

HOSPITAL AUDACITY.

Men of Herbs and Cutlery
Compelled to Accept
the Challenge

DEFIANTLY THROWN AT THEM
BY THE CHAMPION BASE
BALL NINE.

Preliminaries for the Gory Struggle
on Dominion Day Have
Been Arranged.

A BASE CONSPIRACY UNEARTHED.

Goaded by the defiant character of the base ball challenge issued by the Citizens' Champion base ball team, the gentlemen who run the Victoria Hospital, have accepted, and the game will positively take place at Scully's Grove on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 1st, Dominion Day. It will be the greatest event that



Dibblee grows frantic in the 9th.

has been and, like the much advertised patent medicines, no family should be without it.

The acceptance to the challenge came whirling over the telephone this morning from Mr. C. A. Sampson, sec'y treas. of the hospital board of trustees, and we trust that gentleman fully realized the gravity of the situation before committing his friends the trustees and the doctors to the crushing defeat that awaits them on the gory field.

It would have been much more satisfactory to the Champions had the Hospital people come out in the open and pinned the names of their players to the acceptance. The Champions will be compelled for the next three weeks to fight in the dark not knowing the exact



Right Fielder Edgcombe in a waiting attitude.

personnel of the enemy, who have the opportunity for making all kinds of unfair deals and combination for the great struggle.

An instance of this has already developed, but its prompt exposure may prevent a repetition of any such tactics. Mr. Carleton Allen on whom the Hospital people are largely depending for victory, is known to have secretly visited St. John yesterday in the interests of his team. It is stated that he was in close confab with Dick Tibbitts, Bruce McFarlane and other Tartars playing in St. John, getting pointers, and that a base conspiracy has been arranged against the Champions. The Herald in the interests of fair play and honest sport, feels it a duty to unmask the conspirators, and lay the whole



Sorry he played—Palmer starting for the Birches.

matter before the public. The scheme, as it has been represented to the Champions, is to bring Bruce McFarlane up here on Dominion day, dress him up to look like Dr. George McNally and spring him upon the Champions as a member of the hospital team. It has also been further arranged, says our informant, that Dick Tibbitts of the Tartars shall be disguised to represent his papa, and with this battery the enemy hope to make short work of the Champions. Mr. Allen who is said to have arranged the deal, is credited with great cunning and diplomacy by his fellow conspirators, but this complete exposure of the plot to take the Champions into



After the game—Mayor missed the ambulance.

camp will probably prevent any further negotiations in that line.

The Herald feels it a public duty to also expose an infraction of the conditions of the challenge by proposed members of the hospital team. A man who was out at 5 o'clock this morning looking for a lost cow in one of the pastures back of the city, reports that two medical men bearing a very striking resemblance to His Worship the Mayor and Dr. VanWart were sprinting around the field at a marvellous rate, crossing imaginary



Dr. Bridges takes charge of the lunch counter.

bases, and practising slides to the home plate, a proceeding altogether at variance with the conditions of the challenge.

In another quiet part of the suburbs at the same hour, we are informed, Dr. Atherton and Dr. Bridges were practising battery work with a foot ball, and all this has been going on, it is understood, with the full knowledge and connivance of Mr. Carleton Allen, who agreed with Capt. Hilyard that no such advantage would be taken.

Still another report is in circulation that a member of the hospital team has had his whiskers trimmed so that in base running there will be less possibility of getting tangled up with the basemen.

These may appear to the men killers very simple and unimportant matters, but they are clearly a breach of the challenge conditions, and if such conspiracies do not here and now cease, the champions



50 years after—Dr. S. telling the story of defeat to his grandchildren.

will apply to the local government for the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the whole affair.

The pictures of some of the Champion players in their favorite attitudes in the field, as published in the Herald, has aroused an unreasonable jealousy in the hearts of the hospital people, and today they have been individually photographed in dozens of different positions for publication before the game. If some of them do not drop their conspiracies their pictures will shortly appear in the Police Gazette. The Champions are in no mood to stand fooling; all they want is square honest dealing, but the Herald is author-



Hospital Backstop Allen.

ized to say if any of the enemy want to see athletic proportions in print, we shall publish their pictures at \$500 per dozen with a liberal discount for cash. The Champions are not going to be scared out of this thing by mere bravado, and the plot developed by Mr. Allen at St. John, the secret practicing in cow pastures, and the photograph business will be winked out of sight for the present.

Up to the present moment the Champions have strictly observed the terms of the challenge with one single little exception. It has been reported that Mr. Winslow, in a moment of weakness and forgetfulness, while putting his hens to roost last evening, inadvertently seized a tennis ball and bounced it against the back of his barn two or three times, but



Dr. V—a complete wreck.

made no successful effort to catch it in the rebound. The story would not have been credited had it not been reported by a male relative of Mr. Winslow's family, whose veracity, notwithstanding he has been an alderman, is not doubted in the matter. Mr. Winslow, however, has faithfully promised that the thing will not occur again, and the incident, so far as the Champions are concerned, is closed, although some of the more noisy hospital people are trying to make trouble about it.

The Champions expect the game to be pulled off under decent, civilized conditions, and have set a watch on every member of the hospital and medical boards. Their footsteps will be dogged every hour of the day until July 1st and any further infringement of the conditions will be condignly punished.

The yarn that two or three of the doctors are planning to operate on a patient for appendicitis on the field during the progress of the game, just to show their



Medical auxiliary force—a Trained Nurse.

utter indifference of the Champions' boast of certain victory, is not credited in well informed circles, but there is no knowing what these now desperate men may undertake to rattle the Citizens' team.

Dr. Bridges has just come in with the incredible story that Capt. Hilyard is importing a suit of armor to wear in the game, and that Umpire Hawthorn absolutely refuses to act unless the lunch is served before the game opens. Dr. Bridges is very nervous over the probable defeat of the hospital team, and if he is not closely watched will jab the Champions with morphine before they take the field.

Mr. Allen, fresh from his St. John intrigue, has just come in to say that Capt. Hilyard is asking certain concessions



Capt. Hilyard—a foul.

from the enemy, such as free treatment if any of his men are disabled in the game, the services of the ambulance and trained nurses. Mr. Hilyard was not authorized to make any kind of terms other than those already published, and it is probable that he will be court martialled for his imprudence. Mr. Allen added that his team will not consent to the free treatment condition, but accedes to the others, although it will be impossible to secure the services of all the nurses, the big doctor having the call.

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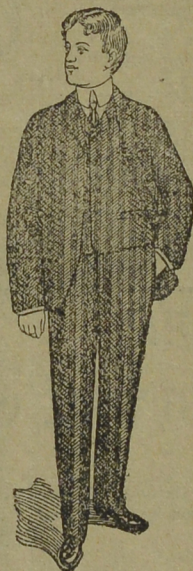
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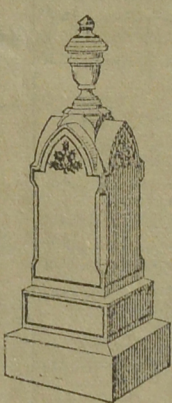
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