

NATIONAL LEAGUE IS CUTTING SALARIES, BUT IN AMERICAN PAY OF PLAYERS IS BOOSTED

BAN JOHNSON'S HAND SEEN IN AMERICAN LEAGUE SALARY BOOST WITH N. L. RETRENCHING

Game's Greatest Politician Is Again Trying to Take Advantage of Mistake of Senior Magnates in Talking Too Much in Public

A FEW weeks ago President Tener, of the National League, said that it was necessary for the magnates to cut the salaries of the players, and he predicted that soon the players would be working for the same amount that was considered "good pay" a few years before the advent of the Federal League.

AMERICAN LEAGUE magnates followed Tener's lead on the salary question, and it was predicted at the time that the American League would make capital out of the tendency of the magnates of the old league to talk too much in public.

Yanks and Macken Will Get Raise ONE of the magnates who will boost salaries all around is President Ruppert, of the Yankees. It is odd that Ruppert should feel so well satisfied, in view of the fact that he has several players under long term, wartime contracts, and also the Yanks had such poor luck last year.

AMATEURISM is going to be dragged forth from its grave in order that certain people in the A. A. U. can "wash some dirty linen" and satisfy personal grudges. The Metropolitan Division is going to hold a meeting this week to decide whether a score of athletes have forfeited their amateur standing by selling sporting goods, writing for newspapers and doing several other kinds of honest work.

ONE MILLION ROUNDS OF GOLF PLAYED IN CHICAGO ACCORDING to figures issued by Chicago Park Commissioners, 535,000 rounds of golf were played over the public links of that city during 1916, 300,000 of which were played over the celebrated Jackson and Marquette courses.

PENN FIVE IS STILL BELOW FORM PENN'S champion basketball team got off to an excellent start in the Intercollegiate League race when it won from Dartmouth in a driving finish, but it cannot be said that the showing of the Red and Blue was entirely satisfactory.

BILLY EVANS, the veteran umpire of the American League, declares that players of the Johnson circuit consider Elmer Myers, Mack's sensational recruit, and Jim Scott, of the White Sox, the two best curve-ball pitchers they faced last season.

JOHN ANDERSON, famous golf player and critic, declares that Chick Evans will be able to improve the batting of the Chicago Cubs. Anderson explains at length the similarity of batting and golf form.

FOLLOWERS of swimming were astonished at the record-breaking feat of a girls' relay team in the bi-monthly meet of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde on Saturday.

THE appointment of "Si" Pausitz as athletic director at Pennsylvania Military College probably was a bitter disappointment to Bill Hollenback, who planned to take Pausitz to Syracuse as his assistant next fall.

BIG PURSE FOR WAR MAGNATES

Rice Offers \$500,000 for Bout Between Kaiser William and Lloyd George

EXPLAINS HIS POSITION

By GRANTLAND RICE We notice where our promoter is willing to bet \$500,000 on the result of the war.

THE RECORD COINCIDENCE What is the world's record coincidence in sports? Our opinion, Colonel William H. Hanna, golfer, tennis and tennis, has discovered the answer.

THE WORLD'S SHORTEST DRIVE Ever heard of the world's shortest drive in golf? It was made by a member of the Kansas City Country Club, where the classic event took place.

THAT BOILING HOT WHICH has fallen upon the hemisphere is merely the vanishing upon from Sir Benjamin Stuffed. A year ago Ben was overlooking the spotlight and resulting in the fact of the year.

Two Creeds THE world at large would only know the truth which has been hidden from the eyes of the world.

Scraps About Scrappers By LOUIS H. JAFFE FANS at the National Club Saturday night were given a real definition of gameness when Young Reuter, knocked down and all but three times in his match with Irish Patry Cline.

Low Tension has decreed the banishment of his left hand, which he injured recently in a football game.

Out-of-town bowlers are in line for winter work at the local bowling clubs for the next few weeks.

Boxing is expected to be resumed in "Cherry Hill" in a few days.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



BOXING LEAST OF WILLARD'S WORRIES, AND ONE MORE BOUT MAY SEE JESS'S RETIREMENT

Champion Plans to Promote Own Contest—He Is Through as Circus Performer—Dislike of Popularity to Drive Him Out of Game

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL AS JESS'S FIGHTER, in the past of a somebody says, for heavyweight boxing in pugilistic circles is beginning to assume the proportions of a regular occupation.

Doesn't Like Popularity That kind of popularity is driving Willard to retirement. He even declines the circus business, which nets him \$500 a day for some 200 days a year.

Exercise Daily "No, I am not too fat," remarked the champion, "I am big enough to carry the weight and, anyway, it wouldn't take long for me to take off thirty pounds."

Bank Roll for Cubs WILLARD, Jan. 8.—The Cubs' bank roll, which has been estimated at \$100,000, is being used to pay the salaries of the players.

NEWS OF THE BOWLERS The popularity of the game of bowling is shown by the fact that thirty leagues are being organized in Philadelphia.

PLAYING WITH PROFESSIONALS DOES NOT BAR ATHLETE FROM INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITION

Must Receive Money Before Being Declared Ineligible—Penn Defeats Dartmouth—Jasper Wins Pennant in Eastern League

By SPICK HALL

A NUMBER of persons who are regarded as authorities on athletic eligibility have agreed to a compromise which is expected to settle the controversy over the payment of money to players.

THE IDENTIFICATION of the players on the McNichol team was brought to light in the fact that the Eastern League, which was organized by the University of Pennsylvania, was tipped off by the fact that Sugarman and Newman were going to play in the game.

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GOOD GAMES TONIGHT IN AMERICAN LEAGUE In the first American League game at Natatorium Hall tonight, Elmer Gird's team will tackle Simpson Memorial.

FLEISCHMANN INJURED IN Polo Game SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 8.—Fleischmann, who was injured in a polo game yesterday, is expected to be out of the game for some time.

PENN FIVE OUTPLAYS DARTMOUTH QUINTET Penn's work in the Dartmouth game at Natatorium Hall Saturday night was not altogether satisfactory for the following reasons.

WILLARD AGREES TO BOX FULTON IN MILWAUKEE MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 8.—Jess Willard has agreed to a two-round bout with Ed Fulton in Milwaukee.

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