

PERCY STILL IS POPULAR DESPITE LOSING STREAK OF 7 STRAIGHT GAMES

ATTLE for A's Twirler Continues and Major Leagues Are on Verge of War—Johnson's Stand in Case Is a Mystery

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ONCE upon a time, when baseball flourished in all parts of these United States, a pitcher who lost seven games in a row was handed a one-way ticket to Okaloosa, Fla., or Magnolia, Mass., with instructions to hide himself in the tall grass for at least six years.

Perry is wanted by both the Athletics and Boston. That is, Connie Mack wants him and George Stallings feels the same way about it. Being from his record in regard to past performances, however, it looks as if some mistake has been made. There would be a swell plot for a regular battle-royal if Mack insisted that Perry belonged to Stallings and Stallings was positive he was the property of Mack.

There must be a colored gentleman in the woodpile or this affair would have been straightened out long ago. This is the belief of men high up in baseball, and they declare that under ordinary conditions the ruling of the National Commission would have been accepted as final.

Connie Mack is in Boston and will not return to Philadelphia until next Friday. George Stallings is here, however, and states his side of the case with the cryptic remark, "We are sitting in the boat but not rocking it."

Both Leagues on Verge of War. What's the Answer?

WHAT what is the big idea? Is Ban Johnson trying to dissolve the National Commission? Is he planning to make the national agreement a mere scrap of paper? Is it his intention to declare war on the National League or eventually sever all connection with that organization?

The National League has the upper hand if any trouble is started. The Tenor circuit could make it extremely uncomfortable for Johnson's second best drawing card, despite the fact that the Yankees are said to have a five-year contract on the Polo Grounds.

George Stallings found time to discuss the Perry case before the double-header yesterday. "Perry was well treated by the Boston club when he joined us last year," he said. "He was not fit for service, however, as he had a sore arm and couldn't throw the ball up to the batter. Those injuries of his being mistreated are not true and Perry will bear me out."

Our Phils Were Able to Lose but One Game

WHILE Perry was dropping contest No. 7 our Phils were trying hard to lose a pair of games to the Braves, but failed miserably. All they could do was to lose one, but that was accomplished with the ease and grace of experts.

President Baker is willing to pay almost any price for a good portable flinger, but they seem to be very rare at this time. Billy Doyle, the scout, is scouring the country for prospects, but is meeting with no success.

Bill Byron makes Herzog do the Disappearing Act

A BATTLE with his majesty, the ump, always is welcomed by the fans, and yesterday there was plenty of action. As usual, Bill Byron was the storm center and Bill emerged victorious after each verbal bout.

Phils Pile Up Runs While Right-Hander Works

THERE was some good baseball in the second game. Moran promised to be good and was allowed to resume his place on the coaching lines.

Camp Dix vs. Store Team

The management of the Strawbridge & Clothier baseball team has decided to look for "service" teams as possible having in mind that this will enable the boys not only to obtain recreation but to enjoy a trip to Philadelphia.



POLICE FAIL TO STOP RING TILTS Injunction Keeps Bluecoats' Hands Tied at War Benefit AUCTION IS HELD

The police bobbed up at the Big War Hospital Entertainment Association Boxing Benefit at Madison Square Garden last night prepared to stop the bouts and met with an injunction which kept them from laying a finger on the show or any of the boxes.

Judge Charles L. Guy of the Supreme Court was appealed to and he issued an injunction restraining the police from stopping the fight end of the entertainment.

Inspector Boland with a squad of plainclothes men came to the Garden prepared to make arrests if boxing was indulged in. Johnston, the barrister and the others interested in the undertaking waited upon the officers of the law and doled out the bonny "blue restraining papers."

Peter Prunty then climbed into the ring and made announcement that the musical portion of the show had come to an end and that boxing, for which no charge had been exacted, would follow.

Jack Britton bought a Ripley cartoon for \$60 and a letter from King George was sold to Walter Holmes for \$125.

BALL AUTOGRAPHED BY WILSON SELLS FOR \$5650

Another With Mrs. Wilson's Signature Goes to Chicago Fan for \$1450

Chicago defeated Cleveland, 5 to 4, in ten innings yesterday, after two batting rallies in the seventh inning, when they tied the count, and in the tenth, when they won out.

The fourth Naval District baseball team will play Fort Monmouth, N. J., on Sunday. The team is composed of men at the Country Club for Philadelphia.

The New York Americans announce the purchase of J. Henry Robinson from the Little Rock club of the Southern Association.

"Dutch" Leonard, pitcher for the Boston American League club, has been placed in Class B by the American League.

POLICE FAIL TO STOP RING TILTS BUT SPEEDY VANDERBERRY MADE HIM FINISH EVENT Veteran Rider Rode Last Eight Miles With Flat Tire at Point Breeze, but Won by Two Laps From Lawrence

IT WAS the beginning of the forty-second mile last evening in the special fifty-mile motorpaced race at the Point Breeze motordrome.

The 12,000 shivering spectators and deadheads in the grand stand and field bleachers and the ever hard working officials on the field had just settled back comfortably in their seats and what not, with the expectations of giving the famous Point Breeze mosquitoes a chance to get in some deadly work.

The loud report of the puncture of a tire brought the clubmen and their relatives and friends to their feet, and a cry half of regret and half of joy rent the air as they saw Elmer Collins lose his pace-maker and slow down his speed.

Collins wanted to quit, but something held him on the track. In the meantime Hunter was drawing Lawrence out to Percy's limit, and with five miles to go had an excellent chance to win.

On the forty-eighth mile the strain began to show on Collins. He seemed to be having trouble in steering, and several times hit the "rollers."

WALKER HERZOG, Penn Twirler, Signs Up With Yankees

Walter Herzog, Penn's huge twirler, has been signed by the New York Yankees, it was announced yesterday.

Lore V. Baker, formerly of the Boston club, has been discharged from the navy because of a loose ligament in his knee.

Jeff Tresson admits that he has left the Giants to go into the steel business, which makes it unadvisable.

The Cleveland White Sox came out to ten rounds before the change were able to win out.

A. O. H. GAMES AT POINT BREEZE Will Finish Events That Were Scheduled for Decoration Day STARS WILL COMPETE

With the stage set for the "second act" of its annual track and field meet, the curtain having been rung down after the "first" when only the oratory exercises were held, due to the inclemency of the weather, on Decoration Day, the Ancient Order of Hibernians will resume where it left off and continue the rest of its program tomorrow afternoon on the handle bars, obtained a toe hold on the pedals and once more was off.

Already this meet bids fair to be a big success. With over 12 entries of a pick of athletes throughout the East, some keen competition can be looked forward to.

Samuel J. Dallas, president of the Meadowbrook Club, has also entered fifteen of the best this club possesses.

Among them are such athletes as Gianmuller, former Penn State "Red" Smith, Lindholm, the ex-Cornell star, "Dusky" Taylor, Jeffries, Parent, Jones, Swartz, Glover, the national five-mile cross-country champion, Crane, Trout, Morris and McKearney.

Another well-known Philadelphia fast quarter and half mile champion who will be seen, wearing the Vietrix Catholic Club colors, is "Dewey" O'Brien, now enlisted in the naval reserves.

Germanantova Boys' Club will also be a keen contender in this meet, having picked its best underpinner men to bring several first places to the club.

Among the other entries, Swarthmore College, Shannan Catholic Club, Philadelphia Turf and Field, Northwest Boys' Club and several unattached bid fair to make this meet one of the best seen in this city throughout the season.

The prizes offered in this annual meet alone will cause some rare competition, as there will be three prizes for each event, with the exception of the relay races, which carry a fourth prize.

The meet will be held strictly under the ruling of the A. A. U. and the committee begins to announce that the entire proceeds will be in the purchase of war-savings stamps.

Judge Eugene Bonnell will act as official judge of the course and be in full charge of the meet.

WILSON SIDES WITH BASEBALL Players Nonproducers, but Majors May Complete Season of 1918 RULING IS SPECIAL

Washington, June 21.—Baseball players under the "work or fight" draft order, are to be placed by Major General Enoch H. Crowder, Provost Marshal General, in the class of men engaged in "non-productive" occupations, but, under special Presidential authority, they are to be permitted to complete the present season with their respective teams before going into some other line of work or joining the army.

This is the decision reached by the Administration in what has been one of the most troublesome problems that has come up under the "work or fight" order. Baseball players, team owners and fans everywhere have been anxiously awaiting the answer of the War Department on the question. The interpretations will be as complete as possible to relieve the local boards of responsibility and to obtain the fullest degree of uniformity throughout the country.

General Crowder's first announcement, in which were given general examples of work that would not be regarded as productive, that is, for the success of the war, gave reason to believe that baseball players would have to go into some other business or fight. The clause which was taken to apply to them was that which included all men of draft age engaged in amusements of any sort, games, etc., except theatrical performers.

Immediately a cry went up throughout the country, particularly where the big league baseball teams held sway, declaring that professional baseball would be ruined if the men were forced to do other work or go into the army.

General Crowder's order will not be changed, but the baseball players, due to the request of President Wilson and Mr. Baker, will be allowed to continue through their present seasons.

To call the men to the colors now, the officials hold, would be tantamount to the men as well as to the public which is interested in organized baseball. Contracts made months ago still continue. Baseball, unlike other lines of work, cannot be easily recruited with new players. There are few other businesses where the men of draft age cannot be replaced with others, older men, so that a general hardship will result. But not baseball.

Almost every big league team, it is understood, will be affected by the decision. Figures in the hands of the War Department are that most of the baseball players are within the draft age, although many of them now are in deferred classifications.

It is a question what the men will be able to do when they are compelled to quit the game at the end of the season. Many of them are not trained in any special line of work. The salary question will be important for them, too. What they will be able to do is bound to be something for which they cannot receive much pay.

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