

## OLD DAD TIME MADE MANY NEW CHAMPS IN '17

Baseball and Boxing Titles  
Handed Around Lively During 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 Cootie the most noted of pitchers by influencing American league batters to the belief that his "shining ball" was unhittable. I made Eddie Roush, the red-hosed wonder of Cincinnati, new champion batter of the National league. What kept me from making a new champion awatter 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—Jesse 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 Arlett champion 100-yard woman swimmer, and aided 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 mate to pace in two minutes.

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

I did a lot, didn't? 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 Reds 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 Maty 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 means of diversion and physical fitness in time of war.

Neither in golf nor in tennis were 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, 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 rating. The season also saw wonderful playing on the part of Holcome 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 unusual measurements, he set a new world's mark in a special meet at Provo, Utah, by jumping 6 feet 7 1/2 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 1000-yard as well as the one-mile, and Joie Ray in the male-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 events. Ray set new marks of 6 minutes 45 1/2 seconds in the mile-and-a-half and 9 minutes 11 1/2 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.

## 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.

## 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 9:30 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 as brisk during the last few years as formerly, on account of the veering of the fashions in hairdressing 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 Y. 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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## ROARING LIONS & WEDDING BELLS

Don't miss the first of these comedies. They're simply great

Shows Continuous—1:45 to 11:00 p. m.

Adults 15c—Children 5c

## 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 1583 that it was formally taken possession of in the name of Queen Elizabeth.

The address will be in substance an appeal for the formation of a great co-operative alliance composed of wage peyer 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.

## 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.

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## 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 Carlos 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 paragraphs with material. Such a mixup of names with only one real change of name was that involved in Miss Bertha R. Ferring'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 in excess of 500,000,000 pounds, an increase of about 44,000,000 over 1915.

## WASHINGTON

THURSDAY NIGHT, JAN. 3

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## "For Valor"

The story of a little Canadian girl who steals to save her slacker brother from disgrace.

Matinee 2:00 and 3:30—Adults, 15c; Children, 10c

Evenings 7 and 8:45—Lower Floor, 20c; Balcony 15c; Children 10c

CHANGE OF VAUDEVILLE BILL THURSDAY

## MURRETTE

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