

BRINGING UP FATHER

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CINCY REDS WILL BE DANGEROUS, IS DOPE'S WARNING

Matty Has Ability to Manage Men and Owners and Team Plays Ball, Declares Fullerton.

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Aeone and aeons ago (an aeon, children, is two years longer than Dave Altizer has been playing ball) the Cincinnati club won a pennant. That was a short time before any other clubs were in the league and some time before the Cincinnati idea that it took eight directors to run a team went into effect. Since then no Cincinnati club has ever seriously threatened to win anything after April 12.

This year a new situation arises. The Cincinnati club has a chance for more than a chance to be in the National league pennant race all the way—and a fighting chance to win the pennant and get into the world's championship. The team is good. It has a real manager who has proved that he can manage, not only ball players but owners, and it has a pitching staff, which, under the careful tutelage of this manager, ranks well up with the best, and it has a consistent, fair hitting, fine fielding and speedy team, well fortified against accidents and which, last season, learned to play together.

Better Than Giants. It is a good team—a team capably handled by Mathewson, a team that is commencing to play smart base ball, and a team with all the equipment to beat the strong teams. It has something on the New York Giants, it has the equipment to beat the Chicago club, and those are the teams it must fear most.

But—when we dope a Cincinnati club there always is a but and usually that but makes good and spoils all the rest. But—when we remarked—there is something else again, already (anyone in Cincinnati will understand that language). That—something else consists of the conscription laws.

The Cincinnati club must base its real chance to win a championship upon pitching. It is a fair hitting ball club in fact, it is the best team hitting club in the National club last year. It has punch and power, a trifle broken up, it is true, for consecutive hitting all down the batting order, but still powerful. Even if you admit that some of the batters went ahead of their gait last year you must concede that it is a powerful hitting aggregation and that it made almost as many runs per hit as did the champion Giants.

Rely on Pitching. Even so, the team, to be a serious contestant for championship honors, must rely upon its pitching. Mathewson showed last season that he is a master not only of the art of pitching but of teaching pitchers. He developed a pitching staff which at the finish was one of the most consistent and troublesome in the league and one which was pointed especially to beat the Giants.

The basis of his staff was Fred Toney, one of the really great pitchers of the country; Hod Eller, a youngster who under Matty's tuition developed into one of the most effective pitchers in the league and a man who promised this season to rank among the first. There was Pete Schneider who, directed and encouraged by Matty, became what he should have been years ago—a corking pitching machine. Schneider's one big fault has been lack of confidence in himself. Mike Regan and Dutch Reuther are the other survivors of last year, and Ed Gerner was recalled for another trial. Besides these Matty has Bressler, Conley and Jacobus, all drafted men, Jacobus being well touted.

But the backbone of the staff is Toney and Eller. And Toney and Eller are in Class I. A of the conscription and the chances are that both will be taken in the army. If they are taken during the season, bang, go Cincinnati's chances until another staff can be built up. Toney is in bad with the federal authorities and his local drafting board because, it is charged, he tried to dodge the draft and was caught and placed among the first. If Big Fred goes into the army, it probably will ruin the Cincinnati ball club—but my, oh my, if he gets to throwing bombs, those Germans will be up against it, for Toney never saw a river he couldn't throw a stone across, and he could have bombed clear across No Man's Land at its widest point. Eller has a little better chance to escape being taken into the army, but he is rather eager to go.

Loss Valuable Man. The team lost only one man to the army, but that loss was a heavy one. The man is Morris Rath, now in the naval reserve, who, after failing as a White Sox, came back to

FULTON KNOCKS OUT COWLER IN FIFTH

Defeated Gladiator Leads Up to Fatal Blow; Is Second Win Over New York Man.

St. Louis, March 12.—Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., knocked out Tom Cowler of New York in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-round bout here last night.

Cowler, up to the moment in the fifth round, when Fulton landed squarely on his jaw, with a hook had pushed the fight and in at least three of the rounds had the advantage of his opponent.

In the first round Cowler caught Fulton squarely on the chin and the Minnesota challenger was groggy. Cowler followed with a blow which closed Fulton's right eye and the round ended with all the honors for the New Yorker. Fulton was still suffering from his punishment in the second round, but rallied and sent Cowler to the mat for the count of eight. The third and fourth rounds were almost even with Cowler favored, because of his aggressiveness. Fulton throughout the fight had played for Cowler's jaw and early in the fifth round he swung a left hook that sent Cowler down. The latter was up at the count of eight, but was sent down again and was counted out.

Fulton and Cowler met on January 9, 1917, in New York, the latter being knocked out in the first round.

Boston Americans Begin Spring Training Work

Hot Springs, Ark., March 11.—Twenty-four members of the Boston American league club arrived here today and started spring training. An advance guard of the Brooklyn Nationals also arrived during the day and began practice.

Manager McGraw of the New York Nationals looked over the progress made by the advance squad he sent 10 days ago. He was pleased with the condition of the men.

Johnny Kilbane Loses Motor Car in Cleveland

Cleveland.—Police are searching in Cleveland for a seven-passenger automobile, belonging to Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, which was stolen while the boxer, with his wife and some friends was dining at a Cleveland hotel. Kilbane, boxing instructor at Camp Sherman, was assisting in the presentation of a motion picture for the benefit of the camp mess fund.

One of the most promising recruits. He was a much improved ball player and would have helped the infield. However, the infield needs little help. Chase seems to have settled and gained ambition to play as he ought to have played years ago. He is a great player and is working well under Matty, even helping with the affairs of the team and working for the team itself. Groh is one of the greatest players of the league. Kopf is a bit man, although he is a weak hitter. Still McKechnie is not up to his Fed league standard.

But Matty has made another wise move. He has brought back Russ Blackburne, who failed so often that the majority of experts think that he always a false alarm. Listen to this: Even if Blackburne fails again, I always will contend that he is a corking ball player. He has had a run of bad luck that has pursued him every time he has essayed to be a major leaguer. Blackburne has everything that a finished major league infielder needs. He is not a great hitter, but a better one than he ever has shown in the American league. His bad leg, it is reported, has ceased to bother him and, a better sign, is that he has ceased to worry and fret. It was worrying and fretting that injured his work every time he tried with the Chicago White Sox. He may take Shean's regular job if he escapes another attack of hard luck, and the chances are that he will hit the National league pitchers much harder than he did the American leaguers. No man can be as great a player in the minor league as Blackburne has been and fail entirely in the majors—unless and besides that, the National isn't so much faster than either the Association or the International was for years. The Red outfield is a corker, and one of the best hitting in the country.

Sherry Magee, Griffith, Ed Roush and Earl Neale make a corking quartet. Magee ought to start hitting again where Stallings stopped him by making him bat to orders. Besides these four, Matty has Anderson, who was recalled, and McHenry, purchased.

The catching staff ranks well with any in the league. Wingo is the heavy burden bearer and the ace of the squad. Tom Clarke is not as good as he was, and probably would do better with some other club where he would have a chance to do more work. Nick Allen, who promised fairly well, has been recalled, and a fellow named Smith, drafted.

There isn't a flaw in the team; it is strong everywhere, consistent, has the punch, has speed, and everything—but if Toney and Eller go to war that is something else, already yet again. (Copyright, 1918, by The Bell Syndicate.)

Today's Sport Calendar

Billiards—August Kieckhefer vs. Robert Cannon, at Chicago, for world's three-cushion title. Automobile. Opening of annual show of Baitley (N. C.) Auto Dealers' association.

ST. JOSEPH TO PLAY CENTRAL QUINTET

Last Basket Ball Game of Season to Be Staged at Young Men's Christian Association Saturday Night.

St. Joseph and Omaha Central High floor quintets will meet Saturday night at the Young Men's Christian association in the last basket ball game of the season.

St. Joseph defeated Omaha in a game played at St. Joseph and the Omaha five is determined to even the score by trouncing the Joetown lads up here and making a happy ending to their somewhat disappointing season.

Despite previous defeats Central is regarded as the likely winner. The Omaha five outplayed the Missouri lads in every respect save in making the free tosses which were unusually numerous. Nearly all of Central's defeats have been due to the inability of the forwards to put the ball in the basket after it had been worked up the field. St. Joseph, however, has a first class team, which is only too likely to nab the honors if Central's scoring machine weakens in the least. Speed is the chief asset of the boys from down the river.

St. Joseph entered the Missouri state tourney held last week, but was unable to get into the finals. The Kansas City team carried off the honors.

Cincinnati Reds Under Mathewson Off for Camp

Cincinnati, O., March 12.—Manager "Christy" Mathewson and 11 members of the Cincinnati Nationals left tonight for Camp Sheridan and their spring training camp just outside of Montgomery, Ala. The athletes in the party were Pitchers Eller, Regan, Jacobus and Bressler, Infielders Chase, Groh and Magee and Outfielders Griffith, Anderson, Neale and McHenry. Others accompanying the party are Business Manager Frank Bancroft, Trainer "Doc" Hoskins, several base ball reporters and half a dozen fans.

The players will be joined at Montgomery by other members of the Cincinnati team.

American League Umpires To Be Same as Last Season

Chicago, March 12.—The 1918 staff of umpires in the American league will be the same as last season, President Johnson announced today. Thomas Connolly, who has been an umpire for 25 years, will be presented with a gold cross at the start of the season as a reward for his services.

The staff, including Connolly, follows: William G. Evans of Cleveland, "Slim" O'Loughlin of Rochester, N. Y.; Clarence Owens, Kansas City; George Hildebrand, San Francisco; George Moriarty, Woodstock, Ill.; Richard Nalun, Youngstown, O., and William Dinneen, Syracuse.

Young Terry McGovern Defeated by Callahan

Philadelphia, March 12.—Frankie Callahan, the Brooklyn light weight, defeated Young Terry McGovern of Philadelphia in a six-round bout here tonight. Callahan had the better of every round.

Jack Thompson, the negro heavy weight of Missouri, knocked out Cleve Hawkins of California in the third round of what was to have been a six-round fight. It was Thompson's fourth knockout in the last four weeks.

Pittsburgh Pirates Head For Camp in Florida

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 12.—Headed by Wilbur Cooper, the pitchers and catchers of the Pittsburgh National league club left today for the southern training camp at Jacksonville, Fla. The party leaving here was a small one, including only Pitcher Carmen Hill, Catcher Willard Smith and Outfielder Lee King in addition to Pitcher Cooper. Several batterymen will join the party en route, while others made up a party leaving Chicago today.

Bill Leard is Named to Manage the Seattle Club

President Dughdale of the Seattle club has named Bill Leard to manage the team again this season.—Three other candidates were considered, Joe Dunn, Dick Egan and Frank Boyle.

Nearly Every Athlete Of N. Y. A. C. is in War

New York Athletic club boasts a membership of 5,493. A total of 90 per cent of the organization's athletes have joined the colors.

Marksman to Meet.

The Benson Rifle club will hold its first meeting of the year in the new shooting gallery at Sixtieth and Maple streets tonight at 8 o'clock. Everybody interested in rifle shooting is invited to attend.

LUXBURG FLEES FROM ARGENTINA; IS NOW IN CHILE

Unwelcome German Envoy Reported to Have Escaped From Country After Long Treatment for Nerves.

Buenos Aires, March 12.—It is reported here today that Count von Luxburg, the former German minister, has fled Argentine territory, escaping to Chile.

On September 12 Count Karl von Luxburg, imperial German minister to the Argentine republic, received his passports from the Argentine government, accompanied by a note stating that the introducer of ambassadors had orders to assist him in his immediate departure from the country. On October 12 he was placed in a German detention camp on the Island of Martin Garcia because he had left the capital without permission, apparently ignoring the government's orders that he leave the country.

Treated For "Nervousness." Recently he has been comfortably resting in the German hospital under treatment for "nervousness" and apparently has made up his mind to remain in the country. Argentine newspapers have been insistently asking how much longer the government intends to put up with his presence.

The patience of the public was tried again a few days ago by the granting of permission to Von Luxburg to settle himself in a quiet little cottage in one of the suburbs of Buenos Aires. Since obtaining this permission, however, Von Luxburg apparently changed his mind and decided to remain in the hospital.

During the four months that he has passed since the Argentine government ordered Von Luxburg out of the country because of his plotting, as shown by the telegrams published in Washington, the former German minister has been continually in the public prints because of his determination not to leave the country. Violent at Times. In the last week the government and the public became impatient and asked how much longer Von Luxburg was going to remain here and the director of the hospital appeared at the foreign office to answer the query, saying that Von Luxburg's mental and nervous condition had become such that it was necessary to place him in an asylum where he would be more closely watched.

A day or two later he asked permission to take Von Luxburg to a quiet little home in the suburbs, where he said he thought he could be cured. The permission was given and preparations were being made to move Von Luxburg when he again changed his mind and notified the foreign office that he would remain in the hospital. All during his stay in the hospital there have been newspapers and public men in Buenos Aires who have open stated that Von Luxburg's condition was not as serious as reported and that he merely was trying to avoid returning to Berlin. The press has demanded that the government make a statement regarding its policy toward Von Luxburg, of whom the Argentine people wish to rid themselves, but the statement has not been forthcoming.

34 KILLED AND 66 SUFFOCATED IN RAID ON PARIS

Paris, March 12.—Thirty-four persons were killed and 79 others were injured in Paris and its suburbs as a result of last night's German air raid. In addition to the bomb victims, 66 persons were suffocated through crowding in a panic into a Metropolitan railway entrance to take refuge from the raiders. These were for the most part women and children.

Of the bomb victims 29 were killed and 53 injured in Paris and five killed and 29 injured in the suburbs.

More Than 300 High School Students Ready for Farming

Superintendent Beveridge of public schools reports that 302 boys of Central High school have registered for farm work. These boys will be dismissed on May 1 and will be allowed credits if they engage in a definite period of agricultural employment.

School officials will co-operate with the agricultural extension department of the University of Nebraska in the garden campaign which will be promoted here this season. A supervisor for work among boys and girls will be sent by the university for service here. The Board of Education will furnish clerical help for the garden supervisor.

School children in Benson expect to cultivate a tract of 40 acres along systematic lines.

U. S. WAR PLANS HINGE ON BAKER, WAR SECRETARY

Washington, March 12.—Safe arrival in France of Secretary Baker and his party having been formally announced today by the Navy department, press reports about his movements on the other side are being watched closely here. Many officials think it possible that the story of his activities, if permitted to pass the censor, will throw interesting light upon the object of his mission to the theater of war.

Emphasis laid by the War department upon the fact that Mr. Baker's trip was purely a military pilgrimage, without diplomatic significance has directed attention to the known desire of President Wilson to see an energetic campaign waged by the allies. With American troops holding a constantly increasing sector of the battle lines, the wishes of the Washington government undoubtedly will have greater weight than heretofore with the allied chieftains. Secretary Baker will be able to learn first hand from General Pershing the judgment of that officer on all that is going on in France. He will also get views, founded on long-continued observation, as to the French and British war machines.

Decides War Tactics. It is assumed here that the secretary is gathering just such information for the president and he will be able to give as well as receive important information. The great question of the direction in which the United States is to exert its greatest effort in the war may be decided on the result of these conferences abroad. There has been a constant conflict, not only as to the use of ship tonnage as between the shipment of troops and the shipment of supplies for the allies, but also as to the priority rights of various army supplies and equipment.

RECALL ARMY OFFICERS WHO ARE FOUND UNFIT

Washington, March 12.—Eight major generals and one brigadier general have been relieved from their present commands, having been found by medical boards unfit for overseas service. In making this announcement today Major General March, acting chief of staff, said they have been given assignments to duty in the United States, reverting to their rank in the regular army, and leaving the way open for the appointment of new general officers to command the fighting divisions.

Texas Dry State, Result Of New Army Dry Zone

Austin, Tex., March 12.—Texas will practically become a dry state April 15 as a result of the bill passed by the legislature in special session yesterday creating dry zones of all territory within 10 miles of army camps. The bill received more than the two-thirds majority in each house to make it effective as an emergency measure. Not only will the saloons be closed by the law, but residents in the 10-mile zones are prohibited from importing liquor into their homes or places of business for any purposes except sacramental, scientific, medical or mechanical under pain of felony. Transportation companies are forbidden to transport liquor into such zones.

A state-wide prohibition is practically sure of passage at this special session and will become effective about June 27.

Jackies in Last Rites For Late George Meyer

Boston, Mass., March 12.—A detail of bluejackets from the navy yard served as active pallbearers at the funeral today of George Von Lengerke Meyer, former secretary of the navy and diplomat, who died at his home here Saturday night. Bishop William Lawrence of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts officiated at the services, which were held in the cathedral church of St. Paul.

By direction of Secretary Daniels, the flags at all navy yards and stations were displayed at half-mast today. Similar tribute to the memory of Mr. Meyer was paid at the state house, at the order of Governor McCall.

Burial was at Hamilton. Mr. Meyer's summer home.

British Fliers Take German Planes on Wing

Amsterdam, March 12.—How a British air squadron captured two German airplanes in full flight near Ghent, Belgium, is told in a telegram from the Dutch-Belgian frontier. The British airmen, being in heavy numerical superiority, surrounded their opponents. The Germans saw there was no chance of escape. Rather than fight to inevitable death, the two German pilots hung out white flags and meekly flew away toward the British lines, surrounded by a flock of British planes.

PLACE EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS EAST OF INDIANA

Omaha Railroads Receive Orders to Accept No Freight for Delivery East of Hoosier State.

Official confirmation of the embargo placed by Regional Director Aishton on all shipments except munitions, fuel and foodstuffs to points beyond the west line of Indiana, has been received at Omaha headquarters of the railroads.

The Aishton embargo is taken to mean that a movement has been started to clear the freight congestion that exists at all points east of Chicago and particularly along the Atlantic coast.

While Omaha railroad officials have no correct data, they are of the opinion that in the territory against which the embargo is laid nearly 100,000 loaded freight cars lay idle on sidings and at terminals. While the greater portion of this freight is said to be consigned to domestic destinations, an enormous quantity is for export.

By a strict enforcement of the embargo Omaha freight officials assert the congestion can be relieved in two weeks or so, and that after that freight traffic will return to normal. Without the application of the embargo they say that it would be impossible to relieve the existing conditions, as carload shipments would pile up at terminals as rapidly as they could be cleared away.

Relief in West. It is said that between the Indiana west line and Chicago the freight congestion is about the same as farther east, although west of Chicago conditions are nowhere as bad.

From Omaha west the freight accumulation has been relieved to some extent during the last two weeks.

Electrical Workers Are Needed for Army Service

The United States army needs electrical workers and has issued an urgent call for volunteers in that branch of service. If men are not obtained within a limited time the required number of men will be drafted and sent east for a short course of training and later to France for active service. Omaha has been asked to furnish six electrical workers; two each from the second, third and fourth exemption districts.

Prisoner Has Smallpox; Hearing is Postponed

Trial of Lemuel Adams, charged with manslaughter, which was scheduled to start Tuesday, has been postponed indefinitely owing to Adams' confinement with smallpox. Adams is accused of killing Francis Tizor in a quarrel at Twentieth and Cumings streets March 11, 1917.

PHOTOPLAYS.

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in
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POLLY MORAN, in
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"THE WILD STRAIN"
No. 10—VENGEANCE AND THE WOMAN
SUBURBAN 24th and
Ames
Col. 2841
MARGARITA FISCHER in
"MOLLY GO GET 'EM"
HAMILTON 40th and
Hamilton
Today—JACK PICKFORD in
"JACK AND JILL"

Two weeks ago it was said \$800,000 loaded cars were held on sidings between Omaha and the Pacific coast. It is reported this number has been reduced more than half.

Railroad men believe that so long as the Aishton embargo is in force grain for export will seek gulf instead of Atlantic ports. All of the direct lines and all of those having gulf port connections have been sending enormous quantities of grain south during the last two to three weeks.

Most of the export shipments from gulf ports are said to be going out of New Orleans, with some out of Mobile and Galveston.

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