

A REVIEW OF SPORTS.

Various Phases of the Astonishing Action of the American Baseball Association.

CAUSES OF THE BREAK AWAY.

Absurdity of the Claim That Mr. Thurman Was a Partisan Representative on the Board.

MICHELL'S DEFEAT OF LA BLANCHE.

A Better Class of Middle-Weights in the Front-Than Selections of Champion Fitzsimmons.

Surely the immortal bard of Avo had a very correct idea of human nature when he spoke about that class of people who when clothed with a little power play such fantastic tricks before high heaven as do make the angels weep. To be kind of characters referred to are to be found to-day and in goodly numbers. The American Association is being led to its death by some of them; it is being endangered and it because of two individuals, one at best an only puff-blower, having an illusory notion that he was a leader, and another who is a whirlwind. As a result upon more the National League is under siege; it is threatened with destruction, body and soul, and if the puff-blow little people referred to have their way all the safeguards of the national game will be trampled under foot and all the good work that has been done in enormous cost scattered to the four winds. This may be somewhat surprising to some, as it was only the other day that we were all shaking hands with each other because the hotbed had been buried and peace and good will were once more reigning. But, two weeks ago, a monstrous rabble, another little band, the brains of whom would not out-class either in quantity or quality six ounces of the correct cavity made in the winter of last country. This, then, is the material that is to save the League, and now it is the material that the individuals who are chattering and spluttering about the elevation of the game.

Features of the Trouble.

Now, let nobody think that I speak upon the present trouble as a fight. I do so such thing. The inequality of the two parties kills all notion of a fight. If some giants lived in the interior of the pyramid, and a number of puny dwarfs, they would not fight; they would be tried to knock the pyramids over. The giants could sit on the pyramids and hand them comfortable and safe, and there would be no fight. Not at all; but the stout dwarfs would exhaust themselves in vain and foolishly. Why the result to the dwarfs would be no more satisfactory than to the giants. Why the puny sparrow that was trying to kick a seal from a Southern sea beast, or the little man who stood in baseball affairs, too, is no more than the puny sparrow. The Association might fight away, but there is no necessity for the League to fight. The latter need do no more than to sit and wait for anything or anybody it wants, and it will be forthcoming. I am wrong, am I? Why just as a matter of fact, Kelly and the little man Irwin had yet been in the League, and they even had been noticed favorably by the League. We would have heard of them as wreckers, or, more correctly, as the individuals who had mangled the creature, and also deluding creatures. But it may be that they expect to accomplish what they failed to accomplish last year. If it really is a fact that any such like expectations in their minds then they are bigger fools than I have imagined they were. Depend upon it that the League will be a success, and the Association with its puny members will be a failure. There was some talk of the Association, the League, Irwin and Stovey, and in some quarters it has been mentioned as a possibility. The League has chosen its new path under the rottenest present ever practiced before the public. The latter cannot be hounded now, and it is the duty of the puny sparrow to get its feet firmly down on all such defamers. The League has a number of persons who are now causing trouble. Their way in is to get the League into a bad name and the way in which it is apparently going to be continued show what a lot of good are managing Association affairs.

Cause of the Trouble.

We have not far to go to divine the cause of this Association upon the cause of the decision of the Board of Directors in the cases of Mack, Bierbaum and Stovey. I say "alleged cause" because I am of opinion that that is not the real cause. But I shall now say a few words about it, be it real or alleged. The decision of the board was a just one by all means. When I say this I trust that my readers will credit me with being unbiased on the matter, recollections of the fact that I have been interested in it. What I am now saying is my honest conviction regarding the case. From the beginning of the case I have claimed that baseball law was all on the side of the Association, and I am of opinion that it is all on the side of the Association, and I am of opinion that it is all on the side of the Association. It is the duty of the puny sparrow to get its feet firmly down on all such defamers. The League has a number of persons who are now causing trouble. Their way in is to get the League into a bad name and the way in which it is apparently going to be continued show what a lot of good are managing Association affairs.

The Probable Real Cause.

But it strikes me that the real cause of this breakaway is the desire of the Association people to have a club in Cincinnati. It seems to me that they had made up their mind to have a club in Cincinnati by hook or crook, and have second on the Board of Directors. The Association people are of opinion that the Association should have a club in Cincinnati. It is the duty of the puny sparrow to get its feet firmly down on all such defamers. The League has a number of persons who are now causing trouble. Their way in is to get the League into a bad name and the way in which it is apparently going to be continued show what a lot of good are managing Association affairs.

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I was to some extent surprised at the poor result made by the Marina. I was not at all surprised at the result. Referring to the matter last week I said: "I have a very strong fancy for Mitchell mostly because I am informed that La Blanche is not in the best of condition. The latter is a very vigorous fighter, but if Mitchell is in anything like his best form I am inclined to think that he will outgenerate the Marine." This keeps me right and of course those who were influenced by my opinion would be on the right side once more. It is not necessary to say much about the battle. La Blanche was not in the best of form but he had been so for some time now and was in front of a much better man than ever he was. And this leads to the conclusion that we are, indeed, getting a much better class of middle-weight men than we have had for a very long time. The truth is that the list will outgenerate the Marine. Of course I don't rank Dempsey as a middle-weight. Our real middle-weight have for some reason or other, steadily been carrying over weight and keeping themselves in the heavy-weight class. From now on I think there will be a change and that a large number of pugilists who have been rated as heavyweights will get down to their proper weights, and will be all the better for them. Take a man like Smith, of Denver, for instance. He is a powerful man, and he has been in the ring a number of times, and he has not been in the ring for a long time. He has a very good record, and he has a very good reputation as a pugilist, and he has a very good reputation as a man in that class. But to refer to young La Blanche, he is a very good pugilist. He is a clever and effective pugilist.

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WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.

The Sicilian statesman Di Rudini, who within a week or so has come into such prominence as the head of the new Italian Ministry, achieved but little fame in the past, but the future is before him, and he has already selected some very good material to assist him in his efforts to quell the disturbances presently existing in that country. Government's affairs. Undoubtedly the best of his appointments is Giuseppe Saraceno, who has a wide reputation as a statesman and orator. His ability in matters of finance and public works have long ago been recognized. He was formerly a member of the Cabinet under Depretis, but retired in 1885.

The Coming Post Laureate. Edwin Arnold's career is most remarkable. In articles on poets and poets in the early part of the eighties no reference is made to either him or his "Light of Asia," a work that will last as long as the English language exists and which had been issued several years previously. At that time he was a hard working journalist, who considered the work on his great poem as so much recreation for his leisure hours. Now famous wherever books of any language are read, his name is on the lips of scholars and lands have been conferred upon him, and the English Government has knighted him, which is without doubt a sufficient reward for making him successful in his career as Post Laureate when the title was conferred upon him.

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One hundred Americans, "representing all cultured professions in all sections of the nation," who were recently asked by Mr. Ernest Whitney to give their pronunciations of a list of 150 words, have furnished him with a veritable chaos of orthoepy. Some of these cultured pronunciations are truly "extraordinary" as 83 out of the 100 call it. Others are at any rate interesting as showing the variations between English and American pronunciations even of simple words. The short "e" is used by a large majority of the 100 in such words as "azure," "pagan," "patent," and "even" in "raiser"; while the long "a" is preferred in "sawyer," "64 per cent," "saunter" as pronounced "saunter," "Dollie" is pronounced "doodle," 70 and 60 per cent respectively give a long "y" sound to the first vowel in "dynamite" and "lichen," though 64 per cent render "isolate" as "isolate." Similarly large majorities gave a long "y" sound to "agitation" and a short "e" to "epoch," "demonstrate" is accented on the second syllable by 53 against 40, and 57 vote for "zealous" as a three-syllable word, against 31 who put it on the middle.

While the "h" in "herb" is only used by 18 per cent, more than 60 per cent preserve it in "hoarser" and "humorous," and 12 per cent still say "umble." One that never goes to English ears as "nefroy" for "nephros" and "lieutenant" for "lieutenant," and the long "a" sound for "leisure"; and in the case of one word, "menial," not a man of the hundred agrees with us in pronouncing it as "menial," the short "e" giving it as "menial," and 22 as "menial."

A Fact About Calendars.

In this year's calendars only 10 rows of figures are necessary for February. This can only occur in February, and never in a leap year; also it can only occur when February 1 falls on a Sunday. During the

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unknown. At first this mite of a bird was introduced through sentimentality some one or two years ago, and everybody else is looking for, told of their many good qualities as worm killers and suggested the idea of bringing them in from the States. The latter is a very vigorous fighter, but if Mitchell is in anything like his best form I am inclined to think that he will outgenerate the Marine. This keeps me right and of course those who were influenced by my opinion would be on the right side once more. It is not necessary to say much about the battle. La Blanche was not in the best of form but he had been so for some time now and was in front of a much better man than ever he was. And this leads to the conclusion that we are, indeed, getting a much better class of middle-weight men than we have had for a very long time. The truth is that the list will outgenerate the Marine. Of course I don't rank Dempsey as a middle-weight. Our real middle-weight have for some reason or other, steadily been carrying over weight and keeping themselves in the heavy-weight class. From now on I think there will be a change and that a large number of pugilists who have been rated as heavyweights will get down to their proper weights, and will be all the better for them. Take a man like Smith, of Denver, for instance. He is a powerful man, and he has been in the ring a number of times, and he has not been in the ring for a long time. He has a very good record, and he has a very good reputation as a pugilist, and he has a very good reputation as a man in that class. But to refer to young La Blanche, he is a very good pugilist. He is a clever and effective pugilist.

Russia and the Menopoles. January 31 was the anniversary of the treaty between Russia and Japan, by which Russian interests are given permission to own amusement advertisements appear on fourteen page.

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