

Local Happenings

LA TEST THING IN SPORTS

Outside Observations

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GIANTS GO SKIDDING TO LAST POSITION

New York, April 23.—Wilbert Robinson and his Brooklyn boys, celebrated the opening of the 1915 baseball season over at Ebbets Field yesterday by lambasting the daylight out of Rube Marquard, the no-hit hero, and sent John McGraw and his family of Giants tumbling headlong to the bottom of the John K. Tener organization, otherwise known as the National League.

The explosion or fireworks that brought joy and gladness to the shivering Brooklyn fans, and gloom and sadness to the few scattered and chilled Giant rooters happened in the sixth and sixth innings, when the Robins, decked in their new white uniforms and happy as a bunch of schoolboys, drove the much famed Babe to the club house and turned what looked like an almost certain defeat into a 4 to 1 victory.

There is one player who stands out head and shoulders over the others in the Robins' homecoming victory and the sixth consecutive defeat of their Giants. This player is a tall, lanky youngster, who reminds one of the Eiffel Tower and who last year pitched for the Seattle club of the Northwestern League, where he won enough fame for himself to draw the attention of big league scouts. The youngster is down on the score cards as Dell and to the Brooklyn players he is known as "Whizzer" Dell.

Dell went in to pitch for the Robins in the third inning after the Giants had knocked Tucker, the once peppy knuckle ball thrower, out of the box in the second inning by lapping his curves for four solid smashes and three runs.

From then on the Giants had a man-size fight on their hands. Dell proved a puzzling to the former National League champions as the little green pea under the shell to the hayseed. He just burned them over with tremendous speed, and his wide sweeping curves had most of the Giant batters nearly breaking their backs trying to connect safely with the ball.

ROBIDEAU VERY POPULAR BECAUSE HE IS HUSTLER

Sam Robideau, who meets Walter Mohr in a 15 round bout here next Friday evening, is very popular with local boxing fans. He was unknown to most of the spectators until he encountered Joe Shugrue in a sensational bout at the armory. He made such a fine showing against the Jersey City whirlwind that the promoters were anxious to bring him to this city.

Matchmaker Roach has arranged another good bout by matching Young McAniff against Red Ketchel of White Plains, N. Y. McAniff has a big following in this city and as he is a willing mixer he goes with Ketchel about as often as he goes to the ring.

The opening will be far above the average. It will show Battling Kuns of Norwalk against Bud Palmer of this city. Kuns has impressed the fans very favorably in his recent bouts here. This affair is scheduled for eight rounds.

Dave Fitzgerald of New Haven will referee all bouts. Much interest is being displayed in the show and indications point to a large crowd.

There is a growing feeling all over the country that when a motorist runs down and kills a child or an elderly person he should be punished at least by a fine of \$5 and costs.

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CHICK EVANS HANGS UP NEW GOLF RECORD ON THE COAST



CHICK EVANS PHOTO BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

In the qualifying round of the Panama-Pacific exposition amateur championship Charles ("Chick") Evans, western amateur golf champion, made the first eighteen holes in sixty-eight. He established a record for the inside course. His score for the thirty-six holes was 143. E. B. Chandler Egan, former amateur national champion, finished with a score of 154. E. H. Barkard of Chicago finished third, with 157. Sixty-four players qualified. Evans is the favorite for final honors.

WILL BLACKLIST BAKER IF HE JOINS SEMI-PRO CLUB

Connie Mack Says Home Run King Didn't Treat Him Right—Scoffs at Player's Aversion to Travel.

Boston, April 23.—If Frank Baker plays with the Upland, (Pa.) team of the Delaware County league, next Saturday, as he has promised to do, he will be put on organized baseball's blacklist and never permitted to play with the Athletics or any other team in organized ball.

That's what Connie Mack intimated last night when questioned about his holdout third baseman. "Baker can't make a fool of me," said Mack, "and if he thinks that he can have a little fun to the Delaware County league and then at his pleasure report to me, he has made the biggest mistake of his life."

"I am not going to be bluffed or held up. I'm willing to start all over again and build up a team that's my pleasure in life. I've done it before, and I can do it again."

"Baker made a solemn statement to the public in which he said he was quitting baseball because he didn't like traveling. Yet, in face of this, he signs a contract with Upland. He will return to Trappe after playing his game with Upland, so I have read."

"I went from Philadelphia to Trappe once, and I want to tell him that it was the hardest, weariest trip I ever took. I would much prefer to take a ride to St. Louis than to Trappe. Yet Baker is going to take this trip regularly, although he talks of the hardships of traveling on the special Pullmans we have for our players."

"Baker can never get on my club a month hence. He will be out of organized baseball by that time. I don't know whether I would take him tomorrow. More than one fan has expressed himself to me about Baker."

"Every one is sore on him, for he had a chance to join us when we were going bad and help pull us out of our slump, but he signed with Upland instead. But don't think I'm sore. I'll have a third baseman for the Athletics all right."

YOUNG AHEARN BEATS LEO HOUCK ON POINTS

New York, April 23.—Young Ahearn, weighing 156 pounds, outpointed Leo Houck, of Lancaster, weighing 170 pounds, in a fast ten-round bout at the Irving A. Co. in Brooklyn. Ahearn tired in the closing rounds, but his early lead stood him in good stead.

Ahearn led in every round during the first six; the seventh was even, the eighth and ninth belonged to Houck, and the tenth was even. Houck floored Ahearn momentarily in the ninth with a left hook to the jaw.

Acquitted in Newark, N. J., of conspiracy to defraud the Roseville Trust Co. of \$5,000, Charles A. Moneo, of New York, was immediately arrested on a charge of overdriving his account.

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TO TEST LAW OF BIG FIGHT BARRING FILMS

Washington, April 23.—The constitutionality of the act of Congress, approved July 21, 1912, for bidding the importation into this country and interstate transportation of films of prize fights and other pictorial representations of the same is to be tested in the Supreme court of the United States.

Charles A. Towne, of New York, representing the owners of the films taken at Havana during the recent battle between Jess Willard and Jack Johnson, was in Washington yesterday in conference with John W. Davis, Solicitor General of the Department of Justice. The New York lawyer was promised the aid of the Justice Department in securing an early consideration of the case by the Supreme Court.

It is contended by Mr. Towne speaking for the owners of the prize fight films, that Congress exceeded its authority when it passed a law barring the exhibition of prize fight films from this country.

COLUMBIA GETTING SCHEDULE READY FOR FOOTBALL TEAM

New York, April 23.—Columbia lost no time yesterday in its preparation of a meeting of the University committee for its football season next Fall. At an Athletics it was decided that the Blue and White eleven should have at least six games on the schedule which will be drafted at once, with the possibility of a seventh. A committee was appointed to draw up a tentative card of the colleges to be played and dates were settled upon. The first game will be played on October 16, and the other contests will follow on October 23, November 2, 6, 13 and 20. Thanksgiving Day has been reserved for the seventh game, if such is arranged.

The schedule committee is pinning hope on its ability to list games with Williams, Wesleyan or Amherst for the Thanksgiving Day gridiron contest. Games with at least two of those college eleven are desired by the Blue and White team, along with contests with New York University, Trinity, and Stevens. Games with Princeton are barred for five years, but the Morningside eleven, which has still to make its debut, has its eye on games within a few years with West Point, Dartmouth and other important college teams.

LEONARD PANNED JESSE BURKETT AND GAVE UP HIS JOB IN WORCESTER

Hub Leonard, now one of the greatest of southpaws, tells how Jesse Burkett of the Worcester lost his services. Leonard came to the Red Sox from the college and he took him to him to Burkett for development. He pitched one game in Worcester. In that he was hit freely, but he had an idea that better fielding would help him out. He particularly was displeased at the slowness of the left fielder on the team.

"I don't recall the club I was pitching against, but it walloped me all over the place. I remember the big man banged the ball to left field. Jesse Burkett was playing out there."

"I yelled out, 'What's the matter with you? Are you a fast fielder? Why don't you cover some ground?'"

"When Burkett came in he bawled me out. The other players told me that was the manager. I said, 'That goes just the way I mean it. I don't care who he is, but I knew I was done for.'"

Leonard then took the first train out of Worcester and, after seeing McClellan and to Denver, where under Manager Hendricks he was a big factor in winning the championship for Denver. He returned to Boston in 1913. Last year he jumped into the foremost ranks of the leading twirlers of the country.

JIMMY SHECKARD FOOLED TWIRLER BY SIDE REMARK

(The Sporting News.) Here is a little story of the craft of Jimmy Sheckard, who managed the Cleveland team last year. The Cleveland team was playing the Kansas City Blues and Jimmy was fanning with a bunch of Blues near the visitors' bench.

"What are you out of the game for, Jim?" Mory Rath asked him.

"Oh, I'm getting so I can't hit a curve ball, and I thought a rest would do me good," replied Jim.

Mack Allison was standing near by and heard the remark. And Mack was selected to pitch that day.

The game went along until the ninth inning and the Blues were leading by one run. The Spider got men on second and third, and it was Kahler's turn to bat, for Kahler was pitching. But Jimmy inserted himself as a pinch hitter.

Allison bethought himself of the remark he had overheard and 'doped up a very handsome curve ball for Sheckard. And Jimmy just picked it to right for a hit of such an order that ball game then and there.

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DAN TIERNEY OF BRIDGEPORT CLUB JOINS NEWARK TEAM

Local Management Believes It Has Right To Players' Services—Remarkable Showing of Phillies Draws Big Crowds.

(By Wagner.) Dan Tierney, who played center field for Bridgeport last season, has signed with the Newark International league club. Tierney some time ago wrote to the local management saying he was willing to accept the terms offered. Bridgeport can probably hold him if he is wanted here this season. Tierney is a fast man on the bases, but he will not hit well enough for the International league.

Organized baseball is not putting the screws on men who jumped to the Federals. Fitcher Chappelle, who quit the Chattanooga club of the Southern league in 1914 to join the Brooklyn Federals, has been released by the outlaws. He has been signed by the Newark Internationals and nobody made any objection. Chappelle did not jump a contract. He was only reserved by Chattanooga so that lets him out.

If Sunday is a warm day it is probable that a large number of fans will turn out to see the opening exhibition game at Newfield park when the Montreal Internationals will play Bridgeport.

Rain fell today and promised to stop the track for the first day's events of the University of Pennsylvania's carnival of relay races and field sports at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, late this afternoon. With a fast track it was expected that exceptionally fast time would be made in the spring-mad relay race for the American championship Harvard, Yale, Michigan and Pennsylvania State were the entries in this event.

The Harvard baseball team was beaten in a ten inning game by Catholic university at Washington yesterday by 2 to 1. Johnson pitched for the Catholic nine and Garritt for Harvard.

Since he has become champion Jess Willard has begun to pay off some of his debts. He gave Charley Cutler a check for \$1,000 in Chicago yesterday. Cutler was Willard's manager at one time and recently obtained a judgment against the champion in a Milwaukee court.

In a game between Princeton and Washington & Jefferson yesterday three players and the umpire were slightly injured but there is no reason to believe any of the players took a swing at the umpire. Princeton won by 7 to 5.

It's too bad about the Phillies. They don't care how they shock the fans. Yesterday they tore off their seventh straight victory by lambasting the Braves 8 to 4 in the opening game at Philadelphia. Because of their remarkable showing the largest crowd that ever saw a Quaker city opening was present.

Howie Baker of this city acted as a pinch hitter for the Chicago White Sox yesterday but he didn't get a hit against St. Louis.

Benny Kauf is becoming an umpire batter. He was banished in Newark yesterday after kicking on strikes.

Pete Shields, the former Waterbury first sacker, is not batting much. They had to put a pinch hitter in for him against Detroit yesterday.

Clyde Waters, the veteran New Haven catcher, will play with the Colonials, a semi-pro team of the Elm City. Waters tried to catch on with New York State league teams but without success.

Leland Stanford university will send its crew to the Poughkeepsie regatta. The Californians are champions of the Pacific Coast.

BASEBALL GOSSIP.

It looks as if the Boston fans were going to be kept busy watching two real teams this season.

The Brookfords continue in the lead in the Federal league. Just as long as they remain on top, Magee will be a good manager.

Johnny McGraw, the Giants' manager, is all upset. Mac cannot understand why his team is playing poorly. He is shy at least three good players.

Tommy Griffith, the former New Bedford pitcher, is making good in the Cincinnati Red's outfield.

Ty Cobb is showing no let up in his work this season. He is making singles and triples just the same as ever.

Guess Red Smith, Butch Schmidt and Sherwood Magee will take care of the Braves' slugging this year without any trouble. They started off well anyway.

Bancroft, the Phillies' shortstop, is playing sensational ball. This young star is claimed the find of the season. The end is too far off to call any youngster a find yet. Wait until the veteran pitchers start to cure 'em.

Otto Knabe, the former Philadelphia second baseman, is not making any of the Baltimore fans sit up and take notice. Otto has been far from a success as a manager in the Fed's circuit when one takes into consideration the material he has had to work upon.

A noticeable lack of baseball war talk furnishes some relief to lovers of the game since the season opened. Somebody should get a medal for putting the lid.

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POOR CROWD SEES YANKEES LOSE OPENER

New York, April 23.—More than 7,000 fans, including John Purroy Mitchell, mayor of New York, braved pneumonia, to welcome home the Yankees at the Polo Grounds yesterday. The greeting of the faithful to "Wild Bill" Donovan and his backers, Colonel Jacob Ruppert and Captain T. L. Huston, was vociferous enough to be sincere, but it failed to entice the reconstructed club enough to defeat Washington, Clarke Griffith men combine a 5 to 1 victory in a listless contest.

At bat several opportunities came up where a timely single would have made the contest more close, but on each instance one of the home contingent fell down before the slant of "Curly" Shaw, a youngster pitching on Griffith's team. The only run marked up for Donovan was a four base drive into the right field grand stand by "Doc" Boggs.

In contrast to the work of the Washington club, McHale was going along most of the time, as the Yankees behaved poorly on defense.

Clipp, the new first baseman, made a favorable impression on the crowd, notwithstanding his lapses afield. His only error was one of omission, and he just failed to live up to his batting position as clean-up hitter. He met the ball squarely on every trip to the plate, but each time some unfeeling Washington player stepped in front, excepting in the third inning, when he started the ball on a two base journey, only to see Gandil stop it one handed and make the hit a single.

Carroll Brown pitched the last two innings for the Yankees, and outside the fact that he gave three bases on balls, was hit for a double and two singles and he run clattered over the plate, it might be said he did fairly well.

Runs Made This Week

Table with columns for League (National, American, Federal), Team, and Runs Made. Includes teams like Boston, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cincinnati, New York, Washington, Detroit, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago.

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ORGANIZED BALL AND FEDS GATHER TO DISCUSS PEACE

Chicago, April 23.—Conferences seeking to establish peace between the Federal league and Organized baseball were to be continued here today, according to published reports, although parties to the conferences declined to say whether a meeting had been held or what progress towards peace had been made.

Negotiations for peace were begun at a meeting yesterday, according to the Chicago Herald, which says that E. B. Johnson, president of the American league; Phil Ball, owner of the St. Louis Federals; Robert L. Hedges, owner of the St. Louis Americans, and Judge George H. Williams of St. Louis, one of the attorneys for organized baseball, met and discussed peace proposals.

The report also says that James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal league, was in long distance telephone conference with President Robertson, and Robert B. Ward of the Brooklyn club, both members of the Federal league executive committee. It was said that certain club owners in the Federal league had been offered clubs in the National league and there would be amalgamations in at least five cities which now have Federal and National league baseball.

BOWLING.

Table with columns for Team, Wins, Losses, Points. Includes Bridgeport, Waterbury, Brookside League, Dark Secrets, Contenders, Senators, Crab Apples, Wizards, Come Backs, Neutrals, Congressmen.

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ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

1888—Dick Burge, the famous British lightweight, was stopped by Frank Houston in 2 rounds in his first ring battle at Sheffield, Eng. Burge's start in the fistic profession was far from promising, for the following year he was defeated by Anthony Diamond. In 1891 Dick got into the limelight by whipping Jim Carney, the English heavyweight champion, who 4 years before, came to America and bested Jack McAuliffe in 74 rounds, although the referee called it a draw. Burge was knocked out by Jim Smith, the English heavyweight champion in 1895. The following year he fought for the world's lightweight championship with Kid Lavigne. Burge won then almost a middleweight, but the Saginaw Kid didn't balk on that account, and after a hard battle the Englishman was knocked out in the 17th round. After quitting the ring in 1900 Burge became a flat promoter.

1880—"Curly" Ulrich, welterweight boxer, born at Spencere, Ill., was defeated by Mike (Twin) Sullivan defeated Honey Melody in 20 rounds at Los Angeles.

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