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Mack in Cover.  
Connie Mack got \$75,000 for Strunk, Bush, Melms and Schang and also lopped \$15,000 off last year's salary list. Incidentally he has a new team which can't finish lower than the Athletics of 1916 and 1917.

The New York Yankees have sent Pitcher Alva Bowman back to the Toledo club. Manager Higgins says the only thing Al showed him in the camp at Macon was a sore wing. The man who gives grudgingly is not entitled to any great amount of credit.

## In The World Of Sport

### OVER-CONFIDENCE CAUSES MANY UPSETS

John L. Sullivan Defeat by Corbett Should Prove Warning to Willard.

New York Sun. — Jess Willard has only to look back as far as the former Queensberry champions to realize that most of his predecessors' downfalls were caused by over-confidence and lack of fine fighting condition. Jess will only have to delve back to September 7th, 1892—almost 25 years ago—to read a valuable warning to him. For it was on that date the famous John L. Sullivan fell before Jim Corbett at New Orleans, after a very one-sided battle of 21 rounds.

Sullivan was utterly out of condition on that occasion. He was "hog fat," his wind was bad, for he had failed to train properly, and was really bloated by reckless dissipation. And yet when he entered the ring that fatal night he was more than confident that he would knock Corbett out in a few rounds, and that he was still the greatest fighter in the world.

When it was remarked to poor old John L. that he appeared rather bulky and ponderous a few hours before he faced Corbett in the arena, he retorted very sharply: "I'm good enough to trim that lanky duck in a few rounds. He won't last long before me if I hit him one hard smash." But the honest old fistic warrior, with all his confidence and courage, never was able to land that one hard blow on the nimble, well trained Corbett. The latter was like a young race horse against a played out and truck one. John L. had all his fighting spirit with him, but his flesh was weak, slow and heavy.

It willard wants any more valuable warnings and examples of defeat of former champions, on account of their lack of training and condition let us review the first battle Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries fought at Coney Island, when the husky boiler-maker downed Fitz and won the big crown in eleven fierce rounds.

Bob was always a careful, hard trainer for all his important fights, except in this one. He looked upon Jeff as a big, slow fellow, who was not clever enough to land an effective blow on him. But we all know how surprised and amazed he was when Jeff floored him in one of the early rounds. After the knockdown he seemed to have lost considerable of his old-time confidence and grit, according to Mattie Julian, who acted as his principal second and adviser.

Between one of the rounds he whispered to Julian, "I'm gone, Mattie. He's got me." Fitz afterwards confessed to me he hadn't trained properly for that fight. When Bob was finally matched again to meet Jeff in Frisco, some three years later, he certainly worked like a Trojan to get into fettle and try to retrieve his lost laurels. But it was no use. Jeff in the meanwhile had greatly advanced as a skillful fighter, and again put the great old Fitz out, in the eighth round this time.

So let Willard look back also to the downfall of Jeffries, Jack Johnson, Charley Mitchell, George Dixon, George "Kid" Lavigne and other champions, and he will find that many of them sacrificed their fistic glory and titles by being in poor condition on account of over-confidence and the lack of proper training.

I do not imagine, however, that Jess will enter the ring against Fred Fulton in poor form exactly. But he needs a lot of hard, earnest work, after such a long layoff, to be physically right on the next Fourth of July.

### TO DISCUSS FOOTBALL.

Princeton, Harvard and Yale May Resume Gridiron Play.

Princeton, Harvard and Yale authorities will meet this week to discuss plans for the approaching fall. Among other things likely to be decided is the question whether or not football shall be played, and if so, under what conditions. There seems an extreme likelihood that the gridiron sport will be sanctioned, but that measures covering coaching, travelling and the like will be drafted, with a view not only to war conditions, but to the time when peace has come and universities settle down to affairs on a basis approximately normal.

If present tendencies are to be accepted at their face value, we may expect a radical change in methods, not only among the Big Three, but elsewhere as well.

### STILL AFTER MATHEWSON.

Y.M.C.A. Have Not Given Up Hope of Landing Him.

After a conference with John K. Tener, president of the National League, Dr. George J. Fisher, of the physical department of the National War Work Council of the Y.M.C.A., left for Cincinnati to talk again with Christopher Mathewson regarding the call to go to France to direct all the baseball activities among the men of the fighting forces.

"I think 'Matty' can be induced to accept the offer of the Y.M.C.A.," said Mr. Tener, "and for the National League I may say that organized baseball appreciates the honor of the call from our soldiers in the trenches."

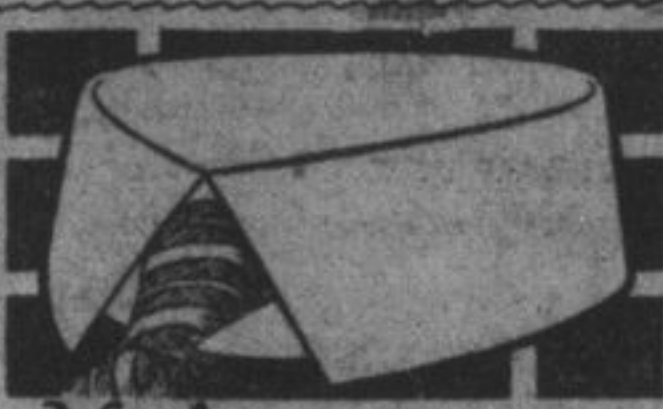
Mr. Tener also agreed to assist the Y.M.C.A. in every way possible in the association's problem of recruiting physical and athletic directors sufficient to satisfy the demand from General Pershing's forces.

Before he boarded the train, Dr. Fisher expressed confidence that in view of Mr. Hener's support he would be able to make Mathewson see that his duty lies overseas.

Ottawa Citizen: Khaki seems to be the popular color among Ottawa athletes this spring. The cream of the city's track and field, baseball, lacrosse and hockey amateurs will be mustered with the first draft.

For a team that wasn't conceded better than seventh place those Phillies are making things hum in the National Ball League. Just now they look the next best team to John McGraw's New York Giants.

Clubs of the former International League which had secured signatures of players to contracts before the National Commission decision making players of the league free agents claim those contracts hold good and there are said to have been a number of players so signed who can be used in the new International organization.



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