PALMY DAYS FOR BIG LEAUGERS

Advent of Federal League Brings Them Concessions from Organized Ball.

PLAYERS ARE PENALIZED

New League's Bank Roll Now Dangles Before Eyes of Dissatisfied Ones. Stars Still Writing.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, May 3.—It looks just now as though the presidents of the American and National Leagues and the members of the national commission will have a mighty task ahead of them this season enforcing the rules and regulations as they apply to ball players. They'll have to treat those players in the codding sort of way that is accorded prima donnas, or it's likely that the players will hurdle to the waiting Feds.

In other years when ball players sassed umpires, sprayed tobacco juice on their nice new coats, or clubbed an ump on the brow with a mace, those players were severely dealt with either by the league president or the national commission, in the event of the case being appealed. Also if a player fractured the club rules and "sat up" with a "sick friend" until the early hours of the morning, or tried to get exercise by "rassling" with John Barleycorn, that player drew a fine of from $50 to $200 and usually was suspended indefinitely without pay.

In the days of old about the only thing the player could do was to submit to whatever penalty the powers above sought to dole out to him. He had no alternative. If he was disgruntled, or thought he had been dealt with unjustly by his club, it made no difference. It was a case of serving the sentence whether or not the conviction was just, and being as cheerful as possible about it, or quitting the team, which would have left him without a job.

But things are a bit different just now. There's the Federal League, with its generous bank-roll, looming in the offing, waiting to snare any players who aren't satisfied with their organized births. And no one knows this any better than do the organized baseball magnates. Therefore, it's pretty much of a cinch that during this year of 1914 the players won't have to submit to many of the raw deals that characterized the past working of organized baseball, but will have things very much their own way.

Ruling Disobeyed.

The national commission, it may be remembered, ruled last October that ball players would not be allowed to write signed articles for newspapers during the 1914 season, nor would the players be permitted to sell the use of their names to articles.

"Any player who does this will be dealt with in a severe way," announced Ban Johnson.

Have the players obeyed the rule? They have not! They have assumed an attitude of defiance.

"We're writing articles now and we'll continue to write them as long as the newspapers want them!" is the attitude of the "author" players. "As for the national commission's ruling—bloole—blooie. That's the way we feel about it. If the comish doesn't like the idea of our writing and wants to fire us out of the league because of it, why, I guess we can get jobs with the Feds. So we aren't worrying."

And they aren't. It's the comish that is doing the worrying. The idea of mere ball players calmly defying its ironclad rule not only has peeved the comish, but also has caused them to wonder just how far the defiance of the players will go. The owners of the different clubs in the organized majors are thinking the same way. They are wondering just what will happen if they fine and suspend a man for infraction of the rules.

In other words, the players seem to have the club owners, the league presidents and the national commission by the sneezing apparatus, and hereafter will do the leading instead of being led. And it looks as if they're going to do some considerable leading.

Of course, it's a cinch that if some players have a "run-in" with their organized owners and should jump to the Feds, that O. B. persons at once will hand those players as "riff-raff," "trouble-makers" and as men who ought to be serving sentences in the penitentiary. And the O. B. persons and their subsidized friends at once would attempt to assure the baseball public that the Federal League is composed of a lot of second-story men, bank robbers, fire bugs, swindown prize fighters and the like.

But there wouldn't be anything new, startling or believable in that. Their methods are the ones the organized people have been using ever since their players began doing the leap frog stunt in the general direction of the Federal ball yards. While he was in organized baseball, Joe Tinker was regarded as one of the brainiest and most wonderful players that ever cavorted on a green. But as soon as he jumped he was labeled as a misfit, a has-been and a horrible example for all young men to look upon. It was so with others and it will be so with any that jump.

FEDS ASK SUBWAY STATION.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, May 3.—The Public Service Commission has referred to the chief engineer the petition of the owners of the Brooklyn Federal League baseball club that a new station be built in the Fourth avenue subway, Brooklyn, about midway between the existing stations at Union street and Ninth street. The grounds of the new Federal League baseball club are located at Washington Park, Third street and Fourth avenue, and the establishment of the new station would serve the patrons of the ball park and the station would also serve the Manual Training School at Fourth street and Seventh avenue, with nearly 4,000 teachers and pupils.

CLUB OFFICES MOVED.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, May 3.—The offices of the Greater New York Baseball Association, of the American League, have been moved from 339 Fifth avenue to 30 East Forty-second street, in the Forty-second Street Building.

M STREET STARS DEFEATED.

In a hard-fought game on the Monument Lot, the Invincibles defeated the M Street Stars yesterday, 17 to 12, winning out in the ninth inning. The playing of Cave, Ruppert, and Grover were the features of the game.

PRINCETONS AFTER GAMES.

The Princeton A. C. would like to arrange games with teams averaging sixteen and seventeen years. Address all communications to Dana Dulin, 5514 Seventh street northwest, Brightwood Park.

Dick Egan, of the Superbas, says that when an English fan wishes to advise a player to keep the ball on the ground he shouts: "Don't rap a skier; tap a bounder."

MAY INVADE AUSTRALIA.

While the White Sox and Giants are contemplating another trip abroad at the end of the present season, another team is also considering making a jaunt to Australia and Honolulu. President Maier of the Venice club has received a generous offer to bring a team to the latter place for a three weeks' visit, and it is likely he will accept. He is also thinking of invading Australia with a team made up of coast and major leaguers.

NORTHERN LIBERTY WINS.

The Northern Liberty nine defeated the New York Avenue Stars in a hard-fought game, 6 to 3. Blankenship's home run in the ninth with three men on the bases won the game. Batteries—Chinn and Blankenship; E. Austin and Nash.

REFORM WAVE REACHES WEST

Boxing in State of California Is Doomed to Disappear.

REFORMERS IN CONTROL

Sunset State Has Given Many Prominent Fighters to the Ring. Promoters Are Busy.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, N. Y., May 3.—The Puritanic wave of reform that has been slowly but surely sweeping across the great free and independent country of ours has at last washed the sand-covered shores of good old California. Boxing within her boundaries is doomed.

The only State where the boxing game has been left unmolested, with the exception of Nevada, is today stirred up to a high pitch of agitation over the fact that the reformers have taken possession of the capitol at Sacramento, and declare that the year 1914 will see the last days of the twenty-round bout.

The days of the finish fights that have made the State famous are numbered. Before the new year the last championship battle will have been fought.

The first wreck that these crusaders have left in their wake are the resorts of the famous old Barbary coast. Not satisfied with their work in putting an end to these resorts of amusement they have trained their guns on the fight clubs of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, Vernon, Stockton, Sacramento, and the famous old Point Richmond arena, and before they have completed their so-called reformation they will have disabled the sporting game in California to such an extent that to re-establish it on its same sound basis will be practically out of the question.

Thousands Invested.

Aside from the thousands of dollars invested in fight arenas that will be lost, the crowds that have flocked into the big cities of the Coast seeking amusement will turn their attention in other directions. The people of California will be the losers by long odds.

No State in the Union has contributed so plentifully to the fighting world as California.

Champion Jack Johnson won considerable of his fame there. Jim Corbett was a native son. Jim Jeffries made his reputation on the Coast. Stanley Ketchel, the late undefeated middle-weight champion, acquired both fame and title on her soil. Battling Nelson was first introduced to the public and also won his championship in this State.

Jimmy Britt, a native son, beat Young Corbett in California. Johnny Kilbane beat the popular Abe Attell, a native son, in Los Angeles. Willie Ritchie, a Californian, conquered "Ad" Wolgast after "Ad" had won the title from Nelson at Point Richmond. Frankie Neil beat Forbes, while Young Corbett proved the victor over Terry McGovern, in their famous second encounter, in California.

Busy Day for Promoters.

Peter Jackson, whom John L. Sullivan refused to meet, because he was a negro, gained considerable reputation on the Coast. Jack Dempsey, than whom there was no more remarkable fighter, waged many of his battles there. Jack McAuliffe, as well as grand old George Dixon, both exhibited their hiting qualities to the fans of their section. "Bob" Fitzsimmons started his career under a western sun. Joe Choynski was a native born, while Tom Sharkey gained his first prominence in the fistic world out there. Joe Thomas, Tommy Burns, and a hundred other champs are numbered among the men that got their first boost from California.

With a view to a whirlwind finish, Jim Coffroth, Uncle Tom McCarey, and a host of other promoters are arranging a series of bouts in which several titles will be at stake.

These promoters are endeavoring to get the John Hancock of "Al" McCoy, the conqueror of George Chip, to a contract to meet Billy Murray, and then have the winner take on either Eddie McGoorty or Jimmy Clabby for the middle-weight title, provided they can arrange to have Jimmie or Eddie return in time from Australia.

Johnny Kilband, it is said, will meet Abe Attell or some other fast boy while a heavy-weight battle, in which Jess Willard and Gunboat Smith will make their appearance is likely. The program will also include one or two light-weight battles, with elimination contests among "Ad" Wolgast, Freddy Welsh, Leach Cross, Charley White, and others sandwiched in .

DARTS and SPARKS

By ANDREW P. O'CONOR.

The spring 1914 meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club will open on May 6 and continue until May 23, Sundays excepted.

Racing in Maryland owes its existence to the Maryland Jockey Club for the reason that its officers have always been composed of gentlemen of the highest class, whose aim has always been to protect its patrons by the enactment and enforcement of rules and regulations based upon fairness and wisdom.

Several weeks ago The Herald called attention to the abuse of selling races, which compose about 75 per cent of the scheduled races. The abuses complained of consisted of the entering of stake horses by wealthy owners, in selling races, thus depriving the turfman of moderate means of the only purses for which his horses were able to compete.

The article was widely copied and commented upon by racing men throughout this country.

It is pleasing to note the following statement issued by the Maryland Jockey Club:

"While handicappers are only human, and therefore liable to error, nevertheless it must be conceded that, speaking generally, no conditions can be framed, which will bring horses together upon fairer terms than those of a handicap conscientiously made.

"Acting upon the belief, the Maryland Jockey Club has, so far as possible, eliminated from its books those forms of selling race which have given opportunity for some persons, by reason of their greater wealth, influence, or other advantage, to successfully violate the correct principles governing such races; and in lieu thereof, offers its patrons a variety of "Free Selling Handicaps," which it is hoped will afford equality of opportunity to all, and special advantages to none."

Up to Owners.

This rule leaves the entering of horses entirely with the owners, and if the handicapping is right and proper, it will go a long way towards eliminating one of the worst features of racing.

The Maryland Jockey Club, through the introduction of the Pari-Mutuel system of betting, has demonstrated the fact that a continuation of the racing of thoroughbreds does not depend upon the bookmaker. As a money maker for racing associations, the bookmaker occupied an important position in the old days, but, after years of experience, it was discovered that, instead of being a benefit to real sport, the bookmaker was the original source of all the trouble which has been heaped upon racing associations generally, but which the Maryland Jockey Club has always escaped, for the reason that it has never been operated for the purpose of making money, but purely in the interest of sport, and as such it has always enjoyed the confidence and respect of even those who are the avowed enemies of racing.

There is no business institution in the world whose officers stand higher than do the officers of the Maryland Jockey Club, of which William M. Manley is president; Gen. A. E. Booth, vice president; Charles E. McLane, treasurer; and William P. Riggs, secretary.

The board of directors are: William M. Manley, Charles E. McLane, Gen. A. E. Booth, William B. Oliver, F. J. Bryan, C. C. Poultney, N. F. Pressgrave, R. J. Walden, C. I. Reynolds, M. Sheehan, D. S. Gittings, and William P. Riggs.

While racing in Maryland is in the hands of such gentlemen, it will be perpetuated there, for which all true admirers of the thoroughbred horse will be thankful.

Many Good Races.

The principal races of the meeting will be the "Clabaugh Memorial" for two-year-olds. Foals of 1912, bred in Maryland, Virginia or Pennsylvania, for which there is fifty-one entries, of which Thomas F. Ryan has five, two of which are by his imported stallion, Sea King, one by Ellisdale, and two by Mons. de L'Orme. The Brookside Stable has entered eight by Celt, for whom Maj. Hancock paid $20,000 at the dispersal sale of the late James R. Keene. The "Clabough Memorial" will be run May 9.

The Pimlico Nursery, which closed with eighty-one entries, will be run on May 16, and will bring together the best two-year-olds in America, among which, good judges of racing predict will be horses the equal of Sysonby, Celt, Peter Pan, Ballot, Sir Martin, King James, or Colin.

The Preakness Handicap, which will have a cash value of $1,500, has always brought together the best in the three-year-old division.

Fourteen Steeplechases.

There will be fourteen steeplechase races run during the meeting, as follows: Inaugural, Patapsco, Baltimore, Owners' Handicap, Towson, Potomac, Elkridge, Linstead, Creekmore Memorial, Emerson, Glenmore, Mt. Washington, Green Spring Valley, and Consolidation, together with the Eutaw, Kernan, Druid Hill Park, Wicomico, and Jockey Club purses, and the Driving Park, Oriole, United Hunts, Arlington, Rennert, New Howard, Stafford, Belvedere, Severn, Owners and Merchants' Handicaps, with six or more races every day, the program is by far the most attractive ever offered by the Maryland Jockey Club.

Another one of the conditions of the jockey club which will appeal to sportsmen, is the strict rule against the starting of horses which are known as "bleeders"—an ailment which is not really dangerous, but horses so afflicted are liable to stop running at any time, which does not do justice to those who may back them to win, not knowing of their physical condition; thus it will be seen that the jockey club has thrown every safeguard around its patrons, and aims to conduct racing on the highest plane possible in the future as in the past.

KANSAS STATE LEAGUE DATES.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Topeka, Kans., May 3.—The Kansas State League has adopted its 1914 championship schedule. The season opens May 8 and closes August 8. The circuit includes Great Bend, Hutchison, Salina, and Emporia.

TODAY'S SELECTIONS.

BY NEW YORK MORNING TELEGRAPH.

Havre de Grace.

First race—Bagatelle, Lady Capricious, Haberdash.
Second race—Towton Field, Briarpath, Louise Travers.
Third race—Robert Bradley, Springboard, Altamah.
Fourth race—Jesse, Jr., Surgeon, Hydroplane.
Fifth race—Ardelon, The Romp, Hedge Rose.
Sixth race—Naps Nick, Anavri, Monty Fox.

HIGHLANDERS AFTER GAMES.

The Highlanders would like to arrange a game with some strong team for Sunday, the Crescents or Potomac A. C. preferred. All other teams desiring open dates with the Highlanders should communicate with William Voelker, 1641 Kraemer street northeast.

RELEASES TWO MEN.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Bloomington, Ill., May 3.—Pitcher Gregg Forrest, a Chicago semi-pro., and William Wessel, a shortstop, of Wheeling, W. Va., have been released by Bloomington.

Diamond Doings

The veteran catcher-coach, Joe Sugden, says he never met a man with sounder baseball theories than Manager Branch Rickey, of the St. Louis Browns.

Manager Frank Chance, of the New Yorks, is very much delighted with the spirit of his players, and believes he will have a real ball club before the end of the season.

Says the New York American: "It is hard to dope the race in the American League this season. For the life of us, we can't tell which team will finish next to the Athletics."

Col. Hedges threatens to put an end to gambling on the Browns. This causes a New York contemporary to remark: "But why should anybody gamble on the Browns?"

Lloyd Bishop, the big right-handed pitcher of Kansas University, just signed by Cleveland, was also one of the university's star football players. Catcher Billings, of the Naps, was also secured from Kansas University.

William McAllester, one of the few players left at home when the Browns departed on their short jaunt to Detroit and Chicago, is no longer a Brownie, he having been turned over to Rochester, of the International League.

Ray Caldwell has been informed by Chance that if he keeps up his great pitching he will be in the same boat with Johnson, Mathewson, Alexander, Wood, and other star boxmen. Caldwell is beginning to regard himself seriously.

St. Louis scribes say that Bill James, now with the Browns, has "come back" with flying colors. James made two efforts with the Naps and was sent back as a failure each time.

FEDERAL LEAGUE GOSSIP

Otis Crandall, of St. Louis, and Karl Crandall, of Indianapolis, are brothers.

Mike Doolan is making plays in Baltimore which recall the shortstopping of Hughey Jennings.

Catcher Arthur Wilson has been hitting hard for the Chifeds, but not sufficiently so to keep them out of the second division.

Outfielder Artie Hofman, of the Pittsburgh Rebels, has sprung a "Charley-horse." He has, however, a capable understudy in Al Shaw.

Tinker's men have shown a disposition to do some real fighting so far, to say the least. Chicago's North Side team does not show any very weak spots despite recent defeats.

George Hartley, a six-foot hurler, who came to the St. Louis Federals from the I. I. I. League, has been released by Manager Brown. Hartley did not come up to Federal League class.

Where estimates placed the opening Federal League crowd in St. Louis between 20,000 and 25,000, Secretary Henry Laumeier, of the St. Louis club, made the statement that the official count was exactly 21,010.

"Caruso" Beck is going so handsomely at Chicago's first base that he thinks he'll continue to earn his living playing ball instead of singing at the movies. The movie fans may take this as good news or not.

"By signing players on long-term contracts," observes war-tried and wise John M. Ward, "organized baseball will be overloaded with veterans, thereby giving the Federals a chance to develop young, active players."

Heinie Zimmerman was asked if he would consider an offer from the Feds. "I should say not," Zimmerman replied. "Go out and play in Kansas City? Not on your live!" Kansas City should worry, but probably won't.

The New York Herald rises to remark: "They are playing double-headers already in the Federal League, a display of enterprise which the organized majors probably are old fogy enough to look upon as undue haste."

Manager Gessler, of Pittsburgh, has benched Tex McDonald and is playing Jimmy Scott at short. McDonald's hitting has been first class, but his fielding is far from being the finished article. Scott is expected to fill the breech.

Regarding a widely-published story to the effect that a Marshall, Mich., millionaire had turned down cold a tender of the Kansas City club, President Gilmore declares that no such thing ever happened, and that he never heard of or or spoke to this Mr. Stuart.

Claude Cooper, who deserted the New York Giants, is playing a snappy game for the Broklyn Tip Tops. Cooper's hitting is a big feature of his play. Manager Bradley seems to think that he picked up a coming star when he landed the former Giant.

Manager Mordecai Brown, the lion-hearted one, formerly with the Cubs, was asked the other day when he expected to get on the slab himself. His reply verbatim was as follows: "Not until I have had time to look these guys over and see what they are hitting."

In one of the St. Louis-Chicago games in St. Louis infielder Alexander Zwilling, of the Chicagos, was summoned to the plate before the contest started and presented with a large cluster of American Beauty roses. The floral piece was from Alec's rooters in St. Louis.

To infielder Charles ("Tex") McDonald, of Pittsburgh, has fallen the unenviable distinction of being the first Federal League player to be disciplined by his club. He was indefinitely suspended by Manager Gessler on April 23 for refusal to keep in playing condition.

President Weeghman, of the Chicago Federal club, last week emphatically denied that he was negotiating with Larry Cheney, the mainstay of the Cub pitching staff. Weeghman asserted he intended to stand by his policy of "hands off" as far as the Cubs and White Sox are concerned.

Manager Joe Kelley, of the Toronto club, of the International League, is quoted as saying: "Manager Gradley, of Brooklyn, has been trying all spring to wean Pitcher Hearne away from organized baseball. Moreover, he knew well enough that the pitcher was under contract. Bradley banked on his friendship with the player to carry his point."

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PITCHER CULLOP RELEASED.

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Cleveland, May 3.—The Cleveland Americans have released Southpaw Nick Cullop to the Cleveland American Association team. Cullop came to the Naps last season.

SENATORS CHALLENGE.

The Senator A. C. challenges all teams averaging twelve to fourteen years old. For games, address Manager Fred Schnider, 619 P street northwest.

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Getting a Start

By NATHANIEL C. FOWLER

IT IS FOOLISH ECONOMY

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I am acquainted with the business, professional, and social life of several millionaires, multi-millionaires, college professors, and scientists of national fame. I am familiar with their careers from boyhood to the realization of their ambitions.

All, or practically all, of these men admit that, while their success was largely due to ability, persistency, and hard work, the practice of economy in money, or the conservation of labor, which is economy, had much to do with their attainments. All men of money were economical at the start; and all professional men of mark, while not financiers, and, as a rule, not appreciative of the value of money-saving, have economized their time and practiced in their laboratories the same principle of economy that was a part of the early life of their wealthy brothers.

This principle of economy—of money-saving and the conservation of energy—remained with them and became a part and parcel of the very fiber of their being, and all of them continue to practice some form of economy.

These great men—each a genius in his line—realize that it is necessary for protection, for the carrying out of a life principle, to continue a practice, which, theoretically, may be no longer necessary. They know that they are not perfect; they do not care to take chances with their imperfect selves; consequently, as a matter of habit, or rather as one of principle, they continue the practice of small economies, believing that by so doing they can better handle the great problems and will not lose the benefit of the principles which laid the foundation of their success.

They are laughed at, and they laugh at themselves, but still continue in these economies.

A friend of mine, said to be worth a dozen millions, is liberal in his business and is a contributor to a hundred philanthropies and public movements. Yet he continues to practice some of the economies which were necessary in his early years. He lives in a palace surrounded by servants, and his dinners are famous; yet he limits the cost of his lunches to 15 cents. Is he foolish? No. The 15-cent economy holds him back, enables him to maintain his balance.

Another friend of mine, with a few hard earned millions, travels on a slow train in preference to paying excess fare on a limited. His time is worth a hundred dollars an hour; but he is willing to sacrifice dollars in order to continue the principle of the practice of economy.

Still another friend of mine prides himself on two economies; the cost of telephoning and the purchase of fresh eggs. He will wait an hour, so as to make one telephone message take the place of two or three; and his chauffeur drives fifteen miles back to obtain a saving of 5 cents a dozen on his eggs. Of course, this is false economy, but the principle of economy holds good.

I have talked with these men, and they have discussed this so-called false economy in a most serious way. While they admit that it is foolish in the abstract, they believe that doing away with these small economies would result to their detriment.

No man is perfectly balanced. No great accomplisher is completely sane. He has his "outs" as well as his "ins." He is a creature of circumstance. He has won his place in the world by following self-established methods and principles. To depart entirely from the road of his youth, which landed him in the land of profit, would carry him too far away from the main track of accomplishment, and endanger his prosperity.

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