

NEWSPAPER GOSSIP OF THE DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

BAN JOHNSON'S VAGUE PROMISES

American League to Run the Team and Do It Well.

Patsy Donovan, Manning and Lowe Managerial Candidates.

Deal for Seventh Street Grounds Called a Bluff by Attorney.

"Either Pat Donovan, Jimmy Manning, or Bobbie Lowe will probably manage the Washington baseball team this season."

So said Ban Johnson this morning, and the American League will probably run the local club.

Further than that he had little to say about the question, but judging from his expressions, he gives Donovan the preference over the others. Bill Clarke is also considered a possibility, but a slim one, indeed. Donovan was last year manager of the St. Louis National League team, employed at the high salary of \$3,000 per season. He is regarded as a good manager.

Jimmy Manning every Washington baseball fan knows and likes. He would be the most popular choice. With the worst ball team that has represented Washington in the past eight years, the Kansas City man finished in sixth position in Washington's first year in the American League. Manning's demand is \$5,000 per year and a three-year contract.

"Link" Lowe, the veteran second baseman, formerly of the Boston Beaneaters, and later of the Chicago Nationals, comes strongly recommended to Johnson. His chief sponsors are Frank Selee, manager of the Chicago Colts, and one of the best in the business, and the veteran baseball writer Jake Morse. Ban is seriously considering all three men.

In addition to the question of a manager comes the question about where the team is to play this season. This is of most interest to fans. Ban, this morning, said he would make an attempt to secure the Seventh Street grounds. However, they had better be secured soon or the season will be on the wane if they can be gotten in condition for play and to accommodate the crowds, as the grandstands and bleachers will have to be rebuilt. Up to this time no proposition for the grounds had been submitted to the attorney in charge of the estate, who thinks the assertion of the American League in regard to the matter is a bluff.

Roster of the Club.

March 29 is the date set by President Johnson for the players to report for practice. The roster of the club, as given out by Mr. Johnson, is: Pitchers, Patten, Orth, Arthur Hillbrand, Wilson, Lee, Townsend, and Jacobsen; catchers, Cleve, Kitzredge, and Deitz; first base, Jake Stahl; second base, McCormick; shortstop, Moran and Cassidy; third base, Coughlin; outfielders, Selbach, Homer Hillbrand, and Winters.

Johnson announces he has received a letter from Arthur Hillbrand, who, with his brother Homer, it was persistently rumored all winter, would not play here this year. Hillbrand is suffering the displeasure of his parents, announcing that he would report here this duty as usual. Hillbrand's duties at Princeton were completed. This is good news for local fans, as Hillbrand, despite the fact that he has never been in a major league company, is rated as one of the best writers in America. A reputation which he made and sustained on the club for Princeton. Hillbrand was after him, and it is said that Hillbrand has been tarrying with him all winter. Hillbrand is a big, shabby, while his brother, who played first base in the California League last season, was shifted to the outfield, and Jake Stahl put on first because of his good hitting.

Can't Get an Angel.

In regard to the ownership of the club, it will again, in all probability, be run by the American League, says Johnson.

"I am sorry the deal whereby the club was to have been purchased by local capitalists fell through," said the big man this morning. "The deal was not as much of a white elephant on the American League as many persons think, and the league does not purpose to sell it at a loss. It is too good a ball town. I will probably run the club for the American League. The deal whereby Washington will have a much better team than usual. Pat that in your mind and smoke. I am not a big showman. I promised to give the patrons of Washington good ball this year, and am going to do it. I am not a big showman, nor am I far from being strong, I admit, but this season they will play ball to win. I am not a big showman, nor am I far from being strong, I admit, but this season they will play ball to win. I am not a big showman, nor am I far from being strong, I admit, but this season they will play ball to win."

National World War.

H. C. Fulliam and Barney Dreyfus say they are tired of Johnson's kicking about the conflict between the National and American schedules in New York. They assert that Ban agreed to the schedule they have announced, and then, without rhyme or reason, made a howl and threatened a series of dire results if they refused to make a change.

Both Fulliam and Dreyfus call the talk about a second year a bluff, and say that if there is to be a struggle for the National League is willing to go the limit in order to stop Johnson's kicking. They characterize his actions as those of a small boy, instead of a man, and make many of the same remarks about the president of the American League.

Johnson said this morning that he did not care to stir up further strife by discussing the matter at this time. He would keep quiet until he sees Hart and Garry Hearson. He does not expect an open rupture, for he thinks that by the time the question reaches Hearson the justice of the American's complaint will be appreciated.

While Johnson does not think so much of the outlook for war, he is confident that he is right, and that the other men in the American League will huddle to the limit of their resources if the worst comes to the worst. He has been so successful in handling other things that he is sure his associates will rely entirely upon his judgment in bridling this question, which so seriously threatens the future of the struggle that has cost baseball such an immense sum of money.



BAN JOHNSON. President of the American League, who now has a discussion on with the National League leaders over a conflict in dates. Johnson again promises Washington a good ball team.

MUNROE-JEFFRIES-- IT IS TOO TIGHT

Inexperienced Novice After Champion.

LUCKY PUNCH HIS CHANCE

Jeff Is Heavier, Faster, and More Scientific, So What Show Has the Miner?

Jack Munroe is biting off large chunks of trouble in his reported assurance to the dear sporting public that he must be signed to meet Jeffries or be unable to sleep well at nights. Perhaps Munroe thinks it is worth while to be beaten to a whisper for the sake of the loser's end of the purse, for he surely cannot prove that he is worth the big end unless lightning hits Jeff on the point of the jaw.

Munroe has proved that he was not a four-flush, or an accident, when he made such a good showing against Jeff in the four-round bout at Butte, in which he attained the proud distinction of sending the champion to the floor, but, on the other hand, he has not proved that he is worth the big end unless lightning hits Jeff on the point of the jaw.

Jeffries is quick. Jeffries is one of the quickest movers and fighters of the ring. He is not only clever with his fists and feet, but has a clear, cool head, which enables him to take advantage of every opportunity and to compete with the most scientific boxers of the day. He showed these qualities in his last fight with Corbett. The pompadour dicker thought to put it all over the champion by using the tricks of the trade in a manner which he thought would be his opponent. There was where he made his mistake, for Jeff gave him a good lesson in the art of boxing.

Jeff having so much science at his command, weight and strength were the deciding factors, and Corbett lost, almost as a matter of course, which was a pity. The same line of reasoning should demonstrate that Munroe is not yet prepared to meet Jeffries with any real idea of winning. Instead of the lighter man having the science this time, it is the heavier and more experienced man who has the greater skill, and also the greater shiftness on his feet. 'His is a combination Munroe cannot hope to beat. Jack Dempsey very properly said that a good little man could never hope to beat a good big man, and this is what Munroe is to a certain extent, trying to do. The other fellow has weight, speed and science, and if the lucky miner wins out it will be the result of a miracle.

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Potomacs After Honors In Three Big Regattas

Will Row in St. Louis, Middle States, and Potomac River Regattas--New Shells Bought. Pat Dempsey May Coach.

The Potomac Boat Club, the foremost independent organization on the water in Washington, will compete in the World's Fair Regatta, to be held in St. Louis during the Exposition.

This statement was this morning made public by John Hadley Doyle, its president. What crews will be sent has not yet been decided.

Another enterprise on the part of the club will be a strong effort to again secure the date for the Middle States Regatta, which was so successfully held on the Potomac under the auspices of the local club last year. It is thought that in view of the splendid success of the last regatta the chances of again holding the event here are favorable, to say the least.

Matches With Baltimore.

The annual Potomac River Regatta will be held under the auspices of the club, late in August or early in September. This regatta should be more interesting than ever because the Potomac and Annapolis, of this city, will meet the Ardel and Arundel Boat Clubs of Baltimore in an intercity eight-oared race. The Baltimore clubs for several years past have had some of the most formidable crews in the country. Hundreds of Baltimoreans come over to Washington every year to see the sport.

This club-owned team which will be the biggest of the added features to the events. The Potomac Boat Club is progressing each year is proved by the fact that for the first time in the history of the organization it will have a complete outfit, including senior, intermediate, and junior crews, dory and struggle shells. Two members of the Potomac, Hecox and Sam Edmonston, won the championship crew, America's first, in the double sculls at Worcester last year.

The oarsmen have been at work on the machines for the past month and are in good condition, all anxiously waiting for the ice in the river to melt so that they may get down to business. Another warm day and the starting ice will have disappeared. Then the oarsmen will be boated and the first actual rowing of the season begun.

Training With Georgetown.

In addition to those training on the machines in the Potomac clubhouse, five of the men are getting in condition with the Georgetown boys, under the able tutelage of Coach Pat Dempsey, who trained the crew which finished second at the Poughkeepsie regatta last spring.

After the big meeting of the college crews at Poughkeepsie it is probable that Dempsey will be secured to coach the Potomac oarsmen.

The usual interest shown in the sport was encouraged by having the Middle States Regatta here last fall. Several of the men have bought boats with their own money. Kernan and Redington have purchased a new double scull, and Brick and McGowan have bought new singles.

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FIRST BATTALION TO MEET URELLS

Game Will Practically Decide District Championship--Three Teams Tied for First Place.

Basketball of a fast and furious kind will be played tonight at the Washington Light Infantry Armory, when the Urells meet the First Battalions in a game which will practically decide the championship of the District.

The Urells, First Battalion, and the Corcorans are tied for first place, and the winner of the game tonight will practically have a walkover for first place. From the beginning the struggle for honors between these teams has been of the most interesting kind, and enthusiasm among the lovers of the sport has been worked up to a high pitch.

The decision to have the game in the Washington Light Infantry Armory was reached last night at the meeting of the Basketball League, Wallace, who was suspended for rough playing, was reinstated last night, and Taylor, who was suspended for the same reason, withdrew his name as a member of the league.

The game tonight will begin at 8:30 o'clock. There will be a wrestling bout and dancing will follow the sport.

"BLACK BILL" THINKS HIMSELF A CHAMPION

Smokes a Pill, Forgets Jackson, and Sees Vision of Bout With Jeff.

"Black Bill," the negro heavyweight who is to meet Young Peter Jackson before the Eureka Athletic Club in Baltimore on Friday evening, is becoming somewhat chummy. He announces with a loud flourish of trumpets that he has been chosen to meet any heavyweight in the world.

Poor William! He means well, but he is making the mistake of his life in thinking that he is the real thing as a heavyweight, and that Jackson is a mere child of a welterweight not worth considering. Jackson does not put up the scales at a heavyweight figure, but he can beat the hide off some of those who do, as the ebony Willie will find out when he meets him Friday.

Jackson has met some heavy men, and the way he put it over them was a sight for sore eyes. He is a chunky, but fast fighter, who can whip over a right or left so fast that nineteen witnesses would give nineteen different versions of how the blow landed. "Black Bill" is described as an unusually fast and aggressive fighter, with a nasty swing. The struggle between the scientific Jackson and the wild swinging William should be well worth seeing.

GEORGETOWN SPRINTERS GOING TO BALTIMORE

Georgetown's law school relay team is after wider fields to conquer, and will run in the indoor games of the Johns Hopkins, in Baltimore, on Saturday evening.

The team had little trouble in winning its race at the Georgetown meet, and feels strong enough to meet some of the cracks who will be at the Baltimore meet. The men expected to compose the team are Edmonston, '06; Yoder, '06; Mulligan, '06, and Brennon, '06.

In the other events there will be several other Georgetown sprinters, and there is every prospect of a few more cups going into the trophy hall on the hill.

KID M'COY BOBS UP TO MEET FITZSIMMONS

Talk of a Fight Between Them, But They Disagree About the Weight.

There is some talk of Bob Fitzsimmons and Kid McCoy having it out in a limited-round bout. The chance of the match being brought about is decidedly slim, as McCoy will not arrange the encounter unless Fitz will agree to make a certain weight. McCoy will not fight at 165 pounds, but Bob will listen to such a proposition unless the mill is for twenty rounds. As the only place available to fight outside of California is Philadelphia and only six-round bouts are allowed there, the battle between the two, if clinched, will take place in the Quaker City. For this reason the Cornishman thinks that catchweights will do.

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COLUMBIAN HAS GREAT SCHEDULE

Best of College Teams Will Be Played.

MORE CANDIDATES REPORT

Seven Old Players and Two Score Youngsters Trying for Places.

Barr Coaching.

Columbian University baseball candidates have reported for spring practice. For the past two afternoons from thirty to fifty men have been at work at Columbian Park under the tutelage of Bob Barr, the veteran baseball player, who has been engaged as coach.

Columbian's prospects for this season are brighter than ever before in its history, as more interest has been shown in the work than in any previous year. Therefore it was seldom that over twenty-five men reported to try for places on the team, but yesterday afternoon forty-six were availing around the 'n and outfield.

Columbian's schedule, which was made public this morning, is an excellent one--by far better than any ever arranged in the city. Columbian's schedule is probably the best college teams of an inferior class. This year the Orange and Blue will play games with such excellent teams as Georgetown, Syracuse, Gettysburg, University of Virginia, and others.

High-Class Opponents.

The schedule follows: March 25--U. S. Navy at Annapolis. March 31--Lehigh at Washington. April 2--Gettysburg at Washington. April 7--Franklin and Marshall at Washington. April 12--Syracuse at Washington. April 15--Gallaudet at Washington. April 25--Washington and Lee at Washington. April 27--Gallaudet at Washington. April 30--Franklin and Marshall at Lancaster, Pa.

May 2--Villanova at Villanova, Pa. May 3--University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Va. May 7--Johns Hopkins at Washington. May 12--Georgetown at University Field. May 14--Georgetown at Georgetown. May 18--Delaware College at Washington.

All of the games in Washington will be played at Columbian Park, Seventeenth and C Streets northwest.

Many at Work.

Coach Barr reports the men getting along well in their preliminary work, and is confident of the fine making a good showing on the diamond. So far he has fifty candidates to develop satisfactory material from, seven of whom played last year.

A list of the men who are out follows: Kennelly, McMann, Burket, Stevenson, Bliss, Holland, Earnest, Law, Sainey, Orison, Leach, Kilgore, Whoox, Price, Beale, May, Fort, Bielanski, Carroll, Tripp, Jackson, Shacklette, Edwards, Carr, Stevenson, Heine, Warner, Lord, Bassford, Fowler, De Land, Clifford, McMann, Handy, Mason, King, Williamson, Geddas, Graves, Miller, Moffit, West, Emory, Rozelle, Shives.

The team is captained by Bruce Bielanski, who last year played third base and pitcher. Clyde Kelly, who was manager last year, still holds that position, and is to be complimented upon

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