AR ALSO IMMINENT IN BASKETBALL FIELD—EASTERN LEAGUE EXPECTED TO BE WIPED OU

INTERNAL DISSENSION MAY BE THE CAUSE OF BREAK IN CIRCUIT OF EASTERN LEAGUE NEXT FALL

Clubs Disagree Over Adoption of Rule Allowing Only Three Professionals-Sides Taken and Trouble Appears Inevitable

ble disruption of the Eastern League ap-point certain to occur at a meeting likely to be held in a couple of weeks. The trou-le arises over the motion of William Schwarts and Bert Buff, owners of the Redding team, to have a rule passed whereby the league teams will be composed whereby the league teams will be composed of three professional and two amateur of three professional and two amateur payers. Before the meeting of the mogulis on Tuesday evening Schwartz and Buff discussed the subject with several of their emagnates in the cage sport and they speed there must be something done in the matter of finances. At the powwow the service decided to return home to think metals decided to return home to think the matter over and come back determined to take a definite stand. Reading had two cubs with it prior to the meeting and

Trouble Looks Certain

But trouble appears certain. B. C. Kuser, er of the Trenton franchise, denounced the proposal in vehement terms and said an affort was being made to make a "boys" legue out of the Eastern. He made it hais that if such a rule is passed Trenton all withdraw. This is the only club that ed its desire to sever connection with the league if it is not composed of an professionals; but, on the other hand, as professionals; but, on the other hand.

Besding, and one other at least, will drop

be Fastern League if such a rule is not put

the offset, "I will just place a little bet be Eastern League if such a rule is not put into effect. "I will just place a little bet with you," said Schwartz to the writer, "but we stand by our guns and if the three-and-two rule is not put into effect with sens other league, possibly one up the lata." Another manager made the same ent. Somebody will have to give n, and at present it looks a certainty that we amateurs will be on the team next year. but when the regulars meet again some may change their minds. Three teams will sever alter their opinion and, as said before, the fourth yets necessary hey look to have the fourth vote necessary

League Faces a Crisis

The league is now face to face with the ame proposition that has put every prohat of paying more money to the players han can be taken in at the box office, and a continuance, of course, means that the lastern will follow in the footsteps of the erganizations that once were. It is the de-sire of all managers to win, and the sai-

SCHOLASTIC TEAMS IN

With war staring us in the face, the spilot of sports may be the center of players are secured at much higher salaries than released players are getting, until all the money that enters the box office is now taken by the players. the money that enters the box office is now taken by the players. In their desire to win, the majority of basketball managers do not figure on profit and loss until they find that they are not getting anything on their investment and sometimes are losing money, and the natural disposition for a fellow who is losing is to quit. That's what basketball managers do. Few of them are fixed financially to meet any great loss, and can't continue when they have to "dig down" to inancially to meet any great loss, and can't continue when they have to "dig down" to meet the payroll. These self-same mana-gers, however, have no one to blame but themselves for the present predicament.

Experience Best Teacher

They were warned of this years ago, but it doesn't seem that past experience is teaching anything in baskethall. The National League, the first professional organization, went out of business when the players were given all the money and the outside limit in the National was \$90 or \$100 a month. You could hardly engage a good utility man for that amount today and one player was credited with drawing \$50 per game or \$400 a month. After the demise of the National League, the New England grabbed all the stars and it was only a matter of time when it kept company with the National League. Then followed the Connecticut and Central, Hudson River and New York State Leagues. All were wonderful as far as players were concerned, but could not stand the strain and coi-

The idea of the basketball player today is the same as the baseball player—to get all he can in the shortest space of time. You can't blame the player if the manager is foolish enough to pay him.

Salaries Must Be Cut

One player, perhaps the most prominent of player, perhaps the most prominent in the city, admits there must be some sort of reduction in the salaries of the players. A manager said: "This business of paying \$200 a month to five men is out of the question." France. question." Frank Morgennech, of the Paterson Interstate League, while here last week also said as far as he was concerned something would have to be done with the sport or he was through. And he also said at the same time his best player was only a "kid," getting but \$6 a game, while the "stars" were getting much more.

The subject of men playing on several teams will also be thrashed out for the

boast of a player recently that he was making \$135 a week has set the managers

NIEHOFF AGREES TO PHILS' TERMS

Second Baseman Signs Contract for 1917 After Conference With Baker

LEAVES TO JOIN TEAM

Bert Niehoff, last of the Philly holdouts, came to terms today when he signed a 1917 contract according to President Baker's terms. The big second sacker left immediately for Washington, where he will rejoin the team. The Phillies reach the capital on Saturday.

Niehoff quit the Moranmen at Jackson-ville because he failed to come to an agreement with the Philly representative on the salary question. He arrived this morning and was closeted with the president for almost an hour. After the conference the necessary papers were signed.

The big fellow appeared in good shape and will have little trouble filling his place for the opening game next Wednesday.

There was no bitterness between Niehoff and the Phillies' head. He left the team in the South because there was no contract at hand and Baker had returned to Phila-delphia. Not wishing to accept promises

With the signature of Niehoff to a contract, the holdout problem of the Phillies is solved for the season. Before the squad started for the training camps there were three players disatisfied with their contracts. One by one the men agreed to terms, however, and now the Phils are all prepared

he made the trip North to thrash out the

STATE'S TRACK MEET OFF

'Preping" for War by Virginia Colleges Kills All Dates

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., April 5 .- Preparations for war in Virginia colleges has resulted in the cancellation of the Penn State track team's proposed tour. State's track athletes were to have left here to night for meets with University of Virginia. Washington and Lee and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Telegrams from the University of Virginia management this morning advised that all students had gone into military training and all scheduled athletic contests were called off. Similar ction was taken by the other colleges on

Branch Rickey Case Today

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 5.—The hearing of the suit of Phil Ball, president of the St. Louis Americans, to restrain Branch Rickey from serving as president of the St. Louis Nationals will be held today.

LOCAL GUNNERS IN TIE

Harry Clair and Billy Clegg, local nim-rods, tied for high gun honors in the Point Breeze Gun Club's weekly fifteen-bird event, held at Point Breeze Park, both gunners collecting all their birds from the thirtyyard mark.

ond, with a score of thirteen, and Bockius and J. Wilbank divided third place, with

FIFTEEN-BIRD EVENT

Jess Willard, Heavy Champ, Would Fight Germany

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, who has not engaged in a fight for nearly a year, is most keen to get into action again. He has not been able to dig up an opponent, so that when he heard that Germany might be available his soul was filled with joy. He ripoed off the following telegram to President Wilson today:

"Dear Mr. President:
"I will fight. When do you want me?
"JESS WILLARD."

As will be seen, there is no mention of the

"JESS WILLARD."

As will be seen, there is no mention of the purse, movie rights, place, referee, or anything else that has held up the big fighter's appearances in the past. There is only evident the large desire for fight.



NIEHOFF

FINALLY ENTERS FOLD Bert Niehoff, Phillies' regular second baseman, and President Baker agreed to terms at a conference today and the player signed a 1917 contract. All of the Phillies are in the fold.

ARCHER FINALLY AGREES TO PLAY WITH THE CUBS

CHICAGO, April 5 .- Catcher James Archer, a holdout, finally has signed with the Chicago Nationals. He previously had de-clined to sign because of a reduction in salary.

Clair and Clegg Grass 15 Straight favorite. in Point Breeze Shoot

Charles Wilbank, of Moore, finished se

playing would be impossible

Manager Moran then decided to have a secret session in his room at the hotel. Pat invited only the players that he ex-pects to carry throughout the champion-ship season to the conference. He outlined to them his plans for the battle for the flag and laid down the rules which he in-

NATIONAL LEAGUE MANAGERS

PAT MORAN—Teams have won 181 and lost 124 zames. Percentace, 693. Plaished first once, second once, Average position in race, 1.50. Became manager in 1915. Born in Pitchburg, Mass. Pebruary 7, 1876. Born in 1801. Born in 1802. Born in 1803. Born in 1802. Born in 1803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 803. Born in 1803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 803. Born in 1804. Born in 1803. Born in 1803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 803. Born in 1804. Born in 1803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 803. Born in 1804. Born in 1803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 1803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 1803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 1803. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 1804. Born in 1804. Will. Born in 1804. Born in 18

CONNIE MACK LEADS ALL MANAGERS

By E. J. LANIGAN

in the number of pennants won, and Pat Moran is at the top on a percentage

The clubs that McGraw has handled have won 1506 battles, Mack's teams having been successful in 1449 frays and Clark Griffith's in 1223.

Pat Moran's managerial percentage is .593, John McGraw's .592 and Clarence Rowland's .591. Connie Mack has won six pennants, McGraw five.

Some interesting statistics follow:

NATIONAL LEAGUE MANAGERS

RAIN CRIMPS PHILLIES'

GAME WITH THE BULLS

George Whitted Grieves When

Match in Home Town Can-

not Be Played

By a Staff Correspondent

little exercise that they got yesterday.

DURHAM, N. C., April 5.

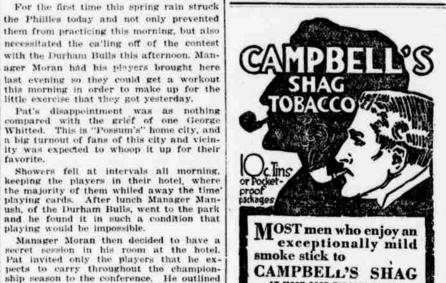
Lifetime records of major league managers show Connie Mack in front

John J. McGraw leads in the number of games his teams have captured.

IN WINNING PENNANTS; SIX IN ALL

tends to have enforced after President umpire gives the word next Wednesday to play ball. Following the meeting the players again went back to the pastime of playing cards until time to board the train back to Raleigh. The squad will spend the eve-ning at Raleigh and then board their

sleeping cars for Norfolk, Va., where they are due before noon tomorrow. The series of three games with Washington will start at Norfolk and Pat believes that these contests will be just what is needed to put the edge on his combination for the starting of the championship campaign.



AT MOST GOOD TOBACCO STORES

SOUTH PHILA. HAS HOPES FOR TITLE

Downtown Boys Want to Make It "Three Straight" in Lifting Trophies

PITCHERS LOOK GOOD

South Philadelphia High appears to have strong baseball team, and the downtown youngsters say they are going to make it "three straight." By "three straight" they mean the consecutive victories of high school championships in football, basketball and baseball. They have already won football and basketball honors this season At present the team is enjoying the hotl-days, but in spite of this Coach Mowry but the squad through a number of practice drills and yesterday lined them up in a game with Girard College. Southern High won in six innings, 6 to 3. Girard

came very near winning out in the sixth, when three runs were scored. Thomas, the Southern twirler, consistent form on the mound. He scored two runs and played a clever game. Wein-traub, Kravitz, Bunnin, Wattman, Goldberg. Gubelbank and Captain Canady were all in

good trim for the contest. Girard College needs considerable batting practice. The collegians are weak in hitting, and without first-class hitters it is impossible to win games.



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GROUPS FOR RELAYS

More Than 170 Schools Included in Big List of

The final scholastic groupings for the alversity of Pennsylvania's two-day relay sralval on April 27 and 28 have been com-sted. The list is a remarkable one in that les 114 high schools and fifty-six

he final groupings for scholastic teams AEPARATORY SCHOOLS

mile preparatory school relay champion-of America—Mercersburg, Lawrenceville, ter, St. Benedict's Prep. am 1. Interacademic A. A. championship Philadelphia—Penn Charter, Episcopai, Ger-town, Friends' Central. averford George, Tome, Episcopal, Brooklyn Poly, Peddie Institute, Le Manilus School, Bethlehem Prep, Ly, Conway Hall, Wyoming Sem-

k. Roman Catholic school champlonship M's Prep (Brooklyn). Brooklyn Prep, atholic High of Philadelphia, Villanova Salle Prep, St. Benedict's Prep, Ford-St. John's Prep of Danvers. Mass. Germantown Academy. Swarthmore,

ngton, Williamson, Perklomen, School, West Virginia Prep, raining School, West Virginia Frep. School.
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asboro, Mount Holly, Palmyra, ngton, Cape May City, Millville, Altona, Lancaster, Easton, York South Bethlehem, Columbia, Blooms 10—Abington, Tredyffrin-Easttown, Upper Darby, Conshohocken, Spring Park, Bristol, Lansdowne, Lebanon, Dunmore, Mauch Chunk, Lebanon, Stroudsburg, Bethlehem, Darby, Swarthmore, Royersford, Lansdale, Schwenkville, Kennet Rockiedge. 18—Hathoro, Sellersville, Port Norris, ave, Collegeville, Mount Joy, Perkasie.

ele Entries for Tomorrow.

he Isabella Purse, for two-year-lies, 4 furlongs—(a)Money Mart. ; Wetona, 112; Mary Maud, 112; lace, 112; (a)Treasure Trove, 112; Low Degree (Imp.), 112; Miss 112; Dalrose, 112; Dianthea, 112. claiming maidens three-year turiongs—Prim Harry (imp.), as. 114; Arbitrator, 106; Meelo-clinton, 101 *1.4fe, 104; Velour, 114; Miss Roseburg, 109; Cap Black Vote, 101; Mary Lydis, 66.

Ambler, Parkesburg, Jenkintown, duPant, Marphe Newtown, Honey-lonal School, Avondale Vocational

96.

Selling, three-year-olds and up, kim's Choice, 115; "Korfhage, 6; "Kilts, 197; Flare, 99; "Silvey thraphel, 108; "the Magrader Purse, for three-wif furionas—Kewessa, 115; Hog, 109; Gloaming, 103; Dechie Tess, 98; "Silvey thraphel, 109; Gloaming, 103; Dechie Tess, 98; "Alming, for four-year-olds and 19; 109; "Captain Brave, 109; "Captain Brave, 108; "Captain Brave, 108;" Captain Brave, 108; "Captain Brave, 108; "Captain Brave, 108;" Captain B

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

"I'll take another look at Carl Morris five months hence and see how he looks then he-fore deciding whether to give Lir a chance at the heavyweight championship' said Jess Williard today as he made preparations for a trip to Norfolk, Va., where he will join a Wild West show. Asked whether he believed Morris's first with Fred Fulton at New York last night was sufficient to qualify him for a crack at the title, Willard said: "I don't think Morris's showing ought to give him a fight with me—at this time. Anyway, my show contract is for about five months and I can't do anything until it expires."

THE report that Jess Willard, the heavy-I weight champion, would give the winner of the Carl Morris Fred Fulton bout a crack at his title this summer proved buncombe. as was expected. Matt Hinckel, of Cleve land, was willing—in fact, anxious—to stage the contest, a fifteen-round setto to stage the contest, a fifteen-round setto to a referee's decision at Cedar Point, O., where Johnny Kilbane defended his laurels when pairing of boxers of his own stable. Four of his mitt flingers appeared in boatty at John against George Chaney last Labor Day But it is evident from the above Chicago statement that Mr. Willard would rather grab off easy money under the canvas that on the canvas against some one who would

endeavor to crush his jaw. To say that Morris could dethrone Wil lard really is out of the question; yet it would be time for Jess to appear in a reguar bout instead of circus exhibitions. Mor ris was lucky to earn a foul victory, as it were, over Fulton. Although several New York critics say that Frederick's foul was deliberate, or looked as if it was deliberate, there is no doubt that Fulton is far superior the Oklahoma heavyweight.

Willard doesn't like the idea of boxing where it is necessary to do regular training for a bout, and it may be that he will never

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

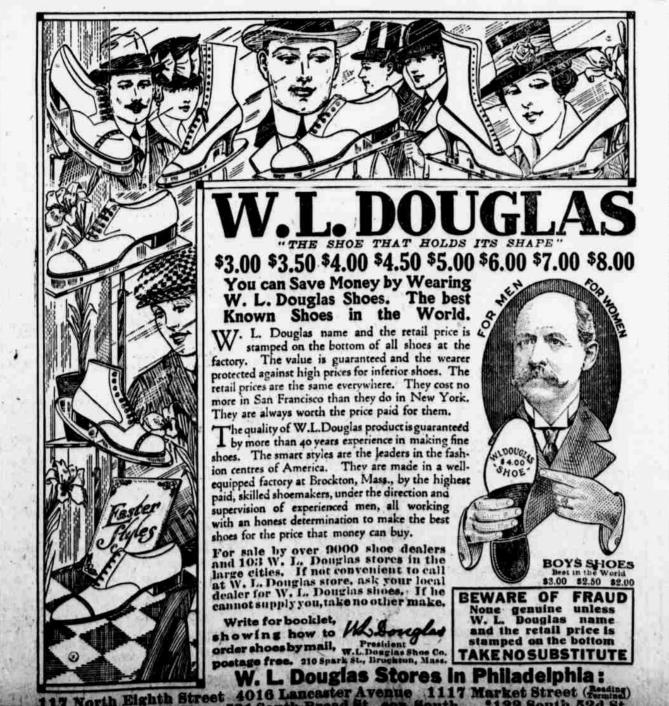
NEW YORK—Fred Fulton lost on foul to Carl Morris, fifth: Ted Lewis knocked out Jimmy Coffey, first: Tom Cowler stopped Sallor Carroll, first: Joe Welling defeated Willie Beecher; Angle Ratner shaded Young Mike Donovan. BALTIMORE—Dick Loadman defeated At

again appear in a contest with his title at

Charley (Kid) Myers is after bouts with any of the 116-pounders. He is anxious to accommodate Mike Vincent in a six-round bout, with real money for his earnings instead of the possibility of setting a pair of curf links—if he defeated half a dozen boxers.

Vite Colonne will hold a special show at the Broadway Monday afternoon, wiz: Young Law-rence vs. Lew Stinger, Wally Nelson vs. Hilly Hines, Joe Bradley vs. Frankle Conway, Bat-tling Murray vs. Indian Russell and Kid Murphy vs. Mickey Martin

Abe Attell, former featherweight champion, is appearing in a monologue at the Alhambra Theatre tonight, tomorrow night and Saturday night.





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