

# Ban Johnson on Baker's Trail for Plot---Twin Bill Today---Printers Win By Forfeit

## FRANK BAKER NAMED IN BASEBALL PLOT

### "Home-Run" King Given Twenty-four Hours to Clear Himself. Double-Header Today.

Chicago, Ill., July 16.—Whether Frank, home-run king of the New York Yankees, is plotting to steal some stars from the American League for an outlaw organization in Philadelphia will be known tomorrow morning when President Johnson, of the American League, reaches his office.

Johnson telegraphed Baker at Cleveland today giving him twenty-four hours to explain why he was trying to induce one or more players to jump, and tonight Johnson received a wire from Manager Donovan, of the Yankees, saying that Baker had mailed a letter with full explanations.

The letter will arrive tomorrow morning, barring delays, and it is true that Baker has tried to induce Pitcher Sotheron, of the St. Louis Browns, and some other players to jump, but the home-run king is likely to suffer some severe penalties.

Late indications were that Baker himself did not intend to jump to the outlaws, but that he had tried to induce others to take the leap, principal among the others being Pitcher Sotheron, one of the young stars of the Browns. Baker himself played in the same outlaw league two years ago when he declined to report to Connie Mack. Last year Baker was traded to the New York Yankees and returned to organized baseball. It is said that he is drawing a fat salary and possesses a contract for an amount through the season of 1918, and that the contract has no ten-day clause in it. If that is so, it would hardly be possible for Baker to jump now as he could be enjoined from playing with any other club than New York.

President Johnson spent Sunday in St. Louis investigating the Baker plot and sent his stern telegram immediately after returning today.

The Baker case was the only thing of interest on the baseball beat except the fact that the White Sox slipped back into first place in the pennant race. They got back there because they didn't play either game of their scheduled double-header with Washington while the Boston Red Sox were beaten by the St. Louis Browns. The heavy rain of this morning and the long delayed sunshine made it impossible to stage a pastime. At noon time the first game was postponed and the intention was to play the second game at 3 o'clock but as the sun failed to get in any work by 1 o'clock it was decided to call everything off for the day and make a new start with a double-header tomorrow. The postponement of today makes another double-header a probability but that may not take place because the next time Washington comes here there is an open date in the schedule and they may be used to play off the postponement, thus saving a severe strain on the Sox pitching staff this week. Boston follows the Senators here and one double-header is to be played with them tomorrow. Indications are that Cloutier and Faber will be the hurriers for the Sox tomorrow and Johnson and Du Mont are slated to work for Washington. There is a lot of other fellows on the slab also before the day is over.

## LEONARD-KILBANE FIGHT GATE \$40,000

New York, July 16.—Richard Curley, promoter of the coming bout between Benny Leonard and Johnny Kilbane, came in from Philadelphia last evening all excited over the scrap. Leonard declares positively that when the two champions face each other at Shibe Park a week from Wednesday the gate receipts will exceed \$40,000. "This is the greatest boxing Philadelphia ever was treated to," said Ricardo, "and the fans over there are beginning to show a lot of interest. At the present time the advance sale is close to \$5,000, and as the time draws near it's bound to increase. What makes the bout so popular is that the prices only run from \$15 to \$5 and we are handling the sale so that tickets cannot fall into the hands of the speculators." To accommodate the folks that will leave this city a special ticket is being printed which will include a special rate fare of \$4 and the face value of the desired seat. Ricardo also volunteered the information that Leonard starts in real training today at Grupp's Gymnasium, while Kilbane will arrive in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

### Ushers to Be Uniformed.

Akron, Ohio, July 16.—Ushers at future boxing shows in Akron will be uniformed, and must be selected from a list appointed by the City Boxing Commission, so declares Ed Conway, chairman of the commissioners. Conway maintains ushers are just as important as principals, and are equally responsible for the success of a program in properly seating fight fans.

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## American League Statistics

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.  
Chicago-Washington, rain.  
St. Louis, 2; Boston, 8.  
Cleveland, 3; New York, 2.  
Philadelphia-Detroit, rain.  
Washington, 1; Boston, 2.

WHERE THEY PLAY.  
Today, Tomorrow.  
Boston at St. L. Boston at St. L.  
N. Y. at Cleve. N. Y. at Cleve.  
Wash. at Chicago. Wash. at Chicago.  
Phila. at Detroit. Phila. at Detroit.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.  
W. L. Pct.  
Chicago..... 51 31 .622  
St. Louis..... 41 39 .511  
Boston..... 39 31 .557  
Cleveland..... 46 40 .537  
New York..... 41 38 .519

## BAKER'S ERROR COST YANKEES THE GAME

Cleveland, Ohio, July 16.—Baker's error in the sixth inning today gave the Indians a 3-to-2 victory over the Yankees. The score:  
New York..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Cleveland..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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## The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

THE SLOGAN FUND.  
Can the Kaiser! Tint the Teut! Pickle the Prussians! Brine the Brute!  
—B. L. T., in the Chicago Tribune.

### ROVING JIM.

A few days ago some one discussed the various shifts that ball players frequently make. Any number of them have shifted and drifted from one club to another, but the main wanderer of the field is Jim Vaughn, of the Cubs. Roving Jim has every one else in the game tied to a post. The Cub southpaw has been in baseball eleven years. In that time he has played upon eleven different teams in no less than eight different leagues.

### SHIFTS AND STARS.

His line of march follows: Texas League, South Texas League, Arkansas League, New York State, South Atlantic, American Association, American and National.  
In 1908 Roving Jim toiled in four leagues—the American, the Arkansas, the New York State, and the South Atlantic.  
It can be safely and sanely and sedately said that Vaughn has covered more ground than any other player in the game.  
After a restless existence Vaughn seems to have settled down to a homestead at last. This makes his fifth season with the Cubs, and under the Cook County banner he has been pitching winning ball.

### THE UPSET.

Yes, wasn't it a shame The way that Russia quit? She couldn't field and hit. But out Galicia way. Along the bloody shore, Somebody in the play Has scrambled up the dope.

### THE OLD DIP.

The hook slide with the shining spike whirled into the bag may be the most effective type.  
But for general observation we prefer the Hal Chase brand. Hal is one of the very few ball players left who likes the old dip, the head-foremost dive for the bag, skidding merrily along on his chest. And, in addition to being an inspiring spectacle, Hal gets away with this system as often as the others do. Chase is a hard man to tag, for he is still quick as a panther in sliding trouble. He is no young kid, with thirteen seasons of campaigning to his credit, but he is still one of the best base runners in baseball.  
In the last Fed year Benny Kauff and Lee Magee were far in front, with Hal Chase and Eddie Roush well back, both under .300. But last season Chase led his league, and this season finds Roush out in front around .340, with Chase back around .300. Chase and Roush are both looking to be one of the star ball players of the last five years, one of the best to invade the field within that period.

### RIGHT.

Sir: As I understand it, the Hindenburg line can repulse any straight bucking or end rushing, but can be driven back by the forward pass attack where the forward passers are armed with airplanes. Am I right?  
THE CANNY ONE.

## TO ERECT MONUMENT IN HONOR OF DARCEY

New York, July 16.—The following is an excerpt from a letter received from Snowy Baker, the Australian boxing promoter:  
"The sudden and sad death of Lee Darcy, chronicled by cable as having taken place at Memphis last week, was a shock to all in Australia, and a general regret at this sudden termination of a great and promising career was expressed. Two nights after the news was flashed across the Pacific a contest was held at the Sydney stadium between Jimmy Clabby and Dave Smith, and prior to the commencement of operations the announcer asked those present to stand for a second with bowed heads as a token of sympathy to the bereaved ones at his home. This was carried out in complete silence. A movement on foot to raise a suitable monument to this great Australian boxer's memory. It is probable that a public fund will be opened for the purpose."

### OULMET GETS 80.

Chicago, July 16.—Francis Oulmet limoited the London cab driver yesterday. After six days of strenuous effort at Midlothian, Oulmet "rested up" yesterday by playing over the course at Flossmoor. He declared he merely wanted to see a course about which he had heard much, but couldn't resist the temptation to try a round. A foursome was arranged with Tom Logan, of Lynn, Mass., who came West with Oulmet, and the Misses Dorothy and Helen Hilde as the other participants. In order that there might be no suggestion of real competition the men carried out in complete silence. A movement on foot to raise a suitable monument to this great Australian boxer's memory. It is probable that a public fund will be opened for the purpose."

## MAROONS FORFEIT IN FIRST OF SERIES

### Fitzgerald Has Run-In with Umpire Hurd—Printers Declared Winners.

The Rosedale League started its second series yesterday afternoon at Columbia Park. The game never got far enough advanced to have Jupp Pluvius but in, as shortly after the second inning got under way Umpire Johnny Hurd forfeited the contest to the Printers.

Maroons were leading at this stage of the battle by a 2-to-0 count as they hung up this total by bouncing base hits off Benton's delivery in the first frame. Allen's tribe took the field and attempted to hustle things along so as to get the game over before the rain would break.

Stringer and Bennett arrived safe on a hit and an error respectively. Feldman, the next batter, grounded to Fitzgerald, who claimed the ball hit Stringer. Fitzgerald failed to make a play at any of the bases on the ball. Umpire Hurd ruled all hands safe, and Fitzgerald protested so strongly that he was given the gate. Hurd, who is piloting the Rosedale club and Umpire Hurd declared the Printers winners by the forfeit route.

Manager Allen, of the Maroon club, stated last night that he would not protest the forfeiture. Allen stated that he believed that Hurd had missed the play, that Fitzgerald was wrong in delaying the contest. The little shortstop is captain of the Maroons and of course has a right to ask questions, but the dilatory tactics and language used by "Fitzzy" warranted Hurd's action, which is supported by the managers and spectators present.

The Rosedale club will line up against the Truxtons A. C. this afternoon. The Truxtons have been going at a great clip this season, and expect to make all the clubs in the circuit hustle for the verdict. Hugh Reed, who is piloting the Rosedale team will put one of the strongest teams in this vicinity on the field today. Reed is after landing the title in the second series. Vernestein will do the hitting for the Maroons today, while Hurd will serve them up for the Truxtons.

## KILBANE IN PHILLY READY FOR BATTLE

Philadelphia, July 16.—Johnny Kilbane, feather-weight champion of the world, who is matched to box Benny Leonard, the world's light-weight champion, at Shibe Park on the night of July 25, will arrive in Philadelphia Wednesday morning. Johnny will be accompanied by Mrs. Kilbane and the Kilbane baby. He will go at once to James Dougherty's place at Leiper Hills, where he will do his training.

It is Johnny's intention to lose no time. He will start training at once. The Cleveland boy is showing more interest in the coming battle than in any he has ever before engaged in. Kilbane wired Dougherty to provide plenty of facilities for rowing on the Delaware. Battling Nelson, who trained for his match with Terry McEgovern at Eslington, rowed every day to get his wind in condition.

Leonard will by no means be caught napping. Already he has begun training in New York under the direction of Billy Gibson, his manager, and George Engle, his trainer.

## REDS LOSE FAST GAME TO PHILLIES

Philadelphia, July 16.—Alexander Regan in a pitchers' battle today and the Phillies won from the Reds, 1 to 0. Score by innings:  
Cincinnati..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1  
Philadelphia..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0

## CUBS DROP GAME TO GIANTS, 4 TO 2

New York, July 16.—The Giants hit Vaughn hard today and won from the Cubs, 4 to 2. Tesreau was knocked out of the box in the seventh inning, but Benton saved the day. Score by innings:  
Chicago..... 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 0 0  
New York..... 1 2 1 0 0 0 0 2 4 10 0 0

## MINNESOTA GOLF TOURNEY

Minneapolis, Minn., July 16.—A large and high-class field appeared on the links of the White Bear Yacht Club today for the opening of the patriotic tournament of the Minnesota State Golf Association. The association has decided that no titles will be awarded and no prizes bestowed at the tournament. Money usually spent for prizes will be donated to the Red Cross. The opening day is to be given over to professional-amateur best-ball foursomes of 36 holes.



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## RED SOX ARE JOLTED BY ST. LOUIS BROWNS

St. Louis, July 16.—The Red Sox dropped from the lead again today when they lost to the Browns, 2 to 6. The score:  
Boston..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
St. Louis..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## JACK CURLEY IS REFUSED INJUNCTION AGAINST JEAS

New York, July 16.—Supreme Justice Hendrick today denied the application of Jack Curley for an injunction against Jeas Willard, heavy-weight champion. Curley wanted Willard enjoined from appearing with the champion's Wild West show until the expiration of Curley's contract with Willard in September. Justice Hendrick said Willard is responsible in an action at law for damages and there would be no profit to Curley in keeping the champion from earning additional money this summer.

## BRAVES TAKE TWO GAMES FROM PIRATES

Boston, July 16.—The Braves won two free-hitting games from the Pirates today, 8 to 7 and 7 to 2. Scores by innings:  
Pittsburgh..... 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Boston..... 2 0 0 0 1 1 2 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## WAR HURTS CRICKET.

Enthusiasts Still Have Bright Prospects for a Good Team.  
Dr. James S. Cannon, the "five-year" captain of the Washington Cricket Club, is much concerned regarding the formation of his team for the coming intercity games.

## ERRORS GIVE CARDS GAME OVER DODGERS

Brooklyn, July 16.—Errors by Pfeffer and Olson in the eighth inning today enabled the Cardinals to beat the Dodgers, 3 to 1. Score by innings:  
St. Louis..... 3 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 3 9 6  
Brooklyn..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 4  
Batteries—Meadows and Snyder; Pfeffer and Meyers. Umpires—Rigler and Kmslie.

## ANOTHER BOXER JOINS NAVY.

Detroit, July 16.—Sammy Taylor, light-weight boxer, well known in the Middle West and Pennsylvania, has enlisted in the navy. Sammy's real name is Grabowski.

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