

SPORT NEWS

ALEXANDER THE GREAT GIVEN RELEASE BY PHILLIES WILL FREE LANCE ON THE PACIFIC COAST

New York, June 5—After 20 years of service as a major league pitcher, during which his triumphs have far outnumbered his disappointments and his uncanny skill has outweighed his eccentricities, Grover Cleveland Alexander has been turned loose by the Phillies, the club to which he came in 1911.

"Old Pete," through as a big league hurler, is not through with baseball, however.

"I like the harness, and I've got some winning games still left in this old arm," Alexander said when notified of his release as a free agent. "I'd like to pitch on the Pacific Coast, if I can't make the grade in the majors."

Although his career in which he pitched more than 600 games and established a new National League record for games won, has been punctuated by vain efforts on the part of various managers to make him obey training rules, the Phillies' management made it clear that Alex is not leaving the major under a cloud.

"He tried to keep in shape this time," said Gerald Nugent, business manager of the club to which Alexander returned in a trade last December. "But he just couldn't win for us, and we've decided to let him go. We'll look after him until he lands a job he likes."

The last thing Alex would want would be for anyone to grow sentimental about him. Although he didn't like training, he loved baseball. It was his one interest and during his 20 seasons in the majors he knew many of the game's greatest triumphs.

Perhaps the peak of "Old Pete's" career came in the seventh game of the 1926 world series when he was with the St. Louis Cardinals. The New York Yankees twice had bowed before the wizardry of Alex's arm, but in the deciding game, with the winning run on base, he was called upon as a relief pitcher, to relieve Jess Haines.

Few fans who saw that game will ever forget the spectacle of Alex strolling unconcernedly in from the bullpen, his odd shaped cap cocked on the top of his head, chewing vigorously at a great cud of tobacco and rubbing his right arm reflectively.

Without ado, "Old Pete" took the ball, and while 63,000 fans jammed in Yankee Stadium screamed with excitement he struck out Tony Lazzeri, eager, hard-hitting young New York second baseman and won the world series for St. Louis.

In his earlier days with the Phillies, Alexander was recognized as the greatest national league pitcher of

his time. One season he won 33 games. During the war, in which he took part, he was traded to the Chicago Cubs with Killefer, his battery mate, for Prendergast, Dillhoefer and 55,000.

Alexander had many winning seasons with the Cubs until Joe McCarthy took charge of the club in 1926. Joe decided that "Old Pete's" scorn for training rules was bad business for the club and released him on waivers to the St. Louis Cardinals, June 22, 1926.

"Old Pete's" response to this slight was to help pitch the Cardinals to their first pennant and world series. In 1928, he again worked for the Cardinals in a world series, but was woefully ineffective.

Last December he was traded back to his first love, the Phillies, for Homer Peel and Bob McGraw, the Cards tossing in Harry McCurdy for good measure. It marked the end of Alexander's big league career, for this year he just couldn't win.

U. S. DAVIS CUP TEAM LEFT FOR FRANCE TO WIN

New York, N. Y. State, June 5—The United States Davis Cup tennis team, headed by the non-playing captain, Fitz-Eugene Dixon of Philadelphia, sailed for Europe early today aboard the Berengaria. Victorious in the American zone, the team will meet the survivors in European zone competition for the right to challenge France for the Davis Cup.

The squad, including George Lott of Chicago; John Doeg, of Santa Monica, Calif.; John Van Ryn, of East Orange, N. J.; Wilmer Allison, and Berkeley Mangin, of Newark, N. J., averages until 23 years old, with Doeg, aged 21 1-2 years, the youngest, and Allison, 25, the eldest.

Lott, Doeg, Van Ryn and Allison have been made as regulars with Bell and Mangin filling the alternate roles. Van Ryn and Allison, who defeated France in the 1929 Davis Cup doubles, are certain to play the doubles again this year and Lott is sure of one of the singles assignments. Selection of the second singles player is undecided, with the possibility that William Tilden, II, may be drafted for the vacancy.

Tilden has been playing in Europe throughout the winter and although he has made his annual announcement that he is "through with international competition," it is believed that he will be available for duty if the United States reaches the challenge round with France.

JACK SHARKEY TO FIGHT ON JUNE 12TH.

Max Schmelling Will Find in Him a Clever and Cautious Opponent.

Orangeburg, N. Y., June 5—Jack Sharkey, the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, of heavyweights, has changed character again and Max Schmelling will find a clever, cautious opponent opposite him in the ring at Yankee Stadium the night of June 12, if happenings here at the big Bostonian's training camp are accurate indications.

Twice Sharkey has tossed away changes to fight for the title and he came perilously near disaster in his strange brawl with Phil Scott at Miami Beach, Fla., with the championship just one jump ahead of him.

"I know I'm going up against a tough fellow this time and I'm getting myself in shape for the hardest fight I've ever had. I went to see Schemling fight Paolino, intending to see only three or four rounds. But I stayed all 15 rounds, and I learned something about the German's style.

"I don't expect he'll fight the same kind of fight he did against Paolino, but I saw the flaws in his attack and I'll know how to fight him even though he adopts a different style against me."

Although Sharkey refused to predict that he will knock out Schmelling, James J. Corbett, former heavy-weight champion, who witnessed Jack's workout today, said he expected the Bostonian to knockout the German.

Endicott, N. Y., June 5—Arthur Bulow, Max Schmelling's discarded German manager, arrived in Endicott yesterday for a visit with German newspaper men attached to the Schmelling camp, but was detained by immigration officials and did not have an opportunity to see his former protegee.

The immigration officials followed Bulow to Endicott and demanded to see his passport. Bulow's passport expired May 21, but he produced proof that he had deposited a bond with Federal Court covering his stay in the United States.

Both Schmelling and Joe Jacobs, who succeeded Bulow as Schmelling's manager, denied anything to do with the official's visit.

Bulow said he did not plan to harass or annoy Schmelling as Jack Kearns did Dempsey before the first Tunney fight at Philadelphia.

"I would like to shake Max's hand and wish well," said Bulow. "If for nothing else, I am a German and I will not even take the chance of exciting Max by attending his workouts."

Schmelling worked a total of six rounds yesterday against Jack Shaw, Frankie Rush, Karl Lackner, and Umberto Torriani.

The Teuton heavy had difficulty in keeping his mates in a vertical position.

Wellington, New Zealand, June 5—The touring British rugby team suffered its first defeat since its arrival in New Zealand, when Wellington yesterday captured a great struggle by a score of 12 to 8 points.

The United States team will make its first start late this month against the winner of European zone competition, and if successful will meet France in the challenge round at Auteuil in July.

GOOD PROGRAM TO BE ON THE AIR FRIDAY

Following are the best features of Friday night's radio program given in Atlantic standard time:

- WEAF, NEW YORK
 - 6.55—Baseball Scores.
 - 7.00—Genia Zielinska, Soprano.
 - 7.15—Safety Series.
 - 7.30—Welcome Lewis.
 - 9.00—Chiquet Club Eskimaux.
 - 9.30—Big Guns.
 - 10.00—Raleigh Review.
- WJZ, NEW YORK
 - 11.00—Orchestra Music.
 - 6.45—Literary Digest Poll.
 - 7.00—Amos 'n' Andy.
 - 7.15—Wallace Silversmiths.
 - 7.30—Baseball Scores.
 - 7.30—Songs of the Soldiers.
 - 8.00—The Pickard Family.
 - 8.30—Hickok Program.
 - 8.45—Singers; Famous Lovers.
 - 9.00—Interwoven Pair.
 - 9.30 Armour Program.
 - 10.00—Armstrong Quakers.
 - 10.30—Kodak Program.
 - 11.30—Amos 'n' Andy.
- WTAM, CLEVELAND
 - 7.15—Solos; Twins; Suitmen.
 - 9.00—NBC network (WEAF).
 - 10.00—Trappers; Frolic.
 - 12.00—News Reel; Dance music.
- WABC, NEW YORK
 - 7.00—Moment Musicale.
 - 7.30—Evangeline Adams
 - 7.45—Fashion.
 - 8.00—Nit Wit Hour.
 - 8.30—U. S. Band Concert.
 - 9.00—True Story Hour.
 - 10.30—Gold Medal Fast Freight.
 - 11.00—News; Music.
- WEEI, BOSTON
 - 7.30—Whiting's Merry-makers.
 - 8.00—Programs from WEAF.
 - 10.00—Fur Trappers, news, etc.
- KDKA, PITTSBURGH
 - 6.30—Concert program; News.
 - 7.15—Complete from WJZ.

OFTEN THEY PICK WINNERS JUST THAT WAY

(New York Sun)

It may have been beginner's luck. Or just a lucky hunch. Mac had never played the ponies. A number of his friends had and he listened to their conversation with interest. Finally, he decided to take a chance and place a small bet. He looked over the entries but the names of the horses didn't mean a thing to Mac.

How Mac had a habit of stopping at a lunch counter for a cup of coffee every morning. On this particular day he wore a light green shirt with a tie of a contrasting shade of the same color. As he stepped up for his morning coffee the counter man surveyed him for a moment then smilingly queried, "Hello! What's this, an Irish holiday?" "Mac laughed off but suddenly became serious. Something in the remark took his mind back to the racing entries. Glancing over them again he found a horse named Irish Holiday entered. On reaching his office his first move was to place a bet on the horse.

The strangest part of the story is that the horse really won and Mac collected his bet.

WELSH MINES ONCE WORKED BY ROMANS

Between prestatyn and Brhyl, in whales, a mile or two inland, there is a range of high hills. At their foot, and half way along their length, is the village of Mellden. Next door to the small postoffice in Mellden is an inn called the Miners' Arms; but it is a long time since there were miners to drink their ale in Mellden, says an article in the Manchester Guardian.

One speaks comparatively, for the 55 years that have passed since the Mellden lead mines were last worked is but a little span in their history. The Romans, encamped at Chester, not far away, knew the mines and worked them. We can tell that because of the Roman implements that have been found in the workings. And ever since Roman times, off and on lead has been got at Mellden.

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CHANGES IN TRAIN SCHEDULE
Saint John—Fredericton—Centreville.
Effective Monday, May 26, 1930.

SAINT JOHN—FREDERICTON
Train No. 47—Leave Saint John 6.00 P. M. instead of 3.30 P. M.—Arrive Fredericton 9.40 P. M.
Train No. 48—Leave Fredericton 9.30 A. M. instead of 9.40 A. M.—Arrive Saint John 1.15 P. M.

Above services are Daily Except Sunday, instead of Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Trains Nos. 47 and 48 between Fredericton and Centreville are canceled.

NOTE—The present service between Saint John and Centreville will operate Daily Except Sunday up to and including Saturday May 24, instead of Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Train No. 242—Leave Fredericton 6.45 A. M. instead of 9.45 A. M.—Arrive Saint John 11.35 A. M.
(Above service will operate Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays)

FREDERICTON—CENTREVILLE
Train No. 45—Leave Fredericton 4.30 P. M.—Arrive Centreville 8.30 P. M.
Train No. 46—Leave Centreville 7.40 A. M.—Arrive Fredericton 11.40 A. M.
(Above services Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays)
Other train services remain as at present.