

Time Was When a Contract Jumper Didn't Look Like a Hero

ORGANIZED B. B. IS PLAYING NEW GAME

Through the course of recent events, albeit the well-known base ball war, come from the east mysterious murmurings which make the base ball fan perk up, take notice and watch with manifest eagerness certain activities of Organized Ball with regard to jumping athletes. Organized Ball, after stubborn declaration for one whole year that the Federal league never was, never would be and isn't, has changed its policy, if the forementioned recent events can be accepted as a criterion, and in the future a merry battle of gold coins can be expected whenever a desirable athlete starts to leap past the bounds of the reserve class.

Walter Johnson and his long-distance hop started the new maneuvers, and it now looks as if they will be continued by the strategic diplomats, otherwise known as magnates. As soon as Johnson leaped, another Johnson, Dan, declared that he was "damned goods." But Clarke Griffith didn't think so and he induced Johnson to hike back into the fold. Walter did, and the success of Fox Griffith has prompted other big league mags to set forth similar inducements to athletes who have jumped their teams.

After Konechky.
In St. Louis a report says that Miller Huggins and Slim Sallee, representing the National League, tried to get Ed Konechky, Pittsburgh Fed., to brodie back to O. B. The agents are said to have offered Koney more kale and the privilege of selecting himself what team he should play with. That is what team Organized Ball in the past never would allow, and it goes a long way to show that the powers that be have decided to fight for the services of players who jump.

Slim Sallee is also asserted to have made flattering offers to Polly Perritt. Perritt was a great friend of Sallee's, but he refused the offers the slim had made him.

The recent transfer of Sherwood Magee from Philadelphia to Boston is another indication of the new policy by Organized Ball. Sherwood evidenced signs of discontent and was known to be conversing rather intimately with certain Federal gentlemen. Immediately he was asked with whom he would like to play. Boston? Certainly, Stallings would be tickled to have you. And Sherwood is a Brave now.

Loberst a Giant.
Take the case of Hans Loberst. Also discontented and flirty with Fed agents, immediately McGraw camped on Loberst's trail, and if Loberst should say the word, he would become a Phillie.

Dode Paskert, another Phillie, was offered a chance to go to Washington to play under Clarke Griffith, who is a good friend of Paskert's. It was feared Dode would jump, but it is apparently not his intention for he declared his willingness to stay with the Phillies.

Again, take the case of Colonel Ruppert, millionaire extraordinary. For the sake of Ruppert and his millions, Dan Johnson is attempting to furnish him with any manager he may desire. Would Johnson have done that a few years ago? Surely not, and it only again goes to show that the megala or organized ball has decided the time has come to fight and fight hard.

Leo Magee, who jumped to the Brooklyn of the Cards, was offered a chance to be traded to Chicago if that city would please him better than the Mound City. Ivy Wingo can also go to some other club if he should return to organized ball.

Fighting with the Feds.
The confidence in the Feds that is felt in the minor leagues is again blossoming publicly in the east. The New England league and the Eastern association, headed by Tim Linnane and Jim O'Rourke, two of the most ardent supporters of organized ball, and men who can't see the Federalists with a Lick telescope, are breaking loose. Certain magnates in those circuits are accused of approaching the outlaws, or at least in a receptive mood, to propositions from that body, to withdraw from organized ball and establish an independent circuit.

Before the minor league convention in this city Linnane and O'Rourke would have laughed and passed up the matter without a thought. The Federalists weren't then, then. But now the situation has become so critical and the strength of the Feds recognized, that Linnane and O'Rourke are conducting investigations and if the charges are proven the guilty owners will be denied further franchise.

The examples go to show conclusively that organized ball has at last taken the Federalists seriously and intends to put up a stubborn resistance against jumpers via the coin method. That is why such men as Ruppert are needed.

But with organized ball fighting the Feds with coin it can be expected that soon overtures of peace will be under way again for neither the Feds nor the major clubs in organized ball nor the minors for that matter, can afford to squander recklessly their money. Of course, one or the other will run out of change in time, but it is more than probable that before that time comes everybody will get sick of their quibbling and a real peace settlement will be made.

Seeking Eligibles For Directorate of Commercial Club

The nominating committee of the Commercial club is busy seeking suggestions for a list of men from whom to nominate eligibles for the sixty places on the board of directors. A new method is being pursued this year. The committee is asking the various business organizations and trade exchanges in the city to suggest available men from their organization to be considered for these places. This letters for suggestions have gone out from the nominating committee to the following organizations: Real Estate exchange, Omaha Bar association, Omaha Manufacturers' association, Omaha Medical association, Associated Retailers of Omaha, Omaha Clearing House association, Insurance exchange, Grain exchange and Builders' exchange.

Collins Convalescing.
Jimmy Collins, former Red Sox manager, who has been ill at his home in Buffalo for several weeks, has recuperated in the road to recovery. He has practically passed the danger point, according to the attending physician. At first Collins' illness was thought to be serious. He had a severe cold and it developed into pneumonia.

CAPTAIN S. O. H. S. BASKET BALL TEAM



Captain Paul McBride

OFF WEEK IN BASKET BALL

Contesting Quintets, Amplified by Christmas, Declare Truce.

TELEPHONES MAY DROP OUT

Fall to Appear Against Council Bluffs Cubs, and Rumor Has It Wiretappers' Franchise Goes to Creighton.

Standing of the Leagues.

League	P	W	L	Pct.
CHURCH LEAGUE				
First Christians	5	5	0	1.000
H. P. Methodists	5	4	1	.800
First Methodists	5	3	2	.600
South Omaha Baptists	5	1	4	.200
Episcopal	5	0	5	.000
Church of the Covenant	5	0	5	.000
COMMERCIAL LEAGUE				
Omaha National Bank	1	0	1	.000
Council Bluffs Cubs	1	0	1	.000
M. C. Secretaries	1	0	1	.000
O. H. S. Second	1	0	1	.000
First National Bank	1	0	1	.000
Nebraska Telephone	1	0	1	.000
TRI-CITY LEAGUE				
Walter G. Clark	2	0	2	.000
Townsend Gun Co.	2	0	2	.000
Omaha High School	2	1	1	.500
Bellevue College	2	1	1	.500
Fraternal	2	1	1	.500
Swift and Company	2	1	1	.500
Neb. School for Deaf	2	0	2	.000
Council Bluffs Y. M. C. A.	2	0	2	.000

The week following Christmas promises to be anything but an active one for local basket ball toppers. The Yuletide spirit has so amply affected the contesting quintets that a truce has been decided upon until after New Year's. The local teams, however, intend to spend the brief respite in good hard practice.

Several inter-league games will be staged at the Young Men's Christian association court this week, but these will be more on the order of practice games than for basket ball supremacy. A number of the free lance teams have arranged games out of town for New Year's. The fast Murphy-Did-It will engage the soldier quintet at Shenandoah, Ia., known as Company E, and the Young Men's Christian association Squabs will play the Genoa Indians at Genoa, Neb. The Townsends will play at Fort Dodge.

In the church league last week practically no changes in the relative positions of the teams took place. So far the First Christians have taken a fall out of every team in the organization. The handy manner in which they have defeated each of their adversaries easily marks them as the coming champs of the church goers, and unless they are curtailed in short order they will have a walk-away with the rag. What gives the Christians supremacy over their opponents is the experience of their players. While most of the church teams are made up of new men, the Christians banded together the most able basket toppers in the city. The two Welles brothers, Parrish, Hobson and Miles comprise this leading aggregation.

Methodists Try Hard.
So far the only quintet in the league that has given the Christians any trouble for their money is the Hanson Park Methodists, under the direction of John Reel. The Hanson Parkers are determined to halt the Christians and to that end have been strengthening up their team for the last few weeks.

Several unlooked for surprises took place in the Commercial league last week. The Omaha National Bank team put in its appearance and at its first game decisively drubbed the Omaha High School Second, 13 to 7. The unexpected strength developed by the bankers shows that they will have a reckoning in deciding the championship. The students were noised out of a perfect record by the defeat.

The Nebraska Telephone failed to put in their appearance last Saturday for their game with the Council Bluffs Cubs, and as a result lost the game by forfeit. However, the Cubs played a match game with the Townsends.

Telephones May Quit.
It was rumored that the wire-tappers had withdrawn from the organization owing to the fact that several of their players had joined other fives. Should the wire-tappers break away from the league it is presumed that the Creighton Laws will take over their franchise. An unusually inactive week took place in the Tri-City league. Perhaps the thing of greatest note was the defeat of the Omaha High school by the Walter G. Clark last Saturday. It was more of an individual victory for the Clark's, as the goal shooting of Obie Meyers was directly responsible for the win. Coach Mills' men, who have been better team work, were unable to locate the basket, many easy shots being missed by Flotow and Larson. The high school players have been putting in their vacation in practice and expect to be in invincible trim for their next game.

Those South Omaha Packers, serenading under the monicker of the Swifts, proved their right to such a name last week. After losing two scheduled contests they bestirred themselves and took a fall out.
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HEINE GROH IS WANTED BY CUBS

Star Second Baseman of the Red Sox Is Bone of Contention in a Big Trade Deal.

MAY CLOSE DEAL ON MONDAY

Cincinnati Club Wants Pitcher Lavender and Outfielder Leach to Strengthen Team.

IS NOT "MUCH THAT WE WANT"

So Declares Charles Thomas, in Speaking of the Trade.

CINCI HOLDING GROH BACK

Swap May Fall Through Unless the Reds Decide to Let Their Star Infielder Go to the Chicago Team.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A trade which it was hoped would bring Heine Groh, second baseman of the Cincinnati Nationals, to the Cubs, may be closed Monday by Roger Breeman, manager of the Chicago club, who will leave tomorrow night for the Ohio city. President Charles Thomas of the Cubs said the Cincinnati club wanted Pitcher Lavender and Outfielder Leach, but in exchange did not offer "much that we want."

Wendall Will Show Aquatic Tricks at "Y" New Year's

Gilroy P. Wendall, formerly swimming instructor at the Central Young Men's Christian association in Chicago, will be the featured swimmer in the water events to be given at the local Young Men's Christian association New Year's night, when open house will be in order. Wendall has prepared to introduce a series of swimming events which have never been staged in Omaha before, including several burlesque stunts.

Chicago Feds Refuse To Receive Bonus Money of Johnson

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Six thousand dollars, which nobody seems anxious to keep, started on a return journey to Coffeyville, Kan., where it was recently mailed by Walter Johnson, much sought base ball pitcher, to Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals. The despised \$6,000 was originally paid to Johnson to bind his contract to play with the Federal league and its terms, according to Weeghman, came after Johnson had reconsidered his determination to play with the Federal league and had agreed to play with his old team-mates in the Washington American league club.

Athletic Carnival New Year's Evening At Militia Armory

An athletic carnival, including several wrestling bouts and boxing exhibitions, will be given at the militia New Year's night. The list of events has not yet been made public, but it is definitely known that Jack Tolliver and Young Goch will provide the main wrestling attraction, and Kid Drezel and Private Garrison, both of company A, Fourth regiment, will be the main boxing bout. Five other boxing events will be scheduled for the big evening. In addition it is planned to include a big musical and vaudeville program in the celebration, and the evening will be concluded with a fifty battle royal.

NINTH INNING RALLY WINS FOR ALL-NATIONALS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—A ninth-inning rally, led by Fred Snodgrass, brought in two runs and put the game on ice for the All-Nationals here today, that team defeating the All-Americans, 4 to 3. Score: R.H.E. All-Americans 3 7 2 All-Nationals 4 9 2 Batteries: Mitchell and Henry; Alexander and Clark; Kilfer.

Bulgaria Will Not Attack Roumania if Latter Aids Entente

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The only obstacle to Roumania joining the forces of the triple entente, according to the Figaro, was the lack of guarantees from Bulgaria regarding that country's neutrality. The Figaro learns from a good source, it says today, that these guarantees have now been obtained as a result of the joint action of the triple entente powers at Sofia, with the further understanding that in the event of Bulgaria deciding to intervene in the war it would be against the enemies of the entente.

Fairbury Fans Will Meet.
FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Wes Crawford, president of the Fairbury Base Ball association, has called a mass meeting of the Fairbury base ball fans to meet in the Commercial club rooms to consider the advisability of entering the state league. The meeting will be held December 28. The fans have a chance to purchase a franchise in the state league for \$2,000.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27, 1914.

Swift Bowling Team of the Booster League



Clara Belle team in the Booster league. Top row, left to right, H. Eiden, captain; T. Neale, C. Cain. Middle row: J. Jarosh, O. Rohlf, M. Stuns. Bottom row: A. Cummings, H. Rohlf. This organization of ten-pin artists is setting a fast pace in the Booster league, and the El Paso team is having the time of its life to stick to the top of the league.

CAN WILLIARD WHIP JOHNSON

Many Think Husky White Has Best Opportunity to Win. BOTH USE THE SAME METHODS. Fighters Matched to Face Each Other Are Neader Equal in Ability and Otherwise Than Negro Has Ever Met.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—What chance has Jess Willard to whip Jack Johnson? Just beginning to ask that question just as though the March hares were already sidestepping perfectly hard No. 8 shot. Most of the sporting men who pride themselves on their ability to dope out the outcome of a championship battle take kindly to Promoter Jack Curley's version of it, that Jess Willard has the best chance against Johnson of any man alive, inasmuch as he is the only big man who fights with the same method the wonderful black man uses. Johnson never has met a man who can hit like Willard. Jess can hit like a triphammer when he's provoked. Woe betide the stalwart he is fighting if he rouse him to a realization that a fight is on. Perhaps the biggest surprise Jess ever handed the wise ones was his complete rout of game Carl Morris at Madison Square Garden. To offset that good night's work there is his indifferent showing against little Gunboat Smith in California. Curley casts that particular bout into the discard because, he says, it was Willard's first long fight.

Not Used to Long Fight.
"He never knew what it was. But we'll see that side. He should have knocked the Gunner out. We'll admit that and pass it. Just see what he did to Carl Morris. Every writer in New York thought that Carl had come back. Didn't he start off by knocking Al Reich down."

Hamlet Bids Fair To Break Records For Long Bowling.
SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 26.—Dard Hamlet, a member of a local bowling team, started an endurance bowling feat this morning at 9 o'clock and at midnight tonight had broken the Marathon record held by a Los Angeles, Cal., man. He had finished his seventy-first game in about fifteen hours. Hamlet is continuing his pace and will not stop until the twenty-four hour limit has been reached. He is an ambidextrous bowler, but up to the time of completing his winning game he declined to start with his left arm. His right thumb had been badly skinned, but he taped it up and continued.

The lowest score Hamlet made during the day and night was 112. The highest was 224. He rolled 269 on both his sixteenth and seventeenth games. All but about fifteen of his games were victories over his opponents. Hamlet ate four sandwiches during the first fifteen hours of his test.

STANDARD FOR WATER SPORT

Such is Plan of National Collegiate Association at Next Meeting. ONE OODE WILL BE A BIG KHELP. Would Make Possible National Championships and Encourage Competition Where There is None Now.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Plans are on foot for the standardizing of college water sports throughout the United States. At the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic association to be held this month in Chicago the recently appointed committee on aquatic will submit for consideration a complete set of swimming, diving and water polo rules, which promises to be officially adopted, possibly with slight changes.

SIoux CITY BOWLER MAKES NEW ENDURANCE RECORD

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 26.—What is said to be a new world's bowling record was made by Daniel Hamlet of Sioux City today, when he rolled the last ball in a twenty-four hour endurance contest. Hamlet bowled 114 games and knocked down 39,685 pins, an average of 153.8 pins. Best previous twenty-four hour record, seventy games, was held by a Los Angeles bowler.

Champons of 1914
Athletics (all around)—Avery Braun-der, Chicago Athletic association; National women's champion, Mrs. H. A. Jackson. Hockey—St. Nicholas club of New York; college, Princeton. Horse Racing—Champion horse, Roamer. Lacrosse—Crescent Athletic club, Brooklyn. Lawn Tennis—Singles, R. Norris Williams; doubles, McLaughlin and Bundy; Davis cup winners, Australia. Motorcycle—Baby Race, L. V. Motorcycle Racing—Professional, J. A. Mahiel. Fencing—William. Polo—International, England; senior, Meadowbrook; Marjorie; junior, Reyna Mavor; open, Meadowbrook. Racquet—Amateur, Lawrence Waterbury; professional, Jack Boutar. Revolver Shooting—C. F. Lewis. Trap Shooting—R. L. Spotts, New York Athletic club, amateur; C. L. Henderson, Pennsylvania. Yachting—Resolute.

LAST SPORT YEAR ONE OF SURPRISES

Grand Old Dope Beaten at Every Turn While Unexpected Events Frequently Occur.

BASE BALL IN CHAOTIC STATE

Season Financial Failure, Feds Make Advent and Braves Wallup Connie Mack's Athletics.

FOREIGN INVADERS VICTORS

In Golf, Polo and Tennis Visitors Carry Home the Bacon.

1915 OUTLOOK IS PROMISING

With Possible Exception of Professional Base Ball, Coming Year Should Be Banner One in American Sport World.

The sport season of 1914, a season during which the grand old dope was constantly ejected from the calcium glare by breaking surprises that seemed never-ending, has come to a close. The few days remaining until another sport year shall dawn over the horizon are unimportant, as no events of consequence are scheduled in any part of the country. Never has the sport enthusiast seen the passing of such an eventful season as 1914. Starting with the first day of the year, the unexpected started to break and throughout the rest of the year no amount of speculation could determine the next surprise.

Base Ball in Turmoil.
Base ball, the national sport, over which most interest is manifested by the most people, has been in a constant turmoil. The advent of the Feds started strife among magnates, players and fans, the like of which has never before been seen. The Braves performed the insurmountable by climbing from the cellar to the top of the National league and then trimming the hitherto irresistible Athletics.

Financially the year of 1914 was a failure in base ball. The majors suffered. Never has their best players leaped to the Federalists, and the minor lost heavily. Most of the important battles were fought in the courts instead of on the diamond and the fans lost a great deal of their confidence in the integrity of those engaged in the sport.

Foreigners Upset Dope.
An unexpected blow to the United States was the success of the foreign invaders in carrying back to Europe certain international championships formerly cherished by this land. But two victories of international flavor can be ascribed the United States. The Harvard second eight, scrubs in this country, went over to England and returned with the grand challenge cup, won at the Henley regatta on the Thames. That was a truly remarkable achievement, that American students of second caliber should defeat the great English rowing class. The second victory was insignificant to the Harvard victory, but it must (Continued on Page Four, Col. Three)

Kid Williams Gives Johnny Daly Beating

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Kid Williams of Baltimore, world's bantamweight champion, administered a severe beating to Johnny Daly of this city in a ten-round match here today. In the first five rounds Daly took hard punishment. Sheer grit and his good condition alone enabled him to escape a knockout. Williams' speed, lightning flukes and power, ascribed the United States. The Harvard second eight, scrubs in this country, went over to England and returned with the grand challenge cup, won at the Henley regatta on the Thames. That was a truly remarkable achievement, that American students of second caliber should defeat the great English rowing class. The second victory was insignificant to the Harvard victory, but it must (Continued on Page Four, Col. Three)

JACK MOORE LOSES BOUT BY REFEREE'S DECISION

Jack Moore, Kansas City colored lightweight, won a ten-round encounter with "Young" Dudley of Omaha, but lost it on a referee's decision, which should have been a draw, yesterday afternoon at the Auditorium, where the Dunbar Athletic club gave their first annual entertainment for local colored folk. The bout was a splendid one and Dudley made an excellent showing, but was easily out-scanned. Ralf Fields and Fred Hunter, a couple of likely local lads, boxed a four-round draw, as did "Kid" Langford and Young Chin.

HOBLITZELL'S HOME RUN WINS FOR AMERICANS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 26.—Hoblitzell's home run, in the first inning, scoring Lewis ahead of him, gave the Americans a 2 to 0 victory over the All-Nationals here today. Trescott allowed only four hits while Cole was touched up for eight, but the latter was effective in the pinches. The Nationals had the bases filled twice, but failed to score.

Ward to Retire.
John M. Ward admits that the owners of the Brooklyn club have been after him to sign as their business manager for another year. John Montgomery's contract with the club expires next February. He says that he can hardly see his way clear to asside assuming the duties of business manager because it means that he will have to neglect his law practice and he does not care to do that.

Kelly Would Jump.
Meanwhile there is a strong possibility that another Red Sox pitcher, discontented with the treatment accorded him by the Boston club, may decide to jump to another team. Kelly, who was adopted by Earl Moolley and asks the ranks of the Federal league. This is Ed Kelly, who does not want to return to the Seattle club, from which he came.