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GIANTS AND YANKS PLAN SPRING TRIPS THROUGH SUNNY SOUTH

National League Champions to Tour in Company with the Cleveland Club—American League Team to Visit Army Camps During Training Season

Both the Giants and the Yankees completed arrangements yesterday for their spring training trips. The Giants announced the dates for the exhibition tour with the Cleveland club, while the Yankees will make a four of the army camps in the South with the Boston Braves.

The most serious obstacle which confronts the major league clubs in the South is the railroad facilities. Transportation officials can give the clubs no assurance about what the service will be next Spring, so it may be that the plans of all of the clubs will be upset.

The Giants have not yet decided when they will go to Marlin Springs, Texas, to start training. A National League rule gives them only thirty days for training purposes, and the players are not permitted to report before this date. The first day on which the Giants can report falls on Saturday, March 16, and by report on that date the club will lose a chance to play another Saturday game.

The tour of the Giants and Indians will begin at Dallas on April 4, and the teams also will play on April 5 and 7. They will visit New Orleans for three days, playing there on April 8, 9 and 10. Memphis will see the teams in action on April 11, and they will perform at Chattanooga on April 12. The last game of the tour will be played at Lexington, Ky., on the State University grounds on April 13.

Before leaving on the tour the Giants have arranged to play at San Antonio on March 30 and 31, and it is possible that they will also play there on April 1, 2 and 3. The Giants and the Cleveland club will part company at Lexington and the Giants will come home and will play an exhibition game at the Polo Grounds on April 15. This opening date at the Polo Grounds for years was taken by the Yale team, but with the sport suspended at New Haven, the Giants have not yet chosen an opponent.

The Yankees will report to Manager Miller Huggins at Macon, Ga., about March 16 and will remain there until they start North with the Boston Braves. The Boston club will train in Florida and will play a series of games at the tour at the army camp at Macon.

Last year, the tour of the Yankees and the Braves, through the Southern cities, was one of the most successful trips made by any of the clubs. The Yankees and Braves will play at Spartanburg, the other Southern military camp.

After several years of agitation, the matter of abolishing the moist ball is at last doomed. The recent action of the American Association in abolishing the moist ball, the shine ball and all other sorts of unsportsmanlike things is the first step towards fair tactics on the mound, which in a few seasons will eventually result in the disappearance of the practice in the major leagues.

The big leagues have been at a loss to know just how to get about putting a stop to the practice. The National League had practically decided to do away with the trick pitching, but several of the managers believed that it would be unfair to prohibit pitchers suddenly to stop using a style of pitching which they had taken a long time to develop, as it would require some time for them to develop another style. It was suggested that they give a two or three season warning of the elimination of the moist ball and allow the practice to diminish gradually.

Then some one hit upon the happy idea of prohibiting the moist ball in the minor leagues, so that by the time the new crop of pitchers reaches the majors none of them will be using the wet pellet. This was considered the fairest way to abolish the practice and now all the minor leagues will be asked to follow the example set by the American Association.

The Western League will soon abolish the moist ball because President Emerson W. Dickerson says the organization was one of the first opponents of the freak style of pitching. President Dickerson has set forth his objections to the moist ball and the arguments are so sound that they have been taken up by the major league officials. President Dickerson says:

"This unsportsmanlike moist ball should be made illegal and that will do away with a dozen or more kindred deliveries that are cutting down batting averages and depriving the fans of that which they enjoy the most—hard and clean hitting. It is a folly to stop one kind of freak pitching without stopping them all, because the one gives the chance for a disguise upon which the other deliveries are prepared."

COURIER ON TOP AGAIN

Just Naturally Played Rings Round the I. O. O. F. Tenants

They've done it again! The Courier has again demonstrated its absolute superiority over its rival up the street at the noble winter pastime—hockey. Having finished the old year night, the Courier last night at the Alfred street rink, proceeded to commence on friendly terms with little Mister 1918, and when the official scorer peered through the smoke at his score-card at full time, he found the Courier sextet on the long end of a 3-2 score.

No time was lost by the winners after Referee Cassidy had blown the whistle, and immediately they began to play hockey. At the end of the first period, Pat Schmitt, the Newey Lalonde of the Courier had collected two notches in his war club, and in the second period he again tied a scalp to his belt. By this time, after carefully watching the finished play, the opponents, the losers were unable to fathom some of the intricacies of the great national sport, and closely imitating the methods employed by Pat Smith and his wonder crew, the defeated would-be exponents of the game were successful in averting a whitewash.

Pat Schmitt was easily the best player on the ice, while Fred Bayless, who killed time between the nets for the Courier, managed to repose with one eye open and feebly turned away the many, techie shots that came his way. His non-concerned manner of yawning, stretching like the parlor cat, and then knocking aside the puck, was a joy to all lovers of brisk sport. Truesdale and Buskard were the whole team, and had they not been obstructed by their fellow members of the last-in-hockey team, they might have shown to better advantage.

The teams: Courier—Goal, Bayless; defence, Pollett and W. Johnson; wings, Irving and C. Johnson; centre, Schmitt, Expositor—Goal, Downes; defence, Downey and Truesdale; wings, McCracker and Comerford; centre, Buskard. Referee—Cassidy.

According to Fred Luderus, the Philadelphia first baseman, the Phillies will not only lose Alexander and Rixey next season, but also Jimmy Lavender. Lavender told Luderus at the end of last season that he was through with baseball. Luderus says that Pat Moran has another Alexander in Joe Gschlager. "Watch this fellow," says Luderus. "He's only 22 years old and a wonder. Moran took him from a college on the Pacific Coast and before he's through he will be as great a pitcher as Alex. was."

Manager Fred Mitchell of the Cubs will have an assistant next season in Otto Knabe, the old Philadelphia second baseman and later with the Federal League. Knabe is considered a pretty sharp baseball tactician and he will occupy much the same position with the Cubs as Kid Rice did with the White Sox. The Cubs are aggressive, and it is expected that Knabe will instill them with the proper fighting spirit.

The Expositor "has been" were particularly noticeable by their absence. It grieves us to think a couple of our old friends were not on the

strongest and the weakest of them; the more effective is this system toward bringing about fair play. As an illustration of how this worked out Gerba was slated to give a handicap of 25 points to the first group beneath him, who in turn conceded five to the next bunch, the latter five to the ensuing group, who allowed fifteen to the others. Thus it would appear that Gerba should give the tail-enders a handicap of 25 plus 10, or a total of 35 in games of 100 points. Gerba would not have a fair chance, though, if he conceded 50 to the tail-enders, and so under the special list figured out for him, he was slated to allow only 40 points to the weak brothers. A still better and more extreme illustration can be given by a hypothetical game. Take ten men so graded in their ability, and each one can give the man next to him a handicap of 10 in a 100 point game. With the old style handicap list this would make the handicaps range all the way from 10 to 90. It could be seen thus that the scratch man would have no chance to beat the tail-end 100 to 10. Instead of using an extreme and more extreme illustration, the handicaps range all the way from 10 to 90. It could be seen thus that the scratch man would have no chance to beat the tail-end 100 to 10.

Sporting Comment

A new system for handicapping gilliar games more fairly to all contestants has been devised by Richard O'Brien of Brooklyn. It is based on the principle that if A can beat B 2 to 1, and B can beat C 2 to 1, it does not necessarily follow that A can defeat C 4 to 1. The new O'Brien system obviates this difficulty by having several different handicap lists.

In a recent pocket billiard tournament William Gerba was the scratch man. There was a complete list of handicaps for the various men in force when they played him. Then came another list headed by the names of William O'Neill and T. Seery, the strongest men outside of Gerba. This list gave handicap figures to be allowed by those two men when playing with the ones below them. Next came the third list for E. Wiley, L. Broeskey and H. Sheprow, the next strongest, who allowed various amounts to the men below them. M. Watson's name stood at the top of the following roll, concluding the list to those weaker than himself and all the remainder of the players competed on even terms when they met each other.

There were twenty men in the competition, a condition exactly suited to the employment of this system. The more players there are in a tournament and wider range between one-sided games.

ALLIED ARMIES PREPARED FOR HUN OFFENSIVE

Expected German Drive Probably Foe's Greatest Effort of the War

Washington, Jan. 8.—The expected German offensive in the west Secretary Baker's weekly war review to-day says, "will possibly be their greatest assault," but "the British and French armies can be relied upon to withstand the shock."

Summarizing the situation on the eve of a possible great offensive, Secretary Baker confidently points out that through sixteen fierce battles of great magnitude, the British and French have steadily pushed ahead with methodical and cumulative gains. The expected offensive, he points out, probably is being delayed for massing great supplies of munitions, guns and troops, and the Germans may be expected to "strain every fibre of their remaining strength."

On the Italian front, the secretary points out, French successes have turned the scale against the Austro-German invaders and the west bank of the Rhine is being held firmly. Hampered by heavy snow falls in the Alps, he says, the invaders now are confronted with a tremendous handicap of maintaining their transport, which neutralizes the advantages of holding higher ground.

The period of adjustment, Secretary Baker says, has passed and it now may be expected that the "French and British and Italians, fighting side by side, will be able to master the situation."

Washington, Jan. 8.—Secretary of War Baker in his weekly review of the military operations says: "Though the German higher command has so long delayed before beginning operations, advice received seemingly confirm the information that important actions are contemplated along the western front. They may be counted upon to strain every fibre of their remaining strength in an endeavour to make their plans effective."

In considering the German military situation on the eve of a post German offensive it must be recalled that through sixteen successive battles of great magnitude in Flanders, the British have every time come out victorious and pushed steadily ahead. Their gains have been methodical and cumulative.

The Germans have during this long series of major operations "unwarily" been forced to give way. The French stood like a rock at Verdun and soon after drove forward vigorously in the battle of the Somme and in turn played a great part in the repeated drives in Flanders.

The impending German offensive will possibly be their great assault. The French and British armies can be relied upon to withstand the shock.

Downey still purposes his certain amount of pep but not enough to be of any value last evening. Comerford's endeavors were useless against his betters in his many attacks. Pat Schmitt started for the Courier showing his ability in other lines as well as touching the keys.

The Expositor goal-tend worked well, during rest periods. No, we had no ringers from either the Toronto or Canadian, as some of the "First in Everysingers" were rightly led to suppose.

The machine-gun battery of the Courier worked smoothly and well, their deadly accurate and rapid fire worked havoc among the Hun's entanglements.

Now that the Expositor would-be hockeyists have again been so decisively beaten, those "highly intelligent young men" should take a tip and stop, before they are pushed entirely into the gutter.

The highly intelligent young men from the corner journal have apparently lost their knowledge of the scientific winter pastime which the Courier team endeavored to demonstrate to them the fine points of the game by beating the burr of the "First in Everysinging" gentlemen.

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By Arno Dosch Petrograd, Jan. 8.—Brest-Litovsk persona charge of the Bolsheviki with the representative trait Powers Foreign M is determined to call down as to peace or pounced purpose is to tations changed 150 c help make the pourp He will make a diree the German conditions control of the Bolsheviki's real purpose being fight so as to present between war and peace Constituent Assembly on January 18.

Contrary to opinion zky fears pacifism in control which is held revolutionists, who have as now against 150 c viki. The Bolsheviki's support of the reer in its war like attitud revolutionists are ans, and the Bolsheviki they are more likely to of any kind. The pea assembly, known in ad induced the Governme position. But not knowe ents will turn in the whether it will have s for either a separate tinuance of the war, th he called a third alle for Jan. 21, three d assembly meets. The pected to give the Gov al, even forcible backl situational assembly fa the Bolsheviki progr

To ratify the societ the so-called soveria party in contradic social revolutionists h meeting for Jan. 22. repeat the experience of ratifying the Bolsheviki ments. The radicals w rot when the list of e the assembly was ma social revolutionists a are conservative and ho Bolsheviki, while the volutionary party cong to be radical.

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