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Wasted Effort

By WALT MASON

Still Mexico is torn asunder. I wonder what it means? The raising of beans. Month after month the cannons rattle and burrs are pelted down by jays who should be herding cattle or hauling hay to town. Their leaders talk a lot of glory, while stirring up the storms, and prancing up and down in gory, bedraggled uniforms. But Mexico's bearded sages should know a better yield than harvests from the undertakers and dead men in a field. I'd rather take a team of horses and plow for winter wheat, than strew my doggone farm with corpses, all stark, with upturned feet. I'd rather herd a bunch of chickens and gather up their eggs, than take a gun and raise the dickens, and shoot men in the legs. I'd rather raise some mint for toddlers, or gain for wholesome bread, than have a corncrib full of lead. I'd rather dig, in dripping sweater, than deal in swats and biffs; one cord of elm is far, far better, than seven cords of sticks. In Mexico these men amazing should put their guns away, and soak their swords and go to raising greens, sugar beets and hay. A hundred tons of yellow pumpkins is of a greater worth than twenty tons of butchered bumptkins in any mart on earth.



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Gee, These Giants Sure Hate Themselves

The New York Giants look to be ought to be a stronger club than last year. This conclusion is logical, not so much from what the team has actually shown this spring, but from what it is capable of doing.

A certain conservative and clear-headed member of the squad was talking on the prospects of the team and had no hesitancy in saying that he looked to another championship.

"We ought to win like a breeze," he says, "and I shall be much disappointed if we don't."

"The dope all points to our winning the pennant again. One of our strongest assets is the way we are handled against accidents. I don't see how anything but a bad accident can keep us from winning, as we have such good players to take the place of any regular who may be incapacitated. The real strength of a ball team and that which wins pennants is in the reserve men, and there the Giants are well fixed."

The Giants are a young team. There isn't regular on it, in the infield, outfield or behind the bat, who is a young man. None of them

ought to begin to go back for two or three years yet at least. They ought to be better this year than last. Our pitching staff is great. Matz is still there; Marquard is in shape for just as good a season as last; Ames never was in better form and will win us many a game; we have picked up a good pitcher or two to help out, and Teserau, after what he did last year, will take the field this season with 25 per cent more confidence than he had last year.

"Another thing," the same member of the squad wanted to overlook is the increased strength from our batting order. With Doyle batting fourth we virtually have two clean-up hitters, Doyle and Meyers. Shafer is a good hitter, is good at getting on and can sacrifice well, and generally for second place in the order. If he doesn't steal 50 bases this year I shall be surprised. Then there's Burns. He is fast, young and ambitious, and will hold up his end in running. There are seven men right down the batting line on this team who will average 40 stolen bases each. Now, sir, I can't for the life of me figure out how we can lose the pennant this year."

None of the American League Clubs is Perfect, According to an Expert Southern League Dopester

The baseball experts state the teams of the American League clubs are as follows:

Boston—The Athletics' infield and a very able to make friends with the Royal Rooters.

Alexander—The Boston outfield, another Morgan and a long dry spell of Bender.

Washington—A new wing for Tony Lingo, a pair of new lamps to help him locate the plate, a second baseman, a 320 outfielder, the "blossom" in luck and a banner season for Walter Johnson.

Cleveland—Another Vean Gregg, a Mathewson, a high gear on the base lines, and the motto: "Remember, the noodle was made not for chop, but to think with."

Chicago—Fewer press notices, more base hits, a Lord without a bronch and three other big infielders. N.B.—If Ed Walsh could pitch every day the team would do.

Detroit—A first, second and third baseman, an outfielder and three more Mullins. Jennings has all the rest of the material needed.

St. Louis—Everything that Detroit doesn't need, to wit: Experienced

catcher, two great outfielders, a successor to Wallace and a first class pitcher. Besides these it can use a scoreboard which the public can read.

New York—Reconstruction, some good players, a new attitude toward sportsmanship by Hal Chase and a pitching staff that will "make good" some of the nice press stories once printed about it.

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Football

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SPORTING COMMENT

By FREE LANCE

The Wearin' of the Kelly.

Paddy, dear, and did you hear the news that's goin' round? The hats they wear are greener than the grass upon the ground. It's the most distressful style of hat that ever yet was seen. And a man deserves a hangin' if he wears a hat of green.

A man who wears a straw lid at a ball game at this time of year may be merely showing his independence. And still he may be paying off an old election bet.

Honus Wagner, who avers that there is nothing wrong with his legs, never has looked in a mirror. Christy Mathewson says an umpire once made him sick, but he has nothing on the rest of us.

Nothing to It.

Mary had a little lamb; She beat the lamb full sore, And yet the creature followed her And loudly called for more.

The base ball fan is like the lamb— You kick him on the shin And yet he will come back again And hand you all his tin.

Nero had thrown another jolt into his beloved subjects. "The more I abuse 'em the better they like it," he said.

Whereupon he built more seats in the Circus Maximus.

Some are born to fame, some achieve fame, and some hit the ball hard enough to get their pictures in a tobacco ad.

Ban Johnson refuses to give ball players a trial, possibly on the theory that they are all guilty anyhow. Ban knows athletes.

Why

Why should the spirit of mortal be proud, When they hand him a bundle of roses? Let him consider how loudly the crowd Will cheer when the season closes. Worship of heroes is fleeting and short In this valley of laughter and sorrow.

Heroes to-day in our national sport May be handed the tinware tomorrow.

Pests.

It is easy enough to be pleasant though the home team be far in the rear, But it's hard to be kind When a rummy behind Is yelling like mad in your ear.

Jean Dubuc turned a little Sherwood Holmes stuff yesterday. He was asked about the membership of the Dubuc club which has too seats for the Detroit game. "I don't know who the members are," he said, "but I think they are French-Canadian fans." And still some folks say ball players are not quick thinkers.

Leaving an Address.

Boy, if the phone should ring— If anyone comes to call— Whisper that this is spring— To drop in again next fall.

Say I have a date on a certain tee Where my friends, the sand-traps, wait in glee And tell him that the Doc has ordered me To keep my eye on the ball. Boy, if you want to know Where I shall haunt the scene, Tell them to leave and go Out by the ancient green; Tell them to look where the traps are deep And the sand flies in a powdered sweep And out of the depths four curses creep.

To the flash of a niblick's sheen. And then if the boss should sigh Or for my presence seek— Tell him the truth—don't lie— Say that my will was weak: For what is a job to a brassie shot?

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000
Washington	1	0	1.000
Chicago	4	2	.667
Cleveland	3	2	.600
St. Louis	3	3	.500
New York	1	3	.333
Boston	1	3	.250
Detroit	1	4	.200

Yesterday's scores: Cleveland 2, Detroit 1; Chicago 3, St. Louis 2; New York at Boston, rain; Philadelphia at Washington, rain.

Games today: Washington at New York, Boston at Philadelphia, Cleveland at Chicago, St. Louis at Detroit.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RECORD

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Boston	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	1	.667
Brooklyn	2	1	.667
Chicago	2	2	.500

That whistles away to an untrapped pot— To the thrill of a well-cut mashie shot or the sweep of a burnished cleft?

The Red Sox—Senatorial Task.

If either Boston or Washington cherishes any dream of heading off the Athletics this season the trick can only be turned by one or both these clubs holding Mack's team in check.

The Red Sox triumphed last fall largely through their ability to beat the Athletics at almost every stand. In the course of the melee the Red Sox wrestled off fifteen battles out of twenty-two starts from the Mackian line-up, a margin better than two games to one.

The ex-champs. have the jump to date for the new season and have already shown that they are out to clean up. They look to be a far harder club to beat than a year ago and if they ever start West in May leading the parade it isn't likely they will ever be headed again.

The Red Sox trimmed the Athletics last season fifteen games to seven; the Athletics upset the Senators thirteen games to seven and yet the Senators gave the Red Sox a fairly even battle of it.

Some Time to Wait.

This is no date, however, for any trailer to give way to gloom. The two clubs that were leading the two big parades on May 15 last season both finished fourth. They were Chicago and Cincinnati. But on this date after a ragged start the Athletics were in sixth place. They will not be in sixth place around the fifteenth of this forthcoming May, not by three or four base hits.

There has been a large bale of discussion rampant for some time as to whether Rucker, Marquard or Gregg was the greatest living southpaw. Not to forget a left-hander by the name of Ed Plank, who had a greater year than any of them in 1912 and who is starting his thirteenth campaign with the best April sprinting he has ever shown. It will be quite awhile before the game sees another left-hander who is as good over as long a stretch as the Gettysburg guide. There may be some doubt yet as to how Bender and Coombs will shape up, but the virtue Mr. Plank has already completed the bulk of his rebuttal.

The Cobb Case.

While the presence of Ty Cobb won't win any pennant for Mr. Navin, there are still a good many thousands willing to pay 75 cents to see the Peach play who wouldn't stroll around the corner to see the rest of the present Tiger outfit—minus Cobb.

Cobb has his faults—and a good many of them—but if the greatest all-around ball player of the age isn't worth \$15,000 a year it's a bum profession for any man to follow far.

The average ball player may not be underpaid, but the stars of the game—the big drawing cards—are entitled to a good bit more than they will ever get.

Eddie Collins closed out his first series with a batting average of only .777. Eddie would be another Evers or Lajoie if he could only hit.

Pittsburgh	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
Cincinnati	1	2	.333
New York	0	2	.000
St. Louis	0	2	.000
Chicago	0	2	.000

Special lot men's \$2.25 pants, going at \$1.79 pair, at Whitlock's.

Pain Flees Before It—There is more virtue in a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil as a subduer of pain than in gallons of other medicine. The public knows this and there are few households throughout the country where it cannot be found. Thirty years of use has familiarized the people with it, and made it a household medicine throughout the western world.

SOFT BALLERS FORM LEAGUE

Meeting Was Held in the Y. M. C. A. Last Night—Several Teams Ready.

At an open meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors last evening a soft ball league was formed. A good representation of those interested in the sport were present. The following teams had one or more representatives present: Gould, Shapley and Muir, Dufferin Rifles, Ham and Nott, East Ward, Mickle, Dymont and Son and the M. C. A.

Although six teams will be signed it was the feeling at the meeting last night that at least two more teams should be signed. It was decided that \$5 would be the entrance fee for each team and to allow a \$3 refund to each team finishing the schedule, the balance to be credited to the league for current expenses. The constitution, which the league propose drawing up, is an excellent one. Players will not be allowed to jump around from one team to the other. Every player will be called upon to sign up with a team and will not be allowed to play on another team without first receiving a release from the team he has been playing with. Each team will be privileged to sign fifteen men. The official fourteen inch ball will be used. "Will uniforms be worn?" This was a question asked by one of those present. The question was discussed. Nothing very definite was decided but it is probable that it will rest with the respective teams whether they wear or do not wear uniforms.

The Meeting.

Capt. Newman was nominated chairman for the meeting. In a few words Capt. Newman outlined the idea of the league. He said the game could be played after six o'clock. The game only requires a small piece of ground to play on. He said the idea was to get the "has beens" Mr. Roper was appointed Secretary pro tem. After a general discussion it was moved by Mr. Frank Reid, seconded by Mr. McQuinn that the league be formed. The following officers were elected: President, Thos. Lyle; Vice President, William Hartman; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Roper. The following is the committee: Capt. M. A. Colquhoun, Dufferin Rifles; J. McJinn, Gould, Shapley and Muir; Gus Edmondson, Ham and Nott; Frank Reid, Mickle, Dymont and Son; Y. M. C. A., Mr. Roper, pro tem; East Ward, A. Lyle.

The officers and committee will meet next Wednesday evening to draft up the constitution and transact other business.

Capt. Newman offered a few months ago to put up a cup for the league to compete for. He again made this offer at the meeting last night. Later he told a Courier reporter that he was willing to give a shield instead of the cup if somebody would give the medals.

Canadian League

Ernie Dinsmore and Jack Gillis will leave on Tuesday for Berlin, where they will be given a chance to make good on the newly organized club. Gillis has been working diligently and should make a good impression along with "Diny," who will be given a chance to play on the infield this season.

Eddie Wright and Howick are among the holdouts of the St. Thomas Club. Manager George Ort is expected to arrive in St. Thomas to-day.

Manager Louis Cook, Mrs. Cook and baby Miss Cook have arrived in Guelph. Louis, like Deneau, depends on having secured a high-class pitching corps to keep the Leafs in the first few rungs on the championship ladder.

Abby Johnson is after Roy Wright, the boy catcher of the amateur Orient Club of Toronto for his St. Catharines team. Wright is a comer, but a few more years' development in and around the city leagues will not go amiss. A big mistake is being made by getting out too early in life. Many youngsters who have been given trials have fallen by the wayside because they lacked a few more years of stability.

The St. Thomas Baseball Club has the following players on their list to report on Monday: Manager Ort arrived to-day. Catchers—Powers, Kirby, Kieffel and Eitel. Pitchers—Clemons, Baker, Golden, Macumber, Hendershot, Howick. Infielders—Gurney, Loas, Forgue, Killingsworth, Manager Ort and Wright. Outfielders—Koppe, Kustur and Lovenger.

SALISBURY AND BORDEN CLUBS PLAYED A TIE

Before the largest crowd that ever attended a carpetball final game, Borden No. 2 played Salisbury S. O. E. a tie game on the latter's floor last night, and look to have the Hastings Cup for 1913 stored away. They play on the Borden Club floor Friday night. Salisbury are known as great finishers, and a great game should be in order. The game last night was close at all times. Borden No. 2 led by two points at half-time, but nearing the end Salisbury was going strong and managed to tie the game up on the last end. The score:

SALISBURY	BORDEN No. 2
E. Rowe,	A. Jennings,
H. C. Sleeth,	F. Brett,
A. Hills, skip.....	54 H. Fowler, skip.....
H. King,	H. Davis,
E. Williamson,	A. Collings,
L. Mears, skip.....	61 B. Fulcher, skip.....
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Referee—President A. Dowling.

BARROW'S CIRCUIT BADLY TREATED

Rain Prevented All the Opening Day Games From Being Played.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The International League got a sockdolager from the weather on its opening day. It came in for a harsher treatment than either of the two big leagues received when their seasons began.

The fields of all four cities in which games were to be played were too swampy, wet, soggy and oozy from the rains for anything like baseball to be attempted, not to mention the trifling fact that more rain was falling. The pennant season in the International League, therefore, opened by not opening. Toronto in Newark, Buffalo in Jersey City, Montreal in Providence, Rochester in Baltimore—nothing doing anywhere.

The same schedule will be carried out to-day if the weather gets over its cantankerous humor.

The Ring

Luther McCarty Got Decision.

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—Luther McCarty, claimant of the white heavyweight boxing championship was awarded the popular decision by a wide margin at the end of a fast six-round bout with Jim Flynn of Colorado, at the Olympic Athletic club here last night. McCarty led throughout the fight, and frequently compelled his opponent to clinch to avoid his vicious straight left jabs.

Wolgaast Was Wobbly.

Reports from the coast are to the effect that the ways and habits of Wolgaast have no been such as to inspire a whole lot of confidence in the former champion, although it is now conceded that he is training hard for Murphy. An acquaintance with wealthy water and a liking for the bright lights made him a bit uncertain as a betting proposition so all his real friends, and not a lot of bums who were hanging about him, were pleased when he went to the hills and started a steady training grail. He effect will be watched with interest, as much of the future of Wolgaast depends on the coming fight.

Specialists Win Out.

They are telling in New York that Gunboat Smith has but one effective punch, but with it he is piling up a lot of money, and just by using his right hand. This is refreshing, as the average fighter just piles in and fights as best he can without trying to develop any natural punch he may possess. Most successful boxers have a favorite punch with which they expect to land the bacon and it is the wise one who knows enough to keep on trying to get it over. General results may be all right, but the specialist in boxing, as in medicine, are the people who get the money.

See Whitlock's new Spring suits for boys' and young men's wear. Temple Building, 78 Dalhousie St.

ANDY KYLE RELEASED TO AKRON, OHIO, CLUB

CINCINNATI, O., April 16.—Andy Kyle, an outfielder, who was secured from the Akron, Ohio, club by the Cincinnati National League management last fall, was returned to Akron to-day. Kyle's home is in Toronto. He was formerly with London in the Canadian League.

Men's new Spring suits. See Whitlock's leaders at \$9 and \$11.

KUBAT AND ISAACS MAY GO TO OTTAWA

Ottawa is, However, Opposed To Optional Agreement—Dolan Signs.

OTTAWA, April 17.—President James J. McCaffery of the Toronto club yesterday offered Pitcher Frank Kubat and Infielder Charlie Isaacs to the local club. The message was forwarded to Shaughnessy, who is on his way to Fort Wayne. The latter, however, is opposed to accepting players under optional agreement, but it is possible that the locals will make an effort to purchase the players. They have been ordered to Scranton for the time being, but Ottawa may get both. Frank Dolan sent in his signed contract Tuesday and Shaughnessy wired from Detroit last night that he would get one or two youngsters from the Tigers. There is also a possibility of Catcher Von Hopper coming back. Shaughnessy has but a skeleton of last year's team to work around, but has hopes that the new men will patch up the vacancies satisfactorily.

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