

### BASE BALL IS BAD BUSINESS, SAYS WAY

Giant Rookie Upon Retirement Says College Man is Foolish to Enter the National Pastime.

New York, May 12.—Nelson M. (Pie) Way, the former Yale pitcher, and more recently a recruit on the pitching staff of the Giants, has retired from base ball and will now enter a business career in the plant of the Bethlehem Steel company.

"I don't want to be in the position of attacking base ball, that is, professional base ball," he said. "It is none of my business, and I haven't amounted to enough in the game to stand as a critic."

Way said he spent more time than he could well afford in the pastime. He said he advised him to keep out of organized base ball, but he was stubborn—this he admits—and was determined to see for himself.

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### SHADOW OF DRAFT FALLS ON DIAMOND

Many Big League Clubs Will Lose Budding Stars Through Their Conspiration for the Ranks.

New York, May 12.—The shadow of conscription is falling over the expectations of several big league managers, especially those who are busily engaged in extensive team reconstruction.

It is estimated that eight or nine of the Yankees will be eligible for draft, and among them are a few whose loss would be a severe blow to the welfare of the team.

The great infield will not be broken up unless some of its members volunteer. Herzog, Fletcher and Zimmerman are above the age limit and Holke, though only 24, is married and has a little daughter.

Kauf is Eligible. Kauf, Robertson and Kelly are the outfielders who may be taken.

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Seven Are Single. If it is Uncle Sam's intention to use only single men in the first draft the Giants will not fare so badly.

Their list would include Smith, Anderson, Benton, Kelly, Krueger, and Pete Kludoff, utility infielder.

It is the minor leagues that will be hit hardest. For instance, the New York club sent nine players to Rochester this spring, and nearly all of them are young, unmarried chaps.

Former Pro Star, First to Enter Endurance Contest. Larry Fleckenstein, former professional rider, who will be remembered as the star who broke all world records on the Omaha motorcycle two years ago, was the first rider to enter the Omaha-Sioux City endurance contest, which will be held by the Omaha-Motorcycle club May 27.

Charles Howe, who won the club's endurance contest last year, has entered and hopes to repeat his success.

Louis Fleisher, old time bicycle crack, has signed up for the run. Six Council Bluffs riders have entered already.

Among the donors are John-Manville, Nebraska Storage battery company, Fisk, Goodyear, Firestone and United States Tire companies.

Fielder Jones says his new pitching sensation, Allen Sotheron, has more gameness and assurance than any young pitcher he ever knew.

Sotheron fell in the mud in Chicago trying to field a ball and the White Sox beat him. I said to him: "Come out tomorrow morning and let me teach you how to field."

"Don't worry about my fielding," replied the youngster. "I can field when I can't do anything else. I'll be the best fielding pitcher in the American league before I get through."

I believe Sotheron is right. The lad has shown me more than any kid pitcher. His unexpected development into a first-class boxman—I'll say he's that right now—has made nothing impossible for the Browns.

Barry expects Walker to be Great Star This Year. Jack Barry expects to see Willie Walker have a great season, and he advances a very logical argument to support his belief.

Benny Kauf Plays Despite Torn Nail on Middle Finger. Benny Kauf may be foolish about some things, but he can't be accused of lacking gameness.

## Indoor Sports : By Tad



### Women Tennis Players to Contribute to Red Cross

New York, May 12.—Women lawn tennis players of the east are preparing to share the burden of the war equally with the men.

It is announced that more than 1,700 of them are going to take part in a series of tournaments early this summer in the Metropolitan district.

Miss Bessie Holden of New Rochelle is the originator of the idea, and with Miss Marie Wagner and Miss Florence Ballin, has been working out the details.

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### Intercollegiate Track Meet Off Because of War

Philadelphia, May 12.—The cancellation of the intercollegiate track and field championships for the first time in more than forty years is deplorable, but it had to be done.

The officials were reluctant to call off the meet, but they realized that the games would be foolhardy.

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### Jess Willard Admits He Is in Class by Himself

New York, May 12.—Champion Jess Willard, who is now in town, admits that there isn't a first class challenger in the heavyweight class.

For a time it was believed that Fred Fulton, the Minnesota giant, would prove a suitable opponent for the conqueror of Jack Johnson.

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### British War Office Tells Aviators to Take Up Golf

The desirability of athletics, and golfing in particular, as a form of recreation during periods of great stress is emphasized by a recent decree of the British war office.

The decree was published broadcast in the Canadian papers last week. This decree insists that every aviator, Canadian as well as English, should on active duty at home or in France, devote a day a week to golf as a means of quieting nerves.

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### Sand Lot Gossip

The T. M. Rogalls insist they are bawling up yet.

On May 19 the McCarthys will give a banquet at Turner hall.

Herbert Jester teacher will hold down cushion one for the Beasleys.

Today is the off Sunday for the Armour of the Greater Omaha league.

Recently John McDermott of the McCarthys was released by Manager Victor.

On the roster of the Merchant Juniors a new Indian player William Deak is attached.

Stevens, who used to doctor Pa Rourke's leg, is now hurling the horseshoe for Plattsmouth.

The Beasleys will open the season for Lakewood, Ia., today, when they back up against the Murphy kid.

Back of the block Clifford Cole is now on duty for the Townsends.

According to Manager Walton of the Carter Lake club, the Murphy kid, Hector Probst, will be in the city tomorrow.

Bill Hakenholz, T. M. Rogalls star, had an off day last Sunday. He had seven strikes, but was out for the rest of the game.

There is a rumor that the South Omaha Soccer majors are to rearrange their team and have a "whizzer" on deck in a week or two.

But Lawler accepted nine chances for the four chapters, against the McCarthys, and Murray agreed to play the game Wednesday, which is an open date for both clubs.

Smith of the Townsends came close to signing up for the season.

Greater Omaha league umpires for today: McCarthys at Holmes park, Sage at Midway, Mendow and Kocher at Athletic park, Council Bluffs.

Polish covered himself with glory for the four chapters by working against the Polish Merchants.

Heinrich was not new last afternoon when Uncle Jawn Hansen of the Brandeis and his Uncle Jawn Hansen of the Holmes White Sox pitched in.

Evidently Ford of the C. B. DeVal Vectors had a few spark plugs missing last Sunday, for he did not run smoothly against the Murphy kid.

Last Sunday Thomas Sullivan looked sweet on the firing line for the Melady Mavericks, striking out thirteen and allowing only three singles.

Chester Dean, the relief hurler of the J. B. Routs, got cracked on the arm with a foul while coaching last Sunday. He will be ready for duty today.

Zeliger and Zeigler, the Magic City battery, are brothers, but there is harmony between them, anyway.

General Urig of the Alpha camp, Woodmen of the World, is of the opinion that the other magnates of the Metropolitan league have no room for him.

### Major League Clubs Will Cut to Eighteen Players

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Sell Season Books for \$5 in Eastern League Cities. Each club in the Eastern league will sell coupon books good for every game during the season for \$5.

Maranville's Kid Brother Burns Up High School Loop. Walter Maranville has a brother who is playing high school ball in Massachusetts.

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### BOXING RING NETS FORTUNE FOR JESS

Tom Jones Declares Willard Has Made Over Half Million Since He Wolloped Black Jack on Chin.

New York, May 12.—Tom Jones, Jess Willard's manager, has made this statement: "Willard's gross earnings from his ring bouts and his circus work to date total between \$600,000 and \$700,000, and a great part of this is invested in farms and ranches in California, Oklahoma, Michigan and Kansas."

"As regards his pugilistic plans for the immediate future, he has none that are definite. He is ready to box the first man the public demands that he should meet, but personally I don't think—and neither does Jess—that there is a man in the ring today that could give him a battle."

Jump Clause in Contract. "We have a three weeks' clause in our contract with the circus people, which means that we are ready to jump into it at any time a suitable offer is made."

Penn Relay Games in 1918 May Be School Boy Meet. Philadelphia, May 12.—The Penn relays may be a schoolboy meet in 1918.

New York Fans Clamor to Have Game Start Earlier. New York, May 12.—Many patrons of the local ball parks still are clamoring for games to begin at 3 o'clock.

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