

# BIG LEAGUES OFF RACE FOR PENNANT

### Big Time Is Experienced by Eastern Fans as Big Leagues Get Into Annual Race—Hot Fight Is Expected.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Big doings on the ball lots of the National and American leagues.

Providing tight skies avail everywhere, eight umpires will each "toss out a new white ball," eight umpires will each in his finest voice cry "Play ball!" and in eight cities the sporting writers will chronicle that "the game was on." At least these quotations have done service from time immemorial and there is no reason why they should be discarded at this late date.

This is the day when all the teams are equal and that marks the initial spurt or the initial impetus to the hopes of several million fans.

In the National league, Pittsburg will be the attraction at St. Louis, Chicago at Cincinnati, New York at Boston and Brooklyn at Philadelphia, while in the American, Cleveland will "start the ball rolling"—another question whose age commands respect—in Detroit, St. Louis in Chicago, Boston in New York and Philadelphia in Washington.

What will the end be? Call around in October and the answer will probably be ready.

Never at the opening of a season has it seemed more hazardous to venture an opinion on the outcome than this year. In the National league this is due to the fact that the return of catcher Johnny Kling has made the three-time pennant-winning Cubs again intact and the doubt, more or less general except in Pittsburg, as to whether the Pirates can again maintain the steady gait they set last year, a gait that landed them unexpectedly in first place.

In the American league the rapid development last year of Philadelphia and Boston and the hard tussle that Detroit had to repeat for the second time her pennant performance, makes the picking of a championship team this year the merest guesswork.

About the only thing that does seem assured is that the first division teams in each league will not differ materially from those of last year. Pittsburg, Chicago, New York and Cincinnati again look to be certain in the National for the upper tier, while in the American, Detroit, Philadelphia and Boston appear reasonably safe, with either New York or Cleveland having a good chance to wrest from Chicago her berth in the upper division.

As stand-patters, the pennant possibilities in both of the big leagues have Joe Cannon beaten to a pulp. In the National, practically no changes appear in the line-ups of the leading teams, while Detroit, Philadelphia and Boston in the American haven't found enough new blood worth mentioning. New York, Chicago and Cleveland, however, have sewed several new patches to their old garments and are hopeful that they will stick.

With practically no changes in the personnel of the leading teams, the question simply resolves itself down to the proposition of whether these players will improve over their 1909 form. Cincinnati's chances are much brighter that some critics are willing to admit, due to this very fact. Last year the Reds broke a lot of new men into the game and they demonstrated that they were of National league caliber. That they should play a stronger game this year is admitted by baseball students.

Pittsburg can hardly expect to do any better than she did last year, and whether she wins the pennant again will depend largely on the improvement or failure of improvement shown by the other clubs. Chicago has a team of veterans and many are predicting that the team is due for a slowing-down, even if Johnny Kling, who used to be called the brains of the Chicago "works," is back on the job. Steinfeld, Tinker, Sheppard and Schulte showed last year that they at least are getting no better, and it would not be surprising if the veteran twirlers came "untied" this season.

New York pins her hopes for a better position than last year to an expected improvement in the work of Fitchers Larquard and Ames, the promising work of Drucke and Klawitter, two new pitchers, and the bolstering of the outfield by the substitution of Devore for McCormick. In the infield, Merkle, the man who once upon a time didn't touch second, will be at first base in place of the veteran Tenney, and the foxy play and gingery methods of ancient Fred may be missed to such an extent that he will soon cease to warm the bench.

Not many persons are picking Detroit to win a fourth straight pennant in the American. Had either Boston or Philadelphia played early in the season the way they did at the finish, the pennant would never have gone to Tigertown, and it is reasonable to suppose that these teams will strike a winning stride early in the season this year and not permit the Jennings crew to obtain such a commanding lead.

The Boston American league team this year, however, is without the services of her biggest asset of a year ago, Manager Fred Lake, who this year has been transferred to the hapless Boston "Doves." Lake was given credit last year for much of the Red Sox' success, and it isn't on record that Patsy Donovan, his successor, ever gingered up a bunch of players the way that Lake did. Fans generally are commiserating with Lake that a better fate than the Boston Nationals did not befall him this year.

Both the Cleveland and New York teams of the Americans have shown much better in their spring practice than Comiskey's White Sox, who are virtually a new team this year, with three new guardians for the inner works, new outer pickets and several new battery combinations. Connie Mack almost won a pennant last year with his renovated team, and the Red Sox set a sizzling pace until near the end with a team that promised no more than the White Sox now promise. So it won't do to count Comiskey out of it.

As for St. Louis, Boston and Brooklyn in the National, and Washington and St. Louis in the American, there doesn't seem to be a derrier in existence strong enough to lift them out of their recent berths near the bottom of the heap.

An added interest in the National's race this year is the adoption of a strong policy regarding the umpiring and the protection of the umpires. President Lynch bids fair to follow the example of Ban Johnson of the American in this respect, and it is predicted that the day of umpire baiting is forever past.

## DEPUTY ULRICH GRABS CALIFORNIA FUGITIVE

B. T. Buck, wanted at San Bernardino, Cal., for criminal assault, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Ulrich yesterday afternoon.

Buck had been in this city for several days, but the officers had not succeeded in locating him until yesterday.

He did not deny his identity, but refuses to talk of the crime of which he is accused.

The San Bernardino officers have been notified and will be here after him in a few days.

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# WORLD BITTERLY ASSAILS TAFT

### Declares President Degraded His Own Office and American Public by Unhappy Reference to Roosevelt as "Distinguished Citizen."

NEW YORK, April 14.—Declaring that Taft "degraded not only the chief magistracy," but the American public, by replying to a cablegram from Signor Caretti, mayor of Porto Maurizio, who welcomed Roosevelt, and then telegraphed and told him all about it, the New York World, which has consistently supported the Taft administration, bitterly assails Taft in its leading editorial today for his action.

In reply to Caretti's cablegram, Taft wired the following reply Monday, April 11:

"Received your courteous telegram announcing that Roosevelt has arrived and was received enthusiastically by the whole population and that the city was proud to welcome him. In reply I beg to assure you and all your countrymen that the American people are very grateful for and greatly appreciate the reception the Italians, from the sovereign to the humblest subject, accorded our most distinguished citizen."

In commenting on the Taft message, the World's editorial says:

"When Taft was nominated as the Republican candidate for president, the World asked the plain question, whether, if he was elected, he was to be president or merely a proxy. Since then various opinions have been expressed on many phases of Taft's official career. But concerning the message, there can be probably but one conclusion.

"It was an amazing, humiliating expression. It degraded not only the chief magistracy, but the American republic. It was weak, sycophantish, false.

"Theodore Roosevelt is not 'President Roosevelt,' and a man who is not the president must not be our 'most distinguished citizen,' at least in the estimation of the man to whom that great distinction belongs."

## Another Fruit Pest.

The clover leaf beetle is the latest pest to attack the fruit trees of the Yakima valley. It has been discovered in quantities in the model orchard of the Northern Pacific at Prosser and in surrounding orchards. Warnings have gone out to all the fruitgrowers of that valley, with descriptions of the pest, its actions, and suggestions for a remedy—the kerosene emulsion which the superintendent of the Prosser orchard is using with good results. The beetle is about half an inch long, dull brown in color, with an indefinitely striped wing cover, and a short, stout beak. It is found at the base of trees and in the soil about the roots.

The hemispherical scale, an enemy more deadly than the San Jose or scurvy, has turned up at Walla Walla, and Entomologist Melander of the state college at Pullman has sent out descriptions and warning to all fruit districts.

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A telephotograph of the sky wanderer was secured yesterday when the comet was approximately 133,000,000 miles distant. Dr. H. D. Curtis, one of the astronomers here, made the exposure. The plate which was obtained was a remarkably clear one and a fair reproduction of the celestial "hobo" was secured.

Officials here are making exhaustive preparations to study the comet upon its nearer approach.

The tailed star is becoming brighter as it travels farther from the face of the sun. It is expected that it will be visible to the naked eye within a week and a half.

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