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LATEST NEWS

A GREAT BALL PARK PLANNED FOR ST. LOUIS.

President Hermann of Cincinnati to Repeat the Field Day Events—A College Pitcher to Enter the National League in June.

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St. Louis, Mo., May 5.—President Hedges, of the St. Louis American League Club, is going to put into practice as soon as possible a theory he has been working on for some time, and one which the Philadelphia American League Club already has adopted. Hedges has plans under way for a base ball plant here which will eclipse even that being built for Connie Mack's team. He would provide good seating capacity for 30,000 persons and have room for overflow besides. He believes no one can tell how many would go to a game if they were assured of their ability to get seats and to see the game. Hedges promises to work out his new plant as soon as possible after his present lease expires and while he will not say so, there is no doubt he already has a new location in view and at least partially secured.



R. L. Hedges

FIELD DAYS.

President Herrmann, of Cincinnati, Will Repeat the Contests.

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Cincinnati, O., May 4.—President Herrmann, of the Cincinnati Club, will probably decide to hold another base ball field day. The matter has been somewhat overlooked, but Herrmann thinks that such an event should be held every year, and will doubtless try to make the members of the Commission view the matter in the same light. "I think that field days should be held annually by all means," said President Herrmann. "The public wants to see just which of the players excel in certain parts of the game and the players are anxious to participate in the contests." When asked whether it was true that either Pittsburgh or Cleveland would secure the events this year, Herrmann said that no action had been taken officially, but that some other city besides Cincinnati would get it.

CHADWICK'S ESTATE.

The Veteran Base Ball Writer Leaves Only \$1000.

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New York, May 2.—The will of the late Henry Chadwick, the "father of base ball," who died in Brooklyn on April 20, was filed to-day. The estate, which is valued at \$1,000, is left to the widow, and there is this reminder to Albert G. Spalding, one of the executors: "I remind Mr. Albert G. Spalding of his promise to see that a monument shall be erected over my grave in Greenwood cemetery."

WALLER'S FATE.

Will Be Unenviable If He Really Deserts Organized Ball.

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Bridgeport, Conn., May 4.—President Jim O'Rourke, of the Bridgeport Club, stated to-day that he had as yet no official knowledge that "Red" Waller had deserted to the outlaw Union League. President O'Rourke added that, should Waller refuse to honor the contract, and play with another team, that he would be blacklisted for the remainder of his life. This, of



EDWARD KARGER

Pitcher of the St. Louis National League Club.

Edward Karger, pitcher of the St. Louis National League Club, in one short season has placed himself in the front rank of National League left-handed pitchers. He was born at San Angelo, Tex., on May 6, 1883, and acquired the rudiments of the game at Kerrville, Tex. He made his debut in 1905 with the Houston team, of the South Texas League, for which he won 24 and lost 11 games. At the suggestion of M. J. Finn, manager of the Nashville Club, President Dreyfuss drafted Karger for the 1906 Pittsburgh Club, but Manager Clarke was not satisfied with the southpaw's work and exchanged him for pitcher McFarland, of the St. Louis Club. Karger was not a dissipated player, but liked his beer. On the advice of Manager McCloskey he became a total abstainer last season and the improvement in his pitching demonstrated to him the wisdom of his course. He fields his position well and is one of the best batsmen among the major league twirlers.

course, means that the player would never be allowed upon any team which plays under the national agreement. "There can be no mercy," said Manager O'Rourke, "for men who sign contracts at their own terms and then throw themselves on the market, their services to go to the highest bidder. But as far as I know, there is no difference between us on the salary question, and Waller may be on the field in his uniform to-day."

ERIE'S RELEASE

By National Board Is Sought by the Ohio-Pennsylvania League.

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Akron, O., May 3.—President Morton, of the Ohio-Pennsylvania League, has returned from Erie and Auburn, N. Y., where he, with Frank Baumeister, president of the Girard (Erie) ball club, and E. F. Rossiter, secretary of the same club, took steps to bring about if possible the release of the Interstate League. The three went to Auburn and personally presented to Secretary Farrell, of the National Association, a petition for the release of Erie. Twelve separate reasons were given why Erie should be permitted to pull out of the Interstate League, in order that she may become a part of the Ohio-Pennsylvania League. "Any one of them, I believe, is strong enough to

get Erie's release," Morton said to-day. The general reason for the request was that Erie has no legal status in the Interstate. Many violations of the National Association rules were quoted.

AN OFFER OF CASH.

Franklin, Pa., May 5.—The owners of the Erie Inter-State League Club and President Morton, of the Ohio-Pennsylvania League, on Saturday made a formal proposition to the Inter-State directors that if they would release Erie and permit them to enter the Ohio-Pennsylvania League they would pay the Inter-State \$1,000 and put a team in Corry or Titusville and guarantee that it would finish the season. President Rexford, of the Inter-State League, will submit the proposition to the Board of Directors immediately, but says he will not recommend its acceptance. In fact, he is opposed to it himself.

DEADLY POP-BOTTLE.

Hurled From Bleachers, the Missile Kills a Boy Spectator.

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Grand Rapids, Mich., 4.—A 13-year-old boy, William Haverkamp, died Saturday, 2d, at his home here as a result of being

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ST. LOUIS' NEED

IS A CAPABLE MAN FOR THE SHORT FIELD.

Manager McCloskey is Making Efforts to Secure Such a Man and is Figuring How to Make a Deal With Some Major Club.

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Cincinnati, O., April 5.—Manager McCloskey, of the Cardinals, is after a shortstop. He is said to be casting longing eyes on Charley Starr, substitute infielder of the Pittsburgh team, and a Redleg. The Mound City aggregation lacks a good shortstop, and it is said McCloskey is of the opinion that Starr would just about fill the bill. It is not likely, however, that the Pittsburgh team will let Starr go—at least not until Alan Storke reports. McCloskey would not kick very much if Garry Herrmann would let him have Mike Mowrey or Johnny Kane. Mac was very anxious to land Mike during the winter months, and several St. Louis papers said that a deal had been made, but there was nothing doing.



J. J. McCloskey

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has had his troubles trying to plug up the short field. Since the season opened three men—Byrne, O'Rourke and Shaw—have worked there, but none has done as well as McCloskey hoped. Byrne is not cut out for that position and the other two are youngsters. It is said that McCloskey is still working on Garry Herrman, and hopes to land one of Garry's Reds for his team before he goes to the East. With such a grand string of pitchers as Karger, McGlynn, Raymond, Fromme, Sallee and Higginbotham, the St. Louis crowd would look pretty good if its

WORK IN THE FIELD

were improved. The Robinsons are making strenuous efforts to land a man to put at short, as they realize that they are very weak in this position. They approached Mr. Herrmann and asked for Lobert, but the Red Chief waved them back with the "nothing doing" sign. At that the Red Chief might (f) take Karger, Beebe and Raymond for Honus.

SLAIN BY PLAYER.

Outfielder Henry Hopkins Shoots Saloon Keeper and Bartender.

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Miami, Fla., May 4.—At a late hour last Friday night, J. D. Walker, a saloon keeper, and Ernest Stafford, a bar keeper, were shot and almost instantly killed in North Miami by Henry Hopkins, formerly of Jacksonville, but who has been a resident of this city for some time. Hopkins escaped but was captured. A dispute over the alleged misappropriation of goods taken from the wrecked steamer La Salle some time ago caused the tragedy. Hopkins is well known in base ball circles throughout the South.

MUMPS VIA BASE BALL.

Youth, Taken Ill After Blow on Jaw, Puzzles Doctors.

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Hazleton, Pa., May 4.—Charles Shermer, aged 30, of West Hazleton, played base ball at Weston last week with a team from the borough, and was struck on the jaw by a batted ball. His cheek became inflamed and the doctors are now treating him for a well-developed case of mumps. How Shermer contracted the disease from a base ball is puzzling the medical profession here.