

THE FANS WERE NOT WISE IN MOST PLAYS, BUT THEY KNEW THAT MR. PEPPER MADE A HIT

FED-O. B. BALL CONTEST STAGED DESPITE SOGGY WEATHER, BUT NO RUNS SCORED IN OPENING ROUNDS

Early Play in Noted Breach of Promise Suit Alleging Lacerated Feelings Viewed by Meager But Highly Intelligent Assemblage

THERE'S one good thing about baseball lawsuits and other indoor sports: They are held rain or shine. Yesterday, while the leads from the leaden sky made it impossible to hold a ball game, the remnants of the Federal League put up a game battle against Organized Baseball in the United States District Court to collect a mere trifle like \$900,000 just because their feelings had been hurt.

It was an unusual scene when the baseball moguls gathered at the bar of justice. On the playing field, which was inclosed by a short but strong railing, sat the big chiefs of our national pastime. There were Ban Johnson, John Tener, Garry Herrmann, Branch Rickey, Connie Mack, William F. Baker and Thomas S. Edibe on one side, seated behind their counsel. On the other side were the plaintiffs, headed by L. Edwin Goldman and Attorney Jamney.

THE case was an important one and created quite a little interest among the big league ball players now rooting in our midst. All of these high-priced guys were present except the members of the Athletics and Detroit clubs.

Federal League Still Lives; Same Goes for Players' Fraternity THE most startling disclosures of the day were made in the afternoon session—they played two games—when one witness, a Mr. Goldman, of Baltimore, testified that the Federal League still was alive and had not dissolved. This caused quite a furore and the gentleman occupying seat No. 11 in the bleachers was aroused from a sound sleep.

From what we gleaned from the legal phraseology spilled in the courtroom, the Baltimore remnants of the Feds allege that they were atung when the peace pact was signed with Organized Baseball. In fact, one witness said that the other seven members of the league did not consult Baltimore when they closed the deal and it was left out in the cold.

Harry Coveleskie, Pitching Paladin, Is With Us NUMBERED among Navin's nabobs who are entertaining the hot polloi at Mr. Shibe's extensive playground is Harry Coveleskie, the Polish Paladin. Cove is willing to turn down a bet that the guy who wheezes through with the airy persiflage that all the world loves a lover was born blind and grew hard of hearing in early life.

THE Giants finally curbed the mad rush of the Corsairs, but when Mordecai Brown and Christy Mathewson were sewed up in the extra season duel Mr. Josephus Tinker plastered Matty all over the lot and the Cubs gathered the burge.

They Blamed Merkle, But Cove Was the Real Hoodoo SCRIBES of the New York vintage took their pens in hand, dipped them into a vat of ink and proceeded to strew the osseous Frederick's corpus delicti all over the sporting pages. He was as popular with them as the Kaiser is in Belgium, and the mention of Merkle's name in daily debate had the same soothing effect as a crimson petticoat on an indolent bull.

When Cove succeeded in carving Mr. McGraw and his high-priced troupe into a lot of has-beens the sporting pages of this and neighboring hamlets took it upon themselves to peer into the future, and their prophecies proved as well-ligh-the-truth as the happy predictions of the Christmas dinner that the Kaiser failed to order in gay Paree.

Love's Young Dream Shattered by Ice Water THE wren stood for this for some little time and caroled back to the dulcet strains of the horrible cornet, but the parent rooster was a Pole and had the same temperamental interest in a milder who played the cornet as a hungry bulldog trying to enjoy a Molluscor.

THE story raced around the little town, where you couldn't even keep your temper, and Cove was glad to beat it from the sticks for the white lights of Broad and other arteries here. Well, to the tale. It seems that after Cove had made the pennant chances of the Giants look like a three-legged horse trying to win the Suburban, the Banished Banishes of the Big Town went on a still hunt.

So, when Mr. Coveleskie started against the Giants early next season Mr. McGraw's serfs simply waited around the real estate making grotesque imitations of a bloke blowing a mail-order cornet. The thing got to Cove and it worried him to such an extent that he didn't even have a bowing acquaintance with the plate and couldn't win a ball game from the Old Soldiers' Home.

IT IS said that the spectacle of a brass band send Coveleskie into the air even now, and at the opening-day festivities they have to put blinders on him and stuff his ears with cotton.

MOVIE OF A MAN AND A NIGHT THUNDERSTORM



CHURCH LEAGUE COMPLETES DATES

New Athletic Association to Launch Another Baseball Division S. & C. HAS HARD HITTERS

The newly organized Philadelphia Church Athletic League is rapidly getting under way, as far as baseball is concerned, and will hold a meeting tonight to organize a second division. Six clubs compose the first section and they have already played two Saturday afternoons.

Strebber & Clothier has won six straight games, all that have been played, and having hitting has featured the work of the store boys. First base is occupied by the store boys. Curtin has hit safely in every game in which they played.

Prior to Saturday's game in the Delaware County League there appeared to be only one team, the Philadelphia Athletics. But the defeat handed the leaders by the "Meds" has created some confusion and has led to the formation of a new team.

The Atlantic City team of the P. & R. League has yet to lose a game and is tied with the nine regulars. "C" Simmlinger is playing great ball in the outfield and starring at the bat.

Ray Campbell, Keen Kutter's star twirler, besides doing mighty effective work on the pitcher's box, has been doing well in the batting line. He has hit safely in five contests.

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SUNDAY CAN BEAT DEVIL, BUT NOT JAWN D. AT GOLF NEW YORK, June 12.—Billy Sunday can beat the devil at any game he plays, but he can't beat John D. Rockefeller, Sr., playing golf.

Farrell Suspends Calhoun WILKES-BARRE, Pa., June 12.—President John S. Farrell, of the State League, has indefinitely suspended Manager J. C. Calhoun, of the Wilkes-Barre team, and Second Baseman Dick Breen, of the Reading team, for engaging in a fist fight on the grounds here Saturday while a game was going on.

THE SANDS OF TIME RUN RAPIDLY AND BALL PLAYER MUST MAKE BEST OF BRIEF LIFE OF THE DIAMOND

Ten Years No Great Span in Other Professions, But Big League Regulars for Decade Are Rarities—Red Ames the Nestor

By GRANTLAND RICE Under Pressure Come, gather 'round me, little ones, And give heed to my song, I may detain you quite a while, And maybe not so long; I have no idea just now What I intend to say, And yet I feel the time is ripe To kick in with this lay.

"HOW many players," queries a fan, "are left in the big leagues who were regulars ten years ago—as far back as 1907?"

One might figure that the average player who was able to pike along would frequently last longest. But the long stayers are nearly all the leading stars—men like Wagner, Lajoie, Mathewson, Flank, Evers, Johnson, Cobb, Crawford. The player with only an average showing for the years to carry far over the winding highway is Red Ames.

It may be that the American public will be lured into depositing \$50,000 or \$75,000 to see Carl Morris and Jess Willard in battle. But, as great as the sucker record is in the Fall Guy circuit, there must be some ultimate limit. If there is one, it will be a Morris-Willard fight. If this doesn't act as the concluding limit, then the bottom is out, and there's no limit left.

Quite likely there may be a batsman with a greater combination of grace and grit than Tris Speaker. But so far we haven't piped him advancing through the midst. This is not only a great hitter; in addition, he has a style as clear and clean and rhythmically timed as any batter who ever lived—or died. While on the long average not as great a hitter as Cobb or Wagner, he is far more graceful than either. Ty and Hans are efficient workmen, but neither has the ease and poise at bat which belong to the smashing Texan, who gives you the idea as he stands at the plate that he could hit any ball pitched anywhere.

Have at 'Em When duress merely nips a shot, I think no more about 'em; But when they try to tell me why, I'd like to rise and clout 'em. C. S. S.

BASEBALL TODAY SHIBE PARK Athletics vs. Detroit GAME CALLED AT 3:45 P. M.

WILLIAMS SHOULD DEFEAT HERMAN, SAYS JOHNNY KILBANE; KNOCKOUT WOULD NOT SURPRISE HIM, HE SAYS

Featherweight Champion Declares Former Bantam Boss Is Toughest Foe He Ever Met—Edwards Foils Ticket Speculators

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL "KID WILLIAMS is the greatest piece of fighting machinery I ever have seen, and he should defeat Pete Herman in the six-round bout at the Olympia A. A. on Wednesday night."

There is no doubt but that both Williams and Herman will weigh in at the required figures, 118 rinds. Those who forfeits look pretty big, and in addition to that, the boys are so anxious to book at the legal limit that each has the price of declining to enter the ring either is above weight. Even the smallest fraction of a pound will gum up the proceedings, and no chance will be taken of Herman has been training in Philadelphia for the match, and is said to be in low weight. Williams worked hard in Baltimore for his comeback, and he took in excellent shape. The boys should put up a whirlwind battle with the time, trying to land a knockout and Herman boxing at long any time up to the hour the boys step into the ring.

Edwards Protects Patrons In order to protect his patrons and make sure that every one has a chance to get a seat, Harry Edwards has placed all of the remaining seats on sale. They can be procured any time up to the hour the boys step into the ring.

Expect a Knockout "I would not be surprised to see Williams knock out Herman in that six round bout. He has just as good a chance to put over a haymaker as Leonard in the Welsh bout, and take it from me, he will be trying all of the time. You can quote me as saying that Kid Williams will win and if he doesn't I'll be the most surprised person in the world."

COAST PLAYER TO QUIT IF SALARIES ARE CUT SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 12.—Deep cuts in salaries of ball players in the Coast League will be made June 15, magnates announce. Salt Lake and Portland players are said to have voted to quit if the cut goes into effect.

Advertisement for Guilford's Imperial union suit. Text: "First Thing 'On,' Last Thing 'Off'". Price \$1.25 Up. Locations: 1038 Market St., 1430 Chestnut St., 1305 Market St., Broad & Girard Ave., 2436 N. Front St., 3647 Woodland Ave.

Advertisement for U.S. Government Liberty Loan. Text: "Make the World Safe for Democracy" PRESIDENT WILSON. June 15th is the last day to buy Liberty Bonds. Have you bought yours? Have you "done your bit"? Have you bought all you can afford? If not, buy NOW. The entire sales organization of The Atlantic Refining Company in the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware consisting of 400 trained men will devote its full time this week to the solicitation of subscriptions which they are authorized to accept for the U.S. Government LIBERTY LOAN. Subscribe before Friday or you'll be too late. THE ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY Philadelphia and Pittsburgh