

"YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE MY WORD," SAID JUDGE LANDIS TO O. B. OWNERS, AND THEY DID SO

BASEBALL CLUB OWNERS HAVE PUT ON MUFFLERS, BUT JUDGE LANDIS IS ENTITLED TO USE MEGAPHONE

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Special Editor Evening Public Ledger. Peace and quiet prevail in organized baseball. The magnates have put in their order for mufflers and muzzles, while Judge Landis gets a megaphone. In the future it will be a happy party, because everybody says so. They signed the papers, promised to be good and should live up to their promise—for a couple of days, anyway.

Magnates dissent talk back to each other, they dissent throw mud and they dissent get personal. This is something new in our great and only baseball pastime. Many have dreamed of this condition of affairs, but never imagined it would come true. Ban Johnson and Charles Comiskey will resume their pinochle parties, Harry Frazee and the battling Colonels will visit Phil Ball and Frank Navin and powder puffs will supplant brick bats.

It was the judge himself who brought about this state of affairs. His name is not a new name. He was that \$50,000 man who was handed out on a silver platter, but they switched the dish in the very first meeting. Judge Landis, who had his legal ear perked up, detected a sour note in the agreement and called for a new deal. His associates—whether they meant it or not—slipped in a new word and gave the new commissioner as much power as the home plate in the ball yard in Philadelphia. He was allowed to recommend a lot of things, but his name said nix. He wouldn't take their word. He wanted his own. Furthermore, he got it.

Very strange, indeed, that the moguls should attempt this shenanigan business on the very first day. An ordinary bloke, devoid of the Blackstone angle, would have fallen like a ton of bricks or a loose bale of hay. However, the judge, having been mixed up with a lot of smart guys in his lifetime, had no difficulty in getting the parade back in step.

The idea, apparently, was to take things easy in the gambling probe. The nine members of the White Sox pillow lifters' association are all wet and washed up, but there probably are others under suspicion in both leagues. According to gossip, several of the boys are in danger of being allowed to re-engage if their names are put up to Judge Landis. This is only gossip, but you never can tell.

Perhaps the magnates planned to deal leniently with the offenders and hand out suspensions instead of kicking them out of baseball. This would not wreck the clubs nor would it cause heavy financial loss.

BUT Judge Landis stepped into a fast one and knocked all of them for a loop. He decided to be boss and won the decision by the score of one hundred to nothing.

Magnates Sign Pledge. A thing was running along smoothly they signed a pledge which is as follows: "We, the undersigned, earnestly desire of insuring to the public wholesome and high-class baseball, and believing that we ourselves should set for the players an example which would inspire the umpire's decision without complaint, hereby pledge ourselves loyally to support the commissioner in his important and difficult task, and we assure him that each of us will acquiesce in his decisions."

ST. JOSEPH'S TO MEET VILLANOVA. Main Line Quintet Favored to Win From Local Collegians Tomorrow Night. When the St. Joseph's College basketball team line up against Villanova College tomorrow night in the Main Line's gym, they will meet one of the fastest and best teams in the East. This is but the second year for the Villanova five on the college court, but the ability that they have shown so far marks them as a dangerous foe for any team in the country.

Amateur Sports. The K. of C. Evening School for Extension Men, now conducted at the Catholic High School, Broad and Vine streets, is about to organize a three-class basketball unit and is desirous of securing a hall where they may practice on Thursday and Saturday nights.



PETE HERMAN PUTS WILDE OUT IN 17TH

Former Bantam King Finishes English Pride—Referee Halts Bout. London, Jan. 14.—Pete Herman, the American bantamweight, knocked out Jimmy Wilde, the pride of Great Britain and flyweight champion of the world, in the seventeenth round of their twenty-round bout in Albert Hall here last night.

CHAMPION LEONARD MEETS RICHIE MITCHELL TONIGHT

Battle in Fifteen-Round Decision Match at Madison Square Garden—Is Charity Affair. PENNY LEONARD, the lightweight champion, will defend his title in Madison Square Garden, New York, tonight in a fifteen-round bout with a decision with Richie Mitchell, of Milwaukee. Donating the fighters' share, the receipts will be turned over to the American fund for devoted France, of which Miss Anne Morgan is one of the most enthusiastic workers.

But the referee stopped the bout in the seventeenth and awarded the decision to Herman after Wilde had been knocked down three times and was practically helpless. (This is accepted as a general knowledge.) Wilde made a game stand to the encouragement of his followers, but he was in difficulty in the fifteenth. Herman drove him to the ropes and with a left to the ribs and a vicious right to the jaw sent his little opponent back on his heels and appeared to have him groggy and half out. It looked like the Welshman managed to stand up through the sixteenth round, but Herman fairly cut him to pieces in the seventeenth, and after he had sent him to the floor three times the referee stepped in.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Height and Reach. LEONARD: Height 5 ft. 5 1/2 in., Reach 70 in. MITCHELL: Height 5 ft. 7 1/2 in., Reach 74 in.

But before a setting of the ropes and a clean athletic. A sent has been reserved for General John J. Pershing. He sent a letter to Miss Lora, saying he was delighted at the encouragement she had given to clean athletics.

Scrap About Scappers. Johnny Burns, owner of Joe Dorrell and Alvin Lewis, the winners of the National Amateur Boxing Championship, is in the city for the purpose of securing a license for his new gymnasium, which he has just opened at 12th and Market streets.

Manufacturers' League. The Manufacturers' League has passed a rule permitting the use of two players not employed by the concern they represent. Now, Baldwin has "Red" Long and "Red" Long has "Minnen" Calhoun and Jay Smith and General Electric has signed Joe Hyde, the former Camden Eastern League pitcher. Johnson has not announced his players yet, but no doubt Manager Calhoun will not be found caught napping.

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TRYING TO BEAT GUN IS COMMON FAILING

In Sport, as in Other Lines, Few Ever Think of Starting on Fifty-Fifty Basis—May Be Human Nature, But It's Wrong

By GRANTLAND RICE. "ONE of the main troubles with civilization in general," remarked The Philosopher, "is this—every one is looking for a shade before the start. This applies to both individuals and nations. They never think about starting on a fifty-fifty basis and letting merit decide the issue. They all work or play or fight on the theory that a match will make a two-thirds vote. They all want to beat the gun. They are not content to get away with an even break. They waste enough time and worry about it in scheming for the best of it to get in good enough shape to win, even if they had the worst of the start."

Human Nature? Yes, But— "T'S all human nature, you say? Sure, but that doesn't mean it's right. Do you recall Terry McGovern and Kid Lavigne? Now, there were a couple who never bothered about a few extra pounds. They were fighters who loved the game. But Nelson today would be a much bigger figure in the tradition of the ring if he hadn't let Billy Nolan force Joe Gans to make 133 pounds ripside, with his fighting costume on. That was the last word in reaching for the shade.

West Phila. High School Play. The annual school play of the West Philadelphia High School for Boys will be "The Merry Wives of Windsor." The play is a comedy in five acts by William Shakespeare. The cast will include: M. M. C. West, R. M. S. S. Crawford, L. H. S. Crawford, J. S. Crawford.

NAVY AT POUKGKEEPSIE. Virtually Assured to Row in Regatta on June 22. Annapolis, Jan. 14.—The fixing of the date for the Poukgkeepsie regatta on June 22, more than a week earlier than had been expected, greatly increases the chance that the Naval Academy crew, world's champions at Annapolis last summer, will be the event of the regatta.

Keyoula Meets Old Rival. Kazoula, Catholic school, will meet its old rival, the St. Anthony's school, in a doubleheader in St. Anthony's Hall, Twenty-fourth and Center streets, this evening. In the preliminary contest, Helmar will play Kazoula second.

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