

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. The feds did not do so well as they might have financially because they cut the prices to a minimum—10 cents.

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.

The case of Chief Bender indicates that the Federal League has considered its contracts lightly. Bender had a two-year contract with the Federal League, yet he was released before the close of last season. Bender has sued, but the chances appear to be against his collecting the claim.

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.

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.

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. Instead of salaries increasing, as they have been, they will continue to go down and down, until when all present contracts have run out the baseball player will be getting a salary which is more in keeping with his ability.

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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. The tip is out that Jack Hendricks will succeed Herzog.

In case the peppery manager of the Red Legs is to be traded he would prefer Brooklyn to any other berth. Wilbert Robinson would be pleased to secure him. "I will go to any reasonable expense for Herzog," said Robbie, "but first I must be sure he is on the market. I have not had that assurance as yet."

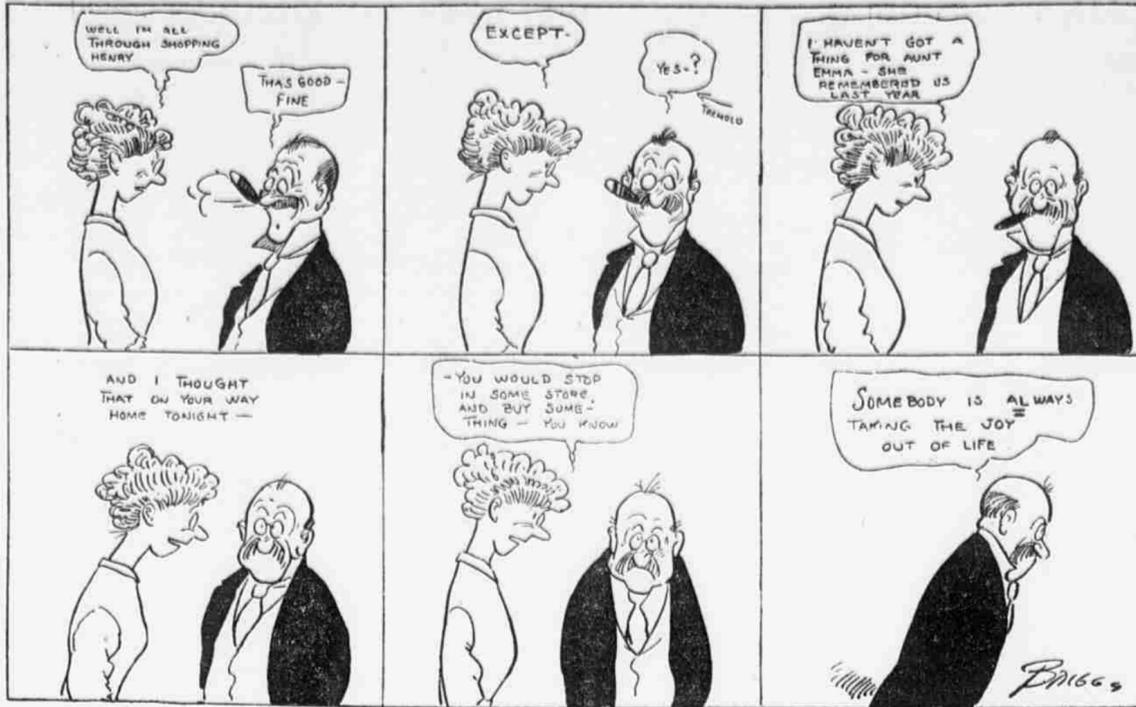
Athletic Training for Schoolboys

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. Superintendent Shoop proposed that every class shall have its team. He also favors establishment of a large athletic stadium in which to hold all kinds of athletic contests.

It is reported that Barrett, who played halfback on the Washington and Lee football team during the past season, will enter Cornell next fall. He will not be eligible to play on the Big Red team next year, but in 1917 would be a big help to Cornell.

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. Bids open for staging the contest close tomorrow, and as Tijuana and New Orleans have not offered to hold the bout, it is believed now that Manager Harry Pollok will be forced to come to terms with the Denver syndicate, which recently offered Welsh \$15,000 to meet White.

Despite the great amount of publicity given the match, interest in promoting the contest has been very much lacking. A New Haven (Conn.) battlemaker was anxious to stage the battle, but that city was eliminated from the running when the chief of police refused to grant a permit for the championship mix.

Fight fans who crowded the Olympia here to capacity Monday night when Jimmy Murphy, of this city, earned a knockout victory over Welsh believe a new title-holder will emblazon the static horizon when the Briton endeavors to defend his laurels against White. It was Freddy's first bout in Philadelphia as champion of the world, but he did not look as good, pugilistically, as he did in previous matches.

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. This much was settled before Dan McKelrick, who has eliminated White, of New York, and Michael, June 13, 1913; but the big question is, does Mike mean to meet Ahearn again?

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. He is Al McCoy, of Brooklyn, who won a fluke knockout victory over George Chip after the latter was looted upon as the title-holder when he stopped Frank Klaus in two matches.

"I was panned into the waterweight class," is the way Willie Ritchie, former lightweight champion, explains his migration into the next heavier class. "Why they picked me out as the goat is beyond me. Because I did not choose to take my weight for every boy I boxed in a limited round-bout I was panned for calling myself a lightweight. I have \$5000 that says I can do the lightweight limit if there is any real occasion for it."

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. Furthermore, the packy selling of Jim Driscoll has displayed better form in each succeeding scrap.

Leo d'Arcy's latest feat is a six-round knockout against Fighting Billy Murray in what was the first of a two-round bout. It was in the middleweight who defeated Leo Houch two years ago.

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

Navy Baseball Schedule ANNAPOLIS Md., Dec. 15—Navy baseball schedule for 1916 was announced yesterday. The schedule follows: March 22, West Virginia; March 29, Maryland; March 30, Maryland Agricultural; April 1, Annapolis; April 2, Annapolis; April 3, Annapolis; April 4, Annapolis; April 5, Annapolis; April 6, Annapolis; April 7, Annapolis; April 8, Annapolis; April 9, Annapolis; April 10, Annapolis; April 11, Annapolis; April 12, Annapolis; April 13, Annapolis; April 14, Annapolis; April 15, Annapolis; April 16, Annapolis; April 17, Annapolis; April 18, Annapolis; April 19, Annapolis; April 20, Annapolis; April 21, Annapolis; April 22, Annapolis; April 23, Annapolis; April 24, Annapolis; April 25, Annapolis; April 26, Annapolis; April 27, Annapolis; April 28, Annapolis; April 29, Annapolis; April 30, Annapolis; May 1, Annapolis; May 2, Annapolis; May 3, Annapolis; May 4, Annapolis; May 5, Annapolis; May 6, Annapolis; May 7, Annapolis; May 8, Annapolis; May 9, Annapolis; May 10, Annapolis; May 11, Annapolis; May 12, Annapolis; May 13, Annapolis; May 14, Annapolis; May 15, Annapolis; May 16, Annapolis; 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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."—Byron.

"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. "Anybody can be good in the country."—Oscar Wilde.

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

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. This team is composed entirely of men who were members of the 1900 class at Princeton. Here it is: R. E. Arthur Poe; R. T. A. R. T. Hillebrand; R. G. W. H. Edwards; C. W. C. Booth; L. G. S. C. Craig; L. T. E. H. Holt; L. E. L. R. Palmer; Q. B. J. Baird; halfbacks, F. W. Kafer and H. H. Wheeler; fullback, A. G. Ayers.

From the 1899 class line-up Poe, Hillebrand, Edwards, Booth, Holt, Palmer, Baird and Wheeler, no less than eight, made either Walter Camp's or Caspar Whitney's All-Americans. In addition to these there were seven others in this class who made the varsity. AYMAR EMBURY II.

In case any rival class accepts this challenge, we'd like to slip in a kopeck or two on the 1900 Tigers. As class talent goes, they appear to have had their share.

The (Asyoumightay) Banner Season After talking with seven National League club owners, the only move we can see ahead for President Tener is the purchase of seven banners, pennants, confabons or flags, as the case may be.

All seven assured us earnestly the National League race was as good as over. There was not even the semblance of a debate left if superior batting, pitching, base-running, fielding and team play mean anything, these seven clubs have the gaudy grapple tied up in a bag.

These were two great infielders. But who is to say they had anything on Chance, Evers, Tinker and Steinfield, of Chicago, 1906, or on McInnis, Collins, Harry and Baker, Philadelphia, 1910-1914? For our part, we'd take those four Mackmen and let the debate die out.

Here are the figures that tell: BOSTON, 1897. Tenney, 1b..... 181 125 275 38 .084 Love, 2b..... 105 75 150 20 .143 Long, ss..... 136 88 247 28 .098 McGraw, 3b..... 105 80 226 42 .092

BALTIMORE. Doyle, 1b..... 114 83 256 62 .079 Reilly, 2b..... 105 75 150 20 .143 Jennings, ss..... 115 131 358 60 .033 McGraw, 3b..... 105 80 226 42 .092

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

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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. Because of the warring condition in Mexico, a great many of the leading American horsemen would not take a chance, much preferring to keep their stables. As a result of this year, New Orleans races scheduled to be opened January 1, 1916, did fair to be the biggest turf event of the midwinter period.

The New Orleans meeting will last until March 15, and from every viewpoint will be most attractive. The Havana meeting, now under way, and which will last until March 19, has attracted a number of American owners and trainers.

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. For the last five years Joyner has raced his own runners and those of Harry Payne Whitney in England.

Nominations for the 2-year-old stakes to be run at Saratoga next August have closed in such numbers that successful racing at the Spa is assured. The United States Hotel stakes lead the list with 125 nominations. The others are: Grand Union Hotel, 130; Hopeful, 121; Spinnaway, 105; and Grand Big Handicap, 25. It is estimated that the richest of these stakes will be the Hopeful, which is expected to reach \$17,000.

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. Everything went along serenely in the matter of selecting the track, baseball, rowing and allied sports committees at yesterday's organization meeting of the new board until football was reached. Then the two factions lined up, locked horns and at the end of an hour's vigorous debate the conservatives emerged victorious.

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. Charles Lovett, manager of the team, belongs to the conservatives. Captain Neil Mathews, who, like Lovett, is a member of the committee by virtue of his position, wanted Sinkler on the committee. Ralph Morgan, who won out as the second graduate member over Wilson Potter and George H. Thayer, is a compromise man. Thus, any way the new committee is viewed, it is believed to be anti-Hollenback.

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. His position was that as a member of the committee he could not ask for the coaching position. It was a stinging defeat for the Hollenback men, and, in view of the big vote which Hollenback polled for graduate director, may stir up much adverse comment.

As things now stand Dr. Carl S. Williams can probably have the coaching job if he wants it. Williams has kept absolutely out of the fight, and even refused to run as a candidate for the board. It is now believed that Williams did this because he may have had just such a crisis as this in mind and did not wish to be handicapped as a member of the board, for he would then have been eligible to coach, since the rules provide that no member of the board may hold a salaried post with the association. Doctor Williams is now out of the credit with hunting trip and will not be back until some time next week. Until his return nothing can be learned of his plans.

The Football Committee is expected to meet within a few days and organize for the coming year. It is almost certain that Wharton Sinkler will be made chairman, Ralph Morgan, the other graduate member, is now chairman of the Basketball Committee, but he is credited with responsibility for scheduling the Dartmouth game. It is rumored that he may be able to swing a game with some other big university because of his standing in the National Collegiate Athletic Association in his post as secretary of the Intercollegiate Basketball League.

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