

was a surprise, following the announcement that Danny Murphy, Athletic veteran, had jumped to the Brooklyn third league crew. It was believed Murphy would get the assignment.

Ward, however, announced he was satisfied with Bradley from the start. It is figured that Murphy will assist Bradley in the pilot house. Danny had years of experience as a member of Connie Mack's strategy board which directed the work of the Athletics. Danny did not like being released to the Baltimore International League club and jumped in a huff.

Down at Tampa Manager Hank O'Day is having a man's sized task whipping the Cubs into line. They managed to tie the St. Louis Browns yesterday, 5 to 5, in the final game of the series, but should have won with ease.

Hank's infield and pitching staff is giving him the greatest worry. He is satisfied with the backstops and outfield, but two holes of large proportions still remain in the inner wall.

If O'Day is given Bill Sweeney from the Boston Braves all will be serene. Otherwise the Cubs will go through the season with an infield hardly up to major standard and certainly much below the mark set by Cub infields of the past few years.

Old Charley Smith pitched four swell innings against the Browns, but George Pierce, looked to for a mess of left-handed work this summer, failed miserably when sent against Rickey's collegians. Pierce hasn't acquired his usual control and is not getting the zip on his fast one. Koestner, a good-looking prospect, isn't shaping up as rapidly as desired.

Frank Schulte got his name in the box score for the first time by acting as a pinch hitter. Frank's efforts in the batting line were fruitless, but he will be given daily stunts from now on, and will appear regularly when the Mackmen clash with the Cubs for the first time Thursday.

Schulte has a bum foot which has

held him back, but he is down around playing weight, and only needs batting practice to burnish his lamps for the ball.

SOME SPENDTHRIFTS

By Fullerton.

The waiters at Marlin Springs, Tex., have gone on strike, refusing to wait on the New York Giants unless guaranteed salary enough to cover the deficiency in tips. The Giants hav-



ing split up three world's series receipts in addition to salaries evidently are assessing the waiters because they only get the losers' end. We recall vividly the White Sox split-up of one world's series receipts, with a big bonus from the owner, and only three of them paid off the man who washed their uniforms all season. Great little spendthrifts, these athletes.

New Yorkers are complaining because, since pay station telephone rate was reduced to five cents, connections are repeatedly interrupted and another nickel must be paid to continue the conversation. There's more ways than one to kill a rabbit, and the 'phone companies know them all.