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PLAYERS' SALARIES MUST BE CUT, SAY THE MOGULS

[Associated Press] NEW YORK, N. Y.—The financial side of baseball promises to be one of the most important factors of the professional game during the coming season. Recent readjustments in the sport have confronted the magnates with problems which can only be answered at the expiration of the 1915 pennant races. Far from the least of these is the question of the player's salary. A large majority of the club owners in both major and minor league circuits are convinced that the limit has been reached in this direction and curtailment is necessary. Just how and when to put this economy into effect is a proposition over which there is a wide variance of opinion.

Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics has shown Spartan championship by pruning his former world's championship team by sale and release until Coombs, Bender, Plank and Collins are no longer Athletics and Baker's connection with the club is uncertain. President Edward Barrow of the International League has notified the various club owners in his circuit that reductions in players' salaries were in order. Other league executives and club owners favor similar moves but are deterred by long term contracts which cannot be violated. The move toward economy can be seen, however, in the unconditional release of players wherever possible. Not in many years has there been the number of unconditional releases recorded since the close of the 1914 season.

A prominent baseball official said recently that the average follower of the game did not realize the increased cost of the game due to the advancement in players' salaries. Various an-

gles in the business side of the sport made it necessary, including the increasing popularity of basketball, independent opposition and the banding together of the players themselves. Looking at it in a broad-minded manner he said that there were conditions in the situation which warranted increases but in many cases increases were out of proportion to the services rendered.

It has been estimated that the average salary paid by major league clubs has been doubled in the last ten years. In the case of a majority of the players the increase is less than \$700 a year, but when the contracts of stars like Eddie Collins, Tris Speaker, Walter Johnson, Jake Daubert and Sam Crawford are figured in, the general advance reaches a surprising amount. The salary limit of the National League was \$2400 fifteen years ago. Today the salary of the mediocre player exceeds these figures and there is no limit for the stars.

Baseball authorities who have studied the situation carefully point out that under the conditions that prevailed in the early nineties a star infield and outfield containing such players as Delehanty, Lajoie, Cross, Flick and Thomas could be secured for an annual outlay of approximately \$17,000. Today a similar combination would require a yearly expenditure of five to seven times that amount. Yet the gate receipts prove that attendance has not increased in anything like the same ratio. Eddie Collins' acquisition and contract is said to represent an outlay of more than \$100,000 during the next five years. A Chicago statistician has figured that he will have to draw well over a quarter million extra attendance to the White Sox park if he is to individually repay the investment.

TIMELY TRACK NOTES OF COMING AMATEUR MEETING

Kalei Hipa, of Kamehameha, one of the stars in all athletic events is looking upon his team mates to capture first place in the 100 yard hurdles. Hipa is also entered in the jumps and pole vault.

With H. P. O'Sullivan and Frank Kane in the weights for St. Louis there should be little trouble in capturing those events. Stephen Souza of the McKinley team has not been doing so well at practice lately.

While at practice, Elijah Andrews cleared the bar at 10 ft. 9 in. a few days ago with the pole. Lindley of Punahou has improved greatly also, and has cleared 10 ft. 6 in. The record should be much improved Saturday.

The Trail and Mountain Club has entered men in the various events Saturday. This is their first appearance and some surprises are looked for. Frederick Cramp in the sprint is a dark horse. Gilbert H. Brown in the mile walk is expected to make a place for his team.

Bill Conroy, one time holder of the international record for 220 yards low hurdles, will be seen in action again Saturday for Punahou in this event. He has been out of the running game for several years, but is doing well at practice. Ernest Gay is the star at the present time.

Out at Kamehameha the cadets are much divided in their best mile runner, and as both of the stars are entered in the meet Saturday all disputes should be settled at the outcome of the race. G. Brandt and G. Machado are the two much discussed mile runners at the institution. Both men were on the four mile relay team last Saturday.

The 100 yard event this year should be a very exciting race, considering the competitors entered. With such sprinters as C. Melin, J. Hila, B. Mills and E. Gay, all will have to extend themselves in order to cross the line.

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HIT OR MISS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

HERE'S a hot one right out of the chemical shop of the English army and perhaps of interest to racetrack men. A cablegram from London states that chemical blond horses are apt wanted in the British army. It was thought at one time that white horses could be utilized at the front by dyeing them a khaki blond. The results have been far from satisfactory. A battery of 24 white horses was treated to a coat of yellow and sent on duty for 10 days in rough weather. On their return they were all a beautiful bottle green. No dye has been discovered that will hold its color on a horse that is being constantly worked.

Such is the essence of the cablegram, and white and blond horses can consider themselves lucky animals these days, as they will not be commandeered or even purchased at the lowest figure. No dye has been found in England that could turn a gray horse into a chestnut or a bay with a solution of dye stuff. Maybe one or two men could be imported from this side if they were absolutely necessary. There have been men here known to have not only dyed the coat on a horse, but have turned an absolutely white muzzle into a black and the color has hung to the horse for weeks. Turning white markings to bay and brown has been of common occurrence in Sears gone by. But the men who did the jobs knew their business. The Englishmen evidently have not the right kind of dye if it turns color so quickly.

KAULOWELA AND KAKAAKO SPLIT EVEN ON GAMES

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Kauluwela	5	0	1.000
Beretania	2	2	.500
Kakaako	2	4	.333
Star-Bulletin	1	2	.333
Korean	0	2	.000

MIDGET LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Kauluwela	3	1	.750
Beretania	2	2	.500
Korean	1	1	.500
Star-Bulletin	1	1	.500
Kakaako	2	4	.333

Last night at Kakaako hall the Kauluwela and Kakaako teams split even in a double-header, the Kakaako Midgets winning the first game, 23 to 15, and the Kauluwela Juniors taking the second game by the hollow score of 29 to 1. Supporters of both clubs turned out to a man and rooted hard for their respective teams.

The first game stood 8 to 8 at the end of the third, but from there on Kauluwela could do little with Min Yon, while Selchi was knocked out of the box at the end of the fourth, and Phillip fared little better. Ah Chong was the star batter, leading both teams with six hits and five runs out of six times at the bat. He also ran the bases well, making two very pretty sildes, and stole four bases. Selchi was the heavy stickler for Kauluwela, getting five hits out of five trips to the plate, but he scored only one run, and was twice thrown out trying to steal third.

Phillip and Kyoshi behind the plate did the best fielding. Kakaako Midgets... 3 4 1 6 6 3 *—23 Kauluwela... 1 6 1 1 3 2 1—15 Umpires—James Mahoney and S. Marques. Scorer—S. W. Robley.

The Junior game was all one-sided and uninteresting. Tony, at first, had an off night and made exactly six errors and the general playing was off color. Joseph pitched a fair game, but no pitcher can win when the men behind him play like a lot of wooden Indians. Ah Wing and Duchalsky also played their position well and kept trying all the time.

Ah Wong scored the only run in the third on a clean hit and fast base stealing. Three possible runs were thrown away by bunched base-running on the part of Joseph, Manuel and Ah Fen.

Haru led at the bat for Kauluwela with six hits out of six times up, and he fielded his position at first in fine shape. Kazumi and Rosario also hit the ball hard and the later played a fine game behind the plate. Josiah for Kakaako struck out 7, and Kakaala for Kauluwela struck out 7. Kakaako Jrs. 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 Kauluwela Jrs. 3 3 3 4 4 6—29 Umpires—James Mahoney and Sam Kahoe. Scorer—S. W. Robley.

THE KAISER'S QUOTATION.

[Associated Press] LONDON.—Theological scholars have been searching in vain through the works of John Knox to find the Kaiser's quotation attributed to him that "a man who walks with God is always in the majority." The Edinburgh Scoteman has called upon leading Presbyterian pastors, who confess themselves unable to find the words. Did not the Kaiser quote from Stephen A. Douglas or Wendell Phillips, asks the Scotsman, Douglas said, "God and one are a majority." Phillips' expression took this form: "One on God's side is a majority."

Some scholars attributed the lines to an old Spanish proverb. At any rate, it is pointed out, being "in a majority" was not a sixteenth century phrase.

quickly. American hairdressers could do the job. There have been "ringers" in this country from which the dye could not be removed until the horse shed its coat. Any one of the old time horsemen who has the latter recipe and is friendly to the allies might make a little money legitimately by dye peddling.

A DISPATCH from Berlin by way of London on January 7, said: "The German army authorities have issued a general order prohibiting in future troops in the field from fraternizing with forces of the enemy, as they did at several points in the western theater of the war at Christmas."

"To such an extent was this fraternizing carried out that at one place where the Germans and British played football Christmas day, they agreed to suspend hostilities for two days more." Joseph Lee of Boston, president of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, regards the playground movement as a most powerful ally of the peace movement in providing a substitute for war. Nearly 100 cities in the United States now maintain throughout the year community recreation centers. Men who play together in their leisure hours are reported to work together in much greater harmony.

NEW YORK'S NEW OWNERS.

Addition of Ruppert and Huston Adds Class to American League. There is considerable class to the individuals who own the American league clubs. Colonel Ruppert, president of the New York club, is a wealthy brewer, a former congressman, a member of the Jockey club and



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NEW OWNERS OF NEW YORK CLUB (TOP, RUPPERT; BOTTOM, HUSTON). one of the foremost American sportsmen. Captain Huston, his baseball partner, is a prosperous contractor and engineer who made a fortune in Havana. He once lived in Cincinnati and is a personal friend of John B. Bruce, secretary of the national commission. Joseph L. Lavin, owner of the Boston Red Sox, also is the owner of the Garden City hotel and much real estate in Boston. Benjamin Shibe is a big manufacturer in Philadelphia, besides being owner of the Athletics. Connie Mack is his partner.

The Washington club is the property of a local stock company, made up of some of the capital's most prominent business men, and is headed by Benjamin S. Minor, an attorney. Charles W. Somers, who was instrumental in helping build up the American league, is the owner of the Cleveland club. Frank Mayer and W. H. Hawkey, a multimillionaire lumber merchant, are the owners of the Detroit club. Chicago is owned by Charles Comiskey, who has been identified with baseball for more than forty years, while the St. Louis Browns are the property of Robert Lee Hedges, formerly a manufacturer.

TIGERS ALMOST CATCH P. B. C. IN CLOSE CHASE

Indoor baseball again held the boards at the Y. M. C. A. last night in a close finish the P. B. C. team defeated the Tigers 12 to 11. The P. B. C. got away to a good start early in the game, but the Tigers shut down on their errors and settled to fast play. This, coupled with the fact that Gomez was unable to hold Cannon, who was pitching great stuff, gave the Tigers their chance to come up from behind and they barely tied their opponents.

Cannon struck out 29 men, while Bunn did great work with 20 of the P. B. C.'s. Santos, catching for the Tigers, is an addition which is very valuable to their team and he held Bunn in good shape. Meinecke did the bulk of the scoring for the Tigers although his mates, Enos, Lake and Keef, each tallied two. Cannon not only pitched big ball, but came across with three scores on two hits. Phillips got two on three hits.

The next game occurs this Friday night when the Washingtons play the Athletics. The game is called for 8 o'clock.

The box score follows:

	AB	R	B	PO	A	E
P. B. C.	5	2	1	20	3	7
Gomez, c	4	2	3	1	1	0
Phillips, 2b	4	2	3	1	1	0
Cannon, p	5	3	2	0	1	0
Baptist, 1b	3	2	0	5	0	0
Rodriguez, 3b	5	1	1	0	0	0
Santos, cf	5	1	0	0	0	0
Bell, rf	5	1	0	0	0	0
Branco, ss	5	0	1	1	0	1
Vivas, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	12	8	27	5	8
Tigers.	AB	R	B	PO	A	E
Meinecke, 2b	3	0	0	4	1	1
Enos, c	6	2	2	16	2	2
Lake, 3b	6	2	2	0	1	1

COMEBACK LIST BIG FOR 1915

Baseball Fans Will See Many Old Faces This Year.

GIANTS WILL HAVE SEVERAL

New York Nationals Will Try Out a Number This Spring—Coveleskie to Be Given Another Trial—Brief May Hold Down First For White Sox.

"Comebacks" to the big leagues for the 1915 season are fairly numerous, both major organizations being willing to give another trial to players who were found wanting upon their former visit to the big show and were sent back to the minors for seasoning.

Sometimes there is a pitcher who has all kinds of stuff, but lacks control, and the big league manager who has been giving him a trial figure he can get it better in the A. A. or the International than can warm the bench in the A. L. or N. L.

Then there is the old timer who is sent back because Mr. Big League Manager thinks he has a youngster who is superior to the veteran. The youngster blows up and the veteran is recalled.

Such are the reasons why the two major leagues have bought and drafted a bunch of players who were up once before. The Cleveland club, for instance, is going to try George Kahlor, Lefty James, Josh Billings and Jack Knight again, as well as take a look at Rex De Voght, who was once with the Boston Braves.

Detroit, pleased with its success in giving Coveleskie another chance, is taking two of its Providence farm hands and a few Southern leaguers who have been up before.

Rondeau, who was a catcher when with Detroit, is to receive a trial as an outfielder with Washington. One of the stars of the American association, he is likely to make good in the American league. Knitter also goes from the A. A. to that company. He used to be a second sacker with the Tigers. Now he is an outfielder. The Cincinnati Reds own him, having given up a bunch of players for his services.

The New York Giants have gone after a bunch of former big leaguers. Among them are Catcher Jack Adams of New Orleans, formerly of the Naps; Pitcher Gipe of Seattle, formerly of the Athletics; Pitcher Stroud of Sacramento, formerly of the Tigers; Pitcher Cook of Columbus, formerly of the Naps. When a Clevelander is pitched under the name of Winchell, the St. Louis club having bought him from San Antonio. Brooklyn's "comeback" is Pitcher Tony of Louisville, who was with the Cubs for parts of three seasons.

The Chicago White Sox will give another trial to First Baseman Bunny Brief, who was sent by St. Louis to Kansas City in exchange for Outfielder Charney Walker. Boston recalled Pitcher Ruth from Providence, while St. Louis has yanked in Pitcher Miller from Burlington, Ia.

THEY FIGHT IN IGNORANCE.

[Associated Press] PARIS.—How little some soldiers know of the operations in which they take part is shown by the case of Private Morin of Melun, who recently returned home with several wounds. "Where were you fighting?" he was asked. "I don't know."

"You don't know in what part of the country you were when you were wounded?" "No. At the time of mobilization I was sent to Bourges. We were loaded into a train. We rode for two days, then marched a day. Then the cannon began to thunder around us. The first day I received a bullet in the thigh, the second day another went through my calf; neither did me any harm, but the third day they caught me in the head. After lying a few hours I was picked up, my wound dressed, then loaded into a train."

"En route a surgeon asked me where I came from. 'From Melun,' says I. 'Really,' says he, 'well here we are precisely at Melun. You may get out here, they'll look after you better than anywhere else,' and here I am."

"When I get well I suppose I'll go back where I came from, but where that is, I do not know."

	S	B	H	R	E	I	O	B	A	T
Keef, 1b	6	0	0	1	0	0				
Yap, ss	6	2	1	4	0	2				
Cushingam, f	5	1	0	1	1	0				
Totals	38	11	5	27	6	7				
Hits and runs by innings:										
P. B. C.	4	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Basehits	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Tigers	1	1	5	0	2	1	1	0	1	1
Basehits	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0

SUMMARY.
Double plays—Gomes to Phillips. Bases on balls—Off Cannon 4, off Suina 7. Struck out—By Cannon 29. By Suina 20. Umpire—Jackson. Time of game—One hour 20 minutes. Scorer—Larimer.

SORTING OUT RECRUITS MOST DIFFICULT TASK

BY HILLY EVANS. Some of the most highly touted baseball peaches, when picked, prove to be the sourest kind of lemons. Selecting star ball players is one of the biggest gambles in the world. When you believe you have landed the one best bet, it often develops that some one has slipped you the hooby wrie. When it appears that you have picked nothing out of the ordinary, it often turns out that you are the possessor of a very rare species of the baseball family.

A lot of clubs were truted on the great Walter Johnson. The Washington club had a try on the youngster long before he was exercised. Perhaps a broken finger, rendering Catcher Blankenship unfit for service, is what caused the Washington club to secure one of the greatest peaches ever plucked in the baseball orchard. Since Walter has become famous, a number of owners have been frank enough to admit that they had received letters about Johnson's great ability. Perhaps the greatest knock Johnson received was the contents of most of the letters, which painted Johnson as a wonder, who had an off day when he struck out not less than a dozen, and who was not in his best form when he failed to shut out the opposition. So slow were most of the reports sent out from the West that in a number of cases the mislives received little more consideration than a smile. Owners and magnates receive hundreds of such letters every year; to pay attention to all of them would probably bankrupt the club. In most cases the players touted have no more chance to stick than a snow ball in August. That is perhaps the best reason that could be offered for the failure every now and then of a number of wise baseball men to unearth some star in the rough.

George Stallings, a master judge of ball players, says he regards Maranville as one of the greatest infielders in the history of the game. Yet several clubs had chances to get this star player before Boston secured him. One club had practically agreed to take the youngster, but before closing the deal decided it would be a wise move to have their chief scout look him over thoroughly. One of the club's scouts had reported favorably, but the owner believed it the best policy to have his most trusted lieutenant pass final judgment. After looking over the youngster for three or four days, the chief scout reported unfavorably, and the deal was called off.

Passed Up by Wise Scouts. "Snappy player, but entirely too small and light to stand the wear and tear of the majors. Will be lucky if he hits his weight in the big league." That is the report a scout regarded as a wise baseball man, rendered on Maranville. When one considers that Maranville weighs very little, it can be readily seen that he didn't regard his batting ability very highly. Maranville's wonderful work with Boston has certainly been an awful knock to said scout. Benny Kauff, repeatedly passed up by the scouts while in the minors, was the Ty Cobb of the Federal league last year. Scores of highly touted outfielders were given the preference over Kauff when in the minors, yet a majority of them failed. Kauff, who received little or no consideration, when given a chance, proved to be a real star.

There is no denying the judgment of John J. McGraw, the justly famed manager of the New York Giants. McGraw doesn't make many slips when it comes to passing final judgment on a player, yet two of the players who are now being touted as the greatest in the game were once under McGraw's direction. These players were with New York only a few weeks, but enjoyed long stays with the Giants, so that McGraw had a good chance to look them over carefully. He didn't pass snap judgment, but considered them from every angle. After a number of trials he decided that Catcher Gowdy and Pitcher Dick Rudolph were just a trifle shy the major league's standard.

Proved Stars for Stallings. As members of the Boston club, Gowdy by his great catching, and Rudolph by his brilliant pitching, greatly aided in the wonderful showing made by that club. Rudolph was known as a "groove ball" pitcher, when with New York, as a member of the Boston club he was credited with being one of the brainiest pitchers in the business. McGraw, after working hard with Gowdy, cut loose from the big fellow, only to have him be the big noise with Stallings. McGraw had gambled with Rudolph and Gowdy, fig-

ured they couldn't win and threw them into the discard, only to have Stallings get them on the new shuffle, and see that gentleman make them win.

Ping Bodie came to the Chicago White Sox with the reputation for being a fence buster. Larry Chapelle, the sensation of the American Association, was bought by Comiskey for a fancy price. Advance notices made both these players strong additions to the club. Neither one has ever won a regular berth. John Collins came to Comiskey without any fireworks attached. When he joined the club some of the critics feared he wouldn't do, yet John Collins has developed into one of the most valuable players in the game, from his highly touted recruits Comiskey realized nothing, yet a player who came almost unheralded and who cost mighty little money, has been one of the team's mainstays.

Mark Devolens the Youngsters. You seldom hear of Connie Mack paying a fabulous sum for a ball player. Connie once came through with a fat piece of change for a southern pitcher and about the only thing that pitcher ever did in the big show was to pitch one good game. Mack's system is to get the player as a young star and develop him. That he has had remarkable success with such a system, is proved by the stars his teams always boast of, and the wonderful success he has had. Every morning at Shibe park a bunch of amateur players are disporting under the critical eye of the great leader. He is quick to see promise in a player, and such a player is certain to get every chance in the world to make good. Because of the reputation he has for playing fair with the youngsters, a great many of the future greats express a wish to get a first chance with Mack. He receives scores of letters every day touting him to let him never fail to reply to these tips, no matter how he may regard the information.

Mike Kahoe, whom I regard as one of the greatest scouts in the game, has views similar to those of Manager Mack. I was talking with Mike one day last summer after he had returned to Washington from a long scouting trip. "Did you see any stars, Mike, on your trip?" I asked. "Lots of them," he replied with a smile.

"Where?" I asked quickly, for my curiosity was aroused.

"In the National and American leagues," he answered with an even broader grin. "Every player in the minors, with the least promise seems to be tied up with some big league club," said Mike. "There isn't much likely material, and what there is floating around belongs to some major league team. There is one bet every scout is overlooking, the small town teams that do not belong to any league. I believe it would be money well spent for some major league club to let some scout leave the minors alone, and inspect the fast amateur and semi-professional clubs. I believe he would bump into a great many players who would show more promise than the talent I have seen in the minors." I believe Mike has the right idea about the scout game from that angle.

Oahu League to Meet. There will be a meeting of the Oahu Baseball League this evening at 7:30 at the office of A. L. Castle. All captains and managers are requested to be on hand.

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