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PIRATES HAVE GRAND CHANCE TO GET AWAY WITH 1914 PENNANT

By CHRISTY MATHEWSON, Star Pitcher of the Giants

The lobby of the Waldorf hotel in New York has never been looked upon or advertised as a dressing room, but the uniforms of a great many ball players have been changed there from time to time. Some lightning shifts were accomplished during the fall end of the National league meeting week, and the big trades and sales, which included the Pittsburg, St. Louis, Cincinnati, New York and Brooklyn clubs, have changed the whole complexion of the league, according to my judgment.

Fred Clarke showed that he is a very shrewd manager by his deal with St. Louis, coming to the Giants. Most ball players in Harmon, Konetchy and Mowrey for five men whose loss will not be severely felt. Jack Miller is a good ball player, but as a first baseman he does not rank with Konetchy. Wilson has been a fine outfielder, but he is getting along in years, and he has not been hitting as well as he did three or four years ago. "Rube" Robinson is a good pitcher, and he is the greatest loss to the Pirates of any of the five. Butler is young and has had a chance to show, but he may grow into a star, but he has not displayed any vivid indications so far, according to my ideas of a ball player. "Cosey" Dolan has "pep" and he works hard—and that lets him out.

The trade Clarke made may give Pittsburg the pennant next year, and I am going to try to show my readers why. Frequently one deal will make a ball club if some apparent gap can be plugged up by it. For years Clarke has been searching for a capable first baseman, and has tried out various candidates, but the one who has been highly recommended, but which has failed to make good. In Konetchy he has a great first baseman, and one who has established himself as a first class big leaguer. McGraw will be very much disappointed that he did not get Konetchy when he hears about the deal, because he has been after the big first baseman for a long time.

It was well known last summer that Konetchy was dissatisfied with conditions in St. Louis, and that he did not get along with Miller Huggins. As a matter of fact, he told some of the New York players as much, and McGraw tried to make a trade. Huggins was sore at the way Konetchy had been acting and refused all offers. He thought the big first baseman was "lying down" and "dogging" it. I don't believe so. He is not that kind.

"He is going to finish the season out with me," said Huggins, snapping his jaw when McGraw approached him on a trade. Miller is very determined, and like many men small in stature, is always expecting somebody to try to put something over on him and looking out for it. Konetchy finished the season with St. Louis.

GRAND CHANCE FOR KONETCHY

Konetchy will be glad to go to Pittsburg, but I do not doubt that he would rather have come to New York. Most ball players on teams out through the country cast longing eyes at the Giants, because they feel that it is altogether desirable to play in the big town, and then, too, the notion prevails that a man has a better chance of cutting in on the world's series coin with McGraw. I guess they are right, at that.

I know I have had ball players on various clubs remark to me: "Did you hear that McGraw is trading the Giants? Is there anything in it?" Even Ty Cobb said to me once: "I would like to have played in New York under McGraw. I believe I would have made a great record."

But, as I have said, Konetchy has a grand chance to cut in on the world's series in Pittsburg next year. He is bound to play better ball with the Pirates, where he will be with a winner, and so have a lot of ambition, than he did in St. Louis. Also, as I have said, there is the added stimulus that he has a grand chance to dig into the world's series money.

Harmon will be a wonderful pitcher under Clarke, because he has the "stuff" and the nerve; but he, too, was dissatisfied with conditions in St. Louis last summer. Both Harmon and Salee were constantly complaining. To my mind, Clarke has strengthened both his infield and his pitching staff by the trade. He made a wise move when he insisted on Mike Mowrey, because he grabbed a good ball player in him and a fighter. He is a fine third baseman, and practically a youngster yet, with experience and confidence. I think he will play as good ball as Bobby Byrne, and Bobby was getting old when Clarke let him go. He far excels "Cosey" Dolan as a third sacker.

MUCH DEPENDS ON WAGNER

The tough question which confronts Clarke next season is to keep the Dutchman going for another year. If Wagner will just hold up, the Pirates will have a great infield. I understand that Wagner is taking excellent care of himself this winter, with the idea that he will wind up his career in a burst of glory. He has a notion now that he will quit after next season, but that notion, of course, will wear off, and he will quit only when there is no more room for him.

If Wagner can hold up through the summer, Clarke will carry into the race a great chance to cop the pennant. The Dutchman has been forced to lay off for the last couple of seasons at various times on account of his legs, but you can be sure that old Honus will take good care of those legs this year. The Pirates had another magnificent pitching staff on paper this year, and it should whirl them along at a great rate if the twirlers come around into condition in the spring before the other teams crowd the Clarke club away back in the race, as has been the case for the last few years.

Yes, sir, I think Clarke showed himself to be a regular David Harum in that swap with Huggins, and I believe the Pirates will bear a lot of watching next season. The Pittsburg deal will act like a tonic on the men Clarke got, and the St. Louis climate is liable to have the reverse effect on the five who go to the Cardinals. Do you blame them?

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Chip Slips Over Another Knockout on Klaus

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—For the second time within two months George Chip knocked out Frank Klaus this evening. Chip finished his man with a series of rights and lefts to the jaw in the fifth round, and every fan who witnessed the bout gave the new comer full credit for the great victory, which he won with his hard wallop.

It is now likely that Chip will be regarded as the middle weight champion of the world, for he has twice accomplished what all the other 135 pounders have failed at. The way in which he handled himself tonight shows that he is a wonderful fighter, with plenty of nerve and stamina, and he knows how to deliver a knockout wallop.

Murphy Discovers a New Box Marvel in Cincinnati Recruit

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—I have been visiting with my new pitcher, Harvey Uterch, the Cincinnati high school boy," said President Charles W. Murphy, who has just signed the young man to a one-year contract. "He seems to be a fine youngster, with a good head and arm, and I think he will be a business engagement in this city. He seems to be a fine youngster, with a good head and arm, and I think he will be a business engagement in this city. He seems to be a fine youngster, with a good head and arm, and I think he will be a business engagement in this city."

A Good Game for the Holidays :: :: By Tad



HOWARD IS SURE TO GET TWO STARS FROM CHICAGO NATIONALS

By JOE MURPHY

Howard plans to use Wilhoit, the young outfielder who played last season in the California league, as an extra outfielder this season with the Venice club. Carlisle, Kane and Bayless will be the regulars. Hap declares that as soon as he lands another infielder he will have his entire team for next season. Hap has two deals pending for an infielder.

The Federal league has one commendable rule which it is following. It will not dicker with a player who has signed a contract to play with another club, but it will not recognize the reserve clause.

San Francisco must be some baseball town. The Indianapolis club of the American association was recently sold for \$175,000. James C. McCall, Jr. is a class AA league team, rated the same as the San Francisco club. Recently an effort was made to purchase the local club, J. Cal Ewing put a price of \$400,000 on the Seals. Ewing had nothing to give but the players and the franchise.

The baseball world was astounded when Charley Ebbets of the Brooklyn baseball club paid \$25,000 for Joe Tinker, the shortstop. Still, there is not an owner or manager in the big league who does not think that Tinker is worth the price. Manager Chance of the New York Yankees declared that he is willing to give Ebbets a \$5,000 bonus for his bargain.

Pitcher John Raleigh, one of the oldest members of the Venice club, has been sold to the Vancouver club of the Northwestern league. Raleigh's work with the Tigers hardly came up to the standard last season. At last he pitched a gilt edge ball, but he is a frail fellow and he must not be worked more than once a week. When Raleigh started off with Venice some years ago he looked like a star. He was given a chance in the big brush, going to the St. Louis Nationals. The weather was too warm for him. In the east and he could not stand the strain. He was then turned back to Venice, where he pitched good ball for several seasons.

OLYMPIANS PLAN BIG INDOOR TOURNEY

The Olympic club will hold its annual meet at the Auditorium on the night of February 20. The club will apply to the Pacific association for the privilege of holding at least a portion of the local indoor championship events.

At the meeting of the new athletic committee of the club last night a program of events was drawn up for the entire season, which includes two boxing and two wrestling tournaments, track and field work and swimming, as well as bowling and a cross country hike.

The program as outlined by the athletic committee is a good one, and the club intends to get into the game stronger than it has for many years past. In the program drawn up the club will ask for sanctions for conducting the swimming championships on October 16, and the track and field championships September 9.

Both these big championship events will be applied for to the Pacific association championship committee, and with the club handling the affairs their success is assured.

MUCH ACTION ASSURED

The club intends to go into track and field work with renewed efforts, and will hold the indoor meet and applying for the Pacific association championships in September. The committee has also decided to revive the old annual indoor meet on July 4.

For many years the club held a track and field meet on July 4, which attracted all the best college and club athletes, and proposed revival of this meet will be hailed with delight by the local colony of athletes.

The indoor track meet February 20 promises to bring together all the best athletes under the jurisdiction of the Pacific association. The club will apply for sanction for holding the following championship events: 75 yards, 300 yards, 1,000 yards and 2 miles in the track events; the 70 yard hurdles and the 56 pound weight for height event as well.

Besides the above championship events there will be other events as follows: High jump, pole vault, 16 pound shotput and open relay race.

Will Ask the Mayor To Prolong Life of The Athletic Body

The fight for the life of the Public Schools Athletic league will be renewed today, when a committee from the league will wait on Mayor Rolph and place the situation before him.

Owing to the mayor's absence from the city there has been no chance up to the present to place the matter before the chief executive, but the fight will be carried to the mayor's office today by Thomas F. Boyle, president of the league, and Judge Thomas F. Graham, one of the directors of the league.

At the present time the board of education is resting on its oars and awaiting developments. The matter was put over by the board until the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday. The league officials, however, are in hopes that the mayor will take a hand in the fight and that it will be all adjusted before the board meets again.

Copland Named Olympic Trainer

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—All doubt as to the selection of Al Copland to train the Austrian athletes for the Olympic games of 1916 was dispelled yesterday by the receipt of a cablegram by James E. Sullivan, secretary and treasurer of the A. A. U., from the Austrian Olympic committee. The cable stated that the selection of Copland had been ratified and he would be in entire charge of the conditioning of the Austrians for the Berlin meet.

Levinsky Looms Up Like Makings of a Champ

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—If Battling Levinsky weighed 190 pounds instead of 170 ring followers who saw him trim Jim Coffey Monday night say that he would soon win the white heavy weight title. Levinsky strips in superb condition. He has sturdy legs, a deep chest, powerful arms and back and he possesses a good idea of the boxing game.

Dan Morgan, his manager, is planning to take him to California after the New Year in search of a match with either Bob McAllister or Jimmy Clab. Levinsky will tackle Jack Driscoll at the Irving Athletic club in Brooklyn tomorrow afternoon.

GRIDIRON TITLE HANGS IN THE BALANCE

Football fans will be on hand Sunday for the final game of the city championship between the Brooklyn and Yosemite elevens. Interest in the game is keen in American odd circles, and the fact that the Brooklyn will have a considerably altered lineup is causing all sorts of predictions on the outcome of the contest.

Harry Platley, who has usually played the quarterback berth, has been moved to one of the ends, and his work in that position last Sunday has stamped him as surely for the position in every game that the Brooklyn has yet to play.

Ben Schroder will go into the game in place of Gilbert at left tackle, the other tackle berth being taken by Mehrens. McLaughlin has been moved from the right tackle in place of Mehrens, and will play center in Sunday's game.

HOGAN IN LINEUP

The appearance of Hogan, the former University of Pennsylvania halfback, is being eagerly awaited by the fans. Hogan is said to be a wonder in his position, and with the addition of this player and the general shake-up in the team, the Brooklyn supporters are feeling confident of success in the coming game.

Eastman, Brown and Bacon are the other halfbacks, and it is possible that they will all be used at some period of the game.

The Yosemite team will have about the same players that have represented the club in the early season games. Isaacs, one of the best full-

Courses Are Named For the Candidates To Defend the Cup

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—All the rival races to select a defender of the America's cup will be held either in Long Island or Block Island sounds. This means that the three cup boats that are to battle for the honor of racing against Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV will not be seen all next summer farther east than Her and Chickens light vessel, at the entrance to Vineyard sound, near New York waters than City Island.

This course has been agreed on by the owners and designers of all three yachts, in spite of urgent invitations from eastern yachtsmen to make Marblehead a base for some of the contests.

All the yacht clubs on Long Island sound hope to get a share of the races between the trio of big cup boats, and as prizes will be really no inducement for them every effort will be bent to arrange races on convenient dates and schedules that will not conflict with one another.

Yale Eleven Likely To Meet Notre Dame

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A football game between Yale and Notre Dame next fall is a probability, according to reports in college circles here tonight. Yale's tentative schedule for 1914 contains a date for Notre Dame at New Haven on October 17, it is stated, and the Indiana university, it is understood, probably will accept.

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Mordecai Brown Is At Work on Million Dollar Pitching Arm

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—In the hope of playing on the Princeton baseball team several years hence, Fowler McCormick, grandson of John D. Rockefeller and son of Harold F. McCormick of this city, is studying the art of pitching curves, during his Christmas vacation. Mordecai Brown, major league baseball pitcher, is his instructor.

Young McCormick attends school at Groton, Mass., and expects to enter Princeton. He began his training last winter, and according to Brown, is making fast strides in mastering curves.

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