

# WHAT SPORTSMEN ARE TALKING ABOUT



## Football Prophets Busy

THE rumble and grumble of the approaching football season is now heard, and of course the pluck prophets are in their heyday. Every college in the United States has the only championship eleven. Every team in the land has at least one star player absolutely guaranteed to make touchdowns or kick goals from the field even while sound asleep, and news of "the greatest find in the history of the game" is plentiful in all sections.

However, be patient and have a heart. The "silly season" is now about over, so far as football phenomena are concerned, and real truth about teams and candidates may be expected from now on.

Coaches and captains who have read and analyzed the new playing rules are agreed that they are better than those of last year. The game will be benefited by the abolition of the five yard rule. The result will be an even more open game, and scoring should be more frequent.

That lessening the chances of scoring is a handicap to the game no student of football will deny, and the solons were wise to take cognizance of the fact. In their efforts to eliminate some of the roughness a few years ago the intercollegiate committee that has charge of the regulations came very close to ruining the great sport by making it too gentle. Keen observers agree that if football is to retain its popularity it must not be emasculated and should retain the rugged qualities that originally brought it into national favor.

### International Sport For Next Year.

We are certainly going to get our fill of international sporting treats next year. In addition to the Davis cup games and the yacht races for the America's cup, it is now almost certain that England will send over a team to try once again to lift the Westchester polo cup. While no formal challenge has yet been received, William A. Hazard, secretary of the Polo association, says there is no doubt that America and England will meet on the polo field next year. This is how Mr. Hazard puts it:

"While we have not yet received a formal challenge from the Hurlingham club—England has until the last day of the year to send one in—we are unofficially informed that a challenge will be sent over before the end of the year."

### Trouble Ahead.

In the event of a challenge being received only one thing can prevent the matches being held. The Englishmen will find the Americans prepared and anxious to meet any team that may be sent over, but if the challengers insist upon the games being played in September instead of June, which, according to cable dispatches, they intend to

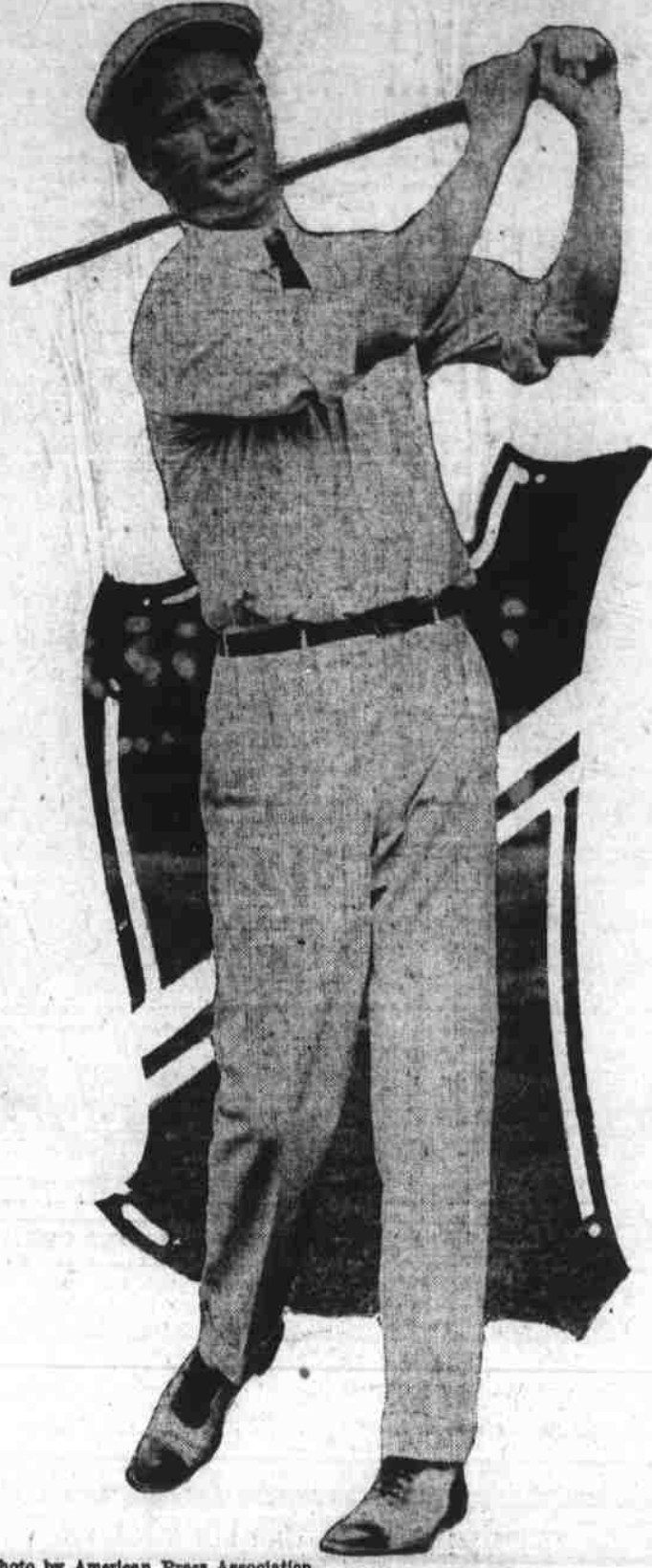


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LATEST PHOTO OF JERRY TRAVERS.

do, the challenge will have to be refused, as the Polo association could not think for a moment of putting a team into the field after the polo season in America was practically over.

Captain E. D. Miller, D. S. O., who managed the British team this year, is responsible for the suggestion that the matches be held in the autumn. In a comprehensive review of the international matches in the Field, Captain Miller says:

"Obviously the best time of the year from our point of view for these matches to take place is the autumn. Unfortunately a year or two ago a deed of gift was drawn up to settle the conditions under which this cup shall be played for, and our difficulties as regards the undertaking were greatly increased when consent was given to the matches being played in the month of June. I do not know if the American Polo association will ever consent to this condition being altered, but an attempt should be made to persuade it to do so."

### "Easier For the British."

"It will be infinitely easier to organize another expedition if the next matches take place in the autumn, August and September are holiday months, and it is much easier for busy men to get away then. The English team can practice together all through the summer. They can play for the Champion cup and Ranelagh open cup and can have special matches against the next best four in England. They can go to America at the end of July, can take part in the Narragansett and Newport tournaments in August and then proceed to Piping Rock for September and play the matches at Meadowbrook at the end of that month, when the climate is quite good.

"The difficulty in the selection of and borrowing of ponies would also be vastly simplified, for many men would lend ponies for the autumn who would not part with them at the beginning of the season."

### An Impossible Idea.

According to Mr. Hazard, the September idea is impossible. "We would of course like to accommodate the Englishmen," he says, "but we could not think of agreeing to an alteration of the clause in the deed of gift covering the time of year the matches are to be played. In September the polo season is all over in this country, as it also is in England, and, if the English owners of ponies would not lend their mounts to the challengers for June and the English players would rather take part in their own tournaments than give up the time to come over to America after the cup, then that is their business.

"Let the Englishmen come over in the spring, as they did in 1911, when they would have plenty of time at Lakewood to get their practice."

It is reported that Lord Ashby St. Legers will finance the next British team. In mustering his ponies he will be helped out by the Duke of Penryn, who, besides being a member of King Alfonso's team in Madrid, supports one of the best polo stables in England. Four of the men already tentatively selected by Lord St. Legers for his team are Captain Risson, Captain Lockett, Captain E. Palmer and Captain F. W. Barrett. Captain Barrett was the sensation of the English polo season which has just concluded.

### Nickalls to Coach Penn.

Vivian Nickalls, the famous English oarsman, recently signed as coach of the University of Pennsylvania crew, has arrived in Philadelphia. He visited the college boat club on the Schuylkill river, where the Red and Blue crews are launched.

The new coach said recently: "There is no reason whatever why the Red and Blue should not be successful in rowing. There are hundreds of powerful young men here who have every physical requisite to make good oarsmen. Among them I am sure to find enough candidates with experience to form a nucleus around which to build winning combinations. The Penn crews will row the same stroke that was so successful at Detroit."

Dr. Sam Gordon, the Vesper Boat club sculler, expects to enter the University of Pennsylvania this fall for some postgraduate work and will make an ideal stroke.

### Ball Players in the "Movies."

Tyrus Cobb, Larry Lajoie, Joe Jackson, Eddie Collins, Tris Speaker, Jean Dubois and some of the other stars of the American league will have their feats of the diamond displayed on the motion picture screen during the coming winter, provided plans that are now being formulated by two or three of the big motion picture companies go through. It is proposed to take the stars south shortly after the close of the world's series and have them perform in plays drafted and built up around baseball incidents of a major league season. The diamond has been one of the big fields that have not been thoroughly covered by motion pictures, and it is the belief of the originators of the plan that such a series of plays would preserve the identity of the present day stars and would serve as a future basis for the comparison of players. Not alone that, but the screens would furnish amusement for the jaded spirits of baseball fans during the winter months. It is not thought that the picture firms will encounter any opposition from the owners of major league teams. President Frank J. Navin of the Detroit club will not put any obstacles in the path of the originators of the scheme. Mr. Navin declares that he has no objections to having his players perform

before the camera, and the question now is one that is revolving around the probable demands of the men for their services.

### World's Greatest Amateur Golfer.

That Jerry Travers of the Upper Montclair (N. J.) Golf club is the world's greatest amateur golfer is conceded by the severest critics of the game since his sensational winning of the championship title at Garden City, N. Y., for the fourth time.

Travers is the first man that ever won the title four times, and some experts aver that he stands a chance of capturing the honor four times more.

Travers studies golf. He studies the

game just as a scientist examines specimens under a microscope, and there is found the reason for his wonderful exploits on the links.

### The Value of the Pitcher.

Colonel S. Mercer avers that the two most valuable athletes to their ball clubs for this season are Jackson of Cleveland and Cravath of Philadelphia. Then, again, there's a guy named Johnson. Quite a pitcher, as pitchers go. They say that pitchers shouldn't be included, but where were the Phillies when Seaton and Alexander faded out? Where would the Senators be without Johnson or the White Sox without "Lefty" Russell?

## "BIG ED" WALSH MAKING GOOD AS A CHICAGO OUTFIELDER



Photos by American Press Association.

"BIG ED" WALSH, once the stellar American league pitcher, is now shining brightly as an outfielder. "Big Ed" won many notable contests for the Chicago White Sox when a twirler, and now he is siding in victories by speedy fielding and good batting. Walsh's career reminds one of that of Cy Sponaugo, who, once a pitcher for the New York Nationals, returned to the team as a pitcher after his twirling career was ended.

## Sonder Boat Ellen, Winner of International Yacht Race Series

THE triumph of the American yachts in the sonder boat races at Marblehead, Mass., over the German entrants, which were backed by Emperor William of Germany, has established the supremacy of the United States in small boat building and racing. The fact that not a single German boat reached the final series of races illustrates how thoroughly they were outclassed.

The final race in the fifth German-American yacht series and probably the last of the international contest

ute and thirty-three seconds astern of the Ellen in the race.

At a formal banquet in connection with the visit of the German yachtmen Governor Foss presented to the crew of the Cima the jewel case which was second prize in the series.

The race was sailed in a northeaster. The conditions must have been particularly exasperating to the German yachtmen, whose yachts had failed to score in the drifting matches and who return home without having had a chance to show the worth of their

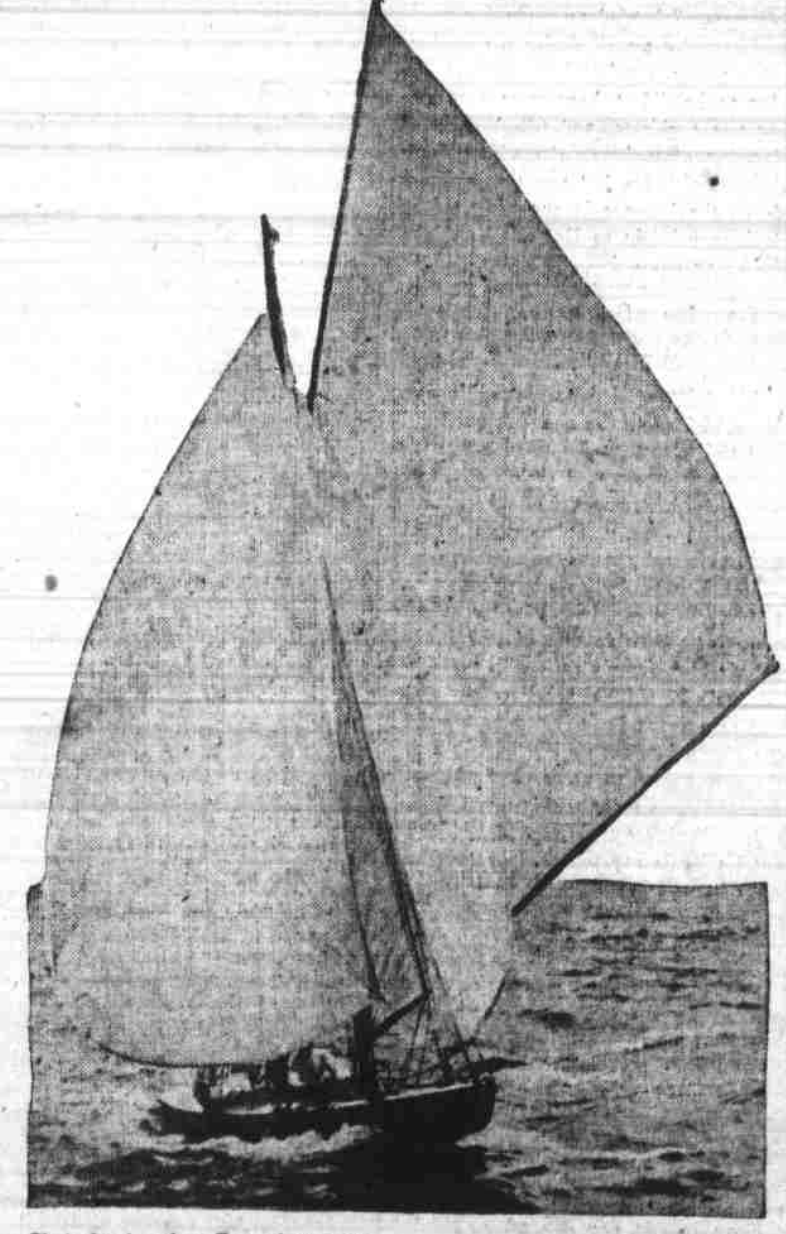


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which began with this type of boat in 1906, was sailed in what Marbleheaders called "a breeze of wind" and was won by the Ellen, owned by Charles P. Curtis and sailed by his son. The victory carried with it the President Wilton cup, which was handed to the Ellen's crew in the parlors of the White House on Sept. 11.

The Cima, the other survivor of the elimination races, owned by Guy Lowell, the Boston architect, was one mile

three boats under conditions even approaching a whole sail breeze.

From informal discussion among the yachtmen of both countries it is expected that future German-American yacht races will be sailed with what are known in Germany as eight meter boats, corresponding to class R yachts in this country. If such a series of races is arranged it will not be sailed before 1915 and probably not until 1916.

## YES, BASEBALL HAS ITS HUMOROUS SIDE

SOME baseball players obey orders literally, others consistently.

A recruit joined the New York Giants one day. A couple of the McGrawites got on. The recruit was told to go drive 'em in.

"Wait for a good one," said the manager. One came up that was called a strike. Another hit the man's bat accidentally and bounced on to the bleachers. Two strikes. A brand new ball was thrown into play. The batter heaved at the first issue, which was three feet over his head. He missed it. "You're out," yelled the umpire.

"I thought I told you to wait for a good ball," shrieked McGraw.

"I did; it was the first new ball I had a chance at," rejoined the recruit. With a runner on second and one out in the ninth Bob Bescher of the Cincinnati club a few weeks ago lined one over Paskert's head. Doda, with his back to the crowd, pursued the drive. He settled under the ball, and then dropped it. It was scored as a double because it was such a hard chance.

When Bescher reached second F. Otto Knabe commiserated with him.

"That's pretty tough to be robbed of a hit like that."

The trusting Bescher drew from this remark that Paskert must have caught the ball. He looked at Paskert, who was on third, and then walked slowly toward first, en route to the bench. The deceptive Knabe called for the ball, and Bescher, who then saw that he had been tricked, was run down and tagged.

"Boss" Tinker, who was on the coaching line, took his cap and threw it at a high rate of speed on the ground. He also administered an all fresco call down that made Bescher's teeth chatter. Had Bescher stayed on second the Reds would have won that game, for Dodge slipped a clean single to center.

They say that the break pulled by Bescher had only one parallel. It was in a game at the Red's park against Pittsburgh. McLean was catching. Fred Clarke on second and Wagner at bat. A down dropping pitch shot

through Larry's glove and fell between his capacious feet.

As he looked around for the ball Wagner pointed with his bat to the faraway bench and said:

"It rolled over there."

Solemnly and in all innocence Larry went over to the bench looking for the ball, while Clarke trotted to third and the stands grew loud in personal accusation.

Fred Clarke had a young outfielder by the name of McGowan.

McGowan was playing his first game in the outfield for Pittsburgh.

One of the opposing players knocked a high fly in McGowan's direction. Somehow he lost his nerve and was unable to judge it correctly. He made three or four circles and finally gave it up entirely, just as the ball came down on his head and bounded to the far corner of the field, two runners scoring.

Clarke was wild. The game was lost. Picking up a catcher's mask and rushing out to the bewildered Galder, he yelled:

"Here, you boneheaded mutt, come here!"

When he came up with the player he began again.

"Here, you bonehead!" he yelled. "Take this mask and put it on or they'll knock your brains out with the next fly!"

Joe Cantillon, now with Minneapolis, had a young fellow by the name of Kay in Washington. Kay was a hitter, but a genuine bonehead.

Joe Cantillon, surly and gruff, was boss at Washington. Kay went to bat. "Use your head!" said Cantillon. Kay resolved to do as he was told. On the very first ball pitched, thrown with violent force, Kay stuck his head out and the contact was heard for a considerable distance. As he tried to stee, smarting under the pain of the blow, Cantillon bellowed, "You big rummy, what were you aiming at?"

Shaking from head to foot, fearful of further criticism, Kay managed to stutter, "You told me—to—use my—head, and I did it!"

## Revolt of Ball Players Over Salary Question

RUMORS of a concerted demand for increased salaries in the major and minor leagues have been in circulation for some time. In fact, organized baseball men already are discussing the possibility of a big strike for increased wages. The move to enlist players in the class A leagues as members of the fraternity is considered hostile by the big magnates, who seem to think that an effort will be made to block an attempt to fight a strike by the encouragement of minor league material.

Recently there was a rumpus in the dressing room of one of the western clubs which threw light on the supposed plans of the fraternity. A certain well known pitcher, who hesitated about joining Fultz's organization, declared openly that he would not take part in a strike for more pay. He was denounced as a "scab" and a traitor to the cause, whereupon he paid his dues with the understanding that he could do as he pleased if a strike were ordered.

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said to have pointed out to Fultz if the Players' Fraternity forms a working combination with the Federal league promoters it will be an easy matter to dig up men with money who will finance a big circuit to be run in opposition to organized ball. According to the information that has leaked out, Fogel is reported to have named prospective backers of a revolt who will invest heavily if the players join hands with them.

So far Fultz, while in a receptive mood, has refrained from encouraging Fogel and the Federal league people, probably because the fraternity is not ready to leap into a pot of trouble, but if a demand for increased salaries all along the line is turned down, it is said, Fogel's schemes will be considered seriously. The organized magnates, it is said, are keeping in close touch with the situation and when the proper time arrives they will "call" several discontented ringleaders in the players' ranks.

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### HOLDS STOVALL.

GEORGE STOVALL, recently deposited as manager of the St. Louis Browns, wants his unconditional release, but Owner Hedges won't give it to him. Hedges declares that Stovall has been treated fairly and that as the property of the Browns he is valuable material for a trade.

### USES TWO GLOVES.

OUTFIELDER ROUSCH, now on the White Sox pay roll, is the only ball player who carries two gloves with him. When he plays left field he throws right handed and wears his left hand glove. When he shifts him over to right field he throws left handed and sports the right handed glove.

## A GREAT PITCHER WHO CAME NEAR GOING TO THE MIDDERS

THE uncertainty of baseball has made heroes of some and dubs of others. The caprices of fate have made some managers a success and others rank failures. A hunch has often brought a star, while well founded reports have produced lemons. Ball players who later star are often passed up for recruits who prove "bombs."

"Rebel" Russell is one of the most promising youngsters in the major league. The effective work of the southpaw has enabled the Chicago White Sox to remain in the first division with Ed Walsh unable to pitch, but the wise leader of the White Sox was willing to part with his star before the opening of the Southern league season, and the Birmingham team of the Southern league had an opportunity to land a phenom.

Comiskey was especially anxious to get the youngster with the Barons.

In March, when "Chubby" Mosesworth was searching for a twirler, the White Sox offered the young southpaw, "Rebel" Russell. The owner explained that possibly Russell could stand the pace in the South, for he had proved a wonder in the Texas league in 1912. The price was not an enormous one, but the Barons hesitated.

### PELKEY DEAD RINGER FOR JEFF.

ARTHUR PELKEY, world's heavyweight champion, looks just like ex-Champion Jim Jeffries when the latter was young. At least his features are very much like Jeff's. Pelkey is taller and thinner than Jeff, but his talk and the way he carries himself are identical with the way Jeff acted when he was in his prime.

Pelkey has the neck and jaw of a fighter. The neck is thick and short and is set on wide and powerful shoulders. It's the short, thick necked fighter who can stand jaw punches. The long necked boxer has not the resisting power. Pelkey has two cauliflower ears, mementos of past ring engagements. The new champion is wonderfully quick on his feet, and his defense is excellent, while the quickness with which he takes advantage of an opening is remarkable when you consider his bulk.

### TUTHILL AT WEST POINT.

HARRY TUTHILL, trainer of the Detroit American league team, who also has acted as trainer for the cadet football team for the last two seasons, has again been engaged as trainer for the army football eleven.

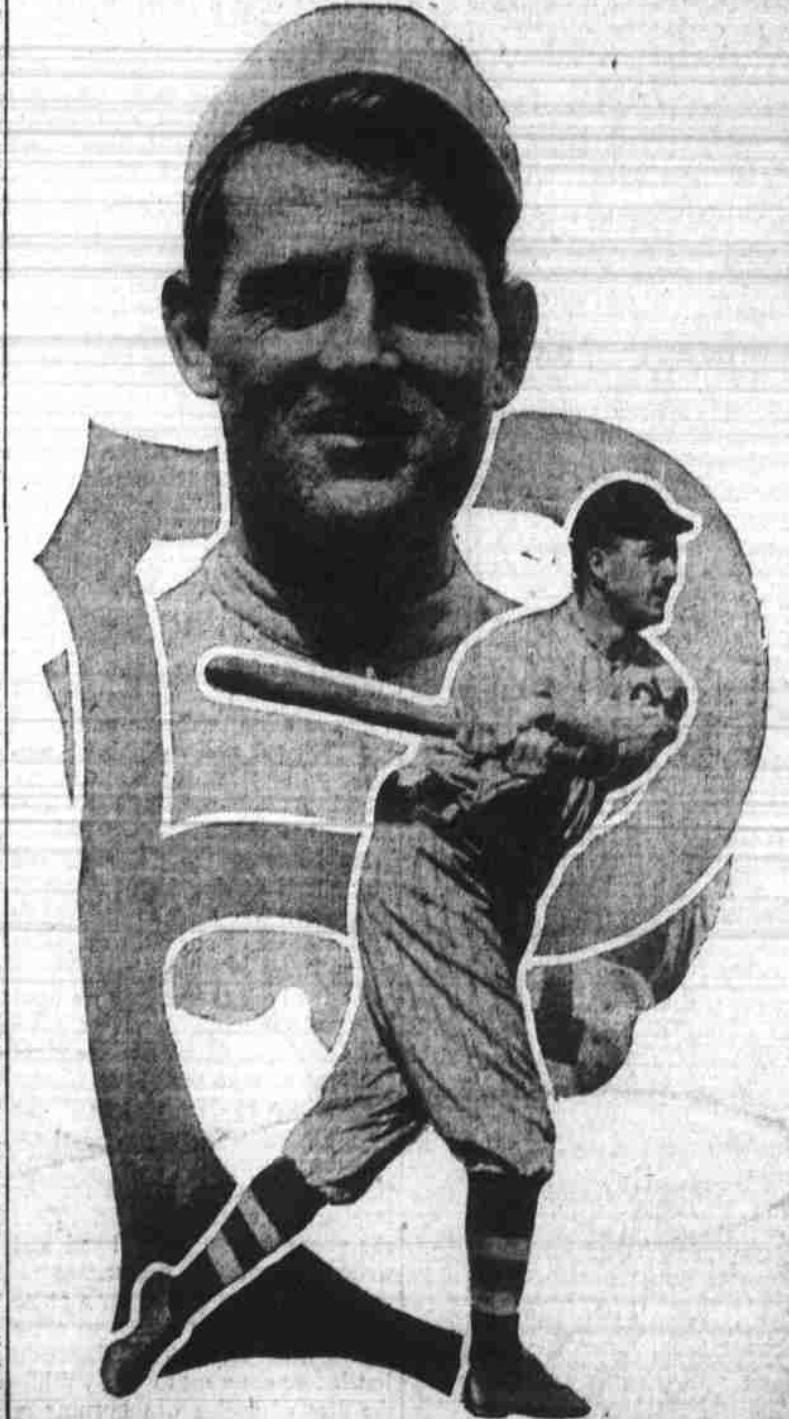
### THREE JOBS FOR CY.

THE veteran Cy Seymour has occupied a strong semi-pro team to play in and around Greater New York, which has been named "Cy Seymour's Stars." He will be the captain, manager and center fielder of the team.

### QUINN DROPS SPITBALL.

BIG Jack Quinn, former pitcher of the New York Americans, who was bought by the Boston Braves from Rochester, is said to have given up the use of a spitball and has developed a genuine curve ball.

## TWO OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING STARS



Photos by American Press Association.

"LILLY" SHAFER of the New York Nationals, third baseman, and Cravath, right fielder of the Philadelphia Nationals, have made impressive batting records during this season and are deemed worthy by the critics of occupying prominent positions in the baseball hall of fame. Shafer is depended on by the Giants to perform notably with the stick in the forthcoming "world's series. Both Shafer and Cravath have batted consistently above the .300 mark during the year, Cravath is the upper figure in the out, Shafer the lower one, with the bat.