

THOSE WHO WERE OUT TO MASTER BAN NOW ADMIT JOHNSON'S THE MASTER MAN OF BASEBALL

SALARY LIMIT BUBBLE READY TO BREAK OVER HEADS OF NATIONALS

Bosses of Senior Circuit Realize Mistake and Agree on Another Meeting to Rediscuss \$11,000 Payroll; Decision May Be Kept Secret

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

AFTER flourishing for one entire day and given the laugh on all sides, the \$11,000 salary limit adopted by the National League Wednesday is about to be stricken from the docket. This was decided upon late last night when the magnates, realizing the monumental blunder perpetrated by the league, insisted that the subject be reopened and another meeting will be held at the Waldorf today.

The salary limit, however, was considered such a big joke by baseball men that it was necessary to kill it now for self-preservation. All of the baseball men in the corridor of the Biltmore smiled knowingly when the news was discussed and the American Leaguers were discreetly silent. In fact, the American League failed to hold its scheduled meeting yesterday morning because Johnson and pals wanted to get some more good stuff at the joint meeting. Big Ban was satisfied to allow the senior circuit to make all of the mistakes, while he and his cohorts chuckled with glee.

An American Leaguer discussed the subject of salary limits last night and handed out some illuminating information. "We can't see where a league can pass any set rules regarding the salary rolls," he said. "It is foolish on the face of it, because few clubs will adhere to it. For example, take Fred Mitchell, of the Cubs. With \$58,000 to spend in a year all he would have to do would be to sign up Alexander, Kilferer and a few others and immediately wire his \$50,000 fine to the league. He couldn't stay in \$11,000 a month any more than could the Giants. Even Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, to say nothing of Boston, would have a hard time to make both ends meet without resorting to some inside stuff where the players received secret bonuses.

"THE decision to reconsider the question is a good one, for if it had been adopted the fans would have flocked to the American League. You can't ram a cut-rate ball team down the throats of the baseball people. They pay their money to see the games, and they want to see the best."

Johnson sits tight and watches others' mistakes. The American League disposed of the salary question two years ago and took it up again at the meeting in Chicago last December. It is the policy of the junior circuit to allow each club to handle its own affairs. The magnates know it is necessary to cut down expenses in order to make money, but they must work out their own salvation. If a ball club thinks it can make money with a salary roll of \$50,000 a month, that club can try it out to its heart's content. If the club goes bankrupt then it is time to get out of the league and give some one else a chance. Ben Johnson believes the magnates have enough business sense to handle their own affairs without the aid of the league, and lets them go to it.

Big Ban is too foxy to take any glory from any of the rival organizations. Calling off yesterday's meeting he put over another master stroke, for in that manner he refrained from comment, the American League did not have to go on record as being for or against the proposition and when the time came to answer questions all he had to say was:

"We discussed a salary limit two years ago and found it would not work. That's the old story for us." At the meeting today the National Leaguers will kill the \$11,000 salary limit. They will come to a secret understanding, which means that nothing will be announced to the public. The chances are that the American League plan will be adopted, and if not, no one will know the difference. This meeting will keep the magnates here another day, although the American League will convene to ratify the schedule and put through some well-oiled business in a session which will last about ten minutes.

All of Heydler's associates were a grouch last night, and Charles Ebbets made a stirring speech to the scribes insisting he did not make a motion to keep the salary limit down to \$9000 a month. Charley was in the line and asked that the report be denied, as it would get him in bad in the eyes of his fans. He is not commenting on Charley's denial.

It was rumored in the corridors that the magnates controlled by Johnson put up a strenuous kick about the salary limit stuff and that caused the meeting today. However, that is only a rumor.

Herrmann weathers storm of criticism. The joint meeting was a long-winded affair, which lasted all afternoon and resumed at night after a short recess. As was predicted, a big fight was waged on Garry Herrmann, with the American League favoring his candidacy as chairman of the National Commission and his brother magnates in bitter opposition. Through all of this squabble Garry remained unperturbed, listened to the boasts and knocks and stuck to his guns. It is said that six American Leaguers voted for him, while the same number of Nationals were against him. The vote was deadlocked, and as a compromise a committee of two was appointed in each league to select a third man to act as chairman. This means that a three-man commission was agreed upon, with the president of each league and a third person as the head. In the meantime, the old commission will continue and dispose of all cases which come before it.

Considerable surprise was expressed when it was learned that Herrmann refused to step down. It seems strange for a man to defy his own league, with the odds three to one against him. Two ball clubs stuck together in the meeting. Yesterday it was said that New York and the Cubs were hand-in-hand, but it developed later that it was New York and Cincinnati. The representative of the Cubs is voting with the Old Guard. Other developments of the meeting probably are old by this time, but for the benefit of those who missed the morning paper, the twenty-one-player limit was agreed upon, to go into effect fifteen days after the season starts in the National League and on May 15 in the American. The 140-game schedule also was adopted without a dissenting vote. To this every one agreed.

In regard to waivers, the leagues voted on a no-recall clause on inter-league waivers or waivers in either league. A committee also was named to confer with internal revenue officials in regard to the war tax this year.

World's series receipts came up for discussion and some of the magnates favored a return to the old system, whereby only the competing clubs received shares of the receipts. Last year the first four clubs in each league shared in the divvy. A committee will submit a new plan for the distribution of the spoils.

Many Clubs to Take Southern Training Trip

TALK of training camps few thick and fast and all of the managers were anxious to get things settled as soon as possible. It was announced that Washington would go to Augusta, Ga., Detroit to Moon, the Braves to Columbus, Ga., the Red Sox to Tampa, the Yankees to Jacksonville and the Giants to St. Petersburg. This bunch has six big league clubs within playing distance of each other and the training season should be a big success.

When the subject of home training was brought up the managers laughed it down. They couldn't see it with a telescope and did not hesitate to express their views. "Once upon a time we trained at Charlottesville, Va.," said Clark Griffith, "but after three years I cut it out. I have no kick on the weather, for I could get a ball club in shape up in the Klondike, but I was taking too much of a chance on my players contracting colds and sore arms. "Another thing was the attitude of the players. They were best satisfied, would not put any spirit in their work and I could not get the best results. Remember, the physical condition was all right, but it was the mental angle that stumped me."

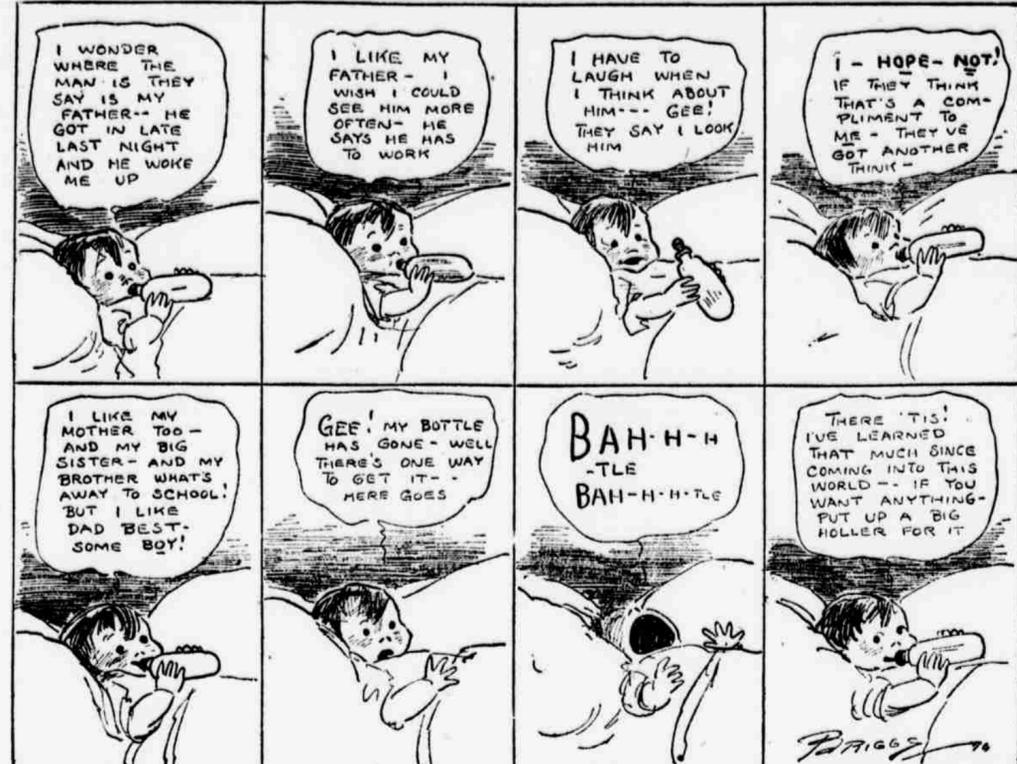
"When we went to Augusta I noticed the change immediately. The players realized they were on a spring training trip and worked their heads off. More than that, they enjoyed their work, and a more home training for me."

Several Big Deals Are Under Way

BASEBALL deals were transacted yesterday, but according to the scandall there are several under way and announcements of the completion of such are expected at any minute. Boston, Washington and Cleveland are said to be the figures in the principal trade, with both, Milan an Jayvrin holding prominent places in the limelight.

Another bit of gossip has it that Manager George Stallings, of the Braves, has made an offer to President Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, for Jake Daubert, the star graduate of the first sack. The Dodger first baseman now has a suit pending against the Brooklyn club, and it is stated that he will not play at Ebbets Field next season. The manager of the Braves is willing to give Konechny and some cash for Daubert and is also willing to art with some of his catchers.

WONDER WHAT A NINE MONTHS' OLD BABY THINKS ABOUT



TRAUTWEIN GAINS IN SCORING RACE

Takes Second Position Over His Teammate, Liz Powell

BUNNIN DOES WELL

Records of the American Basketball League show that Trautwein of Hancock has jumped into second place over his team mate, Liz Powell, and he has also reduced the eight point lead held by Jimmy Brown to but three points. Micky Bunnin, of S. P. H. A., has also bettered his position and has climbed from eighth to fifth.

Table with columns: Name, Team, P, G, F, G, A, P, Pts. Lists basketball players and their statistics.

Oldster Learns Golf As Soon as Youngster

Young Are Apt to Break Out in Rebellion Over Tedium of Monotony of Slow Game

SENIORS MORE RELIABLE

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS. MY last article I touched upon the question of the possibilities for the mature man in golf--the man from thirty-five to sixty. Naturally his greatest return will come from the pleasure and health-building recreation golf will give him in bountiful measure.

WANT CHANGE IN WEIGHTS

Amendment to Rules Proposed to the Jockey Club

New York, Jan. 17.—An amendment to the rule of horse racing, calling for a new scale of weights, with a general revision upward, has been proposed to the Jockey Club for use on the tracks under its jurisdiction. It was announced that a meeting will be held soon to act upon the proposed change.

Scraps About Scrappers

Johnny Webster, the Tennessee middle-weight, in action in the final bout at the Casino in London, England, today, was the champion of the world in the 147-pound class. He is the only one of his kind who has been able to hold his own in good company.

Youth Not Always Served

It is a maxim in the athletic world that "youth will be served," but it is less true in golf than in any other field of sport. And when I think over the list of oldsters who give me a royal battle I am not sure that youth has a pronounced claim. In any event, the margin is not great.

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75 REPORT FOR TRACK AT PENN

Several veterans were among the seventy-five candidates who reported for the Penn track team at Franklin Field yesterday, but there was neither coach nor captain there to greet them. The only thing they did was to sign up.

COACH ROBERTSON ILL

Coach Lawson Robertson is confined to his home with a cold and tonsillitis. It is not likely that he will be able to take charge of the men until next week. Both Creed Haymond and Sherman Landers, who served as captains at different times, were kept in classrooms by studies and were not able to put in an appearance at the field.

Naval Training Team Wins Again

Frankford's League Island naval training team won an interesting basketball game from the Pennsylvania Handicap Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon by the score of 26-20. Friday's duel, the League Island squad will meet the strong St. Columba team of the American League.

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MASS SPORTS SCORED BY JUDGE BONNIWELL

Says Lack of Initiative on Part of Hun Troops Due to System of Group Athletics

SUBDUES INDIVIDUAL

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK. JUDGE EUGENE C. BONNIWELL, who has been connected with athletic activities in this city, both as an athlete and an official, for more years than he would care to admit, raised a strong voice in objection to mass sports at a dinner recently given to Abraham Sneltenburg, the president of the Sneltenburg Athletic Association.

Pointing to the splendid war records of Americans, Judge Bonniwell attributed the success to the aggressiveness and initiative of the Yankee soldiers developed by athletics as conducted in this country.

"It has been said," the judge explained, "that the Allies won because they are athletic nations, and that Germany lost because it is not an athletic nation. Such is not the case. Germany is, or rather was, an athletic nation before the war. Sports were encouraged by the government and made a part of the military program, but they were conducted in mass.

Individual Weakened. "German sports aimed to develop the men physically. Perhaps they did, but mass athletics, in the form of group sports, in athletics as well as military drills, acted only under commands. Without a leader they were lost, bewildered and aggressive. They teach men to command themselves and fit them for emergencies. When German officers were shot down, the troops were worthless; when Allied officers fell, natural leaders sprang up from the ranks.

"To illustrate my point, several hundred marines were cut from the main ranks at Chateau Thierry. Without supplies or commands from commissioned officers, they kept on fighting and opened the main attack, and the marines were found to be under the leadership of a corporal, who was acting as commanding officer by common consent.

Illustrates Aggressiveness. "That shows the initiative of the Yankee. The aggressiveness of the American doughboy is illustrated in the story told of a regiment instructed to advance three miles. They started an offensive, but instead of resting at the designated point they continued on for two more miles.

"The colonel of the regiment was reprimanded by the commanding general, and when asked why he allowed his troops to advance five miles instead of three he replied: "The German army couldn't hold them and how in hell do you expect me to stop them?"

Judge Bonniwell is not the first one who has pointed out deficiencies in mass sports, but his advice should add weight to the arguments already presented to those who are attempting to change America's system of athletics.

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SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 18TH. VICTOR RITCHIE vs. JIMMY BROWN. PHILIP FRANKLIN vs. JOEY LONN. JOHNNY BURMAN vs. FRANKIE CONWAY. Benny Valger vs. Whitey Fitzgerald. Willie Jackson vs. Jack Russo. TICKETS AT DONAGHY'S, 23 S. 11TH ST.

Olympia A. A. Broad and Halpin. MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 20. Eddie Lenny vs. Terry Hanton. Dick Stosh vs. Harry Boyle. Artie O'Leary vs. Larry Huxson. Low Lender vs. Young Brown.

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