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OUTLAWS BEGIN TO SHOW THEIR TEETH

Send Out a Challenge to Organized Baseball in Few Choice Words.

BACK SOMERSAULT OF KILLIFER THE GAGE

Lester Channell Returns to Fold of the Yankees, with Great Record Behind Him.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—The decisive battle of the baseball war of 1914 may be fought in a federal court. This was intimated today by persons close to the promoters of the Federal League, who served notice that they would fight any attempt of clubs in organized ball to sign their players.

The legality of the reserve clause in the contracts sent out by National and American League clubs will be the point over which the battle will rage, but when or where the contest will start was not made public.

After delivering a challenge to organized ball, declaring the Federal League would "protect" its players and their contracts, President Gilmore of the new organization disappeared from sight to-day and therefore definite plans for the conflict, if it comes, have not become generally known.

The announcement of the signing of William Killifer by the Philadelphia club in the National League was made so soon after Gilmore had warned the Phillies that the Federals would fight if Killifer was signed that it looked to the Gilmore cohorts like the formal picking up of the gauntlet.

The outlaws declare themselves so confident that the reserve clause will be held illegal that they predicted to-night a grand scramble for players as soon as a court decision is made.

"If it comes to bidding for players, we will be as strong as anybody," said Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals.

"Organized baseball knows it has no legal right to sign our ball players," said Joe Tinker of the local club. "It merely wants to tie them up so they can't play with us."

Neither Weeghman nor Tinker would say whether court action would precede or follow actual participation in games by Killifer.

In addition to other players who visited Federal League headquarters to-day, Louis Fiene and Dave Altizer, of the Minneapolis American Association club, and Alexander Zwilling, purchased from St. Joseph by the Boston Braves, talked with the managers of the new league.

Lester Channell, who is likely to strengthen the New York Yankees in the outfield, has signed for 1914, his contract reaching President Farrell's office yesterday. Channell was purchased from the Denver club, of the Western League, last December, after he had been strongly recommended to Frank Chance by several scouts.

Channell was with the Yankees several years ago, but broke his leg during the early part of one season, and after a year's absence was released to Indianapolis. He began to make rapid strides as a batter, fielder and base runner with the Denver club in 1912, but last year's record was of such high quality that his purchase by some major league club was a foregone conclusion.

Channell played 162 games last year, going to the bat 624 times, scoring 137 runs, making 23 base hits, including 44 two-baggers, 13 three-baggers and 26 home runs. His batting average was .335 and he stole 28 bases.

Jack Warhop, Chance's veteran pitcher, sent word yesterday that he had accepted terms and would mail his signed contract to the club's office at once. Warhop will report to Tom Daly at Hot Springs, Ark., on February 15. He says his arm seems in good condition.

Information comes from Ban Johnson, president of the American League, that "Big Ed" Sweeney has received an offer from the Yankees which probably will result in his signing a contract despite a good offer from the Federals.

Jimmy Sheppard, who helped the Cubs win two world's championships, will manage the Toledo club of the American Association this year.

And now 'tis said the outlaws are on the trail of Fred Snodgrass. Perish the thought!

According to the outlaws in Pittsburgh, an effort was made to transfer the Jersey City team of the International League to that city, but Barney Dreyfus put his foot down. Hence the Federals.

Because of the good work he did last season, Fred Blanding, the big right-hander of the Cleveland pitching staff, naturally expected an increase in his salary for next season.

Blanding received his contract from the management of the Naps at his home, in Detroit, the other day, and, much to his surprise and dismay, it called for less salary than he received last year. At first he could hardly believe his eyes. He then hurried the contract back to the Cleveland club, declaring that unless his demands are met he will quit the game or jump.

Peekskill Boys Win Easily. The Peekskill Military Academy basketball team defeated the Riverview Academy of Poughkeepsie in a one-sided game at Peekskill yesterday by a score of 41 to 11. The Peekskill team took the lead at the start and lost little time in running up the score.

FORD IN BUFFALO UNIFORM

Ex-Yankee Not to Play on Fed. Team in the West.

Buffalo, Jan. 21.—Russell Ford, formerly of the New York Yankees, who signed a Federal League contract in Chicago yesterday, will play with the Buffalo team, according to Larry Schladt.

"President Gilmore said last night over the long distance telephone that Ford will wear a Buffalo uniform and will not go to Chicago or Indianapolis as reported," said the local manager of the Federals.

"Hap" Myers, released by Boston to the Rochester International League team, and Joe Agler, of Newark, have signed to play with Buffalo, it is said.

DATE SET FOR BIG BOUT

McFarland to Meet Gibbons Here on February 12.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—The Paeky McFarland-Mike Gibbons boxing match was set for February 12, according to McFarland's manager to-day.

The men will meet in New York, weigh in at 145 pounds at 4 o'clock, and will box for 50 per cent of the gate receipts.

MAY LOOK AFTER THEY HAVE JUMPED

Barrow Gives International League Men Who Went to Feds a Chance.

Edward Barrow, president of the International League, said yesterday that the few players of the organization who have jumped to the Federal League will have until the opening of the season to reconsider their action.

"After that date they will be eliminated as far as the International League is concerned. His statement follows: 'The International League will bear the brunt of the fight so far as actual competition is concerned, if the Federals start, but we will not make any attempt at retaliation so long as competition is fair, above board and on its merits.'

"Thus far very few of our players have jumped, and those few will have until the opening of our season to think things over; after that all players will remain where they are indefinitely, so far as the International League is concerned."

"The stories being sent out from the Federal League headquarters regarding certain players and umpires being signed are frequently reports made out of whole cloth, with the evident intention of deceiving the ballplayers and encouraging them to join the Federal organization."

"As an illustration, I can state that 'Brock' Owens, the umpire whom the Federal League claims to have signed, was signed some ten days ago to an International League contract. I believe that it is the same way with many players in both the major and minor leagues claimed by the Federals."

BAKER SPIES A "JOKER"

Tells Why Killifer Jumped Back to the Phillies.

W. F. Baker, president of the Phillies, issued the following statement after signing Killifer, as told in The Tribune yesterday: "Killifer signed his contract for three years with the Philadelphia National League club yesterday evening, having consulted his lawyer and also his father, who is a probate judge in Michigan. He was advised that the Lajoie decision covered his case exactly and that the Philadelphia National League club had prior claim to his services, and when this was pointed out to him without any further consideration he signed his contract with us and returned to the Federal League the advance money he had received."

"I regard Killifer as one of the best ball players in the league, as well as the most intelligent, and feel that he was simply carried away for the time being by the supposedly flattering offer of the Federal League."

In expressing the opinion that a joker would be found in Federal contracts he said: "My opinion is that if all the National League players who contemplate signing with the Federal League—or have already signed—will examine the exact meaning of the contracts the little old joker will be found nestling away there in a comfortable position."

"We already have agreements with Becker, Seaton, Brennan, Cravath and Rixey, and their contracts will be executed and received in a day or two."

"Sherwood Magee signed his contract last night, and we also have contracts with Irehan and Jacobs and expect signed contracts from all the others. They will be dropping in every day from now on."

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A BOXING FEAST FOR JADED FANS

Empire Club to Reopen with a Card of Three Good Bouts To-morrow.

DUNDEE TO CROSS GLOVES WITH SHUGRUE

Mandot and Lore Also to Try Conclusions for Ten Rounds in Second Set-To.

Fresh and much needed interest has been injected into the boxing game in this city by the reopening of the Empire Athletic Club by Eddie and Jess McMahon. The club will hold its first entertainment to-morrow night, offering three ten-round bouts between half a dozen of the best lightweight to be drawn from the local crop.

The men have been matched according to their ability as shown in actual battle, and sizing action is assured from the moment the timer's bell sounds the onset. It is the intention of the promoters to rematch the winners, and, if possible, try and match the survivor of the final bout with Willie Ritchie.

Johnny Dundee, that slashing little boxer of the West Side, will cross gloves with "Young" Shugrue, of Jersey City, in the final contest of the evening. It is the consensus that these boys represent the highest type of boxer produced in the East since the days of McGovern and other famous fighters.

They are fast, scientific and aggressive from start to finish. Both are imbued with the idea that one day they will become champions, and that, with a keen rivalry—the result of a previous meeting—insures a fast bout.

The second bout will bring together Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, and Johnny Lore, another boxer from the West Side. One year ago there were many who were willing to declare both these boys among the most prominent contenders for the lightweight championship. Since then, however, they hit a few of the rougher spots in the road to success. Mandot was defeated by Rivers, Cross and Anderson, while Lore dipped his colors to boxers of slightly lesser repute, including Sammy Robideau, "Young" Otto and one or two others.

At the present time, however, they apparently have taken a new lease on life, and are going along at top speed. So much is certain. The boys are evenly matched, and the bout will be won only after a terrific struggle. Mandot arrived in this city last night, and declared that he was ready to step right into the ring.

The opening bout will be between "Cy" Smith, of Hoboken, and Freddie Hans, of the West Harlem A. C. While neither is rated highly by the critics, they are hard sluggers, capable of going through the ten rounds at top speed.

Both Dundee and Shugrue will have an additional incentive to box at top speed. Both were matched to appear in ten-round bouts at the Garden A. C. on next Tuesday night, and a defeat for either might mean an appreciable falling off in the gate receipts. Dundee has agreed to box ten rounds with "Snapper" O'Neill, the flame-haired English boy, while Shugrue will mingle with Owen Moran, who boasts that he is the only man who ever knocked out Hatting Nelson. Dundee and O'Neill will box at 135 pounds, ringside, while Moran and Shugrue agreed on 134 pounds at 9 o'clock.

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Declaration of Baseball War

Chicago, Jan. 21.—The Federal League notified the powers of organized baseball to-day that the signing of players already under contract with the Federals will be fought in and out of the civil courts.

This ultimatum was in the form of a telegram which President Gilmore, of the Federal League, sent to President Baker, chief owner of the Phillies, declaring he would "protect" the contracts signed by Ad Brennan and Will Killifer. The telegram follows: "We hereby officially notify you that Ad Brennan and Will Killifer have signed contracts with Chicago Federals and have received advance money. Both our players and their contracts will be protected."

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PARTING SHOTS

THE BALLAD OF HANK MAGUIRE. Henry Maguire could wallop 'em hard, So they nicknamed him "Home Run Hank."

That is back in the days when hearts were free And the roll grew big in the bank. But the time had come, as come it must,

When the batting lamps grew dim, And the call of the bushes was heard in the land, With especial regard to him.

The bases were filled when he came to bat, On that joyous and gladsome day, With the team far behind in the last of the ninth,

And the victory gliding away. But older than Hank was the man 'on the mound, A twirler of merit and worth, Who was pitching his head off on one last trial,

To stick in a big league berth. He had shut out the foe until Hank came up, With a bit of a smile and a leer, And sewed up the game with a home

O'er the sign of a famous beer. So the pitcher was through and he left the park, With his head drooping low in shame, And the man he met was Hank Maguire, Aglow in his glory and fame.

"Don't take it so hard," said Hank, With a grin, But the pitcher was wroth at his lot, And announced his release to a far off land.

Where the fat pay checks grew not. "The boss was sure riled when he told me to quit,"

"Just sore at defeat, I guess." "Perhaps you would like to know what he said?"

And the innocent Hank answered, "Yes." "I can stand for these bonehead bush league boys"

All hitting you hard," said the boss; "I can stand for these youngsters pounding the pill And pocket the gain or loss. But when an old has-been like Hank Maguire

Can wallop 'em into the stand It's you for the minors, Bill, my boy; Get out of the league. You're canned."

"No one has authority to barter any club in the American League without my knowledge and consent," says Ban Johnson. Long live the czar of the American League!

Charley Rose, the new twirler of the Yankees, made a fine record during his six years of service in Texas, and much is being written about him. But his height, 5 feet 8 inches, doesn't sound impressive to the admirers of the Teabru brand.

If organized baseball decides to fight the outlaws with another major league, it, too, will be up against that rather tough proposition of finding enough players to go around.

Chance blames Murphy for the Federal League, and Tinker holds Ebbets responsible. Who is the choice of Johnny Evers, the third of the immortal trio?

It takes a leap to the outlaws to get a real line on a player's value. Tinker fell off thousands of dollars in the estimation of Ebbets, and now Russ Ford is rated as a general all-around, no account pitcher.

William A. Kerr, owner of the Pittsburgh club of the Federal League, says that organized baseball tried to pull a Bill Burns on the outlaws during the recent meeting in Chicago. But the enemy was wiser, and found the dictograph secreted behind a piano. It looks like a thrilling war full of gunshoe work before the returns are counted next October.

On the very day that Ban Johnson, in stern and awful tones, announces that those who jump to the Federals will be black-listed forever and aye, Bill Shettleline leads Brennan and Killifer to Philadelphia for the purpose of making them reconsider their decision to desert. It's a great little game, but the wires get frightfully crossed sometimes.

W. H. W. KUPCHIK WINS CHESS PRIZE

Makes Fine Record in Manhattan Club's Tournament.

A. Kupchik, by defeating J. Rosenthal, former state champion, removed the only remaining barrier between him and the championship of the Manhattan Chess Club yesterday, and emerged winner of the first prize without the loss of a single game.

KIVIAT WINS BY A WELL-TIMED SPRINT

Captures 1,000-Yard Elks Derby from a Sextet of Stars.

DE GRUCHY PRESSES FOR SECOND PLACE

Meyer, a Victor by Inches, Equals American Record in 60-Yard Dash Handicap.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Paterson, N. J., Jan. 21.—Releasing his well timed spring on the last lap, Abel R. Kiviat, of the Irish-American A. C., defeated a sextet of stars in mastery fashion in the 1,000-yard Elks Derby, the feature of the athletic meet held by the Paterson Lodge, No. 60, R. P. O. E., at the 6th Regiment Armory here to-night.

He was clocked in 2 minutes 17 3/5 seconds. Ollie de Gruchy, of the New York A. C., sprung a surprise by finishing second, while Oscar Hedlund, of the Boston A. A., was third.

Besides the aforementioned, William Anderson, unattached, W. W. Fawley, of the Mercury A. C., Philadelphia; Louis Gordon, unattached, and Homer Baker, of the New York A. C., started. De Gruchy got away at the flash of the gun and hit up a merry clip. About the quarter mile Homer Baker pulled up into place and Kiviat was at his heels. They remained in these positions until the bell sounded, indicating the final lap. Then they spurred like scared rabbits. Hedlund snapped De Gruchy, and the latter quickly snapped back the lead.

In the meantime Kiviat was gradually overtaking those in front and about sixty yards from the end captured the lead and crossed the line a winner by five yards. De Gruchy beating Hedlund by the same margin for second place.

By a grand fighting finish Alvah T. Meyer, of the Irish-American A. C., the former national champion, cracked the tape, winner of the 99-yard dash handicap from scratch mark in the fast time of 8 1/2 seconds, equalling the American record. Inches behind him were D. Politzer, unattached, and J. Gardner, of Central High School, Newark, who finished in the order named.

Jack J. Eller, of the Irish-American A. C., erstwhile champion timber toppler of the country, did the come-back stunt. He bounded over the sticks in the 60-yard hurdle in 7 3/5 seconds, equalling the world's record. J. M. Ross, of the N. Y. A. C., with four feet handicap, was second, two yards behind.

The summary follows: Sixty-yard dash (handicap)—Won by Alva H. T. Meyer, Irish-American A. C. (scratch); second, M. Pritchard, Irish-American A. C. (4 feet); third, Time, 6:22 1/2. Half-mile relay—Won by E. M. Ellis, unattached, 1st string, 200 yards; second, J. C. P. Slattery, 2nd string, 200 yards; third, Time, 2:14. One-lap race—Won by C. P. Manly, Dominican Lyceum, second, A. E. Nell, Knights of St. Anthony, A. C., third, Time, 0:22 1/2. 100-yard run (Derby)—Won by Abel R. Kiviat, Irish-American A. C.; Ollie de Gruchy, New York A. C., second; Oscar P. Hedlund, Boston A. A., third, Time, 2:17 3/5.

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WHO'S TO DECIDE? WONDER THE FANS

Courts at Variance on Question of Legality of the Much-Talked-of Reserve Clause.

While the Pennsylvania Supreme Court upheld in 1901 the reserve clause and the provision in baseball contracts relating to the ten days' notice of release in the Lajoie case, the federal court has taken an opposite view on the release notice clause.

In view of the threats of possible legal action over player contracts which, in the Kiviat case, would be brought into the United States courts, federal decisions were looked up.

It was found that Judge Dallas, in the United States circuit here, refused to enjoin Jim McGuire, the catcher, from "jumping" from the Brooklyn to the Detroit club.

McGuire late in 1901 signed with Brooklyn for 1902, and later contracted to play with Detroit. McGuire in his defence contended that the Brooklyn contract was invalid on the ground that the reserve clause was a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The court, in denying the injunction, cited a United States Supreme Court decision, in which it was held that a contract which the plaintiff may abandon at any time on giving notice is not enforceable in equity.

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The only game not yet played by the new champion is with Magnus Smith, winner of the last two tournaments, to whose title Kupchik succeeds. Smith, however, cannot overtake Kupchik, even by defeating him, inasmuch as he himself has lost two games already.

ATHLETIC LEAGUE BOWLING

Columbian Wins the Odd Game from the New York A. C.

A spurt in the last frames of the second game gave the Columbian Club, of East Orange, the odd in the Athletic Bowling League series on the alleys of the New York Athletic Club last night. Although the margin of thirty-six pins separated the teams in the first, Columbian had the game well in hand. Platt Adams could not get going, missing four spares in as many frames.

It looked all New York in the second until the ninth frame, when Sam Roberts missed a single pin spare. Charley Klingelhoefer encountered a "pick" and left Frank Clute, the anchor, who showed good form, little to work on. He obtained 20-all. Meanwhile four of the five visitors doubled, and the game was won by 8 pins.

New York had the third game clinched almost from the start and the champions of a last year rolled up a 925 total without a double century, so good was their team work.

The scores follow: NEW YORK: Roberts, 191; 150; 190; Adams, 141; 144; 152; Gordie, 158; 181; 184; Clute, 109; 192; 167. COLUMBIAN: Platt Adams, 144; 144; 152; Adams, 141; 144; 152; Adams, 141; 144; 152; Adams, 141; 144; 152.

RESULTS AT BASKETBALL

Newman Five Rallies and Beats Haekensack High Team.

A spirited rally in the final minutes of play gave Newman School a basketball victory over Haekensack High School, on the latter's court in Haekensack, N. J., by a score of 23 to 21 yesterday. Morrison, of the victors, shot thirteen baskets from the penalty line out of fourteen chances.

Cutter School swamped Franklin School by a score of 24 to 9 on its court. Ollie Lawson, the Cutter forward, shot six field baskets.

Pawling School defeated Hackley School in the Pawling gymnasium by a score of 22 to 27. Maintenance and Smyth were the biggest point getters for Pawling and Hackley, respectively.

Mackenzie School fell an easy victim to Irving School on its court by a score of 42 to 20. Payne and Leaf, the victors' forwards, shot thirteen field baskets between them.

LEMIECKE AT OLD TRICKS

Breaks Two Swimming Records at Amherst Interclass Meet.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Amherst, Mass., Jan. 21.—The freshman class of Amherst College made a clean sweep in the annual interclass swimming races here this evening, winning the meet with a score of 35 points.

The entering class won eight of the ten events, and established new records for the distance. Norman Lemiecke, the former scholastic champion of New York, and Thomas Nelligan, were hosts in themselves. These two freshmen smashed six records between them. Lemiecke set new figures in the 50 yard, 100 yard and 50 yard back stroke events.

Nelligan showed exceptional strength, making record time in the 25 yard, 200 yard, and quarter-mile swims. Both swam on the winning relay. These two cracks competed against each other in the 25-yard swim. Nelligan got away to a perfect start and finished half a foot in front of his captain.

The summary follows: Relay race (ten minute team, each swimming 25 yards)—Won by 11; 14 second; 15, third. Time, 2:29. Former record, 2:20. 25-yard swim—Won by Nelligan, 17; Lemiecke, 17; second; Morrow, 14; third. Time, 0:15. Former record, 0:15. 50-yard swim—Won by Lemiecke, 17; Washburn, 16; second; Ames, 14; third. Time, 0:32. Former record, 0:32. 100-yard swim—Won by Lemiecke, 17; Washburn, 16; second; Ames, 14; third. Time, 0:58. Former record, 0:58. 200-yard swim—Won by Nelligan, 17; Lemiecke, 17; second; Morrow, 14; third. Time, 1:02. Former record, 1:02. 500-yard swim—Won by Lemiecke, 17; Washburn, 16; second; Ames, 14; third. Time, 3:02. Former record, 3:02. 1,000-yard swim—Won by Lemiecke, 17; Washburn, 16; second; Ames, 14; third. Time, 6:02. Former record, 6:02. 1-mile swim—Won by Lemiecke, 17; Washburn, 16; second; Ames, 14; third. Time, 12:02. Former record, 12:02. 1 1/2-mile swim—Won by Lemiecke, 17; Washburn, 16; second; Ames, 14; third. Time, 18:02