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BALL FANS WOULD NOT STAND BOOST

Increase in Admission Price Probably Would Result in Boycott.

The baseball magnates would go into bankruptcy in a month if they attempted to put into force the \$2 admission price that Joe Lannin, owner of the Red Sox, predicted in case the baseball was continued.

A \$2 admission price would be equivalent to a holdup. The fans wouldn't stand for it—not for a single day. The magnates right now tax the fans a mighty stiff price, and any attempt to boost it would mean a boycott of the ball parks.

Lannin, if quoted correctly, seems to have the idea that the fans ought to be forced to pay the cost of the war that is the result of the magnates only. Such an idea is absurd in the extreme.

If the organized baseball magnates are suffering such heavy losses because of this warfare, it's about time for them to make peace—and make it in a hurry. Just because they are too bullishheaded to patch up the truce with the Feds is no reason why the fans should suffer and the fans won't.

The scale of prices at the big league parks, if changed at all, should be downward. The usual range of prices is from 50 cents to \$1.25. Some of those 50-cent seats are not worth the price. They are too far removed from the central scene of action.

Some years ago most of the parks in the country had from 3,000 to 7,000 25-cent seats. But the magnates in recent years became greedy. They increased the 25-cent area to the lowest possible minimum and now are selling many of the old-time 25-cent seats for double the former price.

A revolution will come some day in baseball, and when it does the admission prices to the big league parks will be decreased. The \$1 and \$1.25 seats will be a thing of the past. The best seats will be had for 50 or 75 cents, and there will be thousands of 25-cent seats where there are only hundreds now.

The reduction will come when the magnates get together and decide to pay a ball player in proportion to his worth—about \$2,000 a year for the finest stars, and from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for ordinary ball players who now are drawing down war time salaries that range from \$3,000 to \$8,000 a year.

Walter Johnson, who probably could not earn more than \$1,800 or \$2,000 in 12 months' work at eight hours a day at any other occupation, gets from \$12,500 to \$15,000 for working about 80 hours—10 full working days—in a year. And the "work" that he does is health giving work, and the kind of "work" that is paid for the rank and file of civilians.

WILLIAMS PRAISES CHICAGO WHALES

Chicago, Ill., March 27.—"We have a much stronger team this year than last," said Charlie Williams, secretary of the Whales, who returned from Shreveport. "I don't see how Manager Finke can let any one go, but I suppose he will have to do it some day."

Among those who looked particularly good to Williams were Ashenfelter, Beard, Kavanaugh and Hanford. Mordecai Brown, he said, is a great addition and he should be a great help to the team.

"Ashenfelter uses a delivery very much like Slim Sallee," said Williams, "and he is as effective. Kavanaugh's knee is all right this year and he has been hitting and fielding like a whirlwind."

Manager Stovall of the Newark team, which is training at Marshall, Texas, came up with Williams part of the way. Stovall continued east and will find out where he stands. He is not anxious to return to Kansas City as manager, according to Williams, and would much rather stay in the east. If he should continue as manager of the Newark team he will insist that Kauf and Falkenberg remain with the club.

Williams had been called north in order to doctor up the playing schedule, which was shot to pieces when Indianapolis was transferred. He, however, does not expect to go east, and the secretary thought last night that a schedule would probably be adopted today.

YESTERDAY'S BOWLING.

The Nationals won three games from the Nationals in the bowling of the City league. The score:

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. Includes Arcadians, Porter, Bratland, Heen, Fannell, Hanson, Totals.

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Y. M. C. A. League. Team B won two out of three games from Team C in the bowling of the Y. M. C. A. league. The score:

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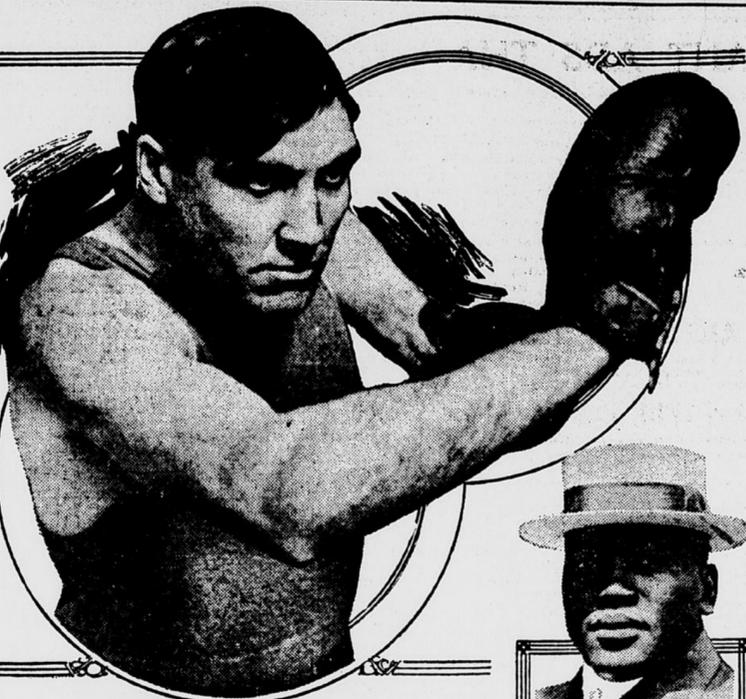
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JACK JOHNSON SEEMS SCARED AS DAY OF FIGHT APPROACHES



Jess Willard and Jack Johnson.

As the day of the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard fight approaches, the colored holder of the heavyweight belt seems to be considerably worried. The betting, however, is almost two to one in his favor. He is training hard at Havana. The people of the Cuban capital are most unfavorable to Johnson, and it will be a Willard crowd that will witness the big battle next month.

JOHNSON-WILLARD BOUT POSTPONED TILL MONDAY, APRIL 5

Havana, March 27.—The fight between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard, which has been scheduled for Sunday, April 4, for the heavyweight championship, has been postponed until Monday, April 5.

"CURLEY" SMILES WAS HERE TODAY

"Curley" Smiles, who plays the mat game for a living, was in Grand Forks this morning enroute to Minot, where Wednesday night he tackles Goldsmith in a finish match. Friday night he will meet "Kid" Burke in Grafton.

"Curley" Smiles endeavored to arrange a match this city, but he could not find the promoters.

BOWLING BATTLE AT BROOKS TONIGHT

There will be an extraordinary bowling contest on the Brooks alleys tonight, the first of a series between two teams of Fargo and Grand Forks that will be for a purse of \$100 and the expenses of the trips between the two cities for the men. John Clark, manager of the Brooks alleys, and Myron Bacon will constitute the Grand Forks team, and Keleher and Ritchell, or the former and Johnson, will make up the Fargo pair.

The last named bowler is the man who rolled up the perfect score in the tournament held in Fargo. The other two are considered to be the high average pin pickers in the southern city.

Ten games are to be rolled on one Grand alleys and ten in Fargo, the total number of pins to decide the winners of the money. There are a number of bowling fans in this city who are ready to back the local team, and the matches are stirring up considerable interest here.

Clark is probably the steadiest bowler in the city, while Bacon has an unenviably high score to his credit, and comes as near the limit of the number of pins as can be secured often.

BADGER TOWNS TO LOSE FIGHT CLUBS

Madison, Wis., March 27.—The Wisconsin boxing commission law will be amended so as not to apply to cities of less than 10,000 population and so as to limit the number of shows that any club may give during the year. This agreement was reached after a spirited debate in which representatives of the City of Hudson and supporters of the law had some hot words.

Representatives of the City of Hudson said that their little town was prohibited to the base instincts of the sports of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and that the worst elements of those cities, numbering from 6,000 to 7,000 people, came to Hudson for every boxing exhibition and held disgraceful revels. The two policemen of Hudson were utterly helpless to keep order and restrain the turbulent crowds during the nights of fights.

Finally Assemblyman A. J. Hodding of Milwaukee, author of the boxing law, offered to compromise by amending the law so that should apply only to cities of 10,000 population or more. This was satisfactorily to the representatives of Hudson. The only two cities of 10,000 population in the northwestern part of Wisconsin are Eau Claire and Superior, which are too far away to attract much of a crowd from St. Paul and Minneapolis.

PHYSICIAN DENIES TRANSPORTING GIRL. Chicago, March 27.—Dr. Louis B. Winberg of Ligonier, Indiana, who was placed on trial here yesterday on charges of violating the Mann act, today denied under oath all material allegations made against him by the government's witnesses. The indictment charged that he transported Grace Belle Locher from Ligonier to Kalamazoo, Mich., and thence to Chicago.

LONGSHOREMEN AT TACOMA RIOT. Tacoma, Wash., March 27.—Three hundred striking longshoremen, strike breakers and sympathizers, engaged in a riot on the principal business streets here last night. Several shots were fired, but so far as known no one was wounded by the bullets. Two men were cut with razors and many were badly beaten. The police used tear gas sticks freely and arrested a score of men.

The riot was instigated, the police said, by the animosity of strike sympathizers against 50 non-union longshoremen who worked during the day on a Japanese liner.

CONNOLLY SELF MAKE BALL STAR

Boston Braves' Outfielder Has Had Remarkable Career.

Outfielder Joe Connolly, the best batter on the Boston Braves, does not owe his big league career to any man but himself.

Joe is a self-made outfielder and hitter if there ever was one. He became an outfielder and a big leaguer by disregarding all the advice others tried to hand him.

Connolly used to be a pitcher. He was with the Zanesville Central league club in 1909 and 1910. He used a jerky motion that caused the Central leaguers to dub him "old hickory jerky." Joe's motion combined with a fine assortment of speed and curves made him a crackerjack hurler in that company.

But the scouts refused to see him "He's a good pitcher, but he isn't big enough for the majors," was the verdict.

Joe was determined to become a big leaguer, and if he couldn't go in as a pitcher he would rise as an infielder or outfielder. He returned to Zanesville in 1911 determined to play the outfield or nothing.

When Raddy, manager of the team, thought different he wanted Connolly to pitch and refused to play him in the garden except in a pinch. Connolly finally delivered an ultimatum to Raddy and won a fast runner for the outfield trade to some club that will, Connolly told his boss. He went to Terre Haute in a trade.

Connolly looked a right in his first few games in the Terre Haute outfield. He misjudged flies and booted grounders like a rank amateur. But he kept trying. He always had been a good hitter and a fast runner for a pitcher. Playing regularly improved his hitting and running, and he wound up the season as a champion batsman of the league, with a mark of .335 in ninety-seven games.

The Cubs bought him, but farmed him out to Montreal in 1912. He batted .316 in the international league in 127 games.

Washington landed him in the draft. Clark Griffith had no room for him, and Boston claimed him on a trade. In 1913 he hit .281 in 134 games for the Braves, and last year was the only man on Stallings' team batting over .300.

DILLON TO TRAIN IN ST. PAUL GYM

Minneapolis, Minn., March 27.—Jack Dillon of Indianapolis, who is to meet Fighting Billy Murray, the Minneapolis and former coast battler, at Hudson on April 6, wired Mike Collins, the St. Croix promoter, today that he would leave Indianapolis in time to arrive in St. Paul next Tuesday night.

With an eye on a fast runner for St. Paul until the day before the fight, Murray is training in Minneapolis and is already in good shape as he is going to Massachusetts to do their spring training. Massachusetts, and not being in what you would expect, has been used previously as a spring training ground.

Maybe that's why Patsy Donovan, new Bison manager, decided to try out Brockton, Mass., as a spring camp.

Providence, Mass., where the Bisons will probably open their regular season, is only a few miles from Brockton, so that the Bisons certainly will be accommodated when the first game is called.

SWEETHEART OF YOUTH IS MASKED. Minneapolis, March 27.—A little woman who held a baby in her arms, told in district court before Judge Nye today how she met a sweetheart of her school days. He had been just a pleasant, good natured boy in those days, she said. Then they had drifted apart.

When she met him again it was in the dead of night. With a black mask pulled over his face she saw him standing in her room with a loaded revolver in his hand.

The woman was Mrs. Marie Foubert, 214 Twenty-sixth street, East. The school day sweetheart was George Bushbaum, on trial charged with burglary in the first degree.

LUCKIEST PLAYER LOOKING FOR JOB



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DARBY O'BRIEN REAL OPTIMIST

Orator Declares He'll Have a Better Team Than Last Year.

Duluth, Minn., March 27.—Losses aggregating the lopping off of the string section from the Brackets, Edmunds, Ezell, Withers, Bond, Cunningham and that quintessence of pep, James Edmond Collins, seem not in the least to dim the hopes or expectations of Darby Patrick Thomas O'Brien.

"I'll have a better team than last season," says the Orator. Will he? "I have all the ball players in the world on my list. I have a lot of youngsters that will make good this season." The Dook will have to have some promising material to fill the shoes of Brackett, Bond, Collins, Cunningham, Ezell and Blanche.

These boys were some players for a class C league—some players indeed. One of the tragic aftermaths of winning a pennant in the sticks is the drain the accomplishing of such a feat brings down on the playing strength of a club.

A pennant winning team in the bushes generally has some rising stars, and the big league scouts, ever on the scurrying search for talent that may be hiding under a bushel, are quick to seize upon these players.

True it is that Herr Blume realized the situation in the case of the team of the church of Massa d'Alba after it was destroyed by the earthquake in January and disclosed also that the parish priest was slain, and that by his brother, according to advices from Avezzano.

When the ruins of the church were explored after the disaster, it was found that a noted byzantine triptych executed in ivory, used as an altar piece, as well as other religious objects, were missing. Their value was fixed at a large sum.

The police now claim to have learned that when part of the church was wrecked the priest was buried with the art in a crypt in a section of the building which remained standing because its massive walls were part of an old fort built on solid rock.

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Cartoon titled 'MONNIKERS OF FAMOUS FIGHTERS—Do You Know George Chipulonis?' by Ripley. Shows a man named George Chipulonis being teased by others with nicknames like 'HASH', 'FAME WITH A PUNCH', and 'COWBOY DAYS'.

Advertisement for 'GEO. CHIP.' featuring a large portrait of George Chipulonis and text describing his boxing career and manager.

Advertisement for 'Don Densmore' featuring a portrait of the horse and text describing his racing record and breeding information.