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THE COLLEGE MAN IN PROFESSIONAL BALL IS VINDICATED-ALL ARE HIGHBROWS NOW INCIDENT MAY BE CLOSED AS TO

BASEBALL AS SPORT AND BUSINESS MIGHT GO WITH ENFORCEMENT OF **RULE PERMITTING GENERAL DRAFT**

Parks Might Close With Loss of Large Investments Built Up-President's View of Sports Offers Other Food for Speculation

SOME interesting angles of speculation are presented as a result of the news announcement from Washington to the effect that hall players are not to be exempted from the workings of the selective draft law. Chief among these are What will the effect be in the light of President Wilson's recent announcement about the desirability of the continuation of sports during the war? What will ecome of the tremendous investments that have grown up in baseball properties all over the country? And why is a ball player a highbrow, the same as an artist, an actor or an author?

The President's recent pronouncement seemed to indicate that the experience of the war, based upon tried conditions, was strong for the favoring of a continuance of all sports possible, the impression being left that the plan was not only in keeping with the spirit of war in encouraging vigorous sports, but to serve the masses of the people with pleasing and healthful recreation during the excitement of wartimes. This impression may have been due to a somewhat liberal construcon of the exact text of the President's deliverance, but it appears to have been the one generally accepted.

In any event, a general drafting of ball players would virtually break up the delicate organism of organized ball and would likely close up the parks in no time. There are millions of dollars invested in the two big leagues alone in ball properties, and the closing of park gates would aeriously affect and possibly wipe out tremendous investments that have taken years of labor and large amounts of money to develop.

The classification of ball players with artists actors and authors certainly applies when the matter of furnishing public amusement only is considered. There is in the minds of many, however, an idea that the ball player serves a larger public pury se, at least in wartimes, than do the other classes of ontertainers of edifiers mentioned.

CERTAINLY baseball breathes a fighting spirit consonant with the war zest and military urge; it diverts the American mind as does nothing else and it healthfully entices the populace into the . . . And some there are who would like to be enlightened as to the real meaning of the Prealdent's late sports message, if it does not include in its purview the great national game as a sport.

Lucky Break When Phils Got Schulte

IT WAS a lucky break for the Phila when they grabbed Frank Schulte from Pittsburgh at the waiver price of \$1500. The deal was put through with little difficulty and one of the greatest players in the game was transferred at a bargain price. Two years ago President Baker and Pat Moran made an attempt to get Schulte from the Cubs, but Joe Tinker, who then was manager, laughed at the offer. Last winter it was rumored that Moran and Callahan, who are fellow citizens of Fitchburg, Mass., framed up a deal to send Schulte to Philadelphia, but this was strenuously denied at the meeting in New York. Callahan then said that he would keep the outfielder because he believed that he would strengthen the team. Therefore it was quite a surprise when the announcement came that Callahan asked waivers on a player he refused to sell for a large sum of money just a few months ago. Perhaps it was because of the accident a month ago, when Schulte received a broken rilf while souffling with some of the Fittsburgh players in a Cincinnati hotel, or it might have been due to a falling out with his manager.

Schulte still is a good ball player, but in the last two years he has not been able to do himself justice. In 1915 he had a fairly good year with the Cubs, but at the beginning of last season he did not seem to fit in with the ex-Federal League stars on Tinker's payroll. He was unhappy and was anxious to make a change. He virtually asked to be shifted to the Phillies, because Moran's players are the most popular in the league, but the Cub boss traded him to Pittsburgh for a couple of players and some cash. Frank did not relish playing on the tail-end club from Smoketown, and now that he is with a regular team his work will improve.

PAT MORAN is elated over the deal and President Baker's face is wreathed with smiles. A difficult problem has been solved-that of getting a man who can hit in the pinches. Schulte not only can do that, but also can sub for the regulars in case of accident. Before the season is over Callahan will be sorry he let him go.

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Jack Coombs Will Be Absent Guest of Honor at Colby Today

THIS is Coombs Day at Colby College, in Waterville, Me. Jack was graduated in 1996, and since that time has brought fame to his aima mater through his work on the ball field. The college now is known all over the country and the alumni realize that Coombs had quite a little to do with it. A baseball game will be played and all of the old-timers will be on hand to assist. Jack will not be in the line-up, as his presence is needed here with the slipping Dodgers. He has sent his regrets, but the celebration will be held any way.

They think pretty well of Coombs up in Maine, and many remember the first neared for practice on the diamond. It was in the spring of 1902 the noted moundaman matriculated at Colby. He was a senior at Coburn Classical. School, a prep school in Waterville. He had made quite a name for himself on the football field and decided to branch out.

MOVIE OF A MAN AND A SELF-STARTER



COBB TIES RECORD **OF STUFFY M'INNIS**

Ty Hits Safely in 17 Consecutive Games, Repeat-

NO CHANGE IN NATIONAL

Ty Cobb made two hits in four times in in yesterday's game, making the seven teenth consecutive game in which he has hit safely. This ties Stuffy McInnis's rec ord of earlier in the season. Tris Speaker boosted his average five points, and George itsler moved up from fourth place to third, displacing Stuffy Melnnis. Ray Chapman

league is batting:

Player Club Cobb, Detroit. Socaker, Cleveland Sisler, St. Louis Mclinnis, Athletics Chapman, Cleveland. H220083 NATIONAL LEAGUE Player Club ruise, St. Louis oush, Cincinnati Smith, St. Louis

ALL-DAY RED CROSS GUN

CARNIVAL AT RIVERTON

Cunningham Was Told So Often of the Progress of Loos That He Soon Lost Lead in the

place at the top of the list of finishers had it not been for the vast amount of infor-mation that wan wafted in his direction during the second trial of the course. The stopic town tutor took the lead at the end of the first reaction of the real at the end of the first round on Wednesday with a and of 74, and that gave him a two-stroke margin over Tom McNamara and Jock Hutchinson, not to mention a three-stroke dge over Eddie Loos and Charlie Hoffner.

four. The young Cricket Club professional had only twenty-five well-sent strokes for the first seven holes, and the par for the

his young rival's mighty deeds.



as it seems,

neident closed."

The attempt to throw the scandal back pon the newspapers will hardly stand.

Mercer is not only a very excellent baseball writer, but is also one of the most careful and conscientlous reporters in the game. His carefulness in this case was shown is the fact that after writing the interview he submitted it to McGraw for iny revision

To say that these interviews were fakes and "scurrilous fabrications" is an insult to any degree of intelligence. There isn't a baseball fan in New York who doesn't believe that Sid Mercer, Sam

Crane and others present handled the interew just as it was given. McGraw, knowing these interviews were suthentic, could very easily have settled the matter by confessing that he lost his tem-per and in the heat of anger said things which he should not have said. This, with s retraction and an apology, would have seen sufficient.

Another Angle

There is still this side to consider; Beore this repudiation of McGraw's was ac-epted and given out, why couldn't National league club owners have secured testimony om the newspaper writers involved?

They knew the denial was a joke and tat innocent parties were being slandered. If they had desired to get at the real ruth of what happened and what was said. he way was easy enough.

The original interviews had been pub-ished for a week. If they were false, why were they not denied at once? It is almost impossible to understand now McGraw, in view of his past record,

ould do such a thing. There may be several parties who con ider the incident closed, but we doubt

very much if the baseball reporters in volved are to be listed in this lot. It is It is up to every newspaper that printed one of the repudiated interviews to prove who told

McGRAW AND OTHERS, BUT SPORTS SCRIBES ARE JUST WARMING UP Authors of "Fake Interviews" and "Scurrilous

Fabrications" Threaten Disturbance-Giant Manager Passed Written Interview, Says One

By GRANTLAND RICE

WE UNDERSTAND in regard to the re- the truth. And this won't be very hard cent McGraw-Byron-Tener episods that Manager McGraw, President Tener and Not Even a Week

As Old Charley Towne puts it, they are not even giving kings and coars the custothe National League owners consider the mary two weeks' notice just now. On the contrary, it has just begun.

Toymake responsible baseball reporters It is hard to say which is the toughest job-being Czar of Russia King of Greece or president of the National Longue. the goats of the occasion may seem an easy way out, but it will hardly be as easy Not Nearly Always

Every one connected with the signed statement repudiating recent interviews wherein McGraw gave his opinion of Presi-dent Tener-this includes McGraw, Tener and every National League club owner-knows that the manager of the New York club was correctly quoted as to all main

One example will suffice. Sid Mercer, of the Globe, was among the "repudiated set."

You May Know golfer missed a twelve-inch putt; His brow was furrowed is a rut; At last he spoke in accents clear-Just what I cannot tell you here.

reserve.

"No man or shorse is so, good that he su't beaten at one time or another." cas-tally remarks an exchange. How about olin

No, you can't always tell Sometimes you can't even tell sometimes. When the senson opened the Red Sox were supposed to carry their greatest strength in the box, with Ruth, Leonard, Shore and May of

he first line, and with Foster and Pennock

In place of which the Red Sox have

drawn their greatest trouble in the box. The rest of the club has been as good as

ever. The pitching alone has faitered.

In the way of Red Cross golf competitions now about the East-West affair, with Jerry Fravers and Francis Ouimet sent against Thick Evans and Bob Gardner? The West criters won in 1915 at Detroit, but a return card would be among the season's classica. The next move is now in order.

TOME TO PLAY FOOTBALL; LA SALLE ON SCHEDULE

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., June 22 .- Tome school announces the following schedule for he 1917 football season: October 6, Perkiothe 1917 forceast search, occover 5, Person-men Seminary; October 13, La Salle Col-lege: October 20, Army and Navy Pre-paratory, all at Tome; October 27, Hill School, at Potthown; November 3, Balti-more City College, and November 10, Lawrenceville, at Tome; November 17, Gilman Country School, at Baltimore.

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is still fifth. In the National League George Burns lost seven points by failing to hit in four times up. The positions of the leaders re-main unchanged. Here is how the "First Five" in each league is batting:

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ing Jack's Feat

Vesterday Loss was the first man to drive off for the second round, and he started like an unleashed foxhound. Eddle tork a three on the first, another on the second and a four on the third, and all of these are birds at Whitemarsh. Then he slumped to the extent of taking a par 3 on the fourth that was followed by another bird

stretch is twenty-nine. Just about this time Alex Country hime and most the time Alex Country has starting out for his round. Alex went down to the tee with the happy fieling that a two-strikg lead creates, and then a number of the spectators give the one-day leader a complete description of the meson sheet and the mechanism deads.

TOO MUCH NEWS CAUSED DOWNFALL OF PRO LEADER, FOR HE BEGAN TO SLIP WHEN RECORD WAS REPORTED

National Open

JOCK HUTCHINSON, the comedian pro-of Pittshurgh supplanted Alex Cunning ham, of Wheeling, in the lead for the National Open at Whitemarsh, and Cun-ningham is sore. Alex believes that he would have held his place at the ton of the list of fluichers had

bird on the third, but his four on the next hole put him two strokes in the wake of Eddle. Cumingham was aware of these dismal facts and consequently he had the jux of the medal player walking around with him all the time. Alex finally finished four strokes worse than his initial effort and dropped from first place to a tie for third. Last year Jim Fraser had a putt of about five feet for the Philadelphia cham-plonchin. Some kind friends were all set to

pionship. Some kind friends were all set to shout the tidings to the big fellow, they were so anxious to let him know that if he dropped the putt he would wear the local he dropped the putt he would wear the local crown. After an effort they were sup-pressed and Jim was unaware that the championiship rested upon his effort. He made the putt, but it is a safe bet that if Frazer had been tipped off the shot would not have landed in the bottom of the cup. Hutchinson, of Allegheny, also romped around in 73, but his total was made by safe and same golf. Out in 37, he came home in 36, and there were no spectacular strings of birds to make up for later mis-cakes. Hutchinson is a steady player, and his showing at Minneapolis, where he came takes. Hutchinson is a steady player, and his showing at Minneapolis, where he came in two strokes behind the champion. Chick Evans, for a strong second place last year, places him a strong favorite for the present

vent. Eddie Loos, the former Charlotte , tutor, is but one stroke in the rear of ow mark and can be counted upon to

display more spectacular golf. Then Tom McNamara, of Taplow, does not expect to wind up far down the list. He was record

Leon K. Saunders was captain of the Colby nine that spring and assisted in the coaching at the prep school. He was hitting grounders to the infield when a tall, gawky figure ambled toward him. It was the first time Saunders had seen Coombs.

"I want to try for the team." mumbled Jack.

"What do you play and what experience have you had?" demanded the coach "Never played before, but I'm big enough to play first base," replied the rookie. "Can't use you at first," said Saunders, "because we have a first baseman, and he happens to be the captain. Get on third and I'll look you over."

Jack went to the bag in the far corner of the diamond and acted like a Dutch brewer standing in front of a soda fountain. A grounder was knocked toward him and he went after it like a one-legged man trying to beat Ted Meredith. He fumbled the ballskicked it, fell on it and everything else, and when he picked it up he turned and whipped it to first base.

ffTT WAS the greatest throw I ever saw," said Saunders, who told us I the story recently. "The ball just zipped across the diamond and went as straight as a bullet. Right then I saw that a bum third baseman was about to become a good pitcher, and before the end of the season he was the best in Maine. He learned rapidly and soon had the opposing batters striking out from the dugout."

Leonard-Kilbane Match for Philadelphia Appears Off

JAMES F. DOUGHERTY is a preved person these days. He has failed to stage the greatest boxing bout of the year-Leonard and Kilbane-in Philadelphia. and is and morose as he wanders over his estate in Leiperville. Kilbane was willing to box, but it has been impossible to get Leonard's name to a contract. And until Benny signs the stuff is off.

"I have worked hard to land this match," said Dougherty, "and I find that mard is not anxious to get into the same ring with the featherweight champion. I offered a purse of \$15,000, which is the most that ever has been offered for a six-round bout in the history of boxing. Then I was ready to raise it to \$20,000. but my representatives in New York could not get Gibson to even listen. I made the offer in good faith, had the money to post before the bout and there was no bluffing on my part. I believe the people of Philadelphia would turn out to see a high-class bout like that and I was willing to take a chance. Now that the match apparently has fallen through f want to say that Kilbane was willing to box sonard at 133 ringside, which is the legal lightweight limit, and when Benny held off he raised the weight to 135 ringside. I hate to say it, but it looks to me as if Leonard was afraid of Kilbane, although he would have at least nine pounds on him if they met. It's pretty bad when a man steps out of his class to meet another and the heavier man refuses to box."

IN JUSTICE to Gibson and Leonard, however, let it be said that they are considering the match in New York. A promoter has offered the equivalent of \$40,000 for the match, and in boxing as well as any other line of business money comes first.

Saier Released to Make Room for Driscoll

FIC SAIER, one time star first baseman of the National League, has been handed his unconditional release by Manager Mitchell of the Cubs. Saler injured his leg early in the season and the limb failed to Respond to treatment. The Cubs purchased Merkle and the former Giant has filled the position so well that Mitchell concluded he had no further use for the former Southern Michigan Levruer. It seems strange that a former member of the same league should displace Saler, but it is true, as both were members of the Southerp Michigan cirsait. Saler playing with Lansing before going to the Cubs while McGraw took Isrkie from Mount Clemens.

The Cube were down to the player limit and as Mitchell recently took on addy Driscoll, the star Northwestern University football and baseball athlete, It was necessary to let out one of the boys so as to remain in the twenty-two ver limit. As Saisr was the only man not available, he was handed his walkpapers. With his passing it marks the going of another former celebrated run hittor.

rescall apparently has made a favorable impression upon efitchell. The ndet in not satisfied with the hitten of Chuck Worthman, their algo-priced

Bad News for Alex Now there is nothing more effective to throw a player off his game in a medal

and invertion Gun Club will hold an all-day trapshooting carnival at Riverton, N. J., tomorrow, the proceeds to be turned over to the Red Chosa Society. The matches are open to all residents of New Jersey, somen included. The Riverton Gun Club will hold an all-The prizes for the various events were

ALONG, loud, lurid how! that has reached this city from New York is the wail of

Jim Coffey, Irishman, giant and heavy-

weight boxer, about the way the pushers of

the pencil have been treating tife Roscom-

mch Son since he was outroughed by Carlos

Morris in a Gotham ring several weeks ago.

When writing about the heavyweight situ-ation Coffey says he doesn't understand why his name is conspicuous by its ab-

Jim Coffey is eliminated from the eligible hallengers for Jess Willard's scalp. Here's

the wail from the lips of Shamus himself

Fve beaten Morris twice, and my name

is never mentioned in connection with Wil-hard's. Of course, the knockers will suy that Frank Moran beat me twice and that

that settles me. But they don't know what they are talking about. Moran's two wins over me were downright flukes. In our

up and was leaning on the ropes, thinking how sweetly the thrushes were warbling in

mon, when the referee stopped

the floor and hit me with it, I got

That wasn't fair, for the referee

first fight, after he picked up that

he can't reason why the name of

over Loos, then his five on the second was) the Red Cross.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

come up and tell him what brilliant scores are being clicked off by the others. Cun-ningham was tipped off to Loosis efforts by every one who had a chance to slip him The prizes for the various events were ionated by the members of the Riverton Jun Chb and it is hoped that the com-nittee will be able to turn a large sum over result of the two land strokes he held

Dayle was matched to fight Johnny Crape, a resi welterweight, at the National last sea-sen, and al the last minute announced that he had bart his hand training and it was neces-ary to get a substitute for him. Crane will meet him at the welterweight limit, and If he dows not get the decision in every imper will give his end to any worthy cause. ROBERT J. WAGNER.

best man in the open championships of 1905, 1512 and 1915, consequently Mac cannot be forgotten in the dope list. They Never Win at Home Jim Barnes demonstrated the old theory that a professional cannot win a big event over his own course. The only time in the

bistory of the national open that the home professional has won a title over his own teaching ground occurred in 18%5, when Henry Rawlings was crowned open king after the meeting at Newport. And it might he said in passing that the 1895 open championship down a crowded field of elayon championship drew a crowded field of eleven players and Rawlins won the thirty-two-hole test with • total score of 173 strokes. In these days of advanced golf 173 would have a hard time to qualify. Jim Barnes had a sorry time of it the first day when he rolled up a cord of \$4.

first day, when he rolled up a card of \$4; centerday he cut eight strokes from the first trip with a 76, but his name is very far down the list of qualifiers, a very unusual place for the tall Briton.

Faul Dosle, the New York boxer-hitter, will ppear to the star bout at the Broadway next Prosday mint. Opposed to the Gotham giove-man will be Darby <u>Cospar</u>. The number of Red Cross solicitors seems o increase with the progress of the tourna-Rid McPartland, who has become the peer of New York veforers since the Pred Welsh Benny Leonard mix, probably will officiate in the re-turn louit next Priday might between Johnny Fundle and Willie Jackett. Managers of the boxers are to meet today and decide on the third man. ment. The spectators were all tagged by the ladies disguised as purses; the machin that enter the grounds are halted at the gate by the first line of collectors, and there are plenty of extra nurses scattered about the

The plenty of extra nurses scattered about the clubhouse and grounds to nab any badgeless follower. Thil Corson, winner of the St. Martins cup last year, reached the final round of the junior golf tournament yesterday. In the neultimate round Corson met and wited Norman MacRean Corsol chammion Johnny Heward gave Hattling Levinsky as good a battle at Providence, B. L. in tweive sounds that ther were remarked for July 11. The Hattler got a referee's decision. Harry Cutch, who bosed around here as a real mood lightweight several years ago, is to endoaror a "come-back" in New York tonight. When Cutch super-back in New York tonight. When Cutch super-back in local connections he "reserves for a knorkout wallor. Tonight Harry will be opposed to Sailor George Volk. one of the Iron-jaw clan. iolted Norman MacBean, Cornel, champion, by making the short seventh hole of the Country Club In one. Ones are rare in golf, and they are almost unknown in competition play, and when MacBean saw his opponent's drive go scudding into the cup he lost a lot of interest in the match.



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should have given me time to think. The same thing happened in the second fight, after I had been pasting Moran all around the ring. It wasn't right, I say. In my fights with Morris I think I won both times yet they say I'm a good motorman and talk about matching him with Willard. Can you heat that?" THIS is what Coffey told Bat Master-I son, veteran New York writer, and

Bat appears to agree that Jim ought to have his chance along with Morris and the rest. FIRED FULTON'S unexpected knockout

over Sam Langford, although technical, I over Sam Langford, although technical, and even though the Boston Tar Baby no doubt wasn't the Langford of old, places the Feroclous One up among the gang anxious to take away Jesse's crown. The result of this contest was one sof the most astounding for many years—almost as un-expected as Willie Jackson's kaye over Lohnay Lundee Iohnny Dundee.

Charley Doyle, of Richmond, and Tommy area, of Nicetown, are to be principals in the lar errap at the Cambria open-air arena to int, weather permitting. "Boola" is a south-aw, and no slouch as a puncher. Other bould re Tony Rappo, who has been displaying a catthy wallon, va. Young Lawrence, the clown; illy Rinse vs. Leo Fiynn, Eddle Cavanagh ve, ommy Gorman and Jimmy Sutton vs. Charley else.

in-i was reading in your paper the other about Charley Duyle being the best light-the Philadophia. This stuff about the being a lightweitht is a good Joke he did make 185 putmids for the frahi Johnny Netsaa, but he had to frahi the being a being the best to frahi

an bester of the first one where the state of the town branched in some form

Irish Patsy Cline upset a jot of Johnny Har-vey's & aspirations for championship prestize. Harvey had been going along winning consist-ently, until he met the Irisher. Then Patsy gave Barvey as terribe a beating it will take some time before Johnny forgets it. Harvey was knocked down twise, Augle Batner and Al Badoud were victors in New York bouts last uight. The former out-printed Vic Dahl, while Badoud defeated Kid Billings. Willie Jackson, in strict training for his joint with Johnny Dundre, has moved his quar-ters to Fleasantville, N. J.

Mel Coogan, to whom Fred Weish we ave given his glehtweight crown in July newwred the chill of the colors. The useh hoker has enlisted in the newy au a awaiting the call to oction.

Battling Kowin and Jackle Clark went to rounds to a draw at Allentown last night, ac cording to a wire this morning. Kepin was re-matched to box Knockout Loughin dite-rounds July 4, according to the same tale grain.

Cheltenham A. C. Holds Carnival

The Cheltenham Athletic Club will hold a carrival ionizati and iomorrow night on the grounds of the Cheltenham Fire Company. Rywe and Mysre avenues. The club, recently organized for the promotion of athletic activities in the town, already has a numbership of iow and a subscription of a statistic activities in the town, already has a numbership of iow and a subscription of athletic activities in the town already has a numbership of iow and a subscription of a statistic activities in the subscription of the subscription of a statistic subscription of a statistic activities in the town already and a statistic activities and a subscription of the subscription of a statistic subscription of a statistic activities in the subscription of a statistic activities and a statis