

NEW YORK NEWS

METROPOLITAN TEAMS NOW IN THE SUNNY SOUTH.

The Highlanders All Gathered at Athens, Ga., to Be Put Through Their Paces by Manager Chase —Good News About the Giants.

BY F. H. SIMMONS.

New York, March 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The end of last week saw 17 regulars and warm weather both arrive at McGraw's camp at Marlin.



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Shafer's camp at Marlin. With the exception of Arthur Shafer the squad is now complete. Shafer may not report for some time, as he has written McGraw that the serious illness of his mother may keep him at Los Angeles indefinitely.

THE GENERAL OPINION

that in all the four years that the Giants have been going to Marlin they never started in better condition than they have this year. There does not appear to be a corpulent athlete in the bunch, in fact, some of them are reported to be a bit gaunt.

THE PITCHING STAFF

complete since Louis Drucker's acceptance of terms, could not look better. George Wiltse and Leon Ames, upon whom so much depends, insist that their arms are as strong as before they met with their mishaps last summer.

BROKEN DOWN OPPONENTS

would be poor sport and no credit for the victor. That is one reason why all the fans hereabouts, who have real sporting blood in their veins, want to see the Cubs "come back" to their old championship form.

HAL CHASE,

skipper of the good ship Yankee, does not claim a pennant for his team. That is, he is not made that way and does not believe in winning pennants before the season starts.

THE WHITE SOX.

Lord and McConnell give that team a big brace. Sullivan will be back, and White and Walsh will be able to start the season under more favorable circumstances.

begun there. That brilliant and versatile base ball writer,

JOHN B. FOSTER,

should have all the support of every one of his fellow-writers, and above all of every true lover of base ball, in the crusade he is making against the pernicious habit that prevails at professional ball grounds of stealing the ball.

THE USE OF PROFANITY

at ball games is another thing that the present writer has often protested against. The profane and indecent language used by some spectators at ball games, with ladies in close proximity, is an evil that the management should use every effort to suppress.

BROOKLYN BRIEFS.

M'Millan, Smith and Dalton Let Out by Manager Dahlen — The Infield Problem Being Gradually Solved—Manager W. Dahlen Satisfied With Present Progress and Situation.

By John B. Foster.

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Three gone by the wayside. McMillan, "Tony" Smith and "Jack" Dalton are not to be with the Brooklyn Club this year.



John B. Foster

usually he will make good in one of the major leagues. "Tony" Smith has gone to Spokane. He wasn't quite fast enough on the hitting side of his belt to hold a position, with a major league club, in spite of the fact that he is a good waiter and a hard man to fool.

"JACK" DALTON

gets a little more minor league experience, with a possibility that he will come back to Brooklyn if he can show improvement in some of the little touches which are necessary to make a big ball player.

CLAUDE STARK

did not begin to play good ball until after he had worn off the edge of major league experience. Very likely he was a bit flustered, as most of them are who break into the major leagues.

BROOKLYN INFIELD

was that it slowly disintegrated before anybody happened to notice what was going on. When the old machine went to pieces it collapsed in a lump, and there has been effort to build it up ever since.

THE PRINCIPAL TASKS

to which Dahlen fell heir was to reconstruct an infield that was as full of holes as the top of a pepper can. There are other ball

players than McElveen who are looking for a chance to play third, and possibly some of them will get the opportunity, but McElveen is not worrying, for it is about two to one that he will stay with the team all of the year, as he is valuable in an emergency, and there may be emergencies this year as there have been in the past.

TAKING THE PITCHERS

along slowly, and that they are doing fairly well in the games and the early practice. That big fellow, Schardt, who signed a contract the other day, may make his shine in the National League this year.

PITCHER BARGER

is jogging along slowly at Hot Springs with a training system of his own and Dahlen permits him to have his own way about it. "Cy" says his frame is built to stand just so much athletic work, and that he is the only person who knows the secret of the amount of endurance that he can undergo.

MANAGER DAHLEN

says in a letter from Hot Springs that he is well satisfied with the way in which things are going. "All the men are taking kindly to their work and they are not satisfied if they are not busy most of the time."

NOT OVER-EAGER.

Last Spring Dahlen began to cultivate a new disposition among his players. It was a little hard to teach some of the new tricks, but after a fortnight he had the players looking up instead of looking at the pavement all of the time, and by the arrival of the team in Chattanooga one would have thought the men had a notion that they would have something to say about the championship.

"DOC" SCANLON

has not known any indication that he will yield to the pressure and go to Hot Springs for Spring work. Nor has Dahlen given any intimation that he will send an emissary to invite "Doc" down.

LARRY SUTTON,

the able scout of the Brooklyn Club, says he will be ready to take the road the moment that the minors begin to play a little ball. Larry was so uneasy at enforced retirement during the off season that it was all his friends could do to restrain him from going to Cuba and picking out some of the promising talent on the island.

THE LAUGHING STOCK

of the other two. So they decided to put on a brave face and go to the game. The scouts solemnly sat side by side looking over the contest. One scout swore that he was for one player, and the second picked his man, the third his and the fourth still another.

FAVOR SUNDAY BALL.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 6.—Support for the Sunday base ball bill came from an unexpected quarter to Representative Ollie M.

Letzkus, of Pittsburg. The Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, wrote endorsing the legislation. The following is the letter, dated from the rectory: "I am very much interested in your bill regarding Sunday base ball. If the newspaper reports of it are correct, I am in full sympathy with you in your efforts to have it pass."

HE WILL FIGHT.

Catcher Schmidt, of the Tigers, Determined to Enter the Ring.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Fort Smith, Ark., March 6.—Charley Schmidt, the Detroit American League backstop, will make his debut in the roped arena here Friday night. He was matched today to fight Jim McDonald of Tulsa, Okla., 15 rounds before the Arkansas Athletic Club.

AMERICAN LEAGUE NOTES.

This is Del Drake's fourth Southern trip with the Tigers. Will he stick this time? Outfielder Joe Birmingham, he of the strong arm, is a candidate for the short field job of the Cleveland team.

Bill Donovan, the famous Tiger pitcher, now at Hot Springs, is doing a little newspaper work for one of the Detroit sheets.

The veteran retired pitcher, Jack Chesbro, has accepted an offer to coach the Amherst College battery candidates.

President John I. Taylor, of Boston, has barred "Sport" Sullivan, bookmaker on the American League race, out of his ball park.

Up to date "Lefty" George has not signed a St. Louis contract or reported to Manager Wallace at Hot Springs. He is the only St. Louis hold-out.

The real name of second baseman Otto Blake, St. Louis recruit, is said to be Sapp, assumed because of parental objection to base ball playing for a livelihood.

Manager Jennings picks the Tigers as the American League pennant winners, with the White Sox second, and the Giants as National League pennant winners, with Cincinnati second.

Another park is being erected at Hot Springs, Ark., across from the one occupied by the Brooklyn, and negotiations have been opened to have the New York Americans train there next Spring.

Trainer White, of the Cleveland Club, has issued a statement that Joss' injured arm is healing rapidly, and that the elongated twirler will be in shape to pitch the opening game of the season for Cleveland.

Secretary E. S. Barnard, of the Cleveland Club, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has entirely recovered. He has gained 20 pounds and actually looks fat. Can you imagine "Barny" looking fat?

Arthur Irwin, the famous old player, now scout for the New York Highlanders, in an interview in Boston last week said that the race this season will be between the Athletics and New York, with New York winning out.

Is Sam Crawford going to play first base for the Detroit team? Nothing has emanated from the Detroit quarters to that effect, but it would not be at all surprising to see "Wahoo Sam" on the initial cushion when the season opens.

Harry Hooper, the Red Sox outfielder, will be honored with a "Harry Hooper Day" when the Donovans reach Sacramento, Cal., on their Spring training junket. Harry is one of Sacramento's sons, and Sacramento is mighty proud of him.

Shortstop Russell Blackburne, of the White Sox, played basket ball all winter at Camden, N. J., in the Eastern Basket Ball League, under the name of Keating. When discovered he dropped out of the game and sought to make peace with Manager Duff.

Addie Joss, the Cleveland star twirler, left Toledo on March 1 for West Baden, Ind., to start Spring training. Joss' arm still is in bad shape. He will rest at West Baden until March 15, then go to Hot Springs until April 1, later joining the Naps at Chattanooga.

Manager Chase, of New York, has signed another pitcher. His name is Ed. Sykes, a right-hander, who has made some reputation as a performer in semi-professional circles around Chicago. Sykes was recommended by a friend of Chase's in Chicago. He will join the team at Athens.

Pitcher Kaler, of the Cleveland Club, during the past winter added a full inch to his six-foot stature. Kaler, by the way, will soon become a professional man in another sense. He is studying medicine, and hopes to be able to hang out a sign with M. D. following his name inside of three years.

Outfielder Art Griggs, transferred by St. Louis to Cleveland, is said to be one of the strongest men, physically, in this league; also that his courage is equal to his physique, in witness whereof it is cited that on one occasion during the 1909 season he whipped three of the Browns without batting an eye.

President Comiskey, of the White Sox, last week announced that he had engaged a new groundskeeper for the coming season. E. J. Heisman, keeper at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, will have charge of the South Side Park hereafter. Heisman was assistant to Charlie Kuhn, of the Chicago National League Park for 16 years.

According to reports from the Red Sox camp the former Boston schoolboy, Harold Janvrin, is making a deep impression, as he has shown that he possesses real base ball instinct, that he is a fine infielder, and remarkably fast on his feet. The only thing that Manager Donovan is at all in doubt about is the ability of Janvrin to hit.

N. Lynch, an outfielder from the Pacific Coast, has been signed by the Highlanders, and his contract has been approved by President Johnson, of the American League. The Oakland Club, of the Pacific Coast League has put in a claim for Lynch's services, and the National Commission is now trying to find out whether the claim is good or bad.

Nebinger, a Steelton High School boy, who managed the Columbia, Pa., Club last season, is covering third base for the Boston Americans in the games on the coast and is making a hit. Bill Purtell, the Speed Boys' regular third baseman, did not take the trip West because he does not like the California climate. His peculiar scuples may cost him his job.

Catcher Lou Criger has been passed up by New York, he having been tendered no contract, becoming thus a free agent. Criger will not look to his friends for solace, though, like most ancient players do. He has amassed a neat fortune, said to be around \$60,000, and will settle down to the simple life. He owns an automobile and a big billiard hall.