

VERY FEW YOUNGSTERS TO BE FOUND ON MANAGER ROBINSON'S TEAM OF DODGERS



Manager Robinson and Some of His Veteran Players.

The passing of Larry Cheney brings to mind the fact that there are few youngsters on the Brooklyn team, writes a critic of Brooklyn baseball affairs. The regular outfielders are all veterans and in the infield Ed Konetchy and Ivey Olson are old-timers. Lew Malone, Chuck Ward, Tom Fitzsimmons, Pete Kilduff and Ray Schmandt are comparatively young in the game, but all have had their share of experience and hard knocks. Every pitcher has been through the mill, likewise every catcher. Not one of the youngsters who was taken South last spring to prove his fitness for big league playing, Malone excepted, is on the club roster. Frank Brazill, Joe Nagle and Eugene Sheridan never got a chance to play in the big show. Manager Robinson must begin to do some thinking about youngsters to take the places of the venerables. They will not last forever. Some, indeed, are near the ragged edge right now of stepping off.

ATHLETE NEVER STOLE BASE

Hub Perdue Tells Story of Life's Tragedy, an Ambition of Fifteen Years' Standing.

Hub Perdue, the famous Gallatin squasher, his eyes tear dimmed and his voice husky, recently confided to sorrowing friends the story of a life's tragedy, of an ambition of 15 years' standing never yet and apparently never to be fulfilled.

"I've been playing baseball for 15 years and I've never stolen a base,"



Hub Perdue.

moaned the portly boxman of the Pell-cans.

"Surely, Hub," urged a bystander, "in all these years you have at times been on first and a runner on third and two out, or have gotten to first with the enemy ahead by a flock of runs and willing to let you steal 'round to third just for the fun of it."

"Never, never," answered the old-timer. "I'm determined to steal a base, though, if I have to stay in baseball ten years or more or break a leg while I am trying. The only way I could ever find for me to steal a base was to get a lantern and go out at night, but the scorers won't count that kind."

JOHN WATSON IS HOPELESS

Pitcher Looked Good Last Year, but Starts This Season Showing Nothing to Connie Mack.

Connie Mack gave John Watson up as hopeless last week and released him to Baltimore. Watson looked pretty good last year, but in his three starts this spring showed nothing that would encourage Mack to keep him. In his place Mack has signed a young pitcher named Eisenberger, who comes from an independent team at Marysville, Pa. He recently returned from France, where he made a reputation pitching army baseball, though it is not explained how a doughboy with such a name got by.

WORTHLESSNESS OF PITCHERS' RECORDS

Peculiar Instance Recited of Game at Cincinnati.

Adolpho Luque, Cuban Twirler, Given Credit for Winning Contest Although Not in Lineup When Winning Runs Scored.

The worthlessness of "won and lost" records for pitchers is shown in the following instance as recited by Jack Ryder in Cincinnati Enquirer:

Adolpho Luque, the Cuban right-hander, received credit for winning the opening game of the season at Cincinnati from the Cardinals. He pitched only one inning, and was not actually in the lineup when the winning runs were scored, but his credit for a victory in the records was in accordance with the rules governing the crediting of games to pitchers.

Luque went into the game at the start of the eighth inning, with the score 2 to 1 in favor of the Cardinals. The state of the score at that time eliminated Reuther, who had pitched the first seven rounds, from any chance of receiving credit for the game if the Reds should win. Reuther left the contest with a loser on his hands, and if no more runs had been scored by the Reds he would have been charged with the defeat.

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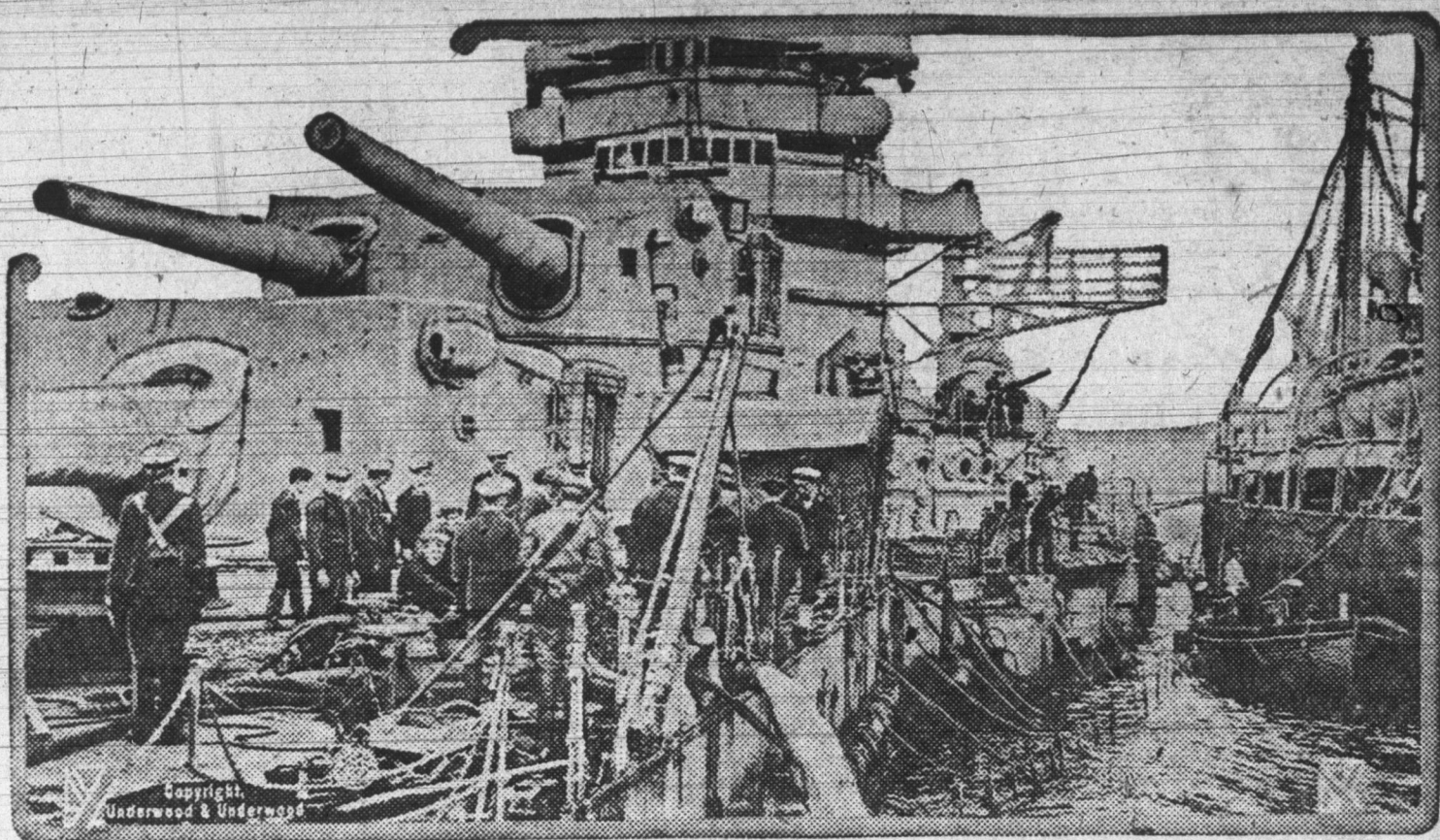
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SALVAGE WORK ON SCUTTLED GERMAN FLEET



View of the salvage work being done by the British on the war vessels which the German crews scuttled in Scapa Flow.

Doctors Remake Wounded Heroes

Red Cross Worker Tells of Marvels of Reconstruction Surgery.

EASY TO GIVE MAN NEW FACE

Soldiers Brought to Hospital in France With Countenances Merely Blurs Sent Away With Normal Visages.

New York.—Miss Eva Hammond of the American Red Cross, who returned recently from Europe after nearly five years' service with the allied armies, and who wears decorations of the British and French governments, told of the wonderful results achieved in reconstructive surgery by the surgeons of the American and allied armies. Miss Hammond, whose home is in San Francisco, was attached to the staff of the American Red Cross hospital in Neuilly, France.

"It is surprising how many things can be done to a man by a shell and leave him still living," Miss Hammond said. "And the things that can be done to make it worth while for him to go on living are even more surprising."

"Dental surgery is one profession that has gone ahead from the impetus of the war in leaps and bounds. The marvels that the doctors of dentistry performed were not entirely unknown before the war, but they were in the theoretical stage. There was no chance to put these theories into practice, except in widely isolated cases. The war proved that those theories were sound and practicable; it afforded them a means of development. There is nothing impossible in dental surgery now."

"I have seen men come into that hos-

pital of ours with bloody blurs where their faces had been. Fed through tubes and kept alive. I have seen their remaining bits of skin stretched over the raw places, which filled with new flesh under careful treatment, and finally they have gone out into the world with new faces.

"There was one man, I remember, who came in to us with his entire face gone—nothing left but one eye. We fed him through a tube, built him a metal jaw, fitted with teeth, and made him look like a human being again, except that he had no nose—only two nostrils. We found him a false nose and a pair of spectacles attached, hiding the scarred flesh around his missing eye, and making him look so much like another man that one would not have glanced at him a second time to note his deformity.

"Another man came to us with the greater part of his face intact, but with no nose. It had been shot off completely, leaving his flesh flat from chin to forehead. We made him a nose to fit him. From the place where his nose had joined to his forehead there hung a little wisp of skin. This was pulled down, stretched every day, and kept dry and healthy by an antiseptic powder. Finally it grew to the correct length for a nose. Then we opened his wrist and grafted a piece of bone to the place where his nose should have been, binding arm and face together until the operation was completed. Then we adjusted the skin, which filled out with healthy flesh, and there was a new nose!"

Easy to Give Man New Face.
A man whose face had been hanging down from below his eyes, Miss Hammond says, was a simple case. His face was sewn back in place.

"I met him on the street in Paris," she says, "just two days before I sailed, and his face looked just as usual, except for a slight scar which ran along under his eyes and across his

Explorer Attacked by Prehistoric Bird

London.—Baron Munchausen, says the Daily Express, is reincarnated in the person of Ivan Levey, who describes an encounter with a prehistoric moa in the wilds of North Island, New Zealand.

He was assaulted, says Levey, by a 14-foot moa, a class of beast that had been generally supposed to be extinct.

Its color was light brown and its body huge and hulky.

There were no signs of wings, the legs were disproportionately massive, almost elephantine, and the three-toed feet were "simply ponderous."

A small head rested on a long ostrich-like neck. The moa uttered a deep, booming noise, says Levey.

nose. In time it will almost disappear. A man who had been the victim of a freak shell which had ripped out every one of his teeth, leaving him otherwise unharmed, was supplied with new gums and a complete set of upper and lower false teeth. I have even seen a man with his brain bulging down over his eye from a jagged cut in his skull. The brain has been carefully pressed back in place, and the head fitted with a metal plate. This operation leaves the patient perfectly normal so far as his mental condition is concerned. He is, however, unable to go about much in the hot sun, as strong heat affects him, and he cannot drink because it irritates the brain.

Sometimes, Miss Hammond said, a patient would be brought into the hospital with his leg smashed to pieces. Instead of making a hurried amputation, every effort was made to save the injured limb. It was put into a frame, and in a short time the smashed bones would take a position, knit, and begin to grow together, while the splintered bits would gradually work their way out of the leg through the flesh.

CLEARED OUT BOLSHEVIKI



Photo by Western Newsphoto.

Silvestras Zukauskas, commander in chief of Lithuanian army, who has cleared his country of the "Reds" after much pitched fighting, and is now protecting Americans doing relief work in that section. Paris says, "General Zukauskas is one of the most remarkable men in the war." A hero of many battles, distinguished in the Russo-Japanese war, successfully defended Lithuania against the Hun, and afterwards the bolshevik.

Million Homes Needed in U. S.

More Houseless People in This Country Today Than Ever Before.

SITUATION DUE TO THE WAR

Great Scarcity and High Cost of Materials Check Building Operations—Little Work Done During Past Four Years.

Washington.—The United States today is facing the greatest shortage of houses since man ceased to live in caves and huts of brush and made for himself and family the hearth and home that became the temples of civilization. During the recent session of the National Association of Real Estate boards, in Atlantic City, Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce, declared that the nation will require 1,000,000 additional homes during the current year to care for the growing population, for whose shelter no provision was made during the four years of war in Europe.

In addition to the needs of the United States, Secretary Redfield declared that, in December, England, France and Belgium also will need 1,000,000 homes, not to mention the requirements of Russia, Austria, Italy, Serbia, Roumania, Turkey and other nations in which millions of buildings were laid in ruins during the period of hostilities.

War Caused Lack of Building.

The perplexing situation now existing in the United States is said to be due entirely to the war. During the years of hostilities, the scarcity and high wages of labor and the scarcity

and high cost of materials prevented the construction of houses which the natural growth of population rendered necessary. Then came Secretary McAdoo's appeal for the restriction of building operations to a minimum during the war. For a time building virtually stopped. Funds that otherwise might have gone into homes, business blocks, and factories were invested in Liberty bonds.

Nor have some of the causes which checked building operations disappeared with the war. Materials are almost as scarce and in many cases more costly than they were during the struggle. Whatever reduction of wages may have occurred in some of the countries, there is none in the United States, and as a result there appears to be no definite program for the prompt and speedy erection of homes in the United States.

VILLA RUNS FIVE MILES DAILY

Mexican Rebel Leader Takes Up Physical Culture to Keep From Getting Fat.

El Paso, Tex.—Francisco Villa is a physical culture recruit.

When he was at Villa Ahumada en route to attack Juarez, he was seen by residents of that little town doing setting-up exercises every morning in front of the home of Jesus Ysleta, which he had appropriated as his headquarters.

After fifteen minutes of this the rebel leader would run the full length of the main street of Villa Ahumada twenty times to cover the five miles he set as a task for himself each day. "Keep the stomach from getting fat. It makes riding easier," he said to one of the interested spectators.