

BASEBALL OWNERS HAVE CAUSE TO REJOICE AT SIGNS OF PEACE WITH THE FEDERALS

BASEBALL PEACE MEANS NEW ERA OF PROSPERITY FOR GAME ITSELF AND FOR THE OWNERS

Reduction in Salaries Will Be Felt Heavily by Players Who Have Not Signed Contracts for Season of 1916

EVERY baseball war has given the national pastime a great setback. This was true of the Brotherhood war and the battle which began in 1900 between the present National and American League moguls and ended with the alliance of the two organizations.

Not Primarily Interested in Salaries

Primarily, the baseball fan is not interested in the salary of baseball players. But since the Federal League has been in existence miles and miles of copy have been written about what this or that player is worth compared with what he receives, and in every case where a player in organized baseball jumped to the feds, or was tempted to do so, some figure was given as to what he was to receive by jumping or staying, as the case happened to be.

This delving into the private affairs of the players has disgusted many fans. There are hundreds of people in Philadelphia today who were ardent supporters of either the Athletics or the Phillies, or both, who have heard so much about the salaries of players and the chance of this player or that one jumping to the Federal League that they have quit in disgust.

Effect of Peace on the Player

When the effect of baseball peace is spoken of in connection with the player, the owner, too, must be considered, as the causes which affect the one also affect the other. The player will be hurt by peace in the same proportion that the owner will be helped.

For the last two years there has been an unprecedented rise in the salaries of ball players, for the simple reason that the Federal League presented a great opportunity for players to "hold up" the club owners. With the two organizations merged into one a reversal of conditions will take place.

There Will Be Merger of Fans Also

Not even the most rabid Federal League follower has claimed that the last two years have been successful from the viewpoint of gate receipts, but it will have to be admitted that comparatively large crowds attended the games in most cities of the circuit.

Ten-cent baseball will never keep a club running as it should be conducted, even if the players are paid merely reasonable salaries. Consequently, the end of the Federal League means the end of 10-cent baseball, which in turn means that those fans who were in the habit of attending the Fed games will either not see baseball or they will see organized baseball at organized prices.

In short, organized baseball will get back its lost patronage, plus that which the Federal League developed. This merger of fandom can mean but one thing—unqualified success for baseball in the future.

What Will Happen to Federal Contracts?

Just what will happen to the players in the Federal League who hold long-term contracts is an interesting feature of the newly-made peace. In the case of a player being unable to get a position on a major league club—and there will be many of these—it will be up to somebody to make good these contracts.

All of which points to a wholesale breaking of long-term contracts by the Federal League magnates. There is no doubt that every effort will be used to prevent a player bringing a successful suit for breach of contract.

Where the Prosperity Comes In

Unquestionably, all players who have not signed contracts for 1916 will ultimately get contracts stipulating the payment of sums far below what they have been accustomed to receiving.

Owner Will Have Easy Time

And this is where the prosperity begins for the owner. He will be able to get high-grade players for a figure much below that of the last few years.

Such men as Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and Eddie Collins will doubtless always get fat contracts. But the average player, many of whom today are receiving from \$5000 to \$7500, or about \$3000 more than they are worth, will be getting what they are worth and no more.

Wonderful Come-back by Gaston Strobino

The Paterson silk weaver, Gaston Strobino, performed a real athletic come-back in the recent junior national cross-country championship race held over the six-mile Van Cortland Park course, New York city, by defeating a classy pack of distancers in the remarkable time of 32 minutes 37 seconds.

Herzog Refuses to be a Private

In spite of Herzog's nonchalance the impression grows that he is not to manage the Reds next year. Herzog has notified Herrmann, it is said, that he will not consent to play as a private in Cincinnati.

Athletic Training for Schoolboys

Wide athletic training for students attending Chicago's public schools is one of the new policies to be launched by John D. Shoop, who has succeeded Mrs. Ella Flagg Young to the superintendency.

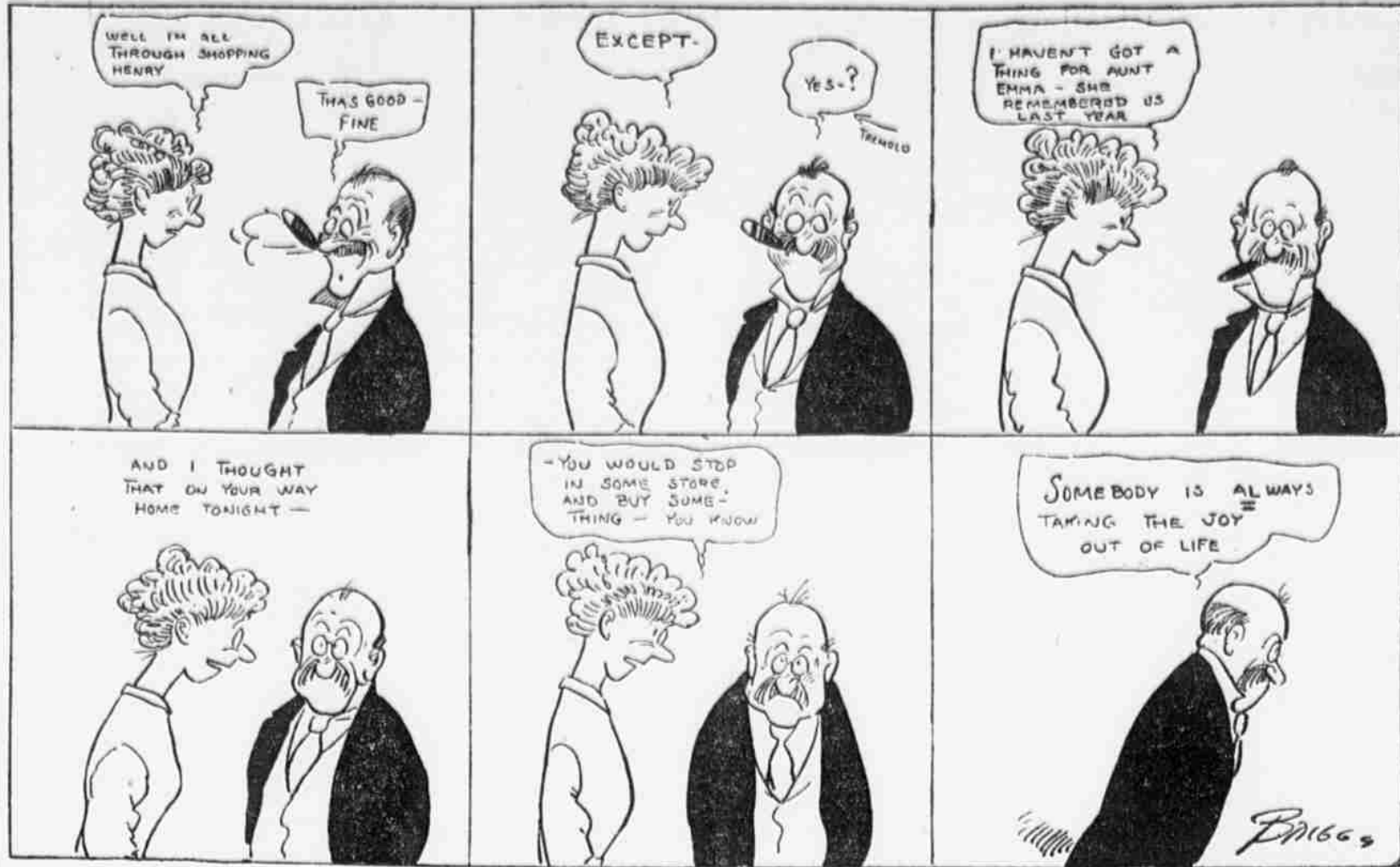
Navy Baseball Schedule

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 15.—Navy baseball schedule for 1916 was announced yesterday. The schedule follows: March 22, West Virginia; March 29, Villanova; March 30, Maryland Agricultural; April 1, Annapolis; April 2, Williams; April 12, Cornell; April 13, Tufts; April 15, Columbia; April 16, Harvard; April 20, Holy Cross; April 22, Lehigh; April 26, Trinity; April 27, Poughkeepsie; April 28, University of North Carolina; May 4, Agricultural and Mechanical College, North Carolina; May 6, Bucknell; May 10, Catholic University; May 11, University of Pittsburgh; May 12, Johns Hopkins; May 17, Georgetown; May 18, Mount St. Joseph; May 20, United States Military Academy.

We note that the champion strong man of Harvard is surnamed Percy.

We will now welcome a pugilistic champion who answers to the cognomen of Reginald Van Damm.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



DENVER IS PLACE WHERE WELSH AND WHITE WILL MEET

No Other Fight Centres Want Lightweight Championship Bout

BIDS CLOSE TOMORROW

Present indications point to Denver as the place where Charley White, the left hook fame, will annex the lightweight crown, or rather, the Colorado city in all likelihood will be the battleground of the proposed title fight between Fred Welsh and the Chicago Knockout King.

Despite the great amount of publicity given the match, interest in promoting the contest has been very much lacking.

After all, Mike Gibbons will meet Young Ahearn for the "midweight title." The match which was postponed last week because of the former's illness will be held in St. Paul January 13.

There is at least one man in those broad United States who does not agree that the match should be recognized as a middleweight championship bout.

Alex Costello, the Rumanian boxer, who appeared here in several bouts, will meet Al Rogers in Montreal, Can., tonight in a ten-round match.

Five bouts in as many weeks, and all victories, is the record held by Irish Fatsy Gilna in this city.

Leo d'Arcy's latest feat is a six-round knockout against Fighting Billy Murray in what was the middleweight title fight.

Bobby McLeod, the Scot, who has been boxing in line form of late, is gradually rising in the North Carolina. His Kennington friends want to see him in combat with Young McGovern.

FOOTBALL "BUG" SELECTS AN ALL ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL TEAM

Rice Has a Lot of Sport Out of the National League Meeting Now in Progress in New York City

By GRANTLAND RICE

Worth a Passing Glance "YOU have ventured deeply; but all must do so who would greatly win."

"No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money."—Samuel Johnson. "Cowards die many times before their death; the valiant never taste of death but once."—Shakespeare.

"Mr. Sinclair," says Mr. A. Herrmann, "is very, very rich." But Mr. Sinclair hasn't owned a ball club very long yet.

The All-Star Class Dear sir: I have a team that I would like to back against any team selected from any one class of any university.

The Greatest Infield Sir—I see where the statement has been made in several quarters that the old Boston quartet, Tenney, Lowe, Long and Collins, was the greatest infield that ever played.

Here are the figures that tell: BOSTON, 1897. Tenney, 1b..... 181 125 275 38 .989

The Orioles here had a batting average of .331 against .323. They stole 189 bases and 8. And an infield that had McGraw and Jennings certainly had enough baseball brains.

These were two great infields. But who is to say they had anything on Chance, Evers, Finker and Steinfield, of Chicago, 1906, or on McInnis, Collins, Barry and Baker, Philadelphia, 1910-1914?

Why not a Box of GIRARD Cigars FOR YOUR Christmas "HIM" THE MILD COMBINATION OF SOLACE AND GOOD CHEER

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Advertisement for THERMITE, featuring a can of the product and the text 'Hot Stuff for Cold Motors. A sudden cold snap, an unexpected delay, a mistake in judgment or forgetting just once, may freeze and ruin your radiator and motor. THERMITE prevents freezing at all natural temperatures. A harmless chemical preparation. Non-expanding, non-corrosive and non-indammable. Pour it in your radiator and let the weather do its worst. Price \$1.25 per gallon. GAUL, DERR & SHEARER Co. Distributors 317 NORTH BROAD STREET'.

NEW ORLEANS TRACK TO OPEN JANUARY 1

Horse Racing Schedule in Crescent City Will Be More Than Two Months

By GRANTLAND RICE

Juarez racing has been gilt edge since the meeting opened November 25 for a 100-day affair. The management had made every effort to attract the biggest sportsmen of the country.

The New Orleans meeting will last until March 15, and from every viewpoint will be most attractive.

Jack Joyner will open a public training stable at Belmont Park next spring. He has a number of English thoroughbreds himself and expects to have charge of several horses belonging to W. R. Coe.

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Joe Tinker in Hospital CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Joe Tinker, manager of the local Federal League baseball team, went to a hospital to recuperate today for the removal of a stone in the kidneys.

CONSERVATIVES AT PENN WIN THEIR FIGHT

Hollenback Was Not a Candidate for the Football Committee

SINKLER IS CHOSEN

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

Followers of athletics at the University of Pennsylvania see in the election of Wharton Sinkler to the Football Committee of the board of directors of the Athletic Association the elimination of "Big Bill" Hollenback as a likely coach of the Red and Blue eleven.

Not only did the "old regime," as it is called, win their fight to put Sinkler back on the committee, but they elected "Lud" Wray, understood to be a Sinkler man, as the undergraduate member of the committee over Gordon Hardwick, president of the senior class and a Hollenback man.

CANDIDATE FOR COACH

Hollenback entered the meeting a pronounced candidate for the position of head coach, and for that reason declined to be a candidate for the Football Committee.

As things now stand Dr. Carl S. Williams can probably have the coaching job if he wants it.

The Football Committee is expected to meet within a few days and organize for the coming year.

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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—COME ON, NICK, DID YOU EVER KNOW A REAL PRIZE TO FIGHT?

Cartoon strip with stick figures and speech bubbles. The figures are talking about 'KID SOAP' and 'SOAP-BOX'. One figure says 'DO YOU KNOW MYLES', another 'I'M MANAGING A YUNG PUGILIST', another 'WHO CALLS HIMSELF "KID" SOAP?', another 'GEE.', another 'HE MUST BE A CLEAN FIGHTER!', another 'I SHOUD SAY SO!', another 'YOU OUGHTA SEE', and another 'THROW IN THAT BUCKET!'.