

TWO WEEKS MORE AND THEN SOME REAL BASEBALL

Extra Catchers Lent to Local Teams Will Greatly Help Local Pitchers

Two more Saturdays and Sundays of baseball in which the local players will clash with each other and then comes the big fellows from the mainland. That the Venice Tigers will treat the fans to some great baseball is a certainty for it is six years or more since baseball players of any note outside of college teams cavorted on the local diamonds.

Jack Bliss, who is an old favorite of the local fans, is at the Venetian helm, and has picked a formidable aggregation to face the local boys. In C. Williams, the big southpaw from the Missions; Roy Pitt of the Venice team, Jim Scott of the Chicago White Sox and George Klepfer, Venice, Bliss has a great array of pitching talent.

With himself and Rowdy Elliott behind the bat fans will witness some great exhibitions of catching. Derrick of Portland, first base, is another crackerjack ball player who learned the game up in the big brush.

What will help make the games the Venice team takes part in all the more interesting is the fact that Promoter Lowry is bringing enough men to allow the local teams strengthening up. Arrangements are under way, according to Bliss in his last letter, to bring Oscar Stange of Detroit along as an extra catcher, provided President Noyes of the Tigers will permit him playing winter baseball. If Bliss fails to land Stange he will bring along "Nig" Clarke of the San Francisco team, or an equally good backstop.

This will prove a boon to local pitchers for nothing in the world will help a pitcher as much as will a good backstop. Again Lowry opines that the placing of a first-class infielder in one of the local teams is bound to help. All of these details will be completed when the team arrives.

Must Be a Good Team.

Did Sammy Hop decline to play the picked team yesterday because he was sore at Lang Akana, or was it because he was afraid of the big fellows and the rest of the men, who have been picked to battle the Venice Tigers. A perusal of the lineup selected by Al Castle, with Henry Chillingworth as captain, is about the best in the Oahu League, and maybe Sammy was afraid of losing prestige as a pilot if he sent his boys up against the picked team.

If Manager Castle decides to use either Bliss, Elliott or the other catcher who will be in the Venice party with Francisco Barney or Blundy Williams pitching, fans can look forward to witnessing a first-class game of ball. This picked team was not selected in a hurry nor will the men enter into the game with the Tigers untrained or unfamiliar with each other. Chillingworth, as captain of the team, had the boys out practicing every opportunity that presented itself and already the outfit is showing ability to play first-class baseball.

While the Coast Defense team is scheduled to meet the Tigers November 28, their showings in the last two games they have played have not been creditable ones, and it is barely possible Lowry will turn the date over to the picked team.

They were talking about the curiosity of servants the other night when Congressman Edward E. Browne of Wisconsin said the twist of the conversation reminded him of an incident that happened in a suburban home. Some time ago, he said, Mrs. Smith summoned her colored maid to her room and asked her if the postman had left any mail. Belinda replied there was nothing except a postal card, "A postal card," exclaimed Mrs. Smith wonderingly. "Who is from?" "Don't know, ma'am, was the innocent rejoinder of Belinda. "I didn't read it." "Well, it's just this," emphatically declared Mrs. Smith. "Anybody who sends me a message on a postal card is very stupid or very thoughtless." "Sense me, ma'am," quickly interposed Belinda with a hurt expression. "But do you think that's the right way to talk about yo' own mother?"

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FINANCES PUT JACK JOHNSON IN THE RING

The Big Smoke Must Fight or Starve, According to Advices From Abroad

[By Latest Mail] Is "Jack" Johnson serious in his intention to meet "Gunboat" Smith in a fight for the world's heavyweight championship at Tia Juva, Lower California, on New Year's Day? It's the question of the hour in sporting circles throughout the country.

Many are inclined not to regard it seriously. Johnson has so many times in the past threatened to climb into the ring flaunting his title as a champion of his shoulder only to find an "out" just as the matches were about to be clinched that a spirit of pessimism prevails regarding anything with which Johnson is connected.

But when the facts in the present instance are known and weighed, the possibility of such a meeting is far greater than the improbability. Reports from London have made it appear that Johnson is in the throes of a financial slump, which is nothing unusual for Johnson, but this time the means of shedding the slump are not hanging in clusters within reach of the negro. He cannot reach forth and pluck tuscous purses, as has been his wont when impaled on the pangs of poverty in the past.

It is known to be a fact that Johnson's end of the purse for his fight with Frank Moran in Paris was attached by creditors, so that he derived little if any financial benefit from that fiasco. He is up against it. He has to get money some place, and the only way he can get it is by fighting.

Trump Cards Held Here. Johnson no longer is in a position to sit back and dictate. Before the European war, when Paris and London were open to him, there was little chance of his ever heading this way again. But with the closing of these avenues of revenue by the war all of the trump cards were suddenly flung into the hands of promoters on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

The champion can no longer pick his opponents. He must meet the opponents picked for him by the promoters or go without. And going without is out of the question. Had he saved his money it would be an entirely different proposition. He could afford to sit tight for some time to come and await developments, but under existing conditions he is hard pressed. To relieve the pressure of debt he undoubtedly will be willing to meet Smith in the ring even though he may fear the loss of his crown. The size of the purse, however, can still be regulated pretty much by Johnson.

Ever Notice. Why is it that a banker on the stage always has mutton-chop whiskers? Why does the stage lawyer always carry his papers in his hat? A real lawyer never does that. Why is the stage reporter always distinguished by a big nose book? A real reporter never carries one.

Of the 1,478 convicts in the Philadelphia penitentiary, 1,008 have signed a petition for state-wide prohibition. Having tried compulsory prohibition in prison and having liked it, they evidently want their friends who are not fortunate enough to be convicts to enjoy this one blessing of penitentiary life.



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MILLS FOOTBALL TEAM TO FORFEIT TWO GAMES AND CLOSE ITS SEASON

Extensive Improvements to Athletic Field Make Practise Impossible and Action is Taken Regretfully—Team Has Shown Sportsmanlike Spirit Throughout and Will be on Hand Next Year

Mills school will not play Kamehameha this week and Punahou next week. It has chosen to forfeit both of these games. This was decided yesterday by the Athletic Association. The principal, Dr. Ferguson, has had a very deep interest in the development of the game and joined Coach Brewer in advising the Athletic Association to take this action. Indeed the school was practically forced to make these forfeits because of having no ground on which to practise. The boys have only had half of a ground all fall because of the work going on in building a new athletic field which has been made possible by the Castle family. Today another contract has been let which will so fully involve the entire field in blasting and grading that practise will be impossible. The trustees are very anxious to have the ground ready by March 1st and this cannot be done unless the boys will stop playing long enough for the contractors to proceed with their work.

The new athletic field will be a great addition to the school and it is a sure prophesy that athletics in all departments will boom when the proper opportunity is thus afforded. Another handicap which the school has suffered this fall has been in the fact that Mr. Brewer could not well develop in one year a strong second team as well as a first team. This has kept the first team all season short of substitutes. Since Punahou outweighs Mills by 25 pounds and Kamehameha over 40 pounds on the average, it is not wise to risk two heavy games in succession without a long list of substitutes. This long list is what Mills lacks and therefore it ought not to risk its light men in lively scrimmages. The boys have some very interesting tricks and play with great enthusiasm, but they lack weight and experience. They have been fortunate in having no severe injuries thus far this season, but the risk involved in two more games without substitutes is too great. The team acts wisely therefore in closing the season in the interest of good sport and of a good field with the consciousness that they had done their best for this first season. They are not "quitters" for the game will be resumed in Mills school next fall with still greater enthusiasm and with far better prospects. They have appreciated very highly the splendid treatment afforded them by other schools and by the papers. They have tried to play a fast, clean game and show true sportsmanship. Their chief good fortune has been in having a very fine coach, Mr. Harold W. Brewer was a football star for four years at Massachusetts Agricultural College, being captain of a crack team in his senior year.

TURPENITE ADDS HORROR

A group of German officers lounging around an impromptu card table behind a haystack. A line of German infantry men crouching in the nearby rifle trenches. All of them—riflemen and card players alike stone dead. Dead, with no mark of violence, with no sign of pain. So runs a despatch. And other despatches tell of similar scenes.

This press cablegram from Paris, dated September 20, of this year, throws odd light on the foregoing scene: "Engene Turpin, inventor of melinite, has come forward with a new explosive, which he declares more powerful."

This explosive is known, it is said, as "Turpinite," and is supposed to have been used, with mysteriously deadly effect on France's foes during the past few weeks. It is described as a gas so powerful that (when the shell containing it explodes) instant death is spread to all breathing creatures within a radius of almost a quarter mile.

This is not Turpin's first experience in an international clash. More than 20 years ago he was thrown into a French prison on a charge of selling to the British a dangerous explosive. The explosive was melinite. Turpin had invented it. It belonged to the French government. Turpin was charged with disposing of melinite's formula to the English firm of Armstrong & Co. He was arrested, court-martialed and sentenced to four years' imprisonment, to pay a fine of \$400 and to lose his civil rights for five years. This was in June, 1891.

Turpin denied his guilt. He said the formula's secret was his own, not France's; that he had offered to sell the formula for melinite to the French government, and that, after long delays, the government refused to buy it. He claimed that, during the nego-

BASEBALL WAR MAY COME TO A CLOSE SOON

Starting Rumors From the East Anent Attitude of the Federal League

(By Latest Mail.)

CHICAGO, Ill.—Fire has been kindled beneath the peace kettle in the war being waged between organized baseball and the Federal league.

One of the most important phases of the rumors afloat is that Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago Feds, and his business associate, William M. Walker, are about to buy the Cubs and move them to the "north side. Another angle to the story is that Robert B. Ward, president of the Brooklyn Feds, is negotiating for the purchase of the New York American league team, and that Otto Stifel, Phil D. C. Ball and E. A. Steingard of St. Louis will at the same time purchase the St. Louis Cardinals from Mrs. Helen H. Britton. The sale of the Cleveland American league team is also included in the deal.

"Just one thing stands in the way of peace between the two warring factions," said one familiar with the inside dope. "Organized baseball has agreed to declare peace in the event that James A. Gilmore, the man responsible for the third league, be removed from activity. Not that there is anything objectionable to President Gilmore, except that he proved to be too live a wire for officials of organized baseball. He is known as 'Fighting Jim' and it was his persuasive power that drew Weeghman, Walker, Ward, Gwinner, Stifel and other men of money into the third organization, assuring success from a financial point of view. Organized baseball blames Gilmore for all the trouble. The club owners have openly notified Messrs. Ward, Weeghman and others that they will talk peace if Gilmore is eliminated.

Gilmore Ready to Step Aside. "Now and then Gilmore has gone to New York to face the music and I would not be surprised if he steps down and out in the event that he sees he is the only thorn remaining. He has his price and would be willing to step aside in the event it would be to the interest of the wealthy business men who have stood by him in the baseball war. However it is not their intention to force Mr. Gilmore to retire. They have agreed to make him a handsome cash offer in the event they can see peace with his removal. President Gilmore would, no doubt, look at the situation in the right light and step aside, and in doing so feel satisfied that he was taking the step in order that next year there would be no warring factions in the game."

"But what would become of the other teams in the Federal league?" was asked of the man furnishing the information. "That part is easy," he continued. "The men back of Kansas City, Indianapolis, Buffalo and Baltimore could be reimbursed. The four large cities can take care of themselves. An assessment of 5 cents will be levied on every admission to the National and American league parks next season until the amount reaches the sum required to bring about a peaceful settlement.

"Kansas City and Indianapolis would then have no opposition to the American association. Both parks being used by the Feds would then be used by the Association clubs, as they are more modern. In Baltimore and Buffalo the International league clubs would thrive with the Feds out of the way. Baltimore made money with the Feds this year, while Buffalo barely got by with an even break. The two opposing factions clashed in nearly all their dates. The handsome Fed park in Brooklyn could be turned over to the International league club, transferring the franchise of one of the teams now in the International league. This would make a happy family.

Taft is Willing to Sell. "To return to the Chicago end of the deal, I know positively that Owen Taft has been negotiating with Charles H. Weeghman trying to induce him to take the Cubs. Every fan who goes to the west side knows that a new park must be built soon. This site is too close to the county hospital and may be condemned. President Weeghman has a good plant at Addison and Sheffield avenues. This would make an ideal home for the Cubs.

"I know there is some hitch on this transfer made possible by the objections of Charles W. Murphy, who, with Mr. Taft or Mrs. Taft, owns the ground where the Cubs are now playing. I do not know whether or not Mr. Murphy has any interest in the Cubs now, but I do know that he will have a voice in the final settlement.

"Organized baseball officials are going to deny the probability of any such a move as I have stated. They may even laugh, but they will later give their reason for denying the story at present unless the big moguls now conferring secretly in New York

TIM HURST WAS A GREAT JOKER FOR A BASEBALL UMP.

Like every beginner in everything, William Rigler, the umpire, was made the butt of his associates' jokes. One that "Tim" Hurst, formerly an umpire, played on him has just come to life.

Hurst was sitting in the league office when Rigler reported for duty. After the usual greetings "Tim" took Rigler aside and said: "Have you brought your umpire shoes along with you?"

"Why, no," exclaimed Rigler. "I thought I'd buy a pair here in New York."

"Well, I'll give you a tip," said Hurst. "This drug store," handing him a piece of paper with the name and address written out, "handles the finest umpire shoes in the city. We all buy ours there. It may save you a lot of trouble."

"Thanks," said Rigler. "I'll run out now while I have time."

He had no sooner left than Hurst called up the drug store and told the clerk—a friend of his—that Rigler was on his way and to pass him along to Blank & Blank after the usual stall.

Rigler entered the store a few moments later and asked for umpire shoes.

"Yes, sir, we have them in all sizes," grinned the clerk. "What size, please?"

"Eights."

"The clerk returned in five minutes. "I'm awfully sorry, sir, but we're just out of that size, but perhaps Blank & Blank, up the street a few blocks, will have them."

Hurst kept one store ahead of Rigler until the latter finally tumbled. They say he wouldn't speak to "Tim" for weeks.

Hurst was umpiring a game at Washington one day and Charlie Street of the Senators came to bat. Street had been going rather badly and had been carrying a grouch for nearly a month.

"Tim" called the first strike.

"Aw, go on, you big dub," yelled Street, glaring at Hurst. "That ball was over my head. Why don't you clean up your eyes?"

"You have a fine kick coming, you recruit," answered Hurst, reaching around to his hip pocket and bringing forth a clipping. He shoved it in front of Street's amazed eyes, and growled: "You have a fine chance to kick, you have. You're a great batter; yes, you are! Look here, the averages have you down at .200!"

Street shut up.

The umpire had cut out the batting averages that morning to be ready for any trouble that might come up.

Subject to Seasickness. A young fellow was hunting for a position and received an offer of a place as shipping clerk from one of the firms to which he had applied for employment.

"I'm sorry I can't accept your kind offer of the position of shipping clerk," he wrote, "but the fact is, that I am always ill when at sea." — National Monthly.

Daughter—"Why, papa, you are improving! You shot a rabbit!" Papa (city magnate who has bought a country estate and is trying to live up to it)—"Well, I didn't exactly shoot it. Gwen, I slipped crossing a fence and fell on it."

The bored youth turned to his dinner partner with a yawn. "Who is that strange looking man over there who stares at me so much?" he drawled. "Oh, that's Prof. Jenkins," she replied, "the famous insanity expert."

see fit to make public the outcome of said gathering.

Time to Manage Cubs? "One other thing which dovetails into the situation at present is the fact that Hank O'Day, present manager of the Cubs, is to be removed, but his successor will not be named for a time at least. Mr. Taft caused this statement to be issued from Cincinnati. Here is the reason: It has been definitely settled that O'Day goes. The appointment of Roger Bresnahan as his successor, which has been talked of frequently and recently, will be held off until President Weeghman decides what will be done as to the offer Mr. Taft has made him. In the event Mr. Weeghman and his business associate, William M. Walker, should buy the Cubs there is every likelihood that Joe Tinker, present manager of the Cubs, will become manager of the Cubs."

"How about the players who jumped to the Feds?" was asked.

"Every man will be cared for. This must be one of the conditions of the deal. President Weeghman will insist that every player be restored to good standing. All contracts will be assumed and the players who have taken jumps this year for the season of 1915 will be restored to their respective clubs. This includes some of the stars of both leagues. I can name many of them now and I know the name of a score or more who will jump within the next two weeks unless the peace negotiations now being considered bear fruit.

"Players who have jumped and signed 1915 contracts are Tesreau, Burns, Fletcher, Wingo, Perritt, Adams, Viox, Lebert, Coxy Dolan, Sherwood, Magee, Yerkes, Eagle and others whose names do not come to the right side. I know of 25 others who have been planning to be allowed to join the Federal league. They will be signed unless the war is settled.

"The Federal league is certain to be strong next season in the event the offers of peace are not accepted."