded with the same eclat as of yore, but fell down awfully in his hitting and basecunning. Chase also was somewhat off in his accustomed high-class sticking, but he was still able to show the best of them his heels in a general contest for first-base supremacy.

On the face of last season's returns, Walt Holke, the young Giant player, had somewhat the better of the argument with Chase as to fielding, but considering brains and baseball experience the Californian still is entitled to have the call. Holke field .989, against .983 for Chase, and their hitting was identical, .277. Holke may get the break this season, as he is coming and Chase is going, but that remains to be seen.

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MERKLE, Konetchy and Luderus are on the down grade, and a comeback by Daubert seems to be the only interesting first-base speculation of the year in this circuit. Paulette is a fine young player, and is expected to be much better in his second season with the Cards as a big leaguer. Mollwitz likely will play about the usual Pittsburgh game at that point.

Many Uncertainties in American League

GANDIL, Hoblitzel and Pipp may be relied upon to play their usual game the coming season. All are good fielders and fair hitters, the last-named being a slugger of the kind who holds down his general average through a disposition to mow down the fences. They are settled in their stride and their ability is well known. Judge played a good mechanical game last season until injured, and it is questionable whether his hurt has mended enough to keep him going at his usual gait. He was a better hitter than any of the three mentioned.

The real uncertainties, however, are Burns, of the Athletics; Dressen, of the Tigers, and Kavanaugh, of the Indians. Burns is burning things up with the stick in the pre-season going and the change of scene with a home audience cheering him on, along with the added incentive of staging a comeback, may bring him through, according to the promise of his first days with the Tiger line-up. Last season he hit but .226 in 104 games, being finally supplanted by Heilman.

Hughie Jennings's reported plans are to send Heilman back to the outfield and rely upon Lou Dressen, last season's St. Paul first baseman, to do the honors at the first station. Dressen hit well, almost getting into the .300 class with .291. He was pretty far down among fielders, however, with a mark of .981. He was some bear on the paths, with fifty-five stolen bases, being by far the best little purloiner in that circuit.

Marty Kavanaugh has been dug up from obscurity to try his hand at that awful annual hole at Cleveland. The records of last season are silent as to his whereabouts, but it is understood that he played sempiro ball around Detroit. Whatever he did he will have his hands full, for next to Pittsburgh the Indians have the toughest first-base opening in the world. Pohl partially, at least, plugged the gap last year with Joe Harris, but as soon as the player had ripened Uncle Sam got him.

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THE line-ups, with the figures covering last season's play of all excepting Kavanaugh, are as follows:

National League	Batting	Fldg.	American League	Batting	Fldg.
Chase, Cincinnati	.277	.983	Sisler, St. Louis	.352	.985
Holke, New York	.277	.989	Gandil, Chicago	.273	.993
Daubert, Brooklyn	.261	.991	Hoblitzel, Boston	.257	.989
Merkle, Chicago	.264	.988	Judge, Washington	.285	.988
Luderus, Philadelphia	.261	.991	Pipp, New York	.241	.999
Konetchy, Boston	.272	.994	Dressen, Detroit	.291	.981
Paulette, St. Louis	.265	.983	Burns, Philadelphia	.226	.999
Mollwitz, Pittsburgh	.267	.994	Kavanaugh, Cleveland	...	...

Yankee Injury Jinx Pursues Huggins

OLD MAN INJURY JINX, who long has been chasing the highly esteemed New York Yanks with real Teuton fury, has lost none of his cunning. The list of "kilt," wounded and missing, which has been an important feature of the daily report of the succession of managers who have tried to stem the hoodoo, has been imposing and now history again has started to run true to form.

A great moral victory was scored over the Braves Friday down in South Carolina, but it was much like a German success. It cost something big. It cost Huggins the services for several weeks and just at the start of the season of one of the best catchers in the business, Kid Walters getting a badly burst thumb from a wicked foul tip. This mishap may not prove such a blow, however, in view of the fact that in Ruel and Hannah two most promising recruit receivers are on hand. Ruel is one of the classiest youngsters in the backstopping line coming up in some time, while Hannah last season was a human dray or truck, a reliable iron man in the far western section. Hannah's admitted physique ought to help him as a Yankee.

So far Huggins has not enjoyed the usual Yankee luck with boxmen being laid out. One reason that the Yanks have been carrying so many pitchers is that they were absolutely needed. They have been falling by the wayside in droves. The pitching department has been coming through so far, but the veteran outfield ailment has appeared on schedule time. Marsans, counted on as an outfield regular, hasn't been heard of and nobody seems to know whether he has quit, is holding out or has died. He is simply lost or evaporated.

Failure of Marsans to report may force Huggins to give Vick an outfield trial, and all who are acquainted with the work of this promising youngster say that experience is all he needs. Vick may not be ripe, and then it may be that all he needs is the chance. Vick was a bear last year on Memphis, the team from which Ruel also came.

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HUGGINS may be said to be yet reclining on a bed of roses. His first real touch of high life is due to come when Caldwell gets well warmed up for one of the famous kangaroo stunts at a critical point in the season.

Matty Sure to Strengthen in the Box

THE loss of Fred Toney, whose name never is mentioned any more by the papers, Cincinnati or general fans, was a big blow to Manager Christy Mathewson, but the Old Boy is working hard to fill the breach. He has taken on Snipe Conley, the sensation of the minors last season with his nineteen straight for Dallas, and now is certain to get one fairly good boxman from the Boston Red Sox in exchange for Second Baseman Shean.

Eddie Foster was the hurler desired by Matty in the trade, but he was wise enough to forestall Foster's continuing his hold-out stunt and stipulated that should Foster fail to report Weldon Wyckoff, former Mackman, would replace him. It is doubtful, however, if Wyckoff would be of much aid to Matty, as his record last season was not thought enough of by official compilers to include his name in the 1917 American League records.

United States Soldier Bunted Bomb With His Rifle

A GOOD American baseball story illustrating the value of a knowledge of the game as a war measure and showing the ability of the United States product to think quickly appears in "A Yankee in the Trenches," a book by K. Derby Holmes. The author tells of fighting with the British before this country got into the conflict, and, according to his narrative, saved his life and the lives of others by fouling off a bomb by bunting tactics. His Tommy pal, so the story goes, congratulated him for saving him from the decoration known as the wooden cross.

The description of the affair is as follows:

"Turning the corner of the next traverse, I saw Jerry drop his rifle and unlimber his persuader (a nail-studded war club) on a huge German who had just rounded the corner of the 'bay.' He made a good job of it, getting him in the face, and must have simply caved him in, but not before he had thrown a bomb. I had broken my bayonet prying the dugout door off and had my gun up-ended—clubbed.

"When I saw that bomb coming I bunted at it like Ty Cobb trying to steal a base. It was the only thing to do. I choked my bat and poked at the projectile nonchalantly and by sheer good luck fouled the thing over the parapet. It exploded on the other side.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT

MACKMEN START BARNSTORM TRIP

Athletics Arrive at Augusta for Another Game With Pirates Today

WEATHER IS HANDICAP

Augusta, Ga., April 8.

Having sojourned in the metropolis of Florida three weeks almost to an hour the Athletics packed their grips, said good-by to the many friends they made there and left Jacksonville last night after the game with the Panch Johnston team. On the same train was the Pittsburgh team which is scheduled to play exhibition games with the Mack aggregation in this city, Greenville, Spartanburg and Charlotte in three days. The Athletics are scheduled to appear in Petersburg, Va., on Friday when they will meet the team of Camp Lee and after this game will entrain for Philadelphia where they are due Saturday morning.

Manager Mack and his party reached here at 11:20 this morning after a rather unsatisfactory all-night ride. The train left Jacksonville at 8 and arrived in Savannah about 12 o'clock where the two sleepers which the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh players occupied were sidetracked until 6:30 this morning when they were hooked to a slow local train for Augusta.

Most of the players had eaten nothing since their dinner Sunday night in Jacksonville and they made a mad rush for the dining room just as soon as they reached the hotel. There was no dining car on the train from Savannah to Augusta and the majority of the players preferred to remain late in their berths rather than get out at 6 and breakfast in Savannah.

Struck Poor Weather

There was not a person in the Mack entourage who did not quietly rejoice when the train pulled out of the Jacksonville station. Nothing derogatory can be said concerning their treatment there nor a word disparaging about the city, as everything was satisfactory, so far as the citizens could provide for their comfort, entertainment and privileges. But the weather has been far from ideal for baseball training. It was exceedingly variable, while rain was a frequent and most unwelcome visitor.

There were several days when the temperature hovered around ninety, but they were so infrequent and followed by such sudden and low changes that the beneficial result to the players was inconsequential if not negative. Such barometric changes were very hard on the pitchers, although with few exceptions all of Mack's flingers are in fairly good condition.

Saturday's game with Pittsburgh, which the latter won, making the Jacksonville series stand four to two against the Mackmen, was a very unsatisfactory performance, not only to Manager Mack, but to the players themselves. It was one of those off days that come to every team and for which no reasonable or adequate cause can be assigned. Everything goes wrong and the other team not only profits by acts of commission, but also reaps the benefit of many omissions. Such was the exhibition of the Athletics on Saturday. They hardly did a thing well, while some of their actual errors of commission were so ludicrous as to raise a laugh among themselves.

Dugan's Play Indifferent

Judged by surface indications, Geary, who started the game and performed for five innings, pitched good ball, but the fact remains that he, aided and abetted by Joe Dugan, was principally responsible for the defeat. The indifferent work of this pair seemed to be infectious and there were others who contributed to the wretched exhibition. No pitcher can expect to escape run punishment who habitually franks the first batter in several innings.

The penalty is bound to be evidenced in the run column. This was Geary's main fault on Saturday. In almost every inning he was in deep-sea trouble with the first batsman who faced him, and in two rounds, the third and the fifth, he passed the first hitter up. In each instance the runners reaching first gratuitously crossed the plate. This accounted for two of the five Pittsburgh runs.

Joe Dugan must be held responsible for another brace of tallies. In the fourth, with one out, Stengle doubled. Cutshaw then rapped a sharp but not difficult grounder directly at Joseph, who had every chance and world of time to cut off Stengle at third; but he first fumbled, losing the opportunity on Stengle, and when he finally picked up the ball in time to get the batter he heaved wild to Burns and Cutshaw was safe.

Cutshaw stole unmolested. With the infield drawn in King bounced an ordinary grounder in a direct line to Dugan, who could have cut off Stengle by yards at the plate, but it wasn't Joe's day to shine, and when the ball rolled between his legs out into left field both Stengle and Cutshaw cavorted across the pan.

Davidson Also Offends

The fifth run resulted from a combination of carelessness on Myers's part and inefficiency on the part of Davidson. With two retired, Carey scratched a hit and was wild-pitched to third. Myers showed absolute indifference if not culpable delinquency in the manner in which he pitched to Stengle, and as a result the latter reached first on balls.

Stengel started to steal, with the obvious intent of drawing a throw from McAvoy. The latter accommodated with a fine peg to Davidson, who had ample time to get the ball back to the plate to catch even so fast a man as Carey, but the substitute second-sacker dropped the ball, and while he picked it up and made a very quick return Carey was across the pan when McAvoy received it.

Thus it will be seen by the above analysis, which is not thorough or complete by any means, that all of the Pirates' runs were the result either of poor work or censurable carelessness on the part of the Mackites. An exhaustive survey of the part performed by the Athletics would reveal many more mistakes, not only of neglect, but of imperfect physical and mental work.

Toledo Gets Birmingham

Toledo, O., April 8.—Outfielder Joe Birmingham, former manager of the Cleveland Americans, has signed a contract to play an outfield position with the Toledo Club in the American Association, Roger Bresnahan, president and manager of Toledo, announced. Birmingham has been with the New York Giants in the southern training camp this spring.

PAT MORAN ATTRIBUTES EARLY SUCCESS OF PHILLIES TO FINE WEATHER AT ST. PETE QUARTERS

Team Has Lost Only Half Day's Practice in Four Years at Florida Base—Move North Today—McKenty to Enlist

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

St. Petersburg, Fla., April 8.

PAT MORAN and his flock of Phils set sail for the old homestead and familiar playing ground this morning after three weeks of hard work in St. Pete. The players enjoyed their visit, but were happy to board the train for the North. The steady grind was getting monotonous and the two-a-day performances at Coffee Pot Park got on their nerves.

Their visit was just long enough. Had they remained another week a stranger might imagine that a dozen Johnny Evers were on the club. They were just about ready to indulge in those famous family quarrels we have read so much about.

However everything was lovely, despite some reports. The players worked well together, there was no discontent or dissatisfaction and no one threatened to quit because of the poor prospects. A big league ball player cares nothing of poor prospects unless it hits the treasurer. Then will come the deluge.

Moran Lauds St. Pete

Pat Moran has nothing but praise for St. Petersburg as a training camp and every one who has been there stands behind him.

"In the four years down here," orates Pat, "I have lost but one-half day's practice because of rain. The weather is wonderful; there is seldom rain, and I attribute most of my success with the Phillies to the early start the team has had.

"Every time we come North the men are in first-class condition and we are able to get the jump on the other fellows. Mayor Lang has helped considerably and made it possible for us to train here. I hope we will establish a permanent camp in St. Petersburg and not go any place else."

On the eve of the team's departure, Moran lost one ball player and stands a good chance of losing another. Bill McKenty, the Philadelphia youngster, who has been doing good work all spring, told Manager Moran that he intended to give up baseball to join the navy. McKenty is in the draft and wants to enlist before being called.

Pat Liked McKenty

Moran thought well of the young southpaw and predicted that he would be in the big show after one year's experience in the minor leagues. He wanted to send him to New London, Conn., but McKenty's action calls everything off.

The other doubtful one is Ben Tincup, the Indian pitcher. When he reported here Ben stated that he was way down in the draft, but last night he received word that he had been placed in the first class and is likely to be called at any time. The loss of Tincup will be a severe one, as he is depended upon to win quite a few ball games this year. He looks better than any of the new pitchers.

St. Pete was swept by a storm yesterday. The wind blew a gale and carried clouds of sand with it. The players were forced to remain indoors, but some went over to the swimming pavilion and took a dip in Tampa Bay. Eddie Burns proved to be the best fish of the lot, with Cravath a close second. While the players were in swimming a rainstorm came up and they remained in the water until it stopped.

The Mystery Solved

There was quite a mystery around the hotel for the last two days, but it was solved today, and every one feels better. Bill Shettsline, the genial secretary, was late to dinner on Friday night and would offer no explanation. Bill always is on the job when the dining room opens and his absence was noted by all.

It developed that Bill spends most of his spare time at the firehouse, telling the natives how they fight the flames in Glenolden, Pa. While he was in the midst of a story Governor Catts, of Florida, visited the town to make a Liberty Loan address.

Now, the Governor is a big guy in this State and the natives were pleased over his visit. They wanted to show him a good time, and when he stepped off the train some one resurrected an old rusty cannon and fired off about a pound of perfectly good dynamite or something like that.

The explosion shook the town and interrupted Shettsline's story. "It must be the gas plant!" shouted Shetts, as he jumped to his feet. "We had one like that in Glenolden, Pa. To work, men. We will find the blaze and subdue it!"

Couldn't Locate Fire

The fire department did not care to be disturbed, but lie slowly arose and cranked the flivver. Then he and Shettsline looked all over town for an explosion, or fire, or something, and did not give up the search until late at night. It's playing in hard luck when two brave firemen cannot find a fire.

The Phils will arrive in Jacksonville tomorrow night and take a train for Columbia, S. C. They will play the Washington club there on the morrow.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE TO HOLD SMOKER

Industrial League will hold its annual smoker and presentation of trophies this evening at Marlin Hall, Allegheny avenue above Fifth street, at 8 o'clock. L. Wilcox will act as toastmaster and make the presentation speech. Mr. Cadwalader, former president of the Industrial League, and Mr. Hohlfeld, donator of the Hohlfeld challenge cup, which was won by his own team, will make addresses. There will be music and talent, followed by refreshments.

The soccer teams from New York Shipbuilding and the Falls F. C., who played into a tie after playing the full forty-five minutes and extra ten minutes allotted, will be forced to meet again on the same grounds next Saturday afternoon to decide the contest. This ruling was laid down at a meeting held on Saturday evening following the game.

The winner will then meet the Veteran team the following Saturday for the championship for the Amateur Cup.

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PENN SCHEDULES CAMP DIX NINE

Howard Berry to Lead Soldiers Against Quakers on Alumni Day, June 15

"BERNIE" MAKES GOOD

No one would accuse Howard Berry of being unfaithful to the University of Pennsylvania, but right now the former Red and Blue star is planning a defeat for the Quaker nine for June 15.

Berry will lead the Camp Dix soldier team against Penn on Alumni Day, and he claims that the Jersey encampment has a right smart ball club. The soldiers with Berry at shortstop will be an excellent attraction at Franklin Field. The Alumni Day game marks the end of the baseball season at the University.

Coach Roy Thomas's team pranced out to a regular start by beating Swarthmore, 1-0, in an irregular game Saturday. The contest stretched over fourteen innings, and three hours and six minutes before either team could get a runner over the checking station. It was a double by Hobey Light, and a single by Tubby Burns, a former Mercersburg player, that combined to down the suburban aggregation.

New Plan Saves Game

It was the daylight-saving plan that saved the game, for had the contest been staged under the old time clock, the game never would have been decided. It was close to 7 o'clock before the tally was put over.

Although it was the hits by Light and Burns that made the victory possible, the credit for the triumph really belongs to Chick Bernhardt, the big right-hander, who appears to be one of the best twirlers in collegiate ranks. The up-State youth gained more power as the game lengthened. Five scattered drives were collected by the Garnet, eleven were fanned and only two walked. In nine of the fourteen frames Swarthmore went hitless.

Fine Twirling Duel

Johnny Ogden, the Garnet star, also pitched a great game and it was a twirlers' duel from the start. Ogden was dented for only six hits, but two of them were bunched in the fourteenth and that was enough to win.

Coach Bettger, the Swarthmore tutor, brought out four new players. Two, Russell White and Carter, are former Northeast boys, and both played a good game. The latter made two sensational throws for putouts to third base from his position in center field.

White had four chances at third base and handled them without an error. He made one of the five Swarthmore hits, getting on base before the first out in the ninth. He was forced at second, however, by Allie Cornog. Larkin and Webb, the other newcomers, also played good ball.

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BENNY LEONARD ENTERTAINS AT OLYMPIA TONIGHT WITH YOUNG JOE BORRELL AS FOE

Champion Will Appear for First Time Since He Exhibited at Tobacco Fund Show Last December—Meets Brazzo Saturday Night

By BILL BELL

BENNY LEONARD, who hasn't been seen in action here since he boxed Freddie Kelly in an exhibition bout at the Tobacco Fund Show on the night of December 19, will go to the post tonight at the Olympia. Young Joe Borrell, of Muggsy Taylor's stable, will be his vis-a-vis.

Just what kind of a showing Borrell will make against Leonard is problematical, nevertheless the house has been sold out for tonight. A champion always is a champion, from a Philadelphia viewpoint.

Again, the local sporting public just now is keenly interested in a probable match between Leonard and the local favorite, Lew Tendler, and critics are anxious to determine whether or not the champion's work at Camp Upton, where he has been instructing soldiers in boxing, has affected his ring work in any way.

Young Jack Performs

Young Jack O'Brien, who is endeavoring to regain his former prestige as a ring gladiator, has been pitted against Harlem Eddie Kelly in the semifinal. O'Brien is paying strict attention to his training now and has high hopes of again breaking into the wind-up class.

Jack Hayman, a pupil of Young Jack's big brother, Philadelphia Jack, will make his professional debut in the opening event, meeting Young McDonough.

Leonard is said to be well above the lightweight limit now and that his work at Camp Upton has resulted in him taking on added poundage. Those who have seen the champion recently contend that he is closer to the welterweight than the lightweight limit. The doubting ones will have a chance to gaze upon him this evening.

Benny's Spring Drive

Whether this is the beginning of Leonard's spring drive we do not know. But it is very evident that he will be active here this week. After he polishes off the rugged young Joe Borrell he returns to Camp Upton, where he will complete training for his engagement with Jack Brazzo, of Hazleton, at the National A. A. on Saturday night.

Few dollars have been coming into the Leonard treasury during recent months. His services are needed at the camp and his work is in demand before many clubs. He is endeavoring to please both, but it remains to be seen if it can be done. If he finds that there is no conflict, then we can look for Benny to see plenty of service this year.

Tendler Dangerous

Lew Tendler is the most dangerous contender now in lightweight circles. Billy Gibson saw him at his best against Irish Patsy Cline last Wednesday night, and the clever manager of the champion didn't overlook anything. Doubtless the present drive on the part of Leonard to get in topnotch condition is the result of Gibson strategy to have the lightweight king in top form in the event a match is arranged.

In the gymnasium Tendler has little trouble with boys of the Eddie Wagner and Young Joe Borrell class. He cuts them to ribbons with his jabs and easily keeps away from their vicious swings.

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