

DIG LEAGUES LACK WAR QUEST;
MINORS GETTING NO PROTECTION

International League, Which Has Borne the Brunt of Battle Waged by Federals, Might Save Itself By Going Over to the "Outlaws;" Feds Are Likely to Leave Newark and Go Into New York.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—For years and years we have been reading about the enormous sum of money that was being gathered together by organized baseball as a "war fund." We believe firmly that O. B. had enough coin in the family locker to patch the lower regions a couple of miles, and that any time an enemy developed he would be defeated in his big time by the mighty jingle of money.

But now it seems that organized baseball hasn't any large common fighting fund. It seems that organized baseball hasn't even a small common fighting fund. It seems that all the money it has collected from world's series and the like went to settle the bills of the National commission. It is now claimed that the minor leagues took the most of it.

There is at present quite a war confronting O. B. but there is no money in the family treasury to prosecute the war, as we understand it—or at least no vast amount of money is being used in the prosecution of the war.

Organized baseball seems content to still sit back and let things rock along which is the same mistake that it made in the very beginning.

For years the little leagues have been contributing their money to organized ball for what was supposed to be protection, but when they needed the protection it was not forthcoming, and it does not seem to be forthcoming now.

Take the case of the International League for instance, one of the two leagues that has borne the brunt of the fighting for the past year. Several other cities in the east would have been glad to shelter the clubs driven out of their old homes by the encroachment of the Feds, but these cities were in territory belonging to still smaller leagues and these smaller leagues would have to be reimbursed.

The International league could not carry the burden of this reimbursement along with the rest of its load, and it looks as if organized baseball might have pitched in and helped out to its own ultimate profit.

By letting the International shift for itself, so to speak, it is only inviting still further encroachment from the Feds, and without material aid from organized ball the International could not be blamed if it went over to the Federals, horse, foot and gun, as a tributary to that organization.

Matter of Business. We have no profound interest in either organized baseball or the Feds, but as a matter of common sense it seems to us that the protection of the International, or any other invaded minor, would be good business for the big fellows.

Organized ball has no war fund, or no money that could be turned into a war fund, it would be easy enough to raise the money by a general assessment on the various clubs. The trouble seems to be that few of the organized magnates can see further ahead than their opening day. They are still complacent over the Feds, and expect to suffer a financial loss in their first year's business.

Costs Have Skyrocketed Teams. Had organized baseball recognized the Feds a year ago or even six months ago, organized baseball would have lost but little by that action. The Feds, of course, have clubs in Chicago and St. Louis where organized baseball has two teams each, but that matter could have been adjusted. Without doubt, the Feds would have been willing to shift those Chicago and St. Louis franchises to other western cities, if that had been included in the price of peace.

But organized baseball was bull headed—and light headed. It didn't recognize the danger even though the red lights showed. It chose to take a haughty and spoofing attitude toward the Feds, instead of fighting the Feds, it attempted to ignore them or to frighten them by issuing silly sounding statements. Instead of hitting the Feds, bankroll with bankroll organized baseball stood idly by and called the Feds "jokes" while the Feds were busily engaged in capturing organized baseball talent.

Can't Recognize Menace. Organized baseball leaders were too thick headed to recognize the Federal League menace when it first appeared. They confronted and instead of avoiding it, organized baseball ran into it, full speed ahead.

The only thing the Federal league asked was major league recognition, and organized baseball refused it. The American and National league magnates, rather than permit anyone else in their select company, slammed shut the doors. It has paid a huge price for its action.

Feds Gain in Power. The Feds have been gaining in power in practice and in the estimation of the public each day. Each day organized baseball is losing in power, prestige and public esteem. Every star that leaves organized baseball and goes to the Feds strengthens the major league claims of the Feds, and it makes organized baseball just that much weaker. The Feds have corralled over 100 organized players and they haven't ceased their raiding tactics.

The public for a long time exhibited only a passive interest in the Feds. It believed what some of the organized leaders said—that the Feds were jokes, that the league was a "fly-by-night" proposition and was sure to bust at any minute. But a great change has come in public sentiment in the last few months.

Feds Prove Permanency. The Feds, by completing the 1914 season, convinced the skeptics of their intended permanency in the baseball world. The Feds have convinced the public of the truth of their early assertion—that they have unlimited bankroll and that they intend to get every organized baseball star that money can induce.

The organized magnates, if you have noticed, no longer spoof the Feds; no longer do they try to assure you the Feds are just a laughing matter. They are awake to the peril now—very widely awake. But they have aroused from the coma a bit too late.

The Feds are here—and they are going to stay, and the public, won by the name, winning fight the Feds have made, respects for them to toast that Rip Van Winkle once drank. "May you live long—and may you prosper."

CAMPBELL HELPS MILLERS TO WIN

Globe Mills Five Is Now Within Three Games of Leading Weston Team; Cement Plant Defeats Laundry.

Bill Campbell is certainly a good luck charm to the Globe Mills team. When Bill rolls with the team the Millers always sweep all before them. But with him out of the game it is not so certain that they will come through with the victory. And this peculiar feature of the situation is that while he always rolls a very respectable game he seldom or never comes through with a sensational score. Monday night Campbell rolled with the Millers, and although he had the lowest score on his team the Millers took all four points from the leading Weston five. This victory put the Millers within three games of the Weston team, which is leading the league. In the other match of the night the Cement Plant took three out of four from the leading El Paso Laundry team, and thereby showed the latter further into the cellar.

Had the Laundry team another man like Cunningham they would have a splendid chance but, as it is, it appears as though they are out of the race. In this match Cunningham had high game for the night with 215, high total for the night with 825, and also scored a strikeout.

In the other match Campbell and Miller shared honors for high game with 135 each, while Fowler had high total with 335. In this match there was a very unusual number of three strikeouts. Fowler, Hooper and Campbell each getting one. Ray Nagle led down in this match, and it was partly due to his bowling that the Weston team was beaten. He got only a total of 124 for the three games. This gave him an average of barely 121 while he has consistently rolled above 170 throughout the season. Had Ward again rolled a nice game for the Globe Mills, getting a total of 206, despite five splits.

The scores Monday night and the standing of the teams to date are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Includes Globe Mills, Weston's Dairy Laundry, Sherman, R. A. Smith, Ray Smith, J. Cunningham, A. C. Higgins, J. Dummy, H. K. Dehring.

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LEWIS STRIKES OUT 18; IS SIGNED BY YANKS. New York, Feb. 15.—Paul Lewis, a 19 year old pitcher of Hoboken, N. J., has signed a contract with the New York Americans. It was announced Monday night. In an exhibition game against the Washington Americans last season he struck out 18 men.

TOUCHARD IS STAR PLAYER IN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP. New York, Feb. 15.—G. F. Touchard, the playing through holder of the national indoor tennis championship singles title, was the star performer Monday in the singles of the national indoor tournament at the courts of the 7th regiment armory. In the fourth round Touchard met M. Steinbacher, 6-1, 6-4. The old Cornell player could not fathom his opponent's swing shots.

NEVADA LEGALIZES RACING UNDER PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM. Carson City, Nev., Feb. 15.—The parliamentary bill amending the anti-gambling law so as to legalize the betting on horse racing under the parliamentary system, was passed by the assembly 28 to 12 Monday afternoon. It now goes to governor Boyle for signature.

MANDOT AND SUEGRUE SIGN. New Orleans, La., Feb. 15.—Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, and Joe Suegrue, of New York, lightweight, have been signed for a 20 round bout here March 22. It was announced Monday night.

SILK HAT HARRY DOESN'T GET THE POINT - BY TAD



RIFLE CLUB ELECTS ITS OFFICERS; HOLDS SHOOT

The annual meeting of the El Paso Rifle Club has been held and the following officers elected for 1915: President, Geo. Routledge; vice president, W. L. Pringle; secretary, W. A. Johnson; treasurer, F. M. Filler; executive officer, A. J. Carpenter. At the meeting the club decided to give two prizes every three months, the best five scores to count. These prizes will be open to everyone.

The first quarterly meet was held Sunday on the club range. There was a large crowd of spectators. The scores made were very high for the first shoot of the year, and considering the fact that all of the members have been using the scatter gun during the hunting season. Jim Paul had high score with 85. A. M. Neeney was second with 83 and George Routledge third with 81.

Table with 3 columns: Name, 200 yds, 300 yds, Total. Includes Jim Paul, A. M. Neeney, George Routledge, A. J. Carpenter, W. A. Johnson, E. J. Pennebaker, F. M. Filler, C. W. Lorenz, O. W. Pickering.

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Hipolito Villa, Brother of the General and Protector of the Big Fight at Juarez



In this photograph, taken just outside Juarez, Texas, are, from left, Tom Jones, manager of the fight; Hipolito Villa, brother of Gen. Villa, who just declared himself protector of the presidency of Mexico; and Carlos Juregui, the young man who became a Mexican hero by letting Gen. Villa out of jail some years ago. In his gratitude Gen. Villa made the young man a present of a quarter kilo of cocaine.

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