

RIEGER THREATENS TO JUMP TO FEDS

Let Him Flop, Says McCredie, Commenting on Pitcher's Demand for More Pay.

BROOKLYN OFFER TOLD OF

Trailer Avers He Will Accept Unless He Gets Salary Increase. Krause Also Still Bucking Over Reduction.

BY BOSCH FAWCETT. Elmer Rieger, right-hand pitcher, is the one to cry "Wolf Wolf!" upon receiving an economy contract. Rieger is wintering in Los Angeles, and yesterday he sent an ultimatum to Walter McCredie that unless his salary was raised he would jump to the Brooklyn Federals.

"I have received a swell offer from Brooklyn and certainly will accept it unless Walt can give me more than I was paid last year," said he to a reporter. "I do not care to say what the Brooklyn offer amounts to, but it is a pinch I'll accept it unless I hear from McCredie mighty soon."

"These offers do not come to a ball-player every year of his life, and I'm the one to accept the best offer I can get."

"Jump," says McCredie. To which Manager McCredie, when asked for a statement last night, said substantially as follows:

"Tell him to jump." Rieger is a youngster and has the makings of a clever pitcher, but we have made him a fair contract," added McCredie. "If he doesn't want to sign it, nobody can force him to do so. It is his prerogative to jump to Brooklyn and we intend to stand pat on our original offer."

This coincides with the reply Walt made to Southpaw Krause, when Harry strode to bat with a demand for more than the local magnates were willing to offer.

Without Rieger Portland would still have on the pitching corps: Higginbotham, Martinoni, Krause, Lush, Evans, Eastley, Callahan, of the Colts; Leonard, of the Colts; Coveleskie, of Spokane; Bishop, of Cleveland, and Barnes, a busher.

Higginbotham, Evans, Coveleskie, Leonard, Bishop, Barnes and Callahan have been signed and Lush has accepted terms, so the pitching staff is fairly well under contract. Harry Krause still is bucking over a slash in salary, but Manager McCredie does not anticipate much trouble with his crack southpaw.

"We have not heard from Martinoni," added McCredie, "and Eastley is right here in the city and doubtless will sign soon."

Rieger's Percentage Is 522. Rieger won 12 and lost 11 games last year for a percentage of 52.2. He has been playing ball seven years and came to Portland last summer from St. Paul. His home is in Los Angeles, but he broke into baseball in the Texas league, with Shreveport, at the age of 17. In 1910 Rieger had a few meals with the St. Louis Cardinals and was offered a contract for \$100,000, but he declined through the rest of 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913 and the forepart of 1914.

Rieger's jumping to the Federals would make the fourth desertion in the Beaver ranks in two years. Last Winter Chas Chadbourne, outfielder, hopped to Kansas City, along with Krueger and Loefer, of Los Angeles, and Kenworthy, of Sacramento. Gene Krapp, pitcher, jumped to the Buffalo Feds a while later, and Claud Berry, catcher, did a Brodie to the Pittsburgh Federals.

CLUB MAY RAISE FEE TO JOIN. When the board of directors of the Portland Golf Club holds its regular weekly meeting Wednesday, the matter of raising the initiation fee from \$25 to \$50 will be considered. According to one of the officials the club has practically all the members for which it has accommodations, and the raising of the fee is held to be the best plan to maintain the standard of the club.

Before the matter is acted on, however, it will be put to a vote by the club members. Work on the new tennis courts to be installed at the course near Raleigh station has been delayed on account of frost. It will begin as soon as the ground has sufficiently softened.

A party of golfers from both the Waverly and the Portland clubs intend to make a trip to Clearhart the Saturday preceding Washington's birthday.

AGGIES TO FACE FAST TEAM. WALLA WALLA Y. M. C. A. Basketball Squad Has Good Record. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—The Walla Walla Y. M. C. A. basketball team, which will play the Oregon Agricultural College quintet Tuesday, is one of the best teams of the Northwest and has won twice from the Echo five, which is said to be the best in Eastern Oregon. The local team also has won from the Whitman College team, the latter game being taken by a margin of two points in the Whitman gymnasium.

The game with the Oregon Aggies will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and local enthusiasts are expected to see a real battle.

PORTLAND COAST LEAGUE BALL STARS CAPTURE NOVEL MASCOTS IN HUNTING EXPEDITIONS ON UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER.



BABY FEDS ASSURED

Eight-Club Circuit Will Be Formed, Says Gilmore.

PLAN LAID AT NEW HAVEN

Rumors of Desertion of Three Cities From Organized Game Current. Each New Team to Get Six Men From Parent Body.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 30.—The Federal baseball league will have a minor league in New England, President James A. Gilmore announced definitely here today, after a conference with baseball men. The teams of the new league will be eight in number, he said, and will be put into towns where organized baseball is now played.

After the meeting reports were current that New Haven, Worcester, Hartford, Springfield, Providence and Manchester, N. H., might be included in the league. This could not be confirmed, however, President Gilmore saying that the circuit would not be definitely made until after March.

A report was current that New Haven, Springfield and Hartford would jump to the Federal League from the Eastern Association.

Each club is to be financed locally, Mr. Gilmore said, and the Federal League is to furnish the players. Between 30 and 40 players are said to be available. Each club is to receive six players, as a nucleus for building up a team. The clubs will pay \$200 a month to the Federal League for each player, the parent league paying the difference when the player's salary is in excess of that amount.

Those at the conference were: President Gilmore, Robert B. Ward, one of the owners of the Brooklyn Federals; L. W. Park, of Providence, R. I.; W. G. McKay, of Manchester, N. H.; J. D. Baxter, of Springfield, Mass.; E. L. Landgraf, of Danbury, Conn.; and James E. Cavanaugh, of New Haven. Another meeting is to be held in March.

BASKETBALL LEAGUES PLANNED. Several Managers Hold Meeting and Fix Weight Limits. A meeting of several basketball managers was held last night in the Archer & Wiggins store preparatory to the forming of two amateur basketball leagues. Little was done other than to settle the weight question. One league's weight limit will be 120 pounds and the other 125 pounds.

Another meeting will be held Tuesday, and the managers or representatives of the following teams are requested to be present: Christian Brothers, United Brethren, St. Johns Boosters, Spartans, Vancouver Juniors, St. Johns Midgets, Kenton, Vancouver Midgets, Brooklyn, Rome City Boys' Club, Hancock Eagles, Sellwood Y. M. C. A., Peninsula Park and Columbia Park.

F. E. Watkins Heads Kennel Club. Frank E. Watkins, one of the best-known sportsmen in the Northwest, was elected president of the Portland Kennel Club Friday night at a meeting held in his office. A. E. Hampton was chosen vice-president and J. J. Mc-

3 SOCCER GAMES NEAR

TWO INTERSCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL CONTESTS ALSO SET.

Franklin High School Soccer Squad to Play First Affair Against Lincoln High on Multnomah Field.

Three soccer games and two basketball games are scheduled for the teams in the interscholastic league this week. The first affair will be tomorrow afternoon when the Lincoln High soccer squad will tackle the Franklin High eleven on the Multnomah Field. The contest will start at 3 o'clock. All students in good standing in the various athletic associations of the schools of the circuit will be admitted free.

This is the first soccer game for the Franklin High squad. The only game played so far this season was the Washington High aggregation triumph over "Scotty" Duncan's Portland Academy representatives, 4 to 0, last Thursday.

Columbia University and Portland Academy will play soccer on Multnomah Field next Wednesday, while Jefferson High and Washington will hook up on the same field two days later.

Manager Maurice, of the Jefferson High school basketball team, announced last night just before the quintet left for McMinnville, Or., that the game against the Portland Academy will be postponed until later in the month. Coach Lee, of the Academy, agreed to the change, as this week is vacation week for the various schools and it would be almost impossible to obtain a good turnout.

The next regular match of the 1915 basketball season of the interscholastic league will be played between the Hill Military Academy and the Columbia University squad February 9. Jefferson High school is leading the league with two victories and no defeat, while the collegians are tied with one victory and no setback.

The Y. M. C. A. Spartans captured two contests yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The first was a 21 to 9 affair, taken from the Midget basketball team of the Christian Brothers Business College, while the second contest the Buckman team went under, 40 to 4. As a result of the victories the Spartans claim the 95-pound championship of Portland.

Following are the lineups: Midgets (9)..... Spartans (11). E. Deoling..... C. Rockey, Wiles E. Deoling..... F. Marshall Mentchall..... G. Huest Walbel..... G. Wisely

PASTORS WILL FIGHT BOUT. Cincinnati Methodists Threaten to Ask for Injunction. CINCINNATI, Jan. 30.—If Governor Willis does not issue an order before Monday that will prevent the Gunboat Smith-Jim Flynn bout here, the Methodist Ministers' Association will go into court to ask for an injunction against the holding of the bout on the ground that public gambling is being indulged in in connection with the proposed contest.

This statement was issued by the Ministers' Association today.

Omaha Gets Pirate Catcher. PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.—Announcement was made by the Pittsburgh National baseball club today that Catcher Frank Kafors, drafted in the Fall of 1912, and on the club's roster last year, had been released to the Omaha club of the Western league.

SMOKER PLANS COMPLETED

Bobby Evans to Be Permitted to Box Before Imperial Club.

All arrangements for the holding of the smoker by the Imperial Club in the Arion Hall, Second and Oak streets, Tuesday evening, February 2, were made yesterday.

A rumor that Bobby Evans would not be allowed to go on because of former foxy professional was set at rest when District Attorney Evans said that the bouts would not be molested if they were held under the amateur rules and no money paid to the boxers. The new club does not consider a man a professional unless he earns his livelihood by boxing.

The card follows: Bobby Evans versus Tom Schaner. 125 pounds—Valley Trambius versus Jack Wagner. 150 pounds—Faries' Faries versus Art Kephling. 110 pounds—Ab Gordon versus Jack Reynolds. 125 pounds—Dick Wayne versus Jimmie Burns. Heavyweight—Famer Burns versus someone yet to be chosen.

SEATTLE BUYS TWO CANADIANS. Pitcher Martin and Catcher Barth Bought From Medicine Hat.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—President Bugdial, of Seattle, has purchased Pitcher Martin and Catcher Barth, both of the 1914 Medicine Hat club.

Barth led the Western Canada League in batting last season with an average of .367. He caught 50 games, his fielding average being .95. Martin pitched 31 games last year and won 13 and lost 12.

Tasley Raymond will be the only pitcher on the Seattle team who has pitched in the Pacific Northwest in the local team the coming season. He was not reserved.

Catcher Barth has confirmed the report that he jumped to the Federals. He says they offered him so much money he had to take it.

SOX TO BE AT FAIR OPENING. Date of Trip Advanced at Request of Exposition Head. CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—The Chicago American League baseball team will be a feature of the opening of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, February 20.

A special request in the form of a personal telegram to President Comiskey came today from President Moore, of the exposition. The message asked that the date of the beginning of the baseball team's Spring training trip be advanced two days.

All arrangements for the departure of the entire party February 18 instead of February 19 had been completed by night. Much of the training will be done at Paso Robles, according to present plans of Comiskey.

CALIFORNIA RACING PROPOSED. New Measure to Provide for Controversy Offered in Senate. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 30.—Appointment of a State Racing Commission of five members by the Governor is sought in a bill introduced today by Senator Behan.

It declares that all racing meets, limited to 30 days, shall be held under control of the commission, that every person or association holding a meet must procure a license, that there shall be no Sunday racing and that there shall be no postracing or bookmaking.

YANKEES REALLY ARE SOLD. Ban Johnson Says Ruppert Has Paid Full Amount to Farrell. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The transfer of the stock of the New York American League baseball club to Jacob Ruppert and T. L. Huston was completed today.

President Ban Johnson said that the new owners had paid the remainder of the purchase price due Frank Farrell, and assumed control of the club.

SALT LAKE PARK OBTAINED. Directors of Coast League Team Sign Lease for Downtown Site. SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 30.—The directors of the Salt Lake club of the Pacific Coast League today signed a lease for a new ball park.

The site is at Majestic Park, six blocks from the center of the business district. The stands will be of concrete and steel.

DONOVAN TO MAKE GOOD, SAYS MATTY

"Wild Bill's" Style of Handling Team Is Compared to That of Stallings.

SUCCESS IN MINORS TOLD

Star Pitcher of New York Giants Also Tells How Nickname Was Hung on Player Because He Used to Lack Control.

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON. Famous Pitcher of New York Giants. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—When I was at the last world's series I met "Wild Bill" Donovan, and "Bill" hopped on me because he said that I had implied in one of my articles I had implied that he was called "Wild Bill" because he was once a "bad actor," and had clashed him with two other players known for their wildness.

"Bill," I said to him, "if I mentioned you in connection with those other two, it was only in discussing you as a pitcher and no other way. I know your style, and I didn't mean anything else."

"That's all right, Matty," answered Donovan. "But I just didn't want anything to get me wrong."

In case anybody else may have misunderstood my meaning at that time, I want to go on record as saying that Donovan is one of the cleanest living ball players ever to break into the big game. He was also one of the years successful in his wildness. He pitched for the Tigers when they were winning the championship.

Bill's Control Bad. Donovan got his name of "Wild Bill" from the fact that when he first broke into baseball, his control was bad, and he came near sending two or three batters to the morgue by hitting them with pitched balls. It is to be noted that a big leaguer hates it to face a pitcher whose control is uncertain.

There is an old theory in baseball that once a man has been "beaten" by a fast one, he will always afterward be "bat shy." There are too many examples of this to require being brought up. It is the case of a young shortstop named "Jack" Martin, once with the Yankees, who was full of promise until Walter Johnson "beated" him.

There was at another time a pitcher with the New York Americans named Schultze, who was a fast one, but he was not the Athletics right along principally through his lack of control, which sounds funny.

"I don't want to hit against that bird," said Eddie Collins to me once. "You can't tell whether he is going to pop you in the head or throw the ball into the grandstand."

Now to come back to "Wild Bill" Donovan. As I have said, when Donovan first broke in his control was not his biggest asset, and he had the batters who faced him worried. They used to complain about this.

Here's this "Wild Bill" Donovan working today. A batter would wonder, "and I don't know whether I will go home in the club bus, an ambulance, or a hearse. It all depends on how fast I am in getting out of the way of those wild ones."

Name Sticks to Him. But "Bill" being a smart pitcher, and realizing that the other clubs were watching him, he decided to use to the best advantage the name "Wild Bill" in the big league he must get control. He went to work to acquire this, and it was not long before he had it.

But he is any pitcher on the Detroit staff. He did not lose any of his speed in acquiring this, and so he became one of the most effective pitchers in the league. For he always had a world of speed. But the name "Wild Bill" still stuck, as a nickname often will, in spite of the fact that he had it.

Donovan made a careful study of the game, and Hugh Jennings is responsible for the statement that he was not the Detroit manager ever to work for him. Bill went through several successful seasons, and then his "rout" began to go back on him. In the meantime, the Detroit management had purchased the Providence club in the International League, and it had turned out to be a hopeless situation. The Detroit management had intended this as a "farm" for its young players, but did not like the idea of owning a talent minor league club, since there is no money in this position on any circuit. As Donovan's days of big league usefulness had passed, he was put in charge of the Providence team, and, beside the weak aggregation, he was handling then, the New York Americans look like pennant winners at present.

"Wild Bill" Builds Up Team. "Wild Bill" went to work carefully and quietly to build up this club, as he had worked in the earlier days patiently to acquire control in his pitching. The success in Providence is now a matter of history, and he turned his poor minor league ball club into a pennant winner.

Donovan's style of managing a team is similar in many respects to that of George Stallings. He works quietly and persistently, developing players and not putting stars. He is a constructive leader. As a matter of fact, he is not taking charge of a bad ball club in New York. Recently, after the announcement of Donovan as manager of the Yankees, I read this from the pen of some wit:

"Wild Bill" Donovan should make good in New York, since he is used to minor league clubs."

The present Yankees are not by any means a minor league aggregation, as this "crack" would imply. Donovan knows baseball, and he knows how to get the most out of every man, which is the Stallings secret of success. He is also familiar with the conditions in the minor leagues, and is acquainted with the ability of the various players. He will pick and develop carefully.

Donovan's Success Predicted. I predict that Donovan will be a success as a big league manager, and if anybody has the notion from what I formerly wrote that "Wild Bill" got his name because of his habits, I want that to be corrected immediately. Donovan also has an excellent knowledge of the weaknesses and flaws in American League clubs because of his long service in that organization. Time and again, during the world's series, he called the turn on the mistakes which the Athletics made. For instance, when Rudolph made Barry go after a low curve on a third strike with nose out and men on first and second base, and when Gowdy and Evers put out the runner on second by a fast double play in the fourth game of the series, Donovan, sitting in the press stand, said to me:

"That play will beat them. This club can't come back after being shown up that way."

My hat is off to "Wild Bill" and he has my best wishes for success in New York.

THE MANLY ART OF SELF-DEFENSE AS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE NO-DECISION BOUT.

