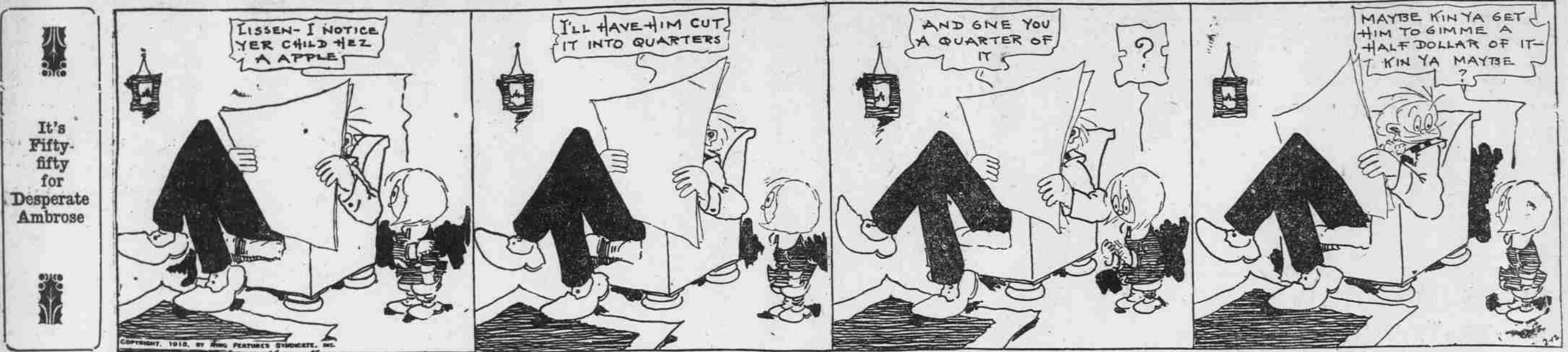


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Ed Barrow Is Appointed Manager of Boston Red Sox

Former President of International League Takes Place Left Vacant by Jack Barry's Enlistment—Will Strengthen Team With New Talent.

Boston, Feb. 12.—Edward Grant Barrow, former president of the International League, was appointed manager of the Boston Red Sox yesterday. He will succeed Jack Barry, who relinquished the job to enlist in the Naval Reserves as a yeoman. Barrow will not sign a Boston contract until next week, but all terms were settled yesterday in a conference with Harry Frazee, president of the Boston club.

Barrow says that his appointment is permanent and not temporary or for the duration of the war, as was generally supposed. It is understood in baseball circles, however, that after the war Barrow will be restored to his former command, while Barrow will be placed in command of the business end of the Boston club with the rank of vice president.

Barrow already has several deals in the air. He says he will immediately strengthen his team through the purchase of the best talent he can purchase from the International League. He intends to buy two infielders, two outfielders and a pitcher. The infielders he is after are Larry Lajoie, infielder of the Toronto club, and Gus Getz of the Newark club and a former Dodger. If his plans are successful Lajoie and Getz will play on the Boston infield until McNally, Barry and Janviri return from the war.

Larry Gardner, the veteran third baseman of the team, is to be shifted to the Athletics in the McNally deal along with Tilly Walker, the outfielder, and a pitcher to be decided upon later. This deal probably will be completed at the American League meeting last Thursday.

Dick Hobitzel, former first baseman of the club, also is likely to be disposed of before the meeting is over, and he too may land with the Athletics.

INTERNATIONAL POSTPONES DEMISE

New York, Feb. 12.—In the International League's bright lexicon there is no such word as quit.

The tottering organization pushed the underdog out of the door yesterday and decided to send out its contracts as usual on March 1, returnable by players on April 1. Hope even is high that eight clubs will start the season.

The league did not decide absolutely to go on, but it did not decide to stop, and that was regarded as a moral victory by those anxious to keep the circuit alive. The formal announcement of the business transaction in the all-day session by C. T. Chapin, president of the Rochester club, was that the meeting had been adjourned to March 25, pending the settlement of the affairs of the Buffalo club, which has forfeited its franchise, and the outcome of the fight at Albany for Sunday baseball.

The sending out of contracts, however, and the optimistic feeling of the four clubs in the league which favored going ahead, seemed to indicate that a way will be found to avoid suspension.

All of the eight clubs in the circuit were represented at the meeting, but as the Buffalo franchise is held by the league, only seven clubs voted. James J. Lannin, who gave up the Bison franchise last fall, was present by invitation. The other clubs represented were: Baltimore, John J. Dunn and C. H. Knapp; Providence, John A. Gersons and Benjamin Monahan; Toronto, J. J. McCaffrey; Montreal, Sam Lichtenhelm; Newark, James R. Price; Richmond, B. W. Wilson, and Rochester, C. T. Chapin.

TENDLER DEFEATS TOMMY TUOHY

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Low Tandler, the Philadelphia lightweight, knocked out Tommy Touhey of Paterson, N. J., in the fourth round of what was to have been a six-round bout here last night.

The local boy gave Touhey a bad beating, knocking him out of the ring in the first round and sending him to the mat for the count in the fourth with right and left punches to the stomach and jaw.

Charlie Herzog Makes Fine Trading Material



1908—Herzog joined New York Giants.

1910—Traded to Braves by Giants with Outfielder Collins for Outfielder Becker.

1911—Traded by Braves to Giants for Shortstop Bridwell and Catcher Gowdy.

1912—Traded by Giants to Cincinnati with Catcher Hartley for Outfielder Descher.

1916 — Traded by Cincinnati to Giants for Pitcher Mathewson, Outfielder Roush, Infielder McKechnie and cash.

1918—Traded by Giants to Braves for Infielder Doyle and Pitcher Barnes.

SET DATE FOR STECHER BOUT

New York, Feb. 12.—Wladek Zbyszko, who was beaten by Earl Caddock last Friday evening, or, rather early Saturday morning, and Joe Stecher will meet on the wrestling mat in Madison Square Garden on March 1. The date was settled yesterday, and the bout is sure to attract widespread interest in spite of the fact that Earl Caddock is now generally accepted as the heavyweight champion of the world.

Joe Stecher is one of the leading contenders, however, and a meeting with Zbyszko will be an excellent line on his chances of beating Caddock if this bout can be arranged.

Harvard Baseball Prospect Bright

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 12.—Resumption of intercollegiate baseball at Harvard was considered bright when fifty candidates for the varsity and freshman squads reported to Coach Hugh Duffy for the first time yesterday. Thirty of the men were listed as varsity candidates.

Opposition to a continuance of the so-called informal games was expressed and plans for a resumption of athletic relations with Yale and other college rivals, discontinued since the entry of the United States into the war, were freely discussed. It was the opinion of candidates for the squad that in the event of a game with Yale no student should be allowed to compete against the Blue unless he were a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps or had been disqualified from military training for some sufficient reason.

GIBBONS BEATS INDIAN TURNER

Pittsburgh, Feb. 12.—Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul, defeated Indian Clay Turner of New York in a 10-round bout at the Keystone club last night. Gibbons had the better of every round.

The Indian took a lot of punishment and was in a bad way several times, but Gibbons' punches lacked sufficient steam for a knockout. The St. Paul man had no trouble reaching with his long left, and landed on Turner's face and neck frequently, but the Easterner was always able to keep his balance.

Turner got in several stiff arm jolts that stopped the St. Paul man's mad rushes, and his blows had more steam behind them than Gibbons'.

ADVANCE GUARD.

Detroit battery men will report to Wasmachite by March 10, or a full week earlier than the main squad reports. The exhibition season for the Tigers will begin March 23, Waco being the first team played.

N. E. COLLEGES' SEASONS TO BE CUT THIS YEAR

Only Six Weeks of Competition Likely for Varsity Teams of New England—Principle of Conservation Hits Intercollegiate As Well As Business.

Boston, Feb. 12.—The contagion of conservation, now spreading like an epidemic of malady, will result not only in the curtailment of expenses for college teams this spring, but in the abbreviation of the playing season. The period when the college teams will be let loose against one another will not exceed six weeks, according to current calculations, and by June 1 most of the climax games will have been played.

The shortened span between the opening of the college season and the fall of the asbestos curtain on 'varsity sports will result from a variety of causes, all of which are rooted in the necessity for trimming all excesses to the minimum. The least dominant reason is the many of the New England institutions will bring their terms to a close on or before the first of June, thereby cutting off automatically the competition of their 'varsity teams.

Dartmouth and Brown are the leaders in the movement for this section, but the pressure of war requirements will doubtless cause more of them to drop in line. Dartmouth has recently decided to forego a spring recess and to telescope the final examination periods in order that its students may be finished with their academic term by June 1. Brown some time ago voted to chop three weeks off its usual schedule and bring commencement forward.

The action of Brown and Dartmouth is all the more effective this season because of the decision that college teams in New England shall play most or all of their games with rivals inside their own territory. This restrictive legislation was passed in order to save railroad fares and expenses incidental to the luxuries of travel, such as college athletes always enjoy.

Other colleges are about to cut down their terms, and even at this early date it is obvious that there will be little doing in collegiate athletics after the first of June. In other years the rivalry of the big colleges was kept going during the summer week at the Cambridge or New Haven, and the first three weeks of the school year were the ones when the decisive matches were made.

Harvard and Yale have subscribed to no early closing agreement, but their attitude on college sports in war-time will serve to make the June first closing effective just the same. The two leading rivals of New England have already decided to hold their commencement programs as originally billed late in June, but their athletic authorities have forestalled any athletic climbing up at week by frowning publicly on spectacular athletic events.

There may or may not be a Harvard-Yale 'varsity baseball series this spring, but if one is arranged, it is certain that none of the games will be held during commencement week at either Cambridge or New Haven. Yale has already read into its records an ultimatum that commencement this year will be celebrated with events appropriate to the time; and that means the elimination of spectacular activities at Yale.

Harvard has also spoken in decisive terms against any wish to put on big college ball games in war-times. The chief objection that Harvard raises against a resumption of intercollegiate sports, in fact, is the fear that the recurrence of the former evils of athletics would come with the return of Harvard-Yale battles. If it were agreed on now that Yale and Harvard were not to meet in baseball this year, most of the weight of the Crimson obstructionists would be withdrawn immediately. For reasons that are quite apparent, Harvard is afraid that a return to the Harvard-Yale baseball series in a year of war like the present one would amount to an impropriety, especially if the usual trappings of these contests were to be had.

With the Harvard-Yale baseball games out of the question as a commencement attraction, it is certain that they must be played earlier in the season if they are to be played at all. Just now there is no disposition of the Harvard and Yale authorities to enthrone over such a series of games at all, but if they finally are played, the attendant hubbub will be immeasurably subdued in the interest of what Harvard considers good taste.

The whole matter of intercollegiate sports for Harvard and Yale has yet to be settled, but a conference of the Big Three representatives, which is to be held shortly, will attend to that part of it. There is a new confidence now that Harvard will come back to the fold and let its team grapple with other 'varsity nines this spring.

Harvard baseball will be up against some serious inconveniences this year, however. Nominally, the season starts in the middle of April, which is usually the first time that reasonable weather is provided for outdoor sports. In previous years the Harvard ball team has gone on its Southern trip to Washington, D. C., as soon as the season has opened, giving the Crimson athletes a chance to limber up in the somewhat superior climate south of the Mason and Dixon line. There will be no Southern swing this year, however, and practically all the playing of the Crimson team will be done inside the boundaries of New England.

Unseasonable weather from the middle of April to the beginning of May has thwarted the major league season in Boston on more occasions than one, and Harvard, which must stay at home for its early games this year, will have to run the chance of bucking the inclemency. It may not be to the disadvantage of the Crimson to delay the opening of its spring season for a week or 10 days, however, for the development of the nine will probably be that much behind schedule.

Heat has been cut off from the baseball case on both sides. Field for more than a month, and there is no immediate prospect of the return of athletic reinforcements to Cambridge for the baseball cage, at least. The call for the battery candidates was issued some time ago for next Tuesday, although Coach Hugh Duffy will receive the men then, there is no telling what he will do with them. While the baseball cage remains unheated it will not be good policy to work out the pitchers and catchers.

The likelihood is that baseball work will be held up for a couple of weeks, due to the coal shortage. Coach Duffy may be able to speed up his work when once the men get started under more auspicious circumstances, but if he can have them in as good form by the middle of April as they have been in previous years, he will have performed a feat bordering closely on the miraculous. The campaign will be shortened by two or three weeks, it is true, but that will not tend to solve Duffy's main problem of getting the team ready for the opening gun.

Another Harvard-Yale sporting fixture which will be transferred to an earlier spot in the spring bill of sports, if it is placed on the bill at all, is the crew race. Formerly the Harvard-Yale aquatic battle on the Thames at New London was the finale of the commencement week festivities for both Yale and Harvard men. The insistence that the glimmer of peace times be routed from Harvard-Yale athletics in these war times means that the dual race, if it is held at all, will come earlier in the season, without the blaring of trumpets that the event received in former days.

The scarcity of racing opponents for the Harvard crew almost necessitates the scheduling of a race with Yale if there is to be any season at all, but it is decidedly against the wishes of the Harvard potentates of sport to have a spectacular crew race provided the chances are that the 'varsity crew at Cambridge will have only one big formal race, and that would naturally be with Yale. An attempt will be made to book other races on the Charles River with club and school crews.

It is practically decided that Harvard will enter its 'varsity crew in the Childs cup regatta that is programmed for Lake Carnegie at Princeton, N. J., this spring. The leading colleges of the East will have their eight-oared shells entered in this event, and the Harvard athletic committee may decide that the Crimson's participation in this event will suffice for the formal competition. If that were the case, a Yale race would be out of the question.

ANSWER QUICKLY!

Which would you rather be, if you needed the money, a major league ball player drawing \$500 a month for five and one-half months, or a Pacific Coast league player drawing \$400 a month for seven months?

Miss Bjurstedt To Contest for Title



Reports emanating from California a few days ago to the effect that Miss Molla Bjurstedt, national woman lawn tennis champion in half a dozen languages, would leave within the next few weeks for her home in Norway, and hence would not compete in the women's indoor championship tourney, are unfounded. Marvelous Molla has denied them herself, and she anticipates being a contender again for the crown that she won two years in succession.

The great Norwegian has been playing sensational tennis at the Heights casino, in Brooklyn, and threatens to sweep the courts once more in 1918.

BIG SWIMMING MATCH OPENS AT YALE

New Haven, Feb. 12.—More than 200 Yale students will take part in a great swimming tournament which starts today in the Carnegie Natatorium at New Haven. Formed into teams of about 20 men, each representing one of the army and navy training units drawn from the college body, they will engage in a series of dual meets for a championship pennant and prizes offered by graduates.

The arranging of the fixture, one of the most remarkable in the annals of American water sports, was made possible by the steps taken early in the fall by Richard Mayer, captain of the varsity squad, to develop expert watermanship among all members of the training units. Thanks largely to his efforts, nearly 1,000 students reported for instruction and practice, thus furnishing the material for the coming clashes.

The success of the venture is particularly interesting because it demonstrates that athletic competition for the majority rather than a chosen few can be introduced at colleges under good management. Only about one-fourth of the secured candidates will compete in the present tournament, but all others have received healthful training, acquired knowledge of watermanship which may be of great value to them through life, and learned enough of the sport to enable them to follow it enjoyably as contestants with a little more practice.

WESLEYAN STAR IN AIR CORPS

Midtown, Conn., Feb. 12.—Wesleyan has lost another good athlete by the enlistment of Sutter, last year's 'varsity football captain. He has joined the aviation service. Sutter was a senior and played guard on the football 'varsity two years. He is only 5 feet 2 inches in height and weighs less than 170 pounds, but his stockiness and muscle strengthened the line greatly.

Sutter has also done some work on the track team, but he excelled in football. He was prepared for Wesleyan at the high school in Elizabeth, N. J. He is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

WHITE SOX SIGN PITCHER

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Leo Constantineau, who spent last season dusting the boys of the plate in the Northern Maine-Canada league, has signed a contract with the White Sox. He is a six foot one inch southpaw, a French Canadian, now living in Lowell, Mass.

Ping Pong May Seal Hun Doom

Indoor Game Is Making Great Hit With National Army Men Gathered At Camp Devens.

Boston, Feb. 12.—Do the grim, grey Germans play ping pong? Well, hardly. That's one of the reasons why they're bound to be trimmed. For the American army does, and thus shows that it has a sense of humor. And the army with a sense of humor can stand the strain longer and fight harder when the pinch comes.

This is good psychology, and is recognized as such by the athletic authorities at Camp Devens. Anybody could play the regular games, but why not have some originality besides? So, not only the sports calling for husky players and big activity are being encouraged, but also indoor games requiring subtle and accurate muscular response and a sense of the ridiculous.

Ping pong is one of them. A dozen sets recently have been installed in the Y. M. C. A. huts, where they are proving the sensation of the season. To see a red-blooded young Yankee, who has spent the morning going over the top and lunging furiously at dummy Kaisers, busily batting a ping pong ball across a little table in the late afternoon may make you laugh; but that shows how little you know about ping pong. For it demands just the opposite of regular tennis along with greater accuracy of movement correspond to its smaller compass.

Indoor baseball is another caricature, a ludicrous parody on the real game, that isn't so simple as it sounds and has a science all its own. Big leaguers, like Cobb, for instance, recognize its value in keeping their fit during the winter. Prof. Nelligan and Mr. Metzdorf, the divisional and the Y. M. C. A. sports directors, also have introduced "hand ball," which they guarantee will give a man more exercise in five minutes than any other sport card ever in, say, half an hour! There are two courts in the Auditorium. These three games are not only exercise—they are the original gloom-dispersers.

Then there's the broncho gripper, which is the special pride of Lieut. B. C. H. He is a former professional bowler, and he has introduced this little machine throughout the camp. It's true to its name; like the camp ponies, it balks and rears when you try to get it "set." But it keeps getting your wrists a little more flexible and your arms a little more supple, and it keeps your temper a bit better poised.

Last Thursday the new clubhouse, under the direction of the Foodick commission, was dedicated. This building is located on the shore of Robbins pond, and it is a fine example of modern architecture. It has bowling alleys and several pool tables will make this a center for indoor recreation, for the next two months; and for variety one can find 20 toboggans there ready for coasting on the two dipping steel slides, and skis and skates are out in the cold, cold world. Bowling is a popular game. The bowling alleys in Ayer, at the Christian Federation clubhouse and the Community clubhouse, always are in great demand, and since some of the best bowlers in this part of the country are in camp, real professional results are frequent in the matches between champions.

But it isn't necessary for the soldiers to leave their own barracks, for plenty of indoor sport always is on hand there in the evening. Several huskies, of course, always prefer to lean on the piano keys to pink-tinted mitts, but usually there's enough "pep" of the fighting variety to get up some sort of a scrap. Perhaps it's just a plain "roughhouse"; not a pillow fight, for there aren't any pillows (you are in the army now), but anyway a violent blanket fight.

More likely it's a set of boxing matches, settling and resetting the barracks supremacy in the many art. Or wrestling. Or ju-jitsu. Then there are 100 indoor games that stimulate keen competition, such as swat-tag and hot-hand—the games we all played when we were kids, but touched-up a bit by the physical education experts.

Meanwhile, of course, the "major sports" are flourishing. Some 500 men in camp are playing basketball at least once a week on their company teams and the entire camp is receiving boxing instruction.