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SEXTON INFORMS MINORS ECONOMY IS IMPERATIVE

Recommends All Superfluous Expenditures, Including Bonuses for Players, Be Eliminated—Gossip of Big Base Ball Conference at Buffalo.

BY JOHN B. FOSTER.
BUFFALO, N. Y., December 7.—This seems to be the open season for chastenings. Base ball has a new motto hanging on the parlor wall: "Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child." Commissioner of Base Ball Landis took down the birch and applied it to Babe Ruth.

President Sexton of the National Association removed his carpet slippers and massaged his organization into a fatherly, "It hurts me more than it hurts you, my son," and called it a day.

It was a brave thing to do, because here and there were offending clubs in the big circuit of which Mr. Sexton is executive, which felt each stroke which he laid on with such persistent emphasis. Not all may have agreed with all that he said, but the fellow who felt that the other fellow had done something wrong did agree with some part of it. So, taking it collectively, the president received an atmosphere of response all around.

The running story of the president's address to the men who had come so far to hear it had to do with economics. It was as if father had reached the point where he said to the whole party to understand that the high cost of living had reached another point over which he could not climb.

Wants Everything Trimmed.
Mr. Sexton wanted everything trimmed from fruit to sausages. All those frivolities—to him superfluous—such as taxicabs for players, bonuses for players, hotels with French menus for players, Pullmans for players and expense accounts to and from business for players, he said, would be better abolished than continued. He advocated ironclad agreements for limits of salaries for players and such things, and hinted at not helping out the major leagues by enacting rules that would be better to name the date of the millennium. Perhaps an official millennium is not to be announced until after a trial has been had of reforms.

In the final analysis it will be found that individual clubs in base ball will closely imitate individual owners. A team which cannot rise above eighth place is the greatest stickler for early proprietors and a team which can win a championship by the expenditure of a dollar a year will be the most popular and chase the pennant.

It may be very fitting to go back to the days in base ball when the players rode over to Jimville in the "caboose of the local freight, but if Jayville ever here of it the Jayville team will go to Jimville in tourist cars just to be different.

Proposes Pooling Receipts.
Julius Heinemann, all the way from New Orleans, thinks a lot of these vexations will be eliminated if some day the smaller leagues adopt his theory of mutual pooling of at least part of the receipts. He desires no mutuality in the race for the championship. That would be absurd, but as there are certain costs which are alike and which must be met by each club, it seems proper to him for the strong to help the weak, because the strong are dependent upon the weak, after all, to help maintain the circuit. Rather altruistic, but sincerely for the good of base ball in smaller cities.

Doak Roberts of Texas, a man who makes base ball grow where there are no fans, says his economy in handling the sleeping car question saved his league \$8,000. However, Texas has a hot climate and tourist sleepers are comfortable—at times.

President Sexton stated that the average price of a ball game in class A last year was \$1,222.22. An interesting statement which will tend to keep anybody from invading class A, and which demonstrates to the citizenry who patronize class A base ball that they are not getting a cheap and ordinary article. However, if they prefer to judge their base ball more by results than by first cost that is something else in which even the price is without significance.

President Larkin of the Hartford club boldly announced that he would buy and preserve his own ball players in the future.

President John Toole of the New

FRED STONE, COMEDIAN, SEEKS TO BUY RED SOX

BOSTON, December 7.—Fred Stone, the comedian, has offered Harry Frazee, owner of the Boston Red Sox, \$750,000 as a purchase price for the local American League base ball club. A conference regarding a sale will be held today, it was said. It was understood by base ball men here that Stone was renewing an offer made in New York city a week ago.

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SCHAEFER TOPS CONTI IN BILLIARD CONTEST

NEW YORK, December 7.—Jack Schaefer, world champion at 152 ball billiards, is in the lead over Roger Conti, French expert, in their 2,400-point match. The total score for Schaefer is 1,417, or a margin of 121 over Conti's 1,296.

GREB BATTERS KEISER IN AN 8-ROUND FIGHT

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 7.—Harry Greb of Pittsburgh defeated Fay Keiser, Baltimore, in an eight-round bout last night.

O'DOWD HELD TO DRAW IN BOUT WITH BOGASH

NEW YORK, December 7.—Mike O'Dowd, former world middleweight champion, and Lou Bogash of Bridgeport, Conn., fought twelve rounds to a draw last night.

WILLARD QUITS KANSAS TO LIVE IN CALIFORNIA

LAWRENCE, Kan., December 7.—Jess Willard, former heavyweight pugilistic champion, has sold his Lawrence home, including the furniture and livestock on the place. He will move to California.

Billiard Stars Are Here.

Edouard Horemans, Belgian, and Welker Cochran, one of the leading billiardists in America, are playing two 300-point 15.2 ball game matches at Sherman's today. They were scheduled to clash at 2:30 this afternoon and at 8:15 tonight.

Continue Cue Title Tourney.

Wheatley and Dickey will meet tonight at the Grand Central in the District billiard tourney. Last night Richmond defeated Parson, winner of the 1920 event, 100 to 87.

Cue Title to Appleby.

NEW YORK, December 7.—Edgar Appleby won the New York cue class A amateur 15.2 ball game championship by defeating Jacob Klinger in the final game of the tournament, 250 to 122.

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BARCNET, NOYES, McKEE, ALL OF MODERATE SIZE

ANNAPOLIS, December 7.—Few institutions can boast such an expert and versatile trio of athletes as the Naval Academy has in Stephen Barchet, a Marylander; Ira McKee, a Pennsylvanian, and Victor Noyes, who is from Vermont, nor in the whole history of the academy has one class afforded such a valuable and interesting group, for they all entered at the beginning of the last scholastic year.

All three, it will be noted, are easterners, and this is unusual in itself, as the majority of the best athletes at the Naval Academy come from the west. Furthermore, they are all youths of moderate size, weighing between 150 and 160 pounds, and all are backfield players on the foot ball eleven. While all play foot ball in the fall, in the sports of winter and spring they diverge.

Barchet is Leader Now.
Barchet, rated as one of the best running backs among the college teams this year, clearly stands at the head at present, his position being made more secure by the fact that he won the position of shortstop on the base ball nine last spring. McKee got a running start, winning a position as regular on the eleven and basket ball five in his first year, while Noyes, under certain handicaps, has not yet won the laurels of the others, but many believe that he will yet assume the leading position in the class.

After a stiff competition McKee obtained a place in the backfield of the naval team last year and started in the game against West Point. He was awarded the coveted "N-star" for his work in the game, and won it again when, after becoming the leading scorer of the basket ball team, he played in the winning game against the Army in that sport.

McKee was anxious to accomplish something never before attained by a first-year student—the winning of three "N-stars" in one year, this insignia being given only to those participating in a winning game against the Army. He tried to make a place on the nine, but did not show the ability in this line as in other sports and lost. However, the Navy nine did not win against the Army last year.

Barchet's star began to gain the ascendancy when he clinched the shortstop position on the nine, and reached the first magnitude when he

became the star back of the eleven and was conceded to be one of the best backfield players in the country. McKee and Noyes, though valuable substitutes, playing in portions of a number of games, were not rated as first-string players this season.

May Win More Laurels.
All three have started in some line of winter sports, and will take up another in the spring, so that they are likely to win more laurels during the present scholastic year, ending in June. McKee is hard at work with the basketballers, who will rely upon him more than ever this year. Noyes is working with the wrestlers, and Barchet, with a large number of the other foot ball men, will take up boxing, it being the belief of the academy officials that that sport has a particularly beneficial effect upon foot ball players.

In the spring, Barchet and McKee again will play base ball, while Noyes probably will join the track men, for he is very fast. All hope to do good work for the Navy A-ads, and win deserved distinction for themselves. McKee, particularly, is anxious to make good on the diamond and in other sports, and has three sports, something never so far accomplished by a midshipman. Inidentally all three of this group won it in the game just played against West Point.

These young men have had one full athletic season at the Naval Academy and two at foot ball. They have two full seasons and more than half of another before their prior to graduating from the institution. They have all made a wonderful start, and made it probable that they will go down in the athletic annals as the three most remarkable athletes one class has ever furnished the Naval Academy.

Cornell boasts four fully-equipped polo teams. Army officers instruct the candidates.

RIDERS IN SIX-DAY RACE ARE FAR BEHIND RECORD

NEW YORK, December 7.—Twelve teams were still bunched in the lead in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden at 8 a.m. today, the sixty-sixth hour. They had covered 1,934 miles and six laps. Two teams, Grenda-Pelloni and Bello-Gaffney, were a lap behind, and the Billard-Alavoine pair three laps to the rear.

Kaiser was leading on points. The record for this hour is 1,158 miles and five laps, made in 1915 by Anderson and Dupuy.

ICE RINK FOR PRINCETON.

Princeton will have an artificial covered ice rink of its own in the near future. The rink is the gift of an anonymous donor. The skating surface will be 200 by 85 feet. Princeton skaters always have been forced to practice in Philadelphia because of lack of ice at Princeton.



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