

IN THE SPORTING SPHERE

BOSTON EAGER TO REBUILD TEAM DESPITE COST

Yawkey and Eddie Collins Plan Expenditures In Hope of Having a Winning Team.

(By Joe Vila)
New York, N.Y., Nov. 13—Thomas Yawkey and Edward Trowbridge Collins, who put their heads together last winter and obtained control of the wrecked Boston Red Sox are doing an expensive job, encouraged and praised by the entire baseball world. So far, Yawkey, the wealthy sportsman who was persuaded by Collins, once king of second basemen, to go into this venture, has laid nearly \$1,500,000 on the line—\$1,000,000 for the franchise, grounds and players and the rest for new recruits and modernizing Fenway Park.

Signing Bucky Harris to manage the Red Sox for one year figured in recently's news. It was not a surprise because, when Harris gave up the management of the Detroit Tigers in September, he was assigned by the Baseball Rumor Factory to the Boston club to succeed Marty McManus, released unconditionally. Harris and Collins understand each other perfectly.

Harris finds himself at the head of a greatly improved ball team as a result of various deals put through by Collins since early last season. The pitching staff, is formidable. Rick Ferrell rates as one of the smartest catchers in the American League and new candidates for infield and outfield positions include Chalmers, Cissell from Cleveland, Eddie Morgan from New Orleans, Walters, Muller and Almada from the Coast League and Solters, late of Baltimore, champion batsman of the International League. From the Yankees last spring George Pipgras, Dusty Cooke and Bill Werber were purchased for \$80,000.

Why have Yawkey and Collins tackled this stupendous undertaking? Collins remembers the profitable years of the American League in Boston, when the Red Sox won pennants in 1903, 1904, 1912, 1915, 1916, and 1918, also world championship in each of those years except 1904, when the Giants, owner, the late John T. Brush refused to take part in the annual series.

Baseball in Boston under the auspices of the American League made much money until the club passed into the hands of the late Harry Frazee, who, knowing little or nothing about the game, proceeded to sell of his best men to Col. Ruppert of the Yankees. Babe Ruth brought the record price of \$135,000. Carl Mays was disposed of for \$50,000, a transaction that dragged the American League and President Johnson into the New York Supreme Court, which permanently restrained Johnson from keeping Mays under suspension for "jumping" his Boston contract, as it was charged.

Subsequently Frazee received big money from the Yankees for Everett Scott, Duffy Lewis, Ernie Shore, Mike McNally, Sad Sam Jones, Wally Schang, Joe Bush, Waite Hoyt, and Herb Pennock who combined with other stars by the late Miller Huggins helped to bring championship flags to the huge Stadium in the Bronx.

Tuesday's Features

- 4:30 P. M.—Eugene C. Hultman, Boston's acting Police Commissioner, states his views on "Crime—Its Cause and Cure".
- 5:35 P. M.—Lady Astor's son, William Waldorf Astor, speaks on "The Young Englishman Looks at Politics".
- 10:15 P. M.—Helen Morgan, accompanied by Willard Robinson and his Deep River Crew, will sing in her own inimitable style.

Exercise in will power is to have an open box of chocolates in the room and let it alone.

Garnet and Gold, Acadia in Final

BOTTOMLEY MAY MANAGE CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, Nov. 13—After four years of unsuccessful trying to give Cincinnati a winning baseball team, Sidney Weil today stepped down as president of the Reds.

In a reorganization of the club, Larry McPhail, former president of Columbus of the American Association, acquired an interest, was elected a director, and it is generally understood he will be named head of the club which was unable to climb above seventh place in the National League during Weil's regime.

Control of the club was taken over by the Central Trust Company, which acquired Weil's stock, slightly more than 50 per cent.

The bank, it is understood, will give McPhail a free rein in operation of the club. The franchise will remain in Cincinnati.

Unfulfilled Ambition

Weil tonight issued a statement in which he said: "I deeply regret that I was not able to fulfill the sincere ambition and desire which actuated me in becoming interested in the Cincinnati Baseball Club, namely to give Cincinnati a winning team."

"During the four years of my stewardship," he added, "I exerted every effort and resource at my command toward the end, but without avail. My handicap of lack of funds was no secret to anyone."

"I hope the new members of the board of directors will have the necessary financial backing that I have lacked and I wish them every success."

Fans Thanked

"I cannot close my baseball career without a word of thanks and gratitude for the loyalty and friendship shown me by the fans during these four years of stress."

"The memory of the friendships I have been privileged to enjoy through baseball as a whole will ever be a source of joy and gratification to me."

"I will still be a red-hot fan."

Weil said he has no immediate plans for the future. He was an automobile dealer before acquiring control of the Reds in 1929.

Playing Pilot Likely

Experts ventured belief today the Reds will have a playing manager this coming season, and that Jim Bottomley likely will be the man.

Weil tried to get the Reds in 1925, tried again in 1929 and won, though he had to go on a buying spree of club stock to do it, and reputedly paid \$650,000 for 3,200 shares to get control.

The Reds took seventh place in the National League race the next year. They have been in the cellar since, and Weil, though he was invariably cheery, is believed to have lost upwards of \$130,000 in the last four years.

Stars Slumped

Despite his efforts, matters seemed to go wrong. His trades were popularly acclaimed as brilliant. He got Bob Meusel from the Yankees and Harry Heilmann from Detroit, Leo Du-rocher from the Yankees, Hafey and Bottomley from the Cards, and Lombardi and Herman from Brooklyn, but none showed the form displayed elsewhere, and the team invariably started well and then went into a fatal slump.

His first act after taking control of the club was to engage Dan Howley as manager on a three-year contract. Donie Bush, formerly of the Pittsburgh Pirates, replaced Howley last year with no better luck.

Among articles found in cells during a Western prison inspection were a pistol, 13 hacksaw blades, a mason's chisel, and a 1000-line poem. Poems have been known to get convicts out of prison, too.

Life becomes serene when you don't have to wait for someone to keep an appointment more than once in six months.

Mount A. and Acadia To Fight It Out in Sudden Death Game at Halifax For College Title.

Sackville, N. B., Nov. 13—The Garnet and Gold-clad New Brunswick intercollegiate rugby champions of Mount Allison University left here today for Halifax tomorrow they tangle with Acadia University fifteen in a "sudden death" fixture for the Maritime intercollegiate title.

The Garnet and Blue of Acadia are the Nova Scotia intercollegiate rugby champions.

The game is slated for 3 P. M., tomorrow.

The final was to have been played at Truro but on Sunday the Truro field was cancelled and the scene of battle shifted to Halifax.

Both teams are considered particularly strong this season and have made fine showings in their respective leagues. Acadia participated in the Halifax City League this year.

TOLL OF DEATHS IN U.S. FOOTBALL NUMBER 30

New York, N. Y., Nov. 13—Mid-season in American football and the toll of fatalities runs over 30, all among high school and sand lot players. No college men have met their deaths on the playing fields.

An incomplete list today shows that throughout the country 31 young men mostly between the ages of 16 and 20, have died this fall.

The fact that these deaths have occurred exclusively in junior football ranks is commented upon by Walter Okeson, chairman of the Football Coaches Association. These authorities are in agreement that the present rules governing football are not responsible for gridiron disasters. They believe the causes to be non-enforcement of the rules, the use of players out of condition or already injured and poor medical supervision.

Fatalities on the football field usually occur in great numbers early in the season. Nevertheless this year's count may grow larger than that of 1932, when 38 players were killed. This year before that when Richard Brindley, West Point cadet, was killed, was the blackest in gridiron history. Fifty men lost their lives.

TURNING THE DIAL

McLEAN AND U. N. B.

Larry McLean is courting the fates that guide the University of New Brunswick Hockey teams. The sting of winter in the air, has prompted Larry and the University boys to think of the ice pastime and its 1933 program. Larry was an efficient coach last season and looks for a renewal of his coaching duties for the present season. As near as we can learn the boys up the hill were quite well satisfied with "Larry" last year and are quite willing to have the former National Hockey Association star, back at the helm. U. N. B. can always use a good hockey coach... and Larry can always use U. N. B.'s remuneration and goodwill.

MCCURDY PLAYOFFS OFF?

With the announcement that further MacTier Cup playdowns for 1933 is off, it begins to appear in Maritime Rugby circles, that McCurdy Playoffs also will be relegated to the limbo of the past, with the end unknown. While the chief reason for the sudden end of the MacTier playdowns is deemed to be finance, snow and

WINNIPEG ICE STARS DEFEATED BY WOLVES, 1-0

Halifax, N. S., November 13—A lone tally eked out early in the second period spelled defeat for Winnipeg All-Stars at the hands of the renovated Halifax Wolverines before 2,500 people in The Forum here tonight.

The touring exhibitionists gave Halifax fans their first view of the intricacies of the forward pass but play generally was ragged and the West-erners appeared tired.

They shone on defence work, however, and McQuade stood up against incessant hammerings from the speedy Halifax forward line which continually outsped the visitors.

Picking up a snappy pass from Billy Cowley, Paul Gagnon, the flashing Frenchman only recently from Montreal, fired at McQuade from close range and the puck shot into the net. The Winnipeg goalie for a while was kept responding to a rapid barrage from the Wolf forwards and was ac-claimed by the crowd for several spectacular stops.

VENICE STILL HOLDS MUCH OF OLD CHARM

Venice, Italy, Nov. 13—Venice 100 years ago one of the world's richest trading marts, has gone modern to an extent but in the main this quaint old city with its picturesque canals still clings to Venetian ways and customs.

The motorboat took away some of the prestige of the gondola, the radio came along to rival the guitar's hum, and an automobile road has been built past the city's entrance, but Venice still is essentially the Venice of tradition.

Nocturnal festivals still are held frequently on the water, and on these occasions the gondolas are clustered as densely as automobiles at Main and Chippewa streets in Buffalo on a busy evening. Venice still overflows ancient traditions and the traveler never fails to find an inexplicable fascination about this unique old port.

One of these days writers will reach a consensus of opinion that descriptions of seasickness ought to be taboo. Most readers have.

winter setting in will likely terminate the final games of the McCurdy cup. At present there is ten inches of snow on the ground. On Saturday at Saint John several of the local Green and White players were badly cut about the legs by the crusted snow which covered the Saint John playing field. Conditions such as this make completion of the McCurdy Cup play-offs hazardous, if not impossible. Possibly only in the event of return to normal November weather, will the McCurdy games be continued.

SHORTER JOTTINGS—

Enthusiasts for river skating and hockey were disappointed this year in the heavy fall of snow, which just about ruined the river skating... last year skating on the river lasted for several weeks... U. N. B.'s program of athletics under Ted Coffey seems to be thriving... with the young ladies participating on a higher average than ever before... City's ambitious fifteen under the energetic Bobby Gibson, is eager to meet Dominion 11 and other Nova Scotians again.

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While it may still seem a little unjust to some of them, it is not unlikely that the majority of Italian bachelors who were taxed to pay the expenses of the mass wedding of 2500 couples consider their freedom worth the price.

It is quite evident that the Pasadena sun glass that can concentrate sun's rays to melt steel is no object under which to take a nap, even on a cloudy day.