

DOINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Hal Chase, Yankees' Star First Baseman, Whose Illness is Body Blow to Team



The loss of Hal Chase, their star first baseman, who is now ill in Augusta, Ga., with varicella, is a body blow to the New York Americans.

Chase was born in 1884 at Los Gatos, Cal., but he now makes his home in San Jose. Hal started to play the great game at Alviso, Cal. He made quite a hit as a pitcher some years ago, and it once looked as if he would

make a success as a slaban. In 1904 Manager Morley of the Los Angeles club signed Chase, and it was not long before he was the talk of the state of California. At the end of the 1904 season he was drafted by the New York Americans.

INSANE, TRIES TO MURDER WIFE

Mrs. Olberding Has Thrilling Battle for Life With Murderous Husband.

John Olberding tried to kill his wife with a razor in an insane fit about 5 o'clock last night in their home, 127 East 126th street. The woman was slashed twenty times and a wrist was almost severed before she escaped.

Last October Olberding went mad and tried to kill his wife. He was taken to the insane asylum at Central Islip, from which he was discharged as cured ten weeks ago.

Saturday night, while talking quietly to his wife, he suddenly caught her by the throat. He was prevented from choking her by neighbors. As quickly as he had become crazed he quieted down. Last night, while his wife was preparing supper, she heard him open and close a bureau drawer. As she turned from the stove Olberding ran at her with an open razor, uttering shrieks. He is large and muscular; she small and delicate. He aimed the razor at her throat, but she caught

the weapon with her hand, which was deeply gashed. Then began a battle of life. Mrs. Olberding caught her husband's arms, only to be thrown off and cut half a dozen times on the arms. She was treated behind a table, which the man kicked over. Seizing her by an arm, he again swung the razor at her throat. Her shrieks and those of the men brought tenants to the door, but they feared to enter. Mrs. Olberding at last managed to reach the door and open it. She fell in a swoon at the feet of the neighbors. Olberding seized a table knife and drew it across his throat, but inflicted only a slight wound. A policeman who had been summoned called Dr. Goodrich Smith from Harlem Hospital. After dressing Mrs. Olberding's wounds he looked after her husband, who was then sitting calmly in a chair. On the way to the hospital Olberding again became violent and the doctor and policeman had to sit on him. He is charged with felonious assault and attempted suicide.

CITY PLAN COMMISSION. Movement for the Establishment of Such a Body Launched. A movement in favor of a permanent City Plan Commission and a Municipal Museum for New York will be launched at the meeting of the Municipal Art Society in the galleries of the National Arts Club, at 8:30 o'clock this evening. The meeting is called to consider the plans for the forthcoming City Planning and Municipal Art Exhibition, to be held in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory, May 3-16. "We expect," says Charles H. Larrabee, chairman of the exhibition committee, "to demonstrate by means of this exhibition the necessity for legislation to secure a general city plan commission, such as exists in Vienna, to prevent such mistakes as the build-

ing of the Queensboro Bridge with no provision for a proper approach to it. Under the present system—or lack of system—the municipality doesn't get the benefit of its own mistakes in the designing and carrying out of public works. Among the speakers will be the chairman of the committee on exhibition, municipal buildings, parks and playgrounds, city plan and mural paintings, some of whom will illustrate their remarks by means of stereopticon views.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE EASTERN OPENING. The eastern division of the American League opens the season of 1909 to-day. New York plays in Washington while Boston journeys to Philadelphia.

ROSE NO MATCH FOR KID BURNS. The Long Acre Athletic Club members saw an excellent entertainment Saturday night. There was no police interference whatever. Manager Neuman has been through the mill and has convinced the officials that his club is a legitimate athletic association.

HARRY JENSEN WINS MARATHON. Harry Jensen, of the Pastime A. C., a youngster who has displayed speed and stamina in half a dozen Marathons, easily won the big Marathon in Celtic Park yesterday.

JOHNNY EVERS WONT PLAY THIS YEAR. TROY, April 12.—Johnny Evers, second baseman of the Chicago Cubs, has stated that he desired to lay off for a season, and he had completed correspondence with President Charles Murphy, of the Chicago team, to that end, with the result that in all probability he would take a complete rest for 1909.

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CHASE MUCH IMPROVED. AUGUSTA, Ga., April 12.—Hal Chase, the New York American baseball player, who is in the peach-house here, is convalescing rapidly from the smallpox. Over the "dead line" yesterday he talked cheerfully with a number of callers.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 12.—The Dodgers ran against another snag here yesterday afternoon in a couple of bush league pitchers, unknown to fame. Three hits were all the youngsters distributed, while George Bell was found safe eight times. It was anything but a cheering exhibition for the hopes of first-division team in Brooklyn this season.

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