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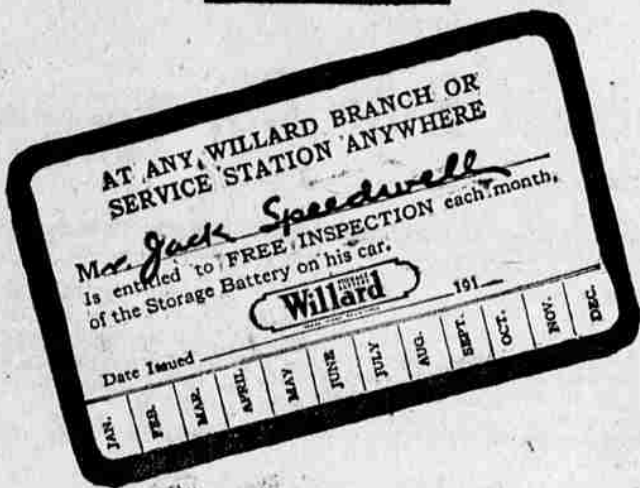
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BIG LEAGUE PRESIDENTS PREDICT BANNER YEAR

A banner year in baseball is predicted by President Tener of the National league and President Johnson of the American league in statements prepared exclusively for the United Press today. On the eve of the opening of the baseball season tomorrow the heads of the two leagues predicted close races for the pennant and a great revival of interest in the game. The statements follow:

BY JOHN TENER.
(President of the National League.)
New York, April 11.—It is from a new or unusual prediction for me to state that I believe that baseball will enjoy an exceptionally prosperous and successful year this season. This is the opinion of all baseball men, generally and freely made.

The reasons for baseball men thinking it will be a great year for the national game are found in the unprecedented prosperity of the entire country and the ideal conditions existing in the baseball world. It is only natural to expect that such conditions will produce extremely gratifying results in baseball. What is more natural than that the average American citizen, with plenty of money in his pocket, should patronize the national sport at every possible opportunity, especially when there is nothing in its management to which he can take exceptions.

From my own personal contact with businessmen everywhere I am led to believe that interest in baseball has been greatly stimulated by recent developments and occurrences. I am willing to take the judgment of the average businessman on this subject as I think his opinion in most everything that interests us as Americans is a good barometer on which to base a judgment. I believe the public anticipates with more genuine interest and fervor the opening of the professional baseball season this spring than it has evidenced for years.

Harmony Now on Top.
And there is a reason for this advanced interest. There are no diverting influences in the field harmony exists among the professional ranks and therefore the public is assured that more good baseball will be seen on the diamond this year than has obtained for several seasons. I am very much pleased with the existing conditions in the National league. Naturally we expect a big year. Most of the clubs have been strengthened in playing material and a strong fight for the pennant is sure to ensue from the playing of the first to the last game. Personally I expect to see a keen spirited fight for the championship. Looking at the teams as they lined up in the south it is absolutely beyond the ken of prophecy to say which club will win.

An unusual amount of interest has been injected into the senior league by reason of the amalgamation which took place between the Chicago National and Federal league clubs. The public is quite alive to the situation as presented in the windy city and many conjectures are expressed as to whether the injection of the Federal league talent into the Chicago National league club will make the consolidated team a strong contender for the pennant.

Several other teams had added to their personnel of players with the exception that the acquisitions will be of material benefit to them in playing strength. Personally I have no doubt that some of these players will prove of value to the clubs which acquired their services.

Everything considered, I cannot help feeling exceptionally optimistic over the prospects of the baseball season of 1916. If nothing unforeseen happens to complicate the otherwise rosy outlook the stage is set for the banner year in baseball.

HANDY HUSBAND.

Knew How to Get Part of the Breakfast.

"I know one dish I can prepare for breakfast as well as any cook on earth," said my husband one morning when the cook was ill and he had volunteered to help get breakfast. He appeared with his dish and I discovered it was Grape-Nuts which, of course, was easy to prepare for it was perfectly cooked at the factory, but it was a good illustration of the convenience of having Grape-Nuts about.

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Practical Romeo
"You used to sing 'Every Morn I send you Violets' before we were married," said Juliet, with a sigh.
"Yes," answered Romeo; "but my devotion has now taken a more practical form. Every month I pay the meat bill."

Practical Education
Antie—"Well, Tommy, what did you learn in school today?"
Tommy—"How to whisper without moving the lips."—Chicago Herald.

BY B. B. JOHNSON.
(President of the American League.)

Chicago, April 11.—Viewed from the angle of conservatism the baseball season of 1916 should be highly successful, for a revival of interest in the game is apparent. If I have read rightly the signs along the trail, that revival will be revealed in the early days of the season and we in the American league hope the sport is due to flourish as it flourished in 1912 and 1913, the banner years in the history of the great national game.

In giving experience to this opinion I do not mean to imply that any attendance records will be shattered, for the game is now emerging from a period of storm and stress that lasted two years and necessarily its rehabilitation with the fans must be gradual.

Not that baseball ever lost caste with the public. Far from it. But somehow it seemed to get away from the people in 1914 and 1915, due in a great measure to the distressing conditions prevailing in those years. There can be no doubt that baseball is still as firmly enshrined in the heart of every red-blooded American as it ever was. I think the coming season will prove unquestionably the truth of this assertion.

If I were asked what sort of a race we expected to have this year in the American League my reply would be: "A race full of thrills and surprises."

This reply would be predicted on a thorough study which I have made of the strength and reserve of every one of our eight teams. In almost every one of the eight there was an infusion of new blood during the winter months and now, from my viewpoint, it seems as if the playing strength is more equally distributed than in any previous year of the last decade.

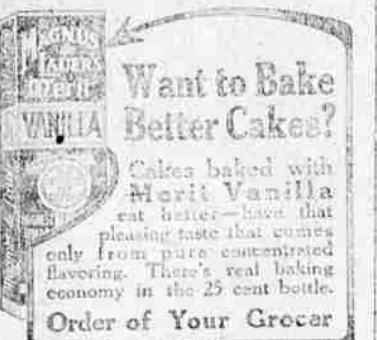
There is only one inference to be drawn from this equalization of power and that is that there will be a spirited battle for our championship—a battle perhaps such as the American League has not known since 1908 when four clubs, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland and St. Louis, raced neck and neck in a spectacular dash for the pennant, almost to the closing day of that exciting and sensational campaign.

Off hand I should say there are six clubs in the American League which have a chance this season for our pennant, and the added honor of taking part in the world's series in October, and to whichever club the honor may fall I feel confident that when the series is ended the world's championship, now held by the Boston club will still remain in possession of the American League.

Foolishment
He wrote a rhyme, "The Centipede," And thought it very fine indeed; An editor who read it through Declared its feet would never do.

So Often True
"I understood the text all right," remarked Aunt Ann Peebles, after the sermon was over; "but the preacher's explanation of it puzzled me a good deal."—Chicago Tribune.

Too Quick
So you've been fighting again! Didn't you stop and spell your names as I told you to do?
Y-Yes; we did—but my name's Algernon Percival and his is Jim!—Judge.

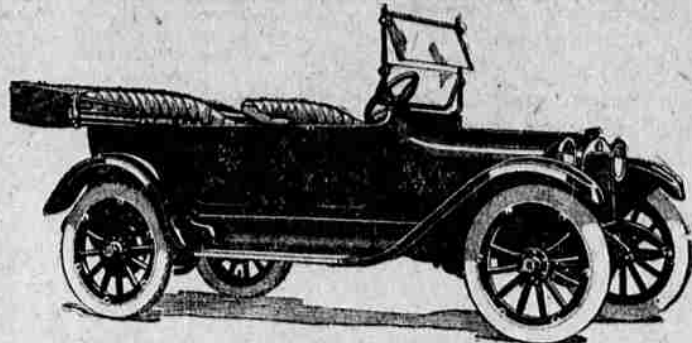


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