

KICKS BECAUSE HE HAS TO

John McGraw Has a Few Things to Say Relative to the Umpires.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—John McGraw, who leads the Giants whenever the umpire let him into the ball park, wishes it to be publicly known that it isn't his fault that he's been chased off the field so often this year. It's the fault of the umpires.

"As to the umpiring in the National league this year—well, it's something awful," remarks John. "At least four of these fellows holding jobs in the National league today, are totally unfit for the job. They ought to be fired."

John tells us that he firmly resolved during the winter to outkick the umpires, and to act like a nice, refined, Christian gentleman on the ball field and off.

"But how can a fellow keep such a resolve with such umpiring?" queries John. "It means to treat 'em right and not kick, but some of the rulings of these fellows would force a legless man to kick. Say, it's something awful."

"If John, and sick at heart, because of the 'miserable' umpiring in his league were moved to rhyme to ease his aching heart, he'd probably explain it this way:

Umpires into Poesies. They made me what I am today, I hope they're satisfied. I meant to be so nice and good. Oh, let's, how I tried. I didn't want to scrap with them, I wanted to be chums.

But how can he be reasonable, when these chaps are such— John's explanation—called all in society circles—seems to gum up the National league situation to quite a great extent. It contradicted what most of the other managers in the league have said about the umpires. George Stallings of the Braves is one of these managers. A number of weeks ago George came right out in the open and said the umpires were favoring the Giants. Jim Gaffney, owner of the club, backed him up and together they made a protest to President Tamm.

Some folks, especially those who belong to teams that the Giants beat, with frequency and vigor, seemed to think that there was a lot in what Stallings charged. Certain sections of fandom have been thinking that way for some time. And now comes McGraw with a speech that asserts that the umpires are punk to the extreme degree, and that they jab the harpoon into his club whenever they get half a chance.

Quality of the Attack. There's one little oddity about John's attacks on the National league staff of umpires. He doesn't flay Bill Klem in this wide, wide world. This statement will surprise a number of people who recall that John and Bill weren't so chummy last year or in other years, and that John wasn't murmuring any extravagant praise concerning Willie Hovever, there may be a reason to wit: John McGraw and Bill Klem were among the rans that toured the world last winter. During the long days on shipboard some of the tourists mingled in poker battles. Bill Klem soon demonstrated that he was the best little poker player aboard ship.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Byron Hancroft Johnson, president of the American league, has been a strong advocate of clean ball ever since the days when he wrote pieces for a Cincinnati newspaper. Johnson, by the way, was a noted journalist long before he became a sporting critic. Born in Ohio, he was educated in the public schools and at college, after which he became a cub reporter. He made rapid progress, one of his best hits being the description of a lynching he saw in Kentucky, which placed him at the head of the staff of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Johnson covered John L. Sullivan's fight with Jake Kilrain and Jim Corbett with splendid results. He became so deeply interested in sporting events that he took entire charge of his department. He soon turned to the national game and became widely known as a fearless critic. It was Johnson's hobby even then to score the kickers and rowdies on the diamond, for he believes that base ball should be free from unsportsmanlike tactics. Johnson was the leading base ball scribe in Cincinnati when Charles A. Comiskey was appointed manager of the Reds by the late John T. Brush. Commy and Han became bosom friends and together they originated the plan to organize another major circuit to divide public patronage with the National league.

Doubled Up. When Comiskey's engagement with the Cincinnati club ended Johnson doubled up with the "Old Roman" in forming the American league. That was nearly fifteen years ago and the circuit was confined to western cities. The scheme was so successful that Johnson conceived the idea of expanding the new organization by taking in the present eastern cities. Comiskey rolled up a fortune as owner of the Chicago White Sox and Johnson was elected president of the new league for twenty-five years at an annual salary said to be \$25,000.

"Clean base ball" was Johnson's motto from the outset, and he has fought on those lines ever since. Some persons call him a cat, but in the sense of an unfair, bullying dictator. Johnson is a mild mannered, even tempered, keen witted man who means just what he says. He believes in a square deal. At no time has he been accused of dishonorable methods in managing his league and in serving as a member of the National commission.

Johnson is feared by evil doers. He is a strict disciplinarian, and the players in the American league are well aware of this fact. When he announced that he would close all American league parks and suspend salaries if the ball players went out on strike, those who know Johnson intimately were sure that he wasn't bluffing. If the strike had not been settled at the last moment, Johnson would have made good his threat, and it is generally believed that many of the American league players would have refused to obey the order to walk out.

The success of the American league can be ascribed to Johnson's courageous leadership. He has ruled with an iron hand, but always for the best interests of the sport itself. In supporting his umpire staff he has displayed characteristic loyalty. He never wavered in carrying out his policy that has made the American league games immensely popular. In Detroit recently several Washington players lost their heads. Morgan, the young second baseman, threw a handful of dirt in Umpire Sheridan's eyes and received a blow in the face from that veteran official. Catcher Alsworth not only assaulted Sheridan, but also climbed into the grandstand to punch a fan. Johnson hurried to Detroit from league headquarters in Chicago and investigated. He suspended both players, but did not penalize the umpire. Why? Because there was sufficient proof that Morgan alone was to blame for starting the rumpus. Furthermore, Johnson had absolute confidence in Sheridan.

Refuses to be Influenced. In spite of the wild theories of another player's strike if Sheridan was not severely disciplined, the American league would be materially different among some of the teams, with the coaches sitting on the side lines with no opportunity to engineer the plays as they have in the past. There has always been a rule against coaching from the side lines, but that has been honored more in the breach than in the observance. This year the coaches will be obliged to stick to the benches and so one will be permitted to wander up and down the side lines, which is a mighty good thing for the sport. There have been teams in the past which have been drilled from the side lines beyond question, and the captains have been drilled to watch for signals as to the plays. This year the duty of the coaches will have to be to teach the open how to play foot ball, and then sit and watch them do it. Of course, there will be remarks between the halves, but each put on the gridiron, the men will have to use their own brains. That change is necessary in the practice will be easily understood when one stops to consider what would happen if McGraw left the Giants to their fate once a game was begun.

Antelopes Come Sunday for Five Games with Omaha. Davy Lloyd and his rejuvenated Links will enter Omaha Sunday for a series of five games. The Links have been getting up a nifty article of ball lately and Davy has aspirations of emulating George Stallings during the next month and a half. Two games will be played "Sunday." Ray Sanders, leading pitcher of the league in the percentage column, will endeavor to throttle the Links in one game. The first game Sunday will be called at 2 o'clock Monday will be called at 1 o'clock. All games called at 2 o'clock except the double bill.

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Helping Traffic. Before you cross the streets look both ways and if you help automobile drivers and motorcycle drivers to avoid you.—Fort Wayne (Ind.) Journal-Gazette.

Mack Signs Two More Pitchers

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22.—In preparation for the numerous double-headers on the schedule of the Philadelphia American league team, Manager Mack yesterday signed two new pitchers, Jensen of the New Haven team of the Eastern association, and Stricker, a former Tri-State player who has been with the Chamberburg, Pa., team. He also recalled Catcher McAvoy from the Baltimore International. The injury suffered by Catcher Lapp on Thursday left the local team with only Sturgis, a youngster, to assist Schang in the receiving end.

Brickley to Coach Virginia Foot Ballists

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 22.—Fletcher Jones, former manager of the Chicago Americans and later president of the Northwestern league, arrived here today and took charge of the St. Louis Federal league team.

Jones did not sign a contract with the local Federals last week, as he did not care to sign a contract as long as he was identified with the organized base ball. He has since resigned the presidency of the Northwestern league.

Two games with St. Louis are on the card here today and double-headers are scheduled with the same team on Monday and Tuesday next.

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