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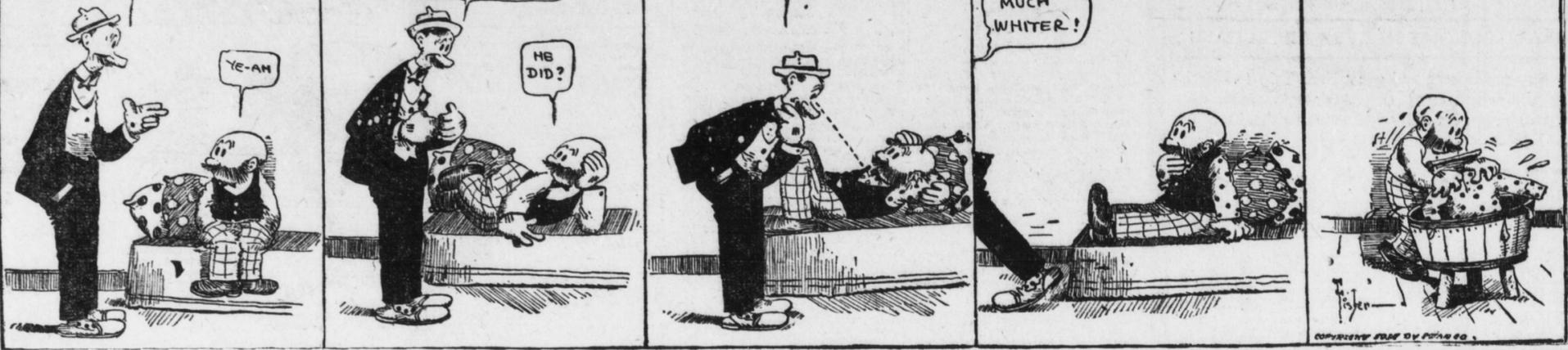
By "Bud" Fisher

SAY JEFF, YOU KNOW THAT BIG STIFF DOWN AT THE DUTCHMAN'S WHO'S ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HOW HE CAN FIGHT?

WELL, I JUST SAW A LITTLE GUY GO UP TO HIM AND THREATEN TO POKE HIM IN THE EYE AND THE BIG STIFF TURNED AS WHITE AS YOUR SHIRT.

YEP!

IN FACT, WHITER, MUCH WHITER!



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ANOTHER BIG STORM MAY BREAK TODAY

Cyclone Looked For When National Magnates Get Down to Business

By UMP Storms now beating about the Jersey coast and putting a crimp in business in general may be summer breezes in comparison with the storm that is likely to break over baseball headquarters in New York City today with the National, American and International Leagues allied against the Feds, a storm with cyclonic proportions is predicted. Early reports from the storm center indicate a fight to a finish. National League magnates as they lined up for battle to-day, gave notice that measures of a drastic character would be resorted to, in order "to prevent the Federal League from breaking up the game." In the opinion of Governor John K. Tener, head of the National League; Garry Herrmann, president of the National Commission, and Ban B. Johnson, head of the American League, the jumping of players to Federal ranks is a mere trifle. They say it is the efforts on the part of the Feds to undermine the foundations of the major leagues, through financial trickery that will be fought. Garry Herrmann yesterday said that Marquard's action, and the signing of Plank, Bender and Johnson by the Feds, is a matter between the clubs concerned and that thus far the jumpers have come from ranks where there were internal turmoils. "It is these conditions," says Garry Herrmann, "that will bring about a reorganization of all teams. The first business to be transacted after reports are presented will be the discussion of plans by which National League fortifications may be strengthened, and contract jumping stopped. The keynote for the National League battle, and plans, according to reports, will come with Governor Tener's annual report to-day. This document is anxiously awaited, and may furnish interesting reading for baseball fans."

"Pep" Young May Land Detroit Regular Job

Special to The Telegraph Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8.—"Pep" Young is the name of a second baseman whom the Detroit club obtained from the Pacific Coast League. Young, it is expected, will show well enough to get the regular job on the team. He is not a very young player, however, being 25 years old, but he did not break into the game until he was a shining star on the Harrisburg Tri-State team. A Western writer, in speaking of Young, says: "Young is 25 years old, stands five feet five inches and weighs 165. He broke into the game in 1911 with Harrisburg, Pa., had a trial with the New York Americans later and they sent him to Sacramento, where he spent the last two seasons, developing into a star this year. "At bat 'Pep' looks them over from either side of the plate, but is addicted to batting slumps. This fault can be forgiven him if he hits them the way he did the last five weeks of the Coast League season this year. Coming out of a slump and striking his stride suddenly five weeks before the season ended, Young batted for an average better than .600 in that time. A fellow able to turn a trick like this is entitled to slumps and can take them in Detroit, where little Vitt is on hand to break into the game at the back of the freckled hand."

J. FRANKLIN BAKER NEXT Will Jump to the Feds During the Next Two Weeks, Say Reports

Special to The Telegraph St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—J. Franklin Baker, one-time world's series fence buster, will leap from the Mackmen to the St. Louis Federals. He will take the jump some time within the next two weeks. Chief Bender, who signed a Federal League contract, will join Eddie Plank on Fielder Jones' team, if Jones wants him. St. Louis has an option on Bender. The St. Louis management is leaving all signing of players in Jones' hands. There will be a star a day jump from the ranks of organized ball to the Federals for at least the next two weeks. This was the gist of a statement last night by Phil Ball, of the St. Louis Federals. "We do not want a lawsuit over Baker," said Ball. "We don't want any more lawsuits than necessary, but have reason to believe, however, that we can get Baker without the chance of being beaten afterwards in the courts." Ball announced authoritatively that Baker and Connie Mack are on the outs, since Baker told Mack that he had been offered a place with the Federals and wanted a new contract and more money. "Plank," continued Ball, "was the first star to jump. Next day it was Johnson, Marquard followed and today it was Bender. This will continue each day for at least two weeks."

MANY BASEBALL FATALITIES Pitched Balls Killed Twenty of Thirty-five Players Last Season

Special to The Telegraph Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—Thirty-five deaths and 918 injuries were caused by baseball during 1914, according to figures made public Saturday. Of the players who died from injuries, twenty were hit by pitched balls, five were struck by bats, four were in collisions, four overexerted themselves, one was hurt sliding to a base and one was killed in a fight. Injuries to amateur players are classified as follows: Broken limbs, 314; concussion of brain, 18; fractured skulls, 12; paralysis, 4; sprains, 37; splined, 26; fractures, 17; dislocations, 7; torn ligaments, 10. Players hurt in the minor leagues number 116; American League, 69; National League, 6; Federal League, 56; college teams, 8.



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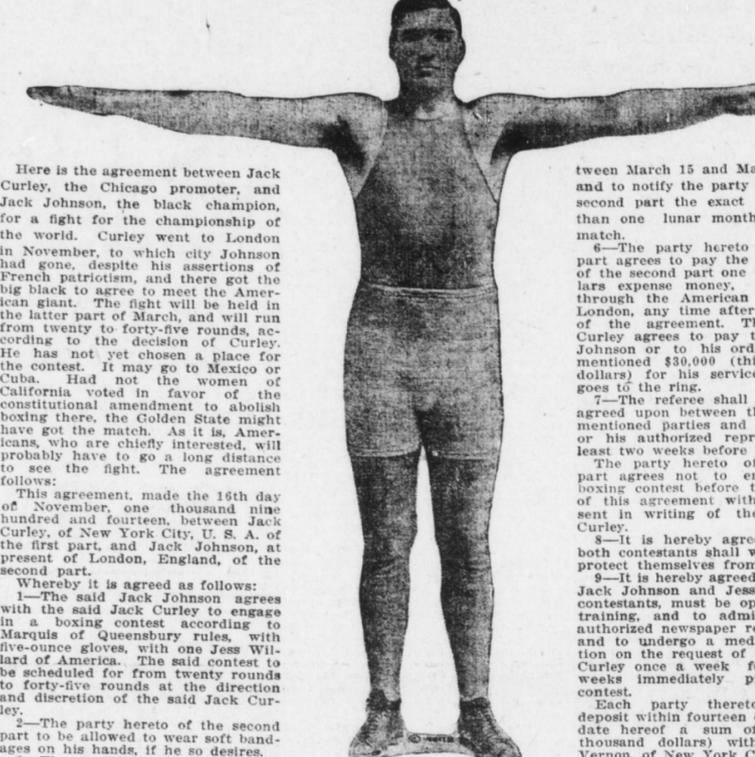
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JESS WILLARD, WHO WILL FIGHT JACK JOHNSON IN MARCH



Here is the agreement between Jack Curley, the Chicago promoter, and Jack Johnson, the black champion, for a fight for the championship of the world. Curley went to London in November, to which city Johnson had gone, despite his assertions of French patriotism, and there got the big black to agree to meet the American giant. The fight will be held in the latter part of March, and will run from twenty to forty-five rounds, according to the decision of Curley. He has not yet chosen a place for the contest. It may go to Mexico or Cuba. Had not the women of California voted in favor of the constitutional amendment to abolish boxing there, the Golden State might have got the match. As it is, Americans, who are chiefly interested, will probably have to go a long distance to see the fight. The agreement follows: This agreement, made the 15th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, between Jack Curley, of New York City, U. S. A. of the first part, and Jack Johnson, at present of London, England, of the second part.

Warner Signs His Contract To Coach For Three Years Pittsburgh Is Highly Elated Over Successful Deal With the Carlisle Man

Pittsburgh, Dec. 8.—The final detail in connection with the University of Pittsburgh and Glenn S. Warner was completed with the formal announcement last night by Graduate Manager Karl E. Davis, of Pitt, that Warner had signed a three-year contract to coach the Blue and Gold football team. This simple announcement is fraught with unusual import, not alone to the students, undergraduates and followers of the local university, but as well to all Pittsburghers who are interested in the upbuilding of the city's chief athletic representative.

EXCHANGE TO RESUME TRADING IN STOCKS

Special to The Telegraph New York, Dec. 8.—Governors of the Stock Exchange voted in a special meeting yesterday to resume trading in stocks on the Exchange next Saturday. The decision to renew operations met with the unanimous approval of the governors, who acted with assurance that bankers believed the financial situation so much improved that open dealings in stocks could be conducted without serious disturbance of the money and credit situation. At the close of the meeting a list of 150 stocks of the 565 issues on the board, in which business will be permitted under price restrictions to be decided upon on Friday, was made public. The vote of the governors bore out the statement of last Saturday that a plan of resumption of trading had been completed and approved by the Clearing House committee of the banks and would be placed before the board of governors on Monday. The inquiries at the Stock Exchange on Saturday brought from the Committee of Five the statement that plans to resume dealings in stocks on the floor of the Exchange had not yet been completed, and that no meeting of the board of governors had been called and none would be called until the plans were perfected.

CLOSE BILLIARD CONTESTS Matches in Class B of the local billiard tournament last night furnished plenty of excitement. Houtz won from Gant, score 100 to 89, and in a second match Houtz won from Kennedy, score 100 to 99. High runs were made by both contestants.

TO PRESENT "KENTUCKY BELLE" By Associated Press Dillsburg, Pa., Dec. 8.—The senior class of the Dillsburg high school will present a play, "Kentucky Belle," on Thursday night, December 17, in the Dillsburg Opera House.

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