# ALEXANDER STARTLES LOCAL FANS BY REFUSING TO SIGN AT TERMS OFFERED BY CLUB

## PLAYERS AND MAGNATES BOTH ARE MAKING MISTAKE IN THEIR THREAT OF BASEBALL CONFLICT

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## Fultz Should Have Kept Plans Secret Until Reporting Time Was Near and Owners Are Talking Too Much-All Depends on the Public

 $T_{\rm ing}^{\rm HE}$  owners of major and minor league ball clubs insist that they are not worrying about the threatened strike of the players who are members of the Players' Fraternity. At the present time we can see little cause for them to worry, but if the magnates do not fear that the latest move made by President Dave Fultz will have any effect on the name, why are they failding so much?" Little can be gained by talking, and the magnates should realize that silence is the best peller at the present time. The next move must be made by the players, and all talk and threats will not help matters any for the magnates. Publicity will help the cause of the players, and this can be obtained only through a wrangle with the third nates. If the magnates do not give out asimine statements about courting a etrike, and that the refusal of the players to report at the follows comm will enable them to cut subaries as they see fit. President Fultz will find it extremely difficult to carry out his plans; but is the magnates start their usual "mod alinging" tactics, they will stir up a normets' next.

## Players and Magnates Are at Fault

FTER carefully going into all the details, one cannot help but realize that both A the players and magnates are at fault, and that a continuation of the Winngling will do nothing but all the goes that lays the golden error. In the first place, the players made a mistake in taking action at this time. The next character for success of such a move as anticipated by Philz depended open its sectory. If the intention of the Players' Fraterulty had been kept secret until about two weeks before the time scheduled for the teams to depart for the South, and the players had refused to sign contracts, the magnates would have been taken off their guard and placed at a disadvantage. The magnates have made their initiales by talking too much. The majority of strikes in all lines of business are in a large measure due to the default attitude and cocksureness of capitalisis. major and minor league baseball magnetes have courted this mouble. They defied and goaded the players to take some definite action, and may find out to their sorrow that they have made a grave mistake.

## Chief Complaint Against Minor Leagues

THE chief complaint of the Players' Fraternity is against the minor lengues, but as all members of the organization have agreed to stand together, regardless of classification, President Fultz insists that the men will go through with their threat. The most important request made of the number learness was granted by the National Commission, but the National Association of Minor League Clubs refused to consider the petition tendered by Fullz. Quite a few persons have expressed the opinion that President Fultz is making a mistake to asking the major league players to fight the battles of the players of the smaller burgues, but it is maid that the leader of the players is of the opinion that the National Commission could have obtained satisfaction for the Players' Praternity, but refused to aid.

### Everything Depends on the Public

IT is all very well for the magnates to say that they are not worried and that it is the hest thing that possibly could happen to close up the same, as manager and part owner Mack, of the Athletics, has said; but this is entirely the wrong view. The magnates are acting upon the supposition that the public will stand for anything. There is no question that a large number of the fans are of the opinion that the players are overpaid. In this respect the magnates have the sympathy of some, but there is an equally large number who have no sentiment or prejudices. The fans merely will become disgusted with the game, and turn their attention to other forms of amusement.

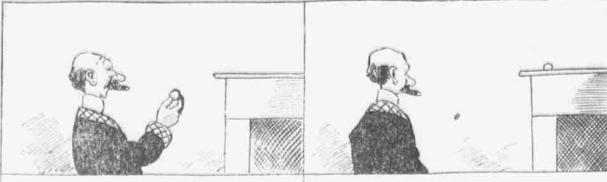
## Shortage of Ball Players in Future

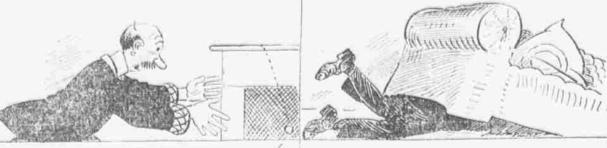
THERE is another way of looking at the whole affair. The magnates are aving I as if they believed that the players who are striking now with be in the game forever. When a man invests one or two millions of dollars in any venture, he must look to the future. Suppose the minor leagues did close up their parks for a year, as favored by several presidents of smaller organizations, seconding to inrviews given out to the press. Where will the major lengues get the players to fill the gaps, if the players go through with their strike thread? The average minor leaguer is not well paid. That is one of the main faults with the national game at present. These players would seek employment in other businesses and confine their baseball efforts to independent games one, two or three days a week. If they became settled in another line of work for a year, the majority of the men now playing in the minor leagues would not return to the came. This would leave a shortage of players, and naturally lower the standard of the game when these striking veterans of the major leagues had outlived their usefulness.

## Standard of Game Will Be Lowered

THE magnates say that the farms and small cities are full of star players if they can be uncovered. They contend that there would be a new batch of games developed at smaller cost. But do the magnates realize that they must lower the standard of the game at a time when they are boosting the prices of admission all along the line? The public is willing to pay for its amusement, but when the prices are raised it expects a superior form of entertainment, and the two major lengues cannot afford to lose more than a few players right now, because the playing standard is lower than ever, notwithstanding the opinion of magnites and some critics to the contrary. The minor leagues usually are the greatest losers in baseball wars and probably would suffer irreparable loss if the threatened strike becomes a reality, but the greatest losers would be the major league owners, who apparently are band to their danger. They have controlled the national game for years with utter disregard for players or fans, and think that anything they do will be formotten.

THE GOLFER'S DEVOTION TO A LITTLE GOLF BALL







## BAKER SAYS 'ALEX' WILL SIGN PAPERS

Phillies' President Declares Differences With Pitcher Will Be Fixed

## SALARY WAS INCREASED

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is sold that Alexander demands \$15,000 a season for three years, and that he will not consider a compromise. President Barker has been quoted to the effect that 'no buil player is worth stislong, and he will not pay it, no matter who it impose to be 'n O'takey really has adopted bits attende it may prove a bard task to interest two Nebraskar, who apparently has made up his mind to get the out and neept lice at the road's end of all strife and sor Safe through the Twilight Gates.

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of Worshiped Athletes Who Were Beheaded by a Lucre-Hating Public-Golf Records

## By GRANTLAND RICE

## Beyond the Last Trench

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Wilding in turn-and dropped them both.

## ALEXANDER THE GREAT, HOLDOUT: BAN JOHNSON DECLARES HE WILL DRIVE DAVE FULTZ OUT OF GAME

Sensational Events in Baseball Follow in Rapid Succession-Clash Between Players and **Owners** Cannot Be Averted

## By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

Affother someational announcement cause from Chicago in the form of an interview sent out by President Ban Johnson of the American League. The "Car" de-clares that he will drive Dave Fultz out of basedail and threatens to supperd Ameri-

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has been using a power to send out state-ments without authority from the player formedices. The American League will see that Fulls is crushed; driven out of bas-

"The American Lengue has been fair win its phasers and will continue to treat the fairly without the nid of Mr. Fultz." Provident Johnson also declared that Jeen

SENSATIONAL events in the baseball pennant contender and a lawly second distribution for the players' Fraternity, they next. On Thursday night Dave Fultz-messident of the Payers Fraternity, threw a loomb into the ranks of organized buil-when be sumpended Harry "Slatz" Salice for signing a contract with the New York Guints after he had agreed to wait until he had received woul from Fultz as he had promised to do. Fultz destared that a similar punishment would be needed out to other Fraternity members who broke their plodge, and he triviatened to issue an order to the players not to report at training compo an League players who do not resign from ne Praternity

fust now for Johnson expects to set bust how for Johnson expects to set with a statement of this port we do an innow. Buy was believe that at last the "Char," who has not the two major lenges at his own will for prace, has backles proposition that may result to the breaker of his power. Johnson's threat to drive state out of baseball will not help makes any. If anything, h will cause players a set of closer to their aggressive lenger. CAMPS.

compa-On the same evening Fulls not several members of the Players' Furthermity in the city and discossed the situation with three it is said on reliable authority that every me who arroaded the meeting pledged him-soft to stock by the Fracenity, Similar meetings were held in many other cities, and the each instance the players pledged loyalty to the finish. "Buse scatter strengt the human it would be accounted to human its barrier of the second strength of the strength would be accounted the strength of the strength would be accounted the strength of the strength would be accounted the strength of the strength would be accounted to be barrier of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength of the strength of the strength of the second strength of the strength

These events strened the baseball would These events strived the baselaft world, but the excitement was nothing compared to that created by the arnouncement that Grover Cleveland Alexander, the wonder-ful Philix hurler, had returned his unsigned contract to President Baker, with a politic intertet to President Baker, with a politic region of the families in the president the report in a wire this morning.

Johnson's Statement

## Predicted Holdout

Predicted Holdout Itefane he departed for Osiar Dugey's ratch in Texas after the world's series. Alexander admitted to the writer that he expected to have trouble getting the con-tract he wanted and theisted that the terms would be satisfactory to him or he would not report, regardless of threats of sus-pension. Judging by Alexander's remarks at the time he wante several thousand dollars more than be believes the Philadel-phia Club is willing to pay, but mislas that he will get it or remain at his home. Alexander pointed out that he received Provident Johnson also declared that Jen Henry, catcher of the Washington cith a representative of the Physers' Fraternity cuild either drop his affiliations with in fraternity or out the American League "Henry or any other mayer in the Amer-ican League who refuses to sign a contract because of the fraternity, will be barred We propose to lay a sitors hand on Henry and others like him." that he will get it or remain at his home. "Alexander pointed out that he received less menes in 1915 and 1915 than many players who were acting as substitutes or who were dust about holding their jobs. He declared that he had remained hoyal to the Phils during the war with the Federal League, that he had treated the Phillie-fairly when he could have junned with-out fear of court restraint; that he knew he was responsible in a large measure for the winner of the penant and the big the winning of the pennant and the big financial returns to his owners, and that the time bad arrived for him to get a real hard to erase the mental picture of a certain September day, 1313, when Onimet coolly went to his task of beating the two great contract

Englishmen without any help, or to erase the mental photo of a certain August day. 1911, when McLoughlin took Brooker and Local fans were amazed at the annohned Local faits were amazed at the annohace-ment as President Baker remarked a few weeks ago that Alexander would be sent a contract that would please him greatly, and that there would be me trouble getting the famous hurler in time. Evidently there is a big difference in what the club has offered and what "Alex" thinks he is worth or he would not have returned the contract. If the difference we shift determine trobe This is merely human nature-the re-monitrance of such. But, as suggested be-lore, it has been unfortunate all around.

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PING BODIE TO HOLD OUT

#### **Owners Have Cause for Worry**

Some of the major league owners can well afford to stand pat and smile at the thought of the players passing up their monthly ray checks for a season. Others, however, are not so fortunate. Some of the owners with smaller payrolls, lighter mortgages and less expense in every way prohably could afford to close their parks for a season; but what would become of owners who are mortgaged up to their necks or who are paying exorbitant rent? These owners say that they would play if they had to use minor leaguers in their line up, but do they think for a minute that the fans would pay major league prices for minor league ball? Connie Mack says that the threat of the Players' Fraternity president does not worry him in the least. Why should it? It is a well-known fact that none of the Mackmen are members of the Fraternity, and, therefore, would not be called upon to hold out.

### Labor Unions Would Sympathize With Players

TT ALSO would be well for the magnates to realize that the players would have the sympathy of the various labor unions throughout the country, particularly If President Fultz is as close to the American Federation of Labor as some persons may. It is argued that the Players' Fraternity move will fall flat when it comes time to call on players like Cobb, Alexander, Johnson, Speaker and many other high-salaried players to join them. The contention is made that these players, who are drawing \$10,000 a year or more, will refuse to pass up this money merely to help other lesser lights, particularly in the minor leagues, who have grievances. It is possible that these players will take this view of the matter, but the fans are of the opinion that these players can better afford to be idle a year than the magnates can, and will stick by their fellow players if they slroady have pledged themselves, as is asserted.

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WE ARE making no attempt to predict the outcome of this squatble between players and magnates, but wish to state both sides of the argument. Some are of the opinion that a strike would not amount to anything, so long as there is no independent league or leagues in existence to take cars of the jumping major Jengue players. Virtually every one admits that the minor league owners would save themselves by cutting away from the national agreement if two players' leagues, like the one formed during the Brotherhood war almost thirty years ago, were in existence. And do not overlook the fact that there are many wealthy men angious to break into baseball, and were aeriously considering organizing another outlaw league before this trouble broks. Readers of the Evennon Labora were informed of this attempt at organizing another outlaw league on the closing day of the National League meeting in December. The magnates do not take this statement seriously, but may learn, when it is too late, that Fultz and his colleagues know more about it than they pretend.

TT WAS erroneously staled in these columns that Penn received a large guarantee to play Oregon at Pasadena. A member of the football committee declares that Penn received nothing but expenses and that the game was schedpied merely to add prestige and for the sake of sportsmanship. Until the member of the fontball committee made this statement the impression was general that the Red and Blue had been given a large guarantee to appear at the Tournament all Roses.

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J ACK HARRY'S first move probably will make a big hit with the veteran mem-bers of the Red Sox. He announced that under no condition would be part with Heinie Wagner, the veteran coach. Barry Insists that he will need Wagner's advice and that the veteran will be a great help to him. Wagner is unusually popular with the veteran membras of the Red Sox, and they would not have liked it if Barry had decided to part with him. It would have been only natural if Barry had released Wugner, as a new leader meldom enjoys having a prospective . manager about.

Richmond Pearson Hobso ruached -att differences of this cort occurs in every line what happened subsequently. You may also recall the case of Admiral Says "Alex" Will Sign

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"The next of failing prevails between Recarder and myself and I am sure that a mak no thought of ervating bomble. As the first no throught of creating fromble. As rear as 1 even undersigned, Alexander has refused to discuss the matter with may one, saying that it is a present matter between tunnell and the Physical spins. But Chu, Kyldendy Alexander believes that the dif-ference can be particul up in a burry of he would not have adopted this attitude. "I have which to Alexander acting him if he cancel to some East, at the expense of the Philadelphia chine so that we can use the matter over. Unless his burling affairs interfere 1 believe he will be here within a week."

Within a week." Manager Pail Moran reduces to talk on Algorador's foldont. When reached fix were at the mount in Firthburg, Mars. today be-ent a brief message shating that President Haber attends to the signing of physics and that he does not meddle with the finan-cial end of the tibb. Moran is quoted in another dispatch as saying that be does out think there will be any from the goining  $\Delta(e_{n}^{(1)})$  in the

## NO STRIKE FOR OLD "FEDS"

Tinker Says Fultz Refused to Admit the "Outlaws"

CHECAGO, Jan. 14. — Former Federal length ball players will not support David fulth, president of the Players' Fraternity, in his threat to declare a strike if the re-ments of the fraternity are not granted, incording to Joe Tinker, former manager of the Chicago Nationals and Chicago Fed-

Finker declared that at the time ha was Overshadowing Rules the Federal Learns he and other players that organization attempted to obtain subership in the fraternity, but were not

#### Bowling News

Wendham is champion of the Quaker City League. Its victory over White Elephants decided the Brat-round tournament. As Jaberty Bell won in the Philadelphia League, the roll-off will be one of the mat-ters to be acted open at the meeting of the local chapter in the Bingham Hotel next Membry exercise text Munday evening

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ever you care to call it, has in the main fallen around the three greatest sporting heroes America has produced: Jim Thorpe, conqueror at the last Clympic games,
Frames Guinet, conquerer of Vardon and Data Maurice McLoughlin, conjustor of An-thony Wilding and Norman Brooken.

The Hard Luck of It

The Hard Luck of It Leaving out the ethics of the situation, it is at least more than unfortunate that America's three greatest international heroes should have had sindows cast across their amazeur conduct. This may be taken as proof flar our amh-teur havs, justly, are above all personalities our persons. Then again it may be taken that a shining mark pialess an caster tar-get.

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This is especially so in the case of Mc Longith and Oninet. Between them in a detensive way they heat back Vardon, Ray, Widing and Brookes four of the greatest contenders that the British empire or oby

other empire ever sent into competition. One put American golf on the interna-tional map; the other put American tennis

there. This is not sufficient to fut either above

all rules or above any rule. But the baild luck part of it is that both entered certain times now index a cloud, while these first were legalized by their associations.

I: has been maintained by leading touris and golf solons that the achievements of McLoughlin and thuman have obscured and overshadowed the value of the legislation

light. There is something in this. It has been

## MEREDITH HAS COLD; NOT TO COMPETE TONIGHT

Ted Meredille in suffering from a very heavy cold and to bordering on preumonia. Ted was chiered to shart in the special 600-yard rate tonight in the Irish Amorican games to be held in New York, but owing his condition he will be unable to com

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All this happened about ten years ago You can imagine that there was quite a celebration at the ninetsenth hole, at which Mr. Poole was the host. F. H. HOYT.

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