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STALLINGS UP IN A PINCH

Veteran Manager Faces Real Situation in His Career.

FRIENDS ARE ROOTING FOR HIM

His Ability Shown with Highlanders, When He Felt Force of Hyron Bancroft Johnson's Bitter Enmity.

By W. J. M'BETH. NEW YORK, Jan. -- Three strikes and one of the principal rules of base ball. But the fast strike is far more important than either of the two proceeding ones, or both together, any way you take them. Some first hall Litters are us good as nalled up the minute a pitcher gets two strikes on them. Other free hitters, like Ty Cobb, Hans Wagner or Larry Laiple, do not begin to get a pitcher's "goat" till he has them in the hole. For it is then that such a demon is flable to step up on one and clout it into the next county.

Which little preamble has no reference whatever to any Cobb or Wagner or Lajole, but to one who deserves more sympathy, a poor, oppressed base ball manager, to-wit, "Big Chief" George Etallings of the Boton National tailunders. For George is up in the pinch with two strikes called by Umpire Hard Luch, the bases choked, two down and a home run needed. Organized base ball will await breathlessly the outcome of the 1913 campaign to see whether of not the "Big Chief" faus, a humiliation he has never yet suffered in his twenty years of base ball

Will Make Good.

Some pretty wise base ball men will b mightly surprised if Chief Stallings makes a failure of it as skipper of the Hub trailers. It is true that he is up against a rather than outlook for the im mediate future, but he could be situated worse and not have to travel out of his own circuit. His lot should be easier than that of any one of three new rival managers-Johnny Evers, Joe Tinker and Miller Huggins. Tinker and Evers have something to work with at the start, for they take the helm of first division clubs. Miller Huggins, who succeeds Bresnahan has a club that ranked sixth in a flight of eight. But Stallings takes hold of an absolute ruck runner. He cannot possibly do worse than his predecessors and any improvement in the final standing of his club will redound to his credit.

I would like to lay a little bet on George Stallings. He's just the kind of a fellow who rizes to emergencies. As a base ball leader I do not hesitate to class him with John J. McGraw and Connie Maca. Neither of these shrewd wizards knows more inside base ball than the Georgian; neither is a better judge of young talent. Stallings has not perhaps the general magnetism of McGraw so far as the general base ball following is concerned. He has never "played the stands." He has always kept away from the noisy accluim of the populace: contenting himself with working in secret with his players; of sneaking unobserved onto the bench just before playing time. He b a bench manager of the Connie Mack stamp, not so reserved as the Athletics' boss by a long way, but still a man who commands every respect from his disciples. Players who have worked under him have told me that Stallings is nothing short of a mad man during the most exciting periods of a hard fought game. Ha fights out within himself every move. And in his zeal he sometimes forgets himself and applies hard names. But these are forgotten the moment the last man has been retired and his followers, once they understand him, are willing to give any little offenses in the light of such exceptional seal. For the one great doctrine of Stallings is to win, win, win at any cost



WOLGAST HAS MADE FORTUNE CALIFORNIA IS FOR ROWING

Half from Fight Earnings, Other Pacific Coast State Showing Inter-Half from Winning Bets.

est by Hiring Eastern Coach. INVASION

His Speedy Rise to Championship Has Caused Much Interest to Be Centered About Him in His Future Career.

RITCHIE'S FUTURE INTERESTING PLANS

And When it Sends a Crew it Will Be One that Has Had the Benefit of a Professional Trainer Throughout.

EASTERN

NEW YORK, Jan 4-On February 22 NEW YORK, Jan. 4 .- On top of the rumor from Ithaca that John Hoyle, Old 1910, at Port Richmond, Cal., Ad Wolgast con the lightweight championship from Man Courtney's boat builder, is going Battling Nelson, and on Thanksgiving west to train the California crew, comes day, 1912, lost the crown to Willie Ritchie, word from Berkeley, Cal., that the far holding the title for a period of almost westerners have decided to adopt the three years. During this fline the deposed Cornell system of rowing, and that the champion is credited with earning \$240,000. visit of their commodore, Arthur Eaton. Half of this big fortune was made in here in the east, is for the purpose of purses for which Wolgast fought, and the getting a professional coach. emainder was accumulated in bets, the All this looks very much as if Callatrical engagements and investments. fornia means business so far as rowing Wolgast is ambitious to continue his is concerned. There is no official conwork in the ring, and, like many others is concerned. There is no official con-that have been forced out, believes that firmation of the Hoyle report, but the

point of chief interest is that the far he can win back the title. It will be some westerners seem to have learned a lestime before he really comes back to the sport, but he is anticipating a new start son from the east and are out gunning which he hopes will lead up to a return for a professional coach. Hoyle would match with Ritchie. There are three tox. admittedly make a good one. He has ers in particular whom Wolgast is anx- built shells for Courtney and Cornell ious to fight. They are Blvers, Mandot crews for years, and has coached the and Ritchie. If it can be arranged, Wol- freshmen with success. It would come gast will take on Rivers in a twenty-round bout February I on the coast. If it would also take a good deal to make this contest is arranged. Wolgast will be him leave Cornell

read to tackle Mandot any time after February 12, and as Ritchie has said that about complete Wolgast's program.

Will Invade East. California is clearly laying plans for an he will defend his title on July 4 with invasion of the east, or that particular the best opponent procurable this would part of it bounded by the shores of the Hudson at Poughkeepsle. And when Cul-

What About Bitchie: ifornia sends a crew east it will send one interest now centers about the that has had the benefit of professional Much career of the new champion and his fu- coaching-not such a combination of ture. Ritchie's rise to the championship "green," but physically almost perfect. has been a rather speedy one. From an material as came on from Leland Stanalmost obscure boxar he fought and de- ford, expecting to win and finishing last feated the best contenders for the title in the intercollegiate regatta last lune until be finally was matched with the If this is not California's intention, then champion and won the honors. He is a all signs fail. Oursmen in the far west fine boy and much liked in the boxing have not felt the need of systematic circles, but as yet has not been recog- training under a professional coach in ornized as a marvel in ring generalship. der to compcie with their rivals from There are a couple of boys at 133 pounds other universities in the west. But the and a brace of 125-pounders any one of debut of Leland Stanford on the Hudson whom would make the going fast for him. was an eye-opener. The westerners saw The fighters referred to are. Wolgast, their champion crew outrowed by eights Rivers, McFarland and Britton. The last composed of lighter and far less husky two, of course, would be in the 135-pound oarsmen and the "champions" returned class, and it is a question whether they a sadder, but wiser, lot of young men. could perform well at the prescribed California's decision to adopt the eastweight at the ringside rn system must he looked on as a direct

Ritchle won the title on a foul, though outcome of Stanford's defeat here by the he made a great fight. But the cloud of crews of the east. That they will go so that disqualification will hang over him far as to send a crew here next June is until he has demonstrated in coming not certain and seems unlikely. The bouts that he is the real kingpin of the students at California are reported as being enthusiastic over the project, but

It is generally conceded that Wolgast wiser heads in the councils of the rowing is entitled to another try against Ritchie. association appear to favor waiting a year Many were of the opinion that he was not or two until the professional coach has in the best of condition when they fought had a fair chance to put California's house and that he will surely make a better in order. showing in a return match. After win-

There is plenty of rowing spirit in the ning the championship Wolgast received far west and the material-if the eight many setbacks. He broke his arm twice that came on last season may be taken and went through an operation for apas a sample-is such as to make eastern pendicitis. Despite these setbacks he was coaches turn green with envy. With the willing and fought every 133-pounder right man in charge, California should who could draw a gate and then lost his send an eight east that would give the title on a technicality, though perhaps other crews on the Hudson all the racing eaten when the foul blow was landed. they could conveniently swallow.

TWENTY-TWO FOREIGN TEAMS

To Train on Coast.

may be that Chance will want the entire

Many Youngsters. The St. Louis Browns, according to a list of birthdays of Stovall's players printed in local papers, will be the young-est team in the American League. Sev-

eral of Stovall's 35 youngsters can't vote yet. Jack Powell, Bobby Wallace and Jimmy Stephens are the only veterans, and Wallace is the only one of these

squad at the training camp.

three likely to remain.

IN COMING RIFLE MATCHES WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-It is expected that twenty-two foreign countries will be represented by rifle teams in the inter-national matches at Camp Perry, O. in September next, immediately following the may be than the playing ball this winter, but it

Never Had a Joke Team. In his long experience Stallings has never yet been at the head of any joke

ball club. That is he hasn't been for a major league manager. He's back long. He has converted any number of there again at the plate with a new bat. jokes into real classy aggregations. In a new umpire and against a new kind of twenty years he has never finished worse pitching. Tom Lynch, "the king of umthan fifth in any company and has had pires" admires the ability of Stallings. the satisfaction of winning a great many George will get none the worst of the minor league pennants. Every one te decisions. If he whiffs it will be his own willing to concede that the "Hig Chief" fault. He will have lots of opportunity HOW TO ENFORCE THE RULES is a minor league marvel. They will to foul off a lot anyhow for he has a not go so far when a question of big five years' contract if contracts are any league class bobbs up. good in the National league. For refer-

The only way to judge a man, is by ence in that line consult R. Breanaban his record. Let Stallings' speak for late of St. Louis.

itself. Stallings took hold of the New York Antericans in the spring of 1969. The previous year, under the direction of Clark Griffith and Kid Elberfield, a sorry mess indeed had been made. Griff, broken hearted, threw up the sponge in mid-season. The team starts out like a world's champion, stumbled, collapsed and finished the most horrible outdistanced last ever seen in the American league. It was a far more discouraging season than the Wolverton regime of and memory, for some of Harry's woes may be laid to the most persecuting train of hard luck known to the game.

Rade New York Success.

Well Stallings took hold of that terrible Some friend expressed the hope that he wreck of 1908. Frank Farrell had absowould be up among the leaders the comlutely no outside resources. He had just ing year. one claim in the minor league, an option

to pick from the Atlanta team. That am not follish enough to expect a penoption brought Russell Ford to the Hill- nant winner or even a first division By dint of scheming and hard work club the first year. I will be quite Stallings gathered together, little by little, satisfied to improve our present condisome sort, of half way decent representatives. Cree, Warhop, Engle, Gardner, able than last place. If we should by Austin, Laborte Quinn, McConnell and any good fortune finish as well as sixth a number of others that escape memory were added immediately. Though the I have every confidence in George Stall- is team was harrassed by the unfortunate ings and will tender him every aid in attack of smallpox upon Hal Chase, such an improvement was made the first year that Stailings was barely nosed out of the first division. He finished a good fifth. The next year Fisher. Caldwell. Wolter and Daniels was snared. Again the Stallings aggregation was buffeted about by sickness and injury and though the "Big Chief" was dropped like a live more than one worthy base ball club in coal three weeks before the end of the season the team finished a bang-up second, right in the hunt till the last three

weeks. That is the first year the Athletics made a show of the field. Stallforgs, almost broken hearted, went CONVENIENCE IN HANDLING

back to the minors for the second time from the American league. Ban Johnson willed it; Ban is absolute in his balli-Once before he had put the bee

Convenience in operation is a character- its authority. the Georgia planter. That was ten years ago after Stallings had exhibited by the Packard Motor Car the New York commission is the only laken the erratic Tigers of Detroit to company at Madison Square Garden. The He didn't know that S'allings trols on the steering column directly un- cellence. stood so hadly in the graces of the big for the driver's hand. No attachments mo-tah

So Stallings has taken two strikes button remain on the dash

Jim Gaffney Also In.

during the annual meeting of the Na-

tional league in New York recently.

"Now listen," replied Mr. Gattney, "I

tion. Seventh place is far more honor-

would be the happiest man in base ball.

the uplift of the team, which I realise

must be slow. But no matter where we

finish I would not dispose of the Boston

franchine for double what I paid, 1 am

out to give the town a winner and I

think I can do it with Stallings' ald.

We're not going to shoot at the moon:

We're going to rebuid from the bottom.

And in time-well, I think there will be

IS NEW CHARACTERISTIC

Stallings, sincerely says: "Amen.

the hub."

Stallings has a host of friends in the

NEW SCHEDULE OF WEIGHTS Much Debate as to Effect of New York Decision.

Bill Naughton Suggests Plan that Will Give Life to the New Order of Dividing the

Champions.

By W. W. NAUGHTON. game and out of the game and all are SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4 .- The New referee. Then the big city itself no pulling for the succas of his third dip York Boxing commission's revised schedinto the big show. They are pulling no ule of weights is causing lots of arguless for him than for Jim Gaffney, his ment, and that in itself is a hopeful sign. employer. There is a sportsman, unhap- Now, if England or France or Australia pily, too, few among the magnates of will refrain from submitting a somewhat today. A prince of good fellows Gaffney different classification, the baxing centers will lend every encouragement to his of the world may be able to adopt a the front row men in the lightweight common schedule, something they have

pllot. He is no tinhorn, who wishes to run a shoestring into a million in no never been able to do up to the present. time. Jim Gaffeny expressed his modest The trouble with these things is that hopes in a manner that spoke the man whenever anybody submits a newsweight list some one else is ready with one that think, that he is merely away from his it is claimed is ever so much better, and championship stronghold on vacation. after a little desultory - discussion - this has "let out a yell" that might have older order of things goeth right along, been heard on the Atlantic seaboard. It As a matter of fact, the New York can be seen, at a glance that if Wol-

schedule is nothing new. The weight gast, is restored to power he will insist limits mentioned have been suggested on doing business at the old 135-pound over and over again during the last dogen standard. New York or no New York ... years but never adopted for the reason that there was no commission anywhere to take the matter up. Now that a duly constituted body in control of boxing has pounds uplift appeals to him. A little taken the initiative in the matter, there bird whispered, though, that Willie will good prospect of universal adoption.

How to Enforce the Law.

while doing so that he is merely con-Of course, there will be objection to the senting to the extension out of courtesy extension of the boundary line in some of to the gentlemen of the commission back

the classes and, needless to say, these in Gotham Packey McFarland will certainly rewill come from the champions who wish." for personal reasons, to continue along Joice in his heart if the new schedule old lines. Already one promoter has said: takes root, for a bare two pounds has "What is the use of a standard of kept Packey out of the lightweight lists weights if a world's champion instate for years. Jack Britten will also come upon all his opponents coming to a notch under the head of "new lightweights" that is a couple of pounds below, the of- and there are others no doubt. It is a notorious fact, that while there

And everyone who knows Gaffney and ficial scale?" is no apparent reason why there shouldn't Well, if a world's champion becomes Well, if a world's champion becomes holty-tolty in the direction named," it will be hard to discipline nim. at least until the new schedule has world-wide support. But so far as this country is support. But so far as this country is

neerned there is no, way in which the New York Athletic commission can assert TIRE PRICES GUARANTEED

istic of the three-motor carriages to be Taking as the basis of argument that

The Storz Supply company has a new committee in this country bearing any tecond place in a whipping drive. Dan features that are being emphasized are believed or inngined that George was the left drive, electric solf-starter and there is an inclination in other cities to that is a guarantee of prices on specitrying to sell out the American league. the centralized control. The left drive, look up to it as such, why couldn't the fied shipments till May 1, that is, if He never forgave him; if he has no one in conjunction with the positive starter, commission set aside a certain sum from dealers contract for certain Federal tire has learned of it. They do say that Ban permits occupants of the front seat to the state revenue derived from boxing, deliverier, which are scheduled to be de-Johnson foced Farrell to get rid of Stall- step into the car from the cura. The which is said to be gonsiderable, for the invered between now and May i. the Prank signed the "Big Chief" to Packard control board places the shart- purchase of belts or medals or other In- prevalent price at the time the contract a two years' contract without consulting ins, lighting, ignition and carburetor con- signia indicative of championship ex- is made will hold good despite the fluetuations of the market. E. A. Reitz, a

These trophies need not be expansive, supply dealer of Hooper. Neb., was except gauges, gauge lights and priming but you can bet your life they would be visitor at the Sters Supply company last i prized once the commission let it be week.

February as the place and date of the next match national rifle matches at that camp. who was the first to get in a challenge for the trophy. Hoppe has made arrangements to play exhibition games at Detroit, Ann Arbor and Washington. He will be at the Pullman academy, Detroit, January 6, 7 and 8, at Ann Arbor January

These championship helts or badges or 9 and Washington January 14.

Tinker Signs Scouts.

were abided by, and they would, for 'ob-vious reasons, be simply emblematic of the bosing championships of the United States. It is not to be supposed that New

for the 18.2 balk-line championship. He Amendments of the rules are contemthen will play George Sutton of Chicago, plated to permit teams now barred be cause of their high record in preceding

class.

matches to take part.

Train Far Apart.

Yankees go to the island of Bermuda, the

land of flowers, sandy braches and vaca-tion headquarters for presidents-elect.

The Whie Sox and the Yankees are go-ing to train about as far from each other as they can get. The Yankees will go out of the United States and prepare for the

season's work in the national game under the British flag. Comiskey's White Sox go to the Pacific coast, the land of flow-ers, Chinamen and winter base ball. The White Sox Leader on Stage.

Manager Jimmy Callahan of the White Sox will break into vaudeville again for a week at least. He has signed a con-tract to appear at a theater in Daven-port the week beginning January 6.





won the national tennis champion ship. Jerome D. Travers, the national amateur open golf champion of 1912, is the figure on the right.

> known that no championship would be complete without one.

shatever they were, would have to be won in contests in which the new weights were abided by, and they would, for 'ob-

in a better position to inaugurate a

movement of the kind mentioned if it

would amend its boxing law so as to

have boxing matches passed upon by a

doubt would be the scene of the great-

Think it over, gentlemen of the New

Prospect of a Yelp.

division if it is decided that the high

water mark of the class will be 135

Already Ad Wolgast, who seems to

As for Willie Ritchie, he is such a

pleasant mannered, mild spoken feilow

that there is no telling how the two

take very kindly to the extra weight.

even though he may make it appear

UNTIL NEXT SPRING

What a flutter there will be among

est of the championship events.

pounds instead of 133 in future.

York commission

States. It is not to be supposed that New York would care to furnish regalla for king-pin boxers among all nations. . It may be that New York would be