

Mr. Jack Isn't Strong for a Girls' Rowing Club

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Judgments

REGARDLESS of all other considerations, General Ban Johnson once more has walked up the hill and then walked down again. Ban is bluffing too much for the good of his reputation. Undoubtedly, the Kraft case was settled both in accordance with correct principle and popular judgment. Too long have the magnates calmed, deceived and arbitrarily disposed of players. Otherwise, there would be no Players' Fraternity or Federal league today. The Bee for years has denounced the flagrant injustice of majors shipping a young player, it took up from the minors, wherever it pleased when he failed to make good, regardless of his wishes or interests. By what rule or principle of justice is Brooklyn justified in sending Kraft to Nashville at \$200 a month when a previous contract called for \$400 a month at Newark? Why Ban Johnson should have risen up on his hind legs to defend such a deal is a mystery. The National Commission is in the attitude of a complete and impressive surrender, for Kraft went to Newark at the advance salary and got five weeks' back pay, while Nashville was reimbursed \$2,500 by the Ebbetts, who own both Brooklyn and Newark. There's your community interest in base ball, too. President Gilmore of the Federal league says this was not the Federal's affair. Perhaps not, but with the Federal league hanging like an ominous cloud over them, the major magnates knew mighty well it was time for them to "hedge in." Had the Players' Fraternity not won its fight—a most spectacular triumph—the result would have been the complete ascendancy of the Federals. The players, manifestly, were united behind Fultz. That's what brought the National Commission to its knees so speedily. Base ball is fearing its lesson; there is that much to be said. President Tener, a rational man, says the war is not over. Possibly not, but a very impressive battle has been won by the players. How many more it will take to end hostilities and bring all elements together into a compact union, we do not know. We guess, however, the Kraft cases will be fewer and farther between from now on. With the Chase, Johnson and ten-day clause cases added, it was a bad week for organized base ball. No, not a bad one, but a good one—provided organized and disorganized base ball learn the lesson of the week. The lack of mutual obligation in the ten-day clause has killed that joker in the tender's hands, by which the other has held the whip-hand so long. The rulings in the Johnson and Chase cases would seem to settle it. Lack of mutual obligation would kill anything intended to be legal. Again organized base ball has been taught a lesson. One by one, every step in the procession of the breach now existing between organized and unorganized base ball has been due to this very same principle on the part of the magnates. We believe in organized base ball, but have contended from the first that it could not survive some of the crimes practiced in its name. The sooner this whole matter comes to a climax of mutual understanding the better for all concerned. Had the players been getting what was due them, things would not be as they are now.

SHOULD NOTIFY OF CHANGES

Fans Sore on Teams Who Announce One Place and Play Elsewhere.

DISAPPOINTED AT FORT OMAHA

Two Thousand Followers of Amateur Base Ball Go Out to Dinamond, Only to Learn Battle is Postponed.

There is always room for censure among the amateurs so here goes for a small hammer play, which is not intended for all the magnates, just for the ones that utilize the space in these columns for the purpose of fooling the ones that go out to see them display their wares. If one Sunday ever goes by when every amateur game is played as the magnates report, the writer will hold it forever in grateful remembrance. Recently permission was secured by a certain manager to stage a game at Fort Omaha, and he changed his thought re-entirely without notifying the party that has charge of the diamond. Approximately 2,000 fans trotted out to Fort Omaha to see this mix, which failed to materialize. Twice this same thing has happened at Fort Omaha.

Things Looked Gloomy.

Madam Rumor had it that the City League was about to tip its cady to the undertaker prior to the meeting held by the City League last week. Even at the meeting matters looked dark and dismal because the leaders of the Murphy Did Its and the Advos failed to ring in. Reports had been going the rounds that the Advos were in the cemetery and that the Murphys were going to quit the league. After a thorough investigation it was brought to the surface that the Murphy Did-Its were anxious to collide with an out-of-town team and that they were willing to forfeit a game to be extended this privilege, and that the Advos are the liveliest dead bunch in the world. The P. A. C.'s are anxious to enter the league, but they will have to be contented on the waiting list. From the way things look up at the present writing the teams now in the City League will be on deck when the season drops, which will be Sunday, August 9.

Having some Trouble.

Those Metropolitan leaguers are having codles of trouble. Things looked rather dubious for them and they might have proved disastrous if it hadn't been for the timely work of Leo Foley, the leader of the Imperials. When he looked over the situation he immediately got in communication with the generals of the various teams associated with the aforementioned league and after talking the matter over they unanimously decided to drop the Victors. The Victors, because they went to the wall and the chances were slim for them to reorganize. They were figuring on throwing the O. D. K's out, but their case has been adjuated to the satisfaction of all concerned. A new president was elected to fill the gap left by the departure of Everett McAllister and as Lawrence Kelly resigned as secretary, a new gent was pushed into his shoes. Hereafter Fred Krebs will be the high mogul of the Mats and Leo Foley will hold down the secretary chair. The new team that will be christened today is the West Side Electric. They will float in with an average of \$60. This was agreed on by the magnates. Now that this league has a live wire at the helm they ought to be able to pick their way without much trouble until the bell tingles.

One Problem to Face.

When the Boosters congregated last week they only had one problem to figure. It was the settling of the difference between the Mats and the Rourkes.

Schliebner, R. like Kane, some sticker. He has already played a lot of winning ball and is expected to keep it up.

Omaha fans who watched his work will regret that Joe Ward could not get into form and stay on the team. He was a hard, clean player, a faithful batter, but had a sore arm which kept him from going his pace.

Marty Krug shows his quality by playing on the infield as well as the out in a crisis and as much may be said for Oom Paul Kruger, who is making a mighty valuable man of himself for the Rourkes.

The boy Crab is there. No lad can pitch the ball he did against Denver in Omaha and Lincoln in this fifteen-inning game at the capital and not be there.

And yet all these years Charley Murphy et al. insisted the ten-days clause was all right. And the courts say it is not. Oh, the courts must be wrong.

Three Central Figures in Big Base Ball Fight



PRESIDENT BAN JOHNSON OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE, CLARENCE KRAFT OF NEWARK AND DAVID L. FULTZ, 'PRESIDENT PLAYERS' FRATERNITY.

NEW YORK, July 25.—David Fultz, president of the Players' fraternity, called a strike of all National and American league players under contract for Wednesday, provided the National commission had not before that time rescinded its ruling in the case of Clarence Kraft.

ban Johnson, boss of the American league, met the ultimatum sent by Fultz with defiance and threatened to have all American league parks closed for the remainder of the season should the players obey the walk-out orders issued by Fultz. Then the magnates got busy and backed down about as hastily as ever anything was done. Ebbetts of Brooklyn completed his deal with Nashville for the purchase of Kraft, and the player was awarded his five weeks' back pay and continues to draw his full salary as a member of the Newark club.

between the Krebbs and a few of the other contingents. The only thing any of the teams had against the Krebbs was that they used their windpipes too strong crabbing and as the Krebbs promised not to open the faucets so strong they were allowed to stay in the league. The Dundee Woolen Mills Reserves, the team with the strong kick against the Krebbs, failed to have a representative at the meeting.

This city is at least the proud possessor of a pair of leaguers that have practically no trouble, namely, the Saturday Chase A. League and the Mercantile league. They are composed mostly of old heads that were taught years ago that arguing about every little matter is just a waste of time.

Diamond Flatness.

Bird of the Wagmans is sure a bird at short. The Luxus squad held Dennison, Ia., to one hit. To date Springfield, Neb., has copped eight out of nine games. Back of the willow the Krebbs Transfers have a cuckoo in Swartz.

To date the Armoura have only been punctured twice this season. For the Omaha Gas Co. squad Arthur Westergard is twirling great ball. Here of late Duobite Mart Flanagan has been running wild on the bases. On the slab the Trimble Bros. Smith they have a peacher in Glen (Runt) Smith. Manager Hornomsky of the Brown Park Pharmacy brigade is still as game as ever.

Hereafter Johnnie Danze will hold down one of the pastures for the F. M. Valentines. Those Wahoo boys trimmed a bunch from Lincoln to the tune of 17 to 0 last Sunday.

Hazen of the Dundee Woolen Mills put a crimp in the Minden (Ia.) team last Sunday. What do you know about the F. M. Valentines picking up eight games straight? Everything imaginable has turned up to keep Clink Clair from being the rag in the State League.

Now the Townsends have hooked Kline, formerly with the Dundee Woolen Mills and K. M. Ernest Carey is the cheese of the West Side Electric. To commune with him, call Haxey 476. Edward Spellman didn't go to New Orleans. He is now playing in the Wisconsin-Illinois league.

Joseph Adams of the Ancient Order United Workmen team is going to twirl for Hartington, Neb. Durkee, the Stars third sacker, wasn't on the job last Sunday, as he was away spending his vacation.

Brooks Titworth is the lad who will pilot the Outlaws. You can converse with him over Webster 347. Strange, but nevertheless true, Old Warner Lamb Young is faster on his pine this season than last. Because his left lamp has been on the blink, Roy Felton has been unable to work for the Trimble Bros.

Up at Petersburg, Neb., Smoky Grant, formerly associated with the F. M. Valentines, is looking the nicks. Bernard Probst had his batting toggery on last Sunday. He capped three on the bean to safe territory.

Wolf was the big firecracker at Blair during their debate with the Stars. He twirled a magnificent game. Last Sunday the Stars and Stripes tried out a new pitcher tagged Stillmore. He held the K. M.'s to four hits. Stangle, the speed merchant hitched to the Alamitos, connected safely five times out of six times at bat last Sunday. Although the road was not rocky for Rourke, the Black Kats leader nevertheless blew for Lincoln, Neb., last week. The correct score of the contest be-

two Springfield, Neb., and the Brodegar Crowns last Sunday was 3 to 1. On the mound Knudsen is doing admirably for the J. H. Hourgoola congregation. He averages eight strikeouts per game. Last Sunday up at Fremont Joseph Adams held the sluggers stationed there to one hit. Some kinker is Peppery Joe! Two home runs were made during the last Sunday, and Jesse Murray for the hot corner. For the Auto Row Chuck Greener was the big noise last Sunday. He made four hits in the atmosphere and only allowed two hits. The Western Auto Supply company is still in the field. If you are looking for a hot base, call Douglas 346 and about for Edelman. Up at Scotland, S. D., Matty McGrath is grabbing his souars. He is clubbing the ball at a terrific pace and is doing grand work at the bat. With the bases intoxicated during the Auto Row-Wood & Adamson debate, Harry Kleiser spanked one for permission to reside at corner No. 2. Rocky, the manager of the Black Kats, slipped to Lincoln, Neb., last week. Hereafter Overman will hold the managerial reins for the Kats. During the Valentine-Townsends mix Langer got his pedals to working and when the mix was over he had three strikes in his credit. The disputed game between the Monmouth Parks and the Beacon Press will be settled at the next meeting of the Omaha Athletic Union. Last Sunday morning the Black Kats cancelled a game booked with the Western Auto Supply company for Sunday afternoon at Springfield. In all probability the Ancient Order United Workmen team will play Springfield on the 31st. Their reunion to be held at Springfield in August. Those Mercantile leaguers had better keep their lights on the Thomas Kilpatrick base to their leader, they are going up the hill from now on. Beatrice Johnny Andrews twirled an elegant game for the Alamitos against Portmouth, Ia., last Sunday, only allowing the plow followers three hits. On bag one Watchler is performing like a leaguer for the J. H. Hourgoola combination. His hitting featured the contest as Arlington, Neb., last Sunday. Harry Cobby will probably have to stick to the bases to his credit. He holds down cushion two for the Krebbs Transfers. Approximately 4,000 fans and fanettes were on hand last Sunday to witness the struggle between the Vinton Street Mercants and the Brown Park Pharmacy. For some unknown reason Kraiger turned down the K. M. last Sunday and performed with the Stars. He hit act put the Weed Merchants in the hole. Pike, a South Omaha lad who twirls for Plattsmouth, was unable to trim his old teammates, the Arnoums, last Sunday. They scored ten hits off of his offerings. During the Gas company-Alamito debate Pete Lyck put one over the boards and Stangle put one under the boards, which drew transportation for the circuit. Vernon won his own game against Minden (Ia.) last Sunday when he tickled one for two bags, with the bases chucked, and capped three on a low throw to catch him off second. Winters of the Chris Lycks seems to be able to club them in the summer. He capped three on the cones last Sunday, one for the limit and a pair for two cushions. Dressman, formerly with the Ancient Order of United Workmen contingent, is playing left field for Hartington, Neb. He has only clubbed seven for the limit since he signed up. The Dundee Woolen Mills would like to book a game with the Luxus, Ancient Order of United Workmen or Black Kats. They say they have got plenty of dough for the speed merchants to grab. Lately the majority of games played by the Farrell Stripes have been in the morning on account of the scarcity of diamonds. They are lacking for games, Call Mosher at Harney 1968 or Douglas 372. Last week Edward Clair went to Grand Island to help his brother, Clink, slom the rag, and the first mix he participated in he nearly got his paw cut off when an opponent made a daring slide into home. According to the Blair boys, they must have clubbed the ears of McGuire, but the box score only shows five hits for the entire game. The majority of pitchers that hold their opponents to five hits generally win. Guy Holland, formerly with the Ancient Order of United Workmen team, who is now owned by Grand Island, twirled for Greeley Center last Sunday against Central City. He struck out seventeen and scored the game by a 2 to 1 score.

Sandloters Have Live List of Games Scheduled Today

Games to be played by the locals today: Workmen against Townsends, second game at Fort Omaha. Nebraska Auto School the Vinton Street Merchants against Monmouth Parks, first game, Fontenelle park east diamond. Nebraska Auto School against Murphy Did Its, second game, Fontenelle park east diamond. If this game is forfeited to Nebraska Auto School, the Vinton Street Merchants will play the Monmouth Parks a double-header. The reason for the forfeit is that the Murphy Did Its have a game booked with Minden, Ia. Brown Park Pharmacy against Advos, first game at Thirty-second and Dewey avenue, this morning. Walnut Hill Merchants against Beacon Press, second game at Thirty-second and Dewey avenue. Brodegar Crowns against South Omaha Workmen, first game at Fort Omaha. Hansens at Springfield, Neb. Brundage Stores against Thomas Kilpatrick Co., this morning at Fort Omaha. King-Peek Co. against Browning King Co., Thirty-second and Dewey avenue, this morning. Drexel Shoe Co. against P. O. Hupmobiles, Chris Lyck park, this morning. Holts Pharmacy against Nourse Oil Co., first game at Chris Lyck park. Jansen Bros. against Knights of Ak-Barben, Twenty-sixth and Burt at 130. Dundee Woolen Mills Reserves against Advos, second game, old diamond, Elmwood park. Fontenelle against West Side Electric, Vinton Street Merchants at Plattsmouth. Armour Reserves at Cedar Bluffs, Neb. Imperials against O. D. K's, Looking for a diamond, probably play at Twenty-first and Mason. Alaska Atlantic, Neb. Stars and Stripes against Imperials, first game at Athletic park, Council Bluffs. Joe Smiths against Avoca, Ia., second game at Athletic park, Council Bluffs. Murphy Did Its at Minden, Ia. Krebbs Transfers against Wood & Adamson, second game at Miller park.

Back, Men, and Give Him Air

By F. S. Hunter

IN DEAR OLD LUNNON. When the tango ball is over and the luncheon party a past. When the bridge game is concluded and the day is bright at last. Then miffed down her gaudy rags and with infinite delight. She bows toward her limousine and goes to see a fight.

She goes to see a prize fight and she sits close to the ring. Where the tucky brasserie cattle, swap each job and poke and swine. And she understands the lingo you will in a language all her own. Which were sure would quite surprise you in its character and tone.

She will yell with all abundance. "You're doing miffed call her views. Do you think that you are mixing with a tub of soft feet last? Use a straight razor on the shoulder, mix it with an uppercut. Soak him squarely in the lattice, knock the slats out of the mitt."

With these words of prize ring fancy does miffed call her views. And she understands the lingo you will find in fighting news. And the teas and all the parties are driven far from sight. When miffed of society lamps a pair of bruskers fight.

Mr. Mavrogradate of the English Davis cup team may be a great tennis player, but he won't make any hit with headline writers.

Can you imagine what would happen to that handle if it were put in a box score?

From eastern reports it would seem that the athletes on the Chinese ball teams now invading this land, are far more familiar with American slang and Turkish cigarettes than they are with Monmouth and chip suey.

If Walter Johnson keeps up his present record the Swedes of the country will soon be willing to admit that Walter is of Scotch-English descent.

Hint to Golfers. Don't look up to see how far you drove the ball until you have hit it. He spoke with cheerful accents. He urged the war with gayety. For you see it makes him money. For he is a lawyer guy.

WANTED. A way to escape Gunboat Smith's alibi. Watkegan, Wis., blossoms forth with a

MANY CHALLENGING WELSH

New Champion of Lightweights Be-seiged by Ambitious Youths.

MIGHT AS WELL SAVE INK Briton Not Very Likely to Step into Ring Again Until Such a Time as Theoretical Dates Run Out.

NEW YORK, July 25.—As always happens, when a boxing title changes hands, a flood of challengers is now being turged loose against Freddie Welsh, the newest of champions. At the same time it is evident that the challengers are waiting time and wind if they are sincere in their efforts to get a match with the Briton. If they are simply seeking a little free advertising their efforts may bear a little fruit. Certain it is that there are any number of lightweights who would welcome a battle with the "feather duster" blow. It is equally certain that they will get nothing of the kind until American vaudeville houses and European music halls cease to offer tempting sure for many weekly engagements.

May Fight Return Bout. Ritchie has some sort of an understanding with his conqueror for a bout in America, but no definite arrangements have been made and the chance of such a bout taking place within the next year, or possibly two years, is not bright. There is no reason to suppose that Welsh cares for another match, and present day boxers are artists when it comes to putting up barriers when some dangerous opponent is clamoring for a match. Ritchie is an ex-champion who deserves a return engagement. He gave Wolgast a return battle though Ad was never so considerate after Battling Nelson had carried him forty-one rounds before surrendering the title. But if Willie hopes to get another bout with Welsh before the present year passes into history he is likely to be just as much disappointed as he was when Eugene Corri forgot to lift his right hand in the Olympia ring. Willie is a great financier and he may have to prove himself a great waiter.

Kilban's Challenge Doubtful. As for Johnny Kilban's challenge, it gets the featherweight champion a little publicity. It is doubtful if anything more follows ring affairs closely enough to know that they might as well ask Welsh to make the featherweight limit as 133 pounds. Ring-side, Welsh has not made this figure in some years and he certainly will not make it now, after winning the title of 135 pounds before the fight. If Kilbane wants action it is not necessary for him to go after title-holders of other classes. Johnny Dundee has agreed to make 127 pounds, ring-side. If Kilbane wants to clear his record of that twenty round draw decision on the coast. There would be little for Welsh to gain and everything to lose by boxing below his class, so he would undoubtedly decline the Kilbane bid, even if the weight was suitable. But the featherweight champ, knew he was playing safe when he tackled on that 135-pound joker to his challenge.

Packer is Hopeless. Packer McFarland, if he has any serious intention of coming out of retirement, may as well give up hope. Just as Nelson and Wolgast evaded the stock yards boy while they held the title Welsh may be expected to repeat. The Briton has had a thrilling example of the McFarland brand of boxing and he is not likely to take any chances with the title which he chased so long. Admitting that Packer could make the weight, that Welsh would name the stock yards boxer is as far from a title as ever. Climbing into the same ring with Packer is no place for any champion.

Charley White seems to have some excuse for a challenge, owing to his popular decision over Ritchie just before the ex-champion sailed for England. The New Orleans bout of January 1 last, when all the sporting writers of that city gave Welsh a verdict over Dundee for work in the last round "after five even rounds and two for each boxer," will undoubtedly result in a challenge from Dundee. In fact, they will be coming from all sides.

For some months Welsh will be the most challenged man in the ring and the busiest "actor" outside the ring. He will get some money something which he failed to get for his victory at Olympia. The challengers may as well save their lung power and ink. Welsh will do like other champions—ignore challenges while theatrical dates hold out.

Lewis Signs Up. Outfielder Duffy Lewis last week signed with the Boston Red Sox for two years.

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