

CLOSE BATTLE FOR MAJOR LEAGUE FLAG CAUSES TROUBLE IN N. L.

Many Magnates Accuse Owner of Giants of Attempting to Buy a Pennant and Action Is Unpopular With the Fans; Purchase of High Class Men From Other Clubs Is All in the Game, However, and It Goes.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The battle for the major league flag is a very close one.

Time was when they patted around arm in arm, so to speak, and managed to get along quite fraternally. But evidently that time has passed. The clubby feelings among the magnates and managers this year has apparently been affected by the head-hot fight in both leagues to recruit war-time losses at the turnstile.

Many Deals Made. At any rate, though many deals have been made, and some of them surprising deals to say the least, the individual clubs are striving to out-Harmon each other, to bolster their entries here and there without regard or say about it. This is purely business and business, to say the least.

Certain club owners in the National League have yielded, and bolstered their line and loyalty because the Giants put across mid-season deals which strengthened the McGraw lineup considerably. Yet each club has the same chance if it wants to make a swap here and

put out a few thousand dollars there to get a player who is needed to keep its team in the running.

The New York club, of course, has plenty of money to spend. Manager McGraw has always had a full purse to draw from, and the records of deals for a number of years show that he has never hesitated to open the pursestrings. Yet McGraw has played no favorites in the manner of deals. He has dealt with every club in the league at some time or other and that club has generally been satisfied.

Giants Not Popular. New York's apparent effort to "buy a pennant" was not calculated to be a highly popular move with the fans in Cincinnati, Chicago or Pittsburgh—and it wasn't. But the fans around the league said many unkind things about the Cubs when they bought Alex and Killefer. It is always that way.

If the rival magnates want to keep John McGraw from leaving a market for himself when he needs a market to go to they ought to make him hunt elsewhere for players. It's all in the game, and for that matter the

DREAMS RESULT OF FIGHT.

Lord Newborough, writes to the Daily Mail from Plas Amherst, Harlech, North Wales, stating that the result of the Beckett-Goddard fight was revealed to him in a dream, and suggesting that his experience may be of interest to dreamers and spiritualists.

"On the night before the fight, he says, 'I dreamed that Beckett had knocked out Goddard in the second round. The dream impressed me little at the time, but later I gave a sealed envelope to my man-servant to open when he received the result of the fight in the Daily Mail next morning. In the envelope was 'Beckett knocks out Goddard in the second round,' which, of course, tallied with the actual result."

majority of National League clubs have either made or attempted to make deals at one time or another this season. The Cincinnati club, for instance, wanted to trade an outfielder and would have given big money for the right player.

In the American League the Carl Mays case brought out the fact that the club owners are watching each other with jealous eyes. No less than four clubs went after Carl Mays. When the Yankees landed him a big haul sent up from several American League clubs and the fans in their cities. Again, it's all in the game.

Many Big Pushes. The many pre-season deals in the two big leagues that caused some thirty ball players of known calibre to change uniforms, have proved satisfactory that a change of scenery or the makeup of a team every now and then is appreciated by the fans.

Fast Baseball Games Labor Day; D.A.C. To Have Charge

LABOR DAY will be observed by two fast baseball games at Rio Grande park by teams of the Army and City League, playing under the auspices of the Robert E. Lee chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. In view of the fact that the proceeds of the game are to be used as a benefit fund by the chapter, Rio Grande park has been donated by the city on that day and the usual 25 percent of the gross gate receipts will not be accepted by the city treasurer. Players of the league are also contributing their services on this day in order to make the afternoon a success both from a financial and sportsmanlike point of view.

Will Buy a Plot. The purpose of the benefit fund will be to provide a burial plot in Evergreen cemetery for the interment of veterans of the late war who may die in El Paso without relatives or friends.

When such a case occurs, the matter will be taken in charge by the chapter, and after burial a monument will be erected in honor of the soldier who served his country during the world war. President of the chapter, Mrs. J. M. and City League stated Saturday morning that the purpose of the benefit fund is to provide a burial plot in Evergreen cemetery for the interment of veterans of the late war who may die in El Paso without relatives or friends.

Lincoln Ready For Second Battle With Bobby Burns

EARL MOHAN, veteran glove game trainer and manager of Ralph Lincoln, the southern California bantam and featherweight crack, writes The Herald sporting editor from Tucson that the little scrapper is in great shape and confident of victory in his meeting with Bobby Burns at Nogales tonight. Lincoln has done all of his preparatory work in Tucson working out with Al McKinnis and other hard hitting scrappers, while Burns also trained in that city for the contest. It is not known whether arrangements have been made to obtain the services of an outside referee for the encounter or not.

McKinnis Wins Bout. Mohan writes that Al McKinnis, the coast lightweight whom he is keeping in his stable in Arizona, is slated to meet a fast boy in Tucson on Labor day and that he would like to get him in the ring.

Mohan intends to come to this city shortly after Labor day for the purpose of looking into local prospects. Lincoln has been mentioned as a prospective opponent of Nick Gundy here, and as the weatherer around a local favorite it would not surprise the fans to see him put on within the next month or so.

Mohan's letter in connection with Ralph Lincoln in Arizona, follows: "Al McKinnis meets Chet Neff here

day would put forth their best efforts to make the afternoon one that will be remembered by the baseball fans.

Managers Favor Benefit. "At a recent meeting the league managers voted in favor of playing a benefit for the fund if Rio Grande park was contributed by the council free of charge," he said. "This is the biggest item of expense, naturally, in view of the fact that the members of the Robert E. Lee chapter have arranged for a wide campaign of ticket selling for the games we are making arrangements for one of the biggest crowds in the history of the park."

Had Big Turnout. On July 4 the same played to a record crowd, the funds on this day also going to the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Teams slated to meet on Labor day are the Duty Dodgers and Zone Supply in the first contest and the Eighth Engineers and Tomahawk Terriers in the second. The Zone-Dodger battle will bring together the two sterling southpaws, Rosford and Mulesky, again, and as all fans remember their last meeting there is little doubt but they will turn out in considerable shape at this year's contest. The Zone team has been strengthened since the last meeting and Mel Olsen promises something new on the Dodger rivals.

on Labor day and if he wins I would like to challenge Tommy Carter for a bout.

Carter has boxed Neff two draws. McKinnis had very little trouble in winning from Carter and would have knocked him out had the bout been a 12 round contest, and I don't see why Green offers an all, as he never could have put up the fight he did had he not been in good shape. He stated before the bout that he was in the best shape of his career.

"McKinnis is a natural lightweight, and has beaten every good boy on the coast, from plums to the top of the line. I am planning a trip to El Paso after Labor day, and will drop in and see you. Mr. Kelly is right about McKinnis, a commission as there is too much fighting among the promoters and unless something is done the game will not last long in this state. I have a boy by the name of Happy Woods boxing here.

"He was to have met Frankie Desmaris last night by a boy named Kid Palmer and the promoter here has substituted battling Earl of Miami. I have received letters every day for the past two weeks from some of the best boys on the coast wanting to come to Arizona and El Paso for bouts, but believe we have enough boys here to fill all dates for the present.

Thanking you for your letter and hoping to hear from you again in the near future I remain, yours truly, "Earl Mohan."

Kid Palmer, 19th Infantry Is Latest Star Mitt Pusher

SO DECISIVE was the victory of Kid Palmer over Frankie Desmaris in Douglas several nights ago that the fans of that section are boasting him as a coming welterweight champ and efforts will be made to get some fast men in Arizona for him within the next two months. Palmer is a product of the 19th infantry, a part of which is stationed in El Paso, and is under the direction of Capt. Hilt, of this regiment, according to reports from the Arizona city. He won the championship of the army in that district, and in the words of George Kelly, a well known Arizona boxing critic, "looks like the best boy developed in the army in a long time."

Likes Lincoln. Too. George is enthusiastic over the work of the soldier glove wielder and predicts an excellent future for him. Incidentally, he has a word to say of Ralph Lincoln, Earl Mohan's fast protegee, who has defeated everything of his weight in the arid state.

The Douglas boxing promoters also come in for a nice little boost from Mr. Kelly, who has been in the boxing game long enough to know a fast mixer when he sees one.

In the following dissertation on fight topics he gives his opinion of the two men:

"I see in your columns this morning that the present champion holders are not in danger. Well, I think that there is two that are in danger, the right now, if the two boys that I mention are given the chance.

"They are the bantamweight and welterweight classes. There is no doubt in my mind that Ralph Lincoln can defeat any boy in the world at the bantamweight limit, 116 pounds. He is a natural bantamweight, and is the biggest clinch in the world to defeat the present champion, if they are matched. I know that Earl Mohan has tried to match Lincoln with Hermann and over the world, but he cannot get Hermann to a ring with the little coast champion.

He has been in touch with every promoter in this country trying to get Hermann at 116 pounds, but it seems that he does not want any one of Lincoln's caliber, and if ever a boy was entitled to a crack at the champion it is Lincoln as he has done everything that the promoters have asked him to do. He has given away weight to every boy that he has boxed in the last year.

Palmer Is Good. "And the other young man that I refer to is Kid Palmer, the champion of the U. S. army in this district. He sure looks like the best boy developed in the army. He has everything that it takes to make a champion. He is a very clever boy and knows the game from A to Z, and if he ever gets a chance to box Jack Britton for the title you will sure see a new champion. This is just the kind of a boy that it takes to upset the champion, a young, strong boy 19 years of age and a marvel for speed. I have seen all of the good welter box Britton, and this is really the only boy that I see around the country that will defeat him if given a match.

"I am in touch with those who have the concession at the Arizona state fair, and if they give me the concession I am almost sure that it will be the champion and Kid Palmer for the

Seven Year Old Can Drive Auto

Every one in and around the Balfour Golf Club has come to regard little Rita Shay, daughter of David Shay, as being an infant prodigy, but this seven-year-old youngster broke all records the other day when in company with Lieut. Ballou, U. S. A., she made an airplane flight to a height of 8000 feet. It is said that she is the youngest child to make a trip of this kind. This is not all that Rita can do in the way of sportsmanlike far from it. She can drive her father's six cylinder Hudson automobile in a way that would make Ralph de Palma jealous, is right at home on a pony, and last but not least, she holds her golf clubs like a professional.

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