By PRANK G. MENKE. Connie Mack seems to have slipped a NEW YORK, March 6.-If Willie cable by making the statement that the Ritchie is as good a prognosticator as seems to be closer to \$75,000.

Five Federal league clubs lost money

apolis club, which won the pennant, is

in the early part of the season, but when the victim of a well engineered plot. with high-priced talent.

Kansas City Loses,

never was a very good base ball town and with the team in a rut the attendance was small after the first month ex-\$20,000, may be \$25,000.

according to report. The Buffalo team this same Welsh price of 75 cents a head that meant that make good.

been only \$71,000.

of what it costs to operate a bail club, Fome "wise ones" assert that "some of ring forever. the Federal clubs just \$150,00, just in operating expenses alone."

Salary Average \$11,000.

is not operating at an annual cost cona club lose \$150,000 on operating expenses? There was much talk last season about of a lifetime. men, who were drawing down from \$4,000 But again we will say for Ritchie that to \$12,000 a year. But those were exto \$12,000 a year. But those were exfrom \$1,300 to \$2,400.

The average salary paid last year in all the the leagues-American, National and Federals-probably was under \$2,800. But let's make the amount \$3,000. Thirty players at \$3,000 each makes the

total salary list \$90,000. The traveling expenses do not exceed

club officials who have other interests do Ninety thousand dollars for salaries,

plus \$30,000 for traveling expenses and until the final bell ends the battle. \$20,000 for office galaries and expenses. make the total cost of operating a club clubs carried only twenty-five men. That lopped \$15,000 off of the average salary list and about \$5,000 off of the traveling expenses. In cases where the executives did not draw salaries the office expens was reduced by \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Now as to the income of the Fed clubs.

Attendance Good. least. Reports circulated by the enemies of the Federal league were to the effect els. that at some of the week day games the paid attendance was less than 1,000. That may be true, it may not be true. But this fact must be borne in mind: The Feds at their Sunday games in the west drew some big crowds.

Very often during the season the atetween 20,000 and 20,000. Split that seven ways, one for each day in the week, and ought to be able to do the same. you will see that the Sunday attendance alone made for an average of over 2000 spectators per game.

Each Fed club played about 154 games average daily attendance that means a sleep producer in either hand." total attendance of 385,000 for each club.

Split is the Same. The system of splitting the receipts as erai league as it is in the American and | \$25,000. National league. The visiting club gets 25 cents for each paid admission and the extra amount for all admission tickets sold for a price above 50 cents. When a fan buys a 75-cent ticket that means that the visiting club gets 25 cents of that int and the home club gets 50 cents. If he boys a \$1.3 box seat the visiting club gets only \$5 cents and the home club

If the total attendance at the 154 games was 285,000 the road attendance half, or 192,500. At 25 cents per head that meant that each Federal while on the road got \$48,135. Each club played The home club "bit" for each Vanish in a day. spectator certainly must have averaged at least 27% cents because there were many Ti-cent, il and il. ickets sold. Multiply 192,500 by 2716 and the total is

Add the \$48,135 share for road appearances to the \$70,000 for home appearances and it makes the average income of the Fed clubs for 1914 close to \$120,000. That it is suspected that the real reason is that

such an income. Some got more, others it out. The Chicago Feds, for Instance. took in about \$100,000. Their expenses were about \$100,000. The St. Louis Feds. on the other hand, probably didn't take in more than \$100,000, while their operat-

ing expenses were about \$130,000. It can be seen from the figures above that the total operating loss of the Fed-

HOW MUCH DID FEDS LOSE? RITCHIE AND WELSH NEXT

Connie Mack Says \$600,000, but And Willie Is the Confident Youth Who Predicts Victory for Himself.

AND MENKE HAS PLENTY DATA DEPENDS ON A KNOCKOUT

Federal league suffered a 2000,000 oper-he is a fighter, then we shall have a new ating loss in 1914. The league, as a whole, —or an old—world's lightweight champion lost not more than \$100,000, according to next Thursday evening. Take it from the best statistics available. The figure this Willie Ritchie persons that Freddie Weish will no longer hold the domineer Five Federal league clubs lost money ing hand in the 133-pound division after and three showed an operating profit at their meeting at the Jargen on March 1. the end of the season. The net loss of Ritchie is in hope of emulating the the Federal league for mis is said to have late lamented Stanley Ketchel, who after been less than that of the International relinquishing his middleweight title to Billy Papke, retrieved it in their next The Chicago Federals cleared \$30,000 on battle. It will be recalled that Ritchie, the season. The Baltimore Feds made a up to July 7, last, was the proud posprofit of around \$12,000 and the Indian sessor of the lightweight championship. He evidently did not care much for said to have cleared \$11,000 on the season the diadem, however, for he permitted The gross profit of those three clubs himself to be entired to the other side and "Jobbed" of the title, as Ritchie The St. Louis Peds were the heaviest himself expressed it. The peculiar part losers in the new league. They dropped of it all is that it took Ritchie nearly around \$30,000. The attendance was good a year to convince himself that he was

the team slumped the attendance fell off Whether or not Ritchie was 'jobbed,' with a terrific bump. Furthermore, St is not for us to say; but we will say Louis' roster was pretty well cluttered up that it was his uncurbed passion for an additional few thousand dollars that cost him the title. He voluntarily went to The Kansas City Feds lost in the neigh- London, knowing that he might be borhood of \$20,000 or \$25,000. Kansas City "Jobbed," but was willing to take a chance in order to enhance his bankroll.

Howl Comes Late.

Ritchie's hue and cry comes somewhat cept at Sunday games. The Pittsburgh late, and it will avail him nothing, ex-Feds are said to have lost about \$15,000 or cept to get him into disfavor with peo \$20,000 on the year, while the Brooklyn pie, who now are friendly toward him. Feds, with a top-heavy payroll, lost about Then again. Ritichle may have emitted the "jobbing" squeak in order to attract The Buffalo Feds lost only about \$12,000, attention to his forthcoming bout with

probably would have broken ahead of the But the fact remains that Ritchie is game for the season if they hadn't to get another chance at his title, the bumped into some bad weather. Rain on chance he has been imploring Welsh the opening day at home cut about 8,000 to give him ever since, that fateful day off of the attendance. At an average last July. Now it is up to Ritchie to

old Jupe Pluvius cheated the Buffeds It may be said for Ritichie that be con out of at least \$6,000 on the opening day. fidently expects to make good to the The extreme losses for the five clubs extent of knocking out Welsh, thus rementioned, total \$112,000. Deduct from gaining his championship. Wille is so this the \$41,000 profit of the other three all-fired sure that he is going to make clubs and it shows the net loss to have Welsh bore his head into the canvas next Thursday evening that if he fails Most folks have an exaggreated idea to do so he will thereupon, and without a moment's hesitation, retire from the

This is a little speech that is wafted to the sporting public by every sposed champion upon getting another opportun-Assertions such as the above kind of ity; and this may be another of Ritchie's piffle. There isn't a club in organized idle jests. Willie has something like base ball or in the Federal league that \$199,000 in cash, due to his handiwork in the ring, and it is hardly likely that will siderably less than \$150,000. So how could give up such a remunerative profession even if Weish hands him the trouncing

ceptional cases only. For every player here two days ago, and immediately took drawing \$4,000 or over, there were seven up training quarters to complete his or eight other fellows, who were drawing preparatory work for the Welsh bout. The erstwhile champion is fairly "bubbling over with confidence"-to use an old expression. But it applies, as will be gleaned from the following unsolicited speech by Ritchie to several sporting men yesterday:

Willie Is Hopeful Youth

"I confidently expect to regain my title \$30,600 for any club in any of the three when I clash with Welsh next Thursday." began wistful Willie. "I have fought The salaries for officials, clerks, office Weish twice and am thoroughly connot conceited enough to think I know as will have been regulated and its foundation and the salaries for officials, clerks, office weish twice and am thoroughly connot conceited enough to think I know as will have been regulated and its foundation is a game that calls for all there is in

"This time I am going to start at full speed, and I am going to keep right after him until he is prone on his back, or

Welsh could not stop me in fifty years-I'll give him a hundred years-\$140,000. That's a high figure. Some Fed and I have nothing to fear in carrying the fight to him. If I should be lucky enough to bring over my right to a vital spot the bout would end then and there. One good wallop at him is all that I need to terminute this battle."

Ritchie declared that he would have preferred to tackle Welsh over the Imby route-twenty rounds-but as that was impossible he snatched at the next best thing—a decisionless ten-round affair. anmes last year was 2,600 at the very Ritchie must knock out Walsh, or win on a foul, in order to win back his lost laur-

Depends on Punch.

Continuing, Ritchie said: "Men like Shugrue and Griffiths have actually outboxed Welsh lately, and this, to my mind, indicates that he is slipping. I firmly believe I am a superior boxer to either Shugrue or Griffiths, and I know tendance at the Fed parks on Sunday was I pack a harder punch. They landed on "The only thing I fear is that Welsh

of the bout instead of a boxing contest. Freddie will be careful to avoid my wal- one. For if there are no ducks to speak during the season. With 2,600 as the lops, as he is well aware that I tote a of killed in the spring it makes a better

Frederick would hear nothing of it un good law that prohibited selling wild we understand it is the same in the Fed-less he was guaranteed a flat sum of home club gets 35 cents as well as the a proposition, which Freddie fatied to than three or four, and it has to be a if the Briton defeated him. Willie also

Ritchie said Weish, according to the articles of agreement, will weigh to at 135 pounds at 2 o'clock next Thursday afternoon. Welsh is already at the stipulated weight, while Ritchie is hovering around the 187 pounds mark. He exto an average of 182,000 spectators at pects to make the extra two pounds

ANOTHER BASE BALL CLUB PLACED ON THE MARKET

The Utica club of the New York State league is for sale. The owners say they haven't time to look after base ball, but income figure is extremely low for an they are tired of acting as a clearing house between fans and players-the fans Of course, all the Fed clubs did not get putting in the coin and the players taking

BILL DONOVAN WILL NOT BOUNCE CHARLEY MULLEN

Manager Donovan has denied that a deal has been made to transfer First Baseman Charley Mullen to Indianapolis. eral league as a whole, with expenses Mullen will be taken on the training trip called by Manager Jack Hendricks and figured high and income figured low, and it will be up to him to make a show- is depended upon to do much of the cartainly did not exceed \$100,000 at the ing that will decide whether he is to be catching for Indianapolis the coming searetained on the Yankee team.

Principals in Johnson-Willard Muddle



not to be, that is the question." Whether or at all. At last report the black cham- Cuba, and Gunboat Smith and Jim Coffey. Jess Willard will fight Jack Johnson for pion was in Havana, Cuba, anxious to are ready to hop on a train for El Paso, the world heavyweight title in Juarez, have the fight transforred there. Mean- Tex., to fight Willard in Johnson's Mexico, on March 6, as scheduled, or on time, he may take on battling Jim John- place.

EL PASO, Tex., March 6.-"To be or March 17, the suggested postponed date, son, or some other heavyweight now in

Garrison, Neb., Man Would Allow Spring Shooting, but with Restrictive Provisions.

MOURNS HEAVY SLAUGHTERS DISSOLVE

A life-sized disgust with what he calls ducks and geese. He says, in part:

more of the circumstances and the in- and substantially justice of those rulings than they do. be a howl you could hear clear to Wash- is no one can say. ington. You never see a duck in the country in the fall, unless it is close to

"October and November is the busies over. So if you can tell me how that law benefits anyone/but the club house sports, will treat, that's all. Do you suppose If the farmers were let alone they would ever exterminate the wild game? I should say not. March is the only time they have leisure to hunt ducks and geese, and if a man on an average gots two ducks every day he hunts he is the lucklest guy in the country. The game wasn't made alone for the country people no, but they should have a square deal, and they are not getting it. Who Welsh without much difficulty, and I is the cause of this stringent law? If you are not prejudiced you will own that the pot-hunter from the towns and cities will try to make a running match out is the whole and only reason. And no wonder they think this law is a good

slaughter for them in the fall, and young Ritchie endeavored strenuously to coax birds at that. I will get around to what Weish into a twenty-round battle, but I am after pretty soon. Sure, it was a game. But tell me why. This law allows A Denver club offered 115,000, the killing of twenty-five birds to one but Weish turned it down. When Ritchfe man in a day. Now, there is where they heard of this he promptly made Weish fall down. No one family can use more consider. Ritchie said he would make large one at that. I have known a bunch Welsh a present of the additional \$10,000 of three fellows to have killed more than 400 ducks in one week. Now you see made the provision that the \$10,000 would where the game is going. Why all this be withheld if he whipped Welsh. Pol- useless slaughter? These men that are lock's champion made a reply in the making these laws had better probe a negative to this proffer. little deeper. There was a law passed prohibiting seining, which was well and good, but they were about four years behind time with that. What is the use to lock the barn when the last horse is gone. Now, here is the point:

"Why don't they pass one? Make it a penalty to own or use decoys and allow twenty days' shooting in the spring and the present open season in the fall. If the use of decoys are allowed I will venture to say inside the next fifteen or twenty years wild geese will be a curiosity in this state. Look at the bountiful supply of geese we had ten years ago. Where are we now? And I will bet inside. the next ten years decoys will be a thing long since done away with. I could write a volume on this subject. I dearly love coy in my life."
Garrison, Neb. JESSE DIPORD.

BLACKBURN RETURNS TO INDIANAPOLIS LINEUP

Catcher Earl Blackburn, sent from Cir.

OBJECTS TO SHOOTING LAW BASE BALL NEARING CLIMAX NO SUPPORT TO FLIPPERS

Waring Factions Are in a Clinch Why Do Sport Lovers Show Less and a Mutual Truce Must Be Declared

NEW YORK, March 6.-Somewhere on xcited Jesse Diford of Garrison. Neb., ready furnished for base ball. After the with the rank and file of sport lovers? is all over and the hatchet has been durance as prize fighting, and which "In regard to the game laws on ducks and geese, I've a few remarks. I am many things connected with the pastime weaklings cannot play basket ball. It

What the furnishings of that cache com-What is the use of protecting the birds prise is the question of the hour. Everyin the spring and then let a bunch of one realizes that base ball is gradually ring-tailed sports slaughter them in the being led toward a climax of some kind fall? Did you ever live on a farm? Come, It can't keep going along the jagged trail out. I wish some of the fellows that that it has been following. There is think so much of that law would spend bound to be a cross-roads some place. the open season on the farm. There would But just how far away that cross-roads tween two evenly matched teams. And

The Federal league has shown enough thus far to convince even the most pessimistic that it is in the game to stick. It in small college towns. The attendance has built concrete and steel stands. It at the games is always good. But if two time of the year on a farm the world has signed players to steel-riveted contracts for two and three years, many of foreign city of a metropolitan nature it those contracts being personally guaran- wouldn't draw even at 50 cents a head. toed. And it is not to be imagined that min who have gunk thousands of dollars as long as they believe that by loading watch a pair of low-brow pugs slam or their guns with a few thousand more there may be a chance to realize something on their investment. Every time more money is interested in the league it means the league has established a new line of trenches and has replenished its ammunition magazines.

o. B. tu Fight to Stay. Apparently Organized Base Ball is just

are deadlocked. Such being the case, it is only a quesprestige or scratch its dignity by making as an additional lure: the overtures, and when that time comes Organized Base Ball and the Federal league will enter the cache arm in arm and thenceforward the game of base ball will realize an abundance of prosperity

Once the threshold is crossed it will mean a dissolution of the present National commission regardless of the text as Ty Cobb, Eddie Collins, Tris Speaker, of the decision to be handed down some time by Judge K. M. Landis. A working agreement will be entered into by the National, American and Federal leagues as individual organizations.

All Managers Now Follow McGraw Lead, Coach for Pitchers

COACH for Pitchers

If the blood takes kindly to 6. 8. 8. 15 to train their game as highly as do the Coble in their game as highly as do the Coble in their game as highly as do the Coble in their game as highly as do the Coble in their game as highly as do the Coble in their game as highly as do the Coble in their game as highly as do the Coble in their game in their game?

Everybody seems to be doing now what Johnny McGraw styrted doing a number game?

Chess Champ to Show in the young pitchers.

Chess Champ to Show In Omaha on Friday in the ring game?

Chess Champ to Show In Omaha on Friday in the packet in th to hunt, but I have never shot over a de- ago. He applied to McGraw. Robinson

Interest in Basket Ball Than Other Sports?

NATIONAL BOARD ARE NO STARS LIKE TY COBB

pot-hunters from towns and cities has the distant horizon there is a cache al- tell why basket ball isn't more popular to make an objection to present laws on turbulent stretch of war time has been It is a mystery why there is such little game shooting. Diford asks spring shoot- trod the national disturbance will lodge public interest in a game that provides ing, but he also suggests that other re- itself into that cache and the game will as many thrills as foot ball, calls for strictions be applied to the shooting of be better off for the experience. When it more skill and practically as much en-

rent, equipment and other incidentals did versant with his style of fighting. His much as some of the men that made those tion will be more substantial, legally rid the best-conditioned athlete. It is a game not average more than \$20,000 for any of game is to tap his opponent lightly and lows. But I would bet a farm I know commercially, and, as a result, sportively where nimbleness of foot, alertness of brain, quickness of the eye and thoroughbred gameness are essential. It is a game for the red-blooded lovers of athletic contests, yet they give it the go-by. Why

> Basket ball is a very pretty game watch, especially when the game is beat times it becomes a tough game. But withal it is clean-

Basket ball is a great winter favorite college teams staged a game in some

In New York City and every other town where boxing bouts are allowed. in the enterprise are going to withdraw the "fans" will pay from \$2 to \$10 to attempt to slam-each other for thirty minutes, but those same fellows wouldn't pay 50 cents to see a crowd of college boys perform in a same that gives as many thrills in five minutes as prize righting does in sixty.

Interest is Lacking.

Of course, in all the cities where there as determined to keep up the fight. Or- are Young Men's Christian associations ganized Base Ball is not only backed up and similar institutions there are basket by some money, but it is also in the in- ball games between picked teams of trenched position of being an established those institutions. But the interest in the organization. Therefore, it seems as it sames between picked teams of those inthe werring factions are in a clinch. They stitutions, But the interest in the games rarely extends beyond the membership of the organisation. To draw crowds even tion of time before there will be a mutual to those games the promoters usually truce declared. Neither side will lose have to promise a dance after the same

Probably the reason that basket ball is not more popular is because so little publicity is given to the stars of the game. Basket ball, as a game, has been given a lot of publicity in years gone by. but little attention has been paid to the individual stars of the game.

Base ball is popular because such men Larry Lajole and Joe Jackson have been flaunted before the public eye so much that it developed a desire to see those men perform. The individual prowess of Charley Brickley, Eddie Mahan, Tacks Hardwick, Harry La Gove and Johnny Maulbetsch, heralded in the papers, acted as the lure for foot ball folks:

But who, outside of the little college towns, ever heard of a basket ball starof a man or men who rank in skill in their game as highly as do the Cobbs in

The Hypodermic Needle

STARTLING INFORMATION. Twill be a rotten year in base ball, had been in base ball long enough never No money will we make, to be surprised. The mage and athletes all will suffer And my very heart doth quake;

Thus quoth our merry Banny John-And in his lines so bine,

We think we've heard that said before, Oh, Banny, tell us something new

Banny is expected to return from the west soon and we presume he will make the usual announcement that the Feds will not last after July 4.

But Ban should make it July 5 this sand fans would drop dead.

Fred Clarke says that Hans Wagner is sure to play this year as an infielder. derby, latest six-cylinder 1915 model. He Fred had better be careful or Governor also has a cute little cigarette helder Tener will fine him for divulging secrets, which is the pride of Douglas street.

year-the 4th is Sunday.

Probably Fred thought somebody had an idea Hans would be water boy this

Marty O'Toole, the well-known citrus,

has gone back to the minors. What has happened to the \$22,500 not specified in the news dispatches?

The Athlete's Ditty. Freedom is not what we thought it We all are against what they call liberty,

Democracy is the rule for the knave, So we all wanta be like a regular slave. Having been squeezed dry by donating Wingo and Perritt for the good of the league, the Cardinals will probably draw in exchange Larry McLean or some other

similar irrigation plant to moisten em up. Joe Shugrue is losing his eyesight, but none of these other pugs seem to have the same affliction, when a dollar ap-

Since the Gibbons-McGoorty fight you now know that there is a town as well as congressman and river named Hudson.

pears within a five-mile horizon.

The National and American legues, it is said, are to donate \$50,000 as a war fund for the International loop. Conversation or stage money?

We hear that gentle spring is here, The time for the wonderful find, But we wont believe till somebody up And hits John McGraw from behind

says headline. Whaddaye mean, excit-Jim Gilmore remarked the other day

that he was surprised to hear Ban John-

son's latest prognostication regarding the

Vaughn wins exciting billiard match

| duration of the Peds We thought Jim

Eddie Santry says nis Illinois boxing bill will eliminate all crooked rulings. Be-

boxers from boxing, that might do it.

fore or after the fight? Maybe Eddie's bill bars professional

Willie Ritchie, we believe, has a good chance to trim Freddie Welsh Thursday. Willie is an expert tangoist.

Although in Cleveland the surprise would be so great if the Indians, deceased Naps, would win a pennant, a few thou-

Society Item.

The night police reporter has a new

convention today in Lincoln. Can you beat it? A convention on a Sunday in

Western league sport writers are in

Reading about the motor boat show in Chicago prompted the following. You don't have to read it:

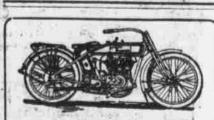
Jack Curley wires from Havana that King Solomon in council asked the wise ack Johnson "acts friendly." What a men if they knew, Jack Johnson "acts friendly." What a But gravely they all shook their heads, twas the best that they could do. relief; we feared he might declare war on

We have sought among the records and asked all those of note, But sorrowful we must confess, we can't start a motor boat.

L'ENVOL. Oh, the day is quickly caming When we'll hear that Tyrus Cobb Is playing in his old-time form, Has busted some boob on the knob,

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system with the cramps, aches and acids and judicious selection of their own essential nutriment.

require the influence of S. S. S. And if, from the presence of some dis-