

# NATIONAL LEAGUE INJURED BY BASEBALL POLITICS

## HAT BOX JONES CONTRIBUTES FINE DOPE FOR THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE

### CHICAGO BASEBALL EXPERT PREDICTS BIG LEAGUE PROSPECTS FOR THE YEAR

W. S. FORMAN OF THE CHICAGO POST OUTLINES SITUATION IN MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS.

### POLITICS HAS HANDICAPPED THE OLDER CIRCUIT

National League's Stunts Have Been a Big Help to the American and Younger Organization—Looks Better As Gong Rings for 1913—Chance Is Big Asset Lost Through Work of President Murphy.

Every one of our million readers who has been wading around for a week in "review stories" on things that happened in the sport world in 1912 is invited to stop this way for a moment and inspect something new. Barring interference by the police, we are about to predict a few things that will happen in 1913.

It is the proper procedure today to wish a "Happy New Year" to all hands and let it go at that. On this page we are interested chiefly in baseball, the last of the sport. Boxing is gone, boxing is practically gone, wrestling is an uncertainty, other sports shine for a day and then flicker out. But baseball we have with us always—out in the open in summer, behind closed doors in winter. No particular season of the year can claim it for its own. The moment the athletes vanish from the diamond the magnates grab one another by the throat and fight for dollars and publicity. That they get both is pleasant for us all, since sporting editors must live in winter, too.

#### WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH THE NEW YEAR?

What is baseball facing in 1913? That is the question, and it is an intensely interesting one. The game goes into the new year on a somewhat unstable basis. No "expert" can give the exact answer, but it is not impossible to make a fair guess at some of the questions which have been raised in this extraordinary season of winter baseball.

As it looks to us, the American league is entering upon a year of unprecedented prosperity. If gate receipts are the ultimate object of baseball, and it seems they are, the Johnson organization certainly appears to be on the velvet. Only one team can win a pennant, but eight teams can win a lot of money. Heretofore the American league has carried one wretched failure—the New York Yankees. It was the one big hole in the money bag. The hole has been plugged in the characteristic American league way. Finding nothing in their organization that would fill the gap, they stepped over into the ranks of their rivals and grabbed the answer. Frank Chance, turned adrift by a man who is one of the problems of the game, will put the Yankees back on a paying basis within a year. There you have Guess No. 1.

The National league goes into A. D. 1913 on crutches. It staggered through 1912 because it had money enough to pay its way. We have no particular hammer out for the American crowd, but we emphatically agree with the baseball writers of other cities in the theory that if the National league pulls the same brand of stuff in 1913 that it showed us in 1912 its days are numbered. Some of the men who are controlling the fortunes of this organization would not be permitted to operate in any other business on earth, and they won't be tolerated much longer in baseball. Either they or the whole National league will get out. That is Guess No. 2.

Comparing the two leagues, city by city, you will get a little illumination on the question as to whether it pays to be on the level in baseball. Look at the prospects for 1913 just a moment.

#### National League.

Chicago—A team that has had marvelous success under a remarkably able manager. The man who owns it knows only "financial baseball," and cares nothing for anything except gate receipts. He has discharged the best executive-player in the business, allowing a rival league to get him. Never personally popular with the fans, the owner of this team apparently is doing everything in his power to alienate his club's following. Baseball experts declare his performance in 1912 has assured the prosperity of the rival Chicago team in 1913, even if his rivals never win a game.

New York—This club makes money only when it is winning, and therefore it wins. It does fair work on the diamond, but shines particularly in baseball politics. Because its rivals, the Yankees, were unable to make a creditable showing in the pennant race the New York National league team has been a mint. If it can continue to keep its grip on the pennant and continue to elect the league's president, it has not as much to fear financially as the other teams in the league.

Philadelphia—A blot on baseball. The team does well enough on the field, but the nature of the politics played in the control of this club makes men of the Comiskey class of the game. The team has been Taffelized and Murphy-ized and Fogel-ized until it is a wonder it is still on earth. There was \$50 in the treasury, according to report, when the last accounting was made to the owners. That about tells the story. To expect fans in Philadelphia to support a team controlled by a man who is wrecking the whole league is too much.

St. Louis—The Cardinals won't make any money in 1913, according to the St. Louis critics. The team had a splendid following in the days of Stanley Robison, who was noted for "keeping his word." Since his death the team has fallen into the ownership of a woman who knows nothing about baseball, and whose published interviews are concerned chiefly with the dollar mark. Under Mrs. Britton's stirring leadership the team has repudiated its written contracts, has discharged a manager for whose services rival teams in the same league are bidding, and alienated the fans in other ways. All of which is fine for the American league.

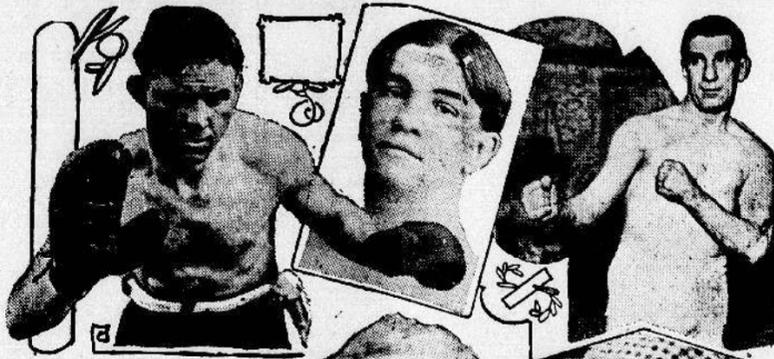
Boston—Never much of a winner financially, it may do something in 1913. The Boston team's new ownership is the silver lining to the entire National league. Gaffney is a young man with high ideals. He learned a lot about the company he was in when he attended the Fogel hearing in New York.

#### American League.

Chicago—A team that can pack its park without any "always on top" advertising. Owned by a man who has a national reputation for fair dealing, who treats his manager, his players and his public well and gets good treatment in return. Put this team anywhere—first or second division, on top or at the bottom—and Chicago will be proud of it, because the fans are proud of the man who owns it. Never has been a loser financially and never will be. It is in the right league—it wouldn't feel at home over in the National.

New York—This team has made a little money, even while playing poor ball, and if it ever gets up into the running it ought to be better than a bank. As has been said before, the one thing needed was a manager of

### Some Rockefeller of the Prize Ring



Top, left to right—"Bat" Nelson, Ad Wolgast and Jim Corbett. Bottom, Jim Jeffries and Joe Rivers.

If any man doubts that the ring has its Morgans and its Rockefellers just let him take a glance at the fat and comfortable bank accounts of some of our best known fighters. Fabulous sums have been earned by some of the more able and ambitious pugns, and even the lesser lights have not gone crying for bread.

These are the best days the fighters ever knew, but even in former times the ring brought riches to its heroes. Tommy Burns, Jim Jeffries, Tom Sharkey, Gus Rullin, once the lords of the heavies, were opulently fortified when they packed their last pair of gloves away. Bob Fitz and Gentleman Jim drew their share, too, but they didn't know how to save.

Battling Nelson bagged a cool \$200,000 while on the road to the title and after he got it. He established a record for money making in the lightweight class, but Ad Wolgast probably has gone him one better. During the first two years of his tenure as lightweight dictator, he raked in something like \$117,000. Nine hundred and thirty dollars a round! That's the best record anybody ever made, but others have done mighty well.

Knockout Brown never was a champ, but he has a bank roll that would choke a horse. Tommy Murphy, Puckey McFarland, Joe Rivers and Joe Mandot have made so much money that Morgan and Rockefeller are both said to be envious. On the coast Thanksgiving day Mandot and Rivers



SOME OF THE BIG FIGHT PURSES RECORDED. Table listing names and amounts: Jim Jeffries-Jack Johnson \$121,000; Jim Jeffries-Jim Corbett 45,678; Jim Jeffries-Bob Fitzsimmons 23,250; Jim Jeffries-Tom Sharkey 26,465; Jack Johnson-Tommy Burns 35,000; Battling Nelson-Joe Gans 33,500; Jimmy Britt-Young Corbett 24,929; Joe Gans-Jimmy Britt 25,000; Ad Wolgast-Joe Rivers (rate) 42,000; Ad Wolgast-Willie Ritchie 21,000; Battling Nelson-Jimmy Britt 31,402.

all \$19,000. All the fighters thus far mentioned were either lightweights or heavies. Only occasionally have fighters in the other divisions enjoyed such an impouring of wealth. Terry McGovern and George Dixon, when they fought

#### CHANCE DEPARTS FOR CHICAGO

Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—Frank Chance left today for Chicago, where he expects to meet Frank Farrell of the New York American league club next Tuesday.

"I do not know what kind of a proposition Farrell will put up to me," Chance said. "If his terms meet mine I will manage the New York team next year."

"As far as getting up with the New York team is concerned I would say that I would rather play there than any place else, with the possible exception of Chicago. By that I do not mean, however, that I will actually play if I sign with New York, because I intend to run the team from the bench if Farrell wants me for this year."

"Although I got free in every way and may play once in a while, my active playing days are over."

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### MUCH IS EXPECTED ROGER BRESNAHAN OF FRATERNITY MEMBERS COMPROMISES HIS CLAIM

STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION TO NEW ATHLETIC HONORARY SOCIETY ARE HIGH. DEPOSED MANAGER OF NATIONALS SAID TO HAVE GOT TWENTY THOUSAND.

### MAN MUST BE REAL STAR HE'S NOW A FREE AGENT

The Member of This Fraternity Must Be Able to Do Well in Every Sort of Athletics—Definite Marks Are Set for Their Endeavor. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Chicago in Field for Services, Although Murphy Declares He's Going South With the Cubs.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 4.—The new honorary athletic fraternity known as Sigma Delta Psi, founded at Indiana university, has announced its object and membership conditions as follows: "The object of the society is to encourage comprehensive physical development and training among college students. This applies to those who do not possess the ability to make any of the college teams, but in order to join the society the students must keep up the same standard in their studies as the ones who are members of the varsity organizations. Any student who meets the athletic requirements will be permitted to wear insignia, which will be selected by a committee of three to be chosen before March 1, 1913. This insignia will have the same significance as the Phi Delta Kappa key has scholastically."

"For admission to full membership a student must attain the following marks in the various events: Hundred-yard dash, 0:11.3-5; 120-yard high hurdles, 0:29; running high jump, 5 feet; running broad jump, 17 feet; shotput, 16 pounds, 30 feet; pole vault, 8 feet 9 inches; throwing baseball, 250 feet on fly; punting football, 40 yards on fly; three-mile run, 17:20; 10-mile walk, 2:30; tumbling, front and back handspring and front dive. For admission to junior membership a student must attain the following marks: Hundred-yard dash, 0:12; 120-yard high hurdles, 0:29; running high jump, 4 feet 6 inches; running broad jump, 16 feet; shotput, 16 pounds, 25 feet; pole vault, 8 feet; throwing baseball, 200 feet on fly; punting football, 30 yards on fly; three-mile run, 20 minutes; 10-mile walk, 3 hours.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—The claim of Roger Bresnahan, former manager of the St. Louis National league team, against Mrs. Helene Britton, the owner, was compromised today. It is reported that Bresnahan was paid \$20,000 for cancellation of whatever claim he may have had against Mrs. Britton for alleged violation of the contract under which he was to manage the club for five years.

Bresnahan signed a five-year contract with the St. Louis Nationals last year. It called for a salary of \$10,000 and 10 per cent of the net receipts. Last fall Mrs. Britton discharged Bresnahan.

By the settlement Bresnahan is now a free agent. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Chicago are said to be in the market for him.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Training dates for the first and second teams of the Chicago American league club were announced today by Manager Callahan. The main squad, after leaving Los Angeles, will play in five cities before opening the regular season in St. Louis on April 10. The second squad will play in seven cities.

February 16 is said to be the day the Chicago Nationals will start for Tampa, Fla. President Murphy said today that Roger Bresnahan would be with his club this season.

Intricate measures in introducing phrases or cantenas she was at home. Again was virtuously explained when Miss Mary Pasmore thrilled the audience with extraordinary efforts. The same remarkable quality of union of technique and expression, so no artificiality imposed, was resultant. The mechanism of the strings was mastered and subdued under an artistry which was prominent. "Ivo Baby Hunting" by H. E. Pasmore, and the "Polonaise Brillant" by Wieniawski, were the program numbers.

The protruding features of all three were a decision in attack, absolute harmony and accuracy, understanding of relative values and relationships in ensemble, pure tones, well handled, and absolute mastery of technique so that it became, as it should, but the tool which disappears when the musical sculptor finishes his work and unveils it for admiration of its beauties, rather than the superfluity of the equipment which produced it.

Our idea of absolutely nothing to do is to count the uncracked resolutions.

(Chicago Tribune)

Rome took a long time to fall, presumably because young Roman women did not sell cigarettes at festive gatherings. Had such been the case Gibbon's works might have been only half as long.

Here are some of the most amazing individual stunts of the last big league season:

April 12—Jake Stahl, Red Sox, made four singles and walked once in five trips to plate against Yankees.

April 16—O'Leary, Bush and Gainer, Detroit, made triple play against White Sox.

April 27—Byrne and Miller, Pirates, made five hits apiece off Cincinnati pitchers.

June 3—Tooley, Miller, Smith and Hummel, Brooklyn, made triple play against Cincinnati.

June 10—Zimmerman, Cubs, made two home runs against Giants.

August 11—J. Collins, Johnson and Roth, White Sox, made triple play against Athletics.

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Patrolman Fred Stricken, who attempted to arrest the fleeing robbers because they had no tail light on their automobile, was shot and beaten. He was reported in a serious condition today.

Two men arrested as suspects were questioned by Captain Halpin. They denied all knowledge of the holdup. They gave their names as Thomas Brady, 32 years old, and Frank O'Brien, 37 years old.

#### BASE HITS

By "HAT BOX" JONES.

If Bert Whiting fails to make good in Boston it's understood that he will return to Seattle, and the old Hamilton battery will be together again in "Weiser" Dell and Whaling.

Seattle will have two Union association stars in their lineup in Dell and Killaly.

Joe "Maud" Collins, who received a trial here in the spring, but was released on account of a sore arm, intends coming west in the spring. He finished at Dillon.

Kirby Hoon, a brother of Don Hoon and a resident of Bozeman, will manage a strong independent team there this season.

Livingston, it is believed, will have a good team this summer, managed by "Tommy" Doyle, formerly a pitcher for Spokane and Batte.

It is not generally known in this section of the state that Harry Wilson, candidate for governor on the republican ticket, is a good ball player, and finds time to play with the Billings team.

Mart Sullivan, a former member of the Butte Reduction Works team that played many times here, is now a rancher on the reservation, playing with the Mission team.

Tekell, who jumped the Missoula team last season and finished with the Kalspell team, is living on his ranch at Big Arm.

Gas Thompson (Big Gus), who is one of the very best minor league pitchers, and belong to Vancouver, will not, it is said, manage Kalspell, but will report to Bob Brown at Vancouver in the spring.

Miles Netzel, who played such good ball in 1911 for Spokane and last year with Memphis, is offered for sale by Bill Bernhard to most of the clubs in the northwest.

#### PINCH HITS

Lefty Goss, who was with Great Falls a part of last season, is now a resident of Whitefish Mont.

Carl Eick, in 1911 with Boise, belongs to Connie Mack for 1913. Last year he was with New Haven, Conn.

Kibbles, who was with Helena in 1911 at third base, and was sold by Portland, Ore., to Cleveland, will most likely not be retained by them this season, but turned for further experience.

We haven't seen any where that "Tamp" Osborne, "Shine" Harmon, "Tacks" Cummings or "Archie" Coffey of Bill Joyce's misfits have signed for 1913. A great quartet.

McChangion falls to report in 1913. Members of the Helena team would like to lineup with the Missoula club. He is a pretty nifty third sacker for a kid in his first year out.

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#### SUPERBA'S TRAINING PLACE.

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