

SO MUCH LURID PUBLICITY FROM THE OUTSIDE HAS ST. LOUIS CARDS CROWDED WITH HOLDOUTS

HORNBY 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 won't even talk contract with the St. Louis Cardinals...

Frenzied finance in its most violent form undoubtedly is responsible for the situation in hand. Millionaire in the ball game has its responsibilities...

Hornsby's case suggests the Dennie Kauff episode following his being taken on by McGraw. His Federal League record was advertised to such an extent...

HORNBY positively will not give in in his contention for a fabulous salary boost, for his mother met the newspaper guys and told them so when they visited the old homestead in Fort Worth, Tex.

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 vast financial maneuverings of frenzied managers.

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.

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.

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.

Honus Again Shies at Pirate Management

A FEW days ago, it is stated, Barney Dreyfus offered Hans Wagner the management of the Pittsburgh club, but old John Henry refused to lift the burden of Hugo Besdek's shoulders.

It will be remembered that for two days Wagner permitted himself to be regarded as the manager of the Pittsburgh last summer, just before Besdek took hold.

Wagner not only declined the Pirate crown at the present time, but he refused absolutely to consider any proposition that called for his stepping out to the ball field in a professional capacity.

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

SOMEbody always is taking the joy out of life, and oftentimes just as soon as a hero is given a position upon a popular pedestal somebody comes along and gives the pedestal a kick.

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 Boy's 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.

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.

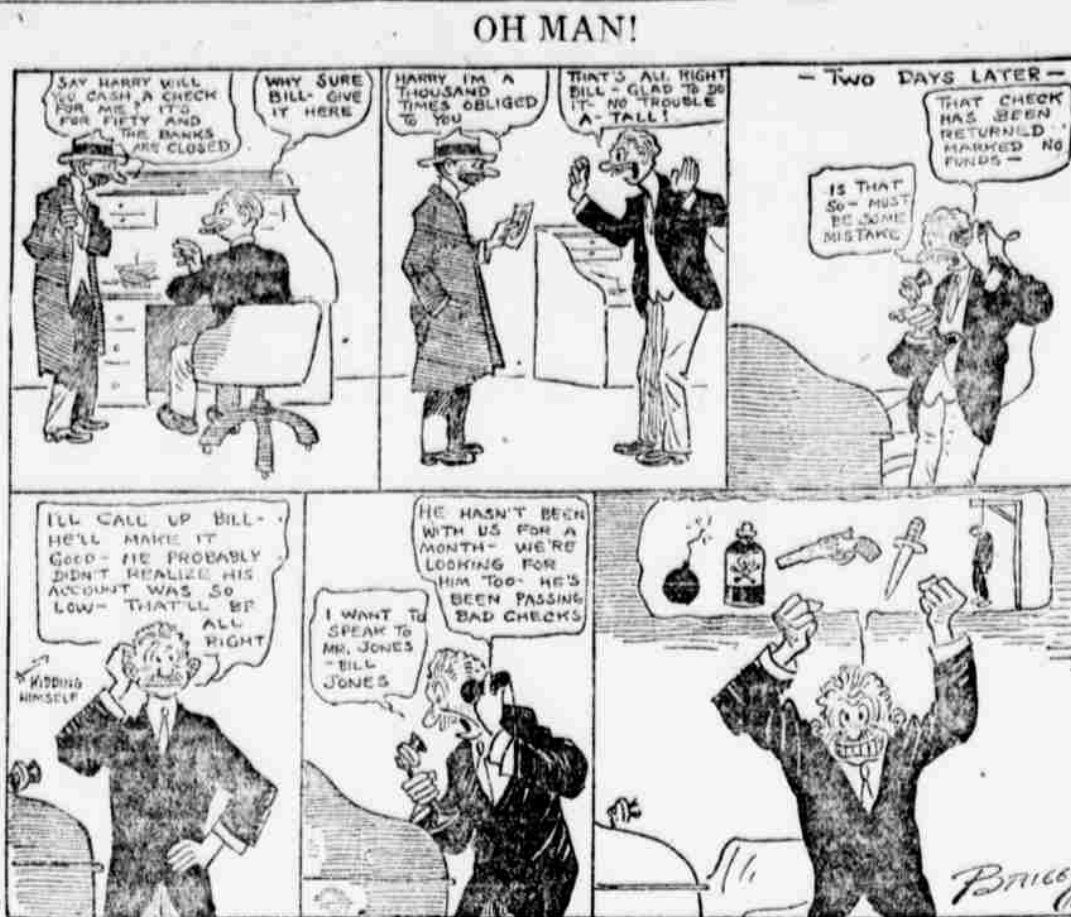
Griffith Has Trouble in Signing Players

CLARK GRIFFITH, manager of the Senators, is threatened with the loss of a whole ball club. After lamping the salary figures for the 1918 season, many of the players have rushed to the capital in an effort to learn whether the Old Fox is kidding.

Huggins Confident That Plank Will Play

HUGGINS states that he expects Plank to come out of his retirement and go South with the Yankees, even though the ancient southpaw quoted as saying the other day that he was through with the pitching sand for good.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night



SUCCESS IN GOLF NOT DUE TO HEFT

McLeod Will Drop Tournament Play to Instruct Others

AN EX-OPEN CHAMPION

By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, Jr.

Not until I had played my second shot on the eighteenth green at Millhanna in that great glorious late afternoon in June, 1915, did Freddie McLeod, my playing companion, a former national open champion, congratulate me in the following words: "You should have won in 1914. You are now national open champion—the highest honor in the country, but it will last but a very little time. This is my last tournament."

Best Place Available

The Second Regiment Armory is the best place, and although smaller than either the Commercial Convention Hall, this will not deter from the "glories" of the games.

Open Track Season Tomorrow

The first dual track meet between local high schools will be held tomorrow afternoon in the gymnasium of the Central High School.

Joe Stout Retires

Joe Stout, the champion runner of the Western Conference, will not compete in the special mile run in the Meadowbrook games.

MORRIS SHOULD BE BARRED IN U.S.

Foul Tactics of Heavyweight Mauley Places Game in Ill Repute

SCRAPS OF SCRAPPERS

By BILL BELL

After the showing of Carl Morris in his bout with Jack Dempsey on Monday night, the authorities all over the country should bar the Oklahoma heavyweight from the ring.

Dempsy a Comer

Some time ago it was rumored that Fulton was to box in this city. Why not drop Fredward by the wayside and sign up Dempsy? There are a few heavyweights like Coffey, Madden and Weinger, who could give Jack a good workout, and also provide something new for the Philadelphia boxing fans.

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 suggests the best way to do this would be to move the pitcher's box three feet.

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ANNUAL MEADOWBROOK GAMES WILL BE HELD MARCH 8-9 IN THE SECOND REGIMENT ARMORY

Secretary Samuel Dallas Has Obtained the Entries of the Leading Trackmen of the Country, Including Ray and Overton

By PAUL PREP

THE annual Meadowbrook Club games will be held this year in the Second Regiment Armory, Broad and Susquehanna avenues, March 8 and 9. This bit of news was made public this morning by Samuel Dallas, the hustling secretary of the Meadowbrook Club and president of the Middle Atlantic Division of the A. A. U.

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Spectators Weep

A silent throng left Shibe Park night. They had witnessed the fall of a good little man, a man who was considered the superior of his class.

Another Big Surprise

It was different with Johnny Kilbane. The featherweight champion took his defeat very much to heart and has not appeared in a professional engagement since.

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