A Happy New Year to All Finds Magnates and Fans Optimistic for 1918

Past Season in All Sports Doubtful One Since April

Calling Off Intercollegiate Schedules and Golf Had Depressing Effect.

The year of 1917 was a year of uncertainties in the world of sports.

Early in the year, until the United States entered the war on the side of the allies, the outlook for a banner twelvemonth in all branches of sport was brilliant. But the joining of hands between Uncle Sam and the allies brought about a panicky condition, and those in control of the various branches of organized sports faced the remainder of the year with a feeling of doubt regarding the effects of our entry into the world conflict.

The calling off of championship competition in golf and tennis circles came as a result of the war. The cancelling of intercollegiate schedules by many of the colleges had a depressing effect, and, in all, nearly every branch of sport, amateur or professional, felt the restraining tension of war times.

The declaration that a state of war existed with Germany came with the dawning of the professional baseball season. But professional baseball had prepared for its season, as usual, and with the exception of a number of the smaller minor leagues, which were forced to close their gates because of poor patronage, baseball did remarkably well.

As the years wore on into autumn a feeling of confidence began to return in many quarters. There were many dire predictions made, it is true, but the more level-headed men in sports saw no need of undue excitement, even with the country straining its every resource in preparing to play its part "over there" during the year that is soon to come.

The wind-up of the major league pennant races, not to mention the races in many smaller leagues; the playing of intercollegiate football by nearly every college in the country, with the exception of Yale, Harvard and Princeton, and last, but by no means least, the plans of the major leagues to go ahead as usual next season, coupled with the restoration of championships by the United States National Lawn Tennis Association and indications that other sport bodies will return to their usual championship schedules, shows that the feeling of panic is wearing off and sports in all branches will endeavor to continue as best they can.

In short, the United States, the very heart of the sporting world, is determined to stick to its red-blooded pastimes and will cling to them as long as it possibly can.

A review in the major sports, one by one, shows many events of interest. To enumerate all sports, showing the fortunes of title-holders, is scarcely permissible in these space-saving times, but the high lights of the year are well worth mentioning and, despite the war, 1917 has been a year of interesting happenings in sports.

HARVARD WILL BOAST SPORTS

Crimson Athletic Association Will Plan for Bigger Season in 1918.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 31.—Since last April, except for an "informal" football team, there has been little athletics at Harvard, but a movement forward is proposed for 1918. The Athletic Association is sure to give all possible aid to sport, provided the students, as in football last fall, show they want it. While there will be no effort to putting athletics on a before-the-war basis the coming year is sure to see much more competition than the one just passing out.

It was with the idea of keeping things moving that Fred W. Moore, graduate treasurer, recently came to an understanding with William J. Donovan, the track team coach, and Hugh Duffy, the baseball coach, and engaged them for another season. Also the rowing committee headed by Bob Herrick, is carrying Bill Haines, the rowing coach, along.

To be sure all these men will have charge of the freshmen for whom an extensive program in 1918 already has been announced, but also it is assured that the older undergraduates who, with competition in baseball, track and on the river, also will have their chance.

Last fall's freshmen season in football developed a lot of real interest and the youngsters will have their teams and their crew next year. This winter freshmen hockey will be played, while a varsity team, which will meet neighboring sevens and possibly any college teams that come along, is being successfully organized, and there has been a very fair-sized squad.

Baseball is sure to be played next year by an "informal" team, whereas in 1917 the cards were tossed on the table, and the outlook for a track team is promising.

In October Hugh Duffy had several nines out on Soldiers' Field, and besides some good freshmen material there were enough good players to assure a fair team if only for "informal" games.

It is anticipated that both Yale and Princeton will be able to develop teams among the students other than freshmen, and games will be played against any such nines.

Harvard's baseball season, however, will be directed with the view of playing games against the various training camp and naval district nines, of which there will be many within easy distance.

There was little rowing at Cambridge last fall, aside from the freshmen, and Harvard is not at all well off for seasoned material. This will not matter. Mr. Moore believes that steps will be taken both at Yale and Princeton to keep the boathouses open for the rank and file of undergraduates as well as for members of this year's entering class.

There is, of course, no chance for the regatta at New London to be resumed this year, except in event of the sudden termination of the war.

Dodgers May Secure Hearne from Leafs

New York, Dec. 31.—Manager Wilbert Robinson, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is said to have lines out for the release of Pitcher Bunny Hearne, of the Toronto club. Hearne was one of the leading pitchers of the International League last season.

JACK HENDRICKS WILL PILOT ST. LOUIS CARDS

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—"I have the only man I wanted to succeed Miller Huggins," said President Branch Rickey, of the Cardinals, here today, after announcing that Jack Hendricks, former Indianapolis manager, had signed a two-year contract to lead the St. Louis National League team.

Hendricks also was elated at landing a major league berth after years of success in the minors. He will leave to night for Chicago to spend the New Year but will return here Monday.

TITLE RETURNS TO WINDY CITY

Major League Race Interesting with Giants and White Sox Winners.

The major league races this year were highly interesting. In the American League the fight for the pennant was a battle to the finish between Boston and Chicago, and the return of the American League championship to the West was a boon to baseball. In the National League the New York Giants had more or less of a walkaway, yet the rise of two Western clubs—the Reds and Cardinals—and the persisteney with which the Phillies clung to McGraw's trail kept up the interest.

When the White Sox and the Giants came together for the world championship in October the West was boiling with enthusiasm, and when the White Sox triumphed in six games the world championship returned to the West for the first time since 1909, when the Pirates defeated Detroit. The fact that New York and Chicago, the two largest cities in the country, were involved in a world's series for the first time in baseball history, also lent glamour to the big series last fall.

Since the baseball season closed the minors and majors have held their annual meetings, and with the exception of the International League, which is expected to close its parks in 1918, and a few of the smaller minor leagues which failed this year, the baseball fraternity is planning to go ahead as best it can.

The calling off of the players' strike and the downfall of the Players' Fraternity last February left baseball with only the suit of the Baltimore Feds standing in its way to success until war came to us. But the firm stand taken by the magnates augurs well for the future of the game, and as baseball has grown to be a national institution, it is expected to survive.

The most notable happenings of the season, aside from the pennant races and the playing of the world series, follow:

Jack Barry replaced Bill Carrigan as manager of the Red Sox.

William Chase Temple, donor of the Temple Cup, died in Florida.

Dave Fultz called off the players' strike.

Fred Merkle was sold to Chicago by Brooklyn.

Eddie Cicotte opened the season with a no-hit game against St. Louis.

Inter-league series called off by American Association and International League.

Baltimore Federal suit called off at Philadelphia.

James Callahan relieved by Hans Wagner as manager of the Pirates.

Hugo Bezdek appointed to succeed Callahan.

McGraw case involving repudiated articles in New York papers settled by McGraw receiving reprimand and a fine of $1,000. Previously McGraw had been suspended for sixteen days for slugging Umpire Byron.

Three-Eye League suspended in July on account of war.

Dodgers and Pirates broke National League long-game record, playing twenty-two innings. Brooklyn won, 6 to 5.

Grover Alexander pitched and won a double header from Brooklyn on September 1.

Baltimore Federals filed suit for $900,000 in District of Columbia.

White Sox cinched the American League pennant September 21.

Giants cinched the National League pennant September 24.

White Sox won the world's series in six games, winding it up in New York, October 15.

John K. Tener was re-elected president of the National League for one year.

Eight minor leagues announce decision to continue baseball in 1918 at Louisville meeting.

Alexander and Killifer sold to Chicago for cash and players.

Bush, Strunk and Schang sold to Red Sox for cash and players.

"Uncle Sam Comes First," Says Leonard

New York, Dec. 31.—Benny Leonard, the world's lightweight champion, is going to desert the ring. This doesn't mean that the popular champion has bid the canvas, ropes and bell farewell. Far from that. Simply that he's going to work his young head off whipping recruits into shape at Camp Upton. And while he's doing this work he will pay little attention to the ebb and flow of the pugilistic ocean.

Benny's announcement was as modest as the champion himself. Just a postal reading as follows:

"Just a line to say hello. Back in good shape out here. And, believe me, I won't box for a long time, as Uncle Sam Comes first."

Leonard is to receive $1,800 per annum as instructor, but that money will be turned over to the athletic fund at his camp.

South Atlantic Not To Have 1918 Season

Atlanta, Dec. 31.—The South Atlantic League will suspend during the 1918 season, according to E. G. Kalbfleisch, president of the Augusta club. There will be no official meeting to determine this action, he states, for it has been mutually agreed that the league will not play a schedule. The affairs will remain in status quo until the end of the war.

McGill After Stock.

Do not be surprised to hear that James C. McGill, part owner of the Indianapolis club, has become financially interested in one of the National League clubs.

Skating Champion Will Defend Title Against Chicago Expert

The skating championship of the world is to be decided early in January when Oscar Matthieson, world champion, defends his title against Bobby McLean in a series of races to be held in Chicago. McLean is America's greatest speed skater.

Matthieson, who came to America from Norway two years ago, has devoted most of his time to exhibition matches, and McLean is to have the first real chance at his title.

The men will engage in a series of five races from fifty yards to two miles, the skating title not hinging on one particular distance.

FAILS TO EXCITE BOXING FOLLOWERS

Fight fans have refused to become excited over Jess Willard's recent announcement that he will box for the Red Cross.

Jess has made threats before and forgotten all about them. He has caused the fistic public to lose interest in what he says or does, and the boxing fan doesn't care a rap for any plans Jess may be making for next summer.

The boxing fan will sit up and take some notice when Willard actually crawls through the ropes to defend his title, and the chances are that he will be rooting for Willard's opponent to win. The public wants an active champion like Benny Leonard. It has no time for a big, peaceful fellow like Willard, who uses the title to make profits out of a circus.

DUCKPIN ARTISTS HAVE QUALIFIED

The following-named bowlers have qualified for the "roll off" in the annual Dot Tournament at the Palace alleys on Friday, January 4, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. sharp: Pratt, 1,358; Pezzaro, 1,318; Wolstenholm, 1,316; Baum, 1,303; Howser, 1,300; Urban, 1296; Chapin, 1,274; Lucas, 1,270; P. Ellett 1,264; Eckert, 1,243; Litzau, 1,229; Kirsh, 1,220; Inge, 1,214; Passagno, 1,213; Carroll, 1,212; McGolrich, 1,212; Desio, 1,212; Keeler, 1,206; Hollidge, 1,204, and Girardi, 1,203.

BAT MEETS SAM FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Few fight fans there are who do not know Battling Nelson or Sam Langford. The former has been fighting for twenty-one years and a prominent figure for more than half that time. Langford has wielded the padded mitt sixteen years. One would believe that fighters of this prominence would know each other, yet it is a fact that neither knew the other until yesterday. Standing in one corner of Kid Howard's Arcade gym was Langford. Nelson was twenty feet away. "Who's the colored person?" spoke Bat to some friends. The words came as a surprise. But Nelson was in earnest. "Why, that's Sam Langford," spoke Howard. "It is, hey?" from the much-surprised Dane. Langford approached the group and was asked if he knew this battered knight of the ring—Nelson. "No, chief, I don't know this here person. Who is he?" asked the colored demon of the ring. "That's Battling Nelson," came the reply. "Well, well, Bat, I'm glad to meet you," and they shook hands warmly.

Molla and Mary May Meet in Hawaii

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, women's lawn tennis champion, and Miss Mary Browne, ex-champion, may be among the contestants in the Honolulu matches during the midwinter carnival in February.

"The Best Have All Gone," That's the Only Answer

Capt. Pack, of British Machine Gun Company, Is Listing Famous Athletes Killed in Great War.

Rice Sport Features Three Times a Week

Friends of The Washington Herald who have followed Grantland Rice's striking pen pictures of sports, as portrayed in lyric and prose poetry in The Sportlight for several years, will be pleased to be reminded on this opening day of a New Year that the soul of the poet has risen to the poetic heights of patriotic action. Somewhere, this New Year, Mr. Rice is bivouacked with his company, preparing for the sterner game that lies beyond the great waters. He is with the field artillery of the United States army.

We are pleased to extend, as New Year greetings, the glad tidings that the genius of Grantland Rice is not to be lost to this sporting page. The stern realities of war will not permit to Mr. Rice the time necessary to produce his customary daily feature. But Mr. Rice will be heard from in these columns three times a week, and if his songs are less frequent their charm should be all the sweeter. For to his verse and sporting comment par excellence will be added the flavor of the old camp fire. He will furnish gossip of the camp in preference to general sporting news, as heretofore. —Sporting Editor's Note.

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By GRANTLAND RICE.

(Somewhere in the U. S. A.)

1918—The Soldier.

Since no man knows where he will be
A year from now, as time drifts by;
Since no man knows that he will see
Another old year fade and die—
We'll take each day just as it comes
Still shrouded in the mists of Fate,
And move on with calling drums
Without a thought of what may wait.

Of course each knows, deep in his soul,
That all who leave will not come back—
That some must pay the closing toll
And "go West" on the twilight track;
That Fate has marked, from pawn to king,
The name of each who has been drawn
To look upon his final spring
When April's sky rides out from dawn.

But what of that, where, down the roll
Each has the chance to prove, at par,
The steel-shod manhood of his soul
Against whatever odds there are;
The chance to suffer—and to grow—
That some day, when the flags are furled,
The children of today may know
A finer and a better world.

And so—here's to the mists that wait;
To what they blur from eager eyes—
A sprig of laurel tossed from Fate—
A cross beneath midsummer skies;
Here's to the chance to prove that men
Still set their dreams beyond the grave;
Here's to the chance to prove again
The Flag still waves above the brave!

Checking Off the List.

A day or two ago we ran into Capt. Pack, of the British machine gun contingent.

In the course of conversation we began checking off the names of great British athletes who had drifted on to the "eternal Blighty," had "gone West" to stay.

There were Cheape, Wilding, Jack Graham, Norman Hunter—on and on through polo players, tennis players, golfers, football players, etc.

Finally Capt. Pack shook his head. "We might as well stop," he said. "The best have all gone. That's the only answer."

Through 1918.

The British and French lists of athletes who have left for the game's Valhalla has, in part, already be listed on the scroll.

Today America is facing the same reading, and it will not be until this reading begins to expand, week after week, that all of America will at last rise to meet the supreme test.

Sporting names, through constant appearance in print, are always well known. The life of a star athlete will not mean more than the life of an unknown in the final reckoning. But it carries greater advertising value for the general cause.

Dozens of Americans died in France early in the war, to drift out almost unmentioned.

But the death of John Poe sent a shock through the nation, and the death of Wilding, although not an American, carried an equal shock.

There seems to be something more than normally tragic in a great athlete being shattered and wiped out, very likely from the gun handled by a man, inferior in every way to the one he killed.

In Camp.

Talking to men in khaki here and there, you find one challenge that they want to meet.

This is the challenge from Germany and Hindenburg that the Western front can't be broken.

A direct statement of this sort is a definite issue. It may not carry the idealism of other things, but it is the challenge of one strong man to another and that always brings something akin to a thrill, especially when those who leave to accept the challenge know the battle is for everything worth while.

Speaking of Snap.

A certain sergeant of a colored company was giving his command.

"First," he said, "when I says 'right dress' I'm going to shoot down the line, and I wan't you to dress on the smoke."

"Then, when I says 'eyes right,' I wanta hear them eyes click."

The Selling Centre.

Philadelphia now takes its place as the selling center of the realm in a baseball way. To Eddie Collins, Jack Barry, Frank Baker, Joe Bush and Wally Schang is now added Grover Alexander and Red Killifer. The selling and trading renown that was once Cincinnati's is now in possession of the Pennsylvania metropolis.

Nineteen eighteen, in a number of ways, gives promise of being a stirring year. But up to the festive moment of dashing to press Jess Willard's contribution to the stir hasn't shaken the nation off its feet. Jess will very likely fight again on the same day the Kaiser starts a new war—when this one is finished.

LANNIN MAY BE HEAD OF INTS

Former Red Sox Magnate, Owner of Providence Club, Offered Barrow's Job.

New York, Dec. 31.—Joseph Lannin, former owner of the Boston Americans and majority stockholder in the Providence Club, is likely to be named president of the International League to succeed Edward Grant Barrow, resigned. This became known here today when, from one of the league's clubowners, it was learned that the Ints will positively open the 1918 season. The plans for a schedule, readjustment of the circuit and other details will be completed at a meeting of the league in this city February 12.

The Internationals will not cut down to a six-club circuit. They will go along on the old scale even should it become necessary to take in another city. Sammy Lichtenheim, owner of the Montreal Club, has been wavering and may quit, but even this is doubtful. Sammy, should the league decide to continue, would hardly run the risk of losing his territorial rights.

Lannin, the man who is mentioned as the next president of the league, was one of those in favor of throwing up the sponge. It is said, however, that he has been won around, and as the chief executive will stick up for the desires of his clubowners.

Pat Powers, who was also mentioned for the presidency, is said to have refused the position. Pat was thrown out for Barrow when in his prime and doesn't like the idea of playing second fiddle now. Besides, the salary is said to be unsatisfactory to him.

Comiskey Offered $50,000 For Joe Bush, Frazee Says

Boston, Mass., Dec. 31.—Referring to the trade by which the Boston club obtained Bush, Schang and Strunk, President Frazee, of the Red Sox, said he had been offered $50,000 by Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago club, for Bush alone.

Frazee announced his willingness to stage a city series here with the Boston Nationals before the opening of the regular season on April 16. The Red Sox will start for Hot Srings spring training on March 15.

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HAVANA RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Five and one-half furlongs. Napper Tandy, 102 (Bell), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 3 to 2, won; Du Floss, 107 (Morrissey), 2½ to 1, even, 1 to 2, second; Lady Matchmaker, 113 (Crump), 3 to 1, even, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:36. Mary Valla, Tiger Jim, Feather Duster, Bill Wiley, and Malabar also ran.

SECOND RACE—Five and one-half furlongs. Parlor Boy, 115 (Gauger), 6 to 5, 7 to 10, 1 to 3, won; Brown Baby, 110 (Pietz), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; James Oakley, 115 (Collins), 2½ to 1, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:13 2-5. No Trumps, Gainer, Hattie Burton, Salvanity, and Beaumont Belle also ran.

THIRD RACE—Five-eighths of a mile. Miss Gove, 109 (Murphy), 6 to 1, 2½ to 1, 6 to 5, won; Queen Margot, 105 (Bullman), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Rockaway, 113 (Howard), even, 1 to 2, out, third. Time, 1:06 1-5. Kale, Bloodden, Ukalele, Kindle, and Sweet Marguerite also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Five and one-half furlongs. King Stalwart, 115 (Taplin), 2 to 1, even, 1 to 2, won; Buniea, 118 (Crump), 2 to 1, even, 1 to 2, second; Twinkle Toes, 97 (Lunsford), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, third. Time, 1:12 2-5. Sol Mintz, Golden List, Sallie O'Day, Bulger, and World's Wonder also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Three-quarter mile; selling. Lady Rowena, 106 (Smith), 8 to 5, 7 to 10, 1 to 3, won; Rhyme, 105 (Huk), 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, second; Vagabond, 108 (Howard), 6 to 1, 2½ to 1, even, third. Time, 1:20. Mesmer, Scylla, Nashville, Victrola, and Rockport also ran.

SIXTH RACE—One mile and fifty yards. Seminole, 103 (Wingfield), 6 to 1, 2½ to 1, even, won; Doe Thrush (Runsford), 4 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, second; Jack Hanover, 109 (Howard), 3 to 1, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:54. Safe and Sane, Charmeuse, Easter Greetings, Kneelet, and S. R. Meyer also ran.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Claiming; 2-year-olds; six furlongs. King of the Wind, 112 (Poole), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won; Mary's Beau, 109 (Kelsey), 7 to 2, 7 to 5, 3 to 5, second; H. C. Basch, 107 (Mooney), 7 to 2, 7 to 5, 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:15. Aztec, Little Princess, John Hyner, Dalwood, Miss Filley and W. H. Buckner also ran.

SECOND RACE—Claiming; all ages; five and a half furlongs. Blaise, 108 (Willis), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 7 to 5, won; Auntie Curl, 107 (Garner), 7 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, second; James F. Cummings, 108 (Obert), 9 to 2, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:08 2-5. Peaceful Star, Closer, Juvenile, Little Alta, Martre, Lady Ward, Meclicka, Cherry Belle, Korfhage and Rose Ellis also ran.

THIRD RACE—Claiming; all ages; one mile. Perpetual, 116 (Warrington), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won; Minnie P., 109 (Lyne), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 7 to 5, second; Andes, 112 (Rice), 3 to 1, even, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:43 2-5. John Graham, O Tis True, Mirza, Meddling Miss, Bogart, Sonada, Rose Juliette, Dundreary, Ben Levy, Perseus and Dahlia also ran.

FOURTH RACE—The Red Cross Purse; 3-year-olds and upward; one mile. Evelyn V., 97 (Walls), 9 to 5, 3 to 5, 1 to 5, won; Handful, 105 (Poole), 2 to 1, 3 to 5, 1 to 5, second; Lynn, 105 (Sterling), 9 to 2, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:42 4-5. Stoutheart, Requiram, Toastmaster, Huda's Brother, Eddie Mott and Sig also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Claiming; all ages; one mile and seventy yards. Merchant, 108 (Obert), 7 to 1, 5 to 2, even, won; Dolina, 103 (Walls), 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, second; Indolence, 106 (L. Garner), 9 to 5, 3 to 5, 1 to 4, third. Time, 1:45 4-5. Penrod, Sajotuarra, Sharp Frost, Hope and Orderly also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Claiming; all ages; one mile. Son James, 112 (Poole), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, won; Conflagration, 112 (W. Collins), 3 to 1, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, second; Rubicon II, 107 (Lauder), 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:42 2-5. Freeman, Courier, Hastena, Sister Riley, Plandito, Royal Tea, Napoleon, Ora McGee and Bonnie Lassie also ran.

SEVENTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles. Dancer, 106 (Collins), 13 to 5, even, 1 to 2, won; King Hamburg, 106 (Lauder), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Mary Warren, 102 (Obert), 20 to 1, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:46 2-5. Christi, Budweiser, Inquieta, Enterpe, Sir Raymond and Ord, Matt also ran.

HAVANA ENTRIES.

FIRST RACE—Five and one-half furlongs; maiden 3-year-olds; claiming; purse, $600. *Clonakilty, 100; Betcha Million, 107; Twin Six, 109; King of the Scarlets, 109; *Shasta, 109; Dr. Nickell, 110; Tippo Sahib, 112.

SECOND RACE—Five and one-half furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse, $600. *Pretty Baby, 91; *Little Wonder, 99; *Protection, 97; Freshet, 105; *Andrew O'Day, 106; *Jo Jam, 106; Water Wings, 106; Margaret L., 106; Almandite, 108; Deck Hand, 108.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse, $600. *Sol Mintz, 100; *Balfron, 100; Remarkable, 106; Malabar, 106; Thomas Hare, 106; Conan, 108; Oakwood Boy, 108; Wodan, 108.

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse, $600. Eastern Princess, 99; *Lantana, 105; Dignity, 106; Merry Jubilee, 106; Repton, 111; Ischgabibble, 114; Circulate, 115.

FIFTH RACE—One and three-sixteenths miles; 3-year-olds and upward; handicap; $1,200 added. Wood Violet, 92; Prince Philisthorpe, 99; Black Frost, 99; Chief Brown, 102; [illegible] Fannie, 110; Olga Star, 111; Ormula, 112.

SIXTH RACE—Five and one-half furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; handicap; purse, $600. Rafferty, 99; Sparkler, 100; Encore, 107; Money, 105; Neville II, 106; Montressor, 110. Neville II and Montressor, Pangle entry.

SEVENTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles; 4-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse, $400. "Easter Greetings, 99; Battle Abbey, 105; Galar, 107; Samuel R. Meyer, 107; Zodiac, 110; Gainer, 116.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

KILLEEN IS BEATEN BY GEO. WHEATLEY

Prof. George Wheatley, the local pocket-billiard crack who is meeting all comers at the Grand Central Billiard Academy this week, had an easy time last night in disposing of Eddie Killeen, the runner-up in last season's championship tournament.

Wheatley took Killeen into camp by a count of 100 to 47. A run of 16 by the winner was the highest made during the contest, but Killeen showed enough knowledge of the ivories to force Wheatley to play a safe game after the first few frames. Tonight at 8 o'clock Wheatley will cross cues with Richard Tilp, who is ranked among the best in local billiard ranks.

BINGLES AND BUNTS.

This is not sport, but is your heat hot or frozen?

Kaiser is not going to quit the race until he stubs his toes. But he will stub them eventually.

Why not corral all the wrestlers and intern them and conserve the fat the Germans need.

"Kaiser would compel peace with 'iron fist.'"—Fight note. But we have fists here made of steel.

Dick Hoblitzell is likely to be chosen manager of the Boston Red Sox. Jack Barry, last season's pilot, is in the national army, and as Hoblitzell has been rejected it is probable that he will take the helm.

Boston rumor has it that the Braves are endeavoring to obtain the services of Bill Killifer, who, with Alexander, was sold to the Cubs. Braves also want George Cutshaw, second baseman of the Dodgers, and probably Mike Mowrey, a former Dodger.

Expert Stuff.

You are slowing up a bit,
Tyrus Cobb;
Though I hate to mention it,
Tyrus Cobb;
You are going back, I know,
And I reckon you will blow
In about ten years or so,
Tyrus Cobb.

Ban Johnson is not the most popular guy in the American League. Ty Cobb made 225 hits this year.

Harry Gerrmann will not be a candidate for chairman of the National Commission in 1950.

Take in a wrestling tourney if you don't believe 400 pounds of cheese can make an awful fuss.

Looks as though the International League will have a playless season in 1918.

Since the Frawley law cashed in, New York fight promoters are observing many eatless days.

Jess Willard has some 300-odd pounds of proof that he is the heavyweight champion.

Alexander deal was unpopular with National League batters.

Cleveland has not traded Tris Speaker for Ping Bodie. And that is only half the story.

Philly phans will present Willie Baker with a box of outdoor smokes for Christmas.

Peanut venders will Hooverize next season, but that won't keep 'em off your toes.

Fred Fulton lost a fight on a foul the other night. Some day Fred is going to foul some big husky and he'll get sore about it and it may be tough on Fred.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

FIRST RACE—The Inaugural Handicap; 3-year-olds and upward; purse, $700; six furlongs. Emden, 114; Bringhurst, 120; Phocion, 105; Berlin, 106; Favour, 104; Bob Hensley, 101; Basilius, 100; John, Jr., 110; St. Isidor, 117; Bradley's Choice, 124; Water Lady, 106; The Masquerader, 109; Gordon Russell, 109; Old Broom, 112. Phocion and Bob Hensley, Perkins entry.

SECOND RACE—Claiming; purse, $600; 2-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Tillotson, 112; Keymar, 112; Fred T., 112; Blue Bannock, 110; Velvet, 104; *Brighouse, 107; Brando, 112; Garlan, 112; Felicidad, 110; Frances G., 107; *Curlicue, 112; *Rey Oakwood, 102.

THIRD RACE—Purse, $600; 3-year-olds and upward; one mile. Turco, 102; Pleasureville, 103; Lady Rotha, 107; Jock Scot, 106; Polroma, 108; Buford, 106; Hondo, 106; Producer (imp.), 96.

FOURTH RACE—Purse, $1,500 added; the New Year's Handicap; 3-year-olds and upward; one mile. Sasin, 112; Dick Williams, 114; Cheer Leader, 117; Woodstone, 110; Harry Shaw, 106; Polroma (imp.), 103; Langden, 95; J. J. Lillie, 110; Bob Hensley, 106; Hauberk, 112; Lady Rotha, 109; Assume, 104; Whirling Dan, 96; Cracow, 95; Libyan Sands, 103. Sasin and J. J. Lillie, Boston entry; Dick Williams and Bob Hensley, Perkins entry.

FIFTH RACE—Purse, $700; claiming; 4-year-olds and upward; one mile and seventy yards. Grumpy, 114; Traction, 110; Mme. Herrmann, 107; Libyan Sands, 115; *Brother Jonathan, 105; Yenghoe, 110; Amalgamator, 110; Jessie Louise, 105; *Brynlimalx, 112; The Duke, 100.

SIXTH RACE—Purse, $600; claiming; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-quarter miles. Mikifula, 116; Stir Up, 104; *Buzz Around, 99; *Leah Cochran, 99; *Fleuron II, 99; Thanksgiving, 112; Muckross (imp.), 102; *Hinchy, (imp.), 99; *Reno, 99.

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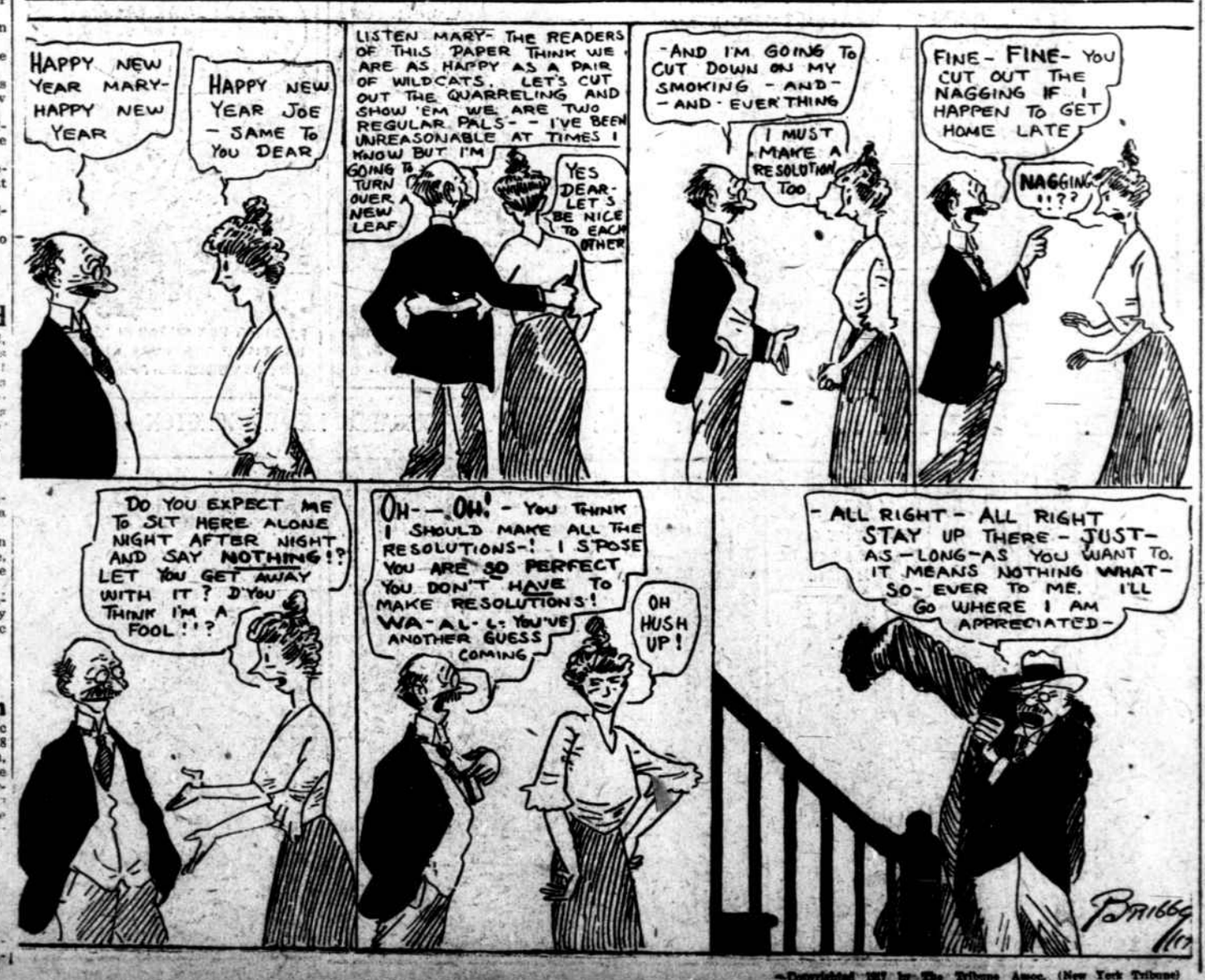

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