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MUTT AND JEFF---The Czar Certainly Has Tough Luck

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Detroit Has Real Spitball Artist

In Cunningham the Tigers Have a Pitcher Who Can Throw a Spitball With Something On It Besides the S Aliva.

HOUSTON, Tex., April 1.—If George Cunningham continues to improve at his present rate and makes the regular berth that now seems almost assured him, the Tigers will have, for the first time in more than a decade, a high-class spitball pitcher. For some reason, the Jumboebers never have seemed able to sign up an exponent of the moist delivery who could make the grade. There are only a few good ones extant, for that matter, and these few have eluded Manager Jennings and his predecessors very successfully. From time to time, various athletes who claimed to be masters of the salivary stuff have been picked up, but after trials of various lengths, back to the bush have gone, one and all, as the poet would say. Cunningham promises to break the spell and show Detroit fans that it is possible for a man to wear the Navin livery and still throw spitballs that will have something on them besides saliva. George's main stock in trade is the damp one, though he has a fast ball, a curve and a change of pace with which to protect it. When his arm is right, the "apple" takes the most baffling breaks imaginable, and the catchers are mighty glad when the last man is out and they can count up their fingers and thumbs and find all present and in working order. Big, Strong Fellow. The Chattanooga boy is a big, strong fellow, who is well equipped physically to stand the strain of pitching the spitball. This delivery is reputed to tax a pitcher's physique more than any other, and for a man to last any time and use it regularly, he has to have a strong arm and a

"You better take him now while it is bargain day."

"Maybe you are right, and I wish you luck," replied that tactician Cornelius, but at present he doesn't appear to me.

George went back to Minnesota and soon attracted such favorable attention with the Duluth club of the Northern League, that the Tigers grabbed him. When he was sent back to the minors last season, Cornelius probably had a quiet laugh for himself, but it will be the Cunningham family's turn to chuckle if the youngster makes good this year. Jinx Attached to Them. Some sort of a jinx seems to attach itself to all the spitballs who try for berths with the Tigers. There have been a lot of highly recommended performers among those who have endeavored to show cause why Jennings should keep them on the payroll but haven't even come close to the required standard. Among those who have fallen by the wayside are Lafitte, Lively, Lake and the "10,000 beauty," Ralph Comstock.

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Fohl Will Cut Cleveland's List of Utility Men

Indians Will Only Carry Two Extra Infielders and One Outfielder.

CLEVELAND, April 1.—It is Manager Fohl's intention to carry only two utility infielders and but one extra outfielder this season. With Gandil, Turner and Chapman conceded their positions and with Joe Evans and Ivan Howard thought to have the edge on Freddie Thomas, when it comes to third base, Fohl's announcement means that Bill Wambas will fight it out with Thomas for the sixth infield berth. Wambas appears to have the call over the New Orleans graduate, for the reason that Thomas can play a better game at second than Chapman and with Turner out of the game more or less each season, it is absolutely necessary that a player be carried who can fill in at the keystone sack when the veteran is forced to lay off. On the other hand, Thomas is the best base-runner that played in the Southern League last season, also topping all hands with home runs, in addition to taking down a very respectable batting average. Offensively, he has it on Wambas, but defensively Wambas has shown to greater advantage.

JIM THORPE RELEASED TO MILWAUKEE CLUB

Indian Athlete Falls to Make Good With the New York Giants. BEAUMONT, Texas, April 1.—Jim Thorpe, noted Indian athlete, was today released by Manager McGraw of the New York Giants to the Milwaukee club of the American Association. This is the third season McGraw has tried Thorpe out and found him lacking as a major leaguer. Weak hitting caused his failure to stick with the Giants. He goes with Milwaukee under an option which may be exercised at the end of the present season. Unless he shows great improvement with the stick, however, it is probable McGraw will not seek to recall him. Jose Rodriguez, Cuban first baseman, was released to the New London club of the Eastern Association. McGraw kept a string on him, however.

BENNY LEONARD WANTS A CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT

Issues Challenge to Freddie Welsh for a 20-Round Decision Fight. NEW YORK, April 1.—Benny Leonard is on the trail of Lightweight Champion Freddie Welsh today for a twenty-round bout with a decision, following his decisive but decisionless victory over him in ten rounds at Madison Square Garden last night. "My boy," said Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, "proved himself the champion's master. We will stay on his trail till he signs for a fight for the title, then the world will have a new lightweight champion." Leonard not only outpunched, but outpointed Welsh. He received the unanimous verdict of the New York sport writers.

The fans expected Leonard to hit harder than Welsh, but when the pair came into the ring in lively fashion, he astounded everybody by hitting often. But the crafty Welsh, beating a retreat from the rain of blows, covered up and was safe. Leonard could not land the punch that would bring him the championship.

In the seventh round Leonard had the champion in a bad way. He shot three left jabs to his chin, and a moment later landed a pair of right hooks on the same spot, shaking Welsh up badly. Leonard tried hard to set and break through the guard with the blow that would send Welsh to the canvas, but failed.

WITH THE BOWLERS



The standing of the different teams in the National Bowling League up to Saturday night shows the Maroons leading with 33 games won and six lost, giving them a percentage of .846. The total number of pins made by them in the 29 games is 22,994.

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Maroons: 33, 6, .846. Elks: 26, 13, .667. Brunswicks: 25, 14, .641. Nationals: 20, 18, .526. Ramblers: 16, 22, .421. Liberals: 14, 25, .359. C. A. C.: 12, 27, .308. Federals: 8, 28, .222.

Table with columns: Name, Games, Total, Ave. T. Mascari: 39, 4,889, 177. A. Sheere: 39, 6,751, 173. E. Singer: 36, 6,129, 170. P. Hooper: 33, 5,557, 169. G. Karryns: 32, 6,002, 189. S. Catalano: 29, 6,509, 199. K. Murray: 26, 6,045, 189. R. Bolton: 30, 5,078, 189. B. Lehman: 39, 6,959, 180. B. Fenoch: 29, 4,905, 167. P. Mascari: 39, 6,425, 166. H. Hart: 39, 6,424, 166. W. Primeau: 21, 3,470, 164. F. Smith: 23, 4,313, 160. C. Leach: 29, 4,745, 158. A. Norman: 29, 4,895, 163. M. McCullough: 27, 4,313, 160. T. Crawford: 20, 4,745, 158. E. Heard: 24, 4,968, 158. B. Benenati: 24, 3,798, 153. R. Burns: 18, 2,849, 158. J. Gillies: 18, 2,845, 158. D. Catalano: 30, 4,751, 158. R. Benenati: 24, 3,798, 153. R. W. Shaw: 36, 5,605, 156. J. Casey: 21, 3,295, 156. J. Oliver: 29, 6,028, 156. R. Benenati: 24, 3,798, 153. R. Parsons: 24, 3,676, 152. R. Brooks: 27, 4,193, 152. A. Rodgers: 9, 1,374, 152. Joe Catalano: 30, 4,544, 152. H. Tanney: 30, 5,477, 152. B. Sheppard: 37, 5,601, 151. B. Simmons: 32, 4,962, 151. P. Donahue: 27, 4,066, 151. C. Leach: 29, 4,745, 158. J. Mannings: 16, 2,383, 149. J. Tozer: 15, 2,198, 147. P. Pensa: 21, 3,042, 145. C. Perry: 18, 2,595, 144. J. Queenville: 24, 3,293, 141. W. Heal: 21, 3,046, 145. J. Ward: 12, 1,624, 135. H. Hampson: 39, 4,779, 132.

INDIANS HAVE RIVAL DOUBLE-PLAY TRIO

Chapman to Turner to Gandil Instead of Tinker to Evers to Chance. NEW ORLEANS, April 1.—Tinker to Evers to Chance, the most famous double-play combination baseball has ever known, is apt to be rivaled this year by Chapman to Turner to Gandil. These three Indian infielders have already started to perfect their double-play combination. In infield practice so far, every time the stage has been set for this play, the ball traveled so fast from one to the other it seemed as though they had been playing together for years.

Four Teams Make Perfect Score in R file Matches

Michigan Aggies Repeat by Making Possible 1,000 in N. R. A. Tournament.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Teams competing in the National Rifle Association's intercollegiate rifle matches are continuing the remarkable scoring that attracted attention during the first weeks of the competition. This week four teams—Washington State, Norwich, Michigan Agricultural and West Virginia—made perfect scores of 1,000. Notre Dame and Cornell made 998 each, Iowa State 996, Massachusetts Agricultural 995, Vermont 994, Michigan 992, Oregon Agricultural 988, Columbia 986, Princeton 985, Johns Hopkins 984, and Idaho and the Naval Academy, 983 each.

NO PROFESSIONAL BALL HERE THIS SEASON

London Ball Club Will Not Make Any Further Efforts to Establish League.

London's chance for having professional ball here this summer is growing slimmer every day. In fact, if it is left with the directors of the London club there won't be any. The majority of them feel that London has done more than its share to keep the Canadian League going this season, and they are now putting it squarely up to the other cities.

St. Brantford and Guelph wish to go ahead with the organization of the proposed International League, composed of three Canadian and three South Michigan cities. The directors of the London club are prepared to enter a team, and do their full share towards keeping it going, but that is as far as they will go. Up to the present nothing has been heard by the London club regarding the progress, if any, being made in the formation of the new International League.

NATIONAL LACROSSE UNION WILL PLAY AS USUAL

Proposed Suspension for This Year Does Not Meet With Approval.

MONTREAL, April 1.—The National Lacrosse Union decided at the annual meeting Saturday in the National clubrooms to play this season as usual, though the Montreal representatives suggested suspension. Montreal, Shamrocks, Cornwall and Nationals will be in the league this season, and probably Ottawa, which has not been heard from definitely yet on this question. President Peter Murphy declined renomination as head of the N. L. U. A new president may be elected at the adjourned meeting to be held April 8. Secretary Brown was re-elected.

OLD COUNTRY SOCCER

LONDON, Eng., April 1.—The following are the results of the principal English and Scotch soccer games decided today: ENGLISH LEAGUES.—Lancashire Section.—Bolton Wanderers 4, Bury 3. Preston N. End 1, Burnley 2. Blackpool 3, Southport Central 2. Everton 1, Liverpool 0. Manchester City 4, Oldham Athletic 4. Stockport County 5, Manchester United 2.—Midland Section.—Barnsley 4, Leeds City 5. Bradford City 0, Bradford 4. Huddersfield T. 2, Rochdale 1. Lincoln City 1, Grimsby Town 2. Sheffield United 1, Sheffield Wed. 1. Hull City 0, Rotherham 0. Notts County 3, Notts Forest 2. Derby County 4, Stoke 2. Chesterfield 3, Leicester Fosse 1. —London Combination.—Luton 0, Tottenham Hotspur 2. Fulham 4, Millwall 2. Croydon Common 1, Chelsea 4. W. Ham United 2, Watford 2. Brentford 3, Crystal Palace 6. Queens Park R. 2, Reading 6. Arsenal 2, Clapton Orient 1. —SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Aberdeen 5, Motherwell 0. Aldershotians 0, Third Lanark 0. Partick Thistle 1, Ayr United 1. Celtic 0, Morton 0. Hearts 3, Clyde 1. Queen's Park 0, Dumbarton 2. Raith Rovers 0, Dundee 2. Kilmarnock 0, Falkirk 1. Hamilton Acc. 0, Rangers 0. St. Mirren 2, Hibernians 1.

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BILLY DEFOE OUTPOINTS MORGAN IN SIX ROUNDS

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—Billy De-

foe, a St. Paul featherweight, beat Eddie Morgan of England, in a six-round bout here last night. At least three times Defoe had the British fighter on the verge of a knockout, Morgan's ring generalship saving him.

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