

# Frank Chance Championship Winner

## ANNEXED FOUR IN HIS PRIME

Three Won Hand Running and Last Came in 1910 When He Fell Hard in World Series.

By JOHN B. FOSTER

It is only recently that Frank Chance has passed on. Like Fred Clarke he was a playing manager and like Clarke he won four championships in the National League. There are now living McGraw, Clarke and Hanlon of those who acquired the major share of managerial fame with the organization that is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. Chance stepped into a managerial position because Frank Selee stepped out in Chicago. It was fortunate for Chance that he happened to be a Chicago player at the time and it was fortunate for Charley Murphy, who had bought the club, that he had the good sense to appoint Chance manager. The team was already constructed as has been related. It needed a change or two, perhaps, but most of all it needed a conservative and sound man to take up its affairs and handle them on the field after losing a manager of the high mentality of Frank Selee. One Frank succeeded another.

Chance won his first championship in 1906. He followed that with a pennant in 1907 and a third in 1908. In that respect his career was like that of Fred Clarke who won three pennants hands down. The first pennant won under Chance was expected to fall to Chicago and Chance was given less credit for it than he deserved. It was predicted that he would have more trouble in 1907 and 1908, but he improved as a manager as he went on, and his third victory in succession made him one of the most popular leaders of ball players that Chicago ever had. In 1908 he won the famous tussle with the Giants when he won the pennant because Markle failed to touch second base for the New York team in a game of which the winning run for the Giants went over home plate but was not allowed.

Chance had an uphill fight after 1908 until 1910 when he assembled another high class team for Chicago and won the pennant for his fourth time. He played the Athletics in the world series that followed and the Chicago won but one game. The result was disappointing to Chance. Not long after that he had a disagreement with Murphy

## DARE DEVIL DEMPSEY GROWS SIDEBURNS

And Looks Like Cross Between Butler and Banker or Anything but Pugilist

By FAIR PLAY

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New York, Jan. 16.—When news hit the Great White Way of the make-up Jack Dempsey is foisting upon the public of Los Angeles these days was general consternation. According to the story the champion has grown side burns, or, as they used to be called, slugs.

The report is that with these laws upon the sides of his face and his reconstructed nose Dare Devil Jack looks a combination butler-banker—collection agent—anything but a world's champion pugilist. And if he keeps on as he is going he may not even have his looks left after his next battle.

Eddie Cannonball Martin, the bantamweight champion who has been suspended until February by the New York athletic commission for fighting an unsatisfactory bout against Fessana, is only a boy yet, just 21 years old. If he is not well handled by a man of mature years some one will knock him off shortly. That someone may be Carl Tremaine.

owner of the Chicago team and went elsewhere. He managed teams in the American League—New York and Boston, but he was not successful with either of them because he did not have the players necessary to develop success in the circuit.

Chance was a catcher when he began to play in the major league and the fact that he could handle pitchers well unquestionably had much to do with his success on the Chicago club. He knew when his pitchers were in good condition and was a fairly good judge as to when they should be taken out of a game and when they should be retained.

He won the world series from the Detroit team twice, once without a victory by Detroit. This was in 1907, when the first game of the series resulted in a tie at the end of twelve innings. Five games were necessary with Detroit in the following year and Chicago won four of those. The first world series that was played with the Chicago Americans in 1903 was lost by Chance as his Cubs took only two games of the series of six. It was the result of this series that made many question Chance's ability for future success in the National League but he proved in the two years following that he had all the requisites that a man should have to handle a major league club so skillfully that it could win a championship.

## KID WONDER ON PACIFIC COAST

Name's Lloyd Waner from Oklahoma Which Getting by State Where Best Ball-players Come From.

By JOHN B. FOSTER

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New York, Jan. 16.—Another member of the Waner family has been added to the San Francisco baseball club. He is Lloyd Waner brother of the doughty Paul.

Rumors have been circulating for some time that there was a second Waner in Oklahoma who could bat even better than Brother Paul. He went to the coast unheralded and promptly set that part of the country on fire by his batting. The scouts got on the trail immediately but the San Francisco men got to Lloyd first.

More good ball players have been coming out of Oklahoma recently than from any state in the Southwest. And Lloyd Waner, if reports be true, is one of the best of them. He will report at the San Francisco training camp at Frisco on February 16.

Out in Ada, Okla. there is a local expert on baseball beginners. He is a pharmacist by profession, but those who know him say his baseball knowledge and intuition would have made him a fine scout. This man reports that Lloyd Waner batted 483 in his large, surpassing by 50 points the batting record which set San Francisco on the trail of his brother Paul. Moreover, the scout-pharmacist says the games in which Lloyd played were faster and better games than those in which Paul won his local fame.

The Ada man further reports that besides outbatting Paul, Lloyd Waner can field rings around his brother. He throws right handed and bats left. Paul throws left handed and bats right. Three major league clubs have been willing to take Paul Waner off the hands of San Francisco, although generally speaking the majors seem to have been passing up San Francisco players. The Frisco management, however, has shown little inclination to part with Paul. In this connection, Paul's appraisal of his own playing and that of his kid brother is interesting. When he was complimented at San Francisco on his batting prowess, he replied: "I'm not so much. You ought to see my kid brother hit the ball."

Lloyd, according to the reports, could have had a major league contract instead of going to San Francisco. It is said that one major league offered him four years at University of Michigan if he would sign a contract. That sounds like one of the St. Louis clubs. The young Waner however passed up the offer, partly because he preferred to start in where he could be with his brother and partly because he wanted to find out at once whether he is good enough to be

## JOIE RAY HOPES TO BEAT NURMI TONIGHT

And With Schedule Finn's Going Through With Joe May Do It on Chicago Track

By LAWRENCE PERRY

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New York, Jan. 16.—There are those who actually believe that Joie Ray will take revenge upon Paavo Nurmi, the Finn, when the two meet on Coliseum track in Chicago tonight.

Reasons those who feel this way set forth to explain their astounding state of mind are not poor ones. This has to be admitted right at the start. Listen to them.

The Coliseum track is small, fourteen laps to the mile. Joie knows that pine covered circle as well as a fox knows his way from his hole to his favorite hen roost.

It was here that Ray established the mile record of 14:14.3-5 which Nurmi broke at the garden over the eleven lap track.

There is at least a possibility that the small track may bother the Finn. Then, too, consider Paavo's program.

He ran in the Municipal Athletic Association games in the Garden in New York on Thursday night. He then hustled into his clothes and took the 10:10 train for Chicago, arriving at 8:30 on Friday evening. He will have about an hour to shake off the effects of the journey before he is summoned to the starting line to tackle Joie Ray and others in a mile and three quarter race.

If any runner can meet this program and get away with it Nurmi can. But can Nurmi get away with it?

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## FRED CLARKE A GOOD GUESSER

Always Rated Good Player but Nobody Thought Him Manager Till Owner Pittsburgh Discovered Him.

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Like Anson, Fred Clarke holds place in the most successful managers and the most famous players of the National League. Of all the player managers who became celebrated for their skill in handling men, and the executive routine of a ball game, there is none who developed more quickly than Clarke and none who surprised the fans more by his cleverness. Most of them took Fred for a ball player of far more skill than that which is usually allotted to men who run bases and chase flies for a living, but it took the owner of the Pittsburgh ball club to ascertain that Clarke had the theory of baseball well acquired and that he knew how to meet other managers with a Roland for their Oliver.

When Clarke was made manager of Pittsburgh even the baseball critics of Pittsburgh were astonished and some of them predicted he would not make a success in handling the team because he was too young and too rash, as they termed it. What happened was exactly the reverse. His

a big league player.

The League in which he has been playing is a country affair. But if he can produce as much proportionately in faster company as his brother Paul did, the San Francisco team will show up next spring with the kid hitting wonder of the season.

The San Francisco club did well in 1924 and if it makes a good showing this year should have a most profitable season, speaking financially. The home crowd is with it. That's why the manager is so anxious to hold on to the older Waner and bring the younger one through.

## AGAIN NURMI WINS IN RACE AT GARDEN

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Paavo Nurmi won the 3,000 meter race here last night, breaking the three world's records, and then left for Chicago to race today.

He won four pennants with the Pittsburgh nine. Three of them were won in succession in 1901, 1902 and 1903. That was the Clarke era. Whenever baseball men were congregated Clarke was heralded as the great young manager in baseball and the man who would supplant Anson and others of the old time school in gaining pennants. After the victory of 1903 the Pittsburghs played the seasons in a post season series. Every now and then there is an attempt on the part of writers who were not handling games in 1903 to attach this series to the world series. It doesn't belong there and there are good reasons why it should not be included with the world series.

Boston won the series and what ever happened to the Pittsburgh club while it was being played, resulted in the termination of Pittsburgh's career as a championship team. In 1904 Pittsburgh was not a pennant winner and the Giants were. Clarke was deeply disappointed in the result of the season of 1904 and so were others in Pittsburgh.

Clarke retained the management of the Pittsburghs and his persistent effort won another pennant for him in 1905. That gave

him a total of four in his lifetime. After the pennant was won the Pittsburghs played Detroit in two world series which was then conducted under the Brush rules and was properly regulated.

Pittsburgh defeated Detroit and the career of Babe Adams, the pitcher, began with that series. Not even the Pittsburgh manager nor the great pitcher Adams was until he came through against Detroit and conquered the Tigers on their own ground.

Clarke did not give up managing until after this but he could not get a team together that could win the pennant again although he was in the thick of the fight more than once. It was not until his own skill as a player began to fail that he began to think of withdrawing from baseball. He felt no call to be a bench manager. He wanted to be on the field with the team and when he made up his mind that he was through as a player he also stepped out as manager, but he won his four championships and is the only manager, except one, to have that number to his credit in the National. He rates with the very successful National League managers.

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