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## SIX NEW WAR MONSTERS

### House Naval Committee Favors More Battleships.

### FIFTEEN TORPEDO BOATS

**Fully $40,000,000 Will Be Added to the Appropriations if This Action Is Approved—Reed's Friends Say It Disguises an Effort to Injure His Presidential Chances.**

Tomorrow the House Naval Committee will hold its regular meeting and will then agree to report to the House a bill providing for six new battleships and fifteen torpedo boats. The subcommittee, to which the question was referred, have agreed to such a report and the full committee is expected to sustain the action of the subcommittee.

Several sessions of the subcommittee have been held. Exactly what took place in the committee room is not known. The meetings were in secret and Chairman Boutelle has taken extra pains to prevent any information leaking out until the report is made to the House.

One of the committee said that he saw no reason why the main facts, already agreed upon, should not be made public. Secretary Herbert was before the committee for some time, but he said that his visit was purely accidental, as he did not come to the Capitol for that purpose, but chanced to go into the committee room to make a call and found the committee in session.

HERBERT WAS SILENT.

The Secretary would not express any opinion in regard to the action of the committee, and would not say that he knew anything about what it had decided on. It is learned that Chairman Boutelle was outvoted in his committee on the question of the number of battleships to be authorized. Mr. Boutelle was in favor of four, and members of the Senate Committee on Appropriations thought that four battleships were fully as many as the Senate committee would agree to.

The Democrats in the last Congress authorized the construction of two new battleships, but they did not appropriate any money with which to construct them, and the contracts were not let for their construction by Secretary Herbert until after the present Congress assembled. Hence, those two ships must necessarily be credited to the present Congress, which has to make the appropriations with which to construct them.

To authorize six more battleships, thus really making the number eight, and fifteen torpedo boats, will bring the aggregate of the appropriation at this session for the increase of the navy, each one of the new battleships to cost $5,000,000, to an enormous sum, as compared with any appropriation ever before made for such a purpose by Congress.

Mr. Boutelle is said to have taken the ground that as a friend of the new navy and as one who had always been foremost in advocating its increase, he regarded the passage of such a bill as very unwise, because it would react, and the enormous aggregate of the appropriation would have a bad effect upon the country. But arguments of this kind had no effect.

NO MONEY GIVEN.

In the last Congress, when Mr. Cummings of New York was chairman of the committee, it did not report in favor of a single battleship, on the plea that the condition of the Treasury did not warrant such authorization. Two battleships were authorized as a result of the action of the Senate, but no money was appropriated for them.

This year Mr. Cummings and all the other Democrats on the committee are loudest in demanding battleships, and want at least six authorized, and, in addition, thirty torpedo boats. Mr. Robinson of Pennsylvania, Mr. Hulick of Ohio and Mr. Wilson of New York joined the Democrats on the subcommittee in the demand for the six battleships and a large number of torpedo boats.

The other Republicans on the committee—Mr. Hilborn of California, Mr. Bull of Rhode Island, Mr. Hanley of Indiana, Mr. Foss of Illinois, and Mr. Dayton of West Virginia—are said to have declared that they would stand by whatever action the subcommittee took.

This practically insures the adoption at the meeting of the full committee on Thursday of the subcommittee's report in favor of six battleships and fifteen torpedo boats.

This will mean an increase in the appropriation for the Navy Department of $15,000,000 or $20,000,000 at least as compared with last year, even if the full amount is not appropriated. But if the full amount is appropriated, including the sum necessary to build the two ships authorized last year, the increase will be over $40,000,000.

LEADERS ARE DISTURBED.

Some of the Republican leaders in the House are much disturbed over this matter and claim that the Republicans cannot defend before the country any such an increase in appropriations for the navy under the present condition of the Treasury.

Some of Mr. Reed's friends are charging that his political opponents are at work to run up the appropriations with a view of injuring him. The river and harbor bill, it is said, will be swelled to $20,000,000, and Mr. Squire reported in the Senate yesterday a bill to appropriate $80,000,000 for coast defenses.

In view of the fact that a few months only will intervene between the end of this session of Congress and the beginning of the next, such large appropriations for purposes for which only a small part of the money can be expended during recess was regarded by the leaders in the House as indefensible in the present condition of the Treasury.

**Prize Winners in a Poster Contest.**

Boston, Feb. 26.—The prize winners in the Pope Columbia poster contest are Maxfield Parrish of Philadelphia, first; O. Rohn, of Mont Clair, N. J., second; A. Romes of New York, third, and H. S. Haines of Boston, fourth. The prizes aggregate $10,000.

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## STARTS BY ELECTRICITY

### Australian Device a Success at Ingleside Track.

### GAVE MUCH SATISFACTION

**Ten Horses Were Sent Away Without Any Trouble and All Nicely Lined Up—Description of the Machine Which Will Give Every Horse an Even Chance at the Start.**

The San Francisco correspondent of the Spirit of the Times sends the following account of the introduction of the Australian starting machine at the Ingleside track, near that city:

There has been so much said about the starting at Ingleside that the management decided to try the Australian starting machine. Tuesday it was put in place in front of the grand stand. The machine consists of two bands of strong webbing, each about four inches wide, made fast at both ends to a frame that slides upward and away from the horse at an angle of forty-five degrees. The lower band is about four feet above the ground, and the upper perhaps a foot higher.

The frame to which the webbing is attached runs to a cable attached to a pulley, which is about fourteen feet higher, on a post some twenty feet beyond the starting post. The power to draw this barrier is supplied by a heavy elastic band.

WORKED BY A TRIGGER.

The frame, before being raised upon its flying journey, is held in position by a trigger on both sides of the track, the connection between the triggers being a wire stretched across the track. As soon as the horses are lined up facing the webbing, which is, perhaps, a foot away, the starter pulls a lever, which raises the triggers, and sends the webs flying instantly and noiselessly upward and outward, and the horses are off in a line.

There was a one-mile hurdle race with ten entries, and this was the race for the experiment. The crowd was not in a very good humor when the time came for it, as in the race before it Mr. Caldwell had left three well-played horses standing at the post when he dropped the flag. Six went away to a struggling start, while the other three jogged back to the stand. So the crowd were all eager to have the machine a success, but no one thought it would prove the instantaneous success it did.

TEN HORSES SENT AWAY.

Ten horses were brought out, and four of the lot were bad actors. They were all lined up, none of the starters had the benefit of any schooling with the machine, and some of the jockeys did not know just what to do. The barrier was lowered. When the horses lined up, R. B. de B. Lopez, who brought the machine over from Australia, pulled the attachment, and the barrier flew noiselessly upward and forward, and ten horses were off in a perfect alignment; time, two minutes.

Spectators, owners, jockeys, judges, and everybody, applauded wildly. A more even start was never seen on a race track. The start was a revelation. Many who looked at the simple construction before could not believe it, but now the universal opinion is that the Australian starting machine, like the Australian ballot, has come to stay.

The machine worked like a charm, and now that the Ingleside people have given it a chance other associations will follow, and before long people will wonder why they suffered so long without it.

**TO ABANDON ELKTON.**

**Maryland Will Have Racing on the Harford County Track.**

Elkton, Md., Feb. 26.—Regarding the bill recently introduced in the Maryland legislature to prohibit the selling of pools in Cecil county, horsemen are unconcerned.

Within the past few days responsible parties from Harford county, just across the line from Cecil, have made the representatives of the Maryland Racing Association such generous offers to secure the races for Harford county that the association cares little now whether the bill passes or not, as it is only a few miles further from Philadelphia, but say that they prefer to return to Elkton, as everything is in shape here. The horsemen here contend that even should they be prohibited from coming to Cecil that our citizens will reap no benefit financially whatever. They say that a large majority of our business men and citizens favor these races for a limited time, on account of the large amount of money it brings into the town, and it was pretty generally thought, up to within the past few days, that the Maryland Racing Association would make a fight against the law. But since the bill has been introduced and found to only cover Cecil county, and, being offered grounds and every protection only some fifteen miles or twenty miles further from Elkton, has changed all of this, and it is doubtful if there will be any more racing here.

**INDIANA RACE TRACKS.**

**Martin Nathanson Will Be Judge and Dick Dwyer Probably Starter.**

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Two of the officials who will preside over the Indiana race tracks next season were selected yesterday, and arrangements for the campaign will be rapidly pushed from now on.

Martin Nathanson will be presiding judge and W. C. Crevelyng secretary. The same corps of officials will act for all the tracks. The selection of the starter has not yet been made, but it is quite probable that Dick Dwyer will officiate.

The Australian starting gate will be used on the course, and this fact may somewhat alter the selection of the starter. Martin Nathanson, who is at present in California, was telegraphed yesterday to negotiate for the use of the invention here.

**WHIP AND SPUR.**

Capt. Brown, once a noted sprinter, is being schooled over the hurdles.

Ed Odell is on a visit to Chicago, Kansas City and other Western points on the lookout for a couple of crackajacks.

The string which Burns & Waterhouse will send East will be trained by James McCormick.

The Covington, Ky., poolrooms at latest reports were closed and liable to remain closed.

W. J. Spiers and several other owners have shipped their horses from New Orleans to Memphis.

All the horses at Little Rock are reported as getting in good form. Ben Eder and Lady Inez are among the best there.

John Cooper's dickey legs are said to be rounding out in good shape, and it is probable that he will be able to race again.

Walter S. Hobart, the young millionaire, who made his debut on the turf in 1895 and met with rare success, purchasing Bright Phoebus just before the Realization and winning him out by his victory in that rich event, raced last season under the name of the Del Monte stable, but this year will race under his own name.

No little vigilance is exercised at New Orleans to insure honest sport right along. In addition to the general precautions, there are two patrol judges stationed near the head of the homestretch to closely watch every movement in each race, especially on the turn.

Jockey Soup Perkins is evidently providing against the proverbial rainy day. He recently purchased a house in Lexington for $5,000.

It is announced that Fred Taral has been engaged to ride Fleischmann's Halma in the Suburban, Brooklyn and Metropolitan handicaps.

"Lucky" Baldwin has secured a new trainer named Charles Green. Green at one time trained for Dan Honig, and lately has had some horses of his own.

Secretary William Porter of the Louisville Fair and Driving Association has resigned, and George Lindenberger of Louisville has been elected in his stead.

Squire G. appears to be going back. His form has greatly deteriorated during the past two weeks.

Al Orth's stable, from St. Louis, is on its way to San Francisco. Jockey Cole goes along with the stable.

"Cad" Irish, the well-known New York handicapper, is trying his luck at New Orleans.

The race for first place at the Crescent City track between Jockeys J. Hill and Caywood is very interesting. Each has over forty wins to his credit.

Morello, the champion two-year-old of his years, has disappeared from the Chase farm in California. No trace of him can be found. It is believed as soon as Frank Van Ness' creditors let up on him he will be brought back.

Joe Ullman, the well-known bookmaker, is lying dangerously ill at Hot Springs of kidney disease.

David Gideon is negotiating with Jockey Joe Hill, the Western lightweight. Hill is anxious to ride in the East. Gideon has offered Hill $7,500 for first call.

W. S. Hobart, the California turfman, has purchased the mare Salonica from Samuel Hildreth. Salonica raced in the East last year, and will probably be seen here again this year, as Mr. Hobart has entered largely in Eastern stakes.

The principal winners thus far at New Orleans are as follows: G. W. Poole, $3,604; Avondale, $3,635; P. M. West, $2,960; R. Bradley, $2,495; Ireland Bros., $2,670; Lily Meade, $2,380; Charles H. Smith, $2,180, and W. H. Roller, $2,140.

R. L. Rose, the owner of Clifford, has returned, after a three-months' trip abroad.

There has been less sickness among thoroughbreds around New York this winter than for many years. All the trainers report their charges in excellent condition.

The Middle States Running Association is endeavoring to secure the services of Judge Joseph J. Burke as manager during the coming season.

**HARNESS AND SULKY.**

A full sister to that great little mare, Benzetta, 2:06 3-4, will be sold in Brasfield's sale.

David A. Snell, a wealthy New England cracker baker, recently disposed of his entire business, and will in futre devote all his time to breeding and racing trotters.

Budd Doble stated recently that he would not train any horses this year, but would devote his entire time to his mining and other interests.

A company is being organized to build a trotting track at Blue Pond Park, near Akron, Ohio. A trolley car company is backing the scheme.

There are about sixty trotters and pacers in training at Nashville, and among the number are some real good ones.

William Disston is getting a bike wagon made, and thinks Pixley, 2:08 3-4, will pull it as fast as a sulky.

The Gentlemen's Driving Club of Cleveland, Ohio, has joined the National Trotting Association.

The Gentlemen's Driving Club of Highland Park, Detroit, will hold a meeting on June 30 to July 4, and will have a $10,000 program.

Capt. Stone of Cincinnati, Ohio, who bought and brought out Maud S., 2:08 3-4, recently said he was astonished at the reputation conferred upon him by the great mare, as she was the only good one he ever owned, and when he sold her to William H. Vanderbilt that ended practically his connection with the turf.

**George Gideon Accepts.**

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—A dispatch received by a Philadelphia L. A. W. official from Boston stated that President Elliott of the L. A. W. had received a letter from George Gideon accepting Mr. Elliott's proffered appointment to the racing board chairmanship, under certain conditions. When asked to confirm the report, Mr. Gideon said: "Well, I did write to Mr. Elliott on Monday night relative to the appointment, but it would hardly be proper for me to state the contents of the letter, and I guess I'll have to refer you to him." There is practically no doubt that the appointment has been accepted.

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## POINTS ABOUT PUGILISTS

### Corbett's Jaws Show no Signs of Cessation Just Now.

**He Suggests That a Jury of Sporting Men Adjudge Fitzsimmons a Coward for Certain Reasons.**

Cleveland, O., Feb. 26.—Upon learning last evening that Fitzsimmons' objection to accepting the Bolingbroke Club's $8,000 offer was that the amount of the purse was too small, Corbett wired Fitzsimmons a proposition to bet him as a side stake any amount from $1,000 to $100,000. Corbett said last night: "Fitzsimmons' agreement to the second postponement at El Paso resulted from the decision of a 'jury' of sporting men. A jury might decide if he is afraid to fight me or not, or if he has any sensible excuse for not doing it. I don't think the size of the purse or any side bet is being considered by the Australian, because he knows that all he will get of the encounter will be a good hard whipping and the loser's end of the purse."

**BURGE AND LAVIGNE.**

**Will Fight for 500 Pounds a Side and a Purse of 700 Pounds.**

The London Sporting Life is authority for the statement that "Kid" Lavgine and Dick Burge have finally been matched. The Sporting Life says:

"After considerable correspondence a match has at length been definitely settled for the lightweight championship of the world between our crack, Dick Burge, and the American champion, "Kid" Lavigne, whom our readers will remember as the recent conqueror of the colored phenomenon, Joe Walcott. The men have agreed to box at 138 pounds (9 st. 12 lb.), weigh at 4 o'clock on the day set in Derby week, for £500 a side and a purse of £700 given by the National Sporting Club. Owing to the reputations of the opponents the contest will doutless excite unusual interest on both sides of the Atlantic."

Manager Fleming has decided to allow Lavigne £50 to cover his expenses, and it is expected that the United States champion will shortly sign the articles already signed by the Britisher and set sail for that country.

**MAHER AT PITTSBURG.**

**Defeated Pugilist and Friends Arrived Home This Morning.**

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 26.—Peter Maher, his backers, John J. Quinn and Michael J. Connelly, "Buck Cornelius" and his party of trainers, eight in all, arrived in the city at 3 o'clock this morning over the Panhandle. The party looked tired after their long ride from Texas and hustled away to their beds as quickly as possible.

Maher bears scarcely a trace of his encounter with Fitzsimmons' bony right, only a small spot on the jaw showing where contact was made. Maher had little to say, except to express a hope for "better luck next time."

Quinn said he has plans for Peter, and that he thinks better of the Irish lad than ever. "Buck" was sore over the failure of the Dixon-Marshall match. He hopes to bring about a meeting of the colored lads before a great while in the East.

**Fitz Will Spar Three Heavyweights.**

New York, Feb. 26.—Robert Fitzsimmons, the champion pugilist, is expected to arrive in this city tomorrow. On Saturday evening next Fitz will appear in Madison Square Garden, and will spar three good heavyweights. Among the other notables who will take part are "Young" Griffo, Jimmy Handler, Frank Erne, Johnny Lavack, Solly Smith, Danny McBride, Caspar Leon and many others. An effort will be made to bring Fitzsimmons and Maher together in a four-round bout.

**Stuart Wants More of It.**

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 26.—The citizens' committee paid over to W. P. Wheelock, for Dan Stuart, the balance of the money El Paso offered for the fights. Wheelock, who is still here settling up Dan Stuart's affairs, believes that Fitzsimmons and Corbett will be brought together at this place, or rather across the river, in Juarez, Mexico. He says that the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight demonstrated to prominent Mexicans who witnessed it that pugilism was not so near brutal as bull fighting.

**Pierce to Re-enter the Ring.**

New York, Feb. 26.—Eddie Pierce, the East Side Boxer, who has not fought since he met Young Corbett in the Seaside Athletic Club, over a year ago, has decided to re-enter the ring. He will be matched in a few days to try conclusions with Pete Trolan, the old-time amateur boxer, who has a long list of victories to his credit. The contest will be for eight rounds at 126 pounds.

**Spoiling for a Fight.**

Cincinnati, Feb. 26.—Denver Smith cabled London this morning, accepting the Sporting Club's offer for a fight with either Slavin, Fitzsimmons or Corbett for a purse and side bet. Smith is in good trim, and anxious to mix up with anybody.

**AMONG THE BOXERS.**

John Boner of Summit Hill, Pa., is out in a card in which he says the challenge to fight Maher given over his signature was a forgery.

Champion George Dixon is training at his home at Faulkner for his coming match with Jerry Marshall. The colored wonder has the same opinion of Texas and some of the people living there as Walcott. Dixon does not think he was poisoned, though he was taken ill after one of his meals.

O'Donnell and Dwyer are both in fine condition for their match at the new Manhattan next Thursday night. Dwyer's friends are willing to back his chances with considerable money, and O'Donnell realizes that this is his last chance. The bout is sure to be a hot one, as both men are in shape and anxious for a go.

Joe Walcott will start from Boston for New York today to finish training for his match with "Bright Eyes," which will come off at the Long Island Club next month. Walcott says he will quit boxing altogether before he will go again to Texas. A gift of the whole State would not tempt him to look into the barrel of another cowboy's gun.

There were filed in the Kings county clerk's office, Brooklyn, two judgments against Robert Fitzsimmons, the prize fighter, and his backer, Martin Julian. The judgments were recovered in Onondaga county. One was for $1,106.91, obtained by John McLennon and Lewis J. Waters, and the other was for $951.58, recovered by Charles E. Ide and Charles P. Ryan.

Corbett is willing to fight for the Britishers' money, but he won't trust them to give him fair play. This is the worst "break" that he ever made in his life.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Mike Farragher of Youngstown, O., defeated "Kid" Lloyd of Brazil, Ind., in seventeen fast and furious rounds at Elwood City, Pa., Monday night. The match was for $250 and a wager of $200 a side. Farragher weighed in at 130 pounds and Lloyd at 126. The latter offers to box Johnny Van Heest at 122 pounds for from $200 to $500.

Reports from El Paso and also from Langtry, Tex., say that the Mexicans are pleased with the "pastime" of prize fighting, and that no opposition will be made if Corbett and Fitzsimmons want to fight there next winter. The dispatches say that prize fighting is not nearly so brutal as bull fighting, which, if true, is startling.

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**CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST.**

**Showalter Won the First Game in the Seventy-ninth Move.**

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—The first game of the Showalter-Kemeny chess match for the championship of the United States, which began on Monday was finished yesterday, when J. W. Showalter of New York scored a victory. The second game will be commenced today.

The usual routine moves of the Petroff were avoided by black adopting a novel third move. This led to a highly interesting and most complicated game, white always maintaining the attack. Black had a difficult game to defend; he had an isolated queen pawn, and his opponent commanded the open Q. B. file. However, the defense was satisfactory and eventually he won the exchange for a pawn. The position was not favorable at this stage for black on account of his scattered pawns.

White, by his excellent play managed to win three additional pawns. After the exchange of queens black brought about a sacrifice of his rook for a bishop, leaving an end game of bishop against bishop and three pawns. Notwithstanding the material advantage white could not have forced a win, but for black's seventy-ninth move, which enabled white to win in exceedingly brilliant style.

The game was a fine exhibition of high-grade chess, both players displaying excellent position judgment. This is all the more creditable considering both players at several stages were badly pressed for time. The game lasted for about ten hours.

**NICK YOUNG'S BULLETIN.**

**Contracts Approved by the President of the National League.**

President Young has announced the following contracts for 1896:

With Baltimore, William Keeler, C. Esper, A. Clarkson, O. H. Stockdale, H. Jennings, H. Bowerman, J. Kelly, G. Gray and J. McGraw; with Boston, H. Duffy; with New York, Thomas E. Bannon; with Cincinnati, W. R. Rhines; with St. Louis, W. A. Latham; with Springfield, J. Easton, W. B. Inks, W. G. Shannon, S. E. Samuels, John O'Callaghan; with Syracuse, James Delancy; with Scranton, Frank Ward, Thomas G. Johnson, D. Mullarkey, R. Brown, Edward Sweeney; with Toronto, James Barrett, A. Wagner, H. Staley, W. A. Stuart; with Rochester, F. Gillen, J. P. Luby, William W. Zimmer; with Providence, J. C. Drauby, G. S. Hodson, J. G. Knoor; with Reading, William Young, John Farrell, William Hynes, George Fox; with York, David Calhoun, William McCoach, J. O'Hara, Edwin Carfrey, E. Young, J. Schetford, J. Butzer; with Hazleton, Ira Davis; with Bangor, Patrick Cunningham.

Terms accepted—By Augusta, W. L. Whiting.

Released—By Louisville to St. Paul, F. Shugart, H. Spies; by Boston to Brooklyn, Thomas F. McCarthy; by Syracuse, M. Lynch, T. Twaddle; by Scranton, John Huston, Dan Stearns; by Bangor, E. M. Deady, William Hayward; by Augusta, D. Gorman; by Fall River, M. Harrington; by Brockton, J. Sheehan; by Lewiston, C. Flack.

**King Bald Signs With Barnes Company**

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Eddie "Cannon" Bald, the king of class B riders, has signed a contract with the Barnes Cycle Company of this city as the leader of the professional team which they propose to send for all competition records this season. Bald said today that he expected to have a racing team together in a short time and go to the South or California to commence active training.

**WHIRLS OF THE WHEEL.**

Murphy expects to get $10 for every one-fifth of a second he clips off the record (1:34 3-5) in his speed trial with a locomotive in California. If he should do the trick in an even sixty seconds then his bill will be just $1,740.

Leading members of the League of American Wheelmen are anxious to have the incorporation of the organization completed as soon as possible.

Arthur A. Zimmerman, the professional rider, will probably decide to remain in this country this year, and will not accept the offers he has received to race in France.

George Baker intends to stop in London and then go to Italy to train for the spring races. He is anxious to meet and defeat Protin. Baker will return to this country in August to take part in the professional races.

Polo on bicycles ought to become a popular game. To take part successfully one must be an expert cyclist. It takes a cool head and a steady nerve to get out of the "tight" place in which contestants frequently find themselves.

**Suit Against Central Pacific Railway.**

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—District Attorney Foote yesterday received instructions from Washington to bring suit at the instance of the United States government against the Central Pacific railroad to relinquish title to 9,366 acres of land long since held by that corporation. The suit will be brought against the Central Pacific as the successor of the California and Oregon Company. The land is valued at upwards of $1,000,000.

## PRACTICE GAMES ARE NEXT

### Baseball Magnates Satisfied With the Holiday Dates.

### SENATORS HAVE LABOR DAY

**Coming Season Looked Forward to With Great Expectancy—No Material Change in the Make-Up of the Washington Team—All Will Report for Duty Within a Short Time.**

The baseball magnates have had their ante-season inning, and transacted more business, perhaps, than at any one meeting for years. They have treated the minor league in a way that complaint is out of the question, and since Pat Powers is satisfied the remaining cranks should be content.

The schedule adopted meets the approval of the various club owners, and President Young is a much pleased man in that he satisfied all concerned.

It proportions the holidays to good advantage, and it is likely that the return to the old system of Western clubs in the East and vice versa on the different holidays is the most essential feature.

Washington will have but one big day at home—Labor Day—which will prove a good thing for Mr. Earl Wagner. The dates away from home are with good cities, and if the weather is propitious the Fourth of July games in Philadelphia will be regular bumpers.

On Decoration Day the Senators will battle in the land of Pirates, and it is safe to say that the Smoky City patrons will turn out en masse to see them, as they have become favorites in that town. As a whole, Treasurer Wagner cannot help but be content, and as long as the Washington players put up a good article of ball he will be one of the happiest men in the nation's capital. He is a crank in the truest sense of the word, and loves to see the game full of ginger, but he detests stupidity on the diamond.

There is general belief that the coming season will be a profitable one all over the country, and as the weaker clubs last season will naturally be stronger this year, there is reason to believe that the tail-enders will not be far from the leaders at any stage of the game. This will increase the interest, and the home rooter will have plenty of opportunity to expand his lungs.

There have been a number of deals, trades and transfers, but the Senators will remain the same. Messrs. Wagner and Schmelz have been faithful to their promise made last year that they would not weaken the team by selling any of the players. The meeting passed off without even a word being said about the sale or trade of a Senator. Perhaps this was not due to Wagner's ultimatum of last season, and it may be that no one wanted any of the Senators, but the chances are that they will be doing as good work as the best in the League.

Reliable reports are to the effect that all of the Senators are in good condition, and that the pitchers have wintered in the best way, and by April 16 they will have rounded to in fine style.

Schmelz will start the season with Maul, Mercer, Anderson, Boyd, Boswell and James ready to take their turn in the box, and there is no telling what youngsters will be on hand to be developed under the careful training of the whiskatorial manager.

The rest of the players are now getting themselves ready to come to Washington, and within two weeks the arrival of this and that player will be announced.

It is not known when Schmelz will be on hand, but until he comes Mr. Wagner will no doubt be on hand to look after the interests of the men as well as the club.

A well-known member of the Senators writes to The Times in explanation of the methods he employs while waiting for the season to open. This is what he says, in part:

"There are many exercises one may indulge in, but the best results will not be obtained unless one's habits are good. I take a turn at each of the following, and find them very good. I give about ten minutes to Indian clubs, which are very good for the wrists, arms and shoulders. I next give about fifteen minutes to skipping the rope, which is very good for the ankles and legs and for the wind. It also makes one active on his feet. Next I punch the bag for fifteen or twenty minutes; after that I play handball or a game which I have devised from the old Irish game of handball, and has a few drops of tennis in it. I find it is a very good game, and when my chum, who is a bookkeeper, is not there, I play it alone. We use an ordinary rubber ball, which costs ten cents. The livelier the ball the better. The game seems simple, and simple it is, but often the most simple exercises are the most fatiguing. Fifteen minutes' practice at the game is all that is necessary to convince one of its value to an athlete. It is especially good for men doing feats in a stooping position. Nothing is better for a ball-player, and when I sign for 1896 I expect to be in apple-pie order."

**BASEBALL NOTES.**

Carey, the ex-Oriole first baseman, will play that position for Syracuse in the Eastern League.

A charter of incorporation was granted to the Retersburg Baseball Club yesterday. The capital stock is to be between $500 and $5,000, in shares of $10 each. The officers are: President, Robert Gilliam; secretary-treasurer, Morris L. Myers; directors, Frank K. Clements, Edward Eigenbrun and William Henry Mann.

The make-up of the Jersey City team for the season is as follows: Seymour, Kagey, and Otto, pitchers; Zearfoss and Stanhope, catchers; Bannon, first base; Singer, second base; Boyle, third base; Battam, shortstop; Covelle, Mulligan and Williams, outfielders. Bannon and Battam are new New York players.

The Cuban Giants have already booked over 100 games for the season. Robinson, Muller, Grant, Sol White, Tristy and Patterson have been re-engaged, and it is expected that Nelson will be added to the list of pitchers for the team. Several candidates for positions are on trial. The players will report for duty April 14.

Short Stop Jennings, of the Baltimore club, makes the prediction that Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Brooklyn will be the contending factors in the approaching championship race.

Butler has been released to Columbus by the New York management. This young man cost the Giants $1,000, and, it is said, Irwin got a consideration for the outfielder's release.

Fred Pfeffer arrived in New York yesterday morning, and received many compliments for his excellent appearance. He told a reporter that he had just recovered from typhoid fever, but that he was all right now. "I don't want to play shortstop," said he, "for my home position is second base. Besides, Fuller is one of the finest shortstops in the country, and I cannot excel him. I am ready, however, to do the best I can, and am going South to show Manager Irwin what I am capable of doing."

Manager Twitchell of the Milwaukee club says he has received the contracts of the following players: Nicoll, Hartman, Taylor, Barnes, Rettger, Jones, Noonamaker, McZena, Wetterer and Stafford. He has also come to terms with Weaver. Spear, he says, will sign in a few days or get himself into trouble. Baker, Sharpe and Stevens were also signed.

The umpires for the Western League the coming season will be McDonald, McDermott, Murphy and Snyder. McDonald umpired in the Western in '94; Snyder comes from the Eastern and was once the star catcher of the country. Murphy is a new man and hails from Chicago.

Vanderbeck has been promising the Detroit people a National League club in three years. If Detroit will have a league club it is safe betting it will not be controlled by him, but by local people headed by F. R. Stearns, who was the president of their famous club of '86-87. There is no chance of a rupture in the league before their present agreement expires.

Charley Reilly, who has warmed the bench many a day as a member of the Philadelphia club, will make his appearance this year as a manager. He will be with Syracuse.

President Goodnow of the Minneapolis team offered Col. Rogers of the Phillies $1,000, with 7 per cent interest from the time the money was paid, for Huler, whom the Quakers drafted from the Western League last season. Freedman also wants the youngster on the Giants' pay-roll.

A Kentucky inventor has applied for a patent for a bat corrugated the entire length. The inventor believes it will be popular with ball players.

Park Wilson and Trainer Davis will go to Jacksonville ahead of the New Yorks to get ready.

Will Inks, brother of the "South Paw" twirler of the Louisvilles, and who was with the Chicagoes three years ago on their Southern trip, has signed with the Springfield, Mass., team. He was with the Rockfords last season.

The report that the Eastern League may take Hartford and New Haven in after this season, is not relished by the Atlantic League men. The latter may draw up a five-years' agreement which the Hartford and New Haven managers will be requested to sign at their next meeting.

**GAMES ON HOLIDAYS.**

**Where the Various Teams Will Play on Three Important Days.**

Following is a list of holidays on which two games will be played:

DECORATION DAY.

At Baltimore, with Cincinnati.
At Boston with Cleveland.
At Brooklyn with Chicago.
At New York with Louisville.
At Philadelphia with St. Louis.
At Pittsburg with Washington.

FOURTH OF JULY.

At New York with Baltimore.
At Brooklyn with Boston.
At Philadelphia with Washington
At Pittsburg with Cincinnati.
At Cleveland with St. Louis.
At Chicago with Louisville.

LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 7

At Baltimore with Louisville.
At Washington with St. Louis.
At Boston with Cleveland.
At Brooklyn with Cincinnati.
At New York with Pittsburg.
*At Philadelphia with Chicago.

*September 5 is Labor Day in Pennsylvania, and is the date of the Philadelphia games.

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