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SOME SAYINGS OF BIG LEAGUERS ON VARIOUS BASEBALL TOPICS

(By Edward Tk. Murphy)

New York, June 30—When baseball men talk shop they turn loose some interesting chatter and opinions. Here are some recent National League utterances:

Pat Malone of the Cubs: The other day in Pittsburgh I hit a longer fungo than any Larry French belted. But Larry is more consistent. He's the best fungo hitter in the National League and I always get a kick out of watching him slam 'em.

Max Carey, manager of the Dodgers: I hated to take George Kelly off first base, but had to make room for Joe Stripp and couldn't afford to bench Mickey Finn. High Pockets played great ball, but we need the extra batting punch Stripp will supply.

George Gibson, manager of the Pirates: 'I'm not saying so because I used to be a catcher, but in my opinion the catcher is the most important player on a team. He has more responsibilities than any other player and part of his job is to know the strong and weak points of every hitter on each of the seven opposing teams. He must also know what each pitcher he works with is capable of doing under various circumstances. Show me a real good catcher and I'll show you a ball player whose work isn't fully appreciated by the fans. The only time spectators focus their attention on the catcher is when he makes a bad throw to a base.

Red Carriden, coach of the Cubs: Babe Herman's batting hasn't hurt us this year, but that guy Lombardi made it tough for us. Herman has a weakness, but I don't think Lombardi has. If he used to be stopped by high fast balls pitched inside, he isn't any more.

Jack Quinn Has His Say

Jack Quinn of the Dodgers: I hope I am still in the big leagues next season and thereby round out thirty years as an active pitcher. I get pleasure out of the fact that I have proved to young players that it is possible to remain in baseball as an active player a long time. Living habits count a whole lot. Up to a certain extent, fist fights among rival players are all right, but too much of that sort of stuff would be harmful. When two players start scrapping you know that each has some thing in mind and that is to win the ball game.

Fresco Thompson of the Dodgers: Now I know why Carey delayed cutting down his team to twenty three players. With fights coming on he wanted to hang onto all of his man power.

Bill McKechnie, manager of the Boston Braves: Will the Braves win the National League pennant? I'll give you my answer to that one along about the middle of July; not before. When I had the Pirates in 1925 I didn't predict that we'd win the pennant until the last week of July. At that time I told my players they'd win, and they did.

Charlie Grimm, of the Cubs: When Lombardi hits 'em, they go. There isn't a team in our league that stands out. That's why the race is going to be close right up to the finish. It looks like Joe McCarthy will win his first American League pennant this year.

Rabbit Maranville of the Braves: I've been playing ball four years. In other words, I started to play when I quit drink'.

Grimes Comes To Bat

Burling Grimes of the Cubs: I wasn't surprised when I heard John McGraw resigned as manager of the Giants. No matter what happens in baseball, I will not be surprised. I've been around a long time and have become hardened. If I were the manager of the Dodgers and could do it, I'd trade Clark for Bottomley.

Horace Fofa of the Braves: When the Cardinals gave me my sudden release, they told me they couldn't afford to pay me what my contract

called for. They should have known that before they signed me. When the Cardinals opened the season they had thirty five players but only thirty three uniforms, so two players had to sit in the grand stand.

Charley Root of the Cubs: A pitcher is a sucker if he eases up when his rival on the slab is at bat. Any one who swings a bat is liable to knock out a base hit.

Zack Taylor of the Cubs: I've been fortunate enough to make three hits in four times at bat as a punch-hitter. A fellow has to do something to let 'em know he's still around.

Rube Bressler of the Phillies: I'm a better hitter with two strikes on me. Root of the Cubs can get two strikes on a better quicker than any other pitcher in our league.

Sidney Well, president of the Reds: Before the Cubs traded Hack Wilson I offered them Leo Durocher for him and \$20,000 if Hack remained with the Reds all season.

Gabby Hartnett, of the Cubs: Bill Jurgens can throw a ball from short to first base as swiftly and as accurately as Glenn Wright used to, when he was with the Pirates. We called Glenn Rifle Shot in those days.

Al Spohrer of the Braves: I've looked over all National League teams and haven't seen one that has anything on the Braves. We should stay up in the race all season.

George Magerkurth, National League umpire: The return of the dead ball has made managers revive the sacrifice play and the result is, umpires are getting more plays to call in the infield. Base umpires are going through a busy season.

Lefty O'Doul of the Dodgers: The Cubs have a heluva pitcher in Warneke. He showed me plenty of stuff.

FIRST SON'S ARRIVAL MEANS A NICE EXTRA

(New York Sun)

Newspaper enterprise marked the birth announcement received recently by New York friends of Ralph Peters, Detroit newspaperman, on the arrival of his first son, Philip E. Peters.

A sheet of cardboard showing a "newbie" yelling "Extra!" bore the tidings. Through two slits cut around the crook of the newsboys' arm was a copy of a miniature paper—three columns, four pages. And it gave all the news.

A headline across the page announced "Philip E. Peters Here!" A series of stories revealed that the stork arrived a week ahead of schedule, and that Master Peters was blue-eyed, fat-cheeked and light haired, and weighed six pounds at birth. Dispatches from here and there expressed the elation of three great-grandmothers and four grandparents, not to mention uncles and aunts. The baby is to sleep in a sturdy cradle the mother's family has used for thirty years.

The father has taken advertising space to announce the sale of "one alarm clock, considerably used," and several lots of books and magazines for which he now will have little use.

There is a move on in England to compel all married men to wear rings. Might also put bells on their toes. That man Goethe made a name for himself that most people have found hard to pronounce at first sight.

Fashions in hair should change at least once in a lifetime to permit a young man to see the color of his beard.

It is the rich lady who talks pleasantly to all the girls in the store whose right ear should blaze when she goes out.

How is it so few of the rip-snorting moral reforms have any kindness in them?

CAPS WIN ONE, TIE ONE WITH MARTELOS

The Fredericton Capitals, plus other players from the York County League, almost turned a 2-2 tie into victory against the Martellos A. C. in the first half of the holiday double baseball bill, and in the evening encounter won 5 to 3, in seven innings. Large crowds attended both engagements, the occasion of the first outside club here this season.

A vicious clout by pinch hitter Eddie Dinsmore with two out in the ninth inning of the afternoon game, and a line single by Johnny Maxwell turned what looked like a 2-1 verdict for the visitors into a 2-2 tie, and almost netted the Fredericton club the victory. Dinsmore's hit was good for three bases, far into left center field. It was one of the longest hits of the day.

Maxwell, pitching for the Fredericton aggregation, was in his finest form, and allowed only five hits and two runs. His control was gilt edged and, save for one inning, held the slugging Martellos at his mercy. His opponent in the box "Iron Man" Hannah, was touched for ten safeties, but support was brilliant, saving him on many occasions.

Maxwell, as well as hurling a fine game, collected three hits, and in the field the hero was Billy Lifford, who, besides garnering three clean hits in four trips to the plate, figured in many spectacular fielding gems.

Evening Game

Eddie Dinsmore pitched his fast one past the Martellos' club for six innings before they got a score. The scoreless Martello sheet was changed in the seventh, when a few hits netted three scores. Eddie pulled himself out of many a hole, and with the help of Lifford, McGinnis, Jacobson and McLenahan, hitting and fielding well, won the decision, 5 to 3.

McGovern, who almost shut out the capital club in Saint John on a previous date this summer at Saint John was hammered for nine hits, out of which were converted five tallies. "Sprig" Bailey caught the evening game.

Following is the summary of the afternoon and evening games:

	R. H. E.
Saint John	2 5 3
Fredericton	2 14 3
Batteries—Hannah and Joyce; Maxwell and Garvie.	
Evening game:	R. H. E.
Saint John	3 7 3
Fredericton	5 9 3
Batteries—McGovern and Joyce; Dinsmore and Bailey.	

Some lines show no deviation from normalcy. The annual discovery of a positive cure for hay fever has been proclaimed on schedule time.

TURNING THE DIAL

The York County League is tightening up with all clubs getting into a win column. The fact that all three clubs below the Capitals are playing better ball, might see a change in the standing from the top to bottom in the very near future—unless the Caps take a brace and begin again to play heads-up baseball.

Many experts are picking the Senators or the Yankees to finish first in the American Circuit. The Senators a young fighting ball club, with a pepper box like Joe Cronin on the outfit, look a scrappy outfit, and will likely be a big hurdle for the Yanks, threatening as they are.

Jimmy Foxx, the farmer boy of the A's is usurping the limelight in the race of homerun honors. The apple checked one is smashing them on the nose and capering about the bases in gay fashion. At his present gait he bids fair to rival Ruth's record

EARL OF EGMONT GLAD TO BE BACK IN THE DOMINION

Three Rivers, Que., June 29—(On board the Empress, Special, June 29—Freddie Perceval is back home, older, taller and calmer than when he went away three years ago. The young westerner, who would rather wear a two-gallon hat than a coronet, was quietly happy that Saturday morning would see him in Calgary, when interviewed by reporters.

Avon Castle may be the ancestral seat of the Percevals, but it took no great perceptive powers to sense that to this reluctant Earl of Egmont the foothills of the Rockies are home.

Making an unmarked exit from the C. P. liner Empress of Britain, at Quebec this morning, the only Canadian-born Earl in the British peerage, and his uncle, and heir also, Frederick Perceval eluded reporters at the pier.

They were drowsily contemplating the landscape when I found them and a pleasant smile and handshake took the place of the brusque manner that marked young Freddie's aversion to newspapermen when he sailed from Saint John three years ago.

"I don't want any pictures taken," the Earl smiled when that subject was broached, which was different, very different from the way in which the same sentiment was worded on the earlier occasion.

Conversation became general. Uncle Fred, to whom the young peer looks as spokesman, was uncertain as to the Earl's plans. "We don't know just yet," he said. Then the location of Avon Castle brought up the New Forest. "Yes, I rode there some," said the Earl, and I have brought my saddle back with me, the same western one I took over."

But a motor bicycle has taken the place of horses to some extent. During his short visit to England Mr. Perceval's only travelling was behind his nephew on a motor bike.

An interview with Lord Egmont must be largely impressionistic. He is a close-mouthed young man. If someone starts an interesting topic he takes a keen interest and his few words have point to them. Let the discussion be of crops, and with the enquiring disposition of his uncle, that is very likely to be the topic, and there will be a contribution from the young man.

Horses, too, still are an absorbing interest. But the interest now is that of a keen young farmer, not just of a horse-loving boy.

Priddis is going to be glad to welcome its returning citizen. For Priddis will greet not the Earl of Egmont, but Fred Perceval, a grown-up Freddie whose stay in England with its sad termination has developed him.

A young man in love invariably sure he has the right girl.

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