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## Old "Pop" Anson Attended American League Meeting

**MONTREAL GETS FIRST-BASEMAN FROM MONTANA**

Has Good Batting Record--Training of Royals to Begin March 26--Bransfield in Charge

(Montreal Herald.)  
Manager Kitty Bransfield will go through the summer training camps of the big league clubs, starting about March 8th and returning to Charlotteville for the opening of the Royals' camp on March 26th, according to present plans of the Montreal Baseball Club. Bransfield will be here in a few days to talk over the situation with the owners.  
"If Manager Bransfield wished," declared President Lichtenheim this morning, "he could take the pitching staff south with him on March 8th, or he may round them up even earlier than that. Anyway, we want to have our pitching staff in good shape before the season opens instead of having to go through the first third of the schedule before our twirlers are really fit for work."  
Meanwhile the Royals have obtained through Clark Griffith of the Washington Club, a first baseman who promises well at all events.  
His name is Lussi.  
Lussi played with Helena, Montana in the Montana League last year and batted .730. He is quite a youngster stands over six feet in height and weighs close to two hundred lbs. His work at first is said to have been phenomenal.

**MURPHY HAD LONG TALK WITH FRESNAHAN**

Made Him Good Offer to Manage Chicago Nationals--To do Half of Regular Catching

Chicago, Dec. 26--After a long distance telephone conversation with Roger Bresnahan today, President Murphy of the Chicago National League Baseball Club said he was certain the former St. Louis manager would be with the Chicago Club next year.  
Murphy refused to say what offer he had made Bresnahan, but it was understood he told the catcher-manager he would give him a bonus of \$10,000 for his signature, and a three-years' contract at \$6,500 a year. Bresnahan is free to sign with any National League Club.  
Murphy said he believed Bresnahan who is thirty-two years old, would be good for six or seven more years in the major leagues. If he comes here he will be expected to do half the regular catching.

**LANGFORD TRAINS McVEY**

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26--Sam Langford today knocked out Sam McVey in the thirteenth round, after one of the fiercest heavyweight battles seen in Australia in years.

**Now Filling Theatrical Engagement--"Grand Old Man" of Baseball--Played With Chicago for Twenty-two Years--His Record**

Among the Old Timers seen about the corridors of the hotel in Chicago at the time of the annual meeting of the American League was Adrian C. Anson, one of the most notable characters in baseball.  
"Pop" was on hand daily looking as natty and nifty and prosperous as any baseball magnate ever known.  
It is to be feared however, that he is not so wealthy as some of them, for he was filling a theatrical engagement in Chicago at the time.  
He was the picture of health. Always a big man physically, he has in recent years taken on considerable avoidupois, but he carries it well. He moves as lightly on his feet, almost, as he did when he was playing with the mighty White Stockings more than a generation ago.  
Anson was some player in those days too. He has left a mark for the present day players to shoot at, and the chances are that the best of will never come within a mile of it.  
"Pop" played with the Chicago team for 22 years and was captain and manager for 21 years. Who, for instance, among the men playing baseball today do you think, after having played in the major leagues for 22 years, will retire with a grand batting average of .337 and a grand fielding average of .975, marks acquired in a total of 8947 times at bat, in which he secured 3013 hits, and had a total of 22,945 fielding chances, out of which he made 22,278 putouts, had 1071 assists and was charged with 596 errors, meanwhile having participated in 2500 games.  
Any player nowadays that finishes one season with a batting average of .300 or better is regarded as some batter, but Anson, taking the good seasons and the bad ones during a career of 22 years finished with a grand average of .337.  
If not what may be called consistently good hitting how would you describe it?  
With his remarkable ability as captain and manager, added to his prowess with the stick, if "Pop" had these things for sale today, what price could he command for them, gaged by the ruling prices for such things at the present?  
Anson started out in 1876 as a third baseman with the Chicago club the first year of the National League. He played in the outfield in 1878 and it was not until 1879 that he went to first base, a position in which he was to rank as one of the greatest stars.  
He managed the Chicago club from 1877 to 1897 inclusively but he did not get along well with James A. Hart when the latter became president of the club in 1892 and in the fall of 1897 the grand old man was released.  
Following is the wonderful batting and fielding record made by Anson during his 22 years with the Chicago Club.

Years	A.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
1876	66	51	98	103	122	11
1877	47	36	60	433	11	14
1878	59	39	73	118	5	6
1879	49	31	63	379	9	12
1880	84	61	132	823	39	32
1881	84	67	137	892	43	24
1882	82	69	126	810	27	45
1883	98	67	127	1031	41	40
1884	108	89	136	1160	38	46
1885	112	100	141	1253	39	57
1886	125	117	187	1185	66	48
1887	122	107	221	1232	70	36
1888	134	101	177	1314	65	20
1889	134	99	177	1409	79	27
1890	139	102	157	1345	49	31
1891	136	82	158	1406	77	28
1892	147	62	154	1491	61	46
1893	101	70	123	998	42	20
1894	83	87	137	748	45	9
1895	122	88	161	1172	67	14
1896	106	72	135	886	53	7
1897	112	66	128	940	23	13

Totals 2,250 1,665 3,013 21,278 1,071 596

Grand batting average, .337. Grand fielding average, .975

**"DODE" PASKERT ILL**

Cleveland, O., Dec. 24--"Dode" Paskert, star outfielder of the Philadelphia National League team, is seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home here, it was learned today.

**SENTENCE MODIFIED FOR FELON BALL-PLAYER**

It cannot be said that Tennessee courts fail in proper regard for the national game. Roy Walker who tried to kill another free and independent citizen by the liberal use of lead, was committed last week to the State Prison for ten years. That was before it was made clear to the court that Roy though a gun man with a bad aim had his eye right when it came to locating the plate, and was a pitcher of high promise and American League affiliations. The situation being materially altered by this discovery, Roy was brought back on Saturday, and his sentence modified. Now he will have to put in only 91 days, which will let him out in time for the season and pay a fine of \$50, which will come out of the advance. Thus is the majesty of the law vindicated, and yet the schedule not interfered with.

**CONNIE MACK GREAT SELECTOR OF BALL-PLAYERS**

Specializes in Picking From Minor Clubs and Colleges--Jack Dunn Has Same Power

Jack Dunn was a busy little bee at the recent meeting of the National and International Leagues. Jack was a pitcher for Brooklyn and a second baseman elsewhere. He has a reputation for knowing a ballplayer when he sees one and has demonstrated that he was not misjudged by becoming one of the most prosperous minor league managers in the country. Jack was asked why he developed such an abnormal amount of talent, even if he did not have the pennant winner. Quoth he:  
"I have made a specialty of taking on kids recommended by followers of the back-lot games. I got Murphy and Walsh that way and have ten men now on a string, who probably never would have had a chance if it had not been for me. Some I have on the Baltimore team, others I have in the Tri-State, New England and other circuits, and they are coming across as well as could be expected. Not all of them will become world-beaters, but they are born players and will eventually make their marks. The managers and scouts have not paid enough attention to the men playing on the small teams around big cities and in the colleges. One of the most progressive of the managers in that respect is Connie Mack, who has an official scout or a private tipster in every league in the country and has obtained more brilliant players for less money than any other man alive. Connie has the right system and I am not ashamed to say I have profited by it."

**FIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT.**  
"Knockout" Brennan vs Eddie McGoorly, 10 rounds, at New York.  
Packey McFarland vs Freddie Daniels, 8 rounds, at Omaha.  
Gunboat Smith vs Frank Moran, 20 rounds, at San Francisco.  
Patsy Brannigan vs Harry Dell, 8 rounds, at Windsor, Ont.  
Leach Cross vs Johnny Lore, 10 rounds, at New York.  
Phil Cross vs Jack Britton, 10 rounds, at New York.

**MACK HOPES TO REPEAT HIS SUCCESS**

Philadelphia, December 24--Connie Mack, the Philadelphia leader, while guest of his friends late last night in celebration of his fiftieth birthday told them that he had unusually high hopes that his former world's champions would redeem themselves next season for their poor work last year. He told them he had taken an interest in the Wilmington Club of the Tri-State League, and he thought that the surplus players which he would be able to turn over to that organization would make a strong factor in the league.

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## SPORTS OF ALL KINDS

Sixty dollars were lost in fines at the Wanderers-Canadiens clash at Toronto; and it was only an exhibition match. Judging from that, the question arises, what will be the loss when the teams meet in championship matches? It looks as if the N. H. A. players will have to be paid larger salaries or keep more within the rules of the game.

Some Washington critics think Morley, the youngest secured from Knoxville, will be the one to beat Frank Laporte out of the second base job on the Senators next season.

According to reports this Lester Lowther, the Amherst amateur, who has turned pro, is going to surprise some of the Halifax crowd this season.

Goal, Wortman; point, Ves Laing; cover, Norton; forwards, Norman, Scott and Frank Condon is the Crescents proposed line up so far, and Mgnager Murphy promises even better when the time comes for the teams to go on the ice. He is at the present time in negotiation with several players of merit in the Upper Provinces. Laing and Condon have just signed up.

President Lithgow has received a communication from President Emmett Quinn of the N. H. A. accepting the working agreement with a few changes which will not however make it less favorable to the M. P. H. A.

The Scottish Rugby Football Union draws the amateur rule strictly, whether at home or abroad. It refused to play the International match this season with France, unless an undertaking were given that no member of the Stade Bordelais would be included in the French side. This startling action was due to the appearance in an English paper of an advertisement from the Bordeaux club offering good employment for a halfback, which was later found to be a hoax.

Comment on the Canadiens-Toronto hockey game--  
Newsy Lalonde can still call more offside than the referee.  
Laviolette had to have seven stitches put in the cut over his eye.  
DeGray, who was tried out at left wing for the Canadiens, although a right-handed shot, showed up the poorest of any player on the ice.  
The six-man game was just made for such players as Art Ross.

President Lichtenheim of the Mont-

real Wanderers presented each of his players with a Christmas box. It is a job bearing the crest of the club in gold.

Victories and Vancouver pros clash tonight in the former city and a stiff battle is expected. Vancouver have the lead in the league race, but a victory for Vancouver will tie it up.

Malcolm Douglas, shortstop of the Virginia University team, has quit school and may become a professional, in which case Clark Griffith hopes to land him for Washington. Griffith looked him over at Charlottesville last spring and was much impressed with him.

Detroit has inaugurated a series of Sunday morning games to work up interest in hockey in that city. No charge is made for admission.

Clark Griffith is quoted as saying that the strength of Tom Hughes will be conserved next year and that Long Tom will not be asked to pitch more than about once a week. With this amount of rest Griff thinks he will be a great winner.

"Cap" Macdonald, who has been out with the Ottawa pros., has been signed by C. B. Ross to manage the Sydney team of the Maritime League. --Toronto Globe.

Catcher James J. Greenhalgh, St. Louis Brown catching recruit, is a former Bethlehem, (Pa) preparatory school player. He was under contract to catch for the London team of the Canadian League, but secured his release.

According to a Pittsburg writer, Mike Simon got better results out ofarty O'Toole than Billy Kelly ever did and the fancy-priced spitball pitcher views with dismay the prospect of Simon being disposed of by Manager Clarke.

**O'KEEFE KNOCKED OUT BY JACK BRITTON**

Philadelphia, Dec. 25--Despite the speed that Tommy O'Keefe put into his left-hand punches, he was no match for Jack Britton this afternoon at the Olympia A.C. In the second round Britton drove O'Keefe through the ropes, from which position he was assisted to his corner after being counted out.

**EXODUS TO MONTGON**

Toronto, Dec. 26--The Torontos had only Holmes, McLean, McGiffen and Randall out this morning as the rest of the bunch were tired out after last night's game. Walker and Doherty, accompanied by Willard McGregory, who was out with the Tecumsehs, left for Montgon this morning, where they will play in the Maritime League.