Pitcher Jim Shaw Hurt—G. U. to Enter Strong Team in Georgetown Meet

JIM SHAW BADLY INJURED SKATING

Sprained Ankle Will Delay Big Pitcher From Going Into Training.

FEDS REFUSE TO MEET TOMMY LEACH'S TERMS

Tillie Shafer Might Sign With the Giants if McGraw Could Be Located.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

News of the first bad luck the Nationals have encountered this year comes from Pittsburgh, the home of Jim Shaw, who is confined to his bed with a badly sprained ankle as a result of an accident while skating. The following dispatch to The Star brings the information:

"PITTSBURGT, February 22.—Jim Shaw, the promising young pitcher of the Washington club, may be delayed in joining his teammates in training this spring. Shaw is suffering with a serious sprain of his right ankle as the result of an accident which he encountered while skating several days ago. The attending surgeon says it will be several weeks before Shaw will be able to get about."

When manager Griffith was informed of the accident to Shaw he was much disturbed, for he had figured on having Shaw go to Charlottesville with the rest of the young pitchers next Sunday, but it is hardly believed that he will be able to make the trip because of the accident.

All the pitchers on Griffith's list, excepting Walter Johnson, and perhaps Jim Shaw, are slated to leave here for Charlottesville next Sunday. Here is the list: Engel, Harper, Bentley, Gallia, Ayers, Hopper, Thormahlen and Boehling. In addition the three catchers, Henry, Ainsmith and Williams also will make the trip.

Tillie Shafer of the Giants, who was supposed to have retired, is in New York and the rumor is current that he may come with the team this summer. The matter would be straightened out no doubt if McGraw was in New York, but the manager of the Giants has not been heard from for several weeks. He cabled from Cuba at the time of the National League meeting that he would be there for that gathering, but he failed to put in an appearance. Since then Secretary Foster has cabled him several times but has failed to get any word from him.

McGraw is said to be playing golf in Cuba, but the fact that there is a race track in operation near Havana also may have caused him to delay his return.

Tommy Leach made a demand of $4,000 a year and a three-year contract from the Pittsburgh Feds and was turned down. The Feds are willing to sign the former Cub to a one-year contract at $4,000, but would not listen to anything else, so the chances are Leach will go to the Cincinnati team. There was a time last season when the Feds would have jumped at that sort of a proposition, but they have learned since that it is poor policy to look up with old players on long contracts, so they are not nearly as liberal as they used to be.

Ever since Bert Shotton the Brown's outfielder has been in the big league, his name has been erroneously spelled "Shotten." This year the speed king of the Browns insists that his name be spelled correctly.

The Minneapolis club of the American Association gave Pitcher Roy Patterson his release with the expectation that he would land a job as manager in the Northern League, but Pat has now concluded that he still can pitch in class AA and is inquiring about for a job of Association managers.

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VANDERBILT CUP RACE.

Thirty-Three Auto Drivers in Blue Ribbon Event at Exposition.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 22.—Ralph De Palma and Harry Grant, twice winners, and thirty-one other drivers tuned up their cars today for the Vanderbilt cup automobile race, which was scheduled to start on the Panama-Pacific exposition course. The contest between De Palma and Grant for the permanent possession of the trophy was expected to be a feature. The distance to be covered is approximately 297 miles. The course is three and nine-tenths miles and the number of laps seventy-seven. It was estimated the race would be finished in four and one-half hours. Grandstands erected along the course have a seating capacity of 80,000.

Starter Fred Wagner was expected to send the machines on their way three abreast at intervals of fifteen seconds.

MACK'S TALK 'FISHY'

New Yorker Charges Connie Is Figuring on Selling Baker.

UNDERSTANDING HINTED AT

Held to Be Looking for Excuse to Let Out Slugger and Pacify Fans.

NEW YORK, February 22.—The latest confessions of Frank Baker, at Trappe, Md., would indicate that Connie Mack's prize slugger is not so very, very dissatisfied with road life, after all. To friends Baker has intimated that he might return to the game if unable to resist the call, but that the club which secures his services must bid more than he is worth.

Remarks of such a nature, if true, would indicate very clearly that conditions in Philadelphia, rather than love of rustic life, had prompted the home-run hero to become a holdout. And by the same line of reasoning the trouble might be found in the parsimonious policy of Connie Mack.

For the last five years Mack has piloted a remarkable team. In four of those five years he won American League pennants; three times he won world championships. Yet he never made much money. Last year he was thousands behind.

Team Too Good for Town.

Mack never was accused of carrying a high-salaried team. Those close to him say he decided to relieve himself of Eddie Collins, Chief Bender and Eddie Plank because he considered their salary demands exorbitant in view of Philadelphia's lack of enthusiasm. In other words, his old Athletics were too good for the town. Through the construction of a new club, it is pointed out, Connie hopes to arouse interest once more. A team of high-salaried stars failed to pay; a cheaper collection of new faces would be quite as much at home and would not make the American race so lopsided as it has been for five years.

From Maryland comes a story that Baker's top salary with the Athletics was $4,500. If this is so, then the Trappe farmer has just grounds for complaint. There are few men in base ball more valuable to a team than Baker. Tris Speaker gets his $18,000. The salaries of Cobb and Johnson and many others make $4,500 look like a bush league salary. One of the catchers of the New Yorks is said to receive $7,000. A dozen of him wouldn't begin to make a Baker.

Deeply Laid Plan Hinted.

A prominent man of organized base ball expressed the belief to the writer yesterday that Connie Mack announced Baker's supposed retirement as part of an understanding with the player to prepare the Philadelphia fans for J. Franklin's transfer elsewhere.

"I am convinced," said he, "that Baker wishes to get away from the Quaker city. I do not believe he intends to desert the game at this time. He is right in the prime of life. He is a clean, careful liver, and should be good for ten years to come.

"If Baker will play elsewhere Connie Mack should not stand between him and a career with the New York club. No one is more popular here, not even Ty Cobb. Baker would be appreciated in New York, and the owners of the local club would no doubt pay Frank a salary that would make him contented with his lot. If Mack intends to part with his slugger he should give New York first chance."

ROLL CLOSE MATCH.

Potomac Boat Club Beaten by Five Pins by Arundels.

The Arundel Boat Club of Baltimore won a close match of duckpins from the Potomac Boat Club of this city at Baltimore Saturday night, when it finished the first series of five games with a lead of five pins. The total of the Baltimoreans was 2,487 and that of the Potomacs was 2,482. The final of the series will be rolled here March 13.

The scores of the games in Baltimore:

ARUNDEL BOAT CLUB.

May	98	118	115	116	95
Higgins	97	108	112	85	89
Connelly	86	100	99	87	94
Stall	109	102	98	91	88
Strott	112	92	90	121	96
Totals	502	518	505	500	462

Total pins—2,487.

POTOMAC BOAT CLUB.

Allwine	101	100	99	88	97
Wetzel	95	103	126	87	90
Imirie	93	97	93	102	93
Rawlings	112	118	108	98	94
McCambridge	95	104	99	101	98
Totals	496	522	516	476	472

Total pins—2,482.

PLAYER LIMIT DISCUSSED.

Protracted Meeting of the American Association Magnates.

CHICAGO, February 22.—Proposed retrenchment that would limit the roster of each club to sixteen men, including the manager, was discussed at a protracted meeting of the American Association here last night. President Chivington said it was unlikely that the player limit would be cut to sixteen, but admitted that it might be reduced from the twenty men now allowed each team in the playing season.

It was decided finally not to go back to the one-umpire system, which was proposed some time ago as a measure of economy. Most of the club owners fought the reduction, viewing it as a sign of weakness, while others thought the game would be hurt in the eyes of spectators accustomed to the increased accuracy which followed the installation of the double-umpire system.

Gossip in the corridors of the hotel which housed the magnates was to the effect that the elimination of the draft rule as it applies to the class AA leagues would be accomplished by the national commission at a meeting soon after the return of President B. B. Johnson from the Pacific coast. The club owners declined to confirm.

HAS QUIT FOR GOOD

Manager Mack Maintains That Frank Baker Is Sincere.

HINTS AT A BIG CHANGE

Third Baseman Turned Down Chance to Get Contract at Own Figures.

PHILADELPHIA, February 22.—"I don't think the offer of more money will tempt J. Franklin Baker to reconsider his decision to retire from base ball, but believe he is sincere in his stand, and is out of the game for good. Certainly I won't make the strongest effort to get him back."

That's what Connie Mack said last night in reply to the report that Baker might stick in base ball if better financial inducements were offered.

"I base this belief," resumed the gaunt general, "on my talks with the third-sacker this winter and last season.

"If money had anything to do with his discontent I would have known about it.

"Baker started the season of 1914 under a new three-year contract with the ten-day clause contained in the document. As the season wore on I decided to change all contracts for documents in which the ten-day stipulation was omitted, but at the same salary as in the contracts in force. I did this at the advice of attorneys in order to get an absolutely ironclad contract.

Mack Was Held Up.

"When I broached the matter to the players several declared they would not stand for this slight alteration, unless they were paid extra for it. Several of my stars held me up in this way.

"Baker was not one of them. He signed the new contract at the same figure without the slightest protest. Now, had he wanted more money he was in a position to kick over the traces and force me to boost the figures.

"Moreover, when I received a letter from him ten days ago containing the simple statement that he had retired from the game I replied, asking him if there was any cause under my control that could induce him to change his mind.

"Mind you, I didn't send any appeal to him. I said that I considered it his own personal matter and that I didn't purpose to advise him or offer any suggestions. I did say that if he found fault with the salary in his contract for him to name his price and that I would try to grant it.

"Baker's answer came in a few days. He wrote that he hadn't given the question of money one thought and that he was quitting solely because he detested to travel, and wanted to stay in peace and quiet on his farm at Trappe.

"This convinces me that he is sincere, and that financial motives have nothing to do with his retirement."

No Offers for Baker.

Mr. Mack was asked whether any other clubs had made an offer for Baker, and whether he would sell him if a good offer were made.

"I have had no offers for Baker," he answered, "and don't look for any. I'm not in a position to say what I would do if Baker agreed to return to base ball providing he were transferred to another club.

"I'm not losing one wink of sleep over Baker's retirement. I no longer consider him a member of the Athletic team, and am devoting all my energies to planning for the campaign with players I know will be with me down in Jacksonville."

The tall tutor declared that every member of his regular team was under an iron-clad contract calling for his services at Shibe Park in 1915 and 1916. He said that this included everybody—pitchers, catchers, infielders and outfielders.

Mack made one significant assertion when asked if he had decided on Bill Kopf to cover third base in place of Baker.

"I can't tell just what I'm going to do until I get down to Jacksonville," he explained, "but there is a chance that I shall make a big shake-up in my infield. I won't say or hint what it is going to be, but I have such a change in mind."

Has Altered Line-Up Often.

It is nothing new for Connie to make radical switches. Fans will recall how he started the season of 1909 by shifting Dan Murphy to right field and Eddie Collins to second base. This master move really changed the Athletics into a championship team. Two years later Connie also surprised the fans by benching Harry Davis and putting Substitute Shortstop Stuffy McInnis on first. The latter immediately became the topnotch first-sacker of the American League.

Connie's hint of another change offers wide room for speculation. If it is done it is almost sure to involve McInnis. One combination would be to put Stuffy on second and Lajoie on first. In this case Kopf would cover third, while Barry, of course, would stay at short.

Another combination would be to switch McInnis to third and send Li Hung Schang to first. Schang is such a hard hitter and fast base runner that Connie may want to use him every day, now that he has lost hitters like Collins and Baker. In such an arrangement Lajoie would be at second and Barry at short.

Mack is sure to try these combinations and many more down in Jacksonville, and decide on the arrangement which he thinks best.

NOT COMING OVER.

Conditions Abroad Will Prevent English Golfers Visiting America.

ATLANTIC CITY, February 22.—Neither Edward Ray nor Harry Vardon will come to the United States this year unless by slight chance the war terminates by the 1st of June, according to the definite announcement of Alexander Findlay of Philadelphia at the Seaview Golf Club last night. Findlay managed the two great foreign golf stars on their trip two years ago, and has since been in constant communication with them. Overtures were made this year, too, but both expressed themselves as set against the trip with the present unpleasant conditions at home. In their letters both Vardon and Ray say that this seems the feeling of all the golfers abroad, and that George Duncan will probably be the only one to come over. Duncan is likely to play at the Panama exposition this summer with several American stars.

Base Ball Magnate Dies.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., February 22.—Judge William M. Kavanaugh, former United States senator from Arkansas, president of the Southern Association of Base Ball Clubs, president of the Little Rock Railway and Electric Company and president of the Southern Trust Company of this city, died at his home here late yesterday, after an hour's illness. Acute indigestion was the cause of his death, physicians said. Judge Kavanaugh, who was fifty years old, was a native of Kentucky.

MONAGHAN BELIEVES WILLARD WILL DEFEAT JACK JOHNSON

He Knows How Colored Man Fights and Is Teaching Jesse How to Become the Title Holder.

BY "TEX" O'ROURKE.

Willard's Training Partner.

WILLARD'S TRAINING CAMP, Near El Paso, February 18.—The three-round set-to between Willard and Walter Monaghan during the daily workout is of more than usual interest on account of the similarity in style of boxing of Monaghan and Jack Johnson.

To begin with, it would be hard to find a man more nearly the size of the negro. Monaghan is an inch taller, has a little longer reach and is five or six pounds lighter. The general build and development are practically the same.

Monaghan is only twenty-seven years old, but enjoys the reputation of being one of the best trainers in the states. He taught Luther McCarty some of his best blows and trained him for his fights with Al Kauffman, Jim Flynn and Al Palzer.

He trained Johnson for several of his late battles, including the Jeffries fight, and traveled over the states with the champion for nearly a year, giving exhibitions.

Johnson Knows Monaghan.

Monoghan made such a remarkable showing with Johnson that the negro himself offered to back him against any man in the world for a ten-thousand-dollar side bet, posting the money with a Chicago bank. He has had in all sixteen fights, and won all but two.

It was partly because of Walter's knowledge of Johnson's tactics that Manager Jones engaged him to assist in training Willard.

The three-round special exhibition between Walter and Jesse, which was run off for the benefit of the officers of the Juarez Jockey Club, was as interesting as most real fights. Willard led off with a stinging left, which landed clean and roused the Irishman's fighting blood. When Walter gets hit, he sure can fight. He tore into the big fellow for the rest of the round without a let up.

Jesse Keeps His Smile.

Jesse never lost his smile and contented himself with brushing aside the flying fists or sidestepping the worst ones. Willard is as cool as they come when under fire. He stands straight up, blocking with his right, his left drawn back ready to hook into an opening. Several times Monaghan tried to land the famous "Johnson" uppercut, missing each time by at least six inches. Willard is so tall and keeps his chin drawn in so close that it is almost impossible to land an effective uppercut. During the entire round, Monoghan connected just six blows; three left hooks to the body, two right crosses to the head and one straight left to the face. Willard did not use his right for hitting, but landed about twenty times with his left, mostly to the face, opening up an old cut, which added to the businesslike aspect of the bout.

Monaghan on Defensive.

Taking the defensive, in the second round, Monaghan succeeded in keeping out of reach for a short time, but Jesse maneuvered him into a corner, and landed a number of hard lefts before he escaped. On one occasion as Walter attempted to duck out under a left, he ran into one of Willard's unique right cross uppercuts and was nearly knocked out of the ring. The last half of the second and the entire third were very fast, both of them standing toe to toe and hitting hard. About two minutes after the start of the third, Willard unlimbered his long right for the first time and drove Monaghan clear across the ring. Jones, thinking he was hurt, cut the round short, but Walter came back as full of fight as ever. With regulation gloves it would have been a clean knockout.

Willard seldom takes a chance with his right in practice. A few days ago he landed it on one of his sparring partners and knocked him off the platform, taking ring ropes and all with him.

Monaghan Believes in Willard.

Monaghan is in a position to compare the two men better than any one and he sincerely believes that Willard will win. He figures the fight to last thirty rounds and that Jesse will wear the negro out with his straight left. He also asserts very emphatically that, regardless of which one is the more clever, Johnson never saw the day he could knock the big Kansan down.

Manager Jones, who has taken every precaution to safeguard the health of the members of Camp Willard, was the first to meet with a serious injury. He was struck by a falling pole and had his scalp torn open for three inches.

He is an ex-all-round athlete and big game hunter and refuses to let a broken head worry him.

PERTINENT COMMENT on Happenings in Sportdom

By J. ED GRILLO.

That Federal League influence had much to do with the pennant race last season there is not the slightest doubt. Players who were made offers by the "outlaws" naturally lost interest in their work, with the result that they did not play up to their standard.

The failure of the Pittsburgh Pirates to make a respectable showing is directly attributed to the Feds. Barney Dreyfuss explains his team's slump in the following words:

"It wasn't the Giants which started us on the bumpers. I told Fred Clarke several days before our first series with McGraw that we would never stop dropping until we reached the cellar. The Feds never let us alone a minute: our players talked, played and ate Feds."

From Barney's logic it is surmised the reason for the Braves' victory is that the team got such a rotten start in the race that the Feds did not bother them and there was no use in doing this after the team got going and realized that it had a chance to win the pennant.

Connie Mack insists that Frank Baker has retired for good. He does not make any comment on the suggestion that Baker might return to the fold if he was handed a substantial increase in salary. Mack says he considers Baker sincere and there is nothing to indicate that he will try to prove this by tempting Baker with a new contract.

Relative to the record of Frank Whitney, the boxer who is to appear before the Ardmore Athletic Club here at some future date, an error crept into the query column of Sunday's pink sheet, in that it was stated that Whitney had not fought both Battling Nelson and Freddie Welsh. The error was the result of a faulty record which was consulted. It is found that Whitney fought the two men mentioned.

By stopping off in Havana Jack Johnson probably has jeopardized his chances of meeting Jess Willard at Juarez March 6. Johnson is a fugitive from justice from this country, and it is not at all unlikely that the federal authorities will take action, now that he has been definitely located, and have him extradited from Cuba to serve the sentence imposed on him by the federal court in Chicago a year or more ago.

Federal authorities have made no secret of the fact that they proposed to arrest Johnson just as soon as he could be located, so that with the colored champion in Havana, things may happen which will make it impossible for him to meet Willard at Juarez.

If Connie Mack had retained Collins and the team looked to have a chance to repeat and win another pennant, Frank Baker would not have offered any objections to traveling during the summer months. But with a contract calling for $4,500 and little hope of breaking into the world series, the compensation is, no doubt, too small for the Trappe slugger, and that is where the shoe pinches.

One report has it that it is the intention to sell Baker to one of the other American League clubs, and that the retirement story was sprung to prepare the fans for the sale of the home-run hitter. This, however, is not at all likely.

Dave Fultz objects to the method of asking for waivers and he says he has petitioned the national commission to make another change in its rules. Fultz wants the players notified when waivers are asked on them, but it is not likely that such a concession will be made.

The Players' Fraternity has been given all the privileges it deserves, for its conduct since the war has been in progress with the Feds has not been along lines to indicate that it has the best interest of the sport at heart.

It is understood that the Federal League will open its season April 10, four days before the major circuits get under way. Whether this will prove an advantage is questionable, for while it may give the new league four days without competition, the real fight for existence will not be on until all the leagues get down to business, then the turnstiles will tell the tale.

But the Feds seem particularly anxious to avoid conflicts this year. In some cities this will be impossible, for the majors have two clubs in Boston, Chicago and St. Louis and one of these always it at home.

JOHNSON IN HAVANA

Champion Boxer With Retinue Turns Up Unexpectedly.

IS ANXIOUS TO GET AWAY

Chaotic State in Mexico May Prevent Jack Reaching Juarez for Fight.

HAVANA, February 22.—Jack Johnson, the pugilist, accompanied by his wife, secretary, sparring partner and a servant, arrived here early this morning from Cienfuegos. He appeared in good condition and declared he never felt better.

Johnson said his only anxiety now was to reach Juarez, Mexico, in time for his match with Jess Willard March 6. He was much annoyed at hearing of the present chaotic conditions in Mexico, especially the difficulties which probably would confront him in going north from Tampico. Johnson declared, however, that he was determined to push ahead in spite of all obstacles, and if no regular steamer was available for the trip he would charter a vessel to take him to Tampico.

May Exhibit in Cuba.

No plans had been made for his appearance in Havana, Johnson said, but he would confer with George M. Bradt, who holds the Cuban government concession for boxing matches in the Havana stadium, and might give an exhibition bout with Sam McVey or Jim Johnson. The heavyweight champion reached Cienfuegos on the four-masted schooner Henry F. Krager, which he chartered to take him from Barbados. The passage, which was rough, took ten days.

BASE BALL BRIEFS.

In view of all the moves made by the Federal League, Art Ray, a Rochester writer, rather tritely asks if the Federals are fighting organized ball or only the International League.

The Chicago Federal League club has turned loose seven ball players. This recalls the statement made a year ago by the Fed moguls that "all players who cast their lot with us will be taken care of."

The Indianapolis Feds, who won the championship in the outlaw league last year, will train at Valdosta, Ga., this spring. The players will go to camp in automobiles, each one driving the four-thousand-dollar car presented him by President Gilmore for winning the Fed flag.

Talking about syndicate ball. Pat Powers bought the Kansas City Federal franchise and the Kansas City "stockholders" did not know it was for sale until Mr. Gilmore sent them a wire telling them about the deal he had made.

While the Wards are furnishing the money the Gilmores will fill the paying offices in the Federal League. Prexy Jim Gilmore announces his brother Tom will be the secretary of the league, succeeding Lloyd Rickart, who becomes president of the Sloufeds.

GEORGETOWN SQUAD MAY WIN INDOOR GAMES OF SATURDAY

Blue and Gray Will Be Represented by Capable Performers in Its Own Track Meet.

BY H. C. BYRD.

Georgetown will make a great effort to win its own indoor track and field games Saturday night. The Blue and Gray has been holding off to a certain extent in order that it might have a better opportunity to get the point trophy in what is sure to be the biggest indoor meet of the year unless present plans miscarry.

Georgetown undoubtedly will be represented by a better combination of athletes than it has thrown into any of the games so far. The Blue and Gray has hardly made an effort to do anything other than win points in the intercollegiate events in the George Washington and Hopkins games, having had no men of prominence in the contests other than those. Several of the best would have been placed in the open events at Hopkins, but owing to a delay in making the entries they were not accepted.

The array of athletes that will represent the Hilltoppers will be formidable, and unless they are handicapped too severely will come near getting away with the point trophy. Low and Robertson will compete in the high jump and pole vault; Conwell, Ward and Barron are expected to win points in the shot-put; everybody knows the capabilities of Jones and Stebbins in the dashes and middle distances, while McCarthy, Barrett, Prescott, Young, Campbell and Gill also are very capable performers.

Georgetown probably will win the indoor intercollegiate title. The events for the South Atlantic Intercollegiate Association have been divided between the three meets, and as matters now stand the Blue and Gray has twenty-seven points to its credit, and a good lead on the other institutions represented. If it fails to maintain that advantage in its own games much surprise will be felt by those backing the squad.

As a matter of fact, Georgetown made a much better showing in the Hopkins games than it was given credit for. Sixteen points were scored by it in the intercollegiates, but for some reason or other the Hopkins management failed to give mention to the points scored in those events. Nothing counted toward the winning of the point trophy except the open contests.

It seems that an injustice was done Georgetown's relay team in the published reports of its race with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Friday night at Hartford, Conn. Accounts of the games stated that it was defeated by twenty yards, but as a matter of fact the Blue and Gray four was behind only three or four yards at the end. The statement also accredited Jones, who ran first for the Hilltoppers, with having been beaten by thirty yards, when in reality he finished ahead of his man. Stebbins started about fifty yards behind the last runner for the opposing quartet, and made up all that distance except about three yards.

Considerable credit is due the Columbia Athletic Club for its showing in the two meets of the last ten days. It has won three relay races in that time, two of them having been taken by the senior four from the 5th Regiment Athletic Association of Baltimore. The club narrowly missed winning another race Saturday night at the Hopkins games, as the last man was within six inches of the tape when it was broken by his opponent. This was a half-mile race.

Johnny Mahoney and George Heckt are the mainstays of the Columbia mile four. Mahoney used to be a member of the Tremont Athletic Club and Heckt is a graduate of the boys' department of the Central Y. M. C. A.

A two-mile relay race has been proposed for the Georgetown meet between Catholic University and George Washington, and it is probable that an arrangement for such a race will be made. The event should prove interesting, inasmuch as both teams have proved themselves to be very capable. While Catholic University has not yet run in a two-mile event, its individuals are known to be excellent half-milers. In fact, two members of the Catholic University mile quartet are better at the 880 than they are in the 440.

Virginia still has a chance to win out in the South Atlantic Intercollegiate Association indoor events, and if it does not take part in the Georgetown games it will be standing in its own light. Another thing Virginia is doing is to stand in its way in that annual relay race. The relay quartet Virginia has now would have better than an even chance to win from the Blue and Gray. Of course, its victory of Saturday over Georgetown was not so meritorious, as the latter was hardly in the best of condition; but Virginia's runners showed form enough to guarantee them better than an even chance against any men in the south. It certainly seems, though, that the Orange and Blue ought to compete in the Georgetown games in the intercollegiate events. The stand taken by Virginia is in a measure justified, and yet it seems that it is only a question of pride.

Virginia feels that it would be accepting Georgetown's hospitality, which it does not desire to do under present circumstances. It was this which led to the misunderstanding gotten by a local morning paper and published a week ago from an interview with Cromley, captain of the Virginia squad. Cromley said that the officials would be appointed by Georgetown and the events would be managed by Georgetown just as the open contests would be. He said, therefore, even in taking part in the intercollegiate competition solely, Virginia would be partaking of Georgetown hospitality, which was against its present policy.

FRED PARENT ONCE OUTSHONE HANS WAGNER AT SHORTFIELD

Outplayed the "Flying Dutchman" in a World Series, But Great Pirate Outlasted Former Boston Star.

BY JOHN H. GRUBER.

In the fall of 1903 the Pittsburgh National League and the Boston American League teams played for the world championship. Hans Wagner played shortstop for the Pirates and the Red Sox had a youngster named Frederick Parent in that position on their side. New England base ball writers, after witnessing the work of the two in the same game, nearly unanimously proclaimed the superiority of the younger star over the older. This declaration was made more pronounced when Boston defeated Pittsburgh for the world title. But in the course of less than the accepted term of a base ball man's life on the diamond the new star became dimmed, while the old one continued on its luminous track, even to the present day. However, the ebullitions by the Down East scribes were the honest acknowledgment of a superior skill possessed by the youngster, and he was deserving of all the praise showered on him.

Parent was born November 25, 1876, at Biddleford, Me., but his parents early in life moved to Sandford, Me., and it was there that Fred learned to play ball.

In 1900 Parent played short for the Providence team in the Eastern League under the management of Billy Murray.

At Providence Fred drifted among some old-timers, whose names he had most certainly heard exalted before he thought of gaining a foothold where they had already attained fame. They were Harry Davis, Tom Leahy, Ed Dunkle, Danny Friend and John Clements.

The last named was the famous ex-Philadelphia catcher, the only successful left-handed receiver the National League ever owned. Not only had he been a great catcher, but also an excellent all-around player, who must be classed among the best in the game. For thirteen years he was with the Philadelphia team, and more than held his own with the star catchers of his generation. John was let go to St. Louis by Philadelphia in 1898; could not stand the pace at Washington and Boston in 1900, and was sent by the latter club to Providence the same season. This was his last year in decent company.

The American League in 1901 extended its raids into the big minor leagues, and Parent was induced to jump the Providence team to fill a position on the Boston team, which that year entered the American League, and finished second to Chicago in the championship race.

Several Other Jumpers.

There were several other jumpers from the Providence team. Tom Leahy cast his lot with the Milwaukees, but returned by the middle of July. Harry Davis announced his retirement, resigned from the Providence team, and then jumped to the Philadelphia Athletics, who, like the Bostons, that year became for the first time a member of the American League. Roy Evans jumped to San Francisco, then in an "outlaw" league. Dunkle, however, stuck to his colors, and during the season won eight games in succession—then the record in the Eastern League. Parent's position at short for Providence was taken by Al Wagner, the brother of Hans.

Parent at once fell into the shortstop position for the Boston Americans, whose infield for a while consisted of John B. (Larry) McLean at first base. Hobe Ferris at second, Jimmy Collins, the manager, at third, and Parent at short. McLean and Ferris were newcomers into the big league. Ferris, the year before (1900), played with the Norwich team of the Connecticut League, and was drafted for 1901 by both Cincinnati and Boston. By lot he was awarded to Cincinnati, but chose to join the Boston Americans, for whom he was a star second baseman during a period of seven years. In 1908 he was released to the St. Louis American League team, which in turn sent him to Minneapolis, and out of the big league. He played his last game in good company with St. Paul in 1913, was released before the close of the season, and dropped out.

McLean, the other newcomer, rushed into Boston from St. Johns, Halifax. However, he was not considered matured enough, and therefore was released to Worcester. Two years later he again broke into the big league with the Chicago Cubs, and still is playing ball, being a member of the New York National League team.

Parent and Ferris, in their day with Boston, were everything the New England papers said of them, just the niftiest pair the American League could boast of around the keystone corner of the diamond. Yet both are now out of the big show, one out altogether, the other still a respectable figure in the minors. Their example should prompt players to "make hay while the sun shines." They entered the charmed circle at the same time, and were heralded with perfect honesty as the best in their class, but each had to make way for a player younger and therefore more acceptable. That is the story of all ball players, and narrows down to the survival of the fittest.

For more than ten years Parent played with the Bostons. He certainly witnessed stirring times during that period. He saw the deposition of Collins, his first manager in the big league, and the promotion of Chick Stahl to the position. Then Stahl gave him a shock by killing himself. Stahl was succeeded by George A. Huff, an enthusiastic college man, who in a short time threw up the sponge, finding himself going over head and hands in the turbulent waters. He was succeeded by Bob Unglaub. During these troublous times the team could not fail to suffer and very naturally dropped to last place in the race.

In 1906 Charles (Heine) Wagner joined the Red Sox, and that was the beginning of the end for Parent at Boston. Wagner was permanently placed at short, and Parent was used in the outfield.

In 1908 Parent was traded to the Chicago American League club for Jake Stahl. The space allotted this letter does not permit a detailed account of the career of Jacob Stahl. But he was in disgrace when Parent was traded for him, having ignored the national agreement to play with a "semi-pro" team in Chicago.

When Parent arrived in Chicago he had a very strenuous time breaking into the infield, with George Davis and Lee Tannehill as competitors. When it was thought he had gained an abiding place at short, the Chicago club engaged Russell Blackburn for that position, paying the Providence club a good price for his release. This was in 1910, and in 1911 Parent was sent to Baltimore, where he played right along since, being on the reserve list of the Orioles for 1915.

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