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BAN'S RETRENCHMENT STARTS AS SCHEDULE IS CUT TO 140 GAMES

Spirit of Economic Times Mirrored in Slicing Two Weeks Off Card for 1919—Clubs Expect to Save \$200,000 in Reduced Salary Rolls

BAN JOHNSON simply cannot keep out of print. Yesterday the chieftain of the American League assumed the job of spokesman for the major leagues...

The National Commission, consisting of Ban Johnson, president of the American League; John Heydler, president of the National League...

Just what action the commission will take is unknown at present. The magnates of both leagues have made it plain they want the long jumps eliminated...

ALL but two of the sixteen club owners favored the shorter schedule. Charles Comiskey, of the White Sox, and Harry Frazee, boss of the Red Sox...

The 1919 Season Reduced by Two Weeks

NOW we are assured of the 140-game card. It means that the season will be open just one week later than usual and close one week earlier...

This is to be a season of retrenchment all around. The makers of the schedule can play a most important role. By making arrangements for the staging of postponements it will be necessary to have numerous open dates on the schedule...

The player limit in the American League has been sliced, but with the shorter schedule and fewer double-headers it takes a big burden off the managers in the junior circuit.

PRESIDENT HEYDLER has faced bigger tasks than drafting a schedule. His experience in handling such detail will make him a valuable man at the schedule conference on January 3 at French Lick.

Ruppert, of Yanks, Still After Big Game

PICTURE a baseball magnate adding Duffy Lewis, fence-crashing outfielder; Ernie Shore, one of the best right-hand tossers in the game, and "Dutch" Leonard, a southpaw elite, to his battle array and yet he is not satisfied...

The passing of Captain T. R. Cobb, who recently was mustered out of the big war game, from Detroit to New York annually takes place in baseball's Hot Stove League...

Reasons advanced as to why Cobb will wear a Yankee uniform during the coming season are interesting to say the least. Colonel Ruppert wants him for his New York club...

Clubs Expect to Save \$200,000 Next Season

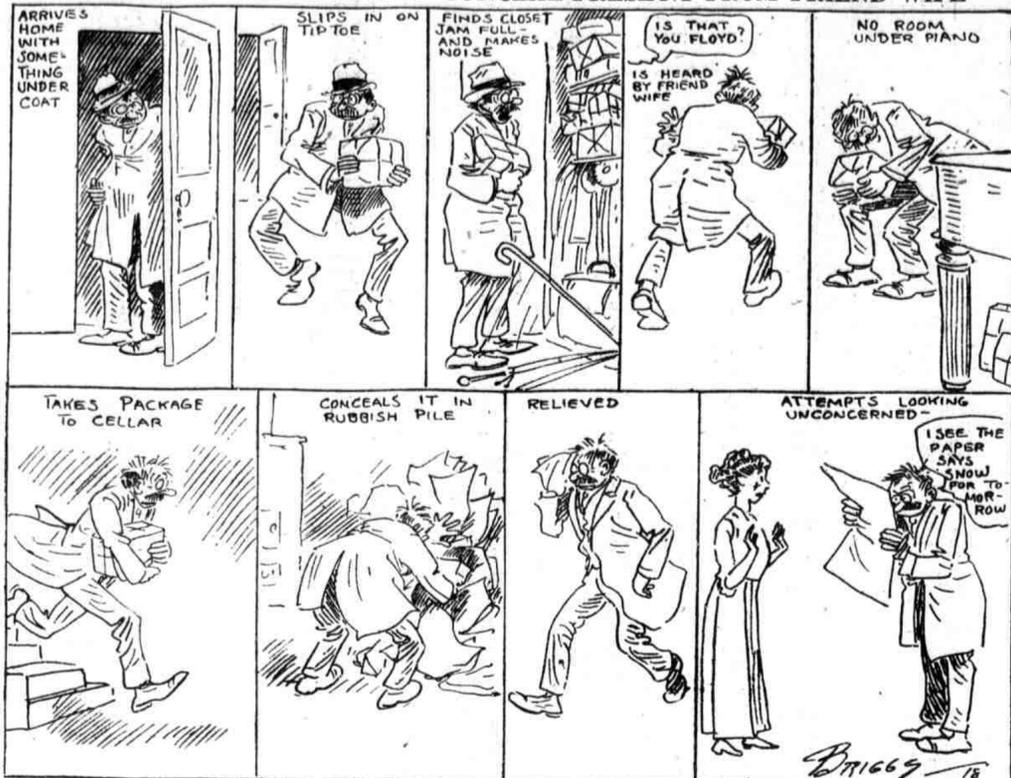
WHILE this era of retrenchment is on the players can be depended upon to bear their share of the burden. Through no decision of their own, the players will perform as usual...

The players' contracts next season will extend from May 1 to October 1. In the past the contracts called for pay from April 15 to the middle of October...

THIS action was taken in order to do away with the trouble caused by the striking of the players last fall when a few, especially the members of the Red Sox, refused to make the trip to Chicago for the first world's series game...

It should be a merry one for all judging from the greetings they have received. Leon Rabin, James F. Dougherty, Jack Weinstein, George and Herman Taylor extended the compliments of the season.

MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO CONCEAL PRESENT FROM FRIEND WIFE



GEO. HAGGERTY IN SHIP LEAGUE

Former Reading Center. Discharged From Service. Will Play With Chester

DOBSON FIVE DEFEATED

Ship League basketball teams are gradually getting their line-ups ready for the opening of the season, still about two weeks off. The latest addition to the ranks is big George Haggerty...

Haggerty has just been released from the navy and has seen active service on the mine sweeper Huntington. He was released several weeks ago at Hampton Roads and since last Thursday has been working at the Chester Shipbuilding Company...

Fogarty's Wife Dies. Joe Fogarty, one of the most popular and best known cage players, has sustained a severe loss in the death of his wife, who passed away on Monday evening after a short illness...

After winning four straight games in the American League, Dobson was defeated by Hancock last night, 22 to 21. There is no denying the best team won, but it was a peculiar contest. Hancock started off in great shape, and after picking up the initial rally ran in ten straight. However, when the half ended Dobson was ahead, 12 to 10...

It was the same way at the start of the second period and Hancock went away in the lead again. Toward the end of the period Randy Miller was substituted for Lees and the Falls buck picked up. They added points after point and, although they had a half-dozen chances to win the game in the closing minutes, failed to score the winning goal. Hancock is now tied with Dobson for the lead.

In the other game Bobby Winkill's reconstructed Wilbur five made St. Columbia justice at times, although the champions won by the score of 27 to 17.

DEVEREUX TO CONTINUE

Will Remain as Grand Circuit President for 1919

Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—H. K. Devereux, who for several years has been president of the Grand Circuit, will continue in office at least through the season of 1919. W. H. Kinman, secretary of the Grand Circuit, yesterday announced that Devereux had agreed to continue in office, due to the desire of virtually every official connected with the Grand Circuit. These officials are looking forward to the greatest basketball season next summer in the history of the Grand Circuit. But they also believe certain obstacles will have to be overcome before the season of Devereux's experience and resourcefulness to surmount.

Chicago Teams to Go South

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Officials of both the Chicago National and American League clubs began today to make definite arrangements for starting the spring training trip. The Chicago National League club is to go to their conditioning in southern California and the American League club to the White Sox, announced today that his team would train in Texas, though he did not name the city.

Miller Huggins After Roth

Miller Huggins, manager of the Yankees, is now acting for Bob Roth, outfielder of the Cleveland team. Not content with getting Roth to Cleveland, Huggins, and "Dutch" Leonard from the Red Sox last week, he stopped off in Cleveland on his way from this city to spend the holidays at his home in Cleveland to see what Cleveland wanted in exchange.

Al Baird Receives Discharge

New York, Dec. 24.—Al Baird, the recruit from the Yankees, notified Secretary John B. Foster yesterday that he had been discharged from the army. Baird was in service early last summer at New Orleans and out of the navy. Baird, who was training at the Marine Corps training station, was also attached to the 1st Marine Division and was in the 1st Marine Division.

Penn Has Not Scheduled Any 1919 Football Games

NO DEFINITE steps have been taken by the athletic authorities at Penn toward formulating the football schedule for the 1919 season, according to a statement made yesterday by Edward R. Bushnell, the acting graduate manager. A few days ago Pittsburgh announced its list of games and placed Penn on the October 18 reservation for a contest on Franklin Field. The Panther officials merely took it for granted that the Red and Blue would be able to play on that date. The contract with Pitt covers a game for next season. There was a meeting of the football committee recently which was attended by Bob Fowlwell. The rumor went around the campus that the Quaker gridiron tutor had signed for next year, but none of the Penn authorities will commit themselves on the question. The meeting was held in connection with the University Council session in George H. Frazier's office. Major Mylin J. Pickering, the graduate manager, who is now in the service, is expected back for the beginning of the second semester. He is now stationed with the aviation corps at Garden City.

KID O'ROURKE SUBSTITUTES

By CUNNINGHAM. JIMMY ("KID") O'ROURKE, tin ear and broken nose, was home from France and broke. Only a ham-and-egg pugilist when he enlisted, but the army life and training worked wonders for Jimmy. He wandered down South Third street, brooding over his troubles. For a week Jimmy had admired an imitation squirrel fur coat in a window on South street. He wanted that coat for his mother for Christmas. At last he had the man promise he would put the coat away until Jimmy called for it, despite the fact that the young fighter lost no deposit.

There were bouts scheduled at the Excelsior A. C. Saturday before Christmas. The "Kid" knew that if he could get on he had a chance to get in the big holiday bill, but, anyway, a bout would be enough to earn the coat. His manager, Big Jack Keegan, had just told Jimmy the best he could get for him was a chance to substitute if one of the principals failed to appear.

The "Kid" ambled along, head sunk on his chest and, without thinking, turned in Washington avenue. He was sore on everything and had an empty feeling in his stomach that had no relation to hunger. When he stumbled into some one in the dim light he would have continued on his way without noticing the incident, but the stranger would have it otherwise.

Rough Remarks. "Where'dya get that stuff, ya big bum," was the greeting of the newcomer. "Why doncha blow yer horn?" "Whod'ya think yer talkin' to, yer wife?" answered the "Kid," as he turned and gave the stranger the once over. Jimmy saw a youth about his own size with a fancy cap, a soft collar with a large necktie and imitation diamond stickpin. He could make out the other was rather neatly, but loudly dressed.

"If I had time I'd like to slip you a good kickin'," said the newcomer, "but I don't like to soil my hands." Jimmy was all interest. He calmly removed his coat and hat and placed it on a barrel by the curb. Without another word the stranger followed suit, placing his coat alongside of O'Rourke's. Silently they feinted under the dim light of a single arc light, and Jimmy saw he had more than an amateur to defeat.

For fifteen minutes they battled. The only noise was the scuffle of their shoes on the pavement, an occasional thud and the hard breathing of over-worked lungs. The stranger fought hard and fair, and for a while Jimmy had all he could do to handle him. The army life of the "Kid" finally turned the engagement in his favor. The stranger had not been a bayonet instructor for a year and could not match the stamina of the ex-doughboy.

The Grouch Vanishes. When the stranger's knees bent and he was sticking through courage alone, Jimmy stopped and helped the stranger on with his coat. They went their different ways, and inwardly Jimmy was thrilled. He had worked off his grouch.

The "Kid" sat in the last row near the dressing room and watched the first bout of the weekly show of the Excelsior A. C. Big Jack Keegan rushed up to Jimmy and slapped him on the shoulder. "Jump into your things, 'Kid,'" he said, "we're gonna fight the semi-windup. Young Martin is here but he can't fight tonight. Make good and we'll fight in the Christmas show."

O'Rourke pulled his dressing gown around him as he sat in his corner, trying to get a slant at his opponent. "Pop" McGuire, the referee, was introducing Young Martin, who was unable to fight. Martin's ear was bandaged and his face was badly battered. "Martin wants ya ta know he ain't quittin', but he can't fight tonight on account of an accident."

Martin walked to the ropes to leave the ring and stopped suddenly in front of the "Kid." Their eyes met and they smiled. Martin put out his hand and murmured as he left the ring, "Merry Christmas!" Jimmy's mother had tears of pride in her eyes as she showed her new fur coat to the neighbors.

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Joe Welch has drawn the wind-up assignment at Johnny Burns's Cambria A. C. Charles Dora has put an end to Joe's winning streak. Lawrence and Wally Hinkle will clash in the semi-wind-up. Ten of the twelve bouts on the program have been by the service.

Well-Balanced Boxing Cards at Holiday Shows. Champions Missing, but Good Material Will Entertain at Three Local Clubs. JACKSON AT OLYMPIA. By JAMES S. CAROLAN. BANNER boxing cards again have been arranged for the holiday programs at the three local fight clubs. Eighteen bouts have been arranged, and while none of the clubs is featuring a headliner at the Christmas Day attractions, the cards are sufficiently well-balanced to assure some excellent entertainment.

In contrast with most of the holiday shows of the past, the champions are missing this year. Most title-holders are in the service and the few now at liberty do not feel that their condition would warrant taking part in public bouts at present.

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Former Germantown High School Athlete Honored by Teammates

ARRANGING SCHEDULE

By PAUL PERP. Hunter, the former Germantown High School athlete, has been elected captain of this year's basketball team at Brown Preparatory School. Hunter's election is a popular one, as his playing ability has stamped him as one of the best cage-men ever seen at the North Broad street institution.

The opening game of the season—with Norristown High School last Saturday evening—resulted in a defeat for the local team. Despite this the Brown players are confident that the season will be a success. One game means little in their short careers.

There were several redeeming features in the Norristown contest. The four shooting of McCullough was easily the best of the early season, he caging eighteen of his twenty-four chances. McCann, the former West Philadelphia High, also played a splendid game.

All Games Away. Manager and Coach Metz has booked the following games, all of which will be played away. In addition, games are pending with Atlantic City High, Penn Freshmen, West Philadelphia High, Pennsylvania Seminary and Delaware State College Freshmen.

January 1—West Chester State Normal School. January 10—La Salle College. January 15—Tome School. January 25—Salem High School. January 31—Darby High. February 15—St. Joseph. February 22—Bordentown Military Academy. February 25—Allentown Preparatory. March 1—Williamson Trades School.

Cage Followers to Meet. There will be a meeting of all basketball coaches and officials this Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the offices of the Middle Atlantic District Association of the A. A. U., Room 312, Lincoln Building, Broad and South Penn squares.

Any one who is interested in the game of basketball as coach, player or official, is invited to attend this meeting. The readers are requested to extend the invitation to all who are interested in the advancement of the sport.

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Price, Former Penn Football Player, Now Army Major Overseas

Terrill Price, who played football at Penn a few years ago, has just returned with the American army overseas. This information was received from Josh Price, a brother, and also a former Penn athlete. Price played football in the Cornell game and was a letter as a substitute center. He was also a pole vaulter. Josh Price played on the 1917 squad. The Price brothers are the former First Brigade, N. G. P.

SWEDEN PLANS BIG MEET

Athletes From All Nations May Compete There in 1921. New York, Dec. 24.—An invitation to the United States to have a picked team of the leading athletes of the country journey to Sweden for the purpose of participating in an elaborate international athletic meet is expected within the next few days to become a reality. The Swedish athletic authorities are planning the competition for 1921. The occasion will be the 200th anniversary of the City of Gothenburg, which is the second largest city of Sweden. Benson, former amateur wrestling champion, made this announcement upon his return to this country after an extended sojourn in Sweden. The games are to be part of a great celebration. It is planned to erect a stadium comparable to the one at Stockholm, where the Olympic games of 1912 were held. Under the tentative plans all the leading athletes of the world will be invited to compete. Ernie Hjortberg, formerly well known as a local trainer of athletes, has been engaged to prepare the athletes of Gothenburg, according to Benson. Hjortberg was until recently coach of Sweden's Olympic athletes.

At the annual Christmas celebration of the West Philadelphia Catholic High School the football players of the Blue and White were awarded their monograms. As this is the first year that the school has a representative team, the honor of receiving the monogram is increased, as this is the first time since 1914 that the school has had a team. The following players were the fortunate ones: Captain Naughton, Charles Deane, John Doyle, Ed. Williams, Dan Linsmith, James Kindregan, Francis Hughes, Nicholas Dealmon, Vincent Smith, Joseph L. Miller, Joseph L. Miller, James Woods, Arthur McHugh, William Blake, Joseph Rainford.

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West Virginia to Practice January 2. Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Coach H. P. Mullenex will report to start work with the West Virginia basketball team on January 2. Ex-Captain Lattimore, Fisher, Martin, Daws and Rogers will not be in school till the second semester, the opening of which has been postponed to February 17.

Evans Shades Daley. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 24.—Johnny Evans, of Newark, had a shade the better of Sabor Daley of the U. S. S. Grant, in the prize fight which took place here last night. Evans employed a rough style, which had the effect of making Daley's opponent's position the sailor protested to the referee that Evans had hit him, but the referee awarded him the fight. Evans proved a good defensive fighter, but was shaded by his rough Newark opponent.

Chinese Team Here Tomorrow. Manager Martin Reagan reports the Taichung baseball outfit, which has been invited to play here between the Chinese players of New York city and the District of Columbia, will arrive here tomorrow. One of the recent feats of the outfit was to win the championship of the city team to a 2-goal tie on the latter's home ground.

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Titzel, Landers, Berry, Bell, Wray and Miller Brothers and Others to Compete in 1919

GUSTAFSON IS RELEASED

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK. THERE has been considerable talk on the campus at Penn as to the possibility of former star athletes returning to the classroom and sporting fields next month or next fall after they have been released from the service. Signs of the chronic pessimists believe that few will return, but already twenty-five of Penn's best have signed their intention of re-entering the University.

Thirteen of the twenty-six already have been released from military and naval duties and they are ready to play under their own names on the Quaker institution at the start of the second semester. Some of the others also will receive their honorable discharge in time to start January 6, but a number are now overseas and probably will not re-enter until next fall. Included in the twenty-five are athletes from basketball, baseball, rowing and track. All are men of considerable experience and they will be welcomed with open arms by the coaches of the various athletic activities.

List of Stars

Glance at the following list and form your own opinion as to the worth of the men who will return. Norman Gotwals, sub-quarterback on 1917 and 1918 football teams. Howard Berry, football and baseball star and pentathlon champion. Bert Bell, captain of the 1917 football eleven. Bill Quigley, halfback on the 1917 football eleven. Ed. Williams, national A. A. U. 600-yard indoor champion. Mike McHale, cross-country star and distance runner. Everett Smalley, one of the best hurdlers ever developed in this city. John Titzel, star pitcher and football player. Heine Miller, All-American end, and his brother, Ed Miller, star end on the 1917 freshman football team. Alex Farkas, end on the 1917 freshman eleven and until he was stricken by pneumonia he was a tackle on the 1918 Varsity team. Dick Supplee, tackle on 1918 Varsity. Sherman Landers, former national pole vault champion and 300-yard national indoor title holder.

Jefford to Return

Art Jefford, center on 1915-16 intercollegiate championship basketball team. Al Mouradian, star forward on last year's record-breaking freshman basketball quintet. Walter Farley, star water polo player. Lew Parsons, varsity oarsman in 1917. Red Cressel, end on 1917 football squad. Milton Zucker, guard on 1917-18 freshman cage team and quarter-miler. Charley Bullock, varsity pole-vaulter. Ed Weil, end on 1917 varsity football squad. Harvey Price, captain of 1918 cross-country team. Weaver Marston, varsity oarsman in 1917 and 1918.

All of the above-named athletes twelve are ready to enter the University now. They are Gustafson, Marston, McHale, Smalley, Gotwals, Mouradian, Price, Weil, Zucker, Bullock, Farkas and Farley.

It was learned yesterday that Elmer Smith, former star quarter-miler, will not return. Smith, who is a former Mercersburg varsity athlete and a protégé of Ted McCord, has received his discharge from the army, but intends to enter business.

NO COLUMBIA

Penn Can't Play New Yorkers Before 1920 Season. New York, Dec. 24.—Columbia and Pennsylvania will not meet in football next fall. This statement has been authorized by the Columbia athletic authorities after a report had been brought to their attention to the effect that Pennsylvania was considering reserving a November date for Columbia.

It was pointed out by the Columbia officials that the restrictions on football which were adopted by the faculty when the sport was revived in 1915 will hold good through the season of 1919 and that until at least three more intercollegiate games with Pennsylvania, Cornell, Harvard, Yale or Princeton.

Track Stars Mustered Out

New York, Dec. 24.—Louis Kaufman, the Metropolitan junior cross-country champion, Leonard A. A. Herman, also of the Brooklyn A. A. and Joe Giorgio, of the Philadelphia A. A., yesterday were mustered out of the service. They will have been in training at the Pelham Bay naval training station.

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Olympia A. A. Broad and Baltimore. Christmas Afternoon, Dec. 25. INTER-CITY BOXING CONTESTS. PHILADELPHIA vs. NEW YORK. Wally Nelson 1st Johnny Murray. Harry (Kid) Brown 2d Phil Frenchini. Eddie Wagon 3d Harlem Eddie Kelly. Dick Stosh 4th Freddy Reese. Frankie Clark 5th Benny Valger. George (Yr) Ernie 6th Wally Jackson. Six bouts—No increase in prices.

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