

### BOBBY ROTH AS FIELD CAPTAIN OF ATHLETICS SHOWS WORLD OF PEPPER



Frequently Connie Mack springs the unexpected. It is doubtful that the tall tactician ever pulled a bigger surprise, however, than when he selected Bobby Roth, obtained from Cleveland, as captain of the Athletics this season. Roth has been notorious as an umpire, but he is the ambitious type Mack admires. Already Roth has asserted his leadership spirit into the Athletics as well as a robust punch in the attack. It looks like a great season for the Athletics and a great one for Roth.

### DIAMOND NOTES

Eddie Sicking put up a good game in Bancroft's shoes until injured. The Brooklyn club has released Gene Sheridan, an infield rookie, to Charley Doolin's Reading team. "Dugan to Shannon to Burns" is getting to be an often mentioned combination on the Athletics. Manager Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals is not giving up because of a poor start. The reason for Ernie Shore's poor start is explained. He caught the mumps from Ping Bodie. Red Faber will have his banner season in the American league if he keeps up his work of recent combats. Wallace, the youngster who was trying for an infield job with the Phillies, has been released to Hartford of the Eastern league. Josh Devore is surprising the fans by his work for the Indians. Devore has been fielding in the fashion and is hitting the ball hard. George H. Lawson, recently discharged from the Canadian army, is planning an "outlaw" league, to be known as the Allied league. The New York Yankees charged Carl Mays was using an emery ball, but now having beaten him they may conclude they were mistaken. Manager Lee Fohl of Cleveland is well pleased at what George Uhle has shown him and declares the young semi-pro is going to be a real star. Joe Wilhite, a star in the Coast league three or four years ago and for a moment looking like a star in the big show, seems to have flamed out with Seattle. Hugo Bezdek has benched Southworth and played Lee in right field. The former, who hit for .341 in 64 games last season, has been doing under .100 this season. Shortstop Jimmy Cooney, who did not join the Detroit Tigers and who thus is technically a member of the Boston Red Sox, is finally out of the army and has place to go. A left-hander can't hit a southpaw. Not at all. Casey Stengel only got four hits, one of them a triple, against the mightiest boy in the National top, Jim Vaughn, the other day. An all-star association football team will go to Sweden this summer under direction of Secretary Thomas Shallice of the United States Football Association, the governing council of the sport. Manager Miller Huggins resigned Duffy Lewis to center field to start the season, but soon changed his mind and switched Duffy to left. Ping Bodie went to center. Ping will keep on going if he doesn't wack out. George Runge, infielder, who was released by Clarence Rowland of the Brewers, has signed to play with the Nash Motor company team of Kenosha. Artie Bues, Art Kores and Ray Hagerman, former A. A. players, also with the club. Babe Ruth, who looked so formidable at bat this time last year, isn't hitting so well this season. The Boston Braves have returned pitcher Lefty George to the Columbus American association club. Bert Humphries, who was released by Louisville because of a sore arm, has been claimed by Toledo. Jack Martin, former Brewer, is hitting the ball at a great clip for the San Antonio club of the Texas league.

### QUIT TELEGRAPHING

Kid Gleason says George Uhle, the semi-pro star who is trying to win a berth with the Cleveland Indians, may make a great pitcher when he quits telegraphing to the batter what he is going to throw. Gleason says Dick Kerr had the same faith when he joined the White Sox in the training camp, and the kid had a serious talk with Kerr about it. "You throw your fast one with a side arm motion, your curve with an overhand throw," Gleason said to Kerr. "You can't get by that way." "I got by all right in the Southern and American Association," replied Kerr. "That may be so but you will never get by in this league if you don't stop telegraphing," retorted Gleason and he set out to show Kerr how to turn the trick.

### BACK ON FARM FOR OLDING

Former Captain of Philadelphia Athletics to Play Ball in New Jersey Village.

It's "back to the farm" again for "Rube" H. Oldring, captain of the Philadelphia Athletics in the American league last season, with which club he also starred as an outfielder in



Rube Oldring.

those days when Connie Mack was pulling down pennants. Having not secured his release from the Athletics, "Rube" intends to take up his residence at Quippen, a rural village in Salem County, N. J., where he helped to organize a big that two years ago would swallow nearly all of the seven townships.

### WHITE SOX SHOWING SPEED

Manager Gleason Has His Men Battling Well and Gunning Bases Better Than Usual.

Manager Gleason of the White Sox not only appears to have his team hitting in the shape, but they are showing more speed on the bases than has usually been the case with Chicago American team of past years. Stealing seven bases in one game is something new for the White Sox, especially so. An assault being made for the seventh time.

Ver Dream Saved Sox. Babe Ruth, saloonkeeper of Oakland, Cal., is thinking he luck stars that his wife has done that mean thing, and that she is ready with a shotgun. Her husband's pistol, pointed with pistol, took him up in his room shortly after midnight. His wife, sleeping in an apartment above, dreamed her husband was surrounded by enemies. Half awake she leaped out and seized a gun and ran down the stairs and in the hall. She fired once at random and the bandit fled.

### TOURNAMENT TO DEDICATE CLUB

LOCAL TENNIS FANS HAVE FINE NEW BUILDING

Handicap Tournament On at West Adams Avenue Court

The La Grande Tennis Club is now in the completion of their new club house at the cement tennis courts on West Adams avenue. The new building provides the members with a large elegant shower, both warm with hot and cold water connections, a locker or dressing room, wherein steel lockers will be installed, and a smoking or lounge room, with windows so situated that play on the courts can be witnessed by those who wish to sit outside of the sun. The ladies of the member's family have not been forgotten, as a room has been especially fitted up for them, with lavatory toilet and view on the courts, the same as has been provided for the men. In order to dedicate the club house, the members began a handicap tournament Friday morning in which all members of the club will participate. Play will continue until all members have had a chance to show their ability with the racquet.

And a Fight Started. Mrs. Styles—This paper says that in front of a large London building there was recently found a pigeon's nest made of hairpins. Where do you suppose the pigeons found the hairpins? Mr. Styles—"Oh, I suppose a lot of women in the vicinity couldn't keep their mouths shut."

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### ILLICIT RUM MAKING PORTO RICO INDUSTRY

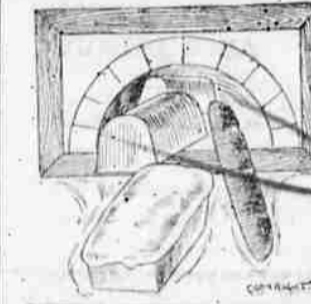
Moonshiners Multiply So Fast Authorities Cannot Keep Lists Up to Date.

Moonshiners multiply daily in Porto Rico. Nearly 100 stills have been raided by the police. Making moonshine is easy and cheap, and the profit is great. All that is needed is a pole still and a couple of inches always plentiful. The rum bottles will pay from \$2.00 to \$3 for a small bottle of the stuff. The risk of a fine of from \$25 to \$100 is no barrier to the native who would rather risk and easy money.

While the San Juan police chief was preparing a list of 35 stills that had been seized since the first of the year, reports came in of the seizure of 25 more stills. From the arrests made in the 25 seizures there have been nine convictions and a total of \$675 in fines assessed. But two full sentences have been passed, one 30 days and one three months. There have been two acquittals and the remainder of the cases have not yet been heard.

Rum seizures reported by the police are 273 pints, 2,100 half pints, one demijohn, 64 liters and 19 gallons. There were also 61 half pints of wine, 25 bottles of milk, 50 gallons of alcohol and \$4 bottles of beer. Altogether the police have quite a little of liquor, but there isn't any use for it.

Capt. W. J. Kennedy may collect \$250,000 from the wreck of the schooner Melville Shirley Long. The crew abandoned the schooner off Ponce with a cargo of a half million dollars worth of Martinique rum bound for France. Kennedy scuttled it out and put his crew aboard. He saved the rum from the fishes and is entitled to half the salvage. It's under the lock and key of the collector of customs at Ponce and can't be sold here, but is likely to be transhipped to some port where Kennedy can collect.



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