

In the World of Skill and Muscle

SNAPPY WINTER BASEBALL TALK, WRESTLING AND INDOOR ATHLETICS

By TOMMY CLARK.

THOUGH Johnny Evers made a splendid showing with the Cubs last year, finishing third when it was the general opinion that he would have a hard time remaining in the first division. It is rumored that Charley Murphy is thinking seriously of making a change in the management of his team. Murphy has done a lot of peculiar things in his career. He is believed to be a winter player, who undoubtedly has shown himself a leader of more than ordinary ability, besides playing one of the best

hundreds of thousands of men and boys play the national game every summer. The casualties are few considering the number of players engaged. None of the major league players received fatal injuries. There are many fatalities in football each year, where hundreds of thousands play, yet it is seldom that the well trained college and club men are seriously hurt. If anything, the fatality list is a sermon to the masses of the people and that is for all good.

Columbus baseball magnates announce that the Senators will do their

took charge of the team late last summer there was a marked improvement in its playing, though, of course, the poor start the team got, together with the inability of Joe Wood to pitch, was too much of a handicap to put the former champions in the running. But Carrigan gave evidence of having managerial ability even during his short regime last season, and his prospects for the coming season are even brighter.

The new owner of the Red Sox, John G. Taylor, has informed Carrigan that he is in absolute charge of the team on and off the field, that he was at liberty to make

is not the first time that Shafer has quit the game in the winter and reported in the spring. But there is no doubt that he is in a position where he does not have to play baseball for a living, and he does like to run his automobile over California roads.

That the "fielder's choice" will be restored to the scoring rules before the next season opens seems assured. It is expected that the first changes to be made will be killing the "Cincinnati base hit." There is much opposition to this farcical method of scoring the time honored "fielder's choice," which was wiped out by the new rule last season, and it is understood that the rules makers propose to change the rules as they were before last season.

to Herrmann I knew that my release would be forthcoming.

"If I had remained in charge of the Reds for another year I feel sure that I would have developed a winner. Two of the best trades ever put through by the Cincinnati club were engineered by me. I gave Pitcher Fromme to the Giants for Ames, Groh and Devore, and the Reds were greatly improved by the trade. I also got Miner Brown from Louisville for Grover Londermiller, and

"The best thing Herrmann can do now is to trade me to some other National league club, as I will never play for the Cincinnati club again. I did the best I could under the most trying circumstances, and I am glad to be relieved of a troublesome burden."



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GEORGE BOTHNER, CHAMPION WRESTLER, WHO IS DEFEATING ALL COMERS

BOTHNER, peer of all wrestlers in the light and welter weight classes, is here shown executing some of his effective holds. In the top photo he is throwing a man with a head lock secured by Bothner's legs. In the middle illustration he is using a hammerlock and half nelson; at the bottom, to the left, it is the "scissors," and at the right a punishing toe hold.

games of his career. Recent events have shown how scarce good managers are, and Evers, having finished in third place with a team that was not expected to cut much of a figure, certainly is deserving of a lot of credit and another trial, to say the least.

Fifteen deaths was the baseball toll of 1914. Twelve players were killed by being hit on the head by pitched balls. Three spectators were killed by foul tips. In Chicago three players were killed by pitched balls.

While this seems to form an alarming list, it must be remembered that

spring training in the old home coop, out by the brewery and the army post. Great stuff! It enables the management to save a lot of cash and also simultaneously fattens up their popularity percentage by claiming they train at home out of sheer love for the grand old town. A good passer of the buck should make much hay in the way of aroused local patriotism out of this performance.

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such changes as he saw fit in an effort to make the team a winner and that there would be no interference with him in any manner or form.

For a newcomer into baseball Lannin seems to have the right idea. For a manager to succeed he should have full authority over his players.

McGraw is having his annual scare, namely, that Arthur Shafer will not report. The Carolinian has once more announced that he is through with baseball, and McGraw, of course, is worrying over how he is going to fill his place. Fortunately, however, this

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SOCCER ONE OF OLDEST SPORTS.

EVEN soccer, the grandmother of American football, used to be a leader among games.

Legend has it that in 662, during the Danish invasion of England, a good man of Chester captured a Dane, beheaded him and knocked his head out into the street to furnish sport for the "fellows." The game of kicking beheaded skulls around the city streets and even outside the walls of the ancient Roman built city grew in favor. The game was included in whenever a Cheshire sport could annex a Danish head.

Later a "ball of leather called a football" was substituted. The game developed into a rough and tumble scrimmage, and the ball itself would often lie forgotten for hours while the excited players chased one another through alleys and lanes and broke into the houses of the more respectable citizens as results of arguments over the rules.

The game spread in favor and, jumping over the intervening centuries, is still spreading.

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PURCHASE TWO PLAYERS.

IT was announced at the recent Texas league meeting at Houston that Beaumont had purchased Pitcher McCuller and Catcher Bobo from Austin. Manager Ledy of Beaumont also tried to trade Pitcher Martina for Pitcher Ferrares of Fort Worth, but Walter Morris turned it down.



Photo by American Press Association.
MELVIN SHEPPARD, GREAT EASTERN RUNNER, WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE NEW INDOOR RECORDS.

CHARLEY BROOKE AS FOOTBALL INSTRUCTOR

CHARLEY BROOKE, the famous veteran of the University of Pennsylvania football eleven is preparing a written system of instruction for the exclusive use of Pennsylvania teams in



the future. The players must study these instructions as systematically as they do their academic subjects. Brooke was one of the chief Quaker coaches last season.

HARRY STONE BEATS MATT WELLS IN AUSTRALIA.

HARRY STONE of New York got the decision over Matt Wells of England in Sydney, Australia, according to a cablegram.

PHILLIES WILL GO LIGHT IN HIT PLAY NEXT SEASON

ALTHOUGH the Phillies made more sacrifice hits last season than any other club in the National league, Manager Dooin has become convinced that such a play can be overworked. If Charlie can get one or two men speedier than he had last season the chances are that he will cut down on his orders to sacrifice next year.

"The sacrifice hit play, in my opinion, should not be worked very often. Here is the way I figure it out," Dooin says.

"We get a man on first base with no one out. The next man sacrifices and puts the runner on second; then the next man has to hit. If he doesn't you have wasted two of your men, and it is up to the last chance of the inning. In each case after the sacrifice is made and the man is advanced the percentage is against the batsman by one chance in three. Even with two

PITCHERS' WILDNESS DUE TO FADEAWAY

CY FALKENBERG isn't surprised at all to find that the official pitching averages recently issued from Ban Johnson's office show him to have unworked more wild pitches during the 1914 baseball season than any other American league twirler.

The fact is, he rather expected that he would lead the league in untamed hurrahs or that if he didn't he would be close on the heels of the leader. He blames it all on the fadeaway and says it's the nature of the beast to cause wild pitches.

"The fadeaway," declares Cy, "is naturally a dirt ball. By that I mean that it hits the ground close back of the plate. You will notice that Fred

PRINCETON TO LOSE STARS.

NEXT fall Princeton loses Captain Hobey Baker and Phillips by graduation, and Streit on account of the three year rule. All the other members of the football team will be able to play. They include E. Baker, Law, F. Trenkman, E. Trenkman, Hammond, Brown, Gluck, Semmens, W. Swart and I. Swart, Bailey, Shea, Lamberton and Borden. From the freshman team, Driggs, Eberstadt, Rogers, Dickerman and Charles will most likely prove valuable recruits. Three men who were ineligible this year will be available next fall, Boland, Kirby and Doltson. Ballin, who played left tackle last season and is an All American man, will be captain.

Joe Tinker, Infielder, Offered \$40,000 by Federal Baseball League



Photo by American Press Association.
THE offer of \$40,000 for a three year contract with the new Federal Baseball league made to Joe Tinker, the great infielder who managed the Cincinnati National league team last year, has caused wide comment among the fans. It puts ball players in a class with the Wall street financiers.

OLYMPIC FUND FAILURE

THE Duke of Westminster's appeal for \$500,000 for the Olympic games fund has fallen flat. Less than \$50,000 has been subscribed up to date, and the rate at which the subscriptions are coming in is steadily slackening. The fund committee announced that unless \$125,000 was subscribed by the end of the year the scheme will be abandoned. Lieutenant Blair, secretary of the committee, said:

"A serious condition has already arisen as regards our trainers on account of this lack of money. The best of them have been approached by foreign nations with definite offers for their services, and therefore they will not only be lost to us, but employed in training our rivals unless the public makes a speedy decision."

"The sum of \$50,000 is practically useless. The organizations which we must assist cannot be helped by such a sum. When they ask \$5,000 a year for four years there would be no earthly use in offering them \$100."

England no doubt will be represented at the games, but there doesn't seem to be the slightest chance of getting from the public anything like the sum asked for. Active attacks on the scheme have failed, not because the opposition has been overcome, but because the scheme seems to have been killed and public opinion in general has arrived at the conclusion that a true amateur team cannot be trained for four years at the public expense.

FRITZ MAISEL ONE OF HIGHEST PRICED BALL PLAYERS OF 1913.

FRITZ MAISEL of the New York Americans and Larry Chappelle of the Chicago White Sox were the two highest priced ball players of 1913. Fritz cost President Frank Farrell \$12,000 and two players, while Chappelle, outfielder, cost the Sox \$11,000.

Some gift edged laddies, these, eh? Maisei has established a reputation as the kingpin of the New York American infield and will be a big aid to the team next season. Manager Frank Chance has several deals in process of completion which will bring him other able players for 1914 and relieve him of the burden of having to fight desperately to keep out of last place in the race.

Maisei came from the Baltimore team of the international league, and, like Chappelle, made good in his first year in the big leagues.

JAMES E. SULLIVAN'S NEW APPOINTMENT

JAMES E. SULLIVAN, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic union, has been made director of athletics at the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held at San Francisco. Mr. Sullivan was athletic director at the St. Louis world's fair and at the Paris ex-



Photo by American Press Association.
position, in addition to representing the United States as commissioner at the Olympic games in Athens, London, Stockholm and St. Louis. He is the best known American athletic authority.

HOFMAN AVAILABLE.

ARTIE HOFMAN, formerly of the Cubs and Pirates, succeeded in securing his unconditional release from Nashville, having determined not to play ball in the south. Artie is now a free agent and open to an engagement with any club desiring his services.