

PATRIOTIC FANS READY TO BOOST RED CROSS BASKETBALL BENEFIT TONIGHT

BALL SUIT HAD LEAGUE WORRIED; HALT WAS NEAR

Prosecuting Lawyer Threatened to Call All Players As Witnesses

Announcement that Johnny Lavan and Derrill Pratt had settled their suit against Phil Ball, of St. Louis, brought peace of mind and happiness to Ban Johnson, president of the American League. It was a life-saver. Louis A. Dougher in Thursday's Washington Times says: "The American League came within an ace of going out of business this spring, at least for a week or so, and all because of the suit brought by Johnny Lavan, the Griffins' shortstop, and Derrill Pratt, the Yankees' second baseman against President Phil Ball, of the St. Louis club, according to advices from the Mount City.

"The players charged Ball with alleged slander, claiming that he told a St. Louis newspaperman that they 'had laid down to the White Sox.' Each player promptly entered suit for \$50,000. The case was to have been heard a week after next. "On learning finally that neither Pratt nor Lavan would withdraw the case, but would insist on a court hearing, Ban Johnson got busy. He hustled down to St. Louis from Chicago and conferred with Phil Ball. He found the Browns' boss inclined to be stubborn.

"At first efforts were made to bulldoze the players, hoping that they would surrender, but both Pratt and Lavan stuck to their guns. They had a clever attorney whose plan was simple. He intended to summon practically every player in the American League to testify in the character of Pratt and Lavan as baseball players. And right there Ban Johnson is said to have seen the light.

"Bringing the stars of the American League to St. Louis in April, with the schedule under way, would disrupt affairs almost beyond repair. It was feared that the news of the case, would take considerable interest, if their own teams were riddled for a week or so. It was too great a risk for the American League.

"Again Ban Johnson got busy, as he alone can when it comes to protecting his organization. He got into immediate communication with Miller Huggins, the Yankees' manager, and Clark Griffith, the Washington leader, urging them to use their good influences with the players.

"Compromise Is Arranged "As a result of this action by Ban Johnson, both Pratt and Lavan were induced to accept a compromise. "So now comes the announcement from St. Louis that the case has been dropped, each complainant receiving \$2,700. "Phil Ball is quoted as saying, 'It didn't cost me anything, so I should worry.'

"The inference is strong that the American League, rather than face the possibilities of a disrupted schedule, paid Pratt and Lavan, and charged it up profit and loss. "The whole affair was unfortunate. Few fans believe that any player would deliberately 'lay down' to an opposing team. Ball's St. Louis friend believes he speaks from the depths of disappointment over the poor showing of his team, of which so much had been expected.

"The slander suit's settlement goes down on the books as a diplomatic triumph for Ban Johnson."

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Carlisle, Pa., April 13.—The winter flaccid this week considerably hampered local athletic preparations, both the Carlisle Indians and Dickinson athletes being prevented from undergoing the special practice mapped out for the last six days. However, indoor track work was substituted whenever possible and the setback may not be so serious as at first forecast.

Coach Harris gave his battery men at the Indian school special work in the big cage. The other members of the team were kept in condition by calisthenics and indoor work also. At the earliest possible moment field work will be resumed. The showing in the first game was somewhat disappointing, but the faults discovered will be rectified at once.

Doings at Dickinson At Dickinson the main event of interest for the trackmen is the Penn relays, for the team, McNeal, the manager and a veteran of last year; Captain Saul Flood, mainly known as a distance runner and holder of several records in those classes, and Davis, of the law school, a sprinter.

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Local anglers are not very enthusiastic about starting the season on Monday. The law gives them the right to fish for speckled beauties any time after midnight Sunday. Recent weather conditions, however, have put a crimp in prospects for ideal stream conditions.

Two and a half millions of trout, all over a year old, were distributed in Pennsylvania during 1917, according to a report compiled by Commissioner of Fisheries, N. R. Butler. All of the trout were taken from the state's hatcheries and placed in streams throughout the state. Plans are being made to exceed this distribution in 1918.

Escape Hard Winter It is the general belief that the trout will not be found to have fared unduly because of the severity of last winter's weather. It was feared the going out of the ice would catch many trout and grind them to pieces against the sides, bottoms or between the cakes. But the trout move down into the depths of the larger streams and there pass the winter. Of course severe weather, floods, etc., affect the trout unfavorably, but not nearly so much as the other extreme—extremely hot weather and long dry spells.

Dempsy Wins Suit Over Former Manager St. Louis, Mo., April 13.—Holding that the contract existing between John Reiser of New York, a manager of fighters, and Jack Dempsy, heavyweight boxer, is not enforceable because it is against the laws of the State of Missouri to indulge in prize fighting, the Circuit Court, yesterday denied an injunction to Reiser by which the latter sought to prevent Dempsy from competing in a fight at a local theater here this week.

McGraw Gets Most Money for His Work "Muggs" McGraw, the Giants' leader, is the highest paid baseball manager in the game, according to the following figures: McGraw, Giants, \$50,000; Jones, Browns, \$20,000; Huggins, Yankees; Stalins, Braves, \$12,500; Griffith, Grizzlies; Mathewson, Reds; Jennings, Tigers; Rowland, White Sox, \$10,000; Moran, Phillies, \$8,500; Fohl, Indians; Bezdek, Pirates, \$6,000; Connie Mack is half owner of the Athletics and his salary is unknown.

WELLY'S CORNER Reading's hopes for Class A. A. baseball were soon blasted. Some towns never know when they have enough. Reading is entitled to good baseball, and will get it, but not until after the war is over. Like Harrisburg, that city has been a "goat" too often. Old-time baseball rivalry will come again. Be patient.

KID HERMAN WINS ON POINTS Peoria, Ill., April 13.—Kid Herman, of Peoria, won a six-round fight from Zulu Kid, of Brooklyn, N. Y., according to a newspaper article in a ten-round bout here last night. They are bantamweights.

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WELLY'S CORNER Receipts of Game Go to Red Cross Tech in Good Shape For Hard Battle With Independents Tonight The stage is set for the big Red Cross benefit basketball game tonight. Tech meets the Harrisburg Independents. Judging by the interest manifested a record crowd will be on hand. Rooters have arranged special sections and there is likely to be plenty of excitement. The game will be played under Eastern League rules with Clint White referee. The entire receipts will go to the Red Cross fund. To-day the decorators added many flags to the decorations. They are colors of the allies and of the nations of the Red Cross. The other decorations include many hundred flags. The special features will be violin selections by Miss Sara Lerner, concert by the George Upgrove orchestra and dancing. The dancers will have the use of both halls, the orchestra to occupy a platform under the balcony and between the two big dance floors. The Maroons wound up their practice yesterday. Last night the independents held a two-hour workout. The teams will line up with the regular stars except the Independents. Ike McCord, the pounder, has been on the sick list; Noble Frank, the Central champion, will take his place. It will be a battle between the new champions of the state and former Central High stars. The game starts at 8.15. RACE HORSES PERISH IN FIRE Baiting a horse, April 13.—Seventeen race horses, valued at \$50,000 in all, perished in a fire which destroyed a large stable at the Bowie race track early to-day. An exploding lamp caused the blaze, it was stated. The Calumet stable was the heaviest sufferer, losing Mooshead, Caljar, George W. Avery, Fellowship and four other horses. Whitney lost Woodward, Jen and Aegle, Fragrant, Valley Club and a pony, owned by Walter House; Bueaux, H. McGorty, of Oshkosh, Wis., boxed twelve rounds to a draw here last night.