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The Times' Complete Sport Page

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The Judge Oughta Know

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MIKE MENOSKY IS NOW RETURNING; STEEL LEAGUE BLOWS UP IN ROAR

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Mike Menosky, agile outfielder par excellence, will be on the job when the curtain rolls up at Georgia avenue on April 23. That's the glad-some tidings waited overseas to Clark Griffith today, straight from Chaumont, General Pershing's headquarters.

"Am starting home," reads Menosky's cablegram. Then the Old Fox walked twice around his palatial office, opened a box of fresh cigars—read the cablegram over again. It was great stuff.

"That means that my outfield is fixed for 1919," chirped Griff, "even if I don't get Robertson. Menosky was just beginning to show his real class when the army grabbed him. Oh, boy, it'll be good to see him leaning up against the pill again."

What'll Jimmy Do? That loud noise heard about 7 o'clock this morning rolling all around the horizon was the explosion of the Steel League. The corporation has laid off some 25,000 men in South Bethlehem. It is said, and has issued a statement to the effect that "amateur sports are to be encouraged, but the steel business does not warrant the maintenance of a semi-professional league."

Left holding the bag, in characteristic fashion, is one J. Grunting Shaw, an American League pitcher, the property of the Washington club. He failed to read the signs when other major leaguers were skipping back to organized baseball, but insisted on receiving as part of his salary Harry Rapley's diamond ring, Clark Griffith's check book and Jackie Leitch's croix de guerre.

It will be interesting now to see how long Shaw will refrain from surrendering. It may be said without much worry that he will accept the club's terms and report at Augusta within a few days.

Babe Ruth in Line. Another tempest in a teapot ended yesterday with the signing of Babe Ruth, the "Tarzan of baseball." He is already on his way to Tampa, Fla., to begin training. He is said to have signed a three-year contract for a total of \$27,000.

According to Ruth, and no denial has come from Frazee, he was first offered \$5,000. Then Ed Harrow spoke about a typographical error and increased it to \$7,000. Ruth immediately demanded \$15,000 for one year or \$30,000 for three years. He and Frazee finally compromised yesterday on a \$9,000 salary for three years.

Joe Bush, however, has returned unassigned to his home in Philadelphia after a conference with Frazee in New York. He says he was cut down from last year and then raised to the same amount. He wants a raise. Pretty tough, but no Steel League in sight this year.

Shotton Gets Gate. Attorney Eben Shotton has been sent to the St. Louis Cardinals. Branch Rickey being the one and only major league leader declining to waive on him. Judging from his showing here last season, Shotton won't survive the first hot spell in St. Louis.

Tonight the Old Fox takes the remainder of his then to Augusta, hard work beginning at 9:30 Monday morning. With Griff will go Walter Johnson, Foster, McBride, Judge, Shanks, Shannon, and Brown. "Big Ed" Sweeney, former Yankee catcher, who has played splendid ball for Toledo for two years, has been graded to the Pittsburgh Pirates for Gus Getz and Warner, infielders. Last year Sweeney was in France as a sergeant in the infantry.

LAVAN'S INJURY MAY BE HARMFUL TO BIG TRADE

Manager Griffith showed considerable interest today in the story that Johnny Lavan has suffered a broken leg while playing ball with a navy team against a marine outfit in Cuba. If Lavan is so seriously injured as to be unable to play this season, the big deal involving Dovey Robertson may fall through. Lavan simply will not play again with the Washington club. Accordingly, Griff hoped to use him to get Robertson out of the National League.

GERMAIN STILL LEADS. Germann leads in the District billiard tournament play, with twelve wins and none lost.

LOOKING 'EM OVER

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Eight cities, Rome, Antwerp, Stockholm, Buenos Aires, Paris, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Havana are in the running for the next Olympic games, no matter when they may be held. The most sensible suggestion comes from the Belgians that they be staged in 1921 in Antwerp. This great seaport would be immediately accessible to Sweden, Norway, England, France, and Italy, something to be considered from a matter of expenses in these reconstruction days following the great war. Geographical location alone would eliminate Buenos Aires, Havana, Philadelphia, and Cleveland. Even if the games are not held until 1921, it is doubtful if any European athletes would be able to make the long trip across the Atlantic ocean.

No matter where the games are held, it is more than likely that Germany, Austria, and Hungary will not be represented, more especially if Antwerp gets the meet. A boche will be but a boche to a Belgian for years and years, and yea, while few Frenchmen would care to compete in friendly athletics against the boches so soon as 1921. Sweden and America will be able to put their full strength into the next Olympics. The former stayed out of the great war, the latter entered so late that it lost few first class athletes. Canada, France, Italy, and England have been hit hard, many thousands of their best young men falling on the battlefield. If Stockholm obtains the meet, German athletes may enter, offering an interesting situation. Will they be opposed by any belonging to the allies?

Filings Wicked Fingers. Jimmy Isaminger filings wicked fingers when he sits down to his typewriter to dig out junk for his sport page in the Philadelphia North American, as these extracts indicate: "Of the twenty-three men signed by the Phils, Luderus, Whitted, Cravath and Oeschger, are ball players." "Jack Coombs' Charlotte Russes will probably be the favorite food in the National League pantry next season."

That \$900,000 Melon. Next Monday in Justice Stafford's court a bunch of money-hungry gentlemen from Baltimore will begin their task of proving that the Federal League would have netted them \$900,000 but for the insidious wickedness of organized baseball. If they succeed in their task, under the Clayton law they will be entitled to three times the damage, or \$900,000.

Lovers of baseball everywhere will sincerely hope and trust that the Baltimore gentlemen fail. If they win their contention, and organized baseball is compelled to pay, the major leagues will pass out of existence. Both big leagues together could not afford a tax of \$900,000. Betting men are willing to give heavy odds that the Baltimore gentlemen will return home sadder, but wiser.

They're Off Tonight. Tonight, Clark Griffith takes the remainder of his Washington baseball squad to Augusta. They will be gone about three weeks, returning to play a few exhibition games before facing the league opponents in championship games. We make no pretense of picking the place in which they may land at the end of the season. The American League is much changed since 1918, the Griffmen being pretty much like their rivals in this respect. The addition of Sam Rice should mean and hits around 300, the Griffmen should win many games they otherwise should lose. But where they'll land, winning points is pretty much a matter of luck. This is a haphazard expression, but true nevertheless. If they have luck, the Griffmen may land, what's that you say? Yes, your guess is as good as ours.

Will It Be a "Bloomer?" Will the newly organized South Atlantic Intercollegiate Athletic Association prove only a "bloomer?" That's the outlook right now, anyway. In Richmond the members of the

association agreed to arrange no athletic contests with Virginia, all being one in the belief that Virginia entered only such events as seemed certain victories. A few weeks pass, and Mr. Maryland State, whose athletic director is president of the S. A. I. A. A., books a football game at Charlottesville. V. P. L. naturally wants to know what it all means. The reported reply is that as soon as Georgetown and Catholic University book contests between each other, Virginia will be dropped. Being members of the association, G. U. and C. U. should meet, but just what that has to do with Virginia is difficult of perception.

Right now the S. A. I. A. A. looks like a "bloomer," deserving of no further backing of publicity. The weather will only hold out until the training season closes, and everything indicates that spring is here to stay, trees budding and fruit trees blooming. The Griffmen will hit the road on the 1919 pennant handicap in the best condition of any team that has ever represented the Capital city.

The squad is now conditioned sufficiently to put some little steam into the workouts and things are going with a vim. The Davis, the Western League star, who Clark Griffith picked up on the berth machine vacant by Lavan's determination to remain in the medical corps of the navy, is a veritable find. He is a demon at the bat as well as being a remarkable fielder. Unless he blows up with stage fright before a big league crowd, his success with the Nationals is assured. Among the fans who have been daily watching the Nationals practice is Ty Cobb. Cobb has not as yet completed arrangements for playing with Detroit, and, in fact, has made no preparations at all for taking the training trip with the "Tigers" at Macon, Ga. Instead he is getting in condition with the Nationals on the same diamond upon which he first broke into professional baseball.

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Penny Ante THE FINAL HAND. By Jean Knott



GRIFFS SPEED UP IN DAILY WORKOUT

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 22.—Before a goodly number of fans, the Griffmen, which Nick Altrock and Mike Martin have in hand down here in Dixie, are making remarkable effective work of their training season, and are making such rapid headway that Clark Griffith and the rest of the team is scheduled to arrive in camp tomorrow, will be forced to put on an extra burst of speed in order to be able to hold the advance squad when condition is taken into consideration.

Never was weather for a training season so delightful as that which has accompanied the practice periods of the Nationals this year at Warren Park. It is exceptional weather for the time of year, even for Augusta, and Mick and Nick are taking full advantage of it.

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BASEBALL BRIEFS FOR YOU

In the party going to Gainesville, Fla., where the New York Giants will train this spring, are several actors and politicians. They will all be around for the season passes later.

Jimmy Hickman, the Brooklyn outfielder, has been delayed in starting for Jacksonville by a mild attack of the "flu."

Though the diamond at West Baden, Ind., is under water, the Pirates will take a chance and report there for practice next week. At first it was thought they would have to pick some other site.

Mayor Filbert, who might be said to be a "baseball nut," is working hard to land Reading, Pa., in the International League circuit.

Derrill Pratt is receiving the sympathies of his fellow-diamond chatters these days. He has given up a steady job at \$4,500 as an engineer in the Bethlehem Steel Company to "save the Yankees." It's remarkable what generous men ball players are!

The New York Yankees have finally waived claim to Charlie Herzog, or rather quit trying to pay him \$10,000. Herzog should have no trouble finding a major league berth, but not at \$10,000.

Connie Mack's 1919 squad will go south to Shibe Park, Monday, for their spring training. Stoves have been placed around the field to provide Dixie temperature, while palm trees planted in the outfield will add to the likeness.

Two young catchers are to receive big league trials this year because of what they did on army teams last summer. Benny Kauff has got a trial for Frank Polard, who caught for his team at Camp Sherman, and Bill James has done the same for Murphy, his army backstop.

PLAY AT NEWPORT AGAIN. NEW YORK, March 22.—The executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association has today set the date for more than 200 club tournaments, following its annual meeting here. It was announced by the committee that the Casino tennis program at Newport will be resumed today after a lapse of two seasons. Dates for the tournaments fixed by the committees are to be announced later.

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FOR EACH DAY OUT THEY'LL LOSE COIN

COLUMBUS, Ga., March 22.—George Washington Grant, the new owner of the Braves, is rightly named. He will stand for no fooling from any of his players, not even Buck Herzog, the "Cantaloupe King."

On his arrival here, Grant was surprised to find that neither Herzog nor "Red" Smith had reported. Both had been ordered to be here on Thursday, March 20. Immediately, through Manager Stallings, President Grant issued his ultimatum.

"For each day that they delay reporting, they'll be docked a day's pay," reads the ultimatum. "The war is over. The soonest way for baseball players to learn what the public thinks of them is to talk."

Herzog's contract has another year to run and he has refused to report unless assured that he will be retained for the whole season. He has been refused this assurance. Smith refuses to sign the contract tendered him.

May Name Ray Van Orman Coach to Follow Sharpe

ITHACA, N. Y., March 22.—Ray Van Orman, who has assisted Dr. Al Sharpe in coaching Cornell's football squads since 1912, is likely to succeed Sharpe as head coach for next fall. He declines to discuss the matter, but the alumni are rallying behind his candidacy.

Van Orman graduated in 1908, playing end on three varsity teams, two of which were coached by Glenn Warner. He coached the ends in 1911 under Dan Reed and remained when Sharpe took charge. He is considered one of the best end coaches in the country.

JAY GOULD TO PLAY. PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—Jay Gould, world's court tennis champion, announced today he was ready to defend his title, now that the war is over.

TOM LIPTON COMING. NEW YORK, March 22.—Officials of the New York Yacht Club were informed today that Sir Thomas Lipton is en route to this country on the Aquitania to arrange for next year's cup race. He is due here next week.

BAKER IS FAST. Baker, of Episcopal, is one of the fastest sprinters in the scholastic action of Virginia, according to Alexandria men, who expect great things of him this spring.

BOARD RULE MAY CHANGE ALL SCHOLASTIC DATES

A recent ruling of the Board of Education in regard to lengthening the Easter vacation will necessitate another change in the schedules of five high school teams here. Some time ago the baseball dates were gotten out with the idea that the holiday would be curtailed. The ruling causes three of the games as scheduled at present to fall in the holiday period.

It is expected that the high school advisers will speedily amend the schedule to make it conform to the board ruling. In addition it is pointed out that the proposed trips to Philadelphia, which include participation in the Penn relay carnival, will be affected somewhat by the holidays.

Central, Western, Business, Technical, and Eastern have already dated up from fifteen to twenty odd games for the baseball schedule. The lengthening of the Easter holiday will probably mean that the games will either be switched two weeks later or entirely changed.

It is almost out of the question to begin all over to list baseball games, as all correspondences, contracts, and other arrangements will be seriously altered.

The advisers will probably find a solution at a meeting to be held shortly.

Georgetown athletes as well as those of Central, Western, and Tech hope to show the Baltimore lads something tonight in the big Second Regiment games in the army in the Monumental City.

The Hilltoppers will send twelve to the Baltimore meet. Western will have ten, Technical six and Central five in action. Episcopal High School is making a bid with nine athletes.

With one or two exceptions practically all of the Washington lads are inexperienced. Few have attained any prominence in either collegiate or scholastic circles in track games.

There will be 544 entries for the big meet tonight and more than seventy-five events. The meet is the only one of any prominence south of New York this winter, and has attracted a bunch of metropolitan stars.

Events for service men will be plentifully sprinkled through the program. The collegiate, open and scholastic races as well as the relay events are expected to bring the meet up to the usual high standard.

Fifty athletes at Western High School got busy yesterday in the first of a series of weekly track meets. The competition was good, and the meet was a success in that all classes of athletes in the school were represented.

Hamilton Wright, of the sophomore class, was the only dual winner. Wright went in the intermediate class and won the high jump and then entered the senior class, and after a five-foot leap, won that.

60-yard junior—Won by McKelway; second, Sandoz; third, Brady. 60-yard intermediate—Won by Johnston; second, Griffith; third, Fountain.

60-yard senior—Won by Altman; second, A. Reese; third, Manson. 440-yard run—Won by Harriman; second, Fountain; third, Cotton.

High jump (junior)—Won by Lynn; second, E. Glasgow; third, Phinney. Height, 4 feet 3 inches. High jump (intermediate)—Won by Wright; second, Foster; third, Burroughs. Height, 4 feet 5 inches.

High jump (senior)—Won by Wright; second, Powell; third, tie, Reinde and Stuart. Height, 5 feet.

Relay race—Won by sophomores (Johnston, Griffith, Finucane and Myers). Juniors disqualified for failure to touch off.

Tech and Business got in a short practice game yesterday. When the casualty list was carefully compiled it was noted that Business had counted 16 runs to 9 for Tech. The players were all a little awed. It was almost their first attempt of the season.

"GAYETY" HAMEL LANDS BERTH AT NEWPORT NEWS

Joe Hamel, known to Washington's sailing clan as "Gayety," Hamel, has landed a berth with the Newport News club in the Virginia league. He has been ordered to report April 22.

Manager Roy Whitcraft. Hamel has had a couple of years' experience with the Blue Ridge league, twirling for the championship Cumberland club last year, and feels sure he will make good at Newport News.

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What Every Woman Wants?

FRICKWELL WINS RACE. Skating a mile in 4:32 earned first place for Frickwell in the free for all at the Coliseum last night. Dorsey did 3:32 in the special match race, and Billy Whiting won the two-mile event in 8:35.