

MOBILE BEARS SEEKING A PILOT

Since Pat Flaherty Went to Louisville They've Been Up in the Air.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 20.—The subscribers to the fund that saved the Mobile franchise of the Southern Association from going to Macon, Ga., met here Friday night and organized a committee of five members to plan a reorganization, recommend officers and a manager. Edward J. Higgins, chairman, William H. Reynolds, Asbel Hubbard, H. M. Weisacker and W. J. Corville were named as the committee. This committee will also collect the remainder of the fund planned to operate the club. The sum of \$12,000 has already been subscribed and \$20,000 is needed to operate the machine in the 1919 season.

Who will be the manager of the team is unknown at this time. Pat Flaherty was wanted again as manager, but he decided to sign with the Louisville American association club. Edward J. Higgins is talked of for president of the club. He is a former major league player and has considerable experience and has had an active part in the work of reorganizing the club.

Help New Owners. A. L. Staples, H. T. Inge, G. M. Luce and T. K. Jackson, who hold the old franchise until the money is paid over to them, have subscribed \$1,000 each to the new organization. The club owns 100 players, but it is expected to secure a number of new ones with the idea of strengthening the lineup.

Alabama Has Stiff Schedule. Tuscaloosa, Ala., Feb. 20.—The University of Alabama football schedule was announced here yesterday as follows: Oct. 11—University of Mississippi at Tuscaloosa. Oct. 18—Howard College at Tuscaloosa. Oct. 24—Marion Institute at Tuscaloosa. Nov. 1—Seawane at Birmingham. Nov. 8—Vanderbilt at Nashville. Nov. 14—Louisiana State at Birmingham. Nov. 21—(Thanksgiving)—Mississippi and M. at Tuscaloosa.

Des Moines Has Best Team in Western League. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 20.—Plans for the Des Moines club of the Western league for this year have been completed. They include retention of Jack Coffey as manager for the third season. He is expected to play his second year.

President Tom Fairweather said the personnel of the club has been determined upon, and contracts will be mailed to virtually all members of the 1919 squad.

Except for a new catcher and possibly an additional pitcher, this year's team will be identical with that of last year. If all the players receiving contracts sign them, Hasbrook will be at first base, Coffey at second, Ewid at third and Hartford at shortstop, according to present plans, and Shirley Murphy and Dick Green again will be offered the pitching berth.

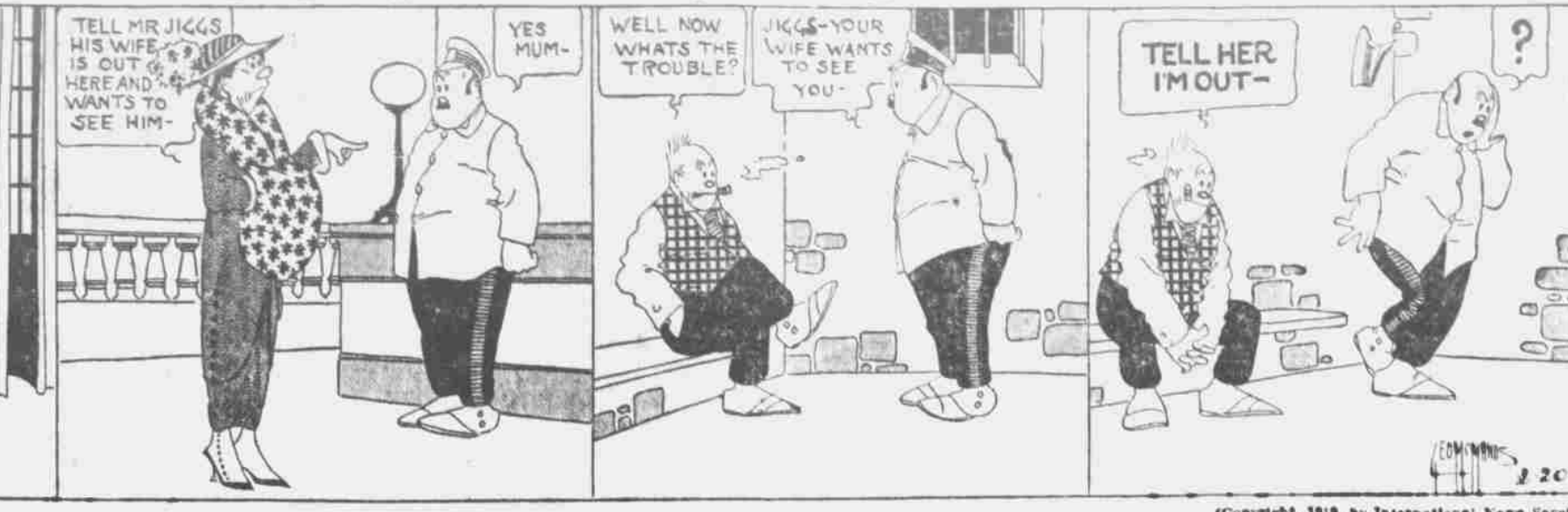
Knabe to Cubs. Otto Knabe, who it was feared by Fred Mitchell would find it impossible to sign in all his contracts of the 'Cubs, has notified the Chicago leader that he will report to him in the spring. Knabe is a partner of Kid Gleason in the operation of a billiard academy in Philadelphia, and when Gleason was appointed manager of the White Sox it looked as if Knabe would have to remain in the Quaker City to carry on the business. However, arrangements have been made by which the academy may be conducted in the absence of both men. Mitchell was pleased beyond measure when he learned of Knabe's decision, for he places great value on the services of the veteran.

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GREAT HEAVENS JIGGS HAS BEEN ARRESTED—HE'S BEEN FIGHTING AGAIN—

Bringing Up Father—By George McManus



Which Gives Most Thrills, Airplane or Racing Motor?

DePalma Says It's the Racing Car and Goes Back to His Old Game After Service in Uncle Sam's Air Corps.

BY JAMES H. COLLINS. One day last fall, while Ralph DePalma was serving Uncle Sam as a director of flying at McCook field near Dayton, Ohio, a tall, lanky stranger appeared, asking for an airplane. He looked languid and bored. DePalma wondered if the visitor was strong enough for flying, and the auto racing star is himself athletic, compact, hard and mentally alert. But the stranger wore no aviation outfit, and also dubious. But there had been an order for a plane from the commanding officer.

They had been tuning up some new scout planes with Liberty motors. One of these was assigned to the stranger, and he started to fly. DePalma looked on with interest, and he saw the stranger start to fly. DePalma looked on with interest, and he saw the stranger start to fly.

Brief Career as Aviator. DePalma's service in aviation was rather brief, as he enlisted in the months before the war ended. But it lasted long enough to give him a well-rounded experience in flying, both of the stunts which might be compared to the thrills of the speedway, and long distance flying, which is comparable to the long grind of automobile road racing.

Pal Has Two Fights. Pal has two fights ahead of him during the ensuing couple of weeks. The first is against Jimmie Regan in eight rounds. The second is against Jimmy Wilde.

A. A. ALL READY.

The American association is all ready to start the season, all eight managers have been chosen, a schedule has been made up and everything put in ship-shape to praise off the lid.

ONE ON OUR PRESIDENT.

President John Martin, of the Southern league, made a big hit with the baseball men around New York when he went to attend the big baseball pow-wow, but they took a good joke on our president about when he landed in Gotham and set out to find the baseball gathering here.

EXPECT NUNAMAKER TO HELP INDIANS

Leslie Nunamaker, veteran catcher recently obtained by the Cleveland club from the Browns, stacks up as probably the hardest hitting catcher in the big show.

VOSHNELL LOSES.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—Harry H. Vosnell, New York, national indoor singles champion, went down to defeat in a fourth round match of the men's singles of the Middle States indoor tennis tournament here yesterday at the hands of Wallace Johnson, Philadelphia, 3-6, 4-2, 7-5. Johnson was the runner-up in the national outdoor singles in 1918.

PLAYERS COME BACK.

Each week now finds players who quit their clubs for a day or two, and war work seeking reinstatement from the national commission. Among those noted in commission minutes are two former New York Yankees, Pitcher Allen Russell and Outfielder Hugh High.

HURLER TELLS THIS ON NEGRO FIGHTER.

Lieut. Leon Cadore, Brooklyn baseball club pitcher, who was with the negro fighters of New York's 6888th central Postal Directory, told this story when he arrived home recently: "One day a German high explosive shell hit French soil about ten feet from a six-foot negro private, but proved to be a dud. The negro was waiting and expecting the shell to explode, reached into his pocket, drew forth a pair of dice, threw them on the ground and exclaimed: 'After this, Ah leads a different life.'"

INDIANS' TRAINER REAL GUY THOUGH HIS NAME'S PERCY



Percy Smallwood has been engaged to iron the kinks and pains out of the Cleveland club's players during the coming American league season.

Deserters Welcome. CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Members of the Chicago Americans who deserted the club last season to engage in shipbuilding, will be invited to return.

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DERBY ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 1

Eternal and Billy Kelly Out-class 1919 Field.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 20.—Entries for the 1919 Kentucky derby, to be run at Churchill Downs May 10, will close March 1, ten days later than last year, giving trainers more time to determine the relative merits of the 3-year-olds in their charge.

Breaks Last Record. These two cars had broken every official automobile record in the world except one when they were.

Austin Is Has Pep. Jimmy Austin is full of pep and confidence as ever. In sending in his signed contract to the management of the St. Louis Browns, he wrote that neither Brooklyn, Frig Maltet nor anyone else would take the third base job away from him.

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Breezy Boxing Briefs

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 20.—Pete Herman of New Orleans, the bantamweight champion, will display his wares here March 4, meeting Jack Wolfe, a Cleveland bantam, in a ten-round cage fight.

Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 20.—I'm not ready to show my hand," said John Reider, former manager of Jack Dempsey, here last night, when the Associated Press dispatch from St. Louis stating an injunction against the Dempsey-Willard match was contemplated.

Port Worth, Tex., Feb. 20.—Tex Rickard, promoter for the Willard-Dempsey championship fight, arrived last night from New York and in response to a request by directors of the Port Stock show, said he would expect to be in Dallas for the Willard-Dempsey fight.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Benny Volger of France, defeated Eddie Wallace of Brooklyn, in a ten-round bout here yesterday. After the first round Volger dominated such severe punishment that Wallace was on the defensive the most of the time.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 20.—Roy Grover, of Seattle, second bantamweight champion, according to an announcement made today by Connie Mack, manager of the team, he also has signed Herbert Greig, of the Phillies, who left in the middle of last season to join the army.

Stoher a Winner. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 20.—Joe Stoher, 210 pounds, defeated Zilio Havens, 240 pounds, in straight falls here last night. The first fall was gained by Stoher with a body hold in 21 minutes, while the second fall was the result of double scissors and came in 19 minutes. The bout was witnessed by a large audience.

VON KOLNITZ DEFENDS JACKSON

Says Joe Persecuted by Small-Minders.

Met. Alfred H. von Kolnitz, former White Sox infielder who volunteered and rose to a higher rank in the United States army than any other baseball player, writes from Camp Gordon, Ga., saying the critics of Joe Jackson, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, are wrong. Von Kolnitz, being before he was ever known in major league baseball, I know his circumstances and I know the struggle he has had to attain the place he now occupies in baseball. I am aware of the demerits of these men, thousands of men walking the streets in civilian clothes with unscrupulous papers in their pockets with far less brains than Joe. I know that Joe lost practically all of his savings, a few years ago, in a stock market investment. He is dependent upon his salary for the support of his family.

"I have known Joe for a long time. At least 12,000 drafters have been coming in to know him, and I know the man personally of our national army forces, and within the limit of my observation, there has been no man drafted who had the faintest claim that Joe did. I have seen men discharged after having been drafted if they proved valid dependency claims and the dependency was never any greater than a mother, or wife and children.

\$3,000,000 FOR RACING PLANTS

Syndicate of Horsemen to Take Over Kentucky Tracks.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 20.—A corporation with a capitalization of \$3,000,000 to be known as the Kentucky racing plant syndicate, which will take over the four Kentucky racing plants, Latonia, Lexington, Douglas Park and Churchill Downs, was organized here yesterday.

In the announcement it is declared that among the objects sought in the consolidation is the placing of racing on a higher plane in the state, and the belief is indicated that his can best be done by widely scattering the stock among breeders and racers of thoroughbred horses themselves.

The capitalization will be divided into 12,000,000 of preferred stock and 22,000,000 of common stock.

JACKIE BOXERS TIED TO STATION

Can't Leave Great Lakes to Compete in Matches.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Jackies at the Great Lakes training station are forbidden to give boxing exhibitions or compete in contests away from the station, according to a notice posted today as the result of an order received from the secretary of the Navy.

Recently a protest was sent to the secretary by a Chicago ministerial association asking him to prevent Great Lakes boxers from giving an exhibition before members of the Chicago city council.

The exhibition originally planned for the council chamber in furtherance of a boxing bill to be offered in the legislature, was transferred to the Elk club. Chief of Police Garrity served notice that would not be permitted, being against the law.

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