

SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD

John Team to Play in Halifax. The St. John hockey team has received an invitation from the Halifax Socials to play them on the latter team's ice. Arrangements are being made to leave here Friday, playing in Halifax Saturday night.

Bowling. Beavers Take Four. In the City Bowling League series last evening, the Beavers took all four points from the Wanderers in the match which was rolled on Black's alleys. The scores were as follows:

Table with columns: Wonders, Wright, Cronwell, Parnum, McLeod, Logan, Beavers, Cooper, Scott, Maxwell, Baillie, Carleton, RING. Rows show scores for various teams and individuals.

Went 13 Rounds by Mistake. Franklyn Mack of Bechemont out-pointed Chick West of Holyoke in a scheduled 13-round boxing exhibition, which went 13 rounds by mistake at the Chicopee A. C. on Friday night.

Rivers Knocks Murphy Out. Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 19.—Joe Rivers, of Los Angeles, knocked out Frankie Murphy, of Denver, in the second round of a scheduled 12-round fight here tonight.

BASEBALL. The Minors. New York, Feb. 17.—All minor baseball leagues will open the season as usual, even though the United States would become involved in war, and the question of suspending play will be decided later. Pres. Barrow of the International League announced this.

Alexander Not Yet Signed. Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—President W. F. Baker of the Philadelphia National League club and Grover C. Alexander, star pitcher of the team, met today and discussed terms for the coming season. No agreement was reached and the two will confer again next Tuesday.

Joe Wood Not in Demand. New York, Feb. 17.—Although Joe Wood did not put in any appearance at the American League meeting, his brother, Peter, who was with Newark last fall, was on hand. Pete declared that Joe is as good as he ever was and anxious to see some deal put through that will let him get away from Boston.

Highlanders show no interest in Wood. This is the club Joe would like to be traded to, but neither Captain Huston or Manager Donovan are disturbing themselves over the possibility of getting him.

Will Celebrate "Lajole Day." President J. McCaffery, of the Toronto Baseball Club, wired home from New York last week that President Barney Johnson of the American League, had requested the Toronto club to select a date in Toronto to be known as "Lajole Day."

President Johnson said that the American League used this to Lajole for his wonderful work in that organization, and that on the date designated by the Toronto club he and the officials of the American League would attend. The National League will be represented by President Barney Dreyfus, of the Pitts-burgh club.

Matty Gets Dave Shean. Newark, N. J., Feb. 12.—President Dreyfus of the Providence team today sold his player-manager, Dave Shean, to the Cincinnati Nationals.

Manager Christy Mathewson closed the deal here today and said Shean would cover second base for the "Reds," while Groh will play shortstop.

Thomas Signs With Red Sox. Boston, Feb. 17.—The signed contract of catcher Chester D. Thomas was received by Sec. Lane of the Red Sox yesterday afternoon. He is one of the world's champions who received an increase in salary.

Thomas is now the first-string catcher of the Red Sox and this season will have the job of receiving the offerings of pitcher Dutch Leonard, who has been at-

mat exclusively handled by Bill Carrigan. Thomas had a successful season in 1916, hitting for .264 in ninety-nine games.

Braves Will Trade Magee. New York, Feb. 16.—Sherwood Magee, Brave outfielder, is on the market. Geo. Stallings is maneuvering for a trade that will send Magee to any club in either major league. The only stipulation he makes is that a good ball player be given him in exchange. Cincinnati and Chicago both are said to be after the former Philly.

OWLS LEAD AS THE FIRST HALF OF Y. M. C. I. BOWLING SERIES CLOSES

The Standing of the Team and the Averages of the Bowlers

The first half of the series of games of the Y. M. C. I. bowling league finished last week, the last game being played on Friday evening. The first half of the series sees the Owls leading by seven points. The following is the league standing for games between Jan. 2 and Feb. 18, with the scores of the bowlers:

Table with columns: League Standing, Won, Lost, Pinfall, S. A. Rows list team names and their respective statistics.

Individual Averages. Garnett, Crows, 108; Riley, Canaries, 102 11-13; McKean, Condors, 100 10-13; Stammers, Crows, 97; Coughlan, Eagles, 96 5-21; Fitzpatrick, Owls, 95; White, Hawks, 94 2-18; McBride, Condors, 94 4-21; Cromwell, Condors, 94 4-21; Cleary, Owls, 94 1-13; Smith, Sparrows, 93 12-21; Cosgrove, Sparrows, 92 14-13; Glynn, Crows, 92; Downey, Falcons, 92 19-21; McCurdy, Hawks, 92 14-13; McGrath, Falcons, 87 17-21; Ryan, Eagles, 87 17-21; McGuire, Owls, 87 4-12; Magee, Falcons, 87 10-11; Sweet, Hawks, 87 10-11; Cotley, Eagles, 86 16-21; McManus, Falcons, 86; Carleton, Hawks, 85 23-15.

High single string record, Stammers, Crows, 141; high single team string, 925; Crows; high three string record, Riley, Canaries, 351; high team total, Crows, 1467.

Garnett, who leads the individual averages, participated in only one game. Riley is the real leader, having bowled 75 per cent of the total number of games in the first series.

SIGNS PLAYER ON RECOMMENDATION OF "LARRY" McLEAN

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Fred Mitchell, manager of the Chicago Nationals, announced today his return from New York today that he had signed Barney Coffey of New York, a third baseman, Coffey was recommended by Larry McLean of the Cincinnati Nationals.

Note.—Local fans will not be surprised to learn that Larry is taking an interest in Mitchell and is anxious to see him succeed as manager of the Chicago Cubs. Both players were friends years ago when Larry was playing for the Frederick Tarters and Mitchell, then known as Yapp, was with the Alerts in this city. They later met in the big leagues, when both practically started on the road to fame. This year Mitchell has a chance to show his ability as a manager, and McLean is to be given another chance under an old friend, Christie Mathewson, manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Many friends will be pleased to see both meet with success.

There was some discussion of the point, Attorney Edward E. Blodgett, who was examining Capt. Polack, expressing the wish that he might give the name privately to the court. But Judge Morton expressed the opinion that the name could not be useful and might be harmful to the case of the liner, because of the hearing began at 9:45 a. m. Attorney Blodgett first reading his petition for the sale of the liner, because of the damage and depreciation to her and the high cost of maintenance. He put on Captain Polack as his first witness.

Only 110 to 120 of Crew Left. The captain said he had been in charge of the steamship since she had been tied up here. Of her full crew of 940, only about 110 to 120 had been aboard during the last year, more than enough to care for her properly, but retained because of the length of service with the company and their inability from lack of knowledge of English or physical defect to get work elsewhere.

"In January," asked Mr. Blodgett, "you received certain orders from your superior in reference to doing something in regard to the ship?"

"Yes."

"When and where?"

"On Jan. 31 at the docks of our company in Hoboken."

"On Jan. 27 I had an anniversary celebration with friends. There I was going to Hot Springs for a fortnight, leaving the first officer in charge of the ship. Germany knew of coming break."

"On Jan. 31, just before noon, I was in the office at Hoboken. Others present were the superintendent of the company, Capt. Moeller, and a representative of the German government."

The question of the latter's name then arose. After its adjustment the captain went on:

"I was in the office of the superintendent when the putting on of the bond was just taking leave of the superintendent. The other said: 'The relations between the two countries are being severed. The condition is very serious.'"

"I went to take my leave and go out. He said, 'You remain here, and I remain.'"

"I asked, 'Now shall we do what has been agreed to do our engines?' He said, 'Yes.' The superintendent did not say anything."

"What had been agreed?" asked Mr. Blodgett.

"Last spring, when the Sussex case

British Gain in West; Have to Fall Back Before The Turks

With the British Army in the Field, Feb. 19.—The German army of Crown Prince Rupprecht has received several sharp raps on the knuckles during the last thirty-six hours. Following Saturday's engagements at dawn, in the Mirsumat region, the British have advanced further—and this despite fog, a thawing of the frozen ground and resistant seas of mud.

Officers are "quite satisfied" with the result they asserted today. The British lines now overlook Mirsumat at several points.

A violent counter-attack by the Germans north of the Ancre yesterday at noon was bloodily repulsed.

North of Amantieres British raiders penetrated 250 yards into German second-line trenches, killing sixty men. Many dugouts were cleared out by bombs. Other minor raids yesterday and last night were successful.

London, Feb. 19.—British troops on the left bank of the Tigris river in Iraq, took the offensive on Saturday afternoon against the Turkish positions at Annapat, says a British official statement issued today, and occupied two Turkish positions within a frontage of 800 yards

and 540 yards respectively. The Turks launched two heavy counter-attacks, and forced back the British to their original line. The British left wing repulsed a Turkish counter-attack, but when night came the troops withdrew from their newly won positions.

was up, and there were difficulties between Germany and America, I was asked to come to New York. The instructions came from our company's office and I went to that office.

"They said, 'You shall meet a gentleman who has something to say to you.' I recognized the man. He told me I am acting for our government.' I replied that I knew it."

Of Official Staff. "He said: 'These difficulties have arisen between America and Germany. It is about time that you should be in the custody of the United States man I saw in Hoboken was a member of the official staff.'"

"I do not know the relations of the man in New York, but I got to work out with them before the games at Ebbets Field. In August the last of this season of 1915 this fifteen-year-old boy pitched thirty-six games of which he won thirty-three and four of the no-hit games."

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This will turn especially on the nature of the claims of the libellants and to the size of the bond necessary to meet them, and whether, with such bond given, the vessel should be released from the custody of the court. The libellants' brief should be filed by next Saturday; the vessel to be put on the Wednesday following. If, however, the steamship company does not comply with these requirements within the time specified, then the court on next Wednesday will order the sale of the ship.

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Giant Recruit Has Record of Six No Hit Games

Waite Hoyt Gives Promise of Being a Star in the Major Leagues

Waite Charles Hoyt, a Brooklyn boy, signed by the Giants, has had a remarkable career, with six no-hit games to his credit.

In the first place Hoyt is the youngest player ever offered a big league contract. McGraw first signed him to an optional agreement in August, 1915, when he was only fifteen years of age. Waite was born on Sept. 10, 1898, which makes him sixteen years and five months old at the present time.

He is a husky youngster for his years, weighing 176 pounds and being five feet ten and a half inches in height. One thing which makes him a most effective as a pitcher is his length of arm. He has a reach of seventy-six inches.

Eight-handed. He attended public school in Brooklyn and later started his baseball career at a second string club in the Erasmus Hall, High School. His ability was such that he soon earned the job of regular pitcher.

In June, 1915, he was offered contracts by both the New Haven club of the Federal League and the Brooklyn club of the National League.

Both these he declined as well as an offer of a try-out with the St. Louis Browns.

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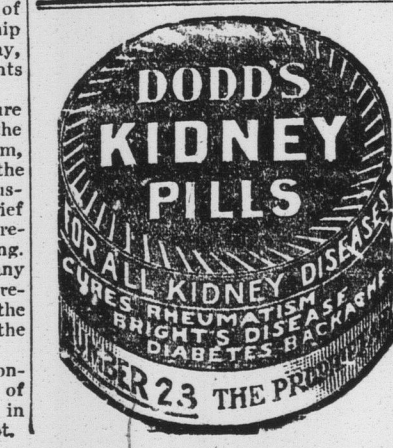
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