

JAKE STAHL SAD.

THINKS HE WAS DECEIVED BY WASHINGTON CLUB.

Claims That President Noyes and Manager Cantillon Positively Promised to Trade Him to the Boston American League Club.

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

Chicago, Ill., March 12.—Jake Stahl, manager of the Washington American League Club last season, charges the management of both the Washington and Boston clubs with breaking faith with him. Stahl says that Manager Joe Cantillon and President T. C. Noyes, of the Washington Club, and Manager "Chick" Stahl and President John I. Taylor, of the Boston team, gave him their word of honor that they would put through a trade for him at the recent schedule meeting of the American League in New York. The trade was not made and Stahl says positively he will not play in Washington, as he has told the Washington management all along, and that he is now making preparations to go into business here in Chicago.



Jacob G. Stahl

FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Washingtons at Galveston—Stahl and Jones Not Yet in Line—A Few Predictions and Some News and Gossip.

BY PAUL W. EATON.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Editor "Sporting Life."—At 11 o'clock last Friday morning the Washington base ball team steamed into Galveston, four hours late, from Chicago, and took up their quarters at the Tremont House. A temperature of 75 degrees tended to cheer them up, and it is probable that while this letter is being written they are engaged in their first game with the Galveston team. All the players were present or had indicated their intention to join the team within a day or two, except Jack Warner, whose wife has just undergone a surgical operation in New York, and who will not leave her for a week or ten days, and Garland Stahl. The last-named player is quoted as saying that Presidents Noyes and Taylor each gave him his word of honor that they would make a trade for him at the New York meeting, and then failed to do so. The two presidents undoubtedly made an earnest effort to make a deal, and it is not too late yet. A telegram from Clark Griffith asking Manager Cantillon how much money he would take for Stahl reached Galveston about the same time as the Washington team. Mr. Cantillon replied that he was really embarrassed by the amount of money he already had and could consider no proposition except an offer of players. His price for Stahl, he said, was two first-class players. If the ex-manager fails to report for duty on bag 1 Cantillon will play



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BLANKENSHIP ON FIRST BASE. He says he considers Cliff a better player than Stahl was when he first broke into the game. Blankenship is touted as a good batter, and that is a big factor. John Anderson's signed contract reached President Noyes about the time the despatches stating that Andy would not play with the Senators reached the newspapers. Anderson's activity in his trade of carpentering will be confined during the championship season to driving some nails in the coffins of the pennant hopes of other teams and knocking enough boards off the center field fences to keep him busy next winter making repairs. It is rumored that the plan to paint the

CENTER FIELD FENCES GREEN

will be resented by the Teutonic element among the players as being another Irish trick. The pretzel brigade will hold out for red, white and black or quit the game. The Washington fence was in the Hibernian class last year, except in some spots reached by Charley Hickman's drives. There will be sadness among the fans if there is anything in the indications that Hick may be confined to utility roles next season, as there isn't a more popular player on the team, which he led in batting in 1906. Charley plays a fine first base, a good third or outfield, and has been seen at second and short as well. However, it will take the spring practice to determine who's who; and until that is over, not even Joe Cantillon can tell with certainty who he will use in every position. The Washington players have found conditions just right. A clear and warm atmosphere that insures immunity from

Charley-horse, soreness and jimjams; a very good diamond; the best of surf bathing; a well equipped gymnasium and swimming pool in the Y. M. C. A. building; and hotel accommodations that are at least as good as were expected, are the principal features of the situation. The first important game will be played with the St. Louis Nationals a week from next Saturday. The aggregate record of well-known pitchers just published contains the names of only two Washington twirlers, Patten and Kitson. The latter has an average of games won for eight years of .528. In seven years Case Patten has won 110 and lost 133 games for an average of .452. Considering the support he has had this is as good a record as has been made by the pitchers at the top of the list who have done most of their work with pennant contenders. As it is about time for the

PREDICTION DEPARTMENT to get busy, for those who are rash enough to make base ball prophecies, it may be as well to start it by the forecast that Patten will win a majority of his games this year, no matter where the team finishes. Cleveland will win the American League pennant and New York that of the National. (To be continued.) So Gus Weyhing, the former Washington twirler, has broken into the delivering end of the wet goods business! Gus can therefore continue to hand out balls as he used to in days of yore, and may turn a trick on the side by working at the improved style of frescoing he tried to popularize at Green's Hotel, when he was on the other end of the irrigating game. It seemed for many years that Weyhing's arm would never give out, and he was one of the foxy slabmen of his day.

CHARLEY JONES is still unsigned. He is not kicking over the figures in his contract, but wants the club to furnish him round trip transportation, which has been refused. Jones has not been figuring in the team line-ups handed out from club and managerial sources, and his connection with the 1907 Senators is therefore more than doubtful. Jones has everything except batting power, and a better thrower was never in the game. It is hard to tell why he is deficient in hitting, except that he overlooks a great many good ones. When Jones does land, he sends them out just right. An improvement of forty points in hitting would make him a most valuable man. In Class A circles he is but little shy of .300. Last year in the American League .241 was his figure, which was a gain over 1905. If Charley gets his eye on the ball about April 1 a change of managerial plans is apt to result.

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS.

Tim Jordan did not go South with the Brooklyn.
The Chicago Cubs will finish their spring training at Urbana, Ill.
The new umpire, Charles Rigler, is at present getting into condition at Hot Springs.
During the last week the Pittsburg Club received the signed contract of first baseman Nealon.
President Dreyfuss and family will sojourn at Hot Springs throughout the Pirates stay at that resort.
Catcher Phil O'Neil, formerly of the Cincinnati team, is coaching the De Pauw College base ball team this spring.
Second baseman Jim Mullen wisely changed his mind and on March 6 left Avoca, Pa., to join the Giants in Los Angeles.
Pitcher Ewing, of Cincinnati, believes he owns in Platt, Jr., (217 1/2) one of the fastest pacers on western trotting tracks.
The old-time National League pitcher, E. Cunningham, has been appointed coach of the Northwestern University base ball team.
Manager Donovan and his Brooklyn players left Brooklyn by boat on March 5 for Jacksonville, Fla., where they are now established.
Jimmy Sheekard is said to have objected good and hard to having his salary treated to an alum bath by President Murphy, of the Cubs.
Tom Corcoran wrote to a friend in this city just previous to starting for California that he expected to land the second base position with the Giants.
Manager McGraw claims that Mathewson is his old invincible self again and that all the effects of the antitoxin have worn away during the winter.
Catcher Pete Noonan has re-signed with the St. Louis Club. His brother, Thomas, is a candidate for a pitcher's position at the University of Pennsylvania.
There is a rumor in circulation just now that when the championship season opens Frank Powerman, the New York catcher, will be found with the Cincinnati team.
Catcher Bowerman says he refused to re-sign with New York because his salary was reduced \$700. He also says that McGann, Dahlen and Strang accepted \$500 reductions.
Fred Miller, a left-hand twirler from Paducah, Ky., has been signed by the Pittsburg Club. That makes three southpaws on the Pirate list. Hillebrand and Leifield being the others.
Mertes' release has been purchased outright by the Boston Club from the St. Louis Club. "Sandow" will strengthen the Boston team, if he decides to play and not to remain in California.
The first accident of the season in this league has been recorded. While trying to stop a hot grounder at Marlin, Texas, John Ganzel, the first baseman of the Cincinnati, had a finger split the other day.
John Haggerty, for eighteen years superintendent, groundskeeper, carpenter and all-round man at the Boston National Base Ball Club's South End grounds, is through with the Boston. Thomas Pallis, a gardener from the Bowditch estate, has been appointed in his stead.
Mike Donlin is still trying to bluff the New York Club into paying him a \$600 increase in salary. The latest yarn sent out from Chicago says that Donlin and his wife, Mabel Hite, the actress, have purchased the St. Joseph Club, of the Western League, and that Donlin if he cannot get his release from McGraw, will manage the team from the bench.

CLEVELAND CHAT.

Pitcher Joss and Shortstop Turner Come Into Camp—Pitcher Rhoades Now the Only Hold-Out—The Team Now at Work at Macon With High Hopes.

BY GRANTLAND RICE.

Cleveland, O., March 9.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The murky cloud which has hovered above this township for a fortnight past has been brushed away. Amid happy salvos of joy from Rooter's Row the Naps advanced on Macon and among the number were Addie Joss and "Tuck" Turner. After holding back for a week the Human Slat blew in from Toledo about two hours before the train crept from the local station, and the result of a heart to heart confab was Addie's signature to a document calling for his services again. No hint was handed out as to who gave in.



Grantland Rice

THE MAIN POINT was that Joss would be "among those present" when the April fusillade began. In place of leaving for the Springs to join the hurling colony there Addie left for Macon with the main bodyguard. He has been working out while laying back for the coin, so reported in good condition to take up his job at an advanced spring stage. Up to get-away day no word had been received from "Dusty" Rhoades, but the bonnie Scot is pretty sure to be in line shortly now that his "pal" is under cover and out of the wet. Turner was bagged again after an hour's talk. Both "Tuck" and the ball club were satisfied with the arrangements made, so the landscape is lovely again.

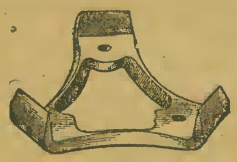
SOMERS ON DECK. On account of an excess of correspondence and other business to be cleaned up Business Manager Barnard was detained at home while Charlie Somers made the trip in his place. The Naps' vice president will remain on the scene until the latter part of March when Barnard will leave to join the club again. The additions of Joss and Turner chased away the gloom and it was a happy bunch that hit the Georgia trail. After a week's work-out in the Central City the opening scrimmage is booked for St. Patrick's Eye, March 16. From this point on there will be a preliminary battle almost every day until the team reaches Detroit, when the real fireworks open up. All they ask is enough fair weather to unravel the kinks and so be able to get ready for the strenuous work later on.

HEAVYWEIGHT PLAYERS. Bemis and Clarke were both a bit over weight when they reported, which fact brought great joy to "Doc" Payne, the club trainer. "That's what these trips are for," remarked he, "to take off weight. If a man's already in shape he is liable to grow stale any old time." Joe Birmingham weighed twenty pounds more than he did last fall, but he doesn't expect to carry this surplus long. The ex-Cornell star is out to give somebody a run for that open gap in left field, and as Congalton and Hinchman are both of the same mind the argument is bound to be a woolly one straight through. But if Birmingham gets to hitting he will have the call over all rivals on account of his speed and ability to chuck 'em back from deep outfield to the plate. They don't grow any finer arms or faster props than the Binghamton boy wears.

HARRY BAY was still uncertain concerning the stability of his underpinnings. The cornet player has taken life easy all winter and has given his weak knee cap all the rest possible. He will take things easy around Macon at the start until he is certain that the twisted bone is strong again. Harry himself is sure that he will be in as good condition as ever, but there is still some doubt that he can cling to the track all the year. If he should cave in Birmingham will probably draw an assignment in left, leaving Hinchman and Congalton to fight it out for center. Flick balks on being moved from right. He has played this job so long that he doesn't care for a switch at this late date of his career.

THE HOT SPRINGS DELEGATION has been getting along smoothly. Earl Moore's trouble seems to have faded away completely and right now he looks good for a regular's berth again. The squad has drawn good weather for the start and this has enabled the men to get well advanced from the jump. Howard Wakefield is already ten pounds lighter than he was opening day in 1906, and this means that he will be in much better shape to look after his end of the battery labor.

CONFIDENT PLAYERS. Pete O'Brien seemed to be well pleased with his change from St. Louis here. Pete is an optimist. He figures that the Naps have about run through their share of hard luck and are due for a general killing this season, wherein he will become involved in some world's series proceeds. As to how high they will finish we won't even toss out a guess, but take the tip straight that the outfit is fully 30 per cent stronger than any club in the history of this township. They are fortified against accident in every department of play, with better helping material back of the bat, in the box, around the infield and outfield than ever before. Unless they explode again in mid-season and fragments strew



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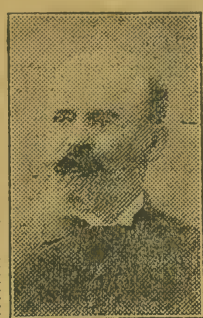
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the field as of yore there will be trouble for all rivals and a lot of the same. It's a long lane, they say, which hasn't any kinks, and this installs the 29th season of the Cleveland Club. The previous twenty-eight have been quite void of pennants, but it's high time the lane was bending.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Special to "Sporting Life."
The Toledo Club has sold pitcher Albert Farrell to the Trenton Club.
The Montreal Club has sold pitcher Harvey Williams to the Albany (N. Y.) Club.
The Galveston Club, of the Texas League, has signed pitcher James Smith, of Leipsic, O.
The Holyoke Club has signed a young pitcher named James Convery, hailing from Elmira, N. Y.
President Carson, of the Central League, has called the schedule meeting for March 20 at Evansville, Ind.
Manager Hugh Duffy, of Providence, has signed a catcher named Stone, of the Blanford (Me.) Club.
Manager S. D. Flanagan has transferred the Manchester team and franchise in the New England League to Brockton, Mass.
The veteran Charles Dooley, who has been out of the game several years, has been appointed manager of the Utica (N. Y.) Club.
Second baseman Ferris and catcher Carrigan have re-signed with the Boston American Club—the former for two years at \$3500 per annum.
The Williamsport Tri-State League Club has settled upon Lexington, Va., as a training place, the eighteen players to report March 8.
Shortstop Fred Parent, of the Boston American Club, has gone to Little Rock, Ark., to "talk things over" with President John I. Taylor.
Frank Owen, the White Sox pitcher, was arrested at San Antonio, Texas, March 8, following a "gun play." Owen explained he was merely using his revolver to illustrate how he accidentally shot himself last winter, but the police would not release him until Comiskey interceded. Owen's case will be heard March 20, when the Chicago team returns from Mexico. The White Sox were detained at San Antonio for twelve hours.
Pitcher Reulbach, of the Chicago Nationals, has appealed to the National Commission for release from reservation and three-year contract with the Chicago Club because the club did not tender him a contract before March 1. President Murphy admits his failure, but says that as Reulbach's contract extended over a period of three years, it was unnecessary to sign another. The primary cause of the trouble is the salary question. The big pitcher asked for an increase, which Murphy refused.



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