

GRANTLAND RICE COMES TO TELEGRAPH TO-DAY---STRIKE IS OFF OFFICIALLY

BASEBALL STRIKE OFF FOR SEASON

Fraternity Leader Asks For Mercy; Magnates Agree to Let Players Alone

New York, Feb. 15. — No baseball strike this year. Dave Fultz, head of the Players' Fraternity, admitted yesterday he was whipped. He issued the following statement: "Owing to the unfair position in which the major league owners have been placed in the present baseball controversy between owners and players, the fraternity has submitted to the owners the following proposal: "To release all players from their pledges not to sign contracts under the understanding that the owners will not discriminate against fraternity players nor discipline them for their loyalty to the fraternity in observing their pledges."

Early in the day Manager McGraw, of the New York Nationals, and President Fultz held a conference, at which the fraternity executive said that if he was assured that the members of the Players' Fraternity would not be discriminated against financially or otherwise by major league club owners, he would release the men from their pledges. McGraw immediately went to see President Toner, of the National League, and after the situation had been explained to him Mr. Toner said:

Toner Lends A Hand "You can assure Mr. Fultz that I give my word of honor, as the President of the National League, that the National League will not discriminate in any way, shape or manner, against any ball player because of his connection with the fraternity."

Upon receiving this statement from President Toner, McGraw declared: "I feel perfectly justified in announcing that to all intents and purposes the strike is off in so far as it affects the National League." When President Johnson, of the American League, arrived here later in the day to attend the annual schedule meeting of his league to-morrow, he was informed of the action taken by President Toner, and in reply to a query as to whether he would give similar assurance, he said: "So far as the American League is concerned we give no assurance. All our players look alike to us. About 85 per cent. of them have signed 1917 contracts, and if the men come along to their training quarters, well and good. That is all the assurance that the American League will give."

Chairman Herrman, of the National Commission, stated that there was a clause in all the major league contracts for 1917, which protected the players from discrimination on account of membership in the fraternity, and both of the major league presidents also called attention to this fact.

Much Interest in Games on Amateur League Schedule; Expect Many Surprises

Interest is strong in the city amateur basketball contests scheduled for tonight on Armory floor. Starting at 8 o'clock the P. R. R. Arrows will play the exMethodist five. As the Winn aggregation is climbing a victory to-night will place the Arrows in the running for second place.

The second game will be between the Galahad Recreation Club five and the Y. M. H. A. This match starts at 9 o'clock. The recent close contests and surprises have stirred up enthusiasm and a large crowd is looked for. The attendance is on a steady increase. This has been due to the increase in sale of season tickets.

INDEPENDENTS LOSE AT YORK York Independents won last night over the Harrisburg tossers, score 18 to 15. The game was played at York. Local Independents held the lead until near close of second half when the York tossers took a spurt and won out. Harrisburg offered a changed line-up.

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The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

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We who are merely stragglers, Off from the beaten court, Taking the road as it may lead As part of fortune's sport; We have nothing of bother, Whoever may lose or win, As long as we find the road worth while With a trifle of fun thrown in.

Fame we have found a phantom; Glory we know for a wrath; Why the net result is in the forum As long as the heart holds faith; Faith in a few dreams cherished Out of a vanished store, With a pat or two in the offing Ready to share the score.

If the team play of the average football or baseball team was no better than the team play of this country, politically, commercially and every other way, the net result would be a collection of tail-shedders. No one knows more about the value of team play than the citizens of this domain or commonwealth. And no one puts it less into play in the things that count.

"Why is it," a bystander writes "that the old-time ball players took so much more interest in the development of their play than the present flock?"

In the first place, the old-timer went into baseball more for sport than for money. There were no fancy salaries paid in the old days, and love of the game was the prevailing factor. Men like McGraw, Jennings, Kelly and others gave their entire attention to the game. To-day not one ball player in fifty pays any attention to development. He is content enough to finish a game and then forget about it. The game is no big part of his existence, off the field. He makes no great attempt to improve himself or to advance. To-day it is more business than sport. And a ball player to-day will be out for two or three weeks with injuries or ailments that most of the old-timers would have never noticed.

John McGraw once figured out that only six ball players in the National League were making conscientious efforts to develop their play and to improve their method of offence and defence. The rest, he said, were merely out there playing a ball game every day, taking it as it came. McGraw was right. It would be hard to name the six or eight men from either big league willing to give the bulk of their thought and time to the game they follow. "I can't think of anything else in the baseball season," says Cobb, "except baseball. The time I spend on the field is only a small part of the worry and work of the game." And you know about how many Cobbs there are scattered up and down.

The proposition of unionizing an enterprise where one entry gets \$1,200 a year and another draws \$15,000 will call for considerable generalship. There are very frequently times where a man getting \$1,200 would strike, where, if he were drawing down \$15,000, you couldn't drive him away from the job with nitroglycerine.

You can imagine how much a baseball strike would harass and depress our old college chum, Cornelius McGillicuddy. The chances are that he couldn't stand it—without giving three cheers.

Their Favorite Songs "Silver Threads Among the Gold."—Hans Wagner. "Please Go Way and Let Me Sleep."—Jess Willard. "Home Ain't Nothing Like This."—Les Darcy. "Waltz Me Around Again, Willie!"—Freddie Welsh.

If Wagner and Plank should drop out this season, which they may or may not do, the major leagues would be bereft of talent that had passed the 40-year mark. There is no one left who is even close to this age barrier, where only one out of two hundred manages to survive. Wahoo Sam Crawford would be next in line, but Wahoo Sam will hardly reach the age of 40 as a big league regular.

J. L. G.—For straight speed the four fastest men in baseball are Bert Shotton, George Sisler, Dave Robertson and Frank Gillooley. There is no extended margin to divide among these four. When it comes to a matter of merely getting there in time it is extremely doubtful if any of them would strike, where, if he were drawing down \$15,000, you couldn't drive him away from the job with nitroglycerine.

A Discovery Sir: I have just made a discovery in golf which I wish to report for the benefit of science and other sufferers. I have discovered that you can, at times, hole on any putt except one—the putt that is short. Sometimes, when on line they kick or drift into the cup, and sometimes putts that are too strong hit the back and stick. But I have never yet seen a putt from a foot to an inch short that ever dropped in. This is a point well worth the golfer's consideration. SNICKERSNEE.

We've tried at various times to hole out a lot of those putts that stop short of the cup without any success whatever. Maybe there's a trick in it.

What has become of the old-fashioned baseball manager who, at this time of the year used to claim all the pennants there were? Has the age become soaked in pessimism, or what?

MUST RAISE \$443,256,000 Revenue Bill to Raise This Amount Is Forecast in Senate

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15. — A Treasury deficit of \$323,400,000 at the end of the next fiscal year is forecast in a report submitted by the Senate Finance Committee, recommending that the Administration Revenue bill be amended to authorize a bond issue of \$195,256,000 instead of \$100,000,000, and that authorization for "certificates of indebtedness be made \$500,000,000 instead of \$300,000,000. The recommendation for increases is based on revised Treasury Department estimates submitted to Congress since the bill passed the House, placing the Federal Government's expenditures for the fiscal year 1918 at \$1,400,000,000. The committee estimates that to meet the total and provide a working balance the amount which will be raised by bonds and new revenue legislation is \$443,400,000. This the committee proposes to raise as follows:

By bond issues: For expenditures on account of Mexican situation to June 30, 1917, \$162,418,000; for construction of Alaskan railway to June 30, 1918, \$21,838,000; for construction of armor plate plant, \$11,000,000, making a total bond issue of \$195,256,000. By new taxation: An excess profits tax, \$226,000,000; inheritance tax increases, \$22,000,000, making a total of \$248,000,000 and a grand total from new taxes and bonds of \$443,256,000 or \$9,856,000 in excess of absolute needs.

In its report the committee explained that the proposed authorization to issue short-term certificates of indebtedness up to \$500,000,000 is for the purpose of tiding the Treasury over until the new taxes come in. A large portion of the total revenues of the Government now is payable during the last month of the fiscal year, and probably more than \$500,000,000 of revenue would, in the opinion of the committee, be collected during June, 1918.

"The income tax, the munitions manufacturers' tax and the excess profits tax are all due and payable in June of each year," the report says. "This is practically as much as will be collected during the entire preceding eleven months. That is, while the disbursements for 1918 may be less than the receipts for that year, still at certain periods prior to June the Treasury may need these certificates of indebtedness to tide it over." The bill probably will be brought up in the Senate Friday.

MINISTER DIES IN FLORIDA New Cumberland, Pa., Feb. 15. — Word was received here of the death of the Rev. Mr. Warner, a former pastor of the Lutheran church, who died at St. Petersburg, Florida. The body will be brought to Mt. Wolf, York county, where funeral services will be held. The Rev. Mr. Warner was former president of the University of Selinsgrove.

FINAL PRACTICE FOR LOCAL GAME

Tech to Meet Steelton; Hope Is in Winning Local Scholastic Honors

Coach Miller held the final practice with the Tech basketball quintet prior to the game with Steelton to-morrow evening in the Armory Hall. A victory for the Maroon tossers will give them a chance to get out of the cellar position in place that they have been holding almost since the beginning of the season.

According to Faculty Director Grubb the team hopes to win local scholastic honors. While the team can not hope to win in the league race, a victory over Central, Steelton and the Academy will mean much to the Tech team. With one victory over the Academy tossers, Tech will endeavor to add Steelton to its list of victims.

How Teams Line-up In the preliminary game the Tech reserves led by Gordon Holland will line up against the Harrisburg Dragons, a fast team of this city. The line-up as presented by the several teams will be as follows:

- Steelton: Harris, f. Dayhoff capt. f. Bell (McGann) f. Coleman, f. Beck, c. Breckenridge, c. Pollock capt. g. Starastine, g. Ebner, g. Morrett, g. Tech Reserves: Holland, capt. f. Wenerick, f. Miller, f. Runk, c. Wilshach, c. Huhman, g. Hueston, g. Ebert, g.

Important Games Tonight on Cathedral Hall Floor; Hassett Plays Susquehanna

Hassett School five will line up tonight with Susquehanna University five. This game will be played on Cathedral Hall floor and will be witnessed with much interest. Well-known stars will appear in both line-ups.

Before this game, commencing promptly at 7.40 the Bowman & Company five will oppose the Globe Right Posture tossers. The preliminary game will be over by 8.10 and the college game will start promptly at 8.15.

Duckpin Bowlers Busy; Academy Stars Show Form

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Boyd Memorial League McCormick, 2170 Independents, 1816 Kayler, (M.) 440

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DARCY-GIBBONS MATCH New York, Feb. 15.—The ten-round bout between Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, claimant of the middleweight title, and Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, for which articles were signed last night, is to take place in Milwaukee, April 10. A purse of \$50,000 and two-thirds of the moving picture rights will be equally divided by the men who will fight at 160 pounds.

HICK-A-THRIFT LEAGUE In the Hick-A-Thrift League series, played on Boyd Memorial Hall floor last night, the Red tossers downed the Purple five, score 23 to 10; and the Orange team won over White five, score 14 to 12.

Bits From Sportland Hamilton grammar school tossers will play a series of games with out-of-town teams, starting with Middletown February 19. West Fairview Sportsmen will hold a live bird shoot Saturday, starting at 10 o'clock. Altoona car shop bowlers will meet the local Motive Power team Saturday night on P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. alleys. Marshall All Stars last night won over the Globe Right-Posture team, score 29 to 22.

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ACADEMY MEET PLANS COMPLETE

Big Athletic Event Takes Place Tomorrow Afternoon at Chestnut Street Hall

With the announcement to-day of the officials for the Harrisburg Academy meet, all plans are complete for the big event to-morrow afternoon. The annual indoor contests between the Greeks and Romans of the Academy will start at 2 o'clock. The program includes 25 events. The Academy orchestra will furnish the music and there will be several special features. The admission fee has been changed and but twenty cents will be charged for the basketball game in the evening. This includes dancing. The game will be between the Academy tossers and the Central High five. Play starts at 8 o'clock and Horace Geisel will be referee.

Among the new features this year will be the wand drill by the members of the two lowest forms. It is a military drill but instead of guns wands are used.

This promises a new treat to patrons. The drill was taught the boys by Athletic Director Schleicher, who had a military training course at Cornell. Another interesting event will be the driving contest. This is also an innovation to local enthusiasts and is sure to cause a lot of excitement. Tumbling and work on the parallel bars are two other new events.

An exhibition of gymnastic work by Prof. Gordon C. Platt of the faculty, who was an adept tumbler at Dartmouth, his alma mater, is an added feature.

The ushers and program sellers were selected yesterday by the faculty and will be dressed in special uniforms. The contest this year is expected to be very close and hotly contested and each club is predicting a victory. The winner will add six points towards the cup. The Greeks will have odd numbers and their color will be blue. The Romans will have the even numbers and their color will be red. The events and their time are as follows:

Time of Each Event Event Time 1—Orchestra, 2.30 2—Wand drill, 2.35 3—High jump, 2.40 4—Springboard jump, 2.45 5—Dumbbell drill, 2.55 6—Springboard jump, 3.00 7—High jump, 3.05 8—Tug of war, 3.15 9—Springboard jump, 3.20 10—High jump, 3.20 11—Orchestra, 3.25 12—Tug of war, 3.35 13—High dive, 3.45 14—Pass back, 3.55 15—Tumbling, 4.00 16—Broad jump, 4.00 17—Parallel bars, 4.00 18—25-yard dash, 4.15 19—25-yard dash, 4.20 20—35-yard dash, 4.25 21—Carrying colors, 4.30 22—Orchestra, 4.35

Officials of the Meet Referee, Jackson H. Boyd, Princeton. Starter, H. Elmore Smith, Dickinson. Judges of Races and Dumbbell Drills, Ross A. Hickok, Yale; John Fox Weisa, Princeton; Henderson Gilbert, Yale; A. Boyd Hamilton, University of Pennsylvania; Roy C. Cox, Princeton; C. D. Rice, Gettysburg. Judges of Jumps and Tug-of-War, Francis J. Hall, Princeton; John C. Johnson, Bucknell; Richard E. Robinson, Princeton. Timers, Ross O. Hickok, Yale; Gordon J. Potts, Dartmouth; Floyd Appleton, Columbia; W. Harry Musser, Princeton; William H. Ernest, Lafayette.

Inspectors, Edward J. Stackpole, Jr., Yale; John C. Herman, Yale. Scorers, Lawrence W. Phipps, Yale; Raymond D. Kennedy, Bowdoin; Robt. O. Conant, Dartmouth. Announcer, Mercer B. Tate, Lehigh.

WELLY'S CORNER

Dick Kauffman, of St. Louis National, will be here to-night with Susquehanna University five. He will play center against the Hassett five on Cathedral hall floor.

Girls on the Bowman & Company basketball team are scheduled for a busy season. On Wednesday night, February 21, they will go to York for a return game with the Bear & Company five; and two days later will play the High school girls at Newville.

Officials of the National League went after Dave Fultz yesterday, and they got him. Charges have been made that the Fraternity has been responsible for the high salaries and holdouts. President John K. Tener took the ball by the horns" and went after the highway-men in a businesslike way.

The McCord may play with Harrisburg. He has an offer from Earl Mack

to return to Charlotte, N. C. but he wants to keep near Harrisburg. There is not enough money in the Blue Ridge for the local star. Manager Cockill will confer with McCord at an early date.

Chief Hartman will not have Steamer Horning on the Binghamton team. Barney Dreyfuss has landed the Colgate college star. Horning is after a record and believes that his tutorage will be stronger with the majors.

President John K. Tener has re-appointed his umpire for next season. He will have Henry O'Day, William Klein, Charles Rigler, Robert Emslie, William Byron, Ernest Quigley, Al. Orth, Peter Harrison and William Bransfield.

Joe Wright has signed a three-year contract to coach the Penn crew. His salary will be \$4,000 a year. He has won much favorable comment by his previous good work.

TRENTON TO PLAY HERE SATURDAY

First of Series With League Teams; "Doc" Newman Is in Charge

Basketball fans of this city will be treated to a real game Saturday night when Doc Newman and his Trenton Eastern League team will appear in the Chestnut Street Auditorium. The "Tigers" team under the leadership of Newman is playing wonderful ball in

the Eastern League race and all the regular players will play in the game Saturday night, with the exception of Freddie Geig, who cannot make any exhibition trips, owing to his business, but his position will be filled by Lennie Frost.

More Big Games Starting with Saturday night's game with Trenton, the local Independents will face their hardest part of the schedule this season, as the following teams will appear in Harrisburg in order:

February 24, Jasper, of the Eastern League; March 5, Wilkes-Barre, of the Pennsylvania State League, who defeated the locals earlier in the season; March 10, Trenton for return game; March 17, Camden will play the third and deciding game of the series. The series now stands one game apiece, and Manager McCord has March 24 pending with Carbon-dale.

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