

NEWS AND VIEWS OF SPORTS

Edited By Wagner

FULTON CAN'T BOX NEGROES IN TRAINING BOUT

New York, April 15.—The State Athletic Commission has refused to permit Fred Fulton to give public boxing exhibitions with Sam Veveo or Harry Wills, the negro heavyweights, so Fulton's manager, Mike Collins, has arranged to have the Minnesota fight box the colored fighters in an uptown gymnasium. Fulton boxed a few rounds yesterday with Bill McKinnon before a few people at the "House of the Blues" club, but today he expects to have three sparring partners.

Fulton's work yesterday was watched by Kid McCoy. The former welterweight champion, stated that Fulton boxed well and had the necessary speed, but he would have to develop a new line of defense. Fulton has evidently paid little attention to defensive boxing, and many of the old-timers who have seen him say that he would be easy for even a fairly clever fighter to hit. Fulton wants the best sparring partners possible for his coming bout with Reich, and for that reason he will work part of the time in private with the negro heavyweights.

ALTRUCK WEEPING AS HONORS GO TO COMEDIAN SAWYER

New York, April 15.—Nick Altruck the funny man of the Washington Senators, pulled a long face as he turned his back on the diamond of victory and trudged to the clubhouse. He was too much depressed to imitate the gait of Charlie Chaplin for the benefit of the thousands of fans who were still in the stands. Germany Schaefer, trotting by, landed twice with witty remarks and got away without a return.

Nick was depressed. He could not escape the thought that he was going back. Others have felt the onrush of premature baseball age, but the tragedy has come to them only once. Nick was experiencing the emotion for the second time.

It was a good many years ago that Nick's left arm began to creak. Altruck did not enjoy the sensation of watching the smoke give from his fast one and the curves seek shorter lines to the catcher's mitt; but he softened the blow by turning from pitcher to humorist.

And he was a good humorist. So successful were the antics of Altruck that he felt his future was assured. The time of a pitcher is limited, but a humorist can go on forever, and frequently does.

It was not until the third inning of yesterday's game at the Polo Grounds that Nick realized that, even in comedy, youth may be served. Altruck was just about to give his famous imitation of a man walking a tight rope when he heard a roar of laughter from the stand back of third base.

For a moment Nick thought that, in an unconscious way, he had done something irresistibly funny; then he looked across the diamond and observed that young Sawyer, a substitute second baseman, was imitating a horse in the coacher's box on third base.

An instant later it was a mule, and then the laughter broke in crescendo, as the crowd turned their heads and finished his act by swimming on the grass.

For a moment Nick contemplated a show of opposition. He was about to box and wrestle with himself in his familiar manner. But he paused. Was it worth while to please this fickle public? Should he enter into competition with a man who was after all a mere tumbling mountebank?

A thousand times not! Thrusting his hands in his pockets, Nick shouted angrily: "Any way to get out!"

He had determined that the crowd of vulgar tastes should have no comedy from him. He had done it for a moment; but the urge to weep was overstrong, and he brushed his hands across his eyes. Nick Altruck sobbed gently. He had lived to be a high-brow in a world where browns were low.

KAUFF TELLS INSIDE STORY OF HIS CAREER

(From the May "Baseball Magazine")

In the May Baseball Magazine Benjie Kauff gives his own story of his hold-out with the New York Giants.

"When the Federal went out of existence," Kauff says, "the Giants again made a strong effort to get me. I went to the office with John McGraw and talked things over with Mr. Hemstead. I agreed to sign a contract with the Giants at the terms they offered, which were satisfactory to me. And again I fulfilled my part of the contract in fixing my signature to a contract for which they had agreed to pay me \$5,000.

"I told them that I wanted to have a chance to see Mr. Sinclair, to see if I could not get a part of the purchase money. This was not an uncommon arrangement among ball players. Frank Baker wanted ten thousand dollars of the purchase price from Connie Mack before he would sign with the Yankees. Sinclair received for me, so I understand, \$35,000. The amount may have been overestimated, but it was a fortune, at any rate. It seemed to me no more than fair that I should get a part of this huge purchase price. I had my mind set on \$5,000 as a reasonable figure.

"No doubt I will be criticized as a money-grabber, but believe me, a ball player has only few chances to grab any money. No one criticized John Evers when he got \$25,000 as a bonus for going with the Braves. I should like to have been criticized for my demands, considering the great amount of money that Sinclair was getting for me? He is a man many times my size. He has more money in any one of a dozen banks, no doubt, than I will ever have.

"I knew enough to know that with the passing of the Federal League the days of the big money were largely over and that I probably would never get another chance to get such a bonus.

"The New York owners agreed not to sue me for dealing with Mr. Sinclair for two or three days until I could get my share of the purchase money from him. But I hadn't been out of the office fifteen minutes when the affair was all settled with Sinclair. Naturally I couldn't get any money out of him then.

"I am sorry there has been any trouble. I think the newspaper men in New York are inclined to burlesque a fellow a little more than is necessary. I have always tried to treat everybody fairly, very confident, and I wouldn't give much for a ball player who wasn't. I am confident and aggressive on the diamond because I consider that I ought to be in order to be a good player. And that lets me out."

CHASE EXPECTS TO PLAY WITH REDS IN MONDAY'S GAME

Cincinnati, April 15.—Owing to the presence of Mollwitz in the Cincinnati line-up, there has been considerable inquiry of the club officials as to the whereabouts of Hal Chase, who was purchased from Harry Sinclair last week. Garry Herrmann yesterday afternoon asserted that Chase was not yet in town. Hal left San Francisco last Wednesday and is expected in town tonight. Chase will very likely be used on Monday. He has been playing all winter and is reported to be in splendid condition.

It was reported that the Reds had arranged to sign Otto Knabe, who was denied by Herrmann. "We have waived on Knabe, and we will not sign him," said Garry. "I hear that Otto has taken on a lot of weight and has slowed up a lot. I do not know how Knabe could help us very much. Bill Louden seems to be filling the bill as well as anybody could be expected to."

And production has been resumed by the Tennessee Copper Co., its plant having been repaired.

The Holland-American Line has yielded to the demands of the striking members of the crews of their ships.

New York, April 15.—The recommendation for the abolition of capital punishment was voted down by the joint Massachusetts committee on judiciary.

BILL CARRIGAN BELIEVES HE HAS A REAL STAR IN OUTFIELDER WALKER.



As a result of Tris Speaker going to the Cleveland team Manager-Bill Carrigan of the Boston Red Sox has to get a man to hold down the outfield and also render as nearly as possible the assistance that Speaker gave. In the purchase of Clarence Walker from the St. Louis Browns Carrigan feels a bit easier now, as he is of the belief that Walker will be a second Speaker. Walker is sure to hit good enough and also field and throw, and, according to many of the Boston fans, he is just the man who will play a leading part in the work of the team.

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Drew, Colored Star, Defeats All Comers In 65 Yard Dash

New York, April 15.—Howard Drew is a negro, and those who saw the colored cyclist shoot over the boards in the special 65-yard dash at the games of the Young Men's Democratic League in the Seventy-first Regiment armory last night will acknowledge that despite his light complexion Drew certainly is a fast black.

But when he was attending the Massachusetts school Howard was married and the father of two children—flung his feet in the faces of Frank Stephenson, the Brooklyn Euzetter, along with the gun that burst that made him look as if he was tied to the tail of a comet. The darky demon sure must be a second cousin to a streak of greased lightning.

The former Springfield High school hero, who is attending the national 220-yard champion, in such convincing fashion as to leave no doubt of his superiority. Drew was clocked in seven seconds flat. Stephenson nosed out Morse for second laurels.

Too Much Business In Baseball Hurts Sport With Rooters

In the affair of Speaker and the Boston Red Sox there drops out again the same old story: everything about baseball in the present day seems to go into the care of followers of the sport all the time? It is business to save money by letting a high-salaried man go and accepting a fancy offer for him; it is business for Speaker to go after the biggest salary he can get; people are not in baseball for their health.

But why make that fact so prominent in the great game all the while? Through half the year managers bicker and plan and scheme, and players roar that they will not sign unless they get increases, and a real or stimulated state of chronic ill feeling seems to be part of the sport. What the public wants is a little more sentiment over the game; a little more of interest in the sport itself for sport's sake.

To be sure the men who are out for the dollars, but can't they sugarcoat the pill now and then and not be all the time showing us the jarring, clanking machinery used merely to produce dollars in the sport? Commercialism, trying to get the dollars regardless of the feelings of the sport-lovers, has hurt baseball in some minor league towns. It will hurt it in the major leagues if we don't see less of the "raw material" of the game 12 months in the year.—Brookton Enterprise.

OFFER \$25,000 TO MORAN AND DILLON FOR TEN ROUNDS

New York, April 15.—Negotiations were practically completed yesterday for the ten-round bout between Frank Moran and Jack Dillon. The Stadium A. C. has offered a purse of \$25,000 for the bout, guaranteeing Moran \$17,500 and Dillon \$7,500. Moran has consented to the terms and it is expected that Dillon will accept, as this is the largest guarantee that has ever been offered to him for a ten-round bout. The boxers will probably meet at the Stadium Club in the last week of the month.

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Tommy Downey Signs to Return with Indianapolis

Lefty Gervais, Former Bridgeport Pitcher, Released By Milwaukee of American Association

(By Wagner.)

Tommy Downey dropped out of the race for the Bridgeport manager's job today when he announced that he had accepted terms with Indianapolis of the American Association. Downey has given up his job at the Remington plant and will report to Indianapolis next week. There was a report that Downey would remain at the Remington plant all summer but evidently he thought he would have an easier time playing ball than working in a factory.

When peace was declared in the baseball world, Downey reverted to Indianapolis because he belonged to that club at the time he jumped to the Buffalo Federals. Indianapolis sent him a contract about a month ago, but he had not yet accepted it when he agreed upon salary terms.

With Downey out of the way Owners Cornen and Knorr of the Bridgeport club, are renewing efforts to secure Neal Ball. The Toronto owners show no signs of letting the former Red Sox star get away but the local magnates are negotiating with them and hope to make an agreement. Ball is anxious to play in his home city. He has never played for the Yankees since before negotiations could be completed and he arrived here there would be no time for him to assemble a club.

The local management has determined to try out a big bunch of youngsters in the hope that one or two promising players will be developed. Seasoned players will, however, be signed for most of the positions. Tom Trisdale, a Cleveland youngster, has been signed upon the recommendation of Billy Lush. Trisdale is a second baseman. Lawrence Bennett, a Worcester semi-pro pitcher, will be tried out also.

The promoters of the East End A. C., who will conduct a boxing show in this city April 27, will be on the York McCalliffes, the fight bout. He has not been seen here in several months and the fans are anxious to view him in action again. A suitable opponent will be selected in a few days. There has been some talk of getting Patsy Brannigan of New York but no definite announcement has yet been made.

Lefty Gervais, who twirled for Bridgeport in 1914, has been released by Milwaukee of the American Association. He made a good record in the Canadian league last season, but found the Milwaukee staff overcrowded this year.

The basketball fans are hoping the Blue Ribbons will get into their stride and give the Norwalk five a close battle when the teams meet at Colonial hall next Tuesday night in the second game of their series for the state championship. Last Tuesday Ingils and Chief Muller were new to other three players and there was little team work.

Baseball is coming back with a rush in the big cities. More than 125,000 paid admissions were recorded at the opening games. The biggest crowd was at Chicago where about 20,000 paid to see the Detroit-White Sox game. In New York the paid attendance was 15,000 at the Yankees-Washington contest. In Philadelphia 14,000 saw the Phillies play the Giants. Other attendance figures were Brooklyn 15,000, Cleveland 15,000, St. Louis 17,000 and Boston 7,000.

After losing the opening game to the Cubs, the Cincinnati Reds displayed signs of power by trouncing the Cubs in the next two contests. The Reds have a bunch of heavy hitters. Manager Henner, however, has not shown much, however, that it is feared there will be dissension in the club before many weeks.

Joe Judge, first baseman of the Washington club, is a former employee of the New York Edison Co. A big delegation from that plant attended the game between the Yankees and the Senators from a gallery and wished a few gifts on Judge.

Kellher, the old Hartford first sacker, is playing great ball with the Richmond Braves this season in exhibition games.

NATIONALS BEAT AMERICAN LEAGUERS IN SPRING SERIES

New York, April 15.—The National League baseball clubs atoned to some extent for the loss last autumn of World Series honors by winning decisively in the recent inter-league contests played prior to the opening of the regular season. Out of a total of thirty-nine games played in the South, East and Middle West, the National league clubs won twenty-two to the American league's ten.

The scores of the spring inter-league and league series follow:

NATIONAL		AMERICAN	
Boston	8	Philadelphia	3
Boston	7	Philadelphia	0
New York	4	Detroit	1
New York	2	Detroit	1
Boston	12	Philadelphia	5
New York	2	Detroit	2
Brooklyn	8	Philadelphia	0
Cincinnati	6	Cleveland	4
St. Louis	4	Philadelphia	4
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New York	3	Detroit	8
Cincinnati	1	Cleveland	3
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Pittsburgh	2	Boston	1
Chicago	2	Cleveland	4
Boston	4	Philadelphia	4
Cincinnati	4	New York	2
Brooklyn	2	Washington	0
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Brooklyn	7	New York	2

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KEATING COMES TO AGREEMENT WITH YANKEES

New York, April 15.—Ray Keating, the third Ray of the Yankees' college yell pitching staff, came to terms with the club yesterday, and nothing remains but for him to sign his contract. Harry Sparrow said the new contract which Keating had agreed to sign is now at the office of the club, and that he will place his John Hancock to it tonight. "Ray had expected Keating at the office yesterday afternoon, but Ray did not show up."

The rumors that Joe Wood would be signed by the Yanks in the near future were revived yesterday. It was reported that Donovan had offered Smokey Joe a job, provided he was able to show he was in condition. "I feel sure Donovan never made wood any such proposition," said Sparrow yesterday. "In the first place we waited on Wood when Lannin asked for waivers before the start of the season, and in the second our pitchers are our leading source of worry just now. We are trying to let out some of the men we now have without taking on another pitcher, which would complicate our pitching problem still more."

However, if Wood could show any of the old staff he did in Boston he would be a valuable pitcher to the club. Despite the fact that Joe's arm was not right last season, he led his league in earned runs and won fifteen games and lost five. Joe has been working out every day with the Columbia squad, and thinks his arm is coming back.

Harry Pierce Knocks Frankie Biemeyer Out

New York, April 15.—Harry Pierce, the Brooklyn K. O. artist, lived up to his reputation last night by knocking out Frankie Biemeyer of Brooklyn with a solar plexus in the eighth round at the Vanderbilt A. C. Biemeyer was unconscious for 10 minutes afterward.

BASEBALL BITS

Bill Louden has supplanted Rodgers at Cincinnati's second base because the latter's throw was weak and he couldn't hit.

Nunamaker of the Yankees appears to have taken a break. He is catching better than he did when a member of the Red Sox.

Bill Donovan opines that Slim Love, his tall left hander, will pitch winning ball as soon as the los has been broken.

Comedian Sawyer of the Washingtons was as quiet as a lamb in the Western League last year. His capers on the Washington's coaching lines have surprised Griff and Altruck. Sawyer, by the way, is a lively second baseman.

Jimmy Callahan, the Pirates' leader, has assigned Schultz to second base. Viox to third and Jim Smith, a former Fed, to short field. Baird, who covered third last year, has been sent to centre field to succeed Barney, who was a Yankee for about a week last summer.

Pleider Jones has weakened on Babe Barton and George Sisler. Pleider first base for the Browns, just where he belongs.

Comiskey must have shed tears when the Detroit shut out the White Sox on Wednesday. His high salaried players made only three meagre hits off Iron Man Coveleskie.

Long George McConnell surprised everybody by pitching the Cubs to a victory over the Cincinnati on opening day. He easily beat Fred Toney, Hoosag's star.

Boston critics are praising Clarence Walker, the former St. Louis outfielder who has taken Speaker's place in the outfield. Louden, however, is not with the Sox.

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Poor Showing Cubs Made In South Will Not Discourage Fans

Let us not refuse to be excited by the result of these practice games, writes Howard Mann in the Chicago Evening Post. To be sure, Joe Tinker is spinning around on his ear and Charley Weegham has to stand for a lot of kidding over at the Chicago Athletic Association, but remember.

No pennant has ever been effectually won in a training camp. Plenty have been claimed, but none has been won. The games that started this week will tell the story. And by that time, it is my judgment that the Cubs will display something.

The Cubs are a team of veterans and it takes vets longer to get into shape. The veteran has to have more incentive than just practice to make him play his best. This accounts for some of the backwardness of the Cubs. The man who busts the fences in the spring is usually the rookie. By June he is forgotten. Watch out for the

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SPRING FLOWERING JOHN RECK & SON

Eighty-tonne merchant vessels, with a total tonnage of 207,000 were sunk by German submarines or mines in the Atlantic Ocean during the first four months of the year.