

FINANCIAL CRISIS IN BASEBALL-AFFAIRS OF THE DIAMOND-AMERICAN HENLEY TODAY

BASEBALL FACES FINANCIAL CRISIS; MINORS READY TO QUIT

Even New York Giants Failed to Draw Expenses for Cincinnati Series-High Salaries and Senseless War Causes of Present Serious Situation.

That baseball peace and a return to a sane basis of running the game is an absolute necessity is evident by the condition that exists throughout the entire country. New York has the game faced such a crisis, both in the major and minor league fields.

Losses in New York Significant

For years it has been contended by some people that the National League was a New York league, meaning that it was an absolute necessity to have a strong team in New York.

A pennant contender in New York enriches the whole league, and the poor showing of McGraw and the rise of the Yankees has caused a shrinkage in the crowds at the National League games in New York.

The same cry is heard throughout the country, except in the Southern and Pacific Coast Leagues. The American League is running far behind last season, and 1914 was generally considered a frost.

Federal League Also Heavy Loser

The Federal League is in the same position, and is probably losing even more than either of the major league clubs.

R. B. Ward, owner of the Brooklyn Club, admits that his team lost a large sum of money last season, but he says he had a great deal of amusement out of the game, and is willing to go on supporting two or three clubs in the outlaw league.

Other managers who have come to this city have said the same thing. They are loaded up with contracts that they cannot get rid of, and this additional expense, with little coming in, has caused many a sleepless night for some magnates.

It is freely predicted that the International League will not last another month. In Newark, conflicting with the Federal League, the Internationals have played to empty stands.

In the West the American Association is running behind, but not so badly as the Western League, which has several clubs in the latter league.

The smaller leagues already are crying for help. The Georgia State League is about to close up. American has up its franchise, and no other club seems to be willing to take a chance.

Abnormal Salaries Largely to Blame

Raising salaries out of all proportion in the larger leagues has made it necessary for the smaller circuits to lower their salary limits and reduce the players limit to protect themselves during the hard times.

Independent baseball has had much to do with the downfall of two or three leagues, one of which was the Tristate. Instead of raising the salary limit during war times the minor leagues lowered it, and thus gave the people poorer ball for higher prices, instead of better ball for lower prices.

Public Wants Baseball, Not Fine Stadiums

Give the people their 25 and 50-cent ball and the game will be back where it was. The Southern League and Pacific Coast League, two organizations which are flourishing better than ever before, discovered this, and are reaping the reward.

First Base for Cleveland Looks Like Jinx

Joe Jackson has been moved to first base from the outer garden, and Cleveland scribes are convinced that he is to be one of the greatest initial sack guards in the game.

Clark Griffith Breaks Into An Interview

Clark Griffith, the greatest giver of interviews on any subject, unburdened himself as follows to Sid Keeper, of the St. Louis Times.

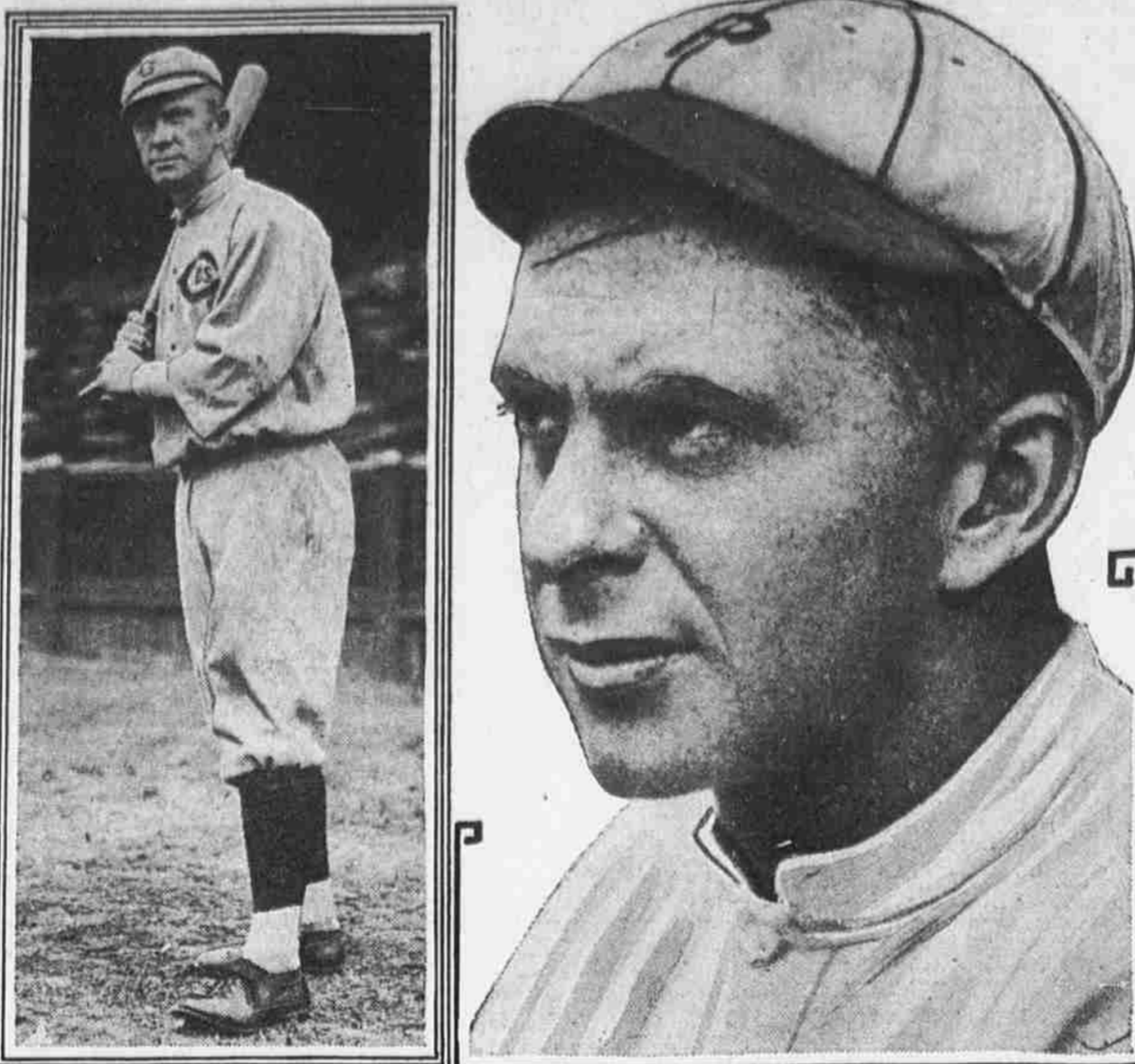
Making Gentlemen of Ball Players

Manager Herzog, of the Reds, has established a new rule in discipline in his club. In the future none of the Reds will be allowed to sit around corners of hotels with caps perched on their heads.

There is more to this than one would imagine unless he took a stroll through the corridor of a hotel where a ball team is quartered.

Evening Ledger Movies-Sometimes, Alcibiades, It is the Beginning of the End, and Sometimes the End of the Beginning

TWO OF A KIND, BROTHER STARS OF DIAMOND



Wade Killefer is not so handsome as "our own Bill," but that's not his fault—he lives in Cincinnati. He is none the less a ball player. He is shown in batting pose, while William, mainstay of the Phillies, is merely looking pleasant, or something.

WHITE MAY BATTLE FOR WELSH'S TITLE

Denver Promoter After 20-Round Bout-Williams and Murray Matched.

Charley White probably will get the first opportunity to return the lightweight crown to the brow of an American. Freddy Welsh has been offered a guarantee of \$15,000 to meet the Chicago lightweight of left-hook fame for a 20-round bout at Denver, July 5.

In the event of final negotiations being completed for the match, fight fans in this country will have a chance of seeing the first lightweight championship bout since November of 1912, when Ad Wolgast lost his title to Willie Ritchie.

Since winning the championship, the Englishman has accumulated more than \$250,000 in limited bouts in this country. If he goes through with the Denver fight he will be the first to win a world title.

Law Tandler is working like a Trojan in preparation for his battle with Louisiana at the Olympia Monday night. Tandler is a great favorite with local fans and a victory over the boy who whipped Champion Williams would put him in a good position for a match with the bantam boss.

The preliminary bouts to the Eddie Revire-Reddy Holt encounter at the Quaker City Club Monday night follow: Paddy Sylvester vs. Walter Brown, Young Stanley vs. Joe O'Neil, George Blackburn vs. Joe Hutton, Willie King vs. Young Van Fossen and Cy Smith vs. Young Mitchell.

A 10-round bout between Murray, of New York, and Kid Williams has been clinched for June 1 at Baltimore. The boys will weigh in at 118 pounds, ring-side. Sammy Harris demanded that no decision be given. Murray gave Williams a vicious fight here a short time ago.

The bout between Willie Mack and Joe O'Donnell, at 123 pounds, ring-side, is causing much interest among South Philadelphia and Gloucester fans. They will box at the Broadway next week. Mack has been after a match with the knockout person for some time. He believes he can give O'Donnell a nifty lesson at the weight. More than 200 Jersey fight followers plan to witness the battle.

Billy McGonigle announced this morning that he expects Willie Moore to take part in three more fights before allowing him to hang up the gloves for the summer. Bill is matched with Joe Heffernan for May 21 at the Olympia, and he then may meet Joe Hirt and Eddie McAndrews.

RUNS SCORED IN MAJORS THIS WEEK

Table with columns for League, Team, and Runs Scored. Includes National League, American League, and Federal League.

LUDERUS IN PHILLIES' GAME TODAY EXPECTED TO RALLY TEAMMATES

Mayer Slated to Pitch for Moran's Bunch Against Lear, of Reds-Chicago Cubs Crowding Phils for First Place.

Fred Luderus is due to return to the game for the Phillies this afternoon, and an improvement in batting may be looked for from the league leaders.

Manager Moran has decided to send Erskine Mayer to the mound this afternoon, as a defeat will drop the Phillies into second place for the first time this season should Chicago defeat Boston again.

The Intercollegiate League baseball season will be concluded Tuesday afternoon. As a result of the inclement weather yesterday, the games between West Philadelphia High and Catholic High on the former's field, and the Central High-Southern match on Southwark Field were postponed until Monday.

SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE CLOSES ON TUESDAY

Bad Weather Forces Postponement of Games Until Monday-Brachhold Praised.

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WILLARD WILL FIGHT COFFEY ON LABOR DAY

Champion Decides Stage Appearance Is Not What Public Wants.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Champion Jess Willard will meet Jim Coffey in a 10-round bout in New York on Labor Day. It is said the scrap will be held at Harry Pollok's arena at Brighton Beach.

Willard has decided that the public does not favor a "stage champion," and has consented to a battle with Billy Gibson's Irish champion. Jack Curley, who promoted the Willard-Johnson championship struggle, and who is one of Jess' managers, yesterday admitted that this match would materialize.

"Willard will surely fight on Labor Day," said Curley. "He wants to get back into the ring. He doesn't like stage money, but can hardly turn down the easy money and get back into harness before September. Coffey will surely be his first opponent, unless Jim is beaten in the meantime."

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with columns for Club, W, L, Pct, Win, Loss. Includes National League and American League.

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE National League Cincinnati at Philadelphia, cloudy. Pittsburgh at New York, threatening. St. Louis at Brooklyn, threatening. Chicago at Chicago, cloudy.

American League Philadelphia at Detroit, clear. New York at St. Louis, partly cloudy. Washington at Cleveland, cloudy. Boston at Chicago, clear.

Federal League Buffalo at Kansas City, fair. Newark at St. Louis, partly cloudy. Brooklyn at Chicago, clear. Baltimore at Pittsburgh, rain.

International League Richmond at Montreal, clear (two games). Jersey City at Buffalo, clear (two games). Newark at Rochester, clear (two games).

HENLEY REGATTA ON SCHUYLKILL TODAY BRINGS OUT FINE CREWS

Keen Interest Is Being Taken in the Eight-oared Scholastic Race, in Which Central, West Philadelphia and Northeast High Schools Will Settle Supremacy—Many Crews Here.

Today is Schooiboy Oarsmen's Day. This afternoon, on the Schuylkill River, Central, West Philadelphia and Northeast High Schools' entries in the Philadelphia eight-oared championship event, held in conjunction with the annual American Henley Regatta, will line up to settle a much-mooted aquatic question.

Although Central's eight is the favorite, the Crimson and Gold boys are promised a merry pace by the other crews. West Philadelphia is represented by the best eight since rowing was taken up by the Orange and Blue school, and it would not be surprising if they won.

Central High—Rhead, bow; Romig, No. 2; Supple, No. 3; Chambers, No. 4; Keller, No. 5; Stafford, No. 6; Captain Thomas, No. 7; Aloe, stroke; Murdock, coxswain.

West Philadelphia High—Whiting, bow; Coffin, No. 2; Webster, No. 3; Teal, No. 4; Captain Sager, No. 5; Richardson, No. 6; Forbes, No. 7; McCormick, stroke; Shenton, coxswain.

Northeast High—Sholler, bow; Hendershott, No. 2; Keith, No. 3; Squire, No. 4; Preis, No. 5; Captain Gardiner, No. 6; Sichel, No. 7; Hibbs, coxswain.

Hard Matter to Select Probable Winning Crews Penn Freshies have an elegant chance to shine in the eight-oared shell race this afternoon in the Henley festival against Syracuse University.

University Barge Club and Vesper Boat Club will lock horns in the four-oared shell race, and it is a toss-up as to the most probable winner. The two crews have trained like Trojans. The event should afford the followers one of the keenest contested events of the afternoon.

Ariels Have Fine Opportunity in Navy Cup Race When the University of Pennsylvania crew meets Ariel Rowing Club, of Baltimore, and the Undine Boat Club combination, of this city, in a special four-oared contest, fur will surely fly.

John B. Kelly, the champion oarsman of the Vesper Boat Club, will have as his opponent J. B. Ayres, of the Union Boat Club, of Boston. The Farragut Cup is at stake in this race, and unless Ayres is a wonderful sculler he will have to content with making a good showing against Philadelphia's cleverest single oarsman.

Vesper Doubles Crew Is Formidable Vesper Boat Club's doubles crew, John B. Kelly and Walter L. Smith, looks like the one best bet of the day, though Kelly's participation in the singles event may sap his strength a bit.

Junior Collegiate Eight-oared Contest an Open Question Even authorities on rowing are at sea when it comes to naming the most probable winner of the New England Cup, for which crews from Pennsylvania, Harvard, Princeton and Syracuse will compete.

Penn Nine Tackles Speedy Wolverines Fast Michigan Baseball Bunch Expected to Trounce Quakers—Sisler Will Pitch.

The University of Pennsylvania baseball team meets one of the toughest rivals on its schedule this afternoon, when it lines up against the University of Michigan. The Ann Arbor collegians, who were last year conceded the intercollegiate championship of the diamond, have been on a rampage through the East for the last week, and expect to trounce the Quakers.

The Quakers are unafraid, however, and will be well satisfied if they can do as well as they did when Michigan visited Franklin Field last year ago. They beat the Wolverines last year by the use of the squeeze play. Four times the Red and Blue used this style of inside baseball, and they scored all their runs through it.

It is the expectation that Sisler will pitch for Michigan in spite of the fact that he twirled against Cornell on Wednesday. Sisler is one of the most wonderful pitchers in the college world, and if he said the word could join nearly any professional team he desired.

Every member of the champions is at least one hit and there was hardly a scratch hit in the total of 11. It still looked like the slugger team of old and with pitching that is consistent Coach Mack will yet be heard of, and the leader believes that he will have his staff in first-class trim before the return home.

Howard Camnitz Gets Pink Slip PITTSBURGH, May 22.—Howard Camnitz, pitcher, was notified by the management of the Pittsburgh Federal League Baseball Club yesterday that he was unconditionally released.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILLIES VS. CINCINNATI GAME AT 3 P. M. Admission 25c and 50c. Box seats \$1. On sale at Gimbels' and Seidman's.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Balchbridge. MONDAY NIGHT, 8:30 SHARP. LOUISIANA VS. LEW TENDLER. Admission 50c. Box, 1.00. Arena Box, 75c.

New Three-cushion Billiard Record ST. LOUIS, May 22.—What is said to be a new world's billiard record was made last night when Charles Mohr, of Chicago, scored a high run of 18 in an intercity tournament three-cushion game with Frank Benson, of this city. Mohr won the game 98 to 22.

