

News of the Sport World

SAD AFFAIR GOES TO THE SENATORS

Blue Hose Play Listless Ball, Dropping Final Game, 4 to 2.

LELIVELT IN GREAT FORM

Allows But One Hit After First Two Innings—Bugs Uninterested.

THREE LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
Quincy	44	36	.550
Dubuque	43	37	.535
Davenport	39	37	.513
Bloomington	40	38	.513
Danville	40	39	.506
Springfield	41	41	.500
Decatur	38	43	.469
Peoria	34	45	.430

GAMES TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Davenport at Decatur.
Dubuque at Springfield.
Peoria at Danville.
Quincy at Bloomington.

BY PAUL BRUNER.

The weary Pretzels dragged through nine uninteresting frames at the Davenport ball park yesterday afternoon, allowing the Watchmakers to trample them underfoot without the sign of a protest, a perfunctory glance in the direction of the score board at the conclusion of the rites and ceremonies, revealing the information that the final count was 4 to 2. (Business of yawning). To state that the performance was absolutely devoid of thrills would be putting it mildly. More real excitement and all round entertainment could have been secured by watching a squad of nonagenarians pitching pennies for a crack on the back door step of the poor house. Honest.

VERY DEAD.

Some 200 faithful mourners filed soberly into the enclosure about 3:30 p. m., and seating themselves wearily on the hard boards, assumed a resigned expression and waited for bad news, which came shortly. Aside from the occasional crack of a bat, the thud of the catcher's mitt and the noisy chatter of Big Bill Ludwig it was as silent as the tombs. A gloomy and lugubrious pall seemed to hover over the field. One could almost smell the tube roses and hear the choir chanting—"Abide With Me". The fans refused to loosen up, and friends, when your 33d degree bug does not even take the trouble to refer to the opposition as yeggs and porch climbers, it is a safe bet that there is a loose nut in the machinery. Not once during the matinee did a bleacherette even take sufficient interest to call the umpire a robber, all of which clinches the fact that the soiree resembled a meeting of the humane society at Alexis, Ill.

NIX ON COME-BACK.

Big Bill Lelivelt winged them over in behalf of Springfield, and the Sox had about as much chance of denting him consistently as a bloated plutocrat has of coping a grand stand reservation in the kingdom of heaven. True they got into him for a quartet of blows and half as many bread winners in the first two stanzas, but during the remainder of the afternoon, but one lonesome bingle was tangled footed by the lads who adorn their shin with the navy blue stockings. Cornelius Kockalovich Cooper, who hails from the malaria infested climes of the sunny south, attempted to assume the "come-back" role, after his terrific beating of the previous day, and succeeded just about as well as did the illustrious false alarm, James J. Jeffries, in his memorable set-to with Jack Johnson. The entire affair was disposed of in automaton fashion, with the Sox trailing the caboose all the way.

VISITORS SCORE FIRST.

Donnelly's gang became greedy right at the top of the gong, accumulating two runs. Lofton waived the singing of the opening ode and instead hammered the pill to the southwest dandelion bed for a single. Wheeler obliged with a neat sacrifice, which promoted the party of the first part to the keynote castle. Wakefield tapped to Cooper. Boss O'Leary yelled—"Throw it to first!" loud enough to be heard in Milan, Ill., and acting on the suggestion Cooper heaved the pill to THIRD base, or rather, attempted to do so. The toss was erratic and everybody was safe. With but two members of the opposition on the sacks, Cooper felt lonesome. Wakefield pilfered the keystone, but there was still a vacancy at No. 1. Being of an extremely hospitable nature, Con threw four balls to Clayton, inviting him to get into the big ring and join the party.

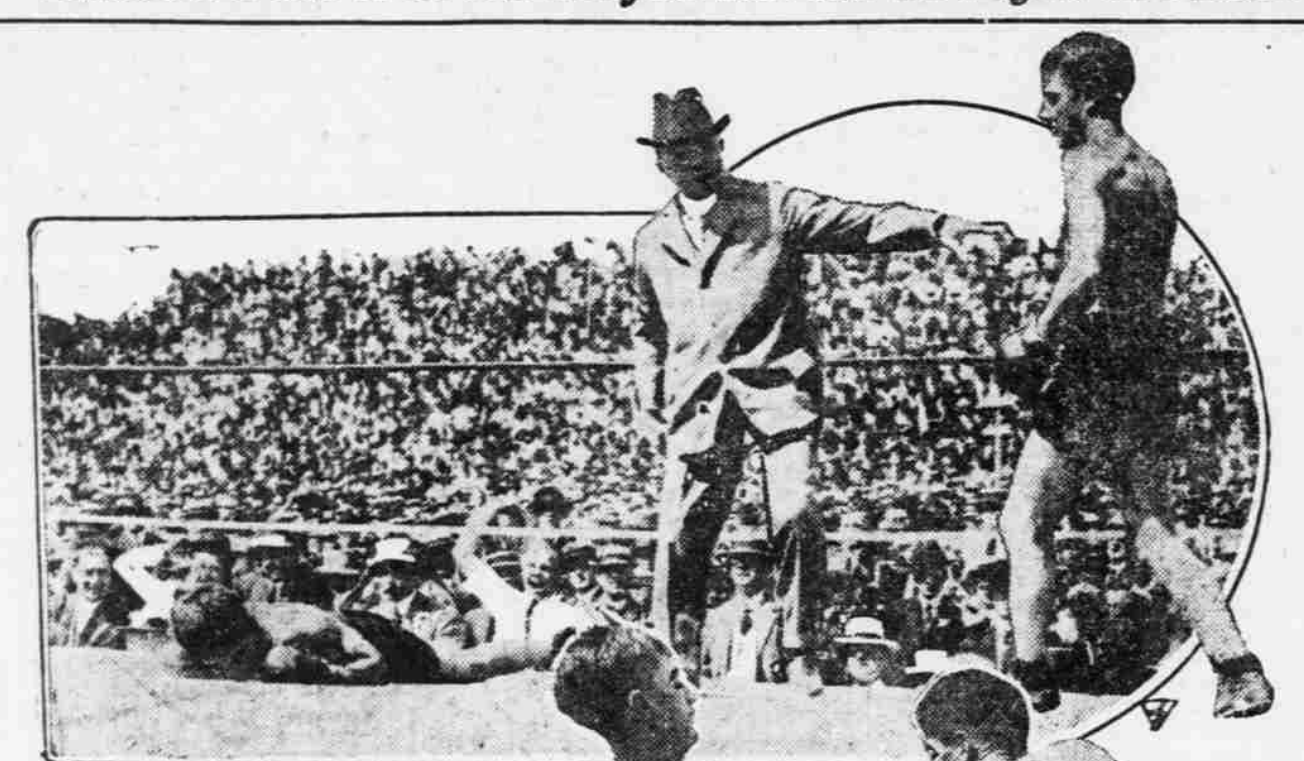
DELAWE A JINK.

Mr. Delawe of the brawny sun-burned arms and the erratic temperament, next flashed into view with a vicious one-base drive to the left field fence, which drove Lofton and Wakefield over the platter and sent Clayton to second. Ludwig also singled, hitting the sacks. Cooper then decided that his record was in danger of becoming tarnished, and whiffed. Baird and Burgwald, retiring the side.

SOX TIE IT.

Two blows failed to produce results.

Pictures Snapped at the Ringside When Champion Ritchie Puts it Over on Joe Rivers in Fight at Frisco



The upper picture shows Referee Eddie Grady declaring Champion Ritchie the winner of the fight with Joe Rivers at San Francisco on July 4. In the lower picture is seen an interesting mixup in their encounter.

for the Sox in their half of the first, but after the visitors had been retired, one-two-three in the second inning, the indigo gang copied their only tallies of the day, two in number. Mike Neer accepted free transportation and advanced a notch on Peter's grounder. Mike took third when Cooper grounded out along the first base line. Coca Cola Reed, alias Mike Deolan, then took his position on the fringe line and tore off a beautiful drive to right, scoring our sterling first sacker. The southerner then stole second after which Eddie Carrigan ambled to first, his alibi being a base on balls. Jesse Becker, the California boy, borrowed Pat Flaherty's black bugdon and drove a liner safely into center, counting Reed. Bromwich died, Baird to Wakefield. That, kind friends, concludes Davenport's scoring for the day.

HERE'S THE REST.

Donnelly & company registered one in the fourth on singles by Burgwald and Lelivelt, a walk, and Wheeler's sacrifice fly. The ultimate helping came in the seventh. Lofton singled. Wheeler popped out. Wakefield singled. Clayton, next up, drove a grounder to Reed, who tossed to second in plenty of time to complete a double play. Otto glommed the pill all right, but his throw to first was about 23 feet away from Mike Neer, and Lofton scored. Delave concluded the inning with a rainbow to Becker. The score:

Davenport.	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.E.
Reed, ss	4	1	1	5	0
Carrigan, lf	2	0	2	0	0
Becker, cf	4	0	3	4	0
Bromwich, 3b	4	0	0	1	0
Flaherty, rf	4	0	1	1	0
Koepping, 2b	4	0	0	3	1
Neer, 1b	3	1	0	7	2
Peters, c	4	0	0	8	0
Cooper, p	3	0	0	1	1
Totals	32	2	5	27	12

Springfield.	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.E.
Lofton, lf	4	2	2	3	0
Wheeler, 2b	3	0	0	1	2
Wakefield, 1b	5	1	1	14	1
Clayton, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Delave, cf	4	0	2	1	0
Ludwig, c	4	0	1	5	3
Baird, 3b	4	0	1	1	2
Burgwald, ss	4	1	1	1	3
Lelivelt, p	3	0	1	1	2
Totals	34	4	9	27	13

Score by Innings.

Davenport.....0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—2
Springfield.....2 0 0 1 0 0 1 0—4

Hits by Innings.

Davenport.....2 2 0 0 0 0 1 0—5
Springfield.....3 0 1 2 0 2 1 0—9

Summary: Stolen bases—Reed.

Wheeler. Sacrifice fly—Wheeler.

Three base hit—Baird. Left on bases—Davenport, 6; Springfield, 7. Bases on balls—Off Cooper, 3; off Lelivelt, 3. Struck out—By Cooper, 5; by Lelivelt, 6. Double play—Bromwich to Neer to Peters. Time of game—1:47. Umpires—Sullivan and Knapp.

STRAY ECHOES.

Well, good bye boys. Better luck on the road.

Zeke Ferrias, the big right hander, who joined the club in the early part of June, has been released outright by Manager O'Leary, and consequently it was "farewell" around the depot last night. Ferrias got along well at first, but of late has not been going good at all. His first game was against Peoria on June 6, and at that time he held the Distillers to five bingles, winning 7 to 2. Since that, however, he has not shown much, and of late he has been unable to finish. Zeke is a clean-cut athlete, genial and decidedly likable. His departure is regretted. Here's wishing him the best of luck. Louis Kolls, the Rock Island semi-pro, was not taken with the team on the road. Louie has been working out with the Pretzels during the present series, and took the slab for a couple of innings against Decatur on July 8, but did not show

extra well. He had not signed a Davenport contract. Becker was the hitting kid with three singles out of four times up. Reed and Flaherty were the only other men who were able to connect safely with Lelivelt's offerings. Lelivelt has developed a spitter since last seen in these parts, which is some time ago. His moist ball is a pipkin. Yesterday was the first chance that the bugs were afforded to see the big boy in action this season. The Sox have not done so awfully rotten at that. Out of 11 games played in the last home stand, they have won six and lost five. They took three straight from Dubuque, then dropped two out of three to Decatur and wound up by dropping three out of five to the Senators. Baird grabbed a three bagger yesterday, but it availed him naught. After one he died, the cotton-topped third stationer walloped the pill clean to the center field fence. Burgwald, next up, grounded to Bromwich who winced to first for the out. Baird tried to score on the play, but was nailed at the platter. Lofton proved the fielding hero of the day on his catch of Flaherty's drive in the sixth. Lofton was playing well toward center when Pat hoisted one. The Senator gardener made a sensational run, spearing the ball clear over on the left field foul line. Yesterday was an open date in the Three 1, no games being scheduled. The Sox-Springfield affair was the only one pulled on the circuit. And now for a little rest during these warm afternoons.

Interstate Continues.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 15.—For the present the Interstate league will continue under its present name as a four club circuit, with Erie, Wheeling, Akron and Youngstown as its members. Players of the Steubenville, Columbus, Janesville and Canton clubs were paid up to July 15, inclusive, and some of them were turned over to the clubs still remaining in the organization.

Tinker's Wife Ill.

New York, July 15.—Manager Joe Tinker of the Cincinnati Reds played yesterday under a severe strain as he was notified prior to the game that his wife, who is ill in Chicago, is much worse. Tinker, the shortstop, may be called upon to give his blood in a transfusion operation. Tinker is awaiting a definite summons before leaving for Chicago.

Detroit Recall Bauman.

Detroit, Mich., July 15.—Hugh Jennings has recalled Third Baseman Bauman from Providence and expects to use him regularly with the Tigers.

Chance Buys Pitcher Cooney.

Helena, Mont., July 15.—Manager Shea of the Helena club of the Union association yesterday announced the sale of Pitcher John Cooney to the New York Americans.

Land Goes Back.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 15.—The Cleveland American league club yesterday released Catcher Grover Land to the Toledo American association team.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	52	24	.684
Philadelphia	48	30	.589
Chicago	42	38	.525
Pittsburgh	39	39	.500
Brooklyn	36	38	.486
Boston	34	43	.442
St. Louis	32	47	.405
Cincinnati	31	50	.383

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	57	23	.713
Cleveland	50	33	.602
Chicago	46	39	.541
Washington	46	37	.553
Boston	39	40	.494
Detroit	35	53	.398
St. Louis	35	53	.398
New York	24	54	.308

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Milwaukee	56	25	.615
Columbus	48	36	.571
Louisville	50	38	.568
Minneapolis	45	41	.523
Kansas City	45	44	.506
St. Paul	37	48	.435
Toledo	37	52	.416
Indianapolis	30	54	.357

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

THREE LEAGUE.
Springfield, 4; Davenport, 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Chicago, 8; Boston, 0.
Cleveland, 3; Washington, 4.
St. Louis, 11; New York, 1.
Detroit, 9; Philadelphia, 8.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Brooklyn, 9; Chicago, 2.
Boston, 2; Pittsburgh, 1.
New York, 5; Cincinnati, 3.
Philadelphia, 2; St. Louis, 1.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

St. Paul, 1; Louisville, 2.
Minneapolis, 2; Toledo, 1.
Milwaukee, 2; Indianapolis, 1.
Kansas City, 5; Columbus, 8.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Memphis, 5; Nashville, 4.
Mobile, 0; Chattanooga, 1.
New Orleans, 3; Birmingham, 5.
Montgomery, 7; Atlanta, 13 (six innings, rain).

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Wichita, 4; Sioux City, 5.
Lincoln, 2; Des Moines, 4.
Topeka, 5; Omaha, 8.
Denver-St. Joseph, postponed (St. Joseph failed to arrive).

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Dayton, 1; Fort Wayne, 0.
Evansville, 3; Grand Rapids, 7.
Springfield-Terre Haute, wet ground.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

Pittsburgh, 0; Chicago, 1.
Indianapolis, 4; Cleveland, 5 (13 innings).

KANSAS CITY, 5; ST. LOUIS, 3.

WISCONSIN-ILLINOIS LEAGUE.

Appleton, 1; Fond du Lac, 4.
Green Bay, 4; Madison, 5.
Wausau, 0; Rockford, 4.

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Keokuk, 7; Cedar Rapids, 5.
Burlington, 14; Waterloo, 2.
Muscatine, 1; Kewanee, 3.
Ottumwa, 3; Monmouth, 4.

BALL PLAYERS ARE SLAVES; HOFMAN

Former Cub Outfielder Sues Club for \$3,000, Alleging Breach of Contract.

SAYS MEN ARE CHATTELS

Declares System of Peonage Exists and Men Can Be Kept Out of Jobs.

The regular professional baseball contract—the link which welds together the great chain of organized baseball—is to be tested in the courts.

Arthur F. ("Artie") Hofman, former outfielder and utility man of the Chicago National league baseball team, yesterday through his attorney, Roy D. Keehn, filed suit against the club for \$3,000 which he claims is due him as back pay through failure of the club management to notify him of the termination of his contract.

Hofman's suit is an attack on the validity of the regular baseball contract in that he charges a system of practical peonage, by which the player is handled as a chattel. Through this system, according to Hofman's suit, baseball players may be "blacklisted" and kept from earning a living at their profession unless in perfect accord with the club owners.

CALLS AGREEMENT IRONCLAD. The system, Hofman alleges, holds its strength through the ironclad agreement existing between each and every club owner in the National, American and other leagues operating under the "national agreement."

An example of the peonage charged by Hofman was pointed out by Attorney Keehn. The case was that of Larry Chappelle, stellar outfielder of the Milwaukee American association club.

"Mrs. Agnes Havenr owns the Milwaukee club," said Mr. Keehn. "She decided to sell Chappelle and went about it in much the same manner as a farmer about to sell a prize steer. She advertised among other baseball club owners for bids for her prize."

"The bids were opened today. It is said, however, that the bid of Owner Comiskey of the White Sox has been of such size as to practically end all other negotiations. But the player—a thoroughly human man—is to be sold, just as negroes were sold before the Civil war, to work for a new master."

CONTRACT MADE PUBLIC. A contract binding an individual on such conditions as Hofman declares exist under the regular baseball contract, is held to be invalidated through its self-contained control of the player's life.

Through Hofman's suit the regular contract of each and every player with the Chicago National league club is given to the public for the first time. Hofman filed a blank contract as part of his bill of particulars.

In addition to the regular contract, Hofman declares that he signed a set of "Articles of Agreement," by which he was bound to agree to the rulings of the national commission and the national agreement (of the club owners). He quotes a paragraph of this set of articles, labelled "Section 10," as follows:

"It is further understood and agreed between both parties to this contract that they will respect and abide by the constitution, rules and edicts of such league, subject only to an appeal for final adjudication to the national commission and also respect and abide by all of the provisions and conditions of the national agreement and rules of the national commission."

CLAIMS CONTRACT BREACH. In detailing the specific cases by which he claims \$3,000 damages, Hofman declares that he was injured in June, 1911, by being hit on the head with a baseball. The injury, Hofman declared, entitled him to a "layoff" of 15 days to recuperate. In spite of his injury, Hofman says, he played on, at the orders of the club management.

The injury affected his playing, Hofman continues, to such an extent that the Chicago club management sent him to play for Pittsburgh. Hofman says that he never received notice of the termination of his Chicago contract, and therefore claims full pay during the life of the contract—from April, 1911, until October, 1912.

Not only did the Chicago club refuse to pay this back pay, and fail to give release notice to entitle him to this refusal, Hofman says, but the Chicago management even prevented his signing articles of agreement with another baseball club.

"Lefty" Lelivelt to Minors.

The Cub management announced that two of its players have been sent to the minor leagues. "Lefty" Lelivelt, the veteran southpaw pitcher, who came here from Pittsburgh, was let out to the Atlanta, Ga., team, as Manager Evers believes he has outlived his usefulness as far as the big teams are concerned. Craig, the young collegian, who joined the team a short time back, was sent to Terre Haute, Ind., for further seasoning.

Claims Adjusted.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 15.—The national baseball commission yesterday reversed and remanded to the national board the cases of five players, with directions to adjust the several claims.

in accordance with the contractual obligations of the interested clubs.

In each case the players were released after being injured without being given two weeks' full pay and two additional weeks' half pay, as stipulated in a clause of the contracts between minor league clubs and players.

The players and clubs interested are as follows: C. A. Bartlett and Steubenville; Sidney Nasher and Steubenville; Frank Fox and London, Canada; Joe Manley and Durant; Patrick Haley and Waterloo.

LYNCH IN DEFENSE OF HIS UMPIRES

New York, July 15.—Replying to the frequent criticism of National league umpires by several of his club owners, President T. J. Lynch yesterday made the following statement:

"The umpiring in the National league this season has been as good, if not better, than at any time in the last four years. I am satisfied with the ability, integrity and personal character of the members of my umpire staff, and I want to go on record positively as saying that not one of these men is going to be made the scapegoat for the fancied grievances, headless actions or poor playing of any ball club.

"The time and money it has taken to build up this staff is not going to be nullified by the absolutely unjustified criticisms of several disappointed club owners. I am especially well pleased with the work of young Mr. Quigley. He has the ability and temperament, and with a little more major league experience I feel confident that he will develop into a high class official.

"In case that my position has been misunderstood in any quarter I wish to state again, and finally, that unless illness or a violation of instructions makes it necessary, there will be no change this season in the personnel of the present umpire staff."

STOVAL PROTESTS CHANCE'S VICTORY

St. Louis, Mo., July 15.—Manager Stovall of the Browns will protest Sunday's New York victory because of a ruling by Umpires Egan and Dinneen.

In the third inning Brief was on first and as Ford started to wind up he ran for second base. While winding up Ford let the ball slip from his hand, but Brief was perched on second base before Ford could recover the ball.

The visiting pitcher then protested that Brief should go back to first, which claim the umpires allowed. Stovall contends that Ford's failure to deliver was a balk and that Brief should have stayed on second.

OTHER SHEETS

DECATUR PASSES UP LELIVELT.

Springfield Journal: Decatur is worrying over the loss of Pitcher Bill Lelivelt, a member of Donnelly's pitching staff. The scribes of that city declare Lelivelt wrote a letter to the management of the Decatur team which was delivered in due time. Lelivelt gave up hope of securing the place and signed with Springfield.

When he came to Springfield Lelivelt carried a letter from the Decatur management, telling him what a good man he would be in condition and advising him not to report if he was not able to deliver.

BOMBARD CUSACK.

The crowd was not particularly pleased with Cusack's work, although the big fellow tried hard to give both teams a square deal. However, he got in bad and finally somebody threw a bottle at him from the grandstand. The bottle did not hit Steve, but the insult was there. Two officers tried to find the guilty one but failed. Somebody pointed out a certain party as the thrower, but made a wrong guess and as a result had an unpleasant time of it the remainder of the afternoon.—Quincy Herald.

FLACK HITS PILL.

Max Flack, the Distiller shortstop, poked his hundredth hit of the season Saturday. He is batting a .331 clip up to the present time and is leading the Distillers with the stick.—Decatur Herald.

PRENDERGAST PROMOTED.

Pitcher Mike Prendergast, star twirler of the Distiller pitching staff for the past three seasons will become a member of the Kansas City club of the American association at the close of the present Three-I league race Sept. 7. This is the information that comes to the Star from Kansas City this morning.

At 1 o'clock President Meidroth of the local club said that the deal had not as yet been completed, but that he had promised Charles Carr, first "crack" at the twirler, in return for certain considerations the nature of which Meidroth was not at liberty to give out at present time. The deal now hanging fire, however, has nothing to do with the securing of Pitcher Carr from Kansas City, as the deal for the new Distiller shortstop has been completed.—Peoria Star.

Tigers After Two Men.

Regina, Sask., July 15.—An option was secured by a representative of the Detroit American league club yesterday on Outfielders Williams and Smith of Regina.

RUSSELL PITCHES A ONE-HIT GAME

Hooper Swats Lone Single and Sox Blank Boston Champs, 8 to 0.

DODGERS FINALLY WIN ONE

Break Losing Streak by Trimming Trojans, Count Being 9 to 2.

Chicago, Ill., July 15.—Helpless before the baffling stuff of "Rebel" Russell, the world's champions slipped again yesterday, going to a white-wash defeat with only one hit to show for their nine rounds of swatting endeavor against the sensational southpaw from Bonham, Texas. The score was Russell 8, Boston 0.

The Sox played the same spectacular game as on the day previous, when they took the measure of the titled gents from the Hub. The home defense worked with the ease of a machine, only one slip