

PLAYERS HARM GAME

Promoters Get Little But Experience for Their Pains.

President Gilmore Says Federal League is Out to Win, From Both Public and Organized Ball—Not Huge Success.

"It is a shame," declares President Gilmore of the Federal league, "that the lawyers and the players are getting all of the money now made in the national game. The promoters have little but experience for their pains. Peace and readjustment is bound to come in time and the sooner the better for all concerned."

"Mind you, the Federal league is in the field until it gains its point. The men behind it are determined to win, from both the public and organized baseball, the boon of major league recognition. I do not attempt to claim that the Federal league has been a financial success everywhere. The backers of the various clubs did not expect to reap financial harvests at the start. They were content from the start to await the readjustment of the game, which they are bound to force."

"But getting back to the folly of this prolonged war. There are many players in our league and in the National and American leagues, too, who are at best only a heavy burden to their employers. Their services cannot be dispensed with because they have been able to take advantage of chaotic conditions to extract iron-bound contracts at salaries far beyond their real worth. The rank injustice to the promoters lies in the fact that



President Gilmore of Federals.

These men are utterly indifferent about their moral obligations to those who pay salaries.

"The principles of the Baseball Players' fraternity are doubtless logical and sound. But here again the undesirable element of the profession—the men who are content to accept money for loafing—has gone altogether too far. The association has been used in some cases as a fulcrum to pry loose salary increases. These unfortunate conditions may not be alleviated while the rival forces of baseball are at each other's throats. That is why I declare further continuation of the fight is a shameful waste of time and money."

OSCAR VITT HAS GRIEVANCE

Claims He is Abused Because Rated as Utility Player and is Forced into Game Every Day.

Oscar Vitt is there with a grievance. He claims that he is being abused, because he's officially rated as a utility player, and is being forced to get into the game regularly, day after day.

"I'll lose my reputation," he said one afternoon, "if Morlarity don't play a game occasionally. Folks will begin to think I'm a regular ball player. Instead of a substitute."

Vitt shines at third, is a good shortstop and can play second acceptably. But his aspirations are for the outfield. He explained this in a recent conversation.

"I can't play these gardens. I guess," he said. "They call me Hon-



Oscar Vitt.

dini. But you observed, didn't you, that Tyrus signed his contract, in 1913, just a few days after he had a chance to read what the papers said about my work in the outfield."

Makes Bill Clymer Squirm. Bill Clymer, now managing the Toronto International team, squirms every time he reads about Walter Pipp making good. Clymer, it seems, once had a chance to buy Pipp for \$200.

PRESENT-DAY PLAYERS TAKE NO CHANCES



Ned Hanlon, manager of the famous Baltimore Orioles, one of the greatest teams ever organized, says that players of the present day fail to reach sublime heights in the baseball art because they do not take chances, being afraid of injuries. Hanlon, who is now with the Baltimore Reds, remarked not long ago:

"Ty Cobb is the nearest approach to the old school of the type I had with me in Baltimore. He always plays the game in a fashion to put even the slightest percentage in his favor. Cobb makes a serious study of the game because he is ambitious to be the undisputed leader of his craft. He is about the only one who will take desperate chances in desperate situations—he and Johnny Evers. I mean that these fellows would not hesitate to bat with two strikes and no balls even with two out if there was the proper setting to cross the rival infield.

"Jennings was the greatest of shortstops. He never would budge from

his position to cover on a hit-and-run play until he saw where the ball was hit. He would take the throw over second while on the dead run and if there was a living chance he would get his man. Now the fact that he didn't move until the ball was hit left him in position to go to either the right or the left for a grounder if one developed.

"There is absolutely no reason why no new Jennings has been developed. Marraville and Bush are faster on their feet than was Hugh. They might easily copy his style of play. It is simply a question of learning to make sure of a throw while at top speed. Now as a matter of fact there is less danger in going after a base runner this way than in setting for him. It is the instinct of a base runner to avoid the person of a guardian of a sack. And the fact that Jennings was hurt less than any other player of this day would indicate that it is far easier to tag a man his way."

NOTES of the DIAMOND

West Point has a crack pitcher in Neyland.

Artie Hofman seems to have lost his batting eye.

Fred Clarke of the Pirates released Southpaw Kelly to the Atlanta club.

By the way, this Cuban League, pitcher for the Boston Braves, lukes good.

Bill Donovan of the Yanks sent Re- cruit Catcher Pickering to the Richmond International club.

The fans of Philadelphia are not taking kindly to Larry Lajoie, even though the veteran is playing fine ball.

Harry Harper, the Washington pitcher, has a contract that stipulates that he will not have to play ball on Sunday.

Eddie Collins has played on ten golf courses since February 16. The driver is Eddie's favorite club. He also is some driver in baseball.

Things to avoid saying in the presence of Jack Fournier: "Jacques, you can't play first base," "you can't hit" and "you can't steal bases."

Hughy Jennings of the Tigers has picked up Eddie Stack, former Cub and Phillie, and will give the now local semipro pitcher a tryout.

The Pittseds have fallen back on the ancient Davy Jones for the out field, the highly touted Menoskey having failed to deliver as promised.

In these days when anything can happen, how about suggesting that the world series take place between the American and Federal league winners.

Fielder Jones says that McGraw was desperate and that his attempt to play Benny Kauff in direct violation of the rules of the game was only for advertising purposes.

Walter Johnson has a strong rival for the honor of being the best pitcher in the country. The aforesaid rival is Grover Cleveland Alexander, the mighty flinger of the Phillies.

George Stallings says timid batters can cure themselves by walking into fast curves and seeing that they do not hurt. The scheme would help the team by killing off the timid batters.

YANKEES HAVE STAR PLAYER

Birdie Cree, Husky Little Outfielder of New York Americans, is Playing Grand Game.

Birdie Cree of the New York American league team is playing grand ball, both on the defense and offense, and right now is more feared than any other batman on the Yanks' roster. Pitchers all over the circuit say that they would rather have any other man on the team than Cree up in the pinch.

Cree is a natural ball player. He started as an infielder, but the outfield is where he belongs. The first season he was with the Yanks he gave the fans heart failure every time he went after a fly ball. He would run



Birdie Cree.

all around it before making the catch. But today he is an excellent judge of a line drive or a high lift, and once he gets his hands on the pellet it is there to stay.

At the bat he oftentimes swings wildly at the ball, but he breaks up many good games by hitting wild pitches around his ear out of the lot. He can hit to any field, being a natural place hitter. He can run 100 yards close in to ten seconds, and has a wing that is about the strongest and most accurate ever possessed by a big league gardener.

Former Umpire a Manager. George Longanecker, formerly umpire in the Northwestern league, has taken the management of a team in the Montana league.

THE MARKETS

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, \$1.59 1/2, and No. 2 hard, \$1.61 1/2 c i f track; No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$1.57 1/2, and No. 1 Northern Manitoba, \$1.61 1/2 c i f Buffalo.

Corn—Spot, firm; No. 2 yellow, 84 1/2c prompt shipment.

Butter—Creamery, extras, (92 score), 28c; creamery (higher scoring), 28 1/2@29c; flats, 26 1/2@27 1/2c; seconds, 25@26c.

Eggs—Fresh gathered, extras, 21 1/2@22c; storage packed, extra firsts, 20 21c; firsts, 19@20c; regular packed extra firsts, 19 1/2@20c; firsts, 18@19c; nearby hennery whites, fine to fancy, 22 1/4@23c; nearby hennery browns, 22c.

Cheese—State, whole milk, fresh, specials, 17 1/4@17 1/2c; do, average fancy, 17@17 1/4c.

Live Poultry—Broilers, 23@28c; fowls, 19c; turkeys, 12c. Dressed—dull; Western frozen roasting chickens, 17@22c; fresh fowls, 14c, 14@17c; fresh turkeys, 15@21c.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat—Car lots in export elevator, No. 2 red, \$1.50@1.53; No. 2 red, Western, spot, \$1.55@1.58; round lots, in export elevators, No. 2 red, spot and May, \$1.51 1/2@1.56 1/2; No. 2 red, Western, \$1.56 1/2@1.61 1/2; No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$1.62@1.65.

Corn—Car lots, for local trade, as to location, No. 2 yellow, 82@82 1/2c; steamer yellow, \$1@81 1/4c; No. 3 yellow, 78 1/2@79 1/2c; No. 4 steamer, 75 1/2@77 1/2c; for car lots in export elevator, No. 2 spot and May, 75@79c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 59@59 1/2c; standard white, 58 1/2@59c; No. 3 white, 57 1/2@58c.

Butter—Western, fresh, solid packed, creamery, fancy, special, 30c; extra, 28c; extra firsts, 27c; firsts, 26c; extra seconds, 24@25c; ladle-packed, 19@21c; nearby prints, fancy, 31c; average extra, 30c; firsts, 27@28c; seconds, 24@25c; garlicky, 24@25c; jobbing sales of fancy prints, 35@35c.

Eggs—Nearby extra, 23c per dozen; nearby firsts, \$6.15 per standard case; nearby current receipts, \$5.70@5.85 per case; Western extra, firsts, \$6.15 per case; do, firsts, \$5.70@5.85 per case; Southern, \$5.10@5.40 per case; fancy selected, candled and fresh eggs, jobbing at 25@27c per dozen.

Live Poultry—Fowls, 16 1/4@17c; roosters, 11@12c; broiling chickens, not leghorns, fancy, weighing 1 1/2@2 pounds apiece, 24@30c; do, smaller, 1@1 1/4 pounds apiece, 22@23c; do, leghorns, weighing 1 1/2@2 pounds, 22@23c; do, weighing 1 1/2@2 pounds, 20@21c; ducks, 12@15c; geese, 19@11c; guineas, as to quality, per pair, 50@70c; turkeys, 12@15c; pigeons, old, per pair, 25@30c; do, young, per pair, 22@25c.

Cheese—New York, full cream, choice, new, 17 1/2@17 1/4c; specials, higher; fair to good, new, 16 1/2@17c; do, do, part skims, 8@13c.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—No. 2 red, spot and May, 147 1/4c nominal; No. 2 red Western, spot and May, 152 1/2c nominal.

Corn—Contract, 76 1/2c; steamer mixed, 72 1/2c.

Oats—Standard white, 57c; No. 2 white, 56 1/2c.

Rye—No. 2 rye, Western, \$1.23.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$2; No. 2, do, \$2@2.50; No. 3, do, \$1.9@2.00; light clover mixed, \$2; No. 1, do, \$2.1@2.50; No. 2, do, \$1.8@1.9; choice clover, \$2@2.50; No. 1, do, \$1.9@2.00; No. 2, do, \$1.6@1.8.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$11@11.50; No. 2, do, \$10@10.50; No. 1 tangled rye, \$10; No. 2, do, \$8.50@9; No. 1 wheat, \$9; No. 2, do, \$7@8; No. 1 oat, \$10@10.50; No. 2, do, \$9@9.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 28 1/2@29; creamery, choice, 27@28; creamery, good, 25@26; creamery, prints, 29@30; creamery, blocks, 28@29; creamery, held, 22@24; ladies, 21@22; Maryland and Pennsylvania, rolls, 19@20; Ohio, rolls, 18@19; West Virginia, rolls, 18@19; storepacked, 15@15 1/2; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, dairy prints, 19@20.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 18c; Western firsts, 18; West Virginia firsts, 18; Southern firsts, 17.

Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens, 4 lbs and over, 17c; do, do, small to medium, 17; old roosters, 10@11; spring, 1 1/2 lbs and over, 33@35; do, 1 1/4@1 1/2 lbs, 30@32; do, smaller, 25@28. Ducks—Muscovy, 3 lbs and over, 12c; Pekings, 3 lbs and over, 13. Puddle, 3 lbs and over, 12; smaller, 11. Pigeons—Young, per pair, 25@30c; old, 25@30. Guinea fowl, each, 25@35c.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.—Hogs—Bulk, \$7.50@7.65; light, \$7.40@7.70; mixed, \$7.35@7.70; heavy, \$7.15@7.60; rough, \$7.15@7.30; pigs, \$6.00@7.40.

Cattle—Native beef steers, \$6.90@9.25; Western steers, \$6.10@7.90; cows and heifers, \$3.25@8.70; calves, \$6.50@9.35.

Sheep—Sheep, \$7.40@8.40; lambs, \$7.75@10.10.

PITTSBURGH.—Cattle—Choice, \$8.75@9.10; prime, \$8.50@8.85. Sheep—Prime wethers, \$7.65@7.75; culls and common, \$3@5; lambs, \$6@10; veal calves, \$9@9.50. Hogs—Prime heavies, \$7.80@7.85; mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$7.90@7.95; light Yorkers, \$7.80@7.85.

ALL SEEK FOR HAPPINESS

The One Thing for Which Mankind May Be Said to Have a Universal Desire.

We cannot pick and choose the happenings of life any more than we can select the circumstances of our birth and death; we are but creatures of a wonderful destiny directed by the Almighty. It is said that many tragédies of life might be averted if we "took our medicine like men" and did not put our personal happiness above everything else. It is as natural and to be expected to long for happiness and cling to it as for the flowers to turn to the sun. Happiness is the great aim of life which lights our way through all sorts of shadows—shadows that blur the vision and make long nights of our days, shadows that terrify by their grotesque shapes and threatening aspects, and shadows that bury in their depths much that we hold most dear. We are jealous of our happiness and guard it as the most precious thing in life and when we watch it go down the long aisles of memory further and further away from our yearning eyes we begin to plead for it, and strive for it, and fight for it. We batter the walls of the past in our vain efforts to call it back before it is too late, and spend long days and waste precious strength in the futile endeavor to clutch it back to our hearts. And all the while, perhaps right at our hands within easy reach, happiness in a new guise stands ready.—Charleston News and Courier.

In the Upstairs Bedroom. "He can't do the maxixe." "Goodness!" "He can't even Castle walk!" "Horrors! What a stick." "He's ugly." "Hopeless!" "He has an auto and regular seats at the show." "What's his name?"—Texas Coyote.

How it Happened. "I can't do a fool thing with that d-r-n camel," growled Noah, as he came into the cabin for supper. "What is the matter with him?" asked Mrs. Noah.

"Why, he didn't like the quarters I gave him, and he got his back up about it, and he can't get it down again," replied Noah.

Differentiation. Small Boy—You have to be both, don't you, Miss Oldgirl? Ancient Family Friend—What are you talking about, Willie? Are you what? Willie? Are you what? Small Boy—Why, ma says you're no chicken and pa says you're an old hen.

The Exception. "Two is company," quoted the Sage. "Unless they happen to be husband and wife," corrected the Fool.

Before starting on the right track, be sure you are headed the right way.

HOW TO CURE ECZEMA, ITCH AND ALL SKIN DISEASES

Don't suffer any longer with eczema or any other skin trouble. Just apply Hancock's Sulphur Compound to the parts affected and it will stop the itching at once and cure the trouble permanently. Many sufferers from skin troubles have written us that the Sulphur Compound cured them after everything else failed. Mrs. E. Lynn Garst, of Salem, Va., writes: "Three years ago I had a rough place on my cheek. It would burn and itch. I was fearful it might be of cancerous nature. I used different preparations, but nothing helped it. One bottle of Hancock's Sulphur Compound cured me completely." To beautify the complexion, remove blackheads and pimples use Hancock's Sulphur Ointment. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Chocolate Soldiers. The soldier's weakness for sweet meats, to which Mr. Bernard Shaw called attention when he wrote "The Chocolate Soldier," has been abundantly confirmed during the present war. The quantity of sweets consumed by our army in France has been prodigious, while from Cairo comes the news that the Australians have absolutely eaten the place out of chocolate. On the troops which brought them, too, it was the same. Thus Capt. Bean, the official correspondent with the force, writes: "Our canteen had five times the demand for sweets and soft drinks that was expected and one-fifth the demand for beer."—Westminster Gazette.

His Guess. Flatbush—Did you ever hear a young owl cry at night? Bensonhurst—Oh, yes. "What do you suppose makes it cry so long?" "Perhaps it's father is walking the floor with it."

A Regular Excuse. "Does your husband carry much life insurance?" "I don't know the exact amount, but it's just enough so that whenever I want a new gown or hat he always manages to have a premium to meet."—Detroit Free Press.

Subtleties of Expression. "Music expresses more than language can convey," remarked the enthusiast. "That's right," responded the ordinary person. "I can whistle a lot of tunes whose names I couldn't possibly learn to pronounce."

A Vigorous Writer. "Why does your mayor put on automobile goggles before he writes?" "To keep the ink from spluttering in his eyes."—Munch Megendorfer Bleetter.

It is easier to call a man a liar than it is to prove it. And a good many prayers ought to be blue penciled.

Advertisement for Post Toasties featuring an illustration of a bowl and text: "The Empty Bowl Tells the Story", "The highest compliment you can pay a housewife is to eat heartily of the food that she places before you. It proves the merit of her cooking.", "Thousands every morning receive complete satisfaction, and enjoy to the last flake their bowl of Post Toasties", "These daily compliments encouraged the continued bettering of these Superior Corn Flakes. The result was an improved Post Toasties—crisper and better than ever.", "Only the inner sweet meats of choicest Indian Corn are used in making Post Toasties. These meaty bits of nourishment are cooked, rolled wafer thin, seasoned 'just right' and toasted to an appetizing golden-brown.", "The flakes come to you in dust-proof, germ-proof wax wrappers ready to serve direct from the package—crisp, fresh and delicious as when they leave the big ovens.", "Post Toasties—the Superior Corn Flakes Sold by Grocers everywhere."