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KONETCHY WAS CANDY MAKER ONCE

New Pittsburgh Star Left Job Making Jelly Beans To Play Ball

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Nine and a half years ago Edward J. Konetchy was designing marshmallows in a candy factory at La Crosse, Wis. To-day he is one of the star players in the National League, and after playing with the St. Louis Cardinals for six and a half years he has just been swapped to Pittsburgh.

"Konetchy" only became a ball player by accident. Besides presiding over the destinies of the candy factory, he also was famed as a fisherman, a hunter and incidentally as a back lot football player in La Crosse.

"I've got two brothers who could beat me all hollow playing ball," declared Konetchy, "but they can't see the city life. They'd rather shoot ducks or go fishing than to play in a world's series game. I used to feel that way about it, too."

"I broke into the game in a peculiar way. I went to my foreman one day and asked him if he would give me a couple of weeks off. He asked me what for and I told him I wanted to get out with the La Crosse team that was being organized. 'You've got an iron nerve,' he shouted, 'to ask for time off to look for another job. However, you go ahead and when you come back here and you can go to work making jelly beans again. You'd better stick to turning out all-day suckers and get your mind off this footballness.'"

Konetchy, however, went to the ball park daily. He acted as a part of the scenery for eleven days, he declared. The manager often looked through or over him or around him, but never at him. Konetchy posed in the background until he felt like an old oak tree until one day the manager, who was Frank Hawley called him.

"Meet me downtown," he whispered, he reflected and seemed about to say "the old mill at midnight and bring the p-a-a-per," but he said instead, "at Mike's bar."

Konetchy met him and Hawley signed him up at \$50 a month, which was more than he made at the candy factory. Konetchy played with the La Crosse team two and a half years until he attracted the eye of Jack Houston, a scout for the Cardinals and a little later Manager McCloskey went to Kansas City to sign the big youngster for St. Louis. Konetchy joined the team in Cincinnati.

The news of the signing of Konetchy was printed and it was erroneously stated that he was a Greek. The Greeks of Cincinnati decided that it was more to honor their Hellenic player and all the Greek societies got together and bought a floral horse almost as big as a trolley car, and with the flare of a brass band they arrived at the ball park and marched onto the grounds where they overwhelmed Konetchy under a shower of roses.

The Greeks were somewhat staggered when Konetchy told them he was not a Greek, but a Bohemian. "Well, keep it that way," the chairman of the occasion told him, and they found seats and watched the game, minus some of their enthusiasm.

Konetchy was christened "The Big Train" by an admirer in St. Louis and the name stuck. He didn't know what the name meant until last week when he became inquisitive after several years and asked a friend, "What is this Big Train stuff?" asked Konetchy. "I've been hearing that name and reading about it for years and I never knew why they called me that."

His friend told him that his imaginative admirer nicknamed him after the famous race horse "McChesney," who was christened "The Big Train" on account of his speed. Konetchy appeared satisfied with the explanation. Konetchy is twenty-eight years old and is built like a gladiator.

Charleston, S. C.—Two new cases of smallpox on battleship Ohio on way here from Guantanamo.

BOMEISLER NOW WORKING IN MILL

Former Yale Football Player Is Learning Business In Lawrence, Mass.

Lawrence, Dec. 23.—Douglas Bomeisler of New York, the former Yale football player, is now in Lawrence, Mass., and is located in the Woodworsted mill, where he is to learn the mill business from start to finish. He started work Tuesday and he expects to remain here two years.

Bomeisler was graduated from Yale last June and last fall he assisted Head Coach Howard H. Jones in the development of the Ell eleven, he having complete charge of the ends. In 1912, Bomeisler established a reputation as one of the best ends in football and he was picked by Walter Camp and almost all other experts for a place on the All-American team. Last year, Bomeisler was out of the game in the earlier part of the season with an injured shoulder, but his work in the Princeton and Harvard games of a sterling character and Walter Camp paid him the following tribute:

"Bomeisler outclassed any other end in 1912 as he did the previous year. With speed, judgment and power, he offered the ideal combination, and when he covered Flynn's kicks, going more than 50 yards, it was a spectacular feat. He was kept for the work in his two big games, and although short of practice, seemed no less a master of his position."

WALTER JOHNSON PUT KAHOE OUT OF GAME

Washington baseball fans probably do not remember the day Mike Kahoe, Griff's handy scout, sang his swan song at National park, threw away his catcher's mit and said to his pals: "I've gone behind the bat for the last time in my life." Kahoe pulled this stunt back in 1909, late in the season, when he was in the California time, a strange to relate Walter Johnson was the pitcher on that occasion.

But to return to the last appearance on the baseball stage of Mike Kahoe, Cantillon was shy of catcher—Blankenship and Gabby Street were both nursing sore digits and refused to work. Street finally agreed to catch a few innings and started the game.

It was one of those dark dog days when Johnson had nothing but smoke and was spitting them over with the speed of a masher bullet. The fourth inning Street sent out distress signals, Mike Kahoe was on the bench and Cantillon made him relieve the pitcher. Mike has always used more to warm up the pitchers and occasionally pinch hit, than anything else. He has been in the game since that Johnson shot over landed in Kahoe's glove, only to drop out. Only a couple of stolen bases went to the credit of the visiting team, for only two victors could be on the bases, but somehow or other, Mike stuck it out, finishing the game.

Ten minutes after the final man had been retired Kahoe's hand was swollen like a mitt of needles. He was in a dressing room he sought Cantillon and coolly informed him that so far as catching was concerned the Washington ball players would struggle along without his services.

"I don't know why I wasn't killed," Kahoe added. "Johnson had so much speed that every ball which landed in my mitt ripped my arm loose and the palm of my hand felt as if somebody had stuck a sharp knife through it." Since that time Kahoe has never caught a ball game.

PRINCETON TO ADOPT OPEN FOOTBALL GAME

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 23.—Princeton's graduate football coaching committee was completed yesterday when the two new members nominated two weeks ago, Knox Taylor, '05, and Roscoe Sheffield, '02, consented to serve on the staff. The committee has active charge of all football work at Princeton, the only restriction being that the Board of Athletic Control exercises a directorate over the football policy in general.

With the selection of these two men the open game has an absolute certainty for Princeton next fall. This is what the Board of Control has been insisting upon and the new members were selected with the idea of getting a committee fully in sympathy with the open style of game. Nothing has been given out as to the choice of field coaches next season.

ARANAC FIVE TO GO AGAINST BLUE RIBBONS TONIGHT

The Blue Ribbon basketball players will try to make themselves a Christmas present of a victory tonight when they stack up against the Aranac basketball five of Harrison, N. Y., at Colonial hall. The visitors come with a big reputation but the locals think their losing days are over and they expect to win. The Aranac team has been practicing regularly and have improved in passing, a department in which formerly they were weak.

Bobby Stow and Chief Snyder, two members of the Bridgeport baseball club, will be with the Ribbons tonight. Stow may only play in one period, unless the visitors get a big lead. Manager Leavy wants Della Valle to get plenty of practice because Stow cannot be used against the Ramblers by reason of an early agreement. Jim Morrison and Pat Hurley will play forwards and George Smith will be at center. The preliminary, between the 'F's club and Clowers will start at 7:45 and the big game at 8:30. Spang's orchestra will furnish music for dancing after the game.

WHY BROOKLYNS MADE THAT TRADE

Agreed To Send Yingling And Moran To Cincinnati To South Directors

Although Joe Tinker, the \$25,000 beauty, has not as yet affixed his signature to a Brooklyn contract, Charles Ebbets, the "Big Chief" of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is confident that the famous shortstop will wear a Dodger uniform next season and round out one of the best infields in the National League. The Brooklyn boss returned home from Cincinnati late Sunday night, where he showed the Board of Directors of the Reds that Joe rightfully and legally belongs to the Brooklyn club.

Ebbets gave out the reason why a supplementary deal was made between the Dodgers and Reds, and that was "Chink" Yingling, the southpaw pitcher, and Herbie Moran will probably join the Reds next season, while Dick Egan, the second baseman of the Cincinnati Club, will become a member of the Dodgers. A day or two before Ebbets departed for Cincinnati to confer with the Board of Directors and Herrmann, he received a long letter from Gary, stating that the other officials of the Reds had disapproved of the deal for Tinker and wanted players in return.

"Being a good friend of Herrmann's," said Ebbets yesterday, "I took the matter up with Ted and Steve McKeever. After a long conference the McKeever brothers said that they were willing to trade players with the Cincinnati Club, but that the original deal for the shortstop—\$25,000 in cash—must be put through first."

"In his letter Mr. Herrmann requested that we contemplate a deal where Yingling or Pat Egan and Moran or Charles Stengel will be traded to the Reds. After it was decided to swap players, I immediately got in touch with Wilbert Robinson and put the proposition up to him. Robble said that he preferred to keep Stengel in preference to Moran, on account of Stengel's hitting ability. There are four southpaws on the club's roster. We have Rucker, Reile, Altheimer, Frank Allen and Yingling. Robble figured that three left-handers is sufficient to carry and so he decided to let the Reds have the option on Moran and Yingling."

BUD ANDERSON TO MEET CROSS JAN. 1

Bud Anderson, the Vancouver light weight, will find out on New Year's afternoon whether his knockout by Leach Cross, July 4 last, was an accident or not. Bud is to meet his Leachlighter again in Los Angeles in the marathon route and he feels sure that the New York dentist cannot repeat the trick. Bud may fool the one on one, but just the same he will be fighting under a handicap. The previous knockout will always be staring him in the face and he will have a bit more regard for Leachie than he would if such a thing had never occurred. It is said that the fighters turn the tables on the boys who have handed them the K. O.

After many sleepless nights and considerable expense, Promoter Jim Coffroth of San Francisco has succeeded in rematching Willie Ritchie and "Harlem" Tommy Murphy for the "bout" for Dec. 19, having been called off because of a slight operation on Willie's nose. The weight will be the same—135 pounds one hour before ring time—which means that they will meet in the American Light weight limit, which is 142 pounds. Perhaps Ritchie intends to try and raise the limit to 135 pounds, which would harmonize with the world where boxing holds forth, except that in most countries the weighing in time is at 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the day of the fight. The weight has been at 135 pounds since Jack McAuliffe won the title back in the '80s.

There is a possibility that Jimmy Clabby and Jack Dillon will be matched around the first of the year for a 10-round bout at the middle weight limit of 148 pounds at three o'clock. Clabby has been holding out for several hours before his opponent, but Dillon has been anxious to make the weight 140 pounds. However, Dillon's manager, Jimmy Walters, says he will agree to the 153 notch if the club will make it an object of training for an extra pound or two. At the real middle weight limit these boys would put up a great battle, but with Dillon weighing over the 140-pound mark, the clever Hammond youth would be giving away too much as he can easily strip at 152 pounds and be at his best. It would be a real battle, the weight would do a lot to clear up the title question, for these two are without doubt among the best of that weight in the world today, with McGooty, Klaus and Chip following.

Clever little Johnny Coulon, who was on the sick list for several months, will soon be back in harness again. The little fellow has been several months in the Canadian woods and the roughing did him a world of good, building up his body in great shape and giving him the stamina that he so much needed. Johnny writes me that he feels as strong as ever, and that he will soon prove to the boxing fans that he is able to take care of all the challengers. He said that he considered Kid Williams the best of the bantams and would give him a chance at the title just as soon as he rounds into proper shape, which he thinks will be in January or thereabouts. Johnny figures that he will not remain in the game much longer and he wants to make hay now while the sun shines.

Carrier pigeon, with note tied to it, alighted on a window of Second Municipal Court, Brooklyn, but flew away when it saw squad of shrewd lawyers.

GEORGE BROWNE LOOKING FOR JOB AS BRIDGEPORT PILOT

Capt. Talbott Departs For West Without Announcing Yale Football Coach

(By Wagner.) George Browne, the former star outfielder of the New York Giants, is the most recent applicant for the position of managing the Bridgeport club next season. Browne wrote to President O'Rourke of the Eastern association stating that he was a free agent and in good condition to play ball. He was with Minneapolis in the American association last year. The letter was turned over to Secretary Reddy of the Bridgeport club.

Browne in his prime was regarded as one of the fastest base runners in the game and he is still fast. He started with the Giants in 1905 when they won the world's series from the Athletics but was afterward traded to show for his trouble was a set of uniforms. He thinks he could make a success of managing the local club but if the franchise is not sold it looks as if Andy Coakley has the job cinched.

Al Odell of this city showed the Southern leaguers some speed last season by stealing 48 bases. Odell just passed his 25th birthday. On account of his peppery playing Odell is very popular with Southern fans.

New York University beat Georgetown university at basketball last night by 36 to 15. The Washington boys are not having much success on their northern trip. They lost to Fordham on Saturday.

Capt. Talbott of the Yale football eleven left yesterday for his home in Dayton, O., to spend Christmas. He did not announce the selection of head coach before leaving. It is said that the choice has narrowed down to Howard Jones or Frank Hinkey.

Walter Camp came out against

DARTMOUTH NOT TO PLAY INDIANS

Wanted Game in Hanover But Carlisle Management Declined Offer

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 23.—Coach Warner, athletic director of the Carlisle Indian school, returned yesterday from a shooting trip in the South. When asked what progress had been made toward arranging the Indian football schedule for next season he said that in all probability the schedule would be much like the season last year, with the exception that another game would be substituted for the Dartmouth contest.

He said that Carlisle had received an invitation to play the Green Mountain boys at Hanover, but that owing to the long trip and probable small financial returns, Carlisle felt compelled to decline the invitation. The Indians would have welcomed Dartmouth to play either in New York or Boston, but owing to faculty restrictions upon the number of out-of-town games Dartmouth could only offer a game upon its home ground.

Warner said he is neither the Carlisle students nor alumni are asked to contribute anything in support of athletics, and as no admission fees are charged for home contests, his funds needed for that support of athletics must come from the gate receipts of out-of-town games. It is necessary to so arrange the Indians' schedule that the financial result will be the amount needed to maintain school athletics.

NEW HAVEN BALL CLUB OWNER IS CRITICALLY ILL

New Haven, Dec. 23.—In response to an urgent telegram, Mrs. George M. Cameron, wife of the proprietor of the New Haven baseball club, left this city yesterday for Chicago. Her husband went last week to consult Dr. J. B. Burphy, the surgical specialist, relative to an operation for complications which have arisen in the stomach trouble which has sapped the strength of the owner of the New Haven nine for a year.

Just before the season opened last spring Mr. Cameron was operated upon at the Elm City hospital in this city. He remained in the hospital for several weeks and was not in rugged form during the baseball season. He attended the games during the season to his automobile, rarely leaving it, and almost always accompanied by his nurse. He has walked with the aid of a cane since his departure from the hospital and has never regained his health.

That today's operation was regarded as serious in its nature was admitted by his friends here. If it is successful Mr. Cameron's recovery should be rapid. Just what complications may develop, however, are not known.

Mrs. Crawford—"How's your Christmas money coming out?" Mrs. Crabshaw—"Splendidly. I've all my presents bought except one for my husband, and I've thirty cents left."

LEVINSKY AND RODEL WIN BOUTS

New York Boy Beats Up Coffey and Boer Defeats Flynn

Battling Levinsky of New York defeated Jim Coffey, the Dublin Giant, and George Rodel of South Africa outpointed Jim Flynn at Madison Square Garden last night. All three victories were by fair margins, but in each instance the loser was strong. But he lacked the fighting spirit which was registered. Levinsky took the drop to the canvas in the sixth round of the second bout, but was on his feet again before Referee Joh could begin his count.

Levinsky, as has been the rule in practically all his bouts here, gave away considerable weight. The ring-side figures were 170 1-3 pounds for the New Yorker against 136 1-2 pounds for Coffey. The latter had every physical advantage, standing several inches taller and with a much longer reach. But he lacked the fighting spirit of the east sizer and this turned victory in favor of Levinsky. Coffey showed himself a powerful puncher at rare intervals during the bout, but did not follow up his advantages like an experienced boxer. Even in the sixth round after he had dropped Levinsky to the canvas with a right to the jaw, Levinsky would shoot in a left hook into the stomach, Coffey backed away and let Levinsky make the next move.

In the early rounds Levinsky showed extreme caution and backed around the ring continually, forcing Coffey to follow him. Coffey did plenty of feinting while Levinsky was backing away and then stood still while Levinsky would shoot in a left hook into the Irishman. After the fifth round Levinsky became more aggressive and once he started to set the pace Coffey ran a poor second to his lighter opponent. The sixth round, the best that Coffey showed, was followed up by a steady onslaught against the Irishman. His face was badly cut and bruised when he left the ring, while Levinsky finished with the final bout resulted in a rather easy victory for Rodel, but the Boer did not show any impressive punching power or boxing ability. Flynn put up his usual wide-open battle, walking in with little effort to check his opponent's punches, while he sought an opportunity to put one over himself. The veteran was badly battered by the Boer, and he ran second in almost every one of the ten rounds.

"Now and then Jim came to life long enough to shoot over a swing to the head or body, and when he landed Rodel was glad to get under cover. In the ninth round Flynn electrified the crowd with a burst of activity. Flynn drove Rodel around the ring, but he faded quickly and the round ended with the Boer driving in punches about as often as he pleased. Rodel showed the better of the two in his previous bouts, but the hardest punches that he could shoot over had little effect on Flynn.

Today in pugilistic annals. 1889—Jem Smith and Frank P. Slavin fought a draw in a battle for the championship of England and \$2,000 a side. Smith was the champion of England, and a couple of years before he fought a draw with the great Jake Kilrain. "Paddy" Slavin later defeated Smith. Slavin was an Australian, and at times was making a noise like a coming champion, while in other bouts he boxed like an amateur. Peter Jackson gave him a thorough drubbing before the National Sporting Club of London, and after that he was no longer considered as possible championship material.

1888—Peter Jackson defeated Joe McAuliffe in 24 rounds at San Francisco. 1898—Tommy Ryan knocked out Dick O'Brien in 14th round at Hartford. 1902—Jack Blackburn and Sam Langford fought 12-round draw at Boston.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONNIE MACK, 51 TODAY

And still going strong. Gentlemen, let us drink today to many happy returns for the greatest, wisest and ablest of all the generals of the Boston Red Sox, the modest hero of five major league pennants and three world's championships—I refer, of course, to Cornelius McGillicuddy, better known as Connie Mack! The manager of managers, the conqueror of the great McGraw and the mighty Chance on three hard-fought fields, the immortal mahout of the White Elephants, the able pilot of the world's champion Athletics, the most distinguished citizen of the City of Brotherly Love, was born fifty-one years ago today, Dec. 23, 1862, in East Brookfield, Mass. His father was Michael McGillicuddy, a native of the Old Sod; glory be!

Brookfield High School was Connie's alma mater. Soon after he had received his diploma the elder McGillicuddy died, and it was up to Connie to get busy and contribute to the support of his mother and the younger children. Anybody who knows the man will not doubt for a minute that the youth made good on the assignment. No man ever loved his mother more than Connie Mack, and no mother ever entertained a greater affection nor manifested more pride in her son—which is saying all that can be said on the subject. Those who have seen Connie Mack enter the ball field with his mother clinging to his arm, and have observed in the kindly, beautiful face of the aged woman that expression of exultation and honest pride in being the mother of such a man, and have noted the answering beam in the eyes of the son, have witnessed a picture of maternal and filial devotion that will cling in their memory all ways. Once, after he had come under the spell of Robert Ingersoll's oratory, Mark Twain wrote of Col. "Bob": "I shall see him always as the most beautiful human creature that ever lived!" Ingeroll was far from handsome, and I suppose, Connie Mack is about the homeliest man in the big leagues; yet, with his mother, one of the most almost tempted to repeat Mark

COLLEGE CREWS WILL BE RUSHED

Yale Will Have Three Races Next Spring And Harvard Two

Harvard and Yale will take opposite corners in the development of their variety crews this year. Yale, which last year, did not get its crew in any collegiate competition until the final race with Harvard on the Thames, is likely to engage in three contests this coming season, and Harvard, which was in three races last year, has cut down the allowance to two.

The Yale crew authorities were criticized from many angles a year ago when the Blue oarsmen were unknown quantities up to the Harvard race. It was said by experts that preliminary competition with other college crews would have aided in developing the Yale shell men.

This year, consequently, Yale will clash with Princeton, and there is a possibility that the crew will also go to Ithaca, N. Y., to stack up against Coach Courtney's hopefuls. The first race will, of course, be against Harvard oarsmen at New London the latter part of June.

Harvard's only race, besides the Yale match, will be with Cornell, when the Cayuga Lake performers will appear in a dual on the Charles river. Harvard has already refused to row against Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania on Lake Carnegie in a triangular race. Last year this three-cornered contest was held on the Charles river, with Princeton leading first place.

BOWLING

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE (Washington Park Alleys) Crane No. 1. Edgar 80 70 85-285. Rents 87 86 92-266. Slippery 73 82 83-238. Worth 102 79 82-262. Sheasby 99 77 94-273. Totals 442 394 458-1374.

Graphophone Co. Scanlon 74 97 85-256. Hollie 107 80 88-275. Casey 90 78 92-269. Wargo 109 84 82-275. Verrelle 84 84 106-274. Totals 464 422 458-1344.

PARK CITY LEAGUE (Park City Alleys) Billiards. Boyne 71 81 82-276. Bracken 81 76 80-237. Harris 92 89 82-264. McKenzie 81 81 78-243. Totals 408 297 404-1219.

Athletics. J. Lynch 77 88 71-236. Madden 73 78 76-227. Brown 65 82 80-227. A. Jablonski 81 84 80-245. E. Jablonski 81 85 80-255. Totals 377 417 396-1190.

Defenders. Delaney 68 85 69-223. J. Carley 83 79 113-276. Allen 72 81 71-224. Ryan 98 110 89-297. Graether 81 109 88-275. Totals 402 484 427-1293.

Cuckoos. McGrath 68 72 91-251. E. Carley 80 84 81-255. Hafels 84 82 85-281. E. Lynch 81 90 84-255. Mahoney 79 97 91-268. Totals 402 422 442-1267. \*Roll off won by Cuckoo.

ROYAL ELECTRIC LEAGUE (Park City Alleys) Team A. C. Thomas 75 76 71-216. Davis 84 85 80-249. Lancaster 75 87 84-249. A. Batten 90 80 85-266. Totals 318 328 320-965.

Team D. Morton 79 85 74-238. Dann 82 66 73-221. Jones 83 82 85-250. Walidhaus 84 78 82-255. Totals 328 314 302-955.

Team B. Seim 61 60 61-121. Morrison 77 83 83-233. Foster 79 83 76-238. G. Thomas 85 88 82-255. H. Batten 113 96 78-286. Totals 347 337 319-993.

Team C. Fairchild 89 88 78-255. Cederholm 90 89 82-261. Curley 81 79 73-233. Berger 75 86 79-240. Totals 315 342 312-969.

BROOKLYN LEAGUE (Eckler's Alleys) Dutch. S. Phillips 97 70 64-231. F. Graham 90 74 74-231. Schwing 67 67 66-210. Totals 262 221 204-677.

Swedes. Weed 69 74 96-235. Sanderford 80 74 82-235. Bantle 82 81 88-278. Totals 236 223 267-733.

Irish. Cunningham 74 77 88-239. Douglas 67 68 90-225. W. Graham 92 82 95-274. Totals 224 227 278-730.

Yanks. Carr 79 83 76-236. Johnson 80 78 87-245. G. Phillips 76 81 78-235. Totals 231 228 232-699.

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