

OLD DAD TIME MADE MANY NEW CHAMPS IN '17

Baseball and Boxing Titles
Handed Around Lively Dur-
ing Year.

By OLD DAD TIME
I did pretty well in 1917.

I made new champions galore, especially in the pugilistic world and on the baseball diamond.

I made "Pants" Rowland kingpin among big league managers and gave him a world series championship. In doing the latter I am free to confess that I had the able assistance of Heinie Zimmerman.

I made Eddie Crotte the most noted of pitchers by influencing American league batters to the belief that his "shine ball" was unobtainable. I made Eddie Roush, the red-headed wonder of Cincinnati, new champion batter of the National league. What kept me from making a new champion swatter for the American was Ty Cobb.

I made Hank Gowdy the champion of all baseball by leading him into an Uncle Sam uniform—the first big league player to volunteer. I made Mike O'Dowd champion middleweight boxer and no one who has seen the "Fighting Harp" in ring action can say I didn't do well when I thrust the crown upon Mike's pompadour dome.

I made Ted Lewis welterweight champ, although I'm open to argument as to whether or no I made a fizzle of that job. Maybe I crowned the wrong man. I don't know, but I will the minute Ted gets into a real battle.

I made Benny Leonard champion lightweight. That was some neat job, even if I do say so myself. Benny has it on all the other million or two promising lightweights. But I do wish Benny would make good on his promise to enlist. I made Pete Herman champion bantam. That was a poor job, because Herman is called a slacker even in his home town.

I would have made a new champ heavy and a feather, too, but for a couple of good reasons—Jess Willard and Johnny Kilbane. I made Earl Caddock champion wrestler, thus taking the title from one farmer, Stecher, and giving it to another son of the soil. Maybe I should have handed the wrestling medal to Olin or Zbyszko. What do you think?

I made Pittsburg champion in the eastern football world; Georgia Tech. in the south, and Ohio State, in the west.

I made Miss Gertrude Artelt champion 100-yard woman swimmer, and aided little Miss Thelma Darby in defeating Miss Claire Galligan, national woman's champion swimmer on the 500-yard course. I made Miss Harris queen of the harness world, seeing to it that she gained the honor of being the first mare to pace in two minutes.

I—and, fellows, I am sorry, just as sorry as you—took away two of the best men who ever pleased a sport loving public. Rest, old Timmons, and Frank Gotch, that whom better or finer men never entered the ring or went to the mat.

I did a lot, didn't I? You bet I did! And I only had 365 days in which to do all this.

Sam Crawford Tipped As New Indian Pilot

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—Dispatches from Los Angeles today brought the information that President James C. McGill of the Indianapolis club has decided to sign a playing manager for next season, but that none of the present members of the team is being considered. He mentioned Sam Crawford as one of the men he has in mind to succeed Jack Hendricks, who became a big league manager yesterday as the new head of the St. Louis Nationals.

Crawford became famous with the Detroit Tigers and in his many years with that club he always hit heavily. He has slipped badly in the last two years, however, and was not a regular last season. Sam may have more hits left in his bat, but he has lost his fly-chasing ability. However, he could do valiant service as a pinch hitter and possibly be able to fill an outfield utility role.

REDS LOSE COMER WHEN HE ENLISTS



Morris Rath.

The Cincinnati Reds are mourning the loss of Morris Rath, upon whom they had counted to fill out a hard hitting infield. The Red expected Rath to make a big showing upon his return to fast company, and though he expects to make a big showing yet it will be in the service of Uncle Sam and not on the diamond. Rath recently wired Manager Maitly that he had enlisted.

FEW NEW RECORDS IN AMATEUR SPORTS



Above, left to right: Miss Alexa Stirling, Duke Kahanamoku and Miss Mary K. Browne. Below: Joie Ray, Joe Guyon and Clinton Larson.

Though few new records were established and though there was little championship competition the past year of amateur sports was not an uninteresting one. Sports in most every field were kept alive, but they were valued mostly as a means of diversion and physical fitness in time of war.

Neither in golf nor in tennis were any national titles passed about and the few large tournaments in these sports were benefits for various war charities. Chick Evans still retains the two crowns he won in 1916 as both open and amateur champion, and Miss Alexa Stirling remains the women's champ. Norris Williams is still the national singles tennis champ.

In spite of the setback occasioned by the war, golf enjoyed a flourishing year and the many exhibition matches, replacing the competitions of normal years, had almost as great interest as the more important events of other seasons. Bobby Jones, the boy wonder of the south, continued at his best clip, and Jerome Travers and Chick Evans, though neither had part in any tournament play, played their greatest game in the exhibition matches they had part in. Mrs. W. A. Gavin's two-green handicap match with Jerome Travers was one of the most interesting affairs of the golfing year.

Miss Mary K. Browne seems to deserve first mention among the performers in tennis through the past year and her many brilliant victories

were enough alone to give the year some distinction. Another outstanding feature of the tennis season was the brilliant playing of R. Lindley Murray, who displayed a form that in the opinion of a great many would have won him the national title had there been championship tournaments or official ratings. The season also saw wonderful playing on the part of Holcombe Ward, Malcolm Whitman and Frederick B. Alexander, tennis stars of ten years ago, as well as brilliant performing in the junior class. Charles Garland of Pittsburgh, the national junior champion, won a place of distinction by defeating consistently some of the best of the game's older stars.

Though track athletics were greatly curtailed, the year was not without interest, and Clinton Larson of Brigham Young university was generally acknowledged to be the brightest star of the field. Larson's high jumping was of a class to adorn any year of sports, and though the Amateur Athletic union could not accept the unofficial measurements, he set a new world's mark in a special meet at Provo, Utah, by jumping 6 feet 7 7/8 inches. His average jump for the season was slightly under 6 feet 4 inches.

The indoor season saw brilliant performances on the part of Joe Loomis in the 60-yard dash, Andy Kelly in the 300-yard run, Johnny Overton in the 1,000-yard as well as the one-mile,

and Joie Ray in the mile-and-a-half and two-mile runs. Joie Ray showed himself to be the superior of Johnny Overton in several competitions, beating him in a special one-mile race at New York and in a one-and-a-half-mile as well as the two-mile event. Ray set a new mark of 6 minutes 45.15 seconds in the mile-and-a-half and 9 minutes 12.5 seconds in the two-mile.

Football had one of its most interesting seasons in quite a while and mostly because the cantonment teams were there to put life into things. In spite of the fact that Yale, Harvard and Princeton, the leading football schools of other years, were practically out of it, the season was full of thrills, and football fans were kept on edge. Among the camp teams the most important were the Newport naval team, directed by Cupid Black; the army ambulance team at Allentown, the Charlestown navy yard team, and the team of stars at Camp Sherman, O., captained by Bud Talbot.

Georgia Tech looked to be the most powerful of college teams, with a backfield never surpassed in any year and an individual star in the Indian Joe Guyon. Glenn Warner's Pittsburgh warriors and the O. S. U. team at Columbus were among the season's headliners. The powerful Rutgers team, developed by George Sanford from scant material, was one of the season's real features.

Sport Snap Shots

While they were passing out belts of anything of the sort in the recently completed wrestling tournament in New York there should have been a belt offered Sula Hevonpaa who, in one respect at least, was the champion of the affair. The tournament would have been a bore to many of those present had not Hevonpaa been there to enliven things with his non-sense. In every match he had part in he was sure to bring laughs from the customers with his comical behavior or his humorous remarks. A great part of the time these were directed at the referee. In one of the final matches he started in at once without the formality of shaking hands. The referee told him to shake hands with Joe Rogers, his opponent. "Why should I shake hands with him," says Sula, "I've known him for years."

While the Western league is looking far and wide for two new cities it also is giving consideration to another plan that meets with some favor because it means less mileage. This proposition is that Hutchinson be retained and that Topeka be taken back into the circuit to succeed Denver.

A Pennsylvania graduate writes from somewhere in France of an incident that will interest followers of college football.

A group of American army officers on a few days' leave of absence wandered into the Folies Bergere, the famous variety theater of Paris. One of the performers, a professional strong man, took an iron bar about four feet long and gripping it with his two hands, challenged anyone in the audience to keep a grip on the bar for sixty seconds. Several spectators tried, but the Frenchman broke their holds and landed them in a net hung for protection.

Finally, observing the American officers, the professional made a direct challenge to them, and one broad shouldered American accepted. In ten seconds time the Frenchman was in the net and the officer held up the bar. He was Eddie Hart, the former Princeton football captain.

Rumor in New York at the National league meeting had it that Bill Byron will not be re-appointed as an umpire and that Bill Brennan is to get his place on the Tener-Heydler staff.

Lacrosse, the national sport of Canada, will be introduced into the American training camps. The United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse league will have charge of the sport. Many former college players are training in various camps. Soldiers of the Australian and Canadian armies are proficient in playing the game.

Pitcher Lou North, formerly of the St. Louis Cardinals, who finished the season with the Milwaukee Brewers, has joined the

army aviation corps. North was sent to the Brewers in the deal that made Marvin Goodwin a Cardinal and now both have enlisted in the same service.

Hal Chase has interested himself in an oil venture in Kentucky and is trying to sell stock in the concern to his friends among the fans. He tells them there's millions in it.

The Philadelphia Nationals, who drafted Justin Fitzgerald from the San Francisco club, need not figure on him, for report comes from San Francisco that he has enlisted in the quartermaster's department of the army.

RETIRED SIGNAL MAN TO SPEAK

James O. Fagan, retired railroad signalman, will make an address at the meeting of the Richmond Commercial club Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

He will tell the duty the community owes to its business enterprises and the important part Richmond can play in helping to prepare American industry for war and peace.

The address will be in substance an appeal for the formation of a great co-operative alliance composed of wage payer, wage earner, the consumer and the community for the protection of American industry and for the mobilization of the country's industrial resources for war.

He comes to Richmond as a representative of the National Industrial Conservation Movement of New York City.

Every member of the Commercial club is invited to attend.

Shaffer Goes to Harvard to Study Radio Work

Edgar E. Shaffer of Richmond, leaves Monday for Harvard to complete a course in radio telegraphy.

Shaffer lives at Carver City but had moved here to work and enlisted in the Navy, going to the Great Lakes training station where he took up radio work. He is now back on leave.

Queer Mixup in Names.

People with queer names often get associated in a way which furnishes the editorial paragraphers with material. Such a mixing up of names was that involved in Miss Bertha R. Fearing's marriage to John B. Bold before Justice Coward of South Norwalk, Conn., with Miss Anna Hugg as attendant.

The production of explosives in the United States during 1916 was an increase of 500,000,000 pounds, an increase of about 44,000,000 over 1915.

CENTRAL TEAMS ARE IN FAVOR OF DISBANDING

Richmond Is Ready to Cast
Its Lot With Majority of
Teams.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—According to information received from baseball promoters in the minor leagues, few of these organizations will get under way this season. The minors that do take the chance in the face of the adverse conditions brought about by the war, will arrange short schedules, probably not more than half the usual length and even then will have little assurance that they will reach the goal.

The Central League is one of the organizations that may not start the season, the belief of its leaders being that it would be exercising wisdom to suspend this season and resume next year. It was a pretty tough job that the Central League tackled last year, facing all sorts of difficulties and finally finishing the season after transferring the South Bend franchise to Peoria and assisting the crippled Dayton aggregation over the final stretch.

Richmond Ready to Start
This year, should the Central start, Dayton will hardly be in line, the club management there facing troubles of a financial nature that possibly cannot be patched up unless there is a complete reorganization of the company holding the franchise. Muskegon, Ft. Wayne, Evansville and possibly Grand Rapids will, it is said, favor suspension for the coming season, while Springfield and Peoria are said to favor making the start.

Richmond which was the "babe" of the Central League last year and which surprised the older heads by the support given the sport, is understood to be ready to cast its lot with the Central again if the call is made, but will favor suspension for this year if the majority of other clubs seem so disposed.

There is no question that all baseball leagues will feel the sting of the war the coming season, though the majors are forced to keep things going even though all teams should be operated at a loss. The minor leagues are not so strongly entrenched financially and could not, it is said, provide the necessary funds to go through a season without depending on the returns from the patrons. The National commission, it is understood, stands ready to protect the territorial rights of minor leagues that suspend during this season.

HE STIRS UP DOPE THAT PLEASES FANS



John Heydler.

Secretary John Heydler of the National league is a man that many fans would be pleased to meet. Heydler seldom fails to dish up dope each fall that keeps the fans happy through the winter months. By introducing new features into the yearly averages of the players he gives the baseball fanatic something new to pore over and the latter is usually happy to get it.

Newfoundland this year celebrates the 420th anniversary of her discovery. In 1497, John Cabot sailed from Bristol on a voyage which was made famous by the finding of Newfoundland. It was not until 1533 that it was formally taken possession of in the name of Queen Elizabeth.

There is a stretch of railway along the west coast of Ireland where it was formerly not an uncommon occurrence for the trains to be blown from the rails by the winds from the ocean.

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TWO PASSENGER TRAINS CUT OFF

Two Pennsylvania passenger trains, which pass through Richmond, will be discontinued, beginning January 6, to conserve motive power, according to officials of the company Wednesday. The trains to be discontinued are the St. Louis train which leaves Richmond at 1:35 o'clock in the afternoon for Indianapolis and St. Louis, the other the New York limited, which leaves Richmond at 8:30 o'clock in the morning.

Further curtailment of passenger trains to conserve coal is expected soon, according to officials of the railroad company.

Although the traffic in human hair has not been so brisk during the last few years as formerly, on account of the veering of the fashions in hair-dressing toward the extreme simplicity, still there are millions of pounds of human hair exported from China.

WOMEN WILL NOT SWIM
On account of repairs to the T. M. C. A. pool Secretary Schwan announced Wednesday the women's swimming classes will not meet this week.

LYRIC

THURSDAY
Episode No. 9
"THE RED ACE"
"A Voice
from the
Dead"

WASHINGTON

TODAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Marguerite Clark in "Bab's Matinee Idol"

Bab's some girl, isn't she? If you saw Marguerite Clark in "Bab's Diary" and "Bab's Burglar" we know you'll surely come to see her in her new "Bab" picture. If you didn't see her in these famous stories that attracted so much attention in the Saturday Evening Post, you'd better get busy. This is last one of them. It's the best one too.

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Today and Thursday

2 Reel Keystone Comedy, "His Disguised Passion"

ALMA REUBENS in

"THE FIRE FLY OF TOUGH LUCK"

Tried between love and the sacredness of her marriage vows, "The Fire Fly" faces one of life's hardest problems.

ADULTS 10c—CHILDREN 5c

MAY HOLD TESTS IN WILLIAMS' OFFICE

An examination for departmental clerk will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the Richmond post office.

Superintendent of Mails Wilson is considering the advisability of holding these examinations in County Superintendent Williams' office.

Only twelve persons can be accommodated at the post office.