

Comiskey Wants American League to Aid Red Cross--Reds Are Easy Victims

A. L. WOULD HELP U. S. DURING WAR

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IS COMISKEY'S PROPOSAL Johnsonian Circuit Strong Supporter of Government--National Unenthusiastic.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 26.—If the United States finally becomes embroiled with Germany in war, the American League is preparing to contribute 10 per cent of its receipts to the American Red Cross. Charlie Comiskey, owner of the Chicago club, is responsible for this latest patriotic action.

Manager Griffith has received word from Chicago, asking if the Washington club will join in contributing 10 per cent of its income to the Red Cross fund, but he is unable to give any direct reply. He has turned over the query to President R. S. Minor. Doubtless some action will be taken by the club directors in the near future.

Directors Must Decide. "So far as I'm personally concerned," said Manager Griffith today, "it is a fine thing to do, and I am more than willing to join. However, unlike the Chicago club, which is wholly owned by Comiskey, the Washington club must have its directors decide this matter. I cannot say now what will be done."

The American League stands foremost among organized baseball leagues in supporting the Government in its efforts to prepare for coming eventualities. While the National League has been most backward in carrying out the military drill plan adopted by the league heads last winter, the American League clubs have gone ahead and have accomplished much. A prize of \$500 has been offered by Ban Johnson to the club winning in the big prize drill to be held in Chicago next summer, and the drillmaster of the winners will receive \$100 for himself.

Will Carry Drillmasters. The various clubs have agreed to carry their drillmasters all season, paying all expenses while at home and on the road, and it is expected that the daily drills will be held each day before the games. This is sure to be quite an item of expense for American League clubs, but they stand ready to bear the burden. If only the country will be benefited. Thus far the National League has done nothing but adopt resolutions of hearty support, but as for paying out hard money, Tomer's magnates have fish hooks in their pockets.

Manager Griffith, yielding to a request from the Memphis Business Men's Association, spent an hour or so yesterday inspecting a possible training camp site for his ball club in the vicinity of Memphis. He is anxious to obtain a big league team as a training attraction next spring and is especially desirous of getting the Griffins.

"The site for the camp is all right," said Griffith, "but I hardly think I'll shift from Augusta. I met such excellent conditions at Augusta that I'm going back again next year."

Thomas Has Tonsillitis. Although Claude Thomas, the lakky southpaw, is willing to take his turn on the mound whenever the Old Fox says the word, he is a sick chap, having picked up a pretty case of tonsillitis. Unless there is an early change for the better in his condition he will be of little use to the Griffins for the remainder of the trip. Thomas can swallow only with difficulty and this interferes with his training. Trainer Martin is caring for the pitcher, and has placed him on a soup diet.

To Remove Tonsils. When the team arrives in Washington, Thomas will have the offending tonsils removed. George McBride was the victim of hotel thieves in Memphis. Some one entered his room and took a pocketbook containing a small sum of money and four sixpence pins, at least two of which were valuable just before leaving yesterday. McBride found the rifled pocketbook, but was unable to obtain any satisfaction beyond that.

Old Dave Brown Staged A Wonderful Comeback

Former Golfing Champion Set Tongues Wagging By Performance Against Will Anderson in 1903.

NEW YORK, March 26.—That old saying about not being able to keep a good old man down is called to mind as a result of the reappearance of David Brown, the veteran golf professional, who won the open championship of Great Britain before Chick Evans was born. Brown's latest job is at Waterville, Me., where a new nine hole course has been laid out.

A book might be written about the vicissitudes of the irrepressible David, who has had his share of glory on both sides of the Atlantic. It was at Musselburgh in 1898, when a young man, that he won the open crown with a score of 137 for thirty-six holes. He was succeeded the following year by Willie Park, another Scot, now residing in this country.

Achieves Big Comeback. Upon coming to the States, Brown soon showed signs of rejuvenation, and it was in the open championship of 1903 at Baltusrol that he performed the star comeback act that set golfers talking the world over. At the end of the first day the late Will Anderson led the field with 149, whereas Brown was tied for sixth place with Findlay S. Douglas, the amateur, their scores being 156.

After the third round, which Brown did in 75 to Anderson's 76, the Musselburgh veteran was still six strokes behind the leader, so that it didn't look as if Brown had a chance. The vagaries of the game, however, were illustrated when Anderson hooked his iron shot to the woods at the short ninth, and took nine for the hole, which should have been made in three.

COLBY CALLS OFF BASEBALL VISITS

Other Colleges Expected to Cancel Southern Tours Owing to War.

College teams in this section of the country may be without the regular spring visitors from the North on baseball schedules in the event of a declaration of war.

Colby College, scheduled to appear here to play Catholic University on Wednesday, has sent a letter asking that the game be called off.

Faculty Objects. The faculty of Colby College, situated in Maine, has objected to the team taking a trip owing to the unsettled condition of affairs. Colby was scheduled to meet Princeton at Princeton, N. J., and has called off that game.

The first intimation that other colleges might cancel the spring games with Catholic University, Georgetown and Maryland State here, and other institutions farther South, was received today in the letter from Colby.

Colleges to Recruit. Harvard and Princeton men will be recruited in various units, it is reported, and academic activities stopped for preparation for war.

Harvard Falls, Holy Cross, Tufts, Boston College, Syracuse, and other leading institutions represented by baseball teams in the habit of touring the South during the Easter recess will probably call off all games with local colleges.

GRIFFITHS MAKE MONKEYS OF REDS

Shanks Goes to Third on Missed Third Strike--Johnson In Fine Fettle.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 26.—A few days' respite faces the Griffins now before again tangling themselves with Matty's Cincinnati Reds at Louisville Thursday and Friday. Two games are to be played here with the Volunteers, champions of the Southern League, and then comes an open date at Louisville before the Reds leave in sight for five straight contests, the last three in Cincinnati.

Thus far the weather has been all that could be desired by a ball club and everybody is pulling for a perfect day next Sunday. If the sun shines and the wind is in Walter Johnson's favor, he will attract some 10,000 fans in Redland. This will more than pay all the expenses of the present trip.

Resembled Bush Leaguers. More than 5,000 saw the Griffins make monkeys out of Christy Mathewson's Red Legs yesterday. There were times when the National Leaguers resembled bushers and the difference between the two clubs.

The most promising thing about the game was the apparent rising of the emergency by the Griffins. Playing against Southern League teams for two days, they looked only a little better than their opponents. Against a major league club they still seemed aged to look better, with a much wider margin.

Johnson Is In Form. Johnson gave one hit, a single by Chase, in the three frames he toiled and was immeasurably superior to Fred Toney, selected to oppose him. One mine batsman faced the Kansas Thunderbolt and the big crowd gave Johnson a loud welcome when he came to bat in the third.

Jim Shaw, too, was vastly improved over his last appearance. He had excellent speed, a fair curve, and good control. He passed two batters, but was never in serious trouble.

George Du Mont worked himself out warming up and lacked strength. However, he gave a good account of himself by Suto, which sent Griffith over with the Reds' lone tally in the ninth.

Nick Altrock Played. When the Griffins obtained a three-run lead in the third inning, removing much of the tenaciousness of the contest, Nick Altrock began playing around and soon owned the big crowd, which was straggling all over left and center fields. He showed most of his repertory of laugh makers and the crowd was sorry to see him leave the enclosure.

Shanks showed up the Reds badly in the seventh, when the third strike on him was a passed ball, rolling about fifteen feet to the stand. Catcher Hans were lost, and the ball fell, and he discovered that the use of it did not weaken his salary wing.

He also developed a foater which was surprisingly effective. Johnson's idea is to employ change of pace as much as possible this year. By mixing the foater and the spitter with his famous speeder he believes that he will obtain more successful results.

Johnson argues that a swift curve ball is more injurious than any other delivery. He also insists that enemy batters are more easily puzzled by a slow, straight ball delivered when it is least expected. Johnson is a side-arm pitcher, which means that the use of speed exclusively is a more severe strain on the shoulder than when an overhand delivery is employed.

Johnson will be thirty years old next November. This will be his eleventh year as a professional, and it is believed that he is anxious to save himself as much as possible.

McGraw Gets \$50,000. New Contract Is Good for Five Years. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 26.—President Hempstead, of the Giants, announced here yesterday that Manager John J. McGraw has signed a five-year contract calling for a salary of \$50,000 a year. Hempstead said: "McGraw is the highest-priced man in baseball, and he deserves to be. He has been with the Giants since 1902, and we hope to have him with the club so long as he remains in baseball."

Previous to signing the contract McGraw's salary was announced as \$30,000 a year.

YOUNGSTERS WIN. ATLANTA, Ga., March 26.—Bobby Jones and Perry Adair, boy golfers, of Atlanta, retrieved their defeat at the hands of Norman Maxwell and Ned Heall, of Philadelphia, at Pinehurst last week by trimming the latter over the Druid Hills links here yesterday, 3 up and 1, in 26 holes.

Don't Let Spring Debility Get You Firmly in Its Grasp. Purify Your Blood and Avoid "That Tired Feeling" So General Just Now.

Sleazy blood causes what is generally termed "Spring fever," that affects so many people just at this season, and everything seems all wrong to those whose system is not in perfect condition.

If you become tired easily; if your appetite is gone; if you feel from dizziness and a general "down and out" feeling seems to pervade your system, the cause is in your blood, and you will not feel right or enjoy perfect health until it has been cleansed of all impurities.

A few bottles of S. S. S., taken just at this season, will put your system in perfect condition, and enable you to withstand the hot summer season, with its dangerous ailments. S. S. S. is recognized as the standard blood purifier, and it has been on the market for more than fifty years. It is guaranteed purely vegetable, and contains nothing but juices from roots and herbs gathered from the forests.

S. S. S. promptly cleanses the blood of all impurities, improves the appetite, gives renewed strength and energy, and a few bottles taken now will revitalize the entire body and put it in tip-top shape. It is sold by drug stores everywhere. You can obtain a valuable and interesting booklet by addressing Swift Specific Co., 74 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.—Advt.

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

Walter Camp, leading football authority for many years, has issued a call for former athletes between the ages of forty-five and sixty. Camp will put his men through a course of physical training, and will offer them as the Internal Defense League for home guarding purposes. Camp's idea is a good one, as the usual Camp ideas are. Others are expected to follow the movement all over the country.

It develops now that the Eastern team in the East vs. West matches at Los Angeles recently asked that appeals during the progress of a match be abolished. The California paper which recounts this happening relates that the spectators chafed under this curb to their enthusiasm, but held rigidly to the request of the Easterners, even though such a custom had never before prevailed on the coast. The majority of the matches were therefore played in a dead calm, the only enthusiasm breaking forth when the actual decision had been reached.

There is a lively controversy progressing between the National and American leagues over the services of Branch Rickey, business manager of the players, but this is the first time that the organizations have had a falling out over a business manager. Rickey was recently elected president of the newly organized St. Louis National League club, and now Phil Hall and Ban Johnson, of the American League, threaten to get out an injunction restraining Rickey from leaving his position as business manager of the St. Louis Browns. That's the gist of the matter if you are interested.

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others are expected to follow suit. The fact that Princeton and Harvard are getting ready to cut out all athletic activities means that their baseball schedules through this section will be canceled.

May the gods of racing forgive Edmund Blanc, or whoever was responsible for naming the Joseph E. Widener two-year-olds, for nobody else will. Here are some of them: L'Infermier and L'Infermiere, the one a colt and the other a filly, distinguished only by the final "e."

There is a way out. The names can be published in bold letters on the program and translated into small letters in English. For example, Jusqu' au Bout (Until the End) or Ciel de Fer (Iron Key). Better yet, perhaps, a glossary could be added to each program.

It will cost Mr. Widener a fee of \$100 for each horse to change the names under Rule 88 of the Rules of Racing. Before March 1 he could have changed the names without permission of the stewards with a fee of only \$10 for each horse. Evidently he likes the names, so that he too will be hard to forgive.

When Norman Ross and Teddy Cann take the water in the pool of the New York Athletic Club tomorrow night for the 200-yard national championship swim, the world's record of 2:21 2-5, now held by Ross, although it has not yet been formally accepted, may be shattered. Record or no record, however, the race should be one of the best in the history of swimming, and those fortunate enough to see it can count themselves privileged. Pity is that Herbert Vollmer is not in condition to meet his leading rivals.

Harvard Is In Line. The members of the Harvard athletic committee will meet this week to consider the fate of organized sport at the university in the event of war. While it has been generally understood right along at Cambridge that the members of the different sporting teams would be the first to take up arms in the event of hostilities, the impression was that interference would not be necessary, so long as the members of the team fulfilled their military duties faithfully.

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Agriculture—Interebureau—Entomology vs. States Relations, at Casino.

Navy Yard—East vs. Slight, at Capitol Hill.

Interstate—Homers vs. Statistics, at Arcade.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing—Cubs vs. Reds, at Rathskeller.

COLLEGES PROMPT TO FOLLOW COLORS

Princeton and Harvard Make Ready for Action Following War Declaration.

Decisions reached by the leading golf and tennis bodies in this country to curtail and possibly call off programs in the event of war, have prompted two of the great universities to announce their intention of stopping all athletic activities upon the declaration of hostilities. Others are expected to follow suit.

Dean Howard McClenahan, chairman of the board of athletic control, has been authorized by the board to terminate athletic activities here whenever such action seems necessary to him because of a declaration of war or a serious national emergency.

Will Not Close Doors. The action has been taken in order to allow all the time possible to the undergraduates who are undergoing military training. It is not the intention of the authorities to close the university immediately if a national emergency arises, but class room requirements will be lightened somewhat and all available time will be given up to military training.

About 900 undergraduates are now drilling in the unit, which will probably be made a reserve officers' training corps within a few days, and the majority of the other students are in some other branch of the service, such as the naval reserve, or the airplane corps.

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POCKET BILLIARD MARK IS MOORE'S

Ran 85 Balls in Match With New England Title Claimant. To Play Sherman.

When Frank Sherman and Tom Moore meet at the Grand Central, April 5 in a pocket billiard exhibition match, two of the greatest exponents of this game that ever played in Washington will be seen together.

Frank Sherman is twice winner of the world's championship. He robbed him of much of his skill after losing the title, but he still is considered the peer of all cueists in this city.

It is believed by some that Tom Moore can give the former title-holder a good run for his money. He has a district record for balls run in succession. In a match played more than a decade ago with a fellow who claimed the championship of New England, Moore ran eighty-five balls. In practice at the Grand Central Saturday night, he ran 46 and missed an easy shot on the forty-seventh ball.

Moore was without a peer in this city, barring Sherman, about ten or twelve years ago. He dropped the game almost entirely and only this season has taken it up again earnestly. Last year he defeated Wallace, the present District champion, on two occasions.

Moore seems to have "recovered his eye." In practice at the Grand Central he has performed wonders with the cue ball. It is claimed by Mike Scanlon, Washington's veteran billiard proprietor, that Moore has the greatest control of the cue ball of any player that ever performed on a local table.

SCHEDULE RATIFIED

Y. M. H. A. Federation Will Play Twelve Games This Year. A twelve-game schedule arranged for Washington, Baltimore, Richmond and Norfolk baseball teams of the Middle Atlantic States' Federation of the Young Men's Hebrew Association was ratified at a meeting of the federation executive committee, held in the Y. M. H. A. yesterday.

Washington will play its first game at Richmond on Sunday, May 6. Harry Shalin is playing manager of the local team, has also scheduled games with Y. M. H. A. teams in New York and Philadelphia.

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SCHOOLS WILL GET ACTION ON TRACK

Business and Western Engage in a Dual Meet--Other Schoolboy Gossip.

Western and Business will meet tomorrow afternoon in the first dual meet of the year. It will be the first participation of the Business lads as a track team for a number of years.

Coch White has begun to develop track athletics at Business, and has had several tryouts during the season. Western is composed of inexperienced youngsters for the most part.

The engagement will start at 3 o'clock. There will be a 50, 220, quarter mile, 880, a high jump, broad jump, and pole vault. The schools may run a half mile relay race.

The meet is more or less an informal affair. George F. Greer, athletic director at Tom's School, will be the starter.

No less than five applications have been received for positions as umpire for the annual high school baseball series which starts April 20. James Y. Hughes, William Handibos, Richard Woodward, H. H. Falconer, and J. J. McGraw have put in a bid for the games.

St. Albans and Business are scheduled to meet in baseball tomorrow, according to the Business dates. Central and the Georgetown Preps are on the cards for Wednesday. There is a bid of interest in the coming Prep-Central battle.

Eight veterans from last year's team will probably be seen in action in the Gonzaga-Eastern game. Ford and Wilson, pitchers; Sullivan, catcher; Greene, Duffy, and Dyer, infield, and Ring and Power, outfielders, are holdovers from last year's Gonzaga team.

Baltimore will stage a public school athletic meet Saturday night at the Fifth Regiment Armory at which it is estimated 1,800 athletes will take part.

Washington City Tempin—Agriculture vs. Commissioners, at Royal.

Lots of Men Will Be In Quarantine on Easter

They'll be the fellows in "ready-mades"—but they won't be "in it" with the crowd. Might as well be in jail for all the chance they'll have to compete with custom-tailored men. And Easter is the dress-up time of the year. It won't cost you a cent more to shine in a custom-tailored suit than it will to flicker in a ready-made. We'll make for you at—

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