# SALARY-SLASHED CONTRACTS WILL CAUSE MORE THAN ONE TO SUFFER FROM WRITER'S CRAMP

## HARD FOR PLAYERS TO TAKE SALARY CUT FOR SHORTER SEASON

Many Contracts Will Be Returned Unsigned and the Sliding Scale Now in Effect Is Likely to Cause an Epidemic of Writer's Cramp

### By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger HOSE trick contracts sent out by major league clubs are not getting the warm reception that was anticipated. In a short time flocks of them will be sent back to the home offices the majority unsigned. While this s the time of year the holdouts do their best work and the annual retirement stories are spilled all over the country, the boys have a regular e. Every man has received a cut in salary. The figures on the contract have been revised with a sliding scale, and that has caused the epi-

However, the big league players will discover in a short time that hey are not so badly off as they first imagined. There is a little trick oker in each document, and if studied carefully it will be discovered that starvation wages have not yet been put into effect. True, the figures have shrunk, but only those representing the lump sum for the entire In a majority of cases the monthly wage is the same, if not a triffe higher.

Last year the boys worked six months and were paid on that basis. This year it will be five months and one week, and the same system will prevail. For example, take Alexander's salary. He is supposed to receive \$12,000 a season, or \$2000 a month. That was in 1918. This year his contract would call for about \$10,500, for three weeks would be lopped off. This is just a hypothetical case, but it explains the workings of the new scale of wages. The men virtually are paid by the month and the men will get the same money-for a shorter period.

That's the answer for the salary slashes. The retrenchment policy an not yet been put into effect, although it will be going strong in a year or so. A shorter season means shorter pay-this year. In the future, then salaries become normal, the players will imagine they are playing in 1905 or something like that.

FEW holdouts are expected after this month. The players will express their displeasure, wait for a time and then decide to

### Baker Doesn't Look for Syndicate Baseball

THERE will be no syndicate baseball in the National League, and not much credence is given to the yarn printed in New York a couple of days ago that Stoneham and Grant were the owners of the Braves, acrding to William F. Baker, president of the Phils.

"I saw Mr. Grant in New York," said Mr. Baker, "and he told me he was the sole owner of the Boston ball club. He said he had enough money of his own to put through the deal and had a balance large enough to pay expenses. He also stated he could prove it any time he was asked.

"There also is a story that Charles Webb Murphy is associated with Grant in the purchase of the club. There is nothing to that. Under existing conditions Murphy never would take a chance."

Mr. Baker evidently means to say that Murphy is too shrewd a ness man to be a partner in a deal which does not include a ball , as is the case in Boston. Jim Gaffney owns Braves Field and colcts a healthy yearly rental. Grant owns only the franchise, and will discover it when the season gets under way.

It was rumored that the acquisition of the Braves by Grant, who is close friend of McGraw and Stoneham, and the probable purchase of the St. Louis club by another financier from the same lodge, would make things much easier for Garry Herrmann in his fight to retain the chairnanship of the National Commission. That would give him four votes, was claimed, and if one more club fell into line the pro-Herrmanns would be in control of the league.

However, Herrmann is up against it no matter what happens. The eague has gone on record against him by a vote of 6 to 2 and a committee sinted to select his successor. There will not be another meeting until next December unless it is called on a 6-to-2 vote. That is impossible with Baker, Dreyfuss and Ebbets on the job. For that reason the committees of the National and American Leagues are busy sleathing around for a third person to sit in the court of last resort, and the discovery is likely to be announced before the season ends.

THERE is one thing certain- and we have this on good authority if the American League insists on Herrmann and cannot agree tative of the Johnson circuit. All of which will make it more in-trickit.

## Baird, Phils' New Third Baseman, Modest Athlete

OUGLAS BAIRD, the new third baseman of the Phils, is a modest chan and is not looking for a brass band to meet him at Broad Street Station when he arrives to begin his season's labors. He wants to enter quietly and does not even care for the cheers of the fans. He told this in Sid Keener, the St. Louis scribe, the other day. According to Keener, Baird wants to be the silent partner in the recent trade engineered between

\*St. Louis agrees with Philadelphia that it is a tough job to replace a third-sacker like Milton Stock," writes Keener, "and Baird, who makes nis home here, realizes he is facing a handicap when he walks to the plate at the Phils' orchard.

"Baird made the express request not to introduce himself to the Phil fans with any flowery language. He doesn't want it known that he an excellent base runner and that he may become a rival for Max Carey and George Burns. He simply wants to sneak in to Phillyville without a wild demonstration. For his part, he'll accept any jeers and sneers, because he wants to start all over in his baseball career, "When a fellow is rapped on the jaw he'll fight harder than ever."

mid Baird. 'When a fellow is close to a knockout in the ring he'll try to pull himself together. I figure I'm like that fighter today. CODHILADELPHIA four are mourning the loss of Stock, so you

see what I have in front of me. I have to go out there and relieve a fellow who was an idol with the home boys. I'm not saying what I'm going to do, but I'm more than pleased that they traded me to Philadelphia.

## Baird Welcomed His Transfer to Phillies

WHEN I left the club last summer Mr. Rickey said I would not return to the Cardinals. When I heard this I told my friends I would me a trade and told them to try to get him to send me to Philadelphia. "Baird may not be a marvelous ball player. He is not rated with ck and Heine Groh, but he is a likable fellow and an easy athlete for

"As Baird has played in the National League for several years, he is of a stranger to the patrons of the Phillies. He is according to St. ms, a gem in fielding a slow, twisting, teasing bunt down the thirdline. He can come in, pick 'er up on the run and heave right in the baseman's glove. He covers yards and yards in going to his left oping in grounders in front of the shortstopper with his glove. When it comes to hitting, Doug is anything but a slouch. He has a

d easy swing, uses a long bat, stands far away from the plate and the type which may break up a game any moment with a long Those left field bleachers should be easy for Doug, as that is his

WPREQUENTLY last summer he drove to the Cardinals' left field well on the first and second bound-such a drive would drop in the Phils' bleacher seats."

### OH, MAN!



## FAIRS PROTEST AGAINST TAXES

Pennsylvania State Associa- Louisiana Put on Best Fight tions Want Legislature to Repeal Bill

BREEDING PROBLEMS HAGEN-KELLY ACT GOOD

### By ROBERT T. PAUL

That the bill which causes the county terday at the Hotel Hanover.

The delegates were unanimous it skills. belief that the county fairs shouldn't skills. be classed as an amusement, but as an it was a benefit show. The committee

## Southern Enters Protest

uthern High Senool baskstball five (a) blon to the statement that they we en by St. Joseph's on Theody after claiming that it was merely practic being allowed to areanze regular game outside teams without permission.

Camden Downs Haddonfield Haddonfield, N. J., Feb. 0.— Camden High ad little difficulty in defeating the local light school cointet, 60 to 36, Camden, anding was superb and kept Haddonfield ontinually guessing.

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# **Boxing Fans Contribute** \$2500 at McGuigan Show

on Program With Benny Valger, Earning a Draw

That the bill which causes the county BONERS and the boxing fans paid fairs of this State to be taxed is not in favor with the fair associations was Jack McGuigan, noted promoter, at the demonstrated to the satisfaction of all National A. A. last night. While the big at the meeting of the Pennsylvania boxing home was far from packed, those State Association of County Falrs held in attendance made up for tack of numbers in enthusiasm. The entertainers The delegates were unanimous in the worked well and put on some high-class

be classed as an ammount, they are larved. The large and an extended the second of the

produced by Jack Hagen, billed from the University of Pennsylvania, and Spider Kelly, booked from Princeton, This pair of forty-seven-year-old actors had the audience applicating from the time they went on until they departed. I'sing only three-conce gloves and dis-

was not there. Kelly's uppercut is a wonder, always coming from the floor will perform here for the floor can dealing Jack right on the chin. Hagen's reply always came in the form of a left to the chin, which resulted in a knockdown. The "boys" hit the mat gracefully and with care.

Pete Herman, the banks. lodging continually to keep out of du

## Rickard to Build Large Arena in New York City

New York, Feb. 6.—Regardless of the Willard-Dempsey contest, or where it will take place, Tex Rickaru will erect a large arcna here in New York exclusively for sporting entertainments provided the Gibbs boxing bill now before the Legislature becomes a law. He plans a greater and larger Madison Square Garden.

Despite the extra inbors thrust upon him in the promotion of the big fight Tex still finds a little time to inspect various sites for the proposed building. This would not be necessary were it not for the expiration of the option he held on land at 130th street and Hudson River, whereon he originally had planned to locate his big sporting enterprise. locate his big sporting enterprise.

the only champion on the program. He entertained for three easy rounds with

# **POWELL'S WORK BEATS MIDVALE**

Hancock Forward Stars in Victory of His Club Over Eastern Leaguers

DOBSON DROPS ANOTHER

# American League

Down goes the great Midvale team. and to Lix Powel! belongs the credit for lumbia Meet

The University of Pennsylvania week haven't the suitable number of men"We must take the boys when they report and develop them to force a team. Our boys run from nine to seventhe score of 23 to 20, in one of the most exciting games ever played hereabouts. According to the records of the league, Hancock is the hest team from any and every angle, and Mitch Hopkins's ag
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Jimmy Sallivan is due to clash with Young Merino in the semiwind-up. Sullivan should extend Merino. The other house will find Terry Hanion opposing Jark McCarrigan, Johnny (Kid) Burman facing Young Johnny Duffy and Charley O'Neili battling Walter Connurs.

The first of the series of amsteur bout will be held at the Olympia on Monda night. This bout will go on at the conclusion of the third bout of the night Tommy O'Mailey, American 135-bound amsteur champion, will face Frank Varona, o New York, a promising boy, Harry, Edwards, president of the Olympia, will supply the trophies.

Battling Levinsky and Jim Coffey battl before the Armory A. A. in Boston Feb ruary 12. Ted Lawis meets Soldler Bars deid at the same club February 18. Th Harry Greb-Clay Turner match will be staged one week later. February 25, at the Armory.

# King George of England recently denated a massive challenge cup to the Southern Counties Cross-Country Association, and that body immediately arranged that the trephy should be an interregimental affair, to be competed for annually. It is the first prise ever offered by an English monarch for a foot-racing event, and by the British followers of track and field aport is considered as a fore-runner of the good things to come. In the late war the English ruler had plenty of opportunity to see the good results of athlete training on the battle-front, for, like America, it was the ranks of athletes and foot-ballers that contributed the most aggressive element on the firing line. The new royal trophy will go to the winning teams in a race of eight miles, to be held in the spring of each year. All military and navait teams will be eligible, and erelone it is expected that this hill and dale contest will be one of the biggest fixtures of its kind in the world. in Athletics at Suburban School STANDARD IS HIGHER By PAUL PREP

GERMANTOWN FRIENDS

King George Donates

Cup for X-Country Race

YOUNG BOXER DIES

**OUIMET NAMED CAPTAIN** 

Team This Season

PENN CANCELS MATCH

George Beach Wins Race Pinchurst, N. C., Peh. 6.—The one flat race for amnieur riders of the harst Jockey Club was won be G Reach, entered by Mias Exther Tuf-Boston, and ridden by Lambert Splane

Cornell Wins Fourth Straight

Yale Calls Baseball Candidates

New Haven. Conn., Ped. 6.—A call for Yale varsity baseball candidates was lestilast night. A meeting of the candidates with be hold fonight.

Hhacs. N. Y., Feb. d.—The Corn shall leam won its fourts straight ere last night by defeating at 11, niversity 34 to 10.

HAS SPORTS FOR ALL

scholastic athletics of this city. years ago this institution was heard of but little in athletics, and then it was usualy in the line of defeat. Today the status of the suburban

GERMANTOWN FRIENDS' SCHOOL has been forging to the front in the

Through Efforts of Mr. A.

A. Smith Virtually Every

Student Takes Some Part

school is on a par with virtually all of the private institutions of the city and section. In soccer it has proved its su-periority two years straight over the other members of the interacademic

Irving Margolies, Finisher of Freddie Reese, Victim of "Flu"

New York, Feb. 6.—Irving Margolies, whose quick knockout of Freddie Reese where the interacademic League.

This development is due mainly to the athletic policy employed by A. A. Smith, who has personal supervision of all sports. Mr. Smith believes in athletics for all. Every student enrolled in the school unless the street.

whose quick knockout of Freddle Reese and his masferly boxing in the semi-time school, unless physically unfit, is windup to the recent Leonard-Dundee contest in Newark caused him to be hailed throughout the sporting world as a coming champion, died of influenza at 11:45 a. m. yesterday at Mount Sinai Hospital. Iruing leaves a widow and a two-year-old baby, both seriously ill with the same aliment that took away the young boxer.

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Young Margolies, who was studying law, hoped through his boxing to obtain enough money to take him through college. He caught cold the night of his bout with Reese.

Virtually All Report

How well Mr. Smith has succeeded in Retting the students to participate in the sports is shown best by figures. There are about 175 boys enrolled in the colout with Reese. are about 175 boys enrolled in the school. Of this number 130 take a regular and active part in the school sports. The others report at irregular MINNEAPOLIS BARS FULTON

Boxing Commission Suspends

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Minneapolis, Minn., Peb. 6.—The Minnesota boxing commission, meeting here late today, voted to bar indefinitely Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., heavy-weight fighter, from boxing or sparring in Minnesota ringd. No reason was given, but it is understood the commissioners took the action after discussion of Fulton's statement made recently a San Francisco that Jack hempsey had double-crossed" him in their fight on my 27 last. out losing a game, and incidentally won the Interacademic League title. Vic-tories were registered over Penn Char-ter, Central High, Wilmington Friends, To Lead Massachusetts State Golf

## Friends' Select, Upper Darby and Ger-mantown High.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 6.—Francis Ouimet has been named as the new captain of the Massachusetts State golf team, His appointment was made yesterday by President A. D. Locke, of the Massachusetts Golf Association, who at a meeting of the executive committee in the Exchange Club announced the appointment.

"Our athletes," said Mr. "must be made right here at German-town. We can't follow the example of other schools, that of dropping a player Wrestlers Not in Shape for Co-lumbia Meet because he doesn't show enough skill at the start and substitute another, because we haven't the suitable number of men.

## CENTRAL STARS INELIGIBLE

Six Crimson and Gold Trackmen Under Faculty Ban

Central High School's track squad was Central High School's track squad was hit hard yesterday when the midyear re-ports were issed and it was found that several star performers were ineligible. Joe Rainey and George Hafner are the two whose loss will be felt most, as both are interscholastic champions. Rafinier is champion sprinter, while Haf-ner is champion miler. Datty, Smith, Gordon and Cooper are under faculty ban.

## Smith Signs Giant Contract

New York, Peb. 6.—George Smith, the former Columbia pitcher, signed a contract with the Glants yesterday. Smith played with two or three clubs last season and showed so much shifty at times that Manager McGraw still believes that he is a com-

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TICKETS AT DONAGRY'S, 23 S. 11TH ST. Pennsylvania vs. Yale Weightman Hall, 33d & Sprine ats., 8:30
p. m. sat. etc., Feb. 8
Preliminary Freshman game
Reserved seats (including war tax), 55c, 85c, 81,10. General admission, 35c. Dancing after game.

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WILLARD AND DEMPSEY MAY TOSS A BUNDLE OF PATRIOTISM INTO THEIR FRACAS

