

# Base Ball Tour of South America

**W**ITH the base ball war at an end, Ted Sullivan, of Chicago, the veteran base ball promoter, is already planning to carry out Manager John J. McGraw's idea of touring South America next season with two base ball teams, made up of stars from the National and American Leagues. Soon after the successful trip around the world by the Giants and the Chicago White Sox, Manager McGraw, with Charles Comiskey and Mr. Sullivan, talked over the South American tour, but on account of the invasion of the Federal League and the decrease in interest in base ball the plan was temporarily abandoned. In the interests of Mr. Comiskey and Mr. McGraw,

Ted Sullivan has visited Washington and conferred with the delegates of the Pan-American Scientific Congress in regard to the trip. One of the clubs will probably be the Chicago White Sox and McGraw will make up the other club from National League players. There is much interest in base ball in Panama, where there is a league of five clubs, made up mostly of American engineers who have been working on the canal. The plan of the base ball party next winter is to first visit Panama and play several exhibition games there. The party then plans to visit South America and make the trip down the East coast, around the cape, and up the West coast.

South America is one part of the globe where professional base ball clubs have never touched. The game is played down there by Americans, but it has never been taken up in a professional way. The South American delegates in Washington are enthusiastic over the plan which Mr. Sullivan laid before them, and there seems to be little doubt that the tour will be carried out as first planned by Manager McGraw. Mr. McGraw is also enthusiastic about the trip, and predicts that it will be even more successful than the tour around the world two years ago. "The trip we took around the world," said Mr. McGraw, "was one of the best things that ever hap-

pened for base ball. It gave foreign countries a new impression of our idea of sportsmanship; and I think that if the war hadn't come soon after we visited England, that our national game would have taken a foothold there." Manager McGraw planned to be in Cuba at this time, but his trip has been deferred because of the unsettled condition of base ball, and it is likely that he will remain here until after the peace settlement is completed. With negotiations for the sale of the Giants to Harry F. Sinclair still under way, Manager McGraw will probably wait until he hears something definite about the future ownership of the club before he goes South.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE NOTES

**A**N enumeration of the accomplishments of the versatile Christy Mathewson mentioned base ball, checkers, golf, bridge, trap shooting and billiards, but left out auto driving and handball, both of which Matty does well. Here's another thing the eminent pitcher can do; at least he has done it. He laid out a golf course in Marlin, Tex., the only one in existence there. That's Matty's way. He'll tackle anything and generally make a pretty fair job of it.

Pitcher Fred Beebe has been appointed coach of the Indianapolis University base ball team.

George Stallings is not at all pleased with President Gaffney's decision to send the Boston Braves to Miami for their Spring training stunts. According to the "Miracle Man," who is visiting friends in Macon, that city has been proven an ideal training camp. He sees no reason for swapping a proven good thing for an uncertainty.

There is some question now as to Ivy Wingo's status in the game. He was delivered to the Reds in part payment for Marsons, and now that Marsons cannot be returned to Cincinnati under the terms of the peace pact, it is possible that Wingo will have to be returned to the Cardinals or a big money settlement made.

Christy Mathewson considers George Stallings the greatest leader in the game, next to John McGraw, for whose ability Matty has the highest regard, not in the least lessened by the eighth-place finish of the Giants last season.

Jimmy ("Rabbit") Slagle, who with Jimmy Sheppard and Frank Schulte, made up one of the greatest outfielders the Chicago Cubs, or any other team, ever boasted of, has quit the game for good and for all. Most players when finished like to visit the scenes of their triumphs, but the old Rabbit stuck to his machinery business and reports have it that he is "six blocks up easy street and walking fast."

Rabbit Maranville, of the Braves, has fully recovered from a severe attack of the grip and is back on his job of steam-fitting, which is his regular trade in the winter. He will continue to work at his trade until about the middle of January, when he will lay off to rest up for the Spring training season.

Johnny Evers wears away more nervous energy in a season than some players possess during their entire careers. He is going South early next month to play golf in Florida until time to start regular training.

Tommy Leach finally has stepped out of the big show. Leach joined the Pittsburgh team in 1900. He played third base for a number of years, and was one of the greatest players in the history of the game. In 1909, however, he gave up playing the infield and went to work as a guardian of the outer works. He was placed in center field and made good from the start.

The addition of Joe Wilhoit, from the Vernon Club, of the Pacific Coast League, and the return of Vincent Campbell and Zwilling, the leading home-run hitter of the Reds, will give the Braves a powerful quartet of outfielders.

Joe Tinker, report says, offers 33 players for Heinie Groh. Tinker is a piker. The population of Greater New York is 7,383,371, and John McGraw would give all of them for one good center fielder.

Hank O'Day will rejoin the National League umpire staff this season.

Adrian C. Anson is going to put on a new vaudeville act, in which his two daughters will help him out. It is to be distinctly different from Cap's former line of monologue, for it will get away from base ball exclusively and there will be some singing and dancing in it—by the daughters, to be sure.

Harry N. Hempstead, president of the New York Giants, who was in Indianapolis last week, looking after business interests, on Wednesday said no negotiations looking to the sale of the club to Harry F. Sinclair, the Oklahoma oil man, were being considered.

Umpire Charles Rigler, of the National League, is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever in a Cleveland hospital.

Manager Herzog announced in Cincinnati last week that he would give pitcher Lefty George his unconditional release.

Manager Herzog, of the Reds, is planning to take a course in aviation this winter, possibly at the Government flying school at Pensacola, Fla. He was considering going to Dayton for a few weeks to study the art of aeroplaning under the Wrights, but has learned that the school there is so crowded that there is quite a waiting list, and he cannot afford the time to stick around on the ground waiting for a chance to fly. If he can make arrangements to go to Florida later this month and remain there for three or four weeks he will do so. Herzog is an expert mechanic and he wishes to study the building of aeroplanes, as well as the art of manipulating them.

Christy Mathewson quotes Manager McGraw as saying: "There won't be any peace if Tener doesn't change some of the umpires he had working last season. They were terrible. He could put in Bill Brennan now, who is a good man."

Charley Herzog will have to battle against greater odds next season than he did last summer. The Cincinnati Club has added another director to its list.

Harry Ackerman, who holds 10 per cent. of the stock of the Chicago National League Club, arrived in Chicago on January 5 from a trip to Honolulu, and left at once for Cincinnati. He said the transfer of the controlling interests of the club to Charles Weeghman was satisfactory

## The Singing Umpire

W. A. Phelon in Cincinnati "Times-Star"

**U**MPIRE BYRON has the curious habit of singing as he crouches behind the catcher and, as Johnny Evers says: "How can a guy tend to his batting when the umpire's warbling in his ears?"

TIME — Next Summer. The Braves and Reds are grappling. BUCK HERZOG (battering)—Come on, now, Dickeybird, you cute shirmp! Stick it over and see it get a free ride!

DICK RUDOLPH—You couldn't hit a load of hay with a scattergun, you couldn't.

UMPIRE BYRON—The pitcher mounts the hill, tra lee, The pitcher throws the ball; And when it comes across, tra la, Buck hits it not at all!

MR. HERZOG—Say-ay-ay, you mind-twisted goat, that one was that far outside!

MR. HANK GOWDY—Aw, a peach of a strike, a pippl!

MR. BYRON—I love the gamboling lambs across the grassy lea, But more I love the fun when the boys get sore at me!

It was a blamed good strike.

MR. HEINIE GROH—Geeminty, but we're getting a raw deal here.

MR. BYRON—I love my love in the springtime, I love my love in the Fall, But in the golden Summer, I love her best of all!

MR. JOHN EVERS—Er-r-gh, gr-r-umph, woof, woosh! call 'em right, you assassinator! That one cut the center!

MR. BYRON—It's a long way to Tipperary, When you're sewed up in a trench, But the distance won't be nothing, If I send you to the bench!

MR. RABBIT MARANVILLE—Some nations is afflicted with smallpox an' some has singing umpires.

MR. BYRON—Ta-1-de-dee, t-ree-dee-dum, The shortstop is a peevish bum!

MR. HERZOG—Two strikes my foot! And they shot Stonewall Jackson, but they let

to him; that he would continue his holdings if the new owners wished; if not he was willing to dispose of his interest to them.

Pitcher Conzleman, the Pittsburgh Club's noted college pitcher, has had enough of professional base ball. He will now follow his vocation of civil engineering.

It is probable that Tommy Leach will not be in base ball any longer. Tommy has reached the end of his string, however, as a major leaguer, and he has always said he would never go to the bushes, but would devote all his time to raising chickens, near Bellevue, Pa., after his big league days were ended. With his release from the Reds he probably will have that opportunity now.

Colonel Dreyfuss has been putting the best portion of his time during the past week to schedule details. The man who has been appointed by the National League to map out the playing dates for the approaching season, therefore, has his program about complete.

Catcher George Gibson, of the Pirates, has disposed of his acreage near Mount Brydges, Ont., and is now living in London, Ont.

There is a chance that Manager Callahan, of the Pirates, will be seen in vaudeville in the Steel City, in the near future. John P. Harris, the well-known Pittsburgh theatrical manager, has sent "Cal" a contract calling for a week's time at the Davis, the pilot to name his own salary.

Pitcher Herbert B. Kelley, of the Pirates, last week left his Alabama home for Notre Dame University. Kelly will probably be graduated in electrical engineering next Spring, and thereafter, for a few years, at least, he will devote his energies to helping the Pirates win games.

Billy Lush, the former National League infielder, has been re-engaged as the 1916 coach of the Fordham base ball team. Lush will have entire charge of the Maroon squad, although it is expected that Dick Rudolph will be on hand as usual to help judge the pitching aspirants of his Alma Mater.

The first player to be formally released because of the purchase of the Chicago Nationals by the new owner, Mr. Weeghman, was Joseph Weiss, who played first base several times last season, for the Chicago Federals. Weiss was transferred to the Minneapolis American Association Club.

Holy Cross base ball management is making an effort to secure "Kitty" Mansfield, the old National League coach, for the coming season. Last year Mansfield umpired in the New England League, but is one of the men President Tener, of the National League, has in mind for 1916.

you live! Why, you Gorgonzola reptile—MR. GOWDY—That's right, Byron. Atta boy! Donch' letum put nothing over on you! Best umpiring I've seen here; this season!

MR. BYRON—Sticks and stones won't break my bones, For I wear a chest protector—And when my tongue rolls out "Two balls!" It's just like sweetest nectar!

MR. EVERS—Ow, ow, ow, wow, yip, yip, yah-ah! Yeggeman! Safeblower!

MR. GOWDY—Best strike ever pitched. MR. HERZOG—Go on with the game! Give these guys a minute to shut up and play ball!

MR. CHARLES SCHMIDT—Donnerwetter und blitzenhauser! It was von ouch-rache!

MR. BYRON—Schmidt's got a shot in Baltimore, Street cars pass right by the door; It wouldn't give the fans much grief if he were back there chopping beef!

MR. RUDOLPH—Aw, what's the use? This lollap ain't no umpire. He's a song plugger from Tinpan alley, that's what he is.

MR. HERZOG—(Bunts the ball). MR. BYRON—La-la-la-la-lo-lo-lee, The bunt's extremely fair to me!

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all his time to farming. He has invested a good sum in a large tract near Burlington, Vt., where he plans to settle down to the quiet and peaceful life of an agriculturist.

The most valuable player the Browns get from the Federals is not a player, but a manager the same being Fielder Jones.

The Detroit Club is reported as having completed arrangements with the San Francisco Club for the difference in salary claimed by Harry Heilman and the salary paid him by the San Francisco Club last season.

George Moriarty, formerly of the Detroit Club, was signed last week by the White Sox. He suffered an injury early last season and was unconditionally released by the Detroit Club, with which he had played for several years. It is understood that he is to play third base.

Billy Evans, the American League umpire, is slated to be a member of the Cleveland Boxing Commission.

Lester A. Lanning, of Harvard, Ills., captain of the Wesleyan base ball team, has signed a contract with the Athletics. He is a left-handed pitcher.

In St. Louis it is regarded as assured that Phil Ball will insist on effacing the title "Browns," substituting therefor the Federal name of St. Louis "Terriers" for his newly-acquired American League team.

The signing of Billy Sullivan by the Detroit Club does not mean that the veteran White Sox backstop will be working with mask and protector every day. In fact, Bill will be seen very little after the game once starts, as his special duty will be getting the men in condition. Sullivan is a wise head at this game and knows a pitcher's weakness or strength.

Harold Janvrin, the Red Sox utility infielder—and a mighty good one—is still unsigned.

The recovery of a \$5000 verdict against the St. Louis American Club by ex-Manager Jack O'Connor leads the Philadelphia "Inquirer" to remark: "This is another instance of the terrific speed at which our courts travel. This suit arose over the alleged conspiracy of Jack O'Connor with his ball players to allow Lajoie enough base hits to beat out Cobb for the first Chalmers trophy back in October, 1910, and we are getting the final result after everybody outside the halls of justice had forgotten all about the affair. Larry will probably be delighted now to know his 1910 batting average. As this rate of speed Jack O'Connor's grandchildren are going to have a whale of a time when they get the \$5000."

Captain Th. L. Huston, U. S. V., retired, and Colonel Jacob B. Ruppert, N. G. S. N. Y., the prepparedness pair operating the New Yorks, returned to New York from Cincinnati, with their game bag still empty. However, both the Captain and the Colonel are hopeful something may blow their way. With the Federal League out of business, Huston has started gunning for an entire batch of talent, including Magee and Kauff, of Brooklyn; Konetchy, Knetzer and Allen, of Pittsburgh; Archer, Fischer, Zwilling and Flack, of Chicago; and a batch of others.

Jesse Burkett, once a famous hitter in the big show and a prosperous, successful manager in the minor leagues, will blossom forth as a scout for the Cleveland Indians.

It is reported in St. Louis that Branch Rickey, until last week manager of the St. Louis Americans, may assume the presidency of the Cleveland American League Club if the contemplated purchase of the club by Robert McRoy and Jake Stahl is carried out.

Harry Harper youthful shortstop of the Washington Senators, has organized a bowling team in Hackensack, N. J., his home town. Our informant declares that "Harper is the only ball player on the team, the other men being bowlers."

Clarence Rowland, manager of the Chicago White Sox, one day last week discussed the needs of the team with President Charles Comiskey, and after the conference said that he would make no bids for any Federal League players.

Fielder Jones would have been manager and owner of the St. Louis Browns as far back as 1910 if Mr. Hedges had been willing to sell a half interest in the club. The best that Hedges would offer was 39 per cent. of the stock, which Jones declined.

President Navin, of Detroit regards Grover Laudermlk as a valuable pitching asset. Mr. Navin says that he fell in love with the sky-scraper the first time he saw him pitch, and now asserts that the purchase of Grover was not merely a long chance taken on a bargain, but the crafty realization of ardent desire.

Do you see any signs that Ty Cobb is going back? ask Walter Barnes, of Boston. Only to Detroit.

The Boston Club, through President J. J. Lannin, has denied the rumor that Ned Mahan, Harvard's varsity pitcher and foot ball captain, has been signed as a member of this year's champion American League club. President Lannin's scout, Tom McCarthy, say he had never approached Mahan, even, and Mahan himself denies that he has any intention of playing professional ball.

Fielder A. Jones, manager of the combined St. Louis Federal and American League teams, announced Saturday night that tentative arrangements had been made for the "Brown Sox," as he calls the team, to train at Palestine, Tex., this Spring. If these arrangements are made final, he said, the team will go into training about March 5.

The Chicago White Sox are reported to be dickering for Eddie Foster, the crack third baseman of the Washington Senators.