CO MUCH LURID PUBLICITY FROM THE OUTSIDE HAS ST. LOUIS CARDS CROWDED WITH HOLDOU

HORNSBY TURNS BACK CARDINAL CONTRACT AND IS NOW A HOLDOUT BECAUSE OF FRENZIED PUBLICITY

National Commission Could Help Protect Players, Owners and the Game Itself by Forbidding Stories of Incompleted Deals

THE expected has come to pass. Rogers Hornsby is a holdout and he proffered scrap of paper "just like that"-sent it back by return mall with won't even talk contract with the St. Louis Cards-he dismissed the personal compliments. And he will sit steady in the boat until Branch Rickey comes to his senses, for how could the Cards have the nerve to take the field, much less assume to have a real ball club, without the chesty young Texan in the cost?

Frenzied finance in its most violent form undoubtedly is responsio for the situation in hand. Millionairing in the ball game has its responsibilities both to the game itself and to other club owners, but this was not the view of President Weeghman, of the Cubs, who promulgated a series of lurid newspaper yarns "egarding his willingness to turn loose the flithy lucre for the young player and that put the Card authorities "in Dutch." Hornsby was not long in showing its effect. He thereafter openly declared for a fabulous salary, and it is understood that in his third season as a regular major leaguer he now classes himself as a star equal in value to Cobb and Speaker. Fifteen thousand dollars is the sum alleged to be asked for working a couple of hours per day during the summer season. by the juvenile Lone Star product.

Hornsby's case suggests the Bennie Kauff episode following his being taken on by McGraw. His Federal Lengue record was advertised to such an extent and his hereulean prowess as a drawing card so expicated that his first season in the National League went to his head and 2.0 flowered. It is unfortunate that a great young player like Hornsby stould be confronted with a similar possibility, and it is to the discredit of present conditions in baseball that a young star should be placed 15 this position by outside influences and that a rival club owner should be forced into a strained relation with a player, the only way out of which is to come across or lose the player and wreck the team.

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HORNSEY positively will not give in in his contention for a fabulous salary boost, for his mother met the newspaper curve and told them so when they visited the old homestead in Fort Worth, Tex. The great shortstop has been carpentering at an army camp, but quit the job after hitting himself on the finger nail with a hammer

Now Is Time to Check Lurid Publicity

THE statement appears that President Tener, of the National League, will present for the consideration of the National Commission at its sessions in New York next Tuesday a measure intended to meet the dangers. that have come to baseball through haut financial maneuvorings of frenzied magnates. The plan as reported is to prohibit the sale of players altogether, permitting trading only.

While the idea intended to be advanced undoubtedly is good, yet it is difficult to see how such a sweeping proposal is altogether reasonable or would work practically. In the first place, it is not easy to discern the difference in principle between allowing trades and not allowing sales. In the second place, a regulation of the kind would be difficult to enforce and might tend to lend further secrecy to baseball dealings. A simple ban upon the announcement of immature transactions would appear to reach the root of the evil. And also it might help to forbid detitious reports calculated to emphasize the financial and purely business side of baseball. And while possibly the time is not at hand for such a radical reform, any step of the kind proposed would tend to hasten the time when baseball will be forced more into the open and to disclose the actual facts relating to dealings.

The Hornsby case serves to well, emphasize the needs of the hour in baseball. No matter what happens, relations between club and player are certain to be delicate if not strained. If Hornsby succeeds in getting his salary demands the club is not going to be matisfied, and if not he is going to be sore anyway. In any event, the player stands a chance of being hurt if not ruined by undue publicity and the club's entire affairs for the season demoralized.

ALREADY, in fact, the St. Louis club has seen both direct and indirect results of the Hornsby episode. Two other star players, encouraged no doubt by Hornsby's well-advertised dissatisfaction, also have become holdouts. Cruise and Jack Smith each is demanding a lively increase.

Honus Again Shies at Pirate Management

FEW days ago, it is stated, Barney Dreyfus offered Hans Wagner the A managership of the Pittsburgh club, but old John Henry refused to lift the burden off Hugo Bezdek's shoulders. Hans always has been a shrewd man, both on and off the field, and he showed more than ordinary perspicacity in declining to take over the skippership of the water-logged and shell-riddled Pirate craft-even if George Cutshaw is going to play second and Casey Stengel part of the outfield. The leadership of the Pirates has come to be regarded in the light of a visit from mother-in-lawe than the whooping cough, but few men have the staming to d cline the issue.



ANNUAL MEADOWBROOK GAMES SUCCESS IN GOLF WILL BE HELD MARCH 8-9 IN NOT DUE TO HEFT THE SECOND REGIMENT ARMORY

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THREE SURPRISE KNOCKOUTS IN PHILADELPHIA DURING THE LAST YEAR UPSET RING HISTOR

JOHNNY KILBANE-

COHNNY DUNDEE ---

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Dundee, Kilbane and Williams, Best Boxers in Three Classes, Fall Before Younger and Sturdier Opponents

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Ring history has been made in Phila-delphia in the last year. Three of Thurs of

the foremost barrow in the D have succumbed to the marked of their younger common and the same a htowa of their younger commute and two have stroped out of the plotter, is close fever to return. The best must in Gree closes went down into difficit, a functionality of a featherweight and a betweenth. All of this hornessed in one feat rear. First came follow bards one of the who books like a thorsuchered as com-nated to a selling plates when he per-forms against his fee. Is have bared with a lackman in the first reand was barded efficient in a transid that He was hit on the yill approximation for count. to have

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Three Idols Dethroned

Deposed Idols, Clean Game to the Core. 0 No Alibis and Ex Congratulation Victors

would be beaten into helpiesment the sixth round was called. Be defense and Leonard calmly as erringly shot crushing blows in unprotected face until John y fail floor on his hands and knees. In aged to starger to his feet and is manner stuck through the round third the sight was pitable. Kin face bloody, his knees argring third the sight was pitiable. King face bloody, his knees sagging a vision blurred, staggered around a while his opponent mercilessly a tered punishment which no ma stand. Johnny's spirit was not be nor would he admit defect. In valiantly to stem the tide, but being besten to the floor twice a punn tossed in the towel when the had but one second to go.

Spectators Weep

Spectators Weep A slient throng left Shibe Par-night. They had witnessed the a a good little man-da man was considered the superior of any so-the whole world. Their favora-been beaten and men and wome, sliently as they left the amplies There was little cheering, for par-Kilhane stood blach in the entem a sport-loving public and they one enthuse over his downfall. It we time for wathom-not hilarity. I remember one incident was stamped indelibly in my mind a the fight was over a gentleman a I remember one inclasm who stamped indelibly in my mind, it the fight was over a gentleman a the fight was over a gentleman a the conventional black and white de suit was in one corner of the far arm thrown around the post as bing as if his heart would brack went hitter tears until a callour a man escorted him to the gate. That bettle always will remains try. Kilbane was not himself we offered no excuses. He took has ing like a man, congratulated La rublicly and privately, and then mout of the boxing game. He no great in defeat as in victory as popularity has not suffered. Perha-will come black again, but not the great war is over. He was to to volunteer his services as bons structor and now is seeking a com



order to save fuel Yals candid attail game with the Wesleya a swimming meet with the member College of the City of New York w as scheduled on Friday.

Word was received in New York that notarase, the former dinnt, has no un basehall. He played last summer to Vernon club of the Pacific Coast last

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It will be remembered that for two days Wagner permitted himself to be regarded as the manager of the Pittsburghs last summer, just before Bezdek took hold. 'Tis said that Wagner never did give his full consent to the arrangement, and after two afternoons of managerial billing, but little cooing, Honus requested that he be delivered of the onus,

Wagner not only declined the Pirate crown at the present time, but he refused absolutely to consider any proposition that called for his stepping on to the ball field in a professional capacity. Hans is married, happy, with plenty of money and the respect of his neighbors. He deserves retirement

Salary Story Hoax; Would "Bust" Him, Says Ebbets

SOMEBODY always is taking the joy out of life, and offimes just as D soon as a hero is given a position upon a popular pedestal somebody comes along and gives the pedestal a kick. Recently report had it that Uncle Charles Ebbets, Dodger magnate, had suffered an attack of enlargement of the patriotic heart and was going to turn over, as an incentive for service among his players, half of their contract salaries. The gloom dispenser in the present instance is none other than Uncle Charles himself. who says it would cost him from \$10,000 to \$13,000 per annum to meet the occasion suggested, and that no club is in a position to turn loose that much money at the present time and satisfy general financial demands.

The origin of the report is said to have rested in the fact that the Brooklyn club-started last August what was known as "Our Soldier Boys" Fund," the club boosting the movement with a nice little \$500 kick-in. while every member of the team pledged himself to contribute one day's salary. Collections were taken up at Ebbets Field and by one means and another a total of more than \$1000 was raised. The object of the fund was to furnish a nucleus for a purse for dependencies of any players incapacitated in service, and the original amount still is held by Jack Coombs as treasurer. It was further agreed that any part of the sum not needed for purposes set out would go eventually to the Red Cross.

WHEN it is considered that if President Ebbets's statement touching the sum it would cost him to see through his reported philanthropic scheme be true, if the idea were generally adopted it would cost big league clubs something like \$200,000 this year. Hence there is absolutely no chance of the plan's general acceptance. Positively none.

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Griffith Has Trouble in Signing Players

CLARK GRIFFITH, manager of the Senators, is threatened with the loss of a whole ball club. After lamping the salary figures for the 1918 on, many of the players have rushed to the capital in an effort to rn whether the Old Fox is kidding. Harry Harper and Doc Ayres have bnobbing with Senators and diplomats. They were the first players protest the salaries offered by Griffith. Ray Morgan sent Griffith word m Baltimore that he'd rather go to work than to play for the salary stared him for 1918. Ray had a wartime contract which expired last on, and it is said he has received a terrible slashing. Even the peerless Iter Johnson has come in for a cut. It is thought that Johnson, Foster, gan, Henry, Harper and Ayres will work for much less this year than received last season

Huggins Confident That Plank Will Play

GGINS states that he expects Plank to come out of his retirement and go South with the Yankees, even though the ancient southpaw ted as saying the other day that he was through with the pitching

"I think that when the time comes to leave for the training camp Plank on the train with the other pitchers and recruit members of the and Huggins. "Plank still can pitch and I bank on him winning a all games for us this season. He will also aid the young pitchers in make another deal or two before the season starts, at present. Another good, reliable outfielder would be

Among the Topnotchers

Among the Topnotchers I think that he must have come to this country somewhere around 1991, for the first notice of his annearates in commettion was in 1905 in the western open at Chelmand, when he finished ifth. For the next ten years he was in the first raike of professionals, with a good chance to heat any one of them; in fact. I think that he has beaten nearly every golfer of prominence in the country. He was the national open in 1998 at Myoria after a tie with Willie Smith, the greatest player of them all, and that very year Willie had set a new record at St. Andrews in the Brit, is hoven. It was a big triumph for Freddle. Like Robert Gardner, al-though he wan the national, be was never able to carry off the western champlonship. Twice, however, he reached second place, once at Hinsdale and another time at Normandie, St, Louis. He has won the Calted North and South champlertime at Placehorth He has won the United North

By BILL DELL After the showing of Carl Morris in his boit with Jack Dempsey on Monday night the authorities all over the country should bar the Oklahoma heavyweight from the ring. Morris took a incing for six rounds, and when he was satis-South championship at Pinehurst. the Florida open and many other events. Twice, in 1910 at Philadelphia and in 1911 at Chicago Golf, he was fourth fied he couldn't win is said to have de hed he couldn't win is said to have de-liberately fould his opponent. This is not the first time Morris has been guilty of pulling the rough stuff, and it is up to the boxing promoters to see that it is his last. because three other players had tied for first. Such a difference one little stroke makes

Traveled 10,000 Miles One Year

During these years he continually took part in all the open events, and being in such demand for exhibition events, he traveled in all parts of the country. It was said that in 1915 he had traveled 10.000 miles to compete in golf tourna-ments. His professional engagements were, among others, at Rockford, 10, ;

Scraps About Scrappers

Manager Burns has scoured five New York, how to meet five Philadelphia boys at the Cracel as a set of the Philadelphia boys at the Cracel as a set of the Philadelphia boys at the Gueste Lewis will meet Young Merico, of New York. In the semifinal Frankle Conway will stack up against Terry Miller, of New York. Eddle Mullin, of Port Richmond, meets Danny Davis, of New York; Jinniny McDonnah, of Kensington, will meet Kid Le-nay, of New York, while Jinniny Tierney will show against Hughle Hutchinson, of New York.

were, among others, at Rockford, 10.1 Mid'othian, Chicaga, San Antonio, St. Louis, New Orleans, and he is now at the Columbia Golf Club at Washington, where our great War President plays with considerable regularity. Fredice McLeod hus a remarkable low-cut shot, that only he of all the "pros" seems to be able to make work. Perhaps the others were afraid, orf it required hold an accurate hitting, and slightest miss meant a world of trouble.

dightest miss meant a world of trouble. WOULD PUT PITCHER

BACK THREE FEET

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6 .- Branch Rickey president of the Cardinals, believes there ought to be more hitting and he sug-gests the best way to do this would be to move the pitcher's box back three feet. He believes this will transform a lot of 200 hitters into 400 swatters. He will bring the matter up before the other magnates a the coming meeting of the National League.

Evening Ledger Decisions

of Ring Bouts Last Night

BOSTON-Mike Paulson, pinch-hitting for Walter Barliett, defeated Harry Con-don in ten rounds; Gilbert Gallanty won a faul from Shaver O'Brien. CTMBERLAND-Harry Greb scored a knockoot ever fack Hubbard in the third

noundbess of this carry training in North Berwick that accounted for his been at that forely mot in Southand and I have seen the smallest of boys with gelf clubs in their hands, and without doubt Freddle grew up in just that way

MORRIS SHOULD

Foul Tactics of Heavy-

weight Mauley Places

Game in Ill Repute

SCRAPS OF SCRAPPERS

By BILL BELL



Enna Risey, the altitudinous beaver of the Phils, who seems is have deserted Maran for the army, passed through Washington recently on his way to Texas, "Nay," he sold cloneing at his wrist watch, "Tel like to waik into the clothouse wearing this thing and see how long it would list?" The big horizer is strong for army life, however, and says there isn't a chance that he'll do any heaving in 1918.

Killefer also is said to be holding out for a slice of purchase money or

LAST COG OF OLD CUB MACHINE **GONE WITH SCHULTE'S PASSING**

the Phillins.

Veteran Player Takes the Count at Age of 35, Following Slow-up From Cracked Rib

that it is his last. Morris no boxer. He isn't even a fighter. He is big and strong, willing and hus lots of nerve, but that lets him out. He has absolutely no science, doesn't know a left jab from an lee crain woda and his actions in the ring remind one of a sick cow. Every time he to Schult will be com-plete. President Fakter has announced the Bla Show this year—and he is stated for the long journey—the passing of the "last of the Cubit" will be com-plete. President Fakter has announced he appears against an opponent he is hooted from the ring, so why tolerate it any longer? that Schulte will not be with the Phil-lies this year, and he would be re-leased if no other club claimed him. That leased if no other club claimed him. That being the case, not one of the great team which made a name for Chi 1996 to 1910 will appear in the 1918

Last year Johnny Evers, Ed Reulbach

Last year Johnny Evers, for herman and Schulte were on the firing line. Evers got in had with Stallings in mid-meanon and was ransferred to the Phil. later displaced Slagle in the outfield. Hofman later displaced Slagle in the outfield. IN ICE-DIAMOND Place

Scraps About Scrappers Bohn Gunnis, who successfully put through the campaign to raise funds to purchase hoxing cloves for the soldiers and sailors, received a had fall after the show Monday alguit and is confined to his home. While carrying a box of small chance Bohny slipped on the key favorent. The money was scattered over the street and his fugars were almost frozen when he spent about half an hour picking up the change. Gunnis has done something for the boxing game that the fans should be proud of.

these. He was given his unconditional fatter displaced Slagie in the cuthent. release at the end of last season. Reul-hach was turned loose by the Braves a couple of weeks ago, and now Schulte is slated for the discard. Frank remained with the Cubs longer than any one else. He was traded to Plitsburgh on July 29, 1916, and played with that club until last season, when walvers were asked on him. He was grabbed by Pat Moran and played in thous any one else, with the folks, per hus the least aggressive of those old the base of margins. He batted 301 in 1901, and exactly 300 in 1911. In the latter year he poled out twenty-one reached by only one other major leaguer in the last sizten years. Schulte was

grabbed by Pat Moran and played in forty-two games, with the home folks, He had slowed up considerably and evi-dently was suffering from a cracked rib which he received in Cincinnati early n the scason. His batting d'1 not corre plate to the standard and several times failed to produce when sent in as a pinch-hitter. Schulte went to the Chicago Cubs in the last sixteen years. Schulte was solng way he got results. There was an ease and grace about his work with the bat and in the field such as few ball payers possess. As a fielder he had few equals when in his prime. Fleet of foot, with a good urn and a master at judging a fly, he was a delight to behold as a de-fensive player, and his swift flitting over the groen gave him the nickname of

failed to produce when sent in ar a pinch-hitter. Schulte went to the Chicago Cubs in the latter part of the 1904 cammaign after three seasons of heavy hitting with the Syracuse team, of the New York State League. He fitted in perfectly in the great machine which Frank Selec turned over at the close of the 1905 season and on which Frank Chance put the finishing touch with two trades Schulte surely held his own in that all-stir cast, which had Kling behind the hat: Brown, Oserul, Flester and Reu-bach in the box; Chance, Evers, Tinker and Steinfeldt on the bases and Bheckard

York. Does any one remember what has become g Johnny Foley, who used to do some box-ig in this city and up the State? Lew Tendler should have an easy time inday night. The semiwindup however, the brings together Young Brown and und Jon Borreit, should be a regular

addition to \$12,000 annual salary.

Captain Tilden Enlists in Engineering Branch of Aviation Covers Alexander will not play baseball this season, unless he gets a \$10,000 bonus in cording to his statement here last night, Alexander is on his way to Philadelphia, but will not seek. President Baher, of

Aviation Corps

BREHMAN NOW ENSIGN

Some time age it was announced that Weeghman had fixed things up with Alexander by handing him \$5000, but this latest development shows that the The Red and Blue tutor soon will have to struggle along without his manager, roubles of the Cub magnate are only Bally Brehman, and salso minus his

captain, Sid Tilden, less Barnes, the right-handed the meriy a Brave, became a resular a r of the Giant clan when his contrati-cived by Secretary Foster. Brehman enlisted some time ago, but it was only yesterday that he was called into active service. He has been given

Manager Wilbert Robinson, of the a club, announced he was in hope using Malsel from the St. Louis Bo commission as ensign and now will enter the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Alex Wray, the football star, also has

George W. Statzell, of the Arell ountry Club, tied with William T. Bur resklyn, in the Tin Whistle tournas received a commission as ensign and will attend the Academy.

Tilden has joined the engineering branch of the aviation corps. He ex-pects to leave within a few days. Til-Al Mamaux, the Pirate hitcher the be Dodgers, has refused to sup a con-itd has relayed counsel to sue Pitte or \$3200 salary alleged due him. wo American League basketball s be played at Traymore Hall to Columba meeting Port Richmon icock opposing Girard.

pects to leave within a few days. Til-den is a yeteran of two years' standing in crew circles. He rowed at No, 4 in the varsity shell last year in the only race of the scanon against Yale on the Schuyfikil. He is a senior in the Engi-neering School and is not in the draft. Side will not reach his twenty-first year stone until next August.

New York Supreme Court Justice drick upheid the constitutionality of New York State law prohibiting public both by chamissing a writ of corpus against the warden of the New city prison by Packy O'Gatty. wrenched shoulder in the first contest of the intercollegiate League season and has been on the sidelines since Jan-uary 5.

Manager Harrar announced that the game scheduled for February 16 with the College of the City of New York had been canceled and a contest with West Point substituted. The battle with the cadets will be fought at West Point. SUITS \$1



toble Paskert, recently traded by the Phils to the Cubs, and Bill Wambgansa, of the Indians, took part in a baseball mame on skates in Cleve and the other day. The game is said to be taking quite a hold in the West. Paskert lined

A. M. B. Beserves, a fast sixth-class aveling basicetball guintet, is desirous of transing rames with teams having paths a or gut of the city. Nathan Paul Paul are of the Evening Penne Laboan Sport Separtment, Sixth and Chestnut streets.

South Branch Y. M. C. A. would like i arrange games with first-class travelit teams. T. Crawford, 1534 Emily street,

Avaion drs. would like to arrange same with twelve and thirteen-year-o'd traveling cams. Percy Sapsis. 833 Wilder street.

North Presbyterian, a third-class fi desirous of arranging contests with tra-teams for Tucoday evenings. William ner, 5247 North Carlisic Street.

Nick Hayes will stage a basing show for the midders in the Second Restment Armors next Friday night, Mr. Hayes will be mass for af coremonies and has arranged a sool absorbs the bump prevents damage and

ut three two-baggers in the game. BASKETBALL NOTES

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parries the blow,



At the New Orleans racetrack during or weaks, racing last month a triffe an \$21,000 was collected as a war



