

SIGNING OF CHANCE MEANS HARD BATTLE



Frank Chance, Newly Signed Manager of Highlanders.

Farrell's New York American league club with Frank Chance in command is the "dark horse" of the 1913 season. While the other managers welcome him they are willing to admit they have another versatile leader to compete with and believe it will be anything but a simple task. All have watched Chance's career as manager of the Cubs and wished he was one of them. Now that he is in their midst all are sitting up and starting to make preparations for the hardest struggle Ban Johnson's organization has ever known.

This is what Johnson has been striving for since he has been at the head of the American league. It has been his plan for years to have all clubs as nearly equal as possible. Through his untiring efforts he has engineered deals by which most of the teams of his association have developed into pennant contenders. If he had his way every team would be in the first division fighting for the pennant. That is why he worked so hard to get Chance for the Yankees.

Johnson wanted Chance for several reasons. First, he knew it would add to the prestige of the American league; second, he did not want baseball to lose Chance; third, he desires to have a coterie of greater managers than the National league, and fourth, he wants to make Jake Stahl, Connie Mack, Hugh Jennings, Jimmy Callahan, Clark Griffith and the others realize they will have to struggle with New York to win the flag. In addition he is eager to place a man in New York who is competent to compete

with John McGraw of the Giants. Here is what the American league managers think of Chance's acquisition:

Clark Griffith, Washington: "Now I know I will have to fight harder to win the pennant. I fought him for three years with Cincinnati and know what he is capable of."

Jimmy Callahan, White Sox: "I am sure all of us have a tussle on our hands now. With that pitching staff he will make the race a keen one."

Connie Mack, Philadelphia: "This is the season in which the Highlanders begin to be prominent factors in our struggle. Chance, I am sure, will keep us all on the nervous seat."

Jake Stahl, Boston: "Chance's coming only adds another hard team for us to trim. It certainly will make our race a dandy."

Hugh Jennings, Detroit: "I know Chance and know what he can do. I matched baseball brains with him in 1907 and 1908 and lost each time. I am confident his coming will force us all to be on the alert."

Joe Birmingham, Cleveland: "I never met Chance on the field, but from what I have heard of him I know what to expect. You can bet I will keep my eye on him all the time, too."

George Stovall, St. Louis: "Chance's coming means more work for me, for I just nosed out the Highlanders for seventh place. From what I have heard of Chance's ability I can see where the Browns have to step some, but we will be there to try just the same."

AWARD RACE TO DEAD HORSE

National Board Declares The Eel Victor in Free-for-All Pace at Hartford Meeting.

A decision rendered by the board of review of the National Trotting association makes The Eel (2:02 3/4), now dead, the winner of the free-for-all pace at the Hartford grand circuit meeting, September 4. It is the first instance on record of a dead horse winning a race.

The race in which the winner remained in question until this decision, was contested by seven horses, as follows: Sir R. (Murphy), The Eel (McEwen), Don Densmore (Parker), Branham Bagnum (Cox), Hal B. Jr. (Ray), Independence Boy (Rodney) and Vernon McKinney (James). The Eel won the opening heat in 2:07 3/4, and Sir R., according to the evidence produced at the recent trial, was distanced. At the time of the race the judges in the stand gave Murphy's horse as finishing seventh. Sir R. came out and won the second and third heats, thus terminating the race. In each instance The Eel was second. F. W. Entricken, owner of the gray horse, protested the payment of the purse to Sir R., and carried the case to the board of appeals. The ruling body sustained Mr. Entricken and ordered Thomas W. Murphy, driver of Sir R., to return the purse to the Hartford association, and they in turn were ordered to pay first money to Mr. Entricken.

The Eel died three weeks later, during the Columbus meeting, and Mr. Entricken will be made \$500 richer by the decision, as first money was \$1,000, while on the basis on which he was paid at the time of the race he received but \$500. The case is the first of its kind on record.

UNLUCKY YEAR FOR CHAMPS

Many Lose Titles or Have Decisions Rendered Against Them—Ad Wolgast Among Them.

The year just closed has surely been an unlucky one for champions, as many of them have had the misfortune to either lose their titles or have decisions rendered against them.

Those who have lost their titles are Ad Wolgast, the lightweight champion of America; Abe Attell, the featherweight champion of America; Georges Carpentier, the French middleweight champion; Matt Wells, the English lightweight champion; Jim Sullivan, the English middleweight champion,



Ad Wolgast.

and Johnny Evendon, the English welterweight champion.

The champions who have been defeated, but still hold the title of their respective countries are Bombardier Wells, the English light heavyweight champion; Jack Harrison, the English middleweight champion; Dave Smith, the Austrian middleweight champion, and Digger Stanley, the English bantam weight champion.

Carpentier has relinquished his claim to the title, as he cannot make the weight any more.

Jackson Asks to Be Traded.
Outfielder George "General" Jackson of the Braves may be traded to some other club next season, as he does not think the Boston climate agrees with him. Jackson has written to Manager Stallings that he would like to be traded if possible, and prefers St. Louis. He always played in a warm climate before coming to Boston, and thinks he would show to much better advantage if he got away from the Hub.

Pioneer of Baseball Dead.
One man who contributed much to the game of baseball was Ellis Drake, who passed away the other day at his home in Stoughton, Mass., at the age of seventy-six years. He invented the leather cover of the baseball in its present form, but, like many other men, he did not reap the reward of his work, as he did not have it patented.

Davis Back With Mack.
Harry Davis, former first baseman of the Athletics and for years adviser of Manager Mack, is to return to the Philadelphia club as trainer and scout. Davis was let go last year to manage the Cleveland club, a job from which he resigned before the season closed.

Why Red Managers Failed.
Hanlon, Ganzel, Griffith and O'Day failed to fill the hole at short, and that's one reason why they failed as managers of the Reds.

NOTES of SPORTSDOM

Now watch Chance grab a big chunk of McGraw's popularity in Gotham.

Gotch may have to suppress Zbyszko periodically for the sake of the peace.

Chance was a splendid delayed Christmas gift for New York baseball fans.

And now the Washington Senators are picked to finish no higher than second.

Luther McCarty would fight Bombardier Wells. He is going right out after the "little big" fellows.

Hugh Jennings, after a time in vaudeville, has come to the conclusion that all baseball players are fizzes on the stage.

"Chick" Lathers, who had a trial with the Detroit Tigers, has been shipped to Indianapolis by the Providence team.

Frank Donnelly, who served as an umpire last season, has signed to manage the Springfield club of the Three Eye league.

Jim Flynn no sooner gets his blackened eye so it looks as if it would heal than he is matched with Cyclone Johnny Thompson.

These golf bugs who cannot find the regular game enough for them but must needs add innovations have our sincere sympathy.

Joe Rivers' punching powers have amazed New Yorkers, which reminds one of the time Aurelia Herrera landed on Benny Yanger.

The management of the Boston American league club has refused to raise the salaries of its players and says the players should be satisfied with the world's series coin.

It is claimed for Wrestler Lurich that he speaks twelve languages fluently. He might challenge Zbyszko in each tongue, to be sure the big Pole understands him.

"There will be no room for any 'fade-aways' on my team," avers George Stovall. He has plenty of young material on his roster.

ST. LOUIS IS NOT WORRYING

No Cause for Alarm About Third Base Position While Veteran Austin Remains in Good Health.

The St. Louis Browns are not worrying about third base so long as Austin is on the job. This veteran, secured from the New York Highlanders, is capable of filling the position as long as his health remains good. He is a fair hitter and a splendid fielder.



Third Baseman Austin.

er. It was Austin, by the way, who laid out Pitcher C. Brown last summer on a quick throw to first. The ball hit Brown on the back of the head and things looked serious for awhile.

Cleveland Releases Trio.
Pitcher Gene Krapp, Catcher Jack Adams and Outfielder Art Hauger will not wear Cleveland uniforms next year. Krapp has been released to Portland, while Adams and Hauger have been turned over to Topsy Hartzel at Toledo.

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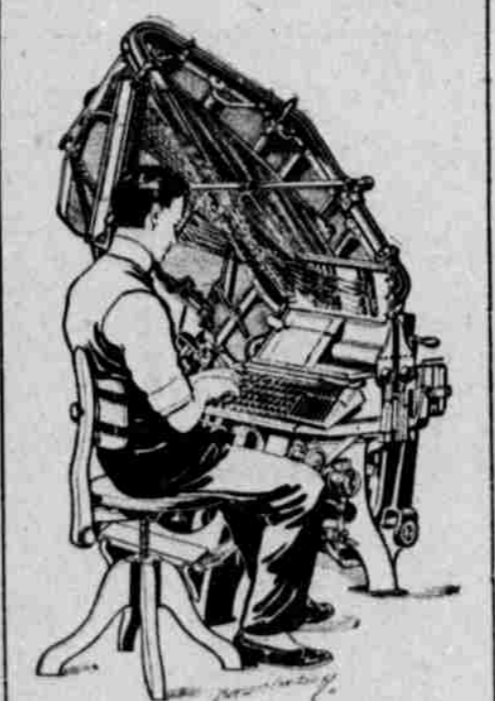
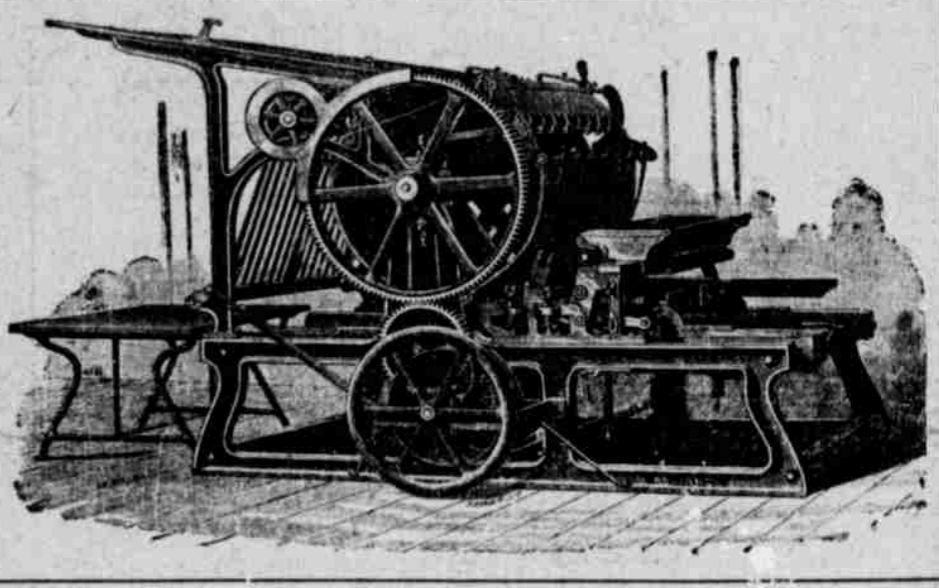
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