

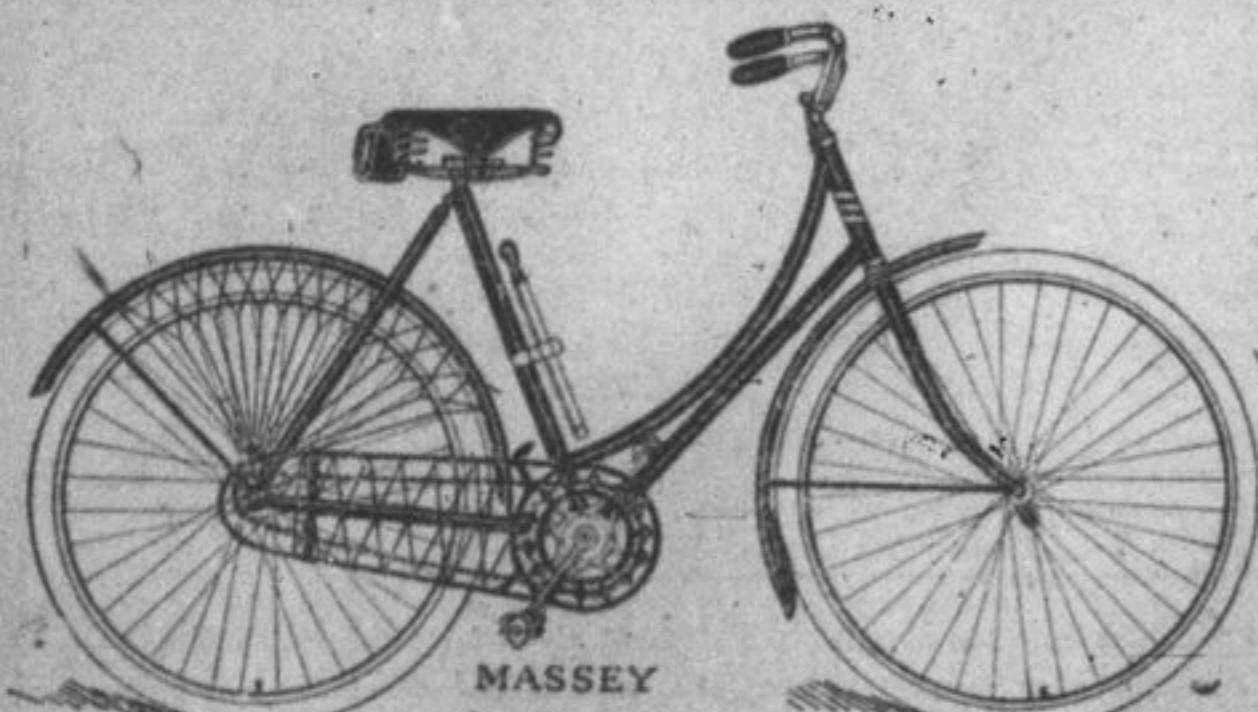
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When the St. Louis Cardinals first tried at first for the Cards a year ago and was then sent to Rock Island, from where he drifted to Omaha. Williams expects to soon get his commission and be en route to France.

In The World Of Sport

ARMY DRAFT BOUND TO HURT BASEBALL

The Majors May Lose Several Stars Before Mid-season.

Major league club owners are not at all sure of holding players within the draft age until the close of the 1918 season.

With the next draft call liable to come during the month of April, men of draft age will be rushed to army garrisons just as fast as it is possible for the Government to get them there, and the boys in class 1A are called there may be gaping holes in many a big league line up by the first of July.

Such players as Benny Kauff, Al Mamaux, Ray Chapman, Red Faber, Grover Cleveland Alexander and George Burns may be wearing khaki instead of big league uniforms by mid-summer. And there is no use underestimating the extent that the loss of their services would amount to.

Should the Giants lose Kauff, McGraw's outfield would be practically wrecked. Davey Robertson's determination to quit the game was a hard enough blow, but the dashing little centerfielder of Federal League fame would be missed even more than Robertson were he to go.

In the case of Ray Chapman, who may be taken from the Indians, his going would wreck Lee Fohl's infield. One of the best shortstoppers in the business, Chapman's presence on the Cleveland inner circle is imperative to give it balance. Without him the Indian infield would be like a boat without a rudder.

The White Sox could ill afford to lose the services of Red Faber, who is being depended on to win many games for them this season, and should the Cubs lose Alexander his shoes could not possibly be filled.

While Al Mamaux is somewhat of an expense for the Dodgers, Uncle Robby is counting heavily on him to come back, and star as the headliner of the Brooklyn staff, so if he goes Brooklyn will suffer.

There are a good many other players whose status is not definite. Some of them will be spared well enough, but others are badly needed. So the magnate is getting ready to open the season without assurance that he can put a ball club in the field and keep it there. The makings, however, are not young. They will start with a heavy smile and consider that it adds to "their bit."

WISE TO GO CAREFULLY.

Unbusinesslike Methods of Former Seasons Must Be Avoided.

There is no question of the intention of the New Baseball League, should it get under way, to operate on a war-time basis, say the Toronto Globe. Business institutions of all kinds are being conducted in keeping with abnormal times. There is no getting away from that. The fact practically all the cities proposed for the New League are desirous of operating their franchises for the purpose of protecting their territory and preventing its being thrown open for appropriation by anybody who cares to step in and get valuable rights for a mere song. Toronto is bound straight for one of the major leagues and would undoubtedly have been in either the American or the National League this season or next had not the world conflict been precipitated in Europe. Not long ago the Toronto franchise could not have been purchased for \$100,000. It will be worth that much after the cessation of hostilities. It is too good a proposition to be allowed to slip through the fingers of the owners. Should the New League operate until July 4th the territory will be inviolate for another year.

The inadvisability of running wild has been pretty thoroughly demonstrated to the owners. Instead of conducting their baseball clubs as if they were their own business affairs, they ignored player and salary limits as best they could, neglecting to protect their own interests by the exercise of a little foresight. Now they are paying. Perhaps they have learned a lesson.

Manager Fred Mitchell, of the Chicago Cubs, says he will have no peanut parties on his bench. Mitchell's description of a peanut party is a bunch of players gathering at one end of the bench and munching goobers while a game is on, paying no attention to what is going on in the field. Such indifference, says Mitchell, stamps a player as worthless, and the first time he catches any of his men in such a "party" it will cost them the price of a thousand bags of peanuts.

REMAINS A PUZZLE.

Most Baseball Managers Object to Start Games Earlier.

Three o'clock, 3.30 or 4 o'clock for major league games?

The question is unsettled with several of the teams, but reports are trickling in regarding the opening time under the daylight saving measure. Here's some of the results so far obtained:

Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, has said that all baseball games at his park this season will begin at three o'clock. It would be a violation of the daylight saving law in spirit, if not in letter, if they started at four o'clock.

Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago Cubs, will have his games start at three o'clock at the National League park in Chicago.

Bob Johnson, president of the American League, has announced that the organization would not take any action on the proposal to start games at 4 o'clock. He will permit each club in the league to make its own decision in this regard, he said.

John K. Tener, president of the National League, is opposed to any change in the time of starting games. He has said that while the question would be left to the individual clubs, he did not believe any of them would take advantage of the law and start games later.

Daniels in The New York Sun sums up the situation as follows:

St. Louis, 3.30 p. m., to start the season.

National League. Chicago, 3 p. m., permanently. Cincinnati, undecided. Pittsburgh, undecided. Boston, 3.30 p. m.

American League. New York, 3.30 p. m. Brooklyn, 3.45 p. m. Philadelphia, undecided, probably late.

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Washington, 4 p. m., as always. Philadelphia, the "later the better."

Start Baseball By Clock.

As the circuit is composed exclusively of large cities we might venture to say that not 5 per cent. of the fans who attend the game have a home garden, or have any hopes of ever having one. It is certain that every newspaper man in the press box will have had the inevitable professional dream of retiring some day and operating a chicken ranch, but most of them will have lost that dream by the time they have been fired from their third job and become veterans.

As most of the baseball reporters are veterans and the youngsters are only in the dream stage of the home garden and chicken ranch enterprises we can speak for the profession and say that the late start of the ball game would not in the least reduce the reportorial output of garden saps, but it would increase enormously the output of sass handed the magnates for being foolish enough to think that the later start would be advisable from a financial standpoint.

In the end baseball games will be started at the prevailing hours, by the clock, and not by the sun, so the daylight sayers need not worry. — Rice in Brooklyn "Eagle."

Few Torontos Return.

Vary few of the stalwarts who helped win the pennant for Toronto last season are likely to return to Toronto this year. Lejole, of course, is gone, never to return and Lalonde and Schiltz whose record ever since they broke into baseball indicates that they are "money grabbers" and simple have "jumped" to Kansas City. "Bunny" Hearne has caught on with the Boston Braves and "Lefty" Thompson has donned the uniform of Uncle Sam. Blackburne is "making good" win Cincinnati and according to report Earnest George Whitman is going along in fine style with the Boston Red Sox. Infielder Murray, who finished the season with the Leafs, is also in the army service. Like Thompson he was acquired by the Washington Club at the close of the 1917 campaign. Jacobson, who was recalled by the Cubs, is now with the Athletics. Of the Champion, Pitcher (Gould) has been turned over to Salt Lake by Cleveland. The only players left are Kelly, Warhop, Truesdale and Justin.

SEMI-PRO LEAGUE

With Hamilton, Brantford, London, St. Thomas, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

A meeting will be held shortly to discuss the proposal to organize a semi-professional baseball league, with teams in Hamilton, London, Brantford, and probably Niagara Falls, N.Y. Brantford took to the semi-pro article last year like a duck takes to water, and it is thought that Hamilton would support a team. "Dusty" Bullock of Canadian League fame is organizing a strong semi-pro team in St. Thomas, and wants to get into a league, and London is ready for competition of some kind in the baseball line. If Niagara Falls enters a

KNOCKED SULLIVAN DOWN.

Charlie Mitchell Performed This Feat In New York.

The late Charlie Mitchell's first ring battle was with bare knuckles, when, at the age of eighteen, he knocked out Bob Cunningham at Birmingham, the bout lasting almost one hour. He scored several other victories during the two following years in bouts in England and on the continent.

After winning the middleweight and heavyweight championships of England in 1882, Mitchell came to America in 1883 with the intention of challenging John L. Sullivan. The stature of the "Brummagen lad," as he was then called, did not impress the American followers of pugilism, but when Mitchell met and defeated Mike Cleary, a New York heavy weight, in three rounds, he was quickly accepted as an opponent for Sullivan. They met at the Madison Square Garden in a four-round glove bout, under Marquis of Queensbury rules, on May 14th, 1883. The British boxer surprised the twelve thousand spectators by meeting Sullivan's terrific rushes in the opening rounds, and after some heavy exchanges he scored a clean knockdown with a perfectly timed right smash to Sullivan's jaw, sending the Boston man to the ring floor amid the wildest excitement.

This was Sullivan's first experience of a knockdown by an opponent, and it happened toward the close of the first round. Sullivan rushed and rushed the visitor during the second round and three Mitchell over the ropes twice. Sullivan, with left swings to the jaw, knocked Mitchell down twice in the third round, and with another left he had Mitchell hanging over the ropes when the police stopped the bout.

Mitchell always insisted that he would have been able to continue had the police not interfered, and he never ceased to challenge Sullivan until the latter consented to another encounter, which took place five years later at Chantilly, France, on March 10th, 1888.

This was Mitchell's greatest ring effort. They fought with bare knuckles for \$2,500 a side and the bout lasted three hours and eleven minutes. Mitchell drew first blood in the eighth round, but Sullivan got the credit of the only knockdown during the bout, which was declared a draw by Referee B. J. Angle of London.

After James J. Corbett had won the world's championship from Sullivan in 1892, Mitchell challenged him for the title, and at Jacksonville, Fla., on January 25th, 1894, Corbett knocked out the Englishman in the third round. This was Mitchell's last appearance in the ring, as he returned to England and engaged in business there up to the time of his demise.

TO START BY CLOCK.

Baseball Games Not To Be Started By The Sun.

That loud outcry from the daylight saviors to the effect that the American association is unpatriotic in its proposal to start baseball games later since the clocks were moved up, sounds rather far fetched, and the whole thing seems to be a tempest in a tea-pot.

In the first place it probably never remotely dawned upon the baseball magnates that they could be accused of a lack of patriotism when they proposed to make a change that they thought would be agreeable to their patrons. If there is any sound reason for not making the change it is a cinch the magnates will set patriotism first and baseball second.

In the next place the wild alarm about the belated ball games interfering with the labors of the fans in home gardens does not strike the average city dweller as reasonable. The American Association magnates are lucky if they have an average attendance of 3,000 per day at each of their four games in the association on playing days.

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