

Backbone of Winter

By WALT MASON

The winter seems ended, the soft vernal breezes come up from the Southland, refreshing and sweet; we bid a farewell to the north wind that freezes, we think we are done with the deadest of petrified men, the wind swings around to the northwest of Sweden, the backbone of winter gets busy again; that fussy old backbone, that volcanic backbone, that militant backbone gets busy again. We tire of cold weather; we view it with loathing, and soon as a robin is seen on the lawn, we say, "It is time for our light under-clothing;" we take off our flannels and put them in pawn. And then we've the grip and the jumping pneumonia, we furnish a snap for the medical men; they fill us with pills and with remedies; the backbone of winter is busy again; that dogged backbone, that jimtwisted backbone, that daddasted backbone is busy again. It's not safe to bet that the winter is over till hens go to setting and horses shed hair, till bees are a-buzzing around in the clover, and flies are so thick that they make father swear. So often we're fooled by the harbingers vernal, the previous bud, and the premature wren, and wake from our dream to conditions infernal; the backbone of winter is busy again; that foolish old backbone, that impudent backbone, that heartbreaking backbone is busy again.

Fans Wage Losing Fight, But They Know Where to Place Mr. Murphy

(By W. S. Forman.)

CHICAGO, March 29.—The thousands of fans who have been signing petitions in an effort to help Jimmy Archer get a \$7,500 salary from Charles W. Murphy, have lost their fight. Murphy refused to receive the petitions and also refused to meet Archer's demands. Facing exile from the game the star catcher signed up at \$7000 less than he thought he deserved. Following to the last minute his usual policy of evasion and misrepresentation, Mr. Murphy yesterday refused to tell the dear old public through the Star old press what the figures were. However there are other ways of obtaining news, thank all the gods of baseball. From a source close to Archer it was learned that

Archer demanded\$7,500
Murphy offered\$5,500
They compromised on\$6,500

The fans put up a good fight, although it was a losing one. Had it not been for the campaign made by Archer's admirers, it is probable that the Cub president would have stood pat and the season would have been begun without the services of the man whose work is vitally necessary to the success of the Cubs this year.

So the fans have something to be glad about anyway. If they accomplished nothing else, they learned what Murphy thinks of them. Q.E.D. (Latin for "That's what we always thought, but we wanted to prove it.")

SCRIBES DISCUSS MERITS OF THE TWO WAGNERS, HEINIE AND HANS

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 29.—A trade involving the swapping of Heinie Wagner of the Red Sox and Hans Wagner of the Pirates, a trade which has been discussed by some of the correspondents with the Boston team. They allowed sentiment to carry away their judgment, for they declared there could be no trade. By all the sentiment of the game, Pittsburgh would never part by Hans. There is no other reason, but when they are being discussed sentiment will cut no figure. By all his demonstration, by all his show which can be compiled and by all the gambling on the future, there could be no trade. It is only necessary to refer to the averages of the two players last year. Wagner of Beantown never had and never will have any hope of wearing a Pirate uniform if he obtains that through an exchange of Wagners.

Last year Honus of Carnegie, aged and decrepit though he be, managed to crack out a batting average of .324 against Heinie's .274. In the field the dope was all to the

credit of the Carnegie, the count being .962 against .922.

The men played in about the same number of games. Honus in 144 games, according to 803 chances and fouling on 32 others, whilst Heinie in 144 games took care of 723 chances and errors on 61 others. At bat the only Honus hit for a total of 277 bases, including 35 doubles, 20 triples and 7 homers as against Heinie's total of 184 bases, which included 25 doubles, 6 triples and two homers.

There are other features which would enter into the merits for a trade. Honus goes along the same year after year with never a serious injury and very few of the minor complaints. Heinie has trouble with his feet. He is continually getting spiked and the arches of his feet give him much concern.

The part that makes Honus the greatest star in the baseball world was aptly put by Claude Hendrix the other evening. "These fellows that are hunting perpetual motion have better take Honus. He is the answer to all the experimenting in that line."

Athletics

New Man a Real Star.

George Dinning, the Cumberland man, who won this year's modified Marathon at Powderhall, spread-eagled the field in the French professional cross-country championship at Juvisy, March 9. He ran the 10-12 miles in 58 minutes 4.415 seconds, and his nearest rival Jean Vermeulin, was 11 minutes 55.1-5 seconds behind him. Hans Holmer, so well known here, quit the third time around the circuit, and is said to have been ill.

It is very evident that Dinning's performance at Powderhall, when he beat Billy Quail was no fluke. He is surely a classy distance runner, and

his appearance in races at the Island Stadium against Quel, Wood, Schrubb and Kohlenmeyer will be awaited with interest.

Schubb for Harvard Again
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 28.—Harvard has secured the services of Alfred Schrubb, the English distance runner, to coach the half-mile, mile and two-mile runners of the Varsity track team. Schrubb will assume his new duties starting Monday. The Englishman has also been secured to train the Harvard cross-country team next fall.

BATTERIES FOR TO-DAY.

Hanna and Brewster.
Cocksbutt at bat.
Fisher on deck.
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Frank Wong, Proprietor

WELSH BRINGING 'WORLD'S TITLE' TO DEFEND IN U.S.A.

So Says Modest Englishman Via Wireless to Manager in N. Y.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The following message was received here today via wireless from S.S. Mauritania:

Harry Pollock, New York. Bringing English and world's championship belts. Arrange customs department. Am light and splendid condition. Ready to defend world's title at 133 pounds.

WELSH.
The message from Freddie Welsh, who is speeding to New York as fast as the transatlantic greyhound can bring him, shows that the champion, instead of taking on weight and getting beefy, is in his finest fighting form. This he has demonstrated by winning five battles in the past six weeks, three of them knockouts and two twenty round decisions. It also shows that despite the fact that official weight for his class in England is 135 pounds, he is not going to give critics here a chance to question his right to the world's title by holding out for the British weight.

In taking this stand he is but following the examples of the two great men, who were his predecessors as holders of the world's light weight title—Jack McAuliffe and George "Kid" Lavigne. Both of these wonderful fighters stood ready to make the stipulated weight and they both beat England's best—just as Welsh has defeated America's best—by clinch their hold on the world's title.

McAuliffe became the terror of John Bull's crop of lightweight by moving down "English" Jimmy Carroll, Jack Hyames and Jim Carney and Lavigne went to London and gave Dick Burge the trimming of his life. Welsh is the first man since their time to hold the title, holders of America, England and Australia and the belt mentioned above, emblematic of this honor, was presented to him by the oldest recognized boxing institution in the world, the National Sporting Club of London.

Welsh is in the unique position of having no one to challenge him, from the tone of the above message, it looks as if he is full of the fighting spirit and ready to meet all challengers.

Disastrous

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show inside of a week, but chance will be immensely tickled, if this third baseman is in trim for the championship opening, April 10. Then it remains to be seen whether, or not, Byrnes becomes plate shy, and his value as a slicker drops.

Butler—Collapsed after second game as result of heat and stress of battle. Fever of 105 all night and delirious. Was really in far worse shape than Byrnes.

McCarthy—Spiked in hoof by Speaker; gave chiroprapist a job of taking off his big toe nail and walked on cane the greater part of the week. Bedient—Got ugly stone bruise on right foot and did not don uniform for four days.

Cady and Nunamaker—Batty dented up hands as result of car race; mild summer speed first dash out of box.

Kelly—Same complaint.
All other catchers—Same complaint to certain degree.

Gardner—Hit on arm by one of

Robinson's fast ones and member lame for three days.
Hans Wagner—Missed being struck in eye by less than inch by one of Wood's fast ones same day as Byrnes was beaned.

Wood—took beating of Hyrnes to heart and inside chance he will be effected by accident all summer and be afraid to cut loose in pinches, fearing he may knock out some other warrior.

GOULD RENOUNCES HIS CITIZENSHIP

Declares He is Disgusted With the Way Government is Run.

Sails for France and Will Make His Future Home There.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Frank J. Gould, practically renounced his citizenship in this country today when he sailed for France declaring that he was disgusted with the way the United States government interfered with business. Mrs. Gould, formerly Edith Kelly, a show girl, and her three sisters, Misses Hetty, Mabel and Matilde Gould, accompanied the millionaires.

This is not the first time Gould has voiced his preference for French customs over those of America. Since he was fined \$1000 by Judge Hough of the United States court, on an indictment under the Sherman anti-trust law, in September, 1911, Gould's love for his mother country has been decidedly on the wane.

"Long ago," said Gould, "I took up my residence in France though my domicile is in America."

The people here disgusted him, he added, and his business remains in which the government does not interfere.

It is known that the abolition of horse racing here was also a blow to him. The Gould stables in Paris are valued at \$250,000.

Before leaving Gould found time to give the reporters an enthusiastic description of the Antidote "he raises on his French estate. He has been awarded a decoration in the order of "Merite Agricole" by the French minister of agriculture and had to spend a great deal of his time on his farm.

Another passenger on the France was Pierre Wood, who said that he studied shoes and a seasons that Pierre is a French noodle and a member of the family of Mrs. J. Wood. The reunion of Pierre and Mrs. Wood was affecting. During the ten days they have been in this city they have been compelled to live apart. Mrs. Wood stayed at the Plaza and Pierre at the Ritz where his own visited ship every day.

The noodle was looked after by Mrs. Wood's maid who remained with him at the Ritz. Mrs. Wood said it was Pierre's homesickness that was taking her back for she had intended to stay two weeks longer.

Lacrosse

The Vancouver A.C. team, Mann Cup holders have already had one practice, the entire team turning out. Neil Felker, who was out of the game part of last season, due to an attack of appendicitis, will be seen with the Indians again this season.

Cricket

Derby Sees a Ring.

Capt. Baggalay, the newly appointed captain, at the annual meeting of the Derbyshire Cricket Club, at Derby, strongly criticized the scheme of certain first-class counties for the future regulation of the championship. These counties, he said, had formed a ring, and their methods were of a round-the-corner character. He asked the Lankashire representative at Lord's what was their motive and was told that they had taken into consideration the position of the counties in the championship table, their financial position, and their age and standing.

Judged by those standards, he contended that it was unfair to exclude Derbyshire, as they stood higher in the table and were better off than counties left in, and their standing as a first class county went back to 1871.

Galt Has Open Dates.

GALT, March 29.—At the annual meeting of the Galt Cricket club the following officers were elected: President, R. O. McCulloch; Vice-President, Allan Hills, A. R. Goldie, Rev. Canon Ridley; Captain, W. Ladbroke; Vice-Captain, John Boyd; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Carew.

30 Brant Place, Galt; assistant secretary, John Simpson, 20 Water St. S. E. Galt. The club announce open dates as follows—May 24, 31, June 14, July 1, Aug. 2, 30, Sept. 13, 20, 27.

Major League Notes.

Infielder Eric Johnson, for whom the Chicago White Sox paid \$25,000, probably will be left on the Pacific Coast.

Pitcher Bill Hanrahan, a youngster tried out by Brooklyn, comes from a baseball family. His father was a substitute fielder on Anson's Colts.

Manager Chance of the Yankees would like to have a reliable left-hand pitcher. His only southpaws are Chester Hoff and Al Schultz, two recruits.

The Chicago White Sox have another pitcher named Smith. He comes from the Boise Club of the Western Tri-State League and his first name is Bobby.

Another training season comes to a close with the same old evidence that March is the rainy season in the South, but the major league club owners will never learn.

With Buddy Ryan and Jack Graney both sick, the New outfield contest narrows to Leibold and Hall, with Leibold said to have the edge on his Western League rival.

Word comes from the South that Amos Strunk has a very bad arm and may be a little disconcerted this year though the story is denied in the Athletic camp.

On Cincinnati player says he wouldn't have minded Tiger's spit against cigar smoking so much if the manager hadn't taken his men to Manila where everybody smokes them.

Harry McIntyre said to be making good progress in his effort to back as a member of the Cincinnati Reds. Manager Tinker has had him in charge of the Yanigan division in training.

McAll Mission

Over sixty ladies gathered in the home of Mrs. McFarland, 38 Arthur street, on Thursday, March 27, at 3:30 p.m., for the annual meeting of the McAll Mission.

The chair was occupied by Mrs. Wheeland, the president. The opening devotional exercises consisted of the hymn, "Blessed Assurance," prayers, and a very helpful Scripture lesson from Matt. 13, "The Sower and the Four Varieties of Soil," by Mrs. Woodside. The secretary, Mrs. Olive, read the report of last year's meeting and also the report as sent to headquarters for the "Record."

Mrs. Sanderson, the treasurer, reported that \$144 was in hand from the collectors. The president, in a short address, referred to the deaths of Miss Bennett and Mrs. Ness, who were good workers, and are lovingly remembered.

INDISPENSABLE FAMILY REMEDY CURED RHEUMATISM, BLOOD TROUBLES, ETC.

"There Is No Other Medicine That Compares with Hood's Sarsaparilla."

did my husband's father, over eighty years of age, a great deal of good when he had suffered forty years from rheumatism. Then it relieved my husband greatly in a severe case of dyspepsia. Then when my little boy was three years old he had eruptions come on his face, which the doctors called eczema. It was

Dreadful to see that awful humor spread gradually until his face became one solid sore. The poor little boy would scratch and make the eruptions bleed, so that we had to tie his hands to keep him from tearing his face on account of the great itching and burning. We gave him one bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cured him, for he has never had so much as a pimple or sore of any kind on his body since.

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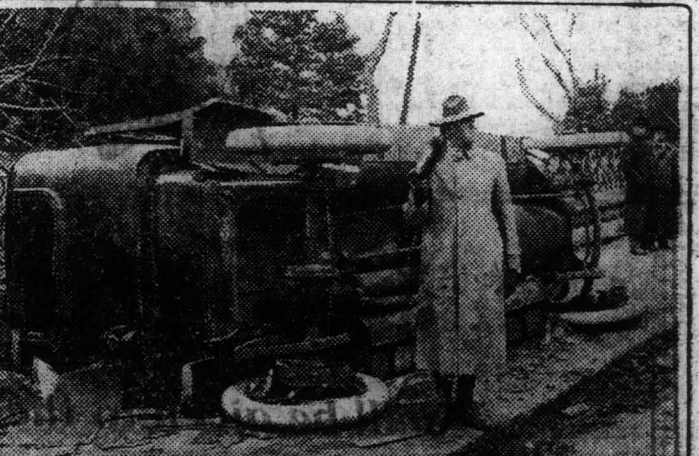
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The overturned automobile of G. A. Joselyn, Omaha. It was hurled against the stone wall by the hurricane.

Miss Grace Foster's address on the McAll Mission, present, past and future, was replete with information. Mr. McAll was a Congregational pastor in England. He and Mrs. McAll visited the city of Paris just two months after the Franco-German war. The city had seen a reign of terror. The desolate spiritual condition of the people touched the hearts of these noble servants of God. They determined to leave their much-loved English parish and devote themselves to France. Mr. McAll was then over 50 years of age and had an imperfect knowledge of the French language and no visible means of support.

It has been truly a "faith mission" from the first. They opened a plain, furnished reading room and invited the people to come each night from 7:30 to 9:30. Forty responded to the first invitation and one hundred were at the first Sunday service. For 41 years the work has been carried on and Christ proclaimed. Hundreds have been converted in Paris halls. The work spread to other places till there were 125 stations in all. Two mission boats are on the rivers, and from these it is estimated 75,000 people have been reached. There are also several portable halls and a gospel automobile. June 30, 1912, was a notable day, when a fine new building was opened. It has gymnasium, class-rooms, auditorium, room for mothers' meetings, and so on. It was the gift of American friends, and cost \$100,000.

Mrs. L. Brown read an account of the work done in the halls supported by the Canadian McAll Association. The beautiful solos by Mrs. Fissette and Mrs. Leeming were greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Detwiler expressed the appreciation of the Auxiliary for the faithful work of Mrs. Wheeland, the retiring president, and presented to her a life membership certificate. Mrs. Wheeland, in well-chosen words, thanked the Auxiliary for this happy surprise. She felt honored in being Brantford's first life member of the McAll.

The following officers were appointed: Honorary president, Mrs. Wheeland; president, Mrs. McFarland; vice-presidents, Mrs. Detwiler, Mrs. L. Brown, Mrs. P. Verity, Miss Foster; treasurer, Mrs. Sanderson; secretary, Mrs. Olive; leaflet secretary, Miss Wood. The offering was \$13. The social hour and dainty refreshments added to the enjoyment of the afternoon.



Judge Slabaugh's residence, West Farnum District, Omaha, a total wreck.