

BASEBALL ONLY BUSINESS WHERE CONSISTENT FAILURES HAVE PRODUCED MILLIONAIRES

CONNIE SCORES MASTER STROKE IN OFFER TO DIVIDE PROFITS WITH PLAYERS NEXT YEAR

Working Hard to Build Up New Team and Is Negotiating for Number of Seasoned Players—Scheme Beyond Criticism

CONNIE MACK put over a master stroke when he offered to share the profits of the 1918 baseball season with his players. This action places the lanky manager above criticism, for he frankly admits he is willing to divide the spoils with the men on his payroll, and it is up to them to make the season a success. It is modern baseball, brought about by the war, and the sporting blood in the athletes should cause them to accept. True, they will be asked to sign contracts at reduced salaries, but they also have a chance to make up for the loss if the club makes money and also have a chance to get some of the world series coin by finishing in the first division. The scheme is so good that it seems strange that it hasn't been thought of before. Connie, however, has taken the lead, and it would not be at all surprising if other clubs tried the same stunt. Something must be done to keep the second-division players on edge throughout the season.

For a long time Connie Mack has been called "cheap." He has been accused of paying miserable salaries and making it impossible for the dissatisfied players to join other clubs. In other words, he has been criticized for telling his men that they will not play at all unless they sign up with the Athletics. Some of this is true, for Connie is running the club, is trying to build up a team and is spending money for the privilege. He has his own ideas and insists that the players accept them without protest. But it also is true that three of the dissatisfied athletes were allowed to go to the Red Sox this year, making them perfectly satisfied, while Mack was criticized on all sides. He had the welfare of his club in mind and believed he could get along without the three stars.

Connie is building up a new team this year. He is seeking new talent, and while he will not divulge his plans, it is said he is negotiating for several players who saw service in the big league last year. The Athletic club was hit harder than any of the others by the draft. Fifteen youngsters were called, and Mack's plans were smashed to pieces. Instead of a promising ball team he had nothing but a bunch of remnants, so he is out in the open market for players. He must spend money for them, and the added expense has caused him to cut salaries. But he is fair with his men and proved it when he offered to divide the profits.

THE trouble with the majority of owners is that they believe the ball player is not worthy of his hire, and if there were no big leaguers to play in and show their prowess the men probably would be driving trucks or selling fish. They take the credit for giving the ball players a chance to play, and much dissatisfaction has resulted. The ball players are entitled to all the money they can get in their stay in fast company—a period, on the average, which is only too short. Connie Mack is giving the players a chance to show their true worth, and no one can criticize his offer.

Robertson Was Wonderful Performer on Cinder Path

WHEN Lawson Robertson laid aside his spiked shoes and amateur standing to turn out first-class track teams at the University of Pennsylvania the track world lost a brilliant performer. Robertson was one of the classic performers in years and holds several world records to prove it. He was the idol of the fans who thronged Celtic Park, in Long Island City, and always received an ovation when he trotted out at the head of the Irish-American athletes. A glance through the 1918 record book shows that Robbie has so many world records that it almost needs an adding machine to get the correct total. He burned up the track in the short distances and holds seven of the nine records from 40 to 120 yards. He has ruled supreme for years, and the marks are likely to stand for some time. The only records he failed to annex were for 70 and 90 yards, but this was due to an oversight. He never thought it necessary to run those distances.

Robbie was a sterling athlete and the fact that his world records are for three-legged races does not detract from his work. The other part and one-half of the act was Harry Hillman, Jr., who now coaches the Dartmouth track squad.

Big Fortunes in Losing Baseball Teams

BASEBALL is a weird business—the weirdest of all, in the opinion of many, who pronounce it the only field of commercial endeavor wherein an inventor may be a consistent loser, from an artistic standpoint, and yet amass a large fortune within a few years, and on a shoestring at that. Two of the best concrete instances of the truth of the statement set out are to be found in a single city. Both teams representing the city of St. Louis in the big leagues have been as consistent losers as big league aggregations to be found in any American town, with the exception of Cincinnati. Year in and year out the fans of St. Louis have viewed him baseball, and yet two swell competencies have been accumulated by club owners and in each instance upon most modest investments.

Robert Lee Hedges, the Brown mogul, upon an opening personal investment of \$15,000, failed in the winning line for fourteen out of fifteen seasons, and yet, although he fought through two expensive baseball wars, he drew down \$10,000 and expenses per annum and wound up with \$250,000 cash in bank. Only twice did Brown teams finish in the first division; the remainder of the time in the historic seventh notch.

The Robisons acquired the Cardinals in 1899 for \$42,000, took out about \$25,000 a year for eighteen years and then sold out for \$350,000. And during the reign of the Robisons not only were business affairs badly demoralized nearly the entire time, but the team also lost games consistently, never finished better than third and better than fifth only upon one occasion.

TWO of the wealthiest men in baseball became millionaires upon a postage stamp gamble. Comiskey borrowed money, with which he purchased the White Sox franchise seventeen years ago. He now is quoted as five times a millionaire and with an income of \$250,000 per year. Barney Dreyfuss was a bookkeeper in a Kentucky whiskey house when he made his first baseball investment in Louisville twenty-five years ago. It is agreed that he could cash in for a couple of millions of dollars at any time.

Ball Is Optimistic for the Coming Ball Season

ONE baseball mogul who is not detecting any mountains of gloom looming up for the coming baseball season is Phil Ball, of the St. Louis Browns. He declares that he is contemplating a very satisfactory season, despite the damage suits that are hanging over his head as the result of a statement published and credited to him toward the close of last season intimating that Pratt and Lavan were laying down. Mr. Ball hasn't been in the game very long, but his expressions are refreshing and indicate an engaging optimism not noticeable in some of the older hands at the sport.

The St. Louis magnate is, by the way, one of the most versatile commercial artists in the public eye. His expressions of optimism are doubtless based in part upon the fact that he has so many irons in the fire that even if one branch of endeavor with which he is identified were to lose he would not have to go to any institution conducted at the public expense. Mr. Ball's baseball business is pretty well re-enforced by a machinery manufacturing plant, an oil concern and a chain of skating rinks. Speaking of the playful little litigation filed against Mogul Ball, it is said that he blames Branch Rickey. He is quoted as stating that Rickey overdid the collegian stuff in picking the Browns and that if he had selected men with less education instead of college degree men they would not have been able to tell that libelous matter was involved in his statement regarding their work.

White Sox and Tigers Not to Play Giants

McGraw's tactics are showing backbone this spring in the arrangement of training trip exhibition games. The White Sox and Detroit Tigers both have declined to take on the Giants for preliminary bouts and, both claim the reason that they do not care to subject players to experience the rough-house variety.

The White Sox management makes no bones of its refusal to invite the presence of the late world's series games, when the conduct of Fletcher Hoag came in for strong condemnation at the hands of the White Sox managers and fans. Detroit's refusal to play is equally definite in origin. Last season's exhibition games at Dallas are cited, at which it will be recalled, Herzog's efforts to ride Ty Cobb resulted in fights during play and afterward in a hotel lobby.

Herzog's reputation as a ready mixer in a row where rough-house methods were used was improved in the light of Herzog's conduct in world series games. He was in the line in October Herzog displayed a disposition to ride the big slugger to ground, and his treatment of Weaver and the Boston pitcher's work of the year.

BASEBALL CHIEFS BEGIN SESSION

National Commission Meets in Cincinnati to Discuss Future of Game

DEADHEADS ARE TAXED

CINCINNATI, Jan. 8.—With Ben Johnson on the job, the National Commission settled down to business in its annual session here today. Ben was delayed by a snowstorm and his absence made it possible for the attending magnates to devote all of yesterday in talking trades and appointments for tomorrow. The daily offer was made for Hornsby by Weagman and the customary rejection was handed back to Branch Hickey. Another offer will be made to land the star shortstop today. The local order of deathheads must pay for the privilege of attending ball games this year. It is said that a tax on the take brigade eight cents a game. A committee has been appointed to go to Washington and discover if possible a method of collecting the tax which will not seriously annoy either the patrons.

10 Per Cent Is Limit

For the sake of uniformity the National League officials decided to charge ten cents a game for the privilege of attending ball games this year. It is said that a tax on the take brigade eight cents a game. A committee has been appointed to go to Washington and discover if possible a method of collecting the tax which will not seriously annoy either the patrons.

Bar Traveling Trunk

A statement is on foot that appears to have the backing of every club manager in the league, that a traveling trunk of the traveling trunk of the ball players is intended to have the players and their families, bats and gloves, baseball paraphernalia and carry the baggage as they did years ago, thus eliminating the coach baggage for the railroad to handle. Following the commission meeting Ben Johnson and William Harbridge of the American League, and John Heydeman and Barney Dreyfuss of the National League, will get together to discuss the 1918 schedule. The plan for them to go to Dover Hall, Pa., to draft the playing dates has been called off on account of the uncertainties of railroad travel.

SEEKS A PITCHER IN HERZOG TRADE

McGraw's Need for Right-Hander Causes Inference Rudolph or Barnes Sought

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Charles Herzog will be traded to the Boston Braves before the season, if Manager Stallings will part with the players New York wants in exchange. In securing Larry Doyle from the Cubs, Stallings has paved the way for a successful trade, for John McGraw will demand an infielder as part payment for Herzog.

It is known also that the giant manager wants pitching talent. New York needs at least one good right-hander to work with Phil Perfit and Jeff Tesreau and balance up the Schupp-Hentz-Salvie combination of left-handers. So the baseball wage are predicting here today that McGraw will demand either Dick Randolph or Jess Barnes, with Doyle, in a trade for the Maryland cantaloupe king.

That Herzog will not be with the Giants next season is a certainty. He has demanded that he be traded or sold, and has taken the first steps toward firing a suit to recover salary which was taken from him during his suspension last fall.

LAUREL RACE TRACK SOLD TO U. S. FOR \$1

BALTIMORE, Jan. 8.—The War Department took formal possession today of the Laurel race track, where Hourless beat Omar Khayyam in their special race last fall, and will use it as a camp for a detachment of soldiers.

It developed today that the Government offered Matt Winn, manager of the track which is owned by James Butler and his associates, \$2,000 as rental, but this was refused, and the track was turned over for the nominal sum of \$1.

It is understood that the Government will exercise every care to keep the track in good condition, and that it will not be needed after August this year. This means that the income can be made ready for the yearly meeting of thirty days next fall. Laurel is the only track in Maryland which does not conduct a spring meeting.

N. H. MAXWELL IN GOLF FINAL AT PINEHURST

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 8.—Norman H. Maxwell, of Aconimink, and H. C. Simpson, of Brookport, will meet here today in the final round of the midwinter tournament. The winner will be awarded the President's Trophy.

No Salary Cut for Yanks

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—It is understood today that the New York Yankees will not accept a salary cut when the 1918 contracts of the New York club are signed. The latter part of this season saw the latter part of this season.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



INDIAN REAL CAMOUFLAGE KID, BUT QUAIL EXCELS THEM ALL IN ARTISTIC DECEPTION GAME

Uncle Sam's Boys Do Not Underestimate Hun, But Have Seen Too Many Champions Tumble to Fall for Superman Stuff

By GRANTLAND RICE The Champions

The Hun is a cunning and a bit of a trickster. He doesn't get it all, but when the Hun gets his will, he's a cunning and a bit of a trickster. He doesn't get it all, but when the Hun gets his will, he's a cunning and a bit of a trickster.

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J. E. ever had a spicy pep, as cobbling with velvet and pop, or the mighty Zim at times, responds with all his might, and Jess McGraw has often shown a peevishness of voice or tone, when certain ampires bogged his goat and sent him out for air.

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LEW TENDLER DEFEATS JACKSON IN FAST BOUT AT THE OLYMPIA

VICTOR DROPS WILLIE IN SIXTH Philadelphia Newsboy Springs Big Surprise by Outclassing Opponent and Administering a Severe Lacing

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

WORKING under a severe nervous strain the that of a carpenter driving nails in a fence or a painter mending his brush over a house, Lew Tendler administered a big lacing today to Willie Jackson at the Olympia. The victor, who came all the way from New York to receive it, performed his masterly work, only playing his blows where they did the most damage and always stepping away when Jackson's fists crashed through the air. It was the hit and run at its highest degree of efficiency.

Tendler's victory caused no more excitement than the sale of Alexander and Kiefer. The prominent clubmen fought their dignity or something more formal after the first round started and put on a calm countenance, on each other's shoulders, until their fists into the air and used like a bank of white sea foam in the final game of the world series. Benny Stark lost his voice at the end of the third round and Judge Fisher struck through until the beginning of the fifth. Then he conveyed his well wishes in sign language. The judge will find it difficult to respond to the customary "good morning" today.

Tendler Shows Class But it was a grand and glorious work and Lew Tendler now stands in the foremost rank of lightweight boxers. He showed his class in the half dozen sessions and proved to all of those present that he is to be considered when they begin to select a successor for Benny Leonard. From an awkward, mediocre, colorless boxer, Tendler has developed into a rushing, tearing, clever performer, with a kick in his left and which will put many aspiring battlers to sleep before the winter is over. Even Phil Glassman, Tendler's retiring and extremely helpful manager, will admit this.

Jackson did not have a look-in from the start. Lew was all over him like a tent, shooting that long, tantalizing right into his face and crossing his left to the jaw and body. Willie tried hard to slip over the knockout wall, but Tendler was wary and the crushing blow sid his shoulder over his shoulder or over his head, Jackson did not land a half dozen stiff blows in the fight.

Willie Takes a Lacing Willie's left hand was left in New York of the dressing room or some place for he did not use it more than four or five times. All of his blows were delivered with his right. He would not until Tendler rushed and then attempted to counter. He was unable to inflict damage, however, and received the welting ever landed him.

Lew startled the Olympia audience in the sixth round when he dropped Jackson to the mat with a stiff left. He believed Willie had slipped, as he fell up in an instant, but he stuck his foot into a half-supper and fopped. He never that Tendler has a knockout box—something he was not supposed to possess. In the closing moments of the last round Jackson was in bad luck and the final bell was a lifesaver.

Pop Was Right The refereeing of Pop O'Brien was exceptionally good. He handled all the bouts in an efficient manner and showed that he knew his business when he stopped the semi-wind-up between Johnny Maloney and Benny Valer. The third when Maloney was ready to sink to the floor, Benny knew too much for the Philadelphia youngster, and Johnny was game and fought hard to the end. There was no use in allowing a boy like that to take a lacing when there wasn't a chance in a million win, and Pop's action was right.

In the second bout Joe Mendell it all over Young Louisiana, and O'Brien stopped hostilities in the fourth to Louisiana. The boy had sprained his ankle and was in no shape to continue. In the other bouts Frankie Coyle defeated Harry Brown and Al McKnocked the tar out of Eddie Bates.

Harvard's Bayonet Team Will Not Be Informal

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 8.—Harvard University is to be represented by a bayonet team, it was announced today. Unlike the other Harvard athletic teams during the war, the bayonet team will not be called an "informal." It will be coached by Jules Lehahn, instructor of fencing, and others will be made to arrange contests with teams from other colleges.

PHILLIES MAY PLAY SENATORS IN FLORIDA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The prospect of a series of exhibition games with the Philadelphia Nationals in Florida and at military training camps during the trip homeward is causing Manager Griffith to give serious consideration to Tampa, Fla., as the spring training place for the Washington Americans. Griffith was advised today that the games with Philadelphia could be arranged if he went to Tampa.

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