

The Month In War

Players Who Have Recently Joined the Colors — A Resume of the Federal League

FEWER big league players went to join the colors during the past month than during the four weeks preceding—for the simple reason that voluntary enlistment took a lot of the athletes during May, and there weren't so many left to choose among. Yet a flock of the boys went to war—or into the munition plants—and the ranks of the sixteen big clubs were left terribly depleted as the net result.

Urban Faber, the crack pitcher of the world's champions, was duly summoned with the numerous throng that started for war on June 24. He pitched a farewell game, and, like most of the pitchers who have thus tried to say an appropriate good-bye, got a good basting. Late in the month, Williams, Comiskey's star left-hander, and Lynn, one of the White Sox catchers, quit the club to go into munitions work. Their action enraged Comiskey so that the Old Roman tore up their contracts, and demanded the return of their uniforms.

Shocker, of the Browns, was called to service, as was Yingling of Washington. Otherwise, few American Leaguers went—not because they didn't want to, but because the American League players, moved by infectious patriotism, had fairly swarmed into uniforms months before.

Rube Bressler, of the Reds, was among those summoned for June 24. The call fell heavily on George Stallings, who was asked to contribute one whole outfield—Kelly, Powell, and Rehg—to the draft of

late June. As Georgia George also stood liable to lose his great young pitcher, Fillingim, in the same contingent, he surely was sacrificing a lot for patriotism.

Schmandt, the fast Brooklyn youngster, was called, and Dan Griner went into a munitions factory. Kilduff, of the Cubs, piqued because he was laid off and Zeider placed on second, promptly enlisted in the navy. McGraw, already soaked by the drafting of Benton and Barnes, was notified that the great Benny Kauff must depart June 24. Dilhoefer, of the Phils, went to war with glee, and it was reported that Casey Stengel, the comedian of the Pirates, had enlisted in the navy without even leaving word with his manager. Horstman, one of the Cardinal pitchers, was grabbed by the draft in mid-June.

THE FEDERALS

How many of the Federal Leaguers—the fellows who starred under the invading banner in 1914 and 1915—are still in the major leagues? And how do they stack up, now that the years have had time to pass upon them and adjudge their fitness and their skill? Not many of them are left today—and yet those surviving seem to have held their own, and to have laughed mockingly at Father Time! Here's where they are, and how they match the men who stayed loyal to the older leagues:

Tobin, now with the Browns, was only a kid in the Federal days, and seems to be



Grover Cleveland Alexander, most famous of National League twirlers, in his army uniform. Rumor has it that Alec has already sailed for France

just coming to his real stature now. Halt, of Cleveland, wasn't so much with the Feds, and has just matured. Groom, a good old pitcher even then, is still a clever twirler and a foxy boy. Dave Davenport, who jumped the Reds to join the Feds, is pitching well, but in awful luck. Armando Marsans, the fast Cuban, seems never to have recovered the speed he lost while waiting for the courts to rule upon his case.

The National League is where the Federals are thickest now. Lee Magee, Ed Roush and Hal Chase are stars of the brightest magnitude with Cincinnati. Allen, the tall catcher, is doing well for Mathewson. Boston has little Rawlings, the infielder. Wickland, now a marvel of a hitter, Jim Smith, the short-stop, Eddie Konetchy, the towering first bagger, and Art Wilson, catcher—in fact, the Braves are largely dependent on the former Federals.

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This might be a baseball scene in an American town. But it isn't. The photo was snapped at a recent game played in the outskirts of Paris, France, within sound of the booming of the big guns

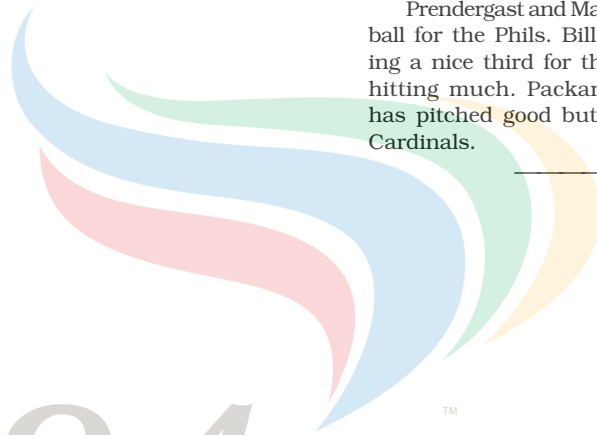
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The Cubs, of course, owned by former Federal backers, stick to their ancient Federal stars. Outfielders Flack and Mann, Infielders Deal and Zeider, and Pitcher Hendrix, are reminders of the past—and all of them have been playing corking good ball for Charlie Weeghman.

Benny Kauff has done grand work for the Giants, and Rariden has been wholly dependable. Waivers have just been asked on Anderson, a Federal pitcher of the by-gone days.

Prendergast and Main have pitched good ball for the Phils. Bill McKechnie is playing a nice third for the Pirates, but isn't hitting much. Packard, the left-hander, has pitched good but losing ball for the Cardinals.



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