

The queer mustache, the little cane, He had when on the screen we met him, And once we saw him leave a pie, We never could forget him.

ALLIES AHEAD IN BIG EXTRA INNING BATTLE

But Charlie's in the Army now, And since it's victory we're after, Let's put him in the front line trench To kill the Huns from laughter.

GIANTS AND RED SOX GOING AT GOOD CLIP

First Games Upset Pre-Season Dope on Big League Race

WALTER JOHNSON HUMBLED

Phillies Make Good Getaway, While Athletics Still Cling to Dugout

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, April 25.—Although the pre-season predictions were that the New York Giants and the Boston Red Sox would have a hard time of it keeping ahead in the pennant race this year, the early games do not bear out these prophecies.

The Giants have started off at a fast clip, downing the Dodgers in three straight games played, while the Red Sox played havoc with the Yankees and Senators.

Despite severe losses through the draft by these two clubs, their leaders have managed to grab up enough material to put their teams in the fight from the start.

The Giants started off on the opening day by downing the Dodgers 6 to 4 before a crowd of 28,000 fans. Driscoll General Mann threw the ball that started the battle, Jake Daubert of the Dodgers came across with a double, but it failed to help his team to victory.

Anderson, who relieved Tesreau, twirled good ball for the Giants.

Giants Take Second In the second game, the Giants again won, the count being 2 to 0. Jess Barnes made his debut with the Giants and stuck out the game, whitewashing the Dodgers. Jack Combs worked on the mound for Brooklyn and allowed the Giants but five scattered hits.

The next day the Yanks humbled the great Walter Johnson again, but it required 12 innings to gain the victory.

When the Yanks started off in Boston, poor base running lost the first battle for them to the Red Sox.

Phillies Make a Good Start Although the Phillies had not been counted upon as a factor in the National League race, they have shown a good start.

They beat the Braves in two out of the three games played and then downed the Dodgers, Rube Marquard proving easy picking for them.

The Chicago Cubs are playing a strong game and captured the first two out of three games.

Rala prevented the Champion White Sox from playing most of their early games, but they finally got going.

They lost their opening game at Chicago to the Browns by a count of 6 to 1, but captured the second 5 to 0.

Louis Browns are playing a strong game and should be heard from this season.

Connie Mack's Athletics and the Brooklyn Dodgers are raming true to form, bringing up the rear in the two leagues.

Managers' Quintet Must Meet Test Huggins, With Yankees, Is Facing Difficult Task Among Newcomers

Five major league managers must meet the big test this season. They are Miller Huggins, transferred from the St. Louis Cardinals to the New York Yankees; Christy Mathewson, manager of the Reds for the third year; Ed Barrow, former president of the International league, now leader of the Boston Red Sox; Jack Hendricks, former Indianapolis leader, now manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, and Hugo Bezdek, with the Pirates.

Huggins, for years a successful leader of the Cardinals, made his debut in the American league the other day. He faces the most difficult job of any of the newcomers, with the possible exception of Bezdek of Pittsburgh, who is tackling the problem of rehabilitating the Pirates, disorganized for several years past.

Huggins feels confident that he will be able to fill the bill with the Yankees. His team got a bad start in the early games, but he is not discouraged, according to reports from New York.

What Will Bezdek Do? So little is known of Bezdek in baseball circles that it is difficult to gauge his ability as a leader of ball players. He has the reputation of being a tactician and this may help him to get good results.

Ed Barrow faces a much easier job, as he has a strong team to start out with. Frazee and Barry built up the team, and Barrow will only have to keep a well oiled machine going.

Jack Hendricks, 12 years manager of the Denver and Indianapolis clubs, ways kept his teams in the pennant chases, and he has fairly good material to start off with in the Mound City. Jack is agreeable, but a disciplinarian. He studies the game and his men keenly, and he usually gets everything possible out of his players.

This will mark Matty's third campaign at Cincinnati and fans generally are wondering whether he will be able to make good this year in that graveyard city for managers. Redland fans are with Matty to a man and that is a big factor in his favor.

YANK-CANADIAN GAME IN LONDON ON MAY 18th

Special Correspondence of THE STARS AND STRIPES

LONDON, April 25.—The date of the American-Canadian baseball game for the benefit of the British Red Cross has been postponed one week to May 18.

The game will open the season for the London Baseball League, which will be a different league from most that we know. There will be no scheduled games, for the war is no friend to military sport schedules. Whenever possible, there will be Saturday afternoon games, and some sort of a resplendent trophy is to be presented to the victorious team whenever the season is deemed to be at an end.

The givers of the trophy will be certain magnificent Americans in London.

Besides the British Red Cross, the Army and the Canadian Pay Record Office, there will be one from the United States Navy headquarters and a civilian

STAR SHELLS

By Q. M. SGT. STUART CARROLL, Q. M. C.

There are many forms and gracious, There and supple and so spacious, Which, in hitting down the road of Time,

Have met my weary sight; There are forms whose classic curving Makes a spectacle deserving Of a better lilted lay than I'm About to write.

When we soldiered on the Rio, (Where the weather's never frigid), There were forms which offered pleasure to

A geometric eye: On a farm in South Dakota Many a day I stopped and wrote a Chansonnette in waltzing measure to A form which fitted by.

Just one summer in the Rockies Ere we donned O.D. and khakis, Proved that western forms are also

Gay: If viewed beneath the moon; While in Gotham, Chi or Philly There are forms which knock you silly, If you jump 'em coming down the way On Sunday afternoon.

But I've met the Queen of Beauties In my military duties; Just a little printed form, but, oh, To me it's superlative;

It's the form I'd look all day on, For, you see, I draw my pay on Quartermaster form Three Hundred Sixty-Nine.

Their latest pet peeve at home is the "aunty hold-up," a gentleman or lady who enters a store, points his or her

finger in a loud or clear voice demanding all of the mazzama that may be lying conveniently adjacent to the man behind the bar—or counter.

These, but we'd hate to be held up by a lady finger!

Sportively speaking, the Huns aren't good sports at all. They try to spike the opposing runners, their pitchers are trained only in the use of the bean ball, and they even admit that the umpire is on their side.

Since Charlie Chaplin, too, has "jined up," the picture we'd like to see him in is the one when, after six months in the trenches, he is yearning for a couple of those custard pies with which he used to crown his fellow actors.

WHO'LL ACCOMMODATE TEDDY?

Teddy Fabryk wants a bout. Teddy is little, but Teddy has boxed quite a bit in Bridgeport, South Norwalk, and way stations of the Danbury division of the New Haven road, having taken to the game in early childhood and quitting it only for the just as entertaining game of war.

Teddy is willing to take on anybody between 125 and 140 pounds, anywhere in the vicinity of C Company, Machine Gun Battalion. Yes, Teddy is a machine gunner, and his ribs poke like the rind of the Hotchkiss gun's justly famed product.

Teddy may be arranged with through his second and campaign manager and press agent, Pvt. Billy D. F. Dunn, mail orderly to the Machine Gun Battalion, entré of THE STARS AND STRIPES. And, since Teddy's sparring partner has been sent back to the States to tell the folks how we do it over here, he's awfully lonesome for somebody to pick on. So please oblige with a takeup of his offer.

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WITH THE MITT WIELDERS

Tommy Gibbons gave Silent Martin a frightful beating at Baltimore.

Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, the new heavyweight boxer, set himself in a row with the American F.F.C. for his man. The Wisconsin boxing commission refused to permit Dempsey to meet Frankie Calahan over Young Joe Borroll in a six round go at Philadelphia.

Shamus O'Brien was victor over Joe Mooney at Stamford, Conn., in a 12 round go.

Baltimore authorities will not permit the Willard-Fulton bout to be held there on July 1.

Jack McCarron won from Soldier Bartland at Philadelphia in six rounds.

team from the American Consulate and Embassy. It is also expected that the Air Service will be represented. The league plans to set sky high by the Navy's withdrawal a few weeks ago, but now that they're back in line, the organizers are going ahead.

The A.E.R. team is announced as follows: Moellman, A. S., of the Des Moines Western league team; Harbert, A.F.C., of the Wilkesbarre, Pa., team; Chase, M.D., of Purdue and Georgetown teams; Taylor, Q.M.C.; Whitlock, A.S., of the Three I league; Dorn, Q.M.C.; Patterson, Q.M.C.; Sergt. F. C. Mims, captain; Boyle, A.F.C.; Brooks, Q.M.C.; Beutin, formerly a player on the Brooklyn National.

The team enrollment as given out to the public. But there are surprises in store—if the surprises are not transferred to France before the league opens.

WALTER CAMP, former Yale football star, who has done much for athletics in the United States as any one, urges that aviators be placed in the hands of competent trainers. He gives his reason for this method of preparing them for their strenuous existence. He says it would keep all the men in the best physical condition as the trainers could regulate their diet, watch their hours of sleep and also arrange for the necessary exercise. These athletic directors could report to the commandant any one who is not in fit shape for a flight. By living in the same barracks with the cadets the trainers could find out their nervous tendencies and their physical condition and keep a regular report on file at all times. The Aero Club of America has sanctioned Mr. Camp's recommendations and will try to raise sufficient funds to employ a number of physical directors to try out the new scheme.

Auto Racing Plans Devotees of automobile racing back home are not to be denied their favorite form of amusement this summer. Plans have been completed by the management of the Sheepshead Park Speedway in New York to hold three big races during the season, the initial affair being slated for Memorial Day. The harness cup event, which drew over 75,000 persons last September, will again be the closing race of the year. The distance for this event is to be another 1000 yards. Louis Chevrolet, who won the race last year, will be one of the starters, and Ralph De Palma and Dario Resta also have signified their willingness to compete again in the big events. Johnny Atkin, Ira Vail, Ralph Mulford, Gil Anderson, Eddie Hearne, Earl Cooper and a number of other prominent sportsmen have also started preparing for the season's work.

Ray to Try for Mile Mark Another attempt at the mile running record is to be made. Jolie Ray will try to reduce the present figures on the Harvard stadium track before the present season is over. Ray has registered George Brown of the Boston A.A. to arrange the trial for him, and it will be held either in May or June. Norman Taber of Brown University is the present holder of the mark, which is 4:12 3-5. Taber created this record at the Harvard track in the trial, being paced by two half-milers, Tommy Conner and Mike Devaney, two other crack runners, will in all probability be entered in the same race in order to press Ray to the limit.

PARIS LEAGUE RESULTS Following are the results of Sunday's preliminary games between the A.E.F. units forming the Paris Baseball League:

Ordnance Purchasing 8, Engineer Purchasing 7. Military Police 7, S.S.U. 400 5. Searchlight Depot 7, Aviation Technical 6. Aviation Hdqrs. 15, Aviation Research 11. Engineers 14, Pavilion 6. Repair Shop 14, S.S.U. 650 4. Aviation Marines 12, Red Cross 0. Canadian Hospital 6, American Military Hospital No. 1 4. Naval Aviation 18, Casuals 1. Motor Mechanics 26, Signal Disbursing 0.

EIGHT TEAM LEAGUE STARTS A baseball league comprising eight teams has been organized near one of the big hospital bases of the A.E.F., with nine from the hospital units and the engineer companies engaged in construction work meeting weekly. Recent results were as follows:

Base Hospital 8, Company C, — Engineers, 7. Company F, — Engineers, 5; Company C, — Engineers 4 (11 innings).

These Will Have to Fork Over The pot-bellied, rich-as-Croesus old holders of season's boxes; the guys that hunger from beneath his or her coat, in a Comiskey's third cousin by marriage, once removed; all the other regulars, all the deadheads—except us sport copy producers—will have to fork over to the Government, however. Ladies—and here comes the real injustice—who care enough about the game to pay their own way in will be taxed; but the cunning (and stupid) soul who goes to the game with a man, expecting him to keep his mind off the game and talk to her and look at her—she won't have to pay a cent. However, there will be the consoling "ladies' days," at which none of the deadlier species will be taxed—as though the tax on intellect that a woman pays when she goes to a ball game at all was considered quite enough.

Last of all—glory be!—the time-honored custom of letting Little Willy out of the park and into the street with it, come in free for the remainder of the game, will not be allowed to lapse. Little Willy will still be able to retrieve the horsehide, and thus see the garrison finish in the ninth.

That is as it should be; for if Little Willy's fate is to be decided by a coin, threatened, we sporting writers would simply have to pay his way ourselves.

AMERICAN LEAGUE ON TOP [BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, April 25.—In the pre-season games between the National and American league clubs, the teams in Ban Johnson's circuit won a majority of the battles.

The Boston Red Sox won seven games from the Dodgers, lost five and tied one. The Giants and Cleveland Indians split even, each winning three games, the seventh being a tie.

The New York Yanks won seven games and lost one to the Boston Braves. The Detroit Tigers won nine and lost three with the Cincinnati Reds. The Pirates and Athletics split even, each winning two battles.

The St. Louis Browns won the city series from the Cardinals 4 to 0. The Phillies won one game from Washington and tied in the second. Cincinnati won the only game played with Cleveland.

TRAINERS FOR FLYERS URGES WALTER CAMP

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DIAMOND FLASHES

Alvah Bowman, with Toledo last year, has joined the New York Yanks, and is being given a thorough tryout. Pitcher Pfeiffer, of the Dodgers, has been re-instated by the National commission, and he will sign a month-to-month contract in the draft.

A well known Army officer back in the States predicts that Ty Cobb will enlist in some branch of the service before the expiration of the baseball season.

The Western league has decided not to adopt the "split" season schedule, as was at first proposed.

Emil Huhn, former Cincinnati backstop, has finally accepted terms with Milwaukee and signed his contract.

Wattie Smith is trying to regain his old place at third base with Minneapolis. Sherwood Mogen sent such a hot smash to outfielder McHenry, of the Cincinnati Reds, that he was unable to handle the ball, sustaining a broken nose as a result.

The American league has decided to eliminate military drills by the players this season.

Outfielder Hendryx, with the Yankees last season, is now a member of the St. Louis Browns.

Perry Turner, of the Cleveland Club, has picked the following players for his All-American team: Catchers, Sullivan and Schalk; pitchers, Joss, Johnson, Young, Walsh and Waddell; first base, Chase; second base, Lajoie; shortstop, Wallace; third base, Collins or Bradley; outfield, Cobb, Speaker and Flick.

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