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MINOR LEAGUES OUGHT TO CLOSE GATES, SAYS BAN

Johnson Declares Baseball is in for Some Sweeping Reforms.

MANY PLAYERS OUT OF WORK

Have Promises of Salary on Which They Cannot Realize.

Chicago, March 24.—Baseball is in for an over-hauling such as it has never before experienced, if the suggestions of B. E. Johnson, president of the American league, are carried out. According to Mr. Johnson there is need of reform along both artistic and financial lines.

Included in the scheme for a "new deal" are the closing of the gates for the coming season of some fifty ball parks and the abolition of spring training trips. The padlocks would be distributed among five or six minor leagues, while the American and National leagues would be principally affected by the new system of training.

The apparent lack of interest in baseball in smaller towns is the reason for the first suggestion, and the needless expense, coupled with the chilly reception both at the gate and by the weather man at the southern training camps, is responsible for the second. Then the hippodrome features of the spring trips probably had considerable to do with it.

I. O. U. Instead of Real Money.

The policy of closing the gates of scores of minor league clubs has been brought home with added pressure the last few days through appeals to the national commission from ball players for back salaries. It seems that the majority of minor leagues failed to make both ends meet last year and the players at present are in possession of I. O. U.'s on which they have been unable to realize. Not being able to get any satisfaction from their employers, the players have flooded the commission with requests for money.

The supreme court of baseball has been unable to offer much encouragement and it was pointed out yesterday through Mr. Johnson that the worst it yet to come. Hundreds of players are likely to be out of a job the coming season, with no relief in sight regardless of whether certain clubs close their gates or not.

President Johnson pointed out that the National league will have to set a precedent if it allows the American league will discard almost as many. The larger minor leagues will cut their rosters to sixteen, seventeen and eighteen players for each

DRESS WARM AND KEEP FEET DRY

Tells Rheumatism Suffers to Take Salts and Get Rid of Uric Acid.

Rheumatism is no respecter of age, sex, color or rank. If not the most dangerous of human afflictions it is one of the most painful. Those subject to rheumatism should eat less meat, dress as warmly as possible, avoid any undue exposure and, above all, drink lots of pure water.

Rheumatism is caused by uric acid which is generated in the bowels and absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine; the pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly, cold weather the skin pores are closed, forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate this uric acid which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles, causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinge of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these impurities.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and is used with excellent results by thousands of folks who are subject to rheumatism. Here you have a pleasant, effervescent mineral water, drink which overcomes uric acid and is beneficial to your kidneys as well.—Adv.

WESTERN LEAGUE IS IN BAD WAY

Managers Waiting for Cast-offs from Big Show, and Few Come as Yet.

Denver, March 24.—Anything is likely to happen in Kansas, and the anything that happens will be bad for the Western league. Remembering the well known love of a baseball magnate for the sound of dollars dropping into the till, this may sound unreasonable, but nothing is reasonable in sizing up the Western league for the coming season. When it comes to trials and tribulations, Job had a bed of primrose as compared with the Western league. All he had was boils. The Western, of which Tip O'Neill is the head, with offices on Charley Commission's head in Chicago, is in a shabby of money in spots. These spots are mostly in Kansas, hence the suggestion of free baseball. It is contended that the Western league will start its schedule with all flags flying, but at the present time teams in the league have about four or five players and a few signed up. Everybody is waiting to grab the cast-offs from the AA and major leagues and few managers have much of an idea of what their team will look like when the season opens.

But getting back to free baseball—an attempt was made this winter to transfer the Topeka franchise to Colorado Springs. Miles of newspaper space was taken up negotiating the deal, but it fell through. John Savage, new owner at Topeka, then announced that the team would start on a per schedule. Chicago, however, made a proposition to the Commercial club of his town. He agreed that they would undertake to sell \$5,000 worth of stock in the club, and during the season, he would guarantee that the club would play out its schedule. Buck Ebricht, president of the Commercial club, said he would like to see the team play out its schedule. He would like to see the team play out its schedule. He would like to see the team play out its schedule.

MAGNATES DIFFER ON FULTZ' IDEA

Say Many Players Will be Out of Jobs, But Scoff at Arbitration.

Chicago, Ill., March 24.—Local baseball magnates agree with David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, that many players will be out of a job the coming season, but they are not a unit as to his scheme for a "new deal" for the sport, as pointed by the warring factions. Here are the opinions:

James A. Gilmore, president Federal League, Fultz' idea for a board of arbitration is all right. The differences between the leagues, if the right kind of men would get together, could be settled in a very short time. I should think organized baseball would welcome such a suggestion.

Charles H. Weeghman, president of the White Sox, has been for arbitration from the start. I never was in favor of court baseball and I think the idea of Fultz is a good one.

Charles H. Thomas, president of Chicago Cubs—sure, it is a good idea, but the trouble with it is that it comes too late. The Federal league has done all the damage it could to the game, and it is now up to the other leagues to let the best man win. It will have to be a finish fight now.

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FRIENDS IN NEED.

(Washington Post.)
A friend in need is one indeed.
The motto's old and true.
Some fade away
When they can say,
"I have no need of you."
Distance lends enchantment to cotton at 17 cents in Germany.
These are days of impending crisis.

WHITE SOX WILL TRAIN AT HOME

Duluth, Minn., March 24.—Candidates for the Duluth White Sox team will report here on April 20 for the preliminary training of the season. The rules passed by the club for the league this season forbid any spring training trips, and for that reason all of the training of all of the teams will be done at home.

O'Brien has a host of youngsters and the weeding out process will require time and patience. The workout will be done at Athletic park. Fans here will have a great opportunity to study the candidates for the team before the start of the season.

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NO ARBITRATION, SAYS CHIVINGTON

Glad Fargo Will Stick and Begins Work on Lining Up a Team.

Chicago, March 24.—Thomas M. Chivington, president of the American association, does not agree with David Fultz' plan of arbitration for settling the baseball war.

Fultz is taking from the players' viewpoint," said Chivington last night. "Unsettled business conditions, combined with the baseball war, have made it impossible for the country to adopt a policy of restriction on salaries and player limits have been cut, and I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that one-third of the players in the country will be without employment this season."

"All this is due in part to the stand taken by the players last year. With the Federal league as a club and with the fraternity to back them in many of their demands the men took liberties that cannot be allowed if the game is to prosper."

"Now the players realize they are much to blame for the present situation. The public has come to know that the best of its heroes are steeped deep in mud. Repeated jumping has disgusted the fans, for which the club owners must suffer. To protect themselves the owners must cut expenses as much as possible. All the leagues will be run on a basis of strict economy, and the economy will start with the paying of lower salaries and the reduction of the number of men carried."

KLING MAY MANAGE KANSAS CITY FEDS

Kansas City, Mo., March 24.—A report here says that John G. Kling, former world champion Cub catcher, has been selected to manage the Kansas City Packers in the event they are returned here by the court, which now seems certain. Kling is said to have signed for one year at a salary of \$10,000. Kling is a former manager of the club in place of George Stovall, who is in bad with the Federal backers here.

THREE VIRGINIA STARS SIGN UP

Virginia, Minn., March 24.—The contents of three of the last year's stars of the Virginia baseball team were received today by A. B. Coates and Ted Finch, owners of the local franchise. Bob Wright, one of the more radical proposition to the business organizations of his town. Conditions in the two Kansas towns are much the same, namely those who happen to go to a ball game get lost some up there in the stands all alone. Ebricht suggested that the business organizations of Wichita guarantee the team's expenses by subscription. Then, he said, he would throw the gates open and admit the public free to the games. That is the answer of free baseball in Kansas. Wichita may have it.

"Y" BASKETBALL LEAGUE CLOSING

It is not probable that the last game of the Y. M. C. A. Commercial Basketball league will be played this evening as scheduled, and the contest of last Wednesday will close the season. The Grand Forks Laundry company team has forfeited the game this evening, as has also the Ruettell quint. The Ontario and Red River Power, where the game was to be played, but as things look now there is only a remote possibility that the two will clash tonight in an effort to break the tie.

The season has been a most interesting one and the standard of playing has been of the highest. All of the teams were somewhat weak at the opening, but as the season progressed so that the last series was an exhibition of the fastest type of basketball.

The season has been the first commercial league series played for a number of years and was a success from every standpoint. With an outstanding Grand Forks Laundry company team that has been a credit to the association.

OUTLAWS ON GOOD TERMS WITH RIVALS

Shreveport, La., March 24.—If Gartry Hermann, Ban Johnson and John K. Tener had been in Shreveport yesterday they would have been compelled to believe that peace had been declared between the Federal league and organized ball. They would have seen one of their teams mingling on the same practice field and using the same shower bath and rubbing table as was used by the "outlaws."

Shreveport has a club in the Texas league managed by Lee Garvin. It has new grounds, and work that was being done at its place put the field out of commission. Garvin led his players out to the fair grounds at noon time, where the Chicago Federal club has its quarters, and immediately Garvin squad was invited to help itself to the field and baths.

Garvin's advantage of the hospitality and gave his boys a hot breakfast while the Federals were having their sandwiches and coffee in the club house at the noon hour. After the workout the lotus took the shower bath, and some of them were given rub-downs by Trainer Brady of the Chicago club.

Garvin went so far as to take part in the daily game of hearts held in the club house after lunch.

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