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In The World Of Sport

Sporting Notes

The National League may pass a rule prohibiting bonuses for players who do a certain amount of good work.

The two clubs which ranked last in winning extra inning games during the 1917 season were the two which finished last in their respective leagues—the Browns and the Pirates.

Lefty Leifeld, who pitched for the Pirates and Cubs ages ago, has been resurrected by the St. Louis Browns.

Fielder Jones expects much from the veteran pitcher, Byron Houck, once with the Athletics.

Camp, of Newark, who is to get a trial with the Yankees next spring, batted at a .292 clip in fifty games. He had ten doubles and four triples.

Now that Lefty Leifeld has come back to the big show Dan Brubachers may apply for a job with the Giants.

Having lost Doc Lavan through enlistment, Clark Griffith will open the season with Shanks at shortstop. Shanks had plenty of experience at the position last season after George McBride was relegated to the substitute ranks.

One thing is sure: John McGraw, not Charley Herzog, is the manager of the Giants. The Herzog bubble has burst.

SELECT TRAINING CAMPS.

Major League Clubs For Florida and Texas.

More big league teams will train this spring in Texas and Florida than any other Southern States. No less than ten clubs will get into condition for the pennant races in towns in these two states. The Chicago Cubs will do more travelling than any other team. Their training camp is situated at Pasadena, Cal. The following list tells just where each club will do its spring training:

National League—New York, Macon, Ga.; Chicago, Mineral Wells, Texas; Detroit, Waxahachie, Texas; St. Louis, Palestine, Texas; Philadelphia, Jacksonville, Florida; Washington, Augusta, Ga.; Boston, Hot Springs, Ark.; and Cleveland, New Orleans, La.

Speaker Signs Contract.

Wartime slashing of salaries of high-priced ball players isn't disturbing Tris Speaker. The star Indian outfielder signed his 1918 contract, and it was learned from an authoritative source there was no cut. Neither was there any boost.

Speaker has been reported as getting \$15,000 a year.

CONKLE PUT SULLIVAN DOWN.

The Hamilton Grappler Spilled the Beans at a Theatre.

Did you ever know that Charlie Conkle, the Hamilton wrestler, once scored a knockdown on the late John L. Sullivan? says the Hamilton Spectator.

Well, he did, but the story never got into the sporting columns, although it was given prominence on the front page of the Detroit papers a few years back.

It happened at the time that Sullivan and Kilrain were traveling with a burlesque show and giving three-round exhibitions. The show was in Detroit and one of the attractions with the show was Kid Cutler, the wrestler, who was meeting all comers, and who offered to give \$25 in real money to any person who would stay fifteen minutes with him without being thrown, and a dollar for every minute they stayed over the quarter hour. Several grapplers around Detroit had made an attempt to win the money, but without success.

It happened that at the time the show was in the border city, Conkle was returning from an important match in a Michigan lumber camp, where he had thrown the camp "bully" with ease, and had separated some of the lumberjacks from a fair portion of Uncle Samuel's mint production. With the real match over, it struck Conkle that he might as well pick up a little soft change on his way home, and he wended his way to the theatre where the Sullivan-Kilrain show was playing, and offered to go on with Cutler. He was disguised as a farmer boy at the time, with a collar made of real ceiling substance on his chin.

"Don't be foolish, boy," said John L. when he looked Conkle over. "This fellow is too big for you, and besides, you have not had enough experience to make things interesting." "Well, if that is the way you feel, I will bet fifty dollars that I stay the ten rounds," retorted Conkle, and half-century looked so good to the veteran pugilist that he finally consented to allow Conkle to go on.

Although Cutler had considerable weight on Conkle, Charlie made him look like an amateur, and after the match had gone half an hour, with no sign of Cutler even getting Conkle in a dangerous position, the curtain was rung down.

Then started a merry battle behind the scenes, with every person in the show attempting to take a wallop at Conkle for spoiling a perfectly good drawing-card. Kilrain made a pass at the Hamiltonian, but Charlie was too quick for him, and in his effort to make a getaway he ran into old John L. Sullivan, who started to make a rough house, but Conkle bit him in the stomach, which was beyond the athletic size at that time and down went the former world's champion. The whole stage was in an uproar, and the police were called and Conkle given a free ride to headquarters with no wearing apparel on but his "restling tights." He told his story to the police sergeant, and he was accompanied back to the theatre by a squad of police. Sullivan was ordered to not only pay the side bet, but also the money coming to Conkle for staying with Cutler.

Enter the name of Charles Conkle on the list of the few people who ever knocked the late John L. down.

Mentioned as President.

Joe. S. Jackson, formerly sporting editor of the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Washington Post and other newspapers, is the latest candidate for the presidency of the International League. Mr. Jackson is regarded from coast to coast and from the far north to the Gulf of Mexico as one of the most brilliant writers on baseball and one of the most noted authorities on the game in its various angles in America. Mr. Jackson has been president of the Baseball Writers of America for a number of years, and is universally popular with baseball club owners, officials and players. His qualifications for the position are such as to entitle him to the very serious consideration of the clubs of the International League when selecting a successor to Edward G. Barrow.

Those five new pitchers that Pres. Navin has just signed up for Detroit must look good to Hughie Jennings. All five of them are as green as grass.

SULLIVAN A "GOAT-GETTER."

How Ex-World's Champion Used to Get Opponents' "Nannies."

The profession of pugilism has produced many novel characters, but among them all the late John L. Sullivan stands unique. As a "goat getter" the Old Roman of the ring never had, and probably never will, have an equal. Most men were whipped the minute they crawled into the ring with John L. The ferocious gleam in his eye, and his bellowing voice, which sounded like the snort of an enraged bull, put fear into the hearts of his antagonists, and turned their blood to water.

This quality was never better illustrated than in John L.'s fight with Patsy Cardiff, which took place at Minneapolis 31 years ago last week. Cardiff was a master of the pugilistic art, but he was lacking in brute courage. Sullivan broke the radius of his left arm early in the conflict, and was at Cardiff's mercy, but the latter lacked the nerve to follow up his advantage. John L. glowered at Patsy so ferociously, and threatened him with such a baleful eye, that poor Cardiff was hypnotized. The bout went six rounds to a draw.

There were only two men who ever called Sullivan's bluff, and who refused to be bullied into submission. The first was Charlie Mitchell, the English boxer. They met in Madison Garden in 1884, and although the Britisher was a much smaller man than the Irish-American, he treated John L. with supreme disdain. The police interfered in the third round, and it was not until 1888 that Mitchell and Sullivan fought again, in Chantilly, France. Again the Englishman refused to be bullied, and the battle went 39 rounds to a draw. In 1892 at New Orleans, John L. found another man whose goat was not to be got. He was Jim Corbett, and he was not to be scared by the blustering of the veteran. John roared defiance, snorted contempt, glared and charged and rushed in wild fury, but the lithe and speedy Californian only smiled. The old tactics failed utterly in this crisis, and John L. became ex-champion.

The only recent boxer who approached John L. as goat-getter was Kid McCoy, the former middleweight champion. The Hoosier did not roar or bellow. His face always wore a sneer of contempt or disdain.

John L. Sullivan's Epigrams.

I made \$1,500,000 and I blew it. But I don't regret it.
If every one paid what I've loaned I'd have \$100,000 easy.
I raised boxing out of the mire and put it on the level.
Fighters now don't fight. They black-guard each other in the papers.
When I was fighting it was to get all the money or nothing. Now the man who gets licked often gets more than the man who wins.
Boxing has gone to the bad. There are too many bum fighters in the business.
I was always strong with the people because they knew I was on the level.
When a man gets to be 31 and has seen a piece of the world he ought to get married. Then when he's fifty he has five or six doing something for him.
Gin mills are no good. I never liked the business.

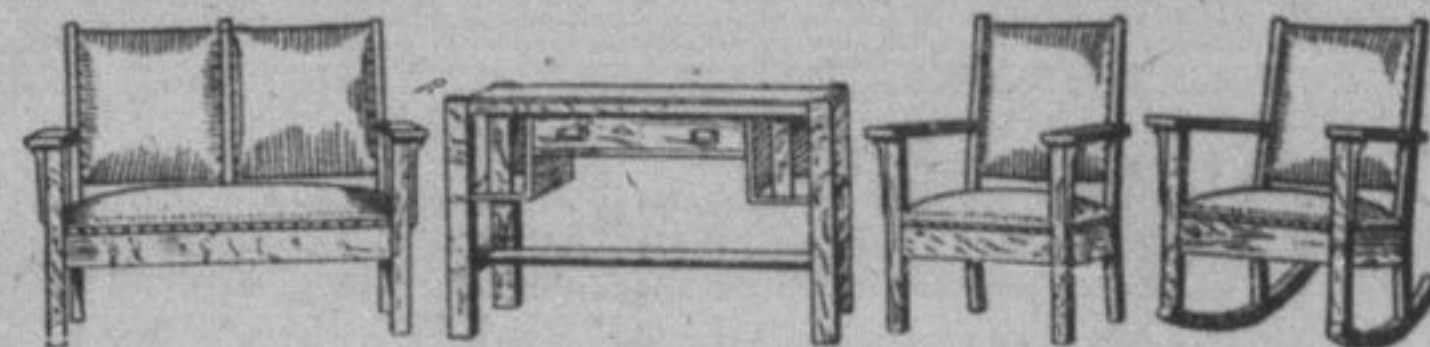
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