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NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE WORLD OF SPORTS

BIG LEAGUE CLUBS MAY TRAIN IN U. S. CAMPS

By H. C. HAMILTON
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—There isn't the faintest shadow of a doubt that the American soldier is the biggest thing in the American heart. And nowhere is it more evident than in sports.

Baseball is practically sacrificing everything to give baseball to training camps next Spring. The Reds may, in fact, do their spring training at Camp Shreveport, Ala., instead of going to Shreveport, as in the past.

The Braves and Yankees, who have been playing a schedule of games every spring on their way north from Georgia, are looking all training camps on the way for this year.

More ball players are going to be in the National army before spring rolls around. And a great many of them are going to be big leaguers. Baseball should get its big push in the army along with other pushes. Baseball, in fact should emerge from the big game more staunch than ever in the hearts of the American people.

Harry Sparrow is tired of having Yankee grips and things battered around by baggage smashers. And he evidently doesn't believe government control of railways is going to have any good effect on baggage haulers, for he has made arrangements to have baggage of the Yankees enclosed next Spring in steel cases.

The new steel cases, Sparrow believes, also will be easier for ball players to handle. And ball players, the world knows, take no back seats at no time for dressiness.

It is the common belief in baseball circles that Roger Hornsby has played his last ball game for the Cardinals. Even Miller Huggins, boss of the Yankees and former leader of the Cardinals, believes it.

Hornsby, it is declared, is eligible for the draft, and probably will be taken. If Bosses Rickey and Hendricks can pull sufficient wires to get a batch of ball players in exchange for the young star it is believed they might be induced to do it. Again Hornsby is dissatisfied in St. Louis, for he has the opinion he can get more money for his services in one of the larger cities.

SPITBALL FAST LOSING FAVOR

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The step

taken by the American association to eliminate use of the spitball is destined to blaze a path of reform in baseball. The aims of Gov. John K. Tener, president of the National league; Ban Johnson, president of the American league, and other leaders in the game may yet be arrived at in governing pitchers.

Gov. Tener was one of the first to take a stand against the use of the spitball. A pitcher himself, he held that it not only was an unnecessary subterfuge, but was insanitary and disgusting to many spectators. Ban Johnson has relieved himself of practically the same sentiments. There are, in fact, only a few magnates who really believe the delivery should be allowed.

American association pitchers will be watched with interest during the coming season. American association batting records also will come in for close scrutiny, for it is the contention of foes of the spitball that the delivery interferes with free batting, something a fan wants to see when he pays for entrance to a ball game.

Prices paid for ball players in recent days put to shame previous attempts to set records in high sums. It used to be that \$5,000 was a tremendous price to pay for a ball player. There was a time not so long ago when Dan Tipple and other comers were referred to as beauties, with the amount of their purchase hung onto the front end.

And now. Oh, boy! Grover Cleveland Alexander was just sold for the price of a day's battling in Europe. Wally Schang and some of his co-laborers in the baseball field just changed who offers less than a fortune nowadays for a ball player is in the piker class.

Harry Frazee has done the very thing the Red Sox needed done. He's put real pep into his catching department.

The addition of Schang, without any other frills, would have won the pennant a year ago for the Red Sox. One capable catcher was all the Red Sox had. He went through a strenuous season, and Sam Agnew is only human. He had to falter a little bit.

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ATHLETES ARE HIKING TO TRAINING CAMPS

WILD CALL OF SPRING IS SENDING PLAYERS SOUTHWARD

Pennant Hunt for 1918 Season Appears to Be a Guess—White Sox in American League and Giants in National Are the Forecasts.

By H. C. HAMILTON
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The wild call of Spring is about to send the athletes hiking southward. And the hiking this year is going to be considerably more afflicted with loneliness than at any other time within the memory of major leaguers and other spangled favorites of the populace.

The faces present, as a matter of fact will look like a new layout for many of the upper baseball class. A glance into the army and navy would locate many of the players who last year were among those present.

The pennant hunt in the 1918 season appears from a long distance glance to be just as much of a guess as it was a year ago. Transfers that have been made during the winter, while benefitting some clubs, and laying injury on others, nevertheless, leaves a balance in both big leagues that should make the dash, from barrier to the finish, a hot one.

In the minds of most fans, of course, there will be a spark of favoritism for the White Sox in the American league and for the Giants in the National league. Just as in pugilism, baseball is prone to string along with the old champion until the sawdust has been kicked out of its doll.

But—there isn't a thing certain in baseball. The late Harry Pulliam made famous the remark: "Take nothing for granted in baseball." There are clubs in either league, which, if given the right start, kept free of injuries, and allowed to proceed at an even pace down the field, would be fully capable of getting under the wire first. Injuries to this or that club might intervene. Some star might crack and leave a void that could not be filled.

The top-notch baseball club, as a matter of course, must be a smoothly running machine. It must have no dissonance; its players must be friendly and willing to pull together at all times. If there is a baseball club not possessing these attributes no matter how strong its potential ability may look, lay a few shovels that it cannot finish ahead. Mere grey-matter, ability to knock baseballs over fences, and to field like demons—all are swept aside when the work of griefed feelings creeps into a baseball club.

Happily, dissonance has been driven out of most clubs in the big leagues—with greatest emphasis laid on the first division gangs. There was a time not so very long ago when things were not going overly nicely among clubs that had been picked to win pennants, and for that reason they were left in the rear.

It's called temperament in some quarters, but the real definition for the trouble-maker on a baseball club is "no-good."

Chicago is going to have something to say about both pennants. St. Louis cannot be counted out of the National league first division, and no more can the Reds. The Dodgers and Braves have added strength. The Pirates, while stronger than a year ago, still look like a bad ball club, and the same goes for the former efficient Philadelphia National league club.

Cleveland will not be able to present so strong an array this year. Boston has been strengthened some in the American league, and the National league club looks cheerier. The Yanks, with a new manager, may start all over. The Athletics and Browns are hopeless propositions. The Tigers are barely weaker than a year ago.

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(J. M. AMSBERRY)

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