

Holke Comes to the Braves for Jimmy Smith and a Cash Consideration

Grant Starts on Right Track by Landing Holke for the 1919 Tribesmen

By BURT WHITMAN

George Washington Grant celebrated his illustrious namesake's birthday yesterday by putting over a big deal which brings First Baseman Walter Holke of the Reds to the Wigwam and which sends Utility Infielder Jimmy Smith and some cash to Cincinnati. The new owner of the Braves talked over the long distance telephone with Manager Pat Moran of the Cincinnati Reds, the former in Boston and the latter at his Pittsburgh home, and while the rest of the baseball world was holidaying, G. W. gave the first tangible evidence of his determination to hoist the Braves out of the also-ran class into the company of the Giants, the Cubs and the other elect of the National League.

No announcement will be made about the amount of money that goes to the Reds with Peppery Jimmy Smith for Holke. Grant is a firm believer in the theory that there should be a complete and absolute divorce between the playing and the business ends of the game. He contends that the fans care little about the money angle of the pastime and that too much dwelling on that factor means all sorts of trouble in the long run.

Holke is a remarkable youth in many ways. He bats and throws left handed, but while he was with the Giants had a habit of batting right handed against a left handed pitcher and then turning over and taking a slam at a right handed from the first base side of the plate. He was born in St. Louis on Christmas day, 1892, which makes him 26 years old and a couple of months.

Ed Konetchy's Successor Batted .252 Last Year

Only a few days ago Holke and Catcher Bill Rariden of the Giants were traded to Cincinnati by John McGraw for Hal Chase, the greatest of first basemen. But Manager Moran of the Reds has a good first sacker in Jake Daubert, and it was not a very difficult matter for the Boston owner to follow up Fitchburg Pat and obtain Holke.

Ed Konetchy of the Braves will move on. He is too high salaried a man, too good a hitter, to be retained on a team where he cannot be the first string initial sacker. Holke batted .252 in 88 games last year and then went to the Essential Work League. McGraw saw a chance to get Hal Chase and foxily made plans to that end. Holke had to go, for when Chase is on a club there is no sense in having another good first sacker around.

McGraw thinks well of Holke and there is a chance that Holke's coming to the Braves was "all in" when the news was given out earlier in the month that Walter had gone to the Reds.

The Braves' latest acquisition is 6 ft. 1 1/2 in. tall and weighs 185. He has been working all winter and is in good condition. He played with Peoria in 1912 and went to Spokane in the Northwestern League. He was bought by the Giants in 1914 and sent to Rochester of the International League, was recalled in 1916 and has been with them since. He was the particular type which did not appear to respond well to McGraw's driving, hand-fed style of coaching.

Above all, it must be recalled that Manager George Stallings of the Braves likes Holke's actions and believes that the light-haired lad will become a much better player here than he ever was with the Giants.

Whiteman Wants No Charity Job

It is just about as certain that the Red Sox will take the field this season with a lineup of veterans, as it is likely that the Braves will be well shaken up and switched about by the time the Tribe mixes with the Brooklyn Dodgers here in the special Patriots' day opening.

When Ed Barrow comes over here early this week he will bring the news that there is little reason to expect Bobby Roth from Cleveland. The manager of the world champions is not the least bit convinced that he ought to give up what Chicago wants for the services of John Collins, right handed batting outfielder. The outfield, then, for the world champions will be Hooper in right, Strunk in centre and Gainer or Gil- hooley in left field.

George Whiteman, according to Harry Frazee, the owner of the double champs, has all sorts of a chance to stick with the titlists, but there really is little chance that he will get the opportunity to play regularly in the outfield. Frazee says that he is well aware of the fact that Whiteman was a big help in winning the title for the Bostonians last fall and the Red Sox stand ready to do everything they can for the grizzled Texan, even if it is some sort of a do-nothing scouting job. The rub comes, however, from Whiteman, who is very independent and who does not want any charity berth, but wants to play ball.

Agnew Due to Play Elsewhere

The infield will be Stuffy McInnis at first, Jack Barry or Dave Shean at second—and this pair will have to fight it out—Scottie at shortstop and Oscar Vitt at third. Mike McNally will be the sixth infielder. Behind the bat will be Al Walters, Wallie Schang and Norman McNeil. Chances are that Sam Agnew will figure in a swap or sale before all the frost goes out of the ground. Walters and Schang will divide the bulk of the receiving. McNeil will do a lot of work and pick up some good experience. In the box the team is well off, better off, indeed, than in any other department. This is fortunate, since it is generally taken for granted that no club can hope to fight for the title in the American League without a good pitching corps.

Ruth, Mays, Bush and Jones—the big four of the titlists—will be the boys to work regularly. Barrow has a strongly defined hunch that Big Ray Caldwell, one of the bad boys of the diamond, will reform and be a successful pitcher for the Sox this year. And Herbie Pennock has possibilities as a topnotch left-hander. Jean Dubuc, George Dumont and George Foster are to be considered and of these three the best prospect appears to be Dumont, already signed.

Gather Holdout Crop in Due Time

If it develops that Harry Hooper will not play ball this year—and his refusal to come back would be nothing more or less than a catastrophe for the Frazee-Barrow combination—it will be necessary to go out into open markets of the game and grab a new outfielder, a high class gent, possibly one even better than Bobby Roth. It is too dark an outlook for pleasure to consider what will be done if Hooper does not play, but certainly the team will be lost if Harry is absent and if Barrow relies on what outfielders he has under his wing at present to carry on the work. There is, however, no slight excuse for intimating that Barrow does not know just how good an outfielder and team factor is this same Hooper.

All along the line there is very little interest in hold-outs, although there is the usually generous crop. Any long time hold-out is a little purely business matter between owner and player and can do so, but the Herald prefers to ignore that unhappy feature of winter baseball and let the athletes and the owners settle their own domestic troubles.

There is no evidence at hand that either the Braves or the Red Sox will not deal fairly with the players. It is just as necessary for the owner to have a winning and satisfied ball club as it is for the player to get all the money there is in sight.

Prohibition Bound to Aid Baseball

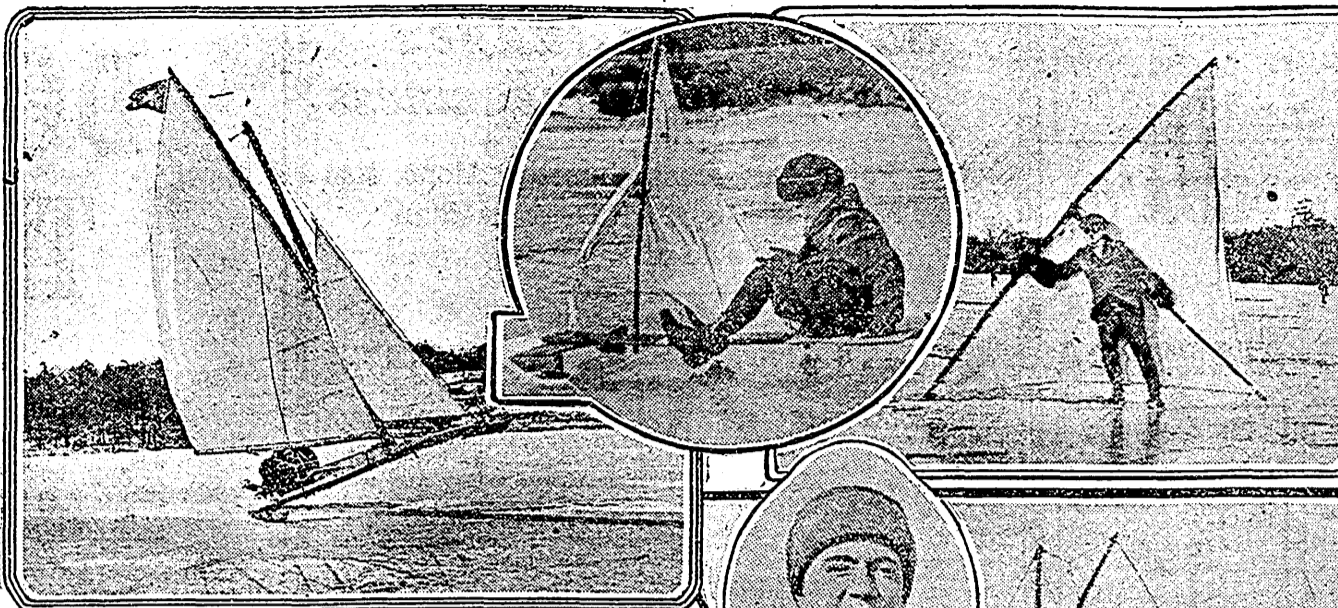
Some of the players are emphasizing the fact that 1919 will be a banner year for interest and crowds in their demands for more money. This is one of those unsound business methods or principles. The clubs went into the hole last year and the year before, with only a few exceptions. You hardly can expect the owners to plunge heavily on salaries at this time on the chance that baseball will have a big and bright post-war revival.

Owner Frazee of the Hose is keenly interested in several theatrical productions. He goes to Detroit tonight to see a show of his open there tomorrow. He says that the show business is "immense."

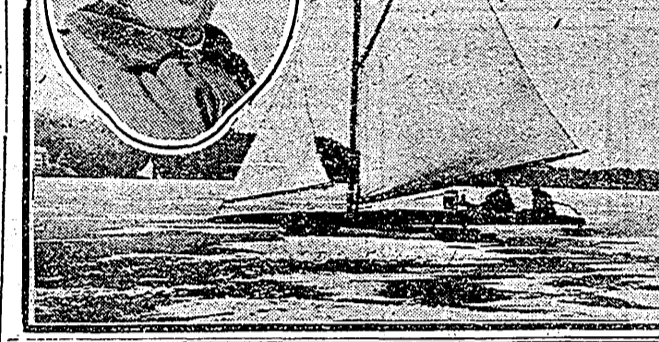
There is a close connection between baseball and the show business. The movies, vaudeville, burlesque and legitimate shows are doing a huge business at present. The application of the nation-wide prohibition regime also will help baseball. No sooner had the prohibition movement become a certain success than moving picture franchises hopped 100 per cent. in value and the same will be true of baseball properties.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Statistics (Runs, Hits, Errors, etc.)

LEADERS OF UPPER MYSTIC LAKE'S SPEEDY ICE ARMADA



Upper Mystic lake, touching on Medford, Winchester and Arlington, is the home of ice boating in New England, and there you may find, any Saturday or Sunday afternoon through the cold weather, the biggest assortment of ice speed-making devices in this part of the country. On the extreme left is Carroll Fiske's Scud, a fast 180-foot sail area flier, taking one of the turns at a speed of about 30 miles an hour and touching the ice with but one of its runners. Fiske lives in Medford and belongs to the Medford Boat Club. The little lad with his home-made ice boat—and it can travel when the wind is strong enough—is Master Ben Goodale of Winchester. On the right is one of the skate sails which carries its owner along at a whirling rate of speed, and of which you may see half a dozen any week-end day when the wind is worth while on upper Mystic. Below is the crack boat of the flotilla, Roy Pigeon's Crystal, with 250 square feet of sail area and an assured winner in the Medford B. C. annual competition for points. It is a remarkably well built craft, easily the best in New England, possibly unequalled in the upper stretches of the Hudson, Lake Placid or Lake George. This is the Roy Pigeon's Crystal. This craft goes so fast that it goes right out of the wind and its sails hang limp until the wind catches up with it. Pigeon's crew is Reginald Wells of Winthrop and Henry E. Perrin is in that lilling Scud as crew for Fiske.



YALE CUBS DOUSE BLUE MERMAN, 39-14

Andover No Match for Speedy Eli Natotors

THREE ABREAST IN HIKE AROUND HUB

Sixty Starters Despite the Slushy Conditions

ANDOVER, Feb. 22—Andover's swimming team went down to defeat for the first time this season when the Yale 1922 team was opposed here today. The Eli, cubs winning 20 to 14. The visiting team came pretty near being an Andover triumph since the New Haven yearlings were Neville, Townsend, Meagher and Ferguson.

Perfect overhead conditions prevailed for the sixth annual Hike Around the Hub yesterday, and a field of 60 walkers started on the 25-mile jaunt. When the leaders returned to the starting point at the Boston Y. M. C. A. quarters at 8 o'clock, they were greeted by a cheering throng of admirers. The fair sex were among the starters. The route was from the Boston Y. M. C. A. down Essex street, past the south station, thence to Marine Park, South Boston, Franklin Field, Ashmont, Dorchester Chestnut Hill, along Beacon street and back to the Public Garden and Boston Common.

Miah Murray Prominent as Promoter of Sports

Jeremiah J. Murray, popularly known as Miah, has been prominently connected with sports since 1883, when Arthur Irwin discovered him playing baseball at Denning's Field, South Boston, and sent him to Reading, Pa., as a catcher. Since retiring from active participation on the diamond he has become famous as a promoter of billiards, bowling and boxing.

Has Had Eventful Career Like all men prominent athletically he has had an eventful career. If he didn't he wouldn't be a sport promoter. He has been through thick and thin in his duties as promoter of the Army Athletic Association and to promote boxing he maintains one must have considerable nerve, cash and a rabbit's foot.

After playing baseball in Reading a year he went to Providence and a year later was with Indianapolis. Dick Beckey and Jerry Denny were members of the Indians in those days, characters old-timers delight to discuss.

When the Western League busted up Miah caught on with Louisville, but in 1890 he saw a chance to get out of active playing and was engaged as an umpire at Harvard.

For 10 years he held an indicator for the Crimson and in 1895 he doubled up in bowling and billiard partnership with Arthur Irwin. The competition offered by Murray & Irwin representatives on the alley and green cloth is one of the bright spots in Boston's history.

The year previous Miah became interested in the Criterion Club with quarters at 116 Tremont street. This was after the anti-boxing campaign in which Judge Emmons was prominent.

These quarters were not sufficient to care for the increasing membership of the club and the directors shifted to the Cyclorama building on Tremont street near Berkeley street. Exhibitions at this club were of the highest quality. Champions were staged and the shows were immensely popular.

There have been champions and near champions who have appeared at the old Army A. A. under the Murray regime, notably Jimmy Ketchel, Jack Johnson (exhibition); Jim Jeffries (exhibition); Johnny Kilbane, Frank Klaus, Sam Langford, Joe Jeannette, Abe Attell, Marvin Hart, Tommy O'Toole, Bill Burke, Hugo Kelley and Porky Flynn.

Murray's hobby is the billiard game. Staging champions has been his long suit in the ring game and also in the billiard pastime. He has had all champions at his four billiard palaces at one time or another. Willie Hoppe, when he was 3 years old, and his brother Frank,

aged 11, played at Miah's hall. Alfred De'Or, Orm Morningstar and the two Schaeffers, Jake senior and junior, have been champions there present at his championship shows.

Bowlers Make Clean-up Then, too, Murray sent his Murray & Irwin bowling team to the American Bowling Congress 10 years ago and it made a clean-up in candle and duck pin bowling.

Boxing is the game that Miah is best known to the sporting fans. But the boxing game today has suffered manifold setbacks in the last few years, and he states that a spirit of co-operation is needed to get the old ring game back to its former plane, and this co-operation never will be attained he says with everybody pulling the wrong way.

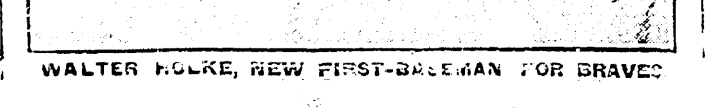
The fame of baseball in the Murray family is not confined alone to Miah. His son Eddie played first base for Boston Latin, won a place on the all-school team and also won the colonelcy of his school regiment—a rare honor for a Boston Latin student.

Miah Murray may be old in years—he is 65—but he is young in the ways of promoting sports. He is one of the original landmarks in local sports whose lustre is enhanced by his constant association both as a boxing and billiard promoter.

Baseball Played by French Kiddies in American Style

During the recent snow fall in Paris, "Bill" Friel, the big league baseball star, was passing the Madeleine Cathedral when he was attracted by a crowd of French youngsters making a vicious attack on the passerby with snowballs. The former ball toaser, now one of the active workers with the Knights of Columbus, was intensely interested as the young French bombardiers displayed the real "baseball arm" in the attack. He stopped one of the youngsters and in his best French asked the boy where he had learned the art of throwing, which was in true American fashion. The conversation showed that little Jacques was the captain of the Rue de Rivoli Tigers; the aggregation which had captured the 14-year-old championship of his district.

COMES TO HUB VIA CINCINNATI



WALTER HOLKE, NEW FIRST-BASEMAN FOR BRAVES

Fore River and Paterson Battle to Scoreless Tie

Soccer Teams Fight Grimly on Muddy Quincey Field in Fourth Round Game of National Cup Series

For two hours on a muddy field in Quincey yesterday afternoon Fore River and Paterson battled without a score in a classic exhibition of soccer, playing a fourth round game of the National cup series. Both sides fought with grim determination and only brilliant work by players on both teams at critical stages prevented victory swinging to either side. The game was witnessed by 2000 enthusiastic fans.

Play-off Game Sunday

As the mud had been drawing to a close Neil Clarke of Paterson, on a cross shot, sent the ball into the Fore River goal, but the score was not allowed as Referee George Lambie detected outside play. The game will be played off Sunday at Paterson.

Brookline Takes Ninth at Pomfret

Triangular League Leaders Triumph, 3 to 0

POMFRET, Ct., Feb. 22—Brookline high school's hockey team came down from Massachusetts today to defeat the Pomfret school seven with a 3 to 0 coat of whitewash. It was the ninth victory in 11 starts for the Bay State scorers in the Triangular league series.

The game was played on soft ice and neither team was able to care the puck. Goals were made by Tommie E. Conroy broke loose in the closing period and shot the disc into the net three times. Conditions were against brilliant work on the defence was the best he has shown this year, according to the Brookline players.

Yale Rallies Too Late at St. Paul's

School Seven Gets Jump on Elis and Wins, 4-3

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 22—Yale's varsity hockey team pulled together after half of the game with St. Paul's here this afternoon, but the schoolboys had gained a lead of three goals against the Elis in the first half. The final score, 4 to 3. It was a hotly-contested affair, with St. Paul's always holding the edge.

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Harvard Plays Tigers Around Ringer Septet

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Amateurs Box at Wakefield Show

WAKEFIELD, A. A. held amateur boxing bouts in its club house yesterday afternoon, with a capacity crowd attending. The next show will be March 3, with competition in the 108, 115-pound and 145-pound classes.

How Points Were Divided in Meet at the Y. M. C. A.

Wakefield High..... 17
English High..... 10 1/2
Woburn High..... 10
Newton High, 7 1/2; Medford High, 7; East Boston High, 6; Boston Latin, 4 1/2; Brockton High, 3 1/2; Hyde Park High, 3; North Green..... 2 1/2

Victory for St. John's

NEWBURYPORT, Feb. 22—In a basketball game here tonight St. John's Prep. school won from Newburyport High, 42 to 17.