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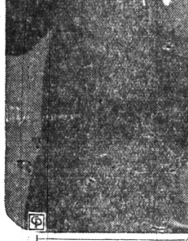
By JOHNNY EVERS Central Press Special Writer

Where are the wonderful fielding feats of yesterday? Where are the stars who used to make up really great infields and show a defensive strength that is absolutely unexcelled today?

There are just as many promising youngsters in the game as there ever were; just as clever pitchers as ever. But the clever twirlers of these slugging times rarely get a chance to shine. For this is the home run era, and slugging has the call. A sport crazed public doesn't care any more about airtight defensive work. The crowd caters to the guy with the punch.

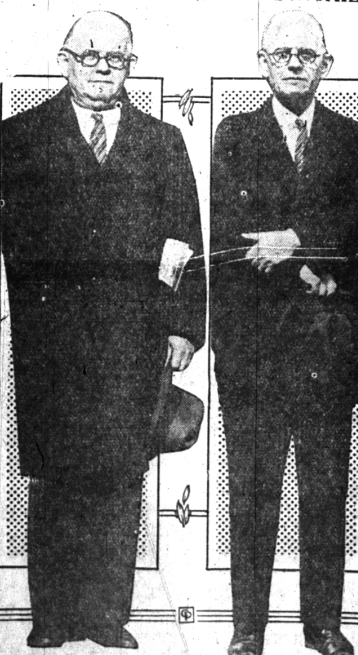
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DRY CHIEF LOSES POUNDS IN JAIL



That the involuntary stay of Dr. E. S. Shumaker, 62, head of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league, on the penal farm, at Putnamville, Ind., for 53 days for contempt of court, may have a serious effect on his health is the fear of his friends and adherents in Indianapolis, since his return. (Above, left to right, Dr. Shumaker before and after his incarceration. He is said to have lost 39 pounds.

COMMUNITY HOUSE CALENDAR Thursday, May 9. Professional Women's Luncheon 12 m.; Boys Club Room open 7 to 8:30 p. m. Friday, May 10. Miss Smith's Dancing Classes 3 to 8 p. m.; Zonta Club, 4:15 p. m. Saturday, May 11. Boys Club Room open 2 to 5:30 p. m.; No Saturday Night party. Sunday, May 12. Church School, 11 a. m. Monday, May 13. Executive Committee Meeting 2 p. m.; Miss Smith's Dancing Classes, 2:30 to 7 p. m.; Boy Scouts, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, May 14. Girl Scouts, 4 p. m.; American Legion, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, May 15. Zonta Club Luncheon, 12 m.; Girl Reserves, 4 p. m.

either held to a single or it goes between the fielders for a triple or a home run. There are no more sensational throws that get the runner at the plate. No more clever signals, and the infield. Note of that backing up of old. It isn't possible any longer. Yet the public likes it. They even demand it. See what the Yankee stadium is packed with. Watch Ruth and Gehrig perform. The heavy hitters make the tourists click. The Yankee infield is drawing cards on the road as well as at home. When I was with the Cubs and we won three straight pennants, I doubt if we averaged more than two runs a game in any one season. The old Red Sox another great defensive club and a team of smart ball players, could say the same. Give either of these teams a one-run lead and the margin would be held by dint of clever pitching and fine infield and outfield defense.

SIDEWIPES In the World of Humor

Mr. Douglas Fairbanks is to speak in his next picture. It will be interesting to judge of his reputation as he swarms up a precipice with a dagger firmly clenched in his flashing smile.—Humorist

"Willie," said his mother, "go over and see how old Mrs. Brown is this morning." Willie was back in a few moments. "She says it's none of your business how old she is," announced Willie.—Capper's Weekly

Pity the poor Swedish farmer who tried to drive a team of oxen that had a sense of humor. The silly fellow took the oxen to the field, a big yoke, and laughed it off.—Life

And Here's Another Headline We Like: "Trotsky Denies He Is Dying in First Press Interview." But maybe the second interview will get him.—New York Evening Sun

The Kaiser's grandson is over here to study America. Well, he couldn't have come to a better place for it.—New York Evening Post

"I'm returning your nickel," chirped the phone operator as she handed over the engagement ring to her discarded boy friend.—Life

"Why are you buying your wife a Frigidaire for a birthday present?" "Because she likes ice things."—Life

The play teacher thought the children knew how to play blind man's bluff. She blindfolded one little girl and when the child did

not move she asked: "Why don't you play?" The child replied: "Where is the cigarette?"—Life

An artist of the very modern school has painted a picture of himself. All we can say is that it serves him right.—London Opinion

Thousands of New Yorkers are travelling over to Hoboken to revivale of the old-time melodramas. The novelty in this is that you see a villain punished.—Detroit News

Can't Beat That! "Yes, old Cedric is a dumb cluck, all right; but no wonder. Look at his parents." "What's the matter with his old folks?" "Why, the dean wrote them telling them that their son had

16 cuts, and in the next mail Cedric got a roll of gauze and a can of adhesive tape.

And two he has before: We have to stand behind to find what the two behind be for.—Author in Hiding

Fond Mother (as minister presents little boy with penny): Now, Bobby, what do you say? Bobby (accustomed to nickels and dimes): Well, I'll be damned!—Life

Snob: I never associate with my inferiors, do you? Girl: I don't know. I never met any of your inferiors.—Fats

"What's the fuss in the school yard, sonny?" asked the gentleman passing a ward school. "Why, the doctor's just been

around exam'in' us, and one of the delectable boys is knockin' half out of a perfect kid."—Weather Vain

It's just as well that the meek inherit the earth. Nobody else would stand for the inheritance tax.—Buffalo News

In Memoriam Hedda: Why do you wear spats? Loden: In memory of my first wife.

Foelish Question Ha: "May I kiss you?" She: "Heavens! Another ammeter!"

"Gosh, but that man over there is fat. He must drink patriotic beer." "What kind is that?" "The kind that goes to the front."—Judge

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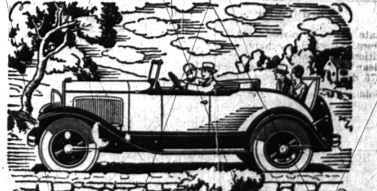
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