

BASEBALL PEACE ASSURED DESPITE DENIALS-PITCHING STILL ATHLETICS' PROBLEM

END OF BASEBALL WRANGLING IN SIGHT, DESPITE DENIALS

President Ban Johnson, of American League, Admits Negotiations to Evening Ledger-Federals Willing, But Not Suing for Peace-Athletics' Poor Showing.

Peace will terminate the baseball war before the end of the summer and there will be a truce for the season, despite vigorous denials of several officials connected with the interests of organized ball and the Federal League.

Plans are under way for the withdrawal of the suits now in the hands of Judge Landis. This was learned from an authoritative source in New York yesterday.

Ban Johnson is quoted today through a news service as favoring a continuance of the war. If Mr. Johnson has been quoted correctly he has suddenly changed his mind. The EVENING LEDGER representative talked to Mr. Johnson at the Wolcott Hotel yesterday afternoon before he departed for the Polo Grounds to witness the Yankees-Red Sox game.

The first question asked was whether he had really been misquoted in Boston. Mr. Johnson replied: "Yes I was misquoted. I met a newspaperman and he asked me whether we had really agreed on peace terms, and I told him no. He then asked whether we were willing to withdraw the suits before Judge Landis and I said yes. That's where the whole story started."

Johnson Willing for Withdrawal of Suits "Are you willing to withdraw the suits?" he was asked. "Yes. The American League has never been in favor of baseball in the courts, and we have never gone to court but in the Chase case, and that was a bad mistake. We have a counter-suit against the Federal League, and I can safely say that we will—and I am sure the Commission backs me up—drop our counter-suits if the Federal League will drop theirs. Then we could fight it out at the turnstiles."

"Has there been a truce declared? If not what was the object of your conferences with Phil Ball, of the St. Louis Federals, with the attorneys from both leagues present?" were next questions asked of the American League president. "I admit that we talked over the withdrawal of the suits. The Federal League is no more anxious than we are to have the decision rendered by Judge Landis. So far as reaching any peace agreement, I can truthfully say that we have not. Mr. Ball and I both feel alike in regard to the suits, and it would be no surprise to me if they were dropped, provided the National Commission is willing."

"Have you received a tip from Judge Landis to get together?" "I have not heard anything from Judge Landis. I have been told that Judge Landis would like to see us get together, but I have not talked on that subject. I am in favor of peace. I don't think that the game is healthy, as it should be. But if there is peace, we are not going to get the worst of the settlement. All I have heard since my arrival in the East has been peace talk. I merely took this trip around the circuit to see the Eastern clubs in action. I will be over in Philadelphia on Wednesday."

Repudiates Exactly What He Is Seeking Many of Johnson's answers were evasive. He admits that he wants peace, that he talked to Mr. Ball about the withdrawal of the suits and that he thought there would be little warfare for the remainder of the summer, but he still insists that he has been misquoted on exactly what he professes to believe.

Johnson held two conferences yesterday, one with a man very close to the Federal League, while the other was presumably with John K. Tener, president of the National League. The latter was in conference a large part of the day and could not be reached; but both John Heydler, secretary of the National League, and Roy Reeves, President Tener's secretary, state that they know nothing about the peace plans.

It is no surprise that they know nothing of the plans, as there would be little chance of success if every one were in on the plans.

Robert B. Ward, president of the Brooklyn Federal League Club and the money-man of the independent organization, is also in ignorance of the plans. He admits that there is a chance, but says that the matter is in other hands.

Ward Willing to Fight It Out Mr. Ward has been tied up with his other business interests too much to be a party to the many conferences. Yesterday he attended a board of directors' meeting at Mount Vernon and was inclined to talk but little on the subject. He said: "I am for peace, and I think there will be peace, but I am not in favor of peace that does not give us an even break. If I can't have an even break I am for fighting to a finish. It is absolutely immaterial to me. Peace would be better for almost all, but I am just as willing to continue the battle and on a larger scale."

The supposed "angel" has proved a far wiser baseball man than was thought, and his statement that he would continue the war on a larger scale removes all doubt as to his being tired of the whole affair.

Ball, of St. Louis, Conducting Negotiations Mr. Ward's closest business associate said yesterday that peace plans were under way regardless of all statements to the contrary. One in a position to know declares that the peace arrangements have been left entirely to Phil Ball, owner of the St. Louis Club; Lloyd Rickart, former secretary of the American League, but now president of the St. Louis Federal League Club, and William B. Robertson, of Buffalo. Rickart is the "wise man" of the Federal League and is acting in an advisory capacity only.

"I know that a movement is on foot to withdraw the suits now in court," said Mr. Ward's associate. "On paper a satisfactory agreement was not reached at St. Louis, but I believe it was. I am also sure that both sides are acting on a hint dropped by Judge Landis. Mr. Ward has been too busy to take an active part in these arrangements, but stands ready for peace; but not at any terms, as some would like to believe. There will be peace. Every one concerned seems positive of it, despite their denials. Ward has had no conferences with any of the organized baseball officials since his return from Chicago. Of this I am sure, but he is in close touch with the affair. An agreement may not be reached before June 1, the supposed time allowed by Judge Landis, but there will be peace before the end of the summer or something will break, and it will not be the Federal League."

Pat Powers Blocking Peace Plans It was learned also from the same source that one factor blocking the peace negotiations, unless the Federals are unusually well taken care of, is Pat Powers, adviser to the owners of the Newark Club.

Powers was president of the Eastern (now the International) League, and attributes his removal in favor of Ed Barrow to Ban Johnson, and is said to resent anything that would aid the American League. He believes that the American League is in a bad way financially and points to the fact that the pennant-winning team, the Athletics, lost money last year. Powers does not believe that the American League can carry on the war much longer. He does not know just what the National League's position is, but says that he knows the Federals can lick them both in the long run.

Peace is necessary to all parties, according to Powers, but not nearly so necessary to the Federals as it is to organized ball.

Poor Pitching, Poor Fielding, Poor Spirit Poor pitching cost the Athletics another game yesterday. Poor fielding contributed. Poor batting was a factor. But the lack of spirit was the most marked feature of the contest with the Washington Senators.

Patrons of the game who recall the "pap" of the old-time Athletic champions were dazed at the exhibition. Dispirited, and worse, was the demeanor of about every player in the line-up. The men worked as if they had a hard task to perform, and they succeeded in making it harder. They made it harder for the fans, also. It was weird.

If it had not been for Nick Altrock, who has taken up Germany Schaeffer's burden as funmaker, the stands doubtless would have been emptied long before the game was over. True, it is somewhat different for a club to play any kind of ball after its opponent has registered 11 runs, but the dumb, slave-like performance of the Athletics will hardly be excused by the sport-loving public.

Slowness of Play Bore Fans "The slowness of games at the local American League park is wearing on the nerves of the fans. There seems to be little inclination on the part of the umpires to hurry the play, and the players are certainly not disposed to speed. Long deliberation over just what species of ball he would hurl characterized Fenwick's attempts, although, as results show, it did not make a great deal of difference what he threw. Harper, of the Senators, was little better. Gallia, however, revealed some desire to get things moving.



ATHLETICS' AND PHILS' BATTING AVERAGES. Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, TB, SR, P.C., and rows for Murphy, Widby, Claring, Lyle, Melton, Lipp, Avery, Schang, Strong, Larry, Thompson, Lewis, Knott, McConnell.

PHILADELPHIA. Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, TB, SR, P.C., and rows for Byrne, Hancock, Becker, Cravath, Wildes, Nicholson, Klieber, Burns, Pasbert, Frugy, Stock, Weber, Adams.

1000 ENTER MARATHON RACE

A. A. U. to Hold Big Meet in New York Tomorrow. NEW YORK, May 7.—More than 1000 distance runners representing all parts of the United States have entered for the fifth annual modified marathon race, which will be held under the auspices of the A. A. U. through the streets of this city, tomorrow afternoon.

Among those entered are a score of men who have won worldwide fame as distance runners. Hannes Kolehmainen, the greater runner of Finland, is favorite for the event.

Just a Word for Kauff

Kauff has received an enlarged amount of criticism over the country for his recent move, but if the true facts were known, he is less to be blamed than most of those who jumped organized baseball and were taken back.

When the Indianapolis franchise was up in smoke, Kauff, legally, was a free agent. On being transferred to Brooklyn he was due a new contract. This contract, to be legal, had to be signed by Robert B. Ward. Unless Kauff and others who claimed the inside status are going, Mr. Ward had refused to sign the contract before Kauff left the Brooklyn club. Therefore, Kauff, legally, was still a free agent. His move to go out and get more money was not only not dishonorable, but was in entire accord with the spirit of the modern game.

Those in power in both organized baseball and the Federals made a blunder when they were more to be blamed than he was.

Some Theory Germany Schaeffer has a theory as to managerial ability. Germany figures that the greatest manager in the world is a pair of biceps in these like Cobb and Crawford or Collins and Baker tearing the cover off the ball and furnishing all the runs a team needs to win.

"It'd rather have a pair like Cobb and Crawford or Collins and Baker on the field than a Napoleon or a Von Hindenburg on the bench," says Schaeffer. And there may be something in his viewpoint.

Asking a Why Dear Sir—How is it that every one seems to figure that Harvard has a big edge over Yale recently in sport? There

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JOHNNY CLARK He will represent Southwark in an interdistrict Italian featherweight battle in the Quaker City Club's star bout tonight. Leo Tracey, of Tioga, will be Clark's opponent.

"FANNING" WITH GRANTLAND RICE. This seems to be the season of bunk in its most virulent form. Bunk to the right of you, bunk to the left of you, bunk, in fact, wherever you go.

But of all the bunk extant that connected with the Kauff case amasses all previous records. Kauff was blacklisted by the National Commission for having jumped a reserve clause with the American Association. On that commission are John K. Tener and Byron Bancroft Johnson.

Will these able citizens kindly answer these two queries: 1. Did John K. Tener jump a reserve clause of organized baseball 25 years ago—leaping from the National League to the Brotherhood? 2. Did Byron Bancroft Johnson, 15 years ago, encourage National League players to jump their reserve clause into the American League?

The answer in each case being yes, upon what grounds of morality, logic, fairness or anything else do those vote that Kauff has committed a baseball crime? The answer is that b-u-n-k still spells Bunk.

Not a Winner Dear Sir: I see where Mel Sheppard is asking \$25,000 for injuries received in a race. Does this mean that \$25,000 is what a good amateur expects to earn out of sport? ELLI, '94.

Or Sooner "Jess Willard will start fighting again," says Tom Jones, "as soon as his contract for \$1000 a night is ended." This makes Jess eligible to start fighting within the next 15 minutes. Or the next eight minutes, if he so desires.

Boneheadism Colonel Germany Schaeffer advanced another idea worth some comment. According to Colonel Schaeffer most bonehead plays, so-called, were made by ball players who were using their brains and trying to outguess or outthink the other fellow—were trying to pull something off the beaten path.

"A ball player who goes out and tries to make some play out of the ordinary frequently falls down," says the game's leading comedian, who on this occasion was talking seriously. "He may have had a legitimate chance to make good; the attempt may have been one to be commended. But if he falls he is promptly labeled a bonehead because he failed to work along old established lines. The spectators, through force of habit under certain situations, expect to see a certain play made, and when something else is tried and this something else fails they immediately decide that the player's dome is composed of concrete or marble. The player who doesn't think much will make few bonehead plays because he will only try the routine. And if it doesn't work out it is merely an error."

There is quite a bit more to this than the average fanatic figures there is. Some of the greatest "boners" of baseball have been made by players with more than average brain capacity.

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RUNS SCORED BY MAJORS THIS WEEK. AMERICAN LEAGUE. Table with columns: Team, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Total, and rows for Athletics, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, St. Louis, Washington.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Table with columns: Team, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Total, and rows for Boston, Brooklyn, Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis.

FEDERAL LEAGUE. Table with columns: Team, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Total, and rows for Baltimore, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, St. Louis.

DIGGINS SCORES WIN OVER JOE O'DONNELL

K. O. Person, Weakened by Making Ringside Weight, Receives Severe Drubbing in Fast Go.

Knockout Joe O'Donnell, weakened somewhat by coming in at 121 pounds, ringside, proved easy game for sturdy little Johnny Diggins in the final fray at the Broadway A. C. last night. It was the recipient of a fine lacing at the conclusion of six sensational sessions.

Diggins not only outboxed his hard hitting opponent, but also surprised the capacity house by outlasting O'Donnell several times at close quarters. From the distance, Freddy easily displayed his superior prowess with a lightning jab and straight right hand cross.

At the finish of the bout O'Donnell was bleeding freely from his mouth and nose. He also was greatly fatigued as a result of the fast pace set by his smaller antagonist.

Previous to the encounter scales were brought into the ring. O'Donnell stepped on the avoirdupois machine minus his shoes, with the indicator at the stipulated weight. He did not move the beam. Diggins weighed 115½ pounds.

Charley Waugh defeated Johnny Lincoln and Bobby Ryan fought Phil Chip to a standstill in the two best bouts of the preliminary card. Max Baer, Sluggo Taylor hooked the boys for return encounters next week.

Joe Welsh, who is anxious for a match with Johnny Meeley, showed great form against Harry Tyler, and the referee stopped the bout in the third round. Mike Russell handed a six-session trouncing to a namesake, with Freddy as his first hand.

ROAD DRIVERS TO OPEN RACING SEASON TOMORROW

Local Horsemen Ready for Competition on Fairmount Park Speedway. The Road Drivers' Association will usher in the local horse-racing season tomorrow on the speedway course in Fairmount Park. Interest is aroused over what kind of speed the new prospects have in store for the public.

Five or more new trotters with fast marks have been procured by members during the last winter, and tomorrow's racing will be productive of some surprises.

This year there will be eight entries for the free-for-all trotting class, and from early accounts new records are likely to be set before the summer is over.

Secretary Cliff Durell reports that many new names have been added to the club's roster and that the association is in a healthy state.

Improvements have been made to the property as well as to fixing the racing course, and when the curtain rises the racing public of this city will be entertained with some good horse sport.

GERMANTOWN TEAM BESTS MERION IN TENNIS PLAY

Three to Two Score in Postponed Matches at Manheim. In a postponed Women's Interclub Tennis League, First Division, match at Manheim, the Germantown girls defeated Merion by three matches to two. All five matches were well contested, and in each case it took three sets to decide the winner.

Miss Hensel, Merion, defeated Miss Bradley, Germantown, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Mrs. Jackson, Merion, defeated Mrs. Newhall, Germantown, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. Miss Hensel, Merion, defeated Mrs. V. N. Hogg, Merion, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Miss Hensel, Merion, defeated Miss A. Green, Merion, 7-5, 8-6, 6-2. Miss Hensel, Merion, defeated Miss J. Green, Merion, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

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CLARK BOXES TRACEY IN QUAKER CITY BOUT

Italian Featherweights Clash Tonight; Robideau and Gallant Matched at Boston Tuesday.

Johnny Clark, of Southwark, and Leo Tracey, of Tioga, sons of Sunny Italy and pugilistic performers of the featherweight division, will clash in the final fray of the weekly show at the Quaker City A. A. tonight. The result of this encounter will sidetrack one of the other contestants in his bid for the Italian featherweight championship of the city.

The program follows: First bout—Al Reilly, 47th Ward, vs. Phil Ryan, Fairmount, 15th Ward. Second bout—Gus Lewis, Southwark, vs. Marty Kelly, 15th Ward. Third bout—Tyrono Corallo, North Penn. vs. Knockout Cutler, 18th Ward. Semi-indoor—G. Farrell, 17th Ward, vs. Phil Lawrence, North Penn. Sam Robideau has rounded into superb shape. He has been matched by Jack McGulgan to meet Gilbert Gallant at the Atlas A. A., Boston, Tuesday at a local bout. Next time Robideau appears in a local bout he will have an opportunity to redress himself against Charley White, who is expected to win a knockout victory over Eddie Murphy, of Boston.

Joe Shugrus, of Jersey City, who has been out of the ring for several months after boxing in championship form, was under an operation this morning for a cut on his eye when a New York hospital. If the operation proves successful Shugrus will again show his mettle in the ring.

Jack Toland, of this city, has placed himself under the management of Danny Atlas A. A., Boston, Tuesday. He has been booked for two bouts. Tomorrow night Toland will tackle Solider Barfield, a Brooklyn, and Tommy Maloney will be Jack's opponent, May 15.

When Louisiana and Dutch Brandt clash at the Olympia A. A., Monday night, the local bantam will have a good chance of forcing Champion Kid Williams into a match. Brandt is matched with Williams in New York and a knockout win for Louisi may cancel the Gotham go.

Monday night, at Cincinnati, Johnny Dundee, of New York, will meet Joe Rivers, the Mexican, in a 10-round bout. Joe Levy, former manager of Rivers, is conducting the club where the fight will be staged. This will be the third meeting between Dundee and Rivers.

Tommy Reilly, manager of Jack McCloskey, writes that his protegee wants another match with Frankie McManus. McCloskey and McManus met at a local club recently.

Joe Welling, who has been boxing in sensational form in the West, will arrive in this city in about two weeks. He will go to New York for a fight with Johnny Marto May 14 and then stop off here on his return home.

Eddie McGearty, of Oshkosh, is on his way to Australia. He will show in three bouts in the Antipodes for which promoter "Snowy" Baker has guaranteed him \$12,000. Two of McGearty's opponents will be Mick King and Les Darcy, Australian middleweights.

Negotiations are on for a six-round match here between Sam Langford, Boston, Tarbaby, and Young Ahearn, of Brooklyn. The Brooklynite has won all of his matches in this city and many fans here believe he is a serious contender for the middleweight championship.

Boxing at the Gayety Tonight At the Gayety Theatre tonight the winners of the preliminaries in a 10-round class of amateur boxing will start on their semifinal rounds. They are: Harry Kates, Young Nelson, Billy Healy, Frank Clark, Young Nelson, Johnny D. Rose, Harry Kates, Freddy Galligan, kid Wallace, Frank Baker, Andy Parks and Kid Patchin. On Monday night there will be a special championship wrestling match between Louie Le Roy, of this city, and Max Greenberg, of New York.

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