

There was an old runner named Balk who seldom slowed down to a walk. All speeds he would try. But he traveled in "high" when his wife took a notion to talk.



A soldier is a man who fights and does not fear the fray; A fighter is a man who comes to soldier on Broadway.



There was a young hunk clerk who bought a big automobile. The day the hunk failed that old auto satiated. And its owner sat right at the wheel.

Judgments

AFTER struggling manfully for several weeks, the National commission finally adopted the new contract. The documents were drawn up by eminent legal lights; the National league delayed the proceedings by asking a change, and a lot of discussions of radical departures which, it was said, would prove winter-league sensations, were hurled about. Now that the contract has been adopted, we find little in the way of those radical departures. The option clause and the ten-day notice of release, which were parts of the contract used three years ago, are contained in the new contract, and the disability clause has been entirely eliminated. These are the changes, and they are not new ones, except the disability clause, which was seldom used anyway. Those reports that the new contracts differed greatly from the papers signed by players and magnate in previous years, and that a "joker" had been found, proved to be some of that old bunk so cheaply and promiscuously peddled in these advanced days of several a minute.

The reform suggestions of C. Hercules Ebbers may not appeal particularly to a large number of magnates, but they may have to put one of his plans in force one of these days. Minor leagues have been protesting ardently of late against the wholesale drafting by major league clubs in which an entire club is drafted, thus giving the big fellow his choice of any player on the minor league club. This, the minors declare, is an injustice. Ebbers' suggested draft reform provides for draft of players by name only. It also provides those clubs lowest in the league standing have first choice in the draft. The Ebbers plan aids the weaker major league clubs, which are the ones that should be helped, and it is more satisfactory to the minors. And the principle of the draft—to make sure a player be given an opportunity to reach the top of his profession—was not be injured. It's on Ebbers scheme that holds water at least.

That the National board, the arbitration body of the minor leagues, is slated for the discard and a new judicial committee closely collateral with the National commission will take its place is the belief of many of the base ball prophets. Since Al Tearney, the Moses of the minors, started his agitation for reform the National commission has been lending something of a sympathetic ear. And the belief is that the commission has sufficiently seen the light to pay a little attention to the bushers in the future. The present system is unsatisfactory, that is certain. The abolition of the National board for a new organization which would sit in council on grave matters with the commission probably would be a great improvement. It might not be the solution to the problem of ruling the minors, but it would be better than the present system.

Another scheme to take away the advantage the pitcher has over the batter is suggested by Jack Doyle, veteran player and now an umpire in the Pacific Coast league. He suggests the batter be given the option of taking an intentional base on balls or remaining at the plate. Doyle's suggestion doesn't strike us as remedial. In the first place the batter is more than likely to accept the base. Such an occasion arises only in a pinch and the batter would much prefer to accept the free transportation than take a chance on wallowing the ball, for, if he should fail to connect, upon his head all the abuse would fall. The intentional pass may not be a good thing, but the only way to eliminate it is to penalize the hurler. It's more hitting that is the crying need and elimination of the intentional pass will not aid it.

Making the plea of "sport for sport's sake," the United States Golf association has put up the amateur bars. "Sport for sport's sake" is a beautiful ideal, but it doesn't extend very far in any branch of sport except in intercollegiate and intercollegiate circles. Base ball players, professional and sandlotter alike, play not only for love of the game, but for what there is in it. Traps are in ninety-nine cases out of 100 money events. Golfers, in order to arouse sufficient enthusiasm, have to wager a ball a hole or something like that. It's the same way with swimming, tennis, running and auction bridge. Whether the golf association's ruling proves to be an injustice to a few individuals or whether it will really be a boon for "sport for sport's sake" remains to be seen.

The new owners of the Boston Red Sox, in company with Jack Barry, the newly appointed manager, are likely to encounter a few hazards when they attempt to coax the world champion athletes into signing 1917 contracts. With three or four exceptions, all of the champs will draw new contracts this spring, and a champion athlete is likely to have some exalted ideas of his own worth. Unless Frazee and his partners buy one of the United States mints and turn its entire output over to the team, it may take some time to get those precious signatures along that well known dotted line.

The new owners of the Boston Red Sox made a judicious move when they appointed Black Barry and his partners got off on the wrong foot in beatdown, which is a very touchy village and easily peeved, when they appointed a Chicago man secretary instead of the popular Eddie Riley, and when they failed to sign Bill Carrigan up again. But Barry is popular in Boston, as popular even as Carrigan, and the beatdown fans will stand behind their champions because of their liking for Black Jack.

As the contracts are being circulated by the magnates, Davy Fultz comes to bat with the assertion that the players have assured him they do not intend to sign up. In other words, Davy intimates a strike is about to occur.

May Be Declared Pro for Capitalizing Fame



New York, Jan. 13.—These sure are troublous times for the amateurs. The tennis and golf associations have all sorts of knotty problems to solve. Now come the American Athletic Union with the information that it is on the trail of several star athletes for capitalizing their athletic fame. Platt Adams of the New York Athletic club, and Edward L. Emes of the Bronx Church House, both crack standing high jumpers, are mentioned as two of the leaders who may be barred from competition because of violating the amateur code. Adams, it is said, is about to feel the official ax because he sells sporting goods in Newark. Emes is in bad because he sells medals and other jewelry given as prizes at various athletic meets, which is considered a violation of the rules. Emes is in business with Harry Smith, who, with Abel Kiviat, was declared a pro two years ago. Both Adams and Emes declare that they are doing nothing contrary to the amateur code and they will make a strong fight against being declared pros.

DARCY'S FAREWELL BLOW TO AUSTRALIA

All Fight Fans of Antipodes Have Now is Broken-Down Bunch of Heavies.

LANG GETS KNOCKED COLD

New York, Jan. 13.—The departure of Les Darcy from Australia has robbed the boxing game on the island continent of what class it contained, and the fans have been forced to turn to old and somewhat battered favorites in search of entertainment. There is plenty of activity among the ringmen on the other side of the world, but the sport furnished is decidedly mediocre. With Darcy, the biggest drawing card produced in Australia in many a day, gone, Bill Squires, Bill Lang and other old timers, pugilistically dead this good while, have been dug up out of retirement and again put on exhibition. Unfortunately for Lang, he selected Tom McMahon, the Pittsburgh bearcat, for his opponent in his first attempt to come back. Instead of a come-back he received a set-back, as the American polished him off in five rounds. This failed to convince the one-time idol of the antipodes that he is through, and he has announced his intention of sticking to the game, which proves that at least he is persistent.

While Darcy was not recognized as a heavyweight in his native land, it was conceded that he could beat any of his countrymen in the heavier class. Now that he is among the missing in Australia, the heavies are at fight it out among themselves for possession of the belt offered by Hugh D. McIntosh, who, though he has severed his connection with boxing, is still an ardent admirer of the manly art. The belt has had the effect of luring Bill Squires out of retirement. Squires has spent the last few years on his farm at Tamworth and reports that he is in excellent shape. He is quoted as saying: "I believe that I could turn around and lick myself as I was six or seven years ago," which is a novel way of describing one's prowess. If he can't do even better than that, Bill had better go back to the farm. Like Darcy, Squires has announced his intention of joining the colors as soon as he has put a few more fights under his belt, and has already sold his farm.

Dime Makes Hit

Jimmy Dime, who recently returned to this country with the stable of boxers he took to Australia, made a fine impression over there and it was with regret that the promoters witnessed his leave-taking. It seems that a number of American managers got into disrepute in the antipodes because of the tactics they used, and Dime did much to correct the impression that all managers in this country are of the same type. Sid Godfrey is the latest boxer to spring into popularity in Australia. This boy, who is a contender for the featherweight title, has been coming along nicely and recently stopped Patsy Brannigan in seventeen rounds.

Old Nick Maddox Now Street Car Conductor

Pitcher Nicholas Maddox, who was one of the heroes of the Pittsburgh-Detroit world's series of 1909, is now a street car conductor in Govans, Md.

UMPS FIND JOBS IN WINTER TIME

Bill Dineen Is Trying to Raise Enough Money to Buy the Syracuse Franchise.

O'LOUGHLIN IS WARD BOSS

Fans often inquire, "What becomes of the umpire during the winter season?" for the arbiter invariably drops out of sight as soon as the campaign closes, and nothing is heard from him until he bobs up serenely the following spring. American league umpers save their money, and as a rule take things easy from November until April.

Tommy Connolly, dubbed by Boston scribes "the Sage of Natick," because most of the folks of that tight little Massachusetts town regard Tommy as the real wise man of the village, owns considerable real estate and spends his time looking over his interests. Connolly is a family man and loves his home. He can always be seen with one of his half dozen kiddies promenading the main street of Natick, hobnobbing with the postmaster or talking base ball with the president of the bank. Frank "Silk" O'Loughlin, claims Rochester, N. Y., as his home. He sells life insurance policies during the winter, but so far as known has not written any policies for ball players. "Silk" is also a politician and one of the leaders in his ward. Billy Evans sticks right close to his home in East Cleveland. He writes base ball yarns for a syndicate, collecting the material during the playing season.

Dineen Saving Money

Bill Dineen is an equal partner in an engineering concern in Syracuse, N. Y. Bill invested his money in the company some years ago, and the business turned out to be a profitable one—all he has to do is sit back and wait for the dividends to come in. At present Dineen is active in trying to organize a base ball company with sufficient capital to place Syracuse in the International league, as the city is said to be ripe for faster company. If the scheme goes through Big Bill will probably resign as umpire and be president of the club, also its manager.

Ollie Chill goes every winter to Florida, where he owns a crab and oyster business. Dick Nallin lives in Frederick, Md., the little town made famous in song and story by Barbara Fritchie and the burial place of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner." Brick Owens winters in Kansas City, but spends much of his time in Chicago. He usually grabs himself a political job of some sort for a month or so in the fall.

Big League Hurlers Hope to Be Engineers

Two National league pitchers have returned to Rose Polytechnic institute at Terre Haute, Ind., for further education as scientific engineers. Art Neft of the Boston Braves and Lester Blackman formerly with the St. Louis Cardinals, whose home is in Terre Haute, was graduated from the institute in 1914 as an electrical engineer. Recently he took a wife and now he is taking a post-graduate course.

TWO NEW MANAGERS IN MAJOR LEAGUES

Jack Barry and Fred Mitchell Are Only New Leaders Appointed This Year.

JACK ONLY PLAYING BOSS

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Brooklyn—Wilbert Robinson. Chicago—Fred Mitchell. New York—John J. McEraw. Pittsburgh—James J. Callahan. Philadelphia—Patrick J. Moran. St. Louis—Miller Huggins. Boston—George Stallings. Cincinnati—Christy Mathewson.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Boston—John J. (Jack) Barry. Chicago—Clarence H. Rowland. New York—William A. Donovan. Detroit—Hugh Jennings. Washington—Clark Griffith. Cleveland—Lee Fohl. Philadelphia—Connie Mack. St. Louis—Fleider Jones.

Among the major league club managers signed up for the coming season are two brand new pilots—Jack Barry of the Red Sox and Fred Mitchell of the Cubs. Barry, who succeeds Bill Carrigan as leader of the world's champions, will be the only playing manager in the American league, and most likely the only pilot performing regularly in the entire big show. As a player Barry ranks with the topnotchers of the game and has the distinction of being the only pastime who has taken part in six world's championship series, four with the Athletics and two as a member of the Red Sox. He starred in the short field for the Athletic for seven years and then moved over to second base. After joining the Red Sox he displayed the same brand of brilliant playing that had won distinction for him in Philadelphia.

Barry will be 30 years old next April. His first base ball experience was gained as a member of the Holy Cross college team. After leaving college in 1908 he joined the Athletics, and with Eddie Collins formed one of the great keystone combinations. Barry is married and makes his home at Worcester, Mass.

Mitchell is Veteran. Fred Mitchell, the new manager of the Chicago Cubs, is a veteran pastime and coach. He began his base ball career as a pitcher for the St. John (N. B.) team seventeen years ago. He played with the Boston

Americans during 1901 and part of 1902 and finished the latter season with the Athletics. He was with the Philadelphia Nationals in 1903 and 1904 and with Brooklyn in 1905. The next season he went to Toronto and remained there four years. While a member of the Maple Leafs Mitchell gave up pitching and became a catcher. As a catcher he returned to the big show in 1910, with the New York Americans. Later he returned to the International league for a season and then became assistant to Manager George Stallings of the Braves. Last spring he coached the Harvard base ball squad and turned out one of the best Crimson teams in history. Meanwhile his reputation as a pilot had been considerably boosted by the successful manner in which he handled the Braves during the absence of Manager Stallings.

Lives in Boston. Mitchell was born at Cambridge, Mass., in 1879, and with the exception of two years spent at Concord, N. H., he has always made his home in Boston, or its vicinity.

The veteran major league managers for the coming season include Connie Mack of the Athletics, John McGraw of the Giants, Clark Griffith of Washington and George Stallings of the Braves. All four have been leading big league outfits for many years. Hugh Jennings can also be reckoned as something of a veteran, since it is now ten years since he first took charge of the Detroit Tigers. Next in lines comes Miller Huggins, who has bossed the St. Louis Cardinals since 1913. Wilbert Robinson took charge of the Brooklyn team in 1914 and Bill Donovan became pilot of the New York Yankees the same year.

Pat Moran of the Phillies, Clarence Rowland of the White Sox and Lee Fohl of Cleveland will start their third year as major league managers next April. Christy Mathewson, pilot of the Cincinnati Reds; Jimmy Callahan, leader of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Fleider Jones of the St. Louis Browns took charge of their respective teams last season and may be classed as new managers, although Callahan and Jones had some previous managerial experience, both having taken a turn at piloting the White Sox some years ago.

Detroit Sends Walker Back to Central Loop

Outfielder Walker, drafted by the Detroit Tigers, has been released to the Springfield Central league club under an optional agreement.

HUGE ENTRY LIST FOR A. B. C. EVENT

Eight Hundred Five-Man Teams Expected to Compete at Grand Rapids.

HUNDRED FROM CHICAGO

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 13.—Eight hundred five-man teams will bowl for the national titles in this city next month if plans laid by the American Bowling congress mature. The estimate is the first authentic one issued and is based on the fact that Toledo handled 756 clubs a year before prosperity had really struck into the country.

The national officials are claiming only 700, asserting that Toledo's wonderful home entry of 224 fives last year will exceed Grand Rapids' local representation by nearly 100 clubs, leaving a deficit of that size to be made up by visiting cities. Chicago alone is expected to pick up half of the loss from the home town's entry, while Detroit will add a long way in meeting the rest of the difference. Chicago's largest delegation to an outside city was that in 1915, when 113 clubs sailed to Peoria and back. There were eighty-seven clubs at Toledo from Chicago and the number ought to almost double this time. Recent entries in the city tournament in Chicago, when 400 clubs signed for the combat, shows the enormous number of teams in action in that city and half of them are able and anxious to make the trip to the national meet.

The largest league in all Chicago, the Windy City, has arranged to send its full strength of twenty teams to the Furniture City, with a lot of its smaller clubs also booked. The south and north sides of the city are also lined up strong for the Michigan tournament and several special trains will be made up for the invasion. Milwaukee will also send a record entry and it would not surprise the fans to see its record of thirty-six teams in 1912, when the big meet was held in Chicago, knocked to flinders.

Little Towns Join In. Another straw showing the way the wind is blowing is the announcement from Aurora that five clubs are already signed from that city for Grand

Rapids. Big entries are certain from the towns that are understood to be in the race for the 1918 tournament. Peoria alone being sure of nearly twenty clubs, while Columbus, South Bend and Buffalo, all of them cities that will be in the field for the American Bowling congress gathering either next year or the years to come, will be on hand with good-sized representations.

Cleveland is expected to show one of the greatest outside entries, as the old battle between the dodo experts and the straight ball shooters has been forgotten, and the entire town has rallied under the banner of President William Agnew of the American Bowling congress, who is a Cleveland man. Cincinnati is also hitting on all twelve cylinders after having passed through a long lull in a bowling way.

Four More Weeks. Only four more weeks are left for bowlers to send in their entries and the early birds have been busy getting the choice dates. The entry list will close on February 15, with Secretary Abe Langtry, 173 Second street, Milwaukee, Wis., but he has already started filling out the schedule. There are still plenty of week-end dates left in his big books, but they are going rapidly and another week will probably see them completely filled up.

Secretary Lee Bierce, the Grand Rapids man who is handling the business end of the big meet for Grand Rapids, has lined up 100 of the home clubs promised at Toledo last year when he was given the meet and the remaining twenty are slowly showing up. Bierce claims the Grand Rapids accommodations will surpass those of any former cities, even including the famous palm garden, which has been the leading social feature of former meets.

Cleveland Will Give Altrock Job Any Time

President Dunn of the Cleveland club likes his laugh as well as anybody else, so he told Nick Altrock that a post awaited him on the Cleveland team, in case Clark Griffith was getting tired of his comedy.

Bonesetter Reese May Jump to Battlefields

Peace in Europe will be a blow to Bonesetter Reese, who has been considering jumping from Organized Base Ball to the battlefields on the continent.

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