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SHEEHAN THINKS RULE IS A JOKE

DANNY WANTS SAME SALARY AS LAST YEAR.

WRITES TO "CAP" GRANT

Accuses Aggie of Stalling—Owners Watching Each Other Closely to Detect Any Violation of Salary Limit Rule.

Judging by some of the letters that have been received by different managers around the circuit from "veteran" who have either suffered a cut in salary to a mark under $200 or have failed to get a salary of more than $200 as they seem to think they deserve, the recent ruling of the Central league magnates, limiting the salaries to be paid to ball player to $200 a month, is looked upon as somewhat of a joke and a stall on the part of magnates. The following letter from Danny Sheehan, our own red-headed, fiery tempered Danny, is one of several of like tenor that the magnates are receiving:

"Mr. A. G. Grant, Friend Aggie:—Yours of the 24th at hand. The contract is not satisfactory. Now in regard to the salary limit rule, I think of the magnates' favorite rules for passing at their meetings. The wouldn't think they had had a meeting unless they had passed that resolution.

"If I ever receive a letter from a manager that doesn't say something about the salary limit rule, the manager something pretty. The limit rule is an old chestnut with them all. I want what I got last year and free transportation and everything in the contract in there can be no arguments over it.

"Now, the question arises, and has been coming to the front for some time, 'Is Sheehan right in saying that the salary limit rule is only a farce, or will the magnates really make each other live up to it?' Dr. Carson, the president of the league says, 'you can rest assured that we will live up to our position as honest. Most of the owners, quite willing to do their share if assured that their rivals are doing likewise, are rather skeptical and are not sending any affirmations to their high colored hold-outs until they see the result of the Notre Haute meeting.

"As Sheehan says the rule has become something of a chestnut. Time after time an attempt has been made to put through an effective rule and just as often a way has been found to evade it. Will the rule now proposed be effective it will be the first one in many.

Grant refuses to talk on the subject further than to say he has been informed by Sheehan that he will live up to the rule and that he will do so at all odds.

But Grant, with Annis and others, is heading inquiring optics Ft. Wayneward since the feat by which Varnell pull in the neighborhood of $2,000 over the head of Manager Lindsey. Curt Elsoie is the man he really wants, since Lindsey will not stay with him if he can help himself. If the other magnates agree to act in good faith they will have to issue it proven to them beyond doubt that Lindsey is not doing anything to slip one over on them.

"Bill" Phillips is also getting busy at Wheeling arranging more exhibition games for his team. The list of games now stands with Annovis Cline, who will open the season for the Steers, April 1, and 4, and two with the Philadelphia Athletics, April 7 and 8. Following is a list of the games so far arranged for:

April 3, and 4—Anson's Chicago team.

April 5—New York National league team.

April 7 and 8—Philadelphia American league team.

April 16 and 17—Boston American league team.

The Vets are very will satisfied with their infield lineup. With Hale Myers on the initial sack, and King Kelley, Smith, from Cincinnati, Morse and Wessel back things look pretty bright so far as an infield is concerned.

This is the reply of a Ft. Wayne paper to the rumors that have been going the rounds of the circuit to the effect that the Hoosiers are not satisfied with the salary limit:

"Some of the owners in the league at present in the Welsh capital dreamed the management of the Vets suffered over the rumor that Varnell and Hendricks are hedging on the rule recently adopted by the magnates. Inquiries in the matter of Varnell and Hendricks were both out for the rule and after its adoption Varnell was loud in his support of the new bill and declared that he would give the most cordial support to the law. That he would live up to it and that he was not to break it doesn't look reasonable to those knowing the class of sportsman the local owner is."

Punch Knoll is writing signed articles, at least he has written one over his signature in the Sporting Editor's Desk in "Welcome to Our Midst, Punch!" Following is the list Punch gave out:

Catchers—Crefe, Cady, Carney, Hippotitis. Pitchers—Pearson, Perrine, Covington, Vollendorf, Rossbach, Doty, Kaiser, Ewing, Ewell, Ewell, Ewell, Spangler, Frisch, Pokorny, Crowder, Sager, Dunlap, Jones. Outfielders—Corcoran, Strader, Beckett, Knoll.

Grand Rapids scribes have received the word from Washington, D. C., that Dutch Ulrich, the Dutch of the Dutch, had only "Dutch" Storms wants to get back in the Central circuit. Dutch was sent to Wilkesbarre, of the New York State league, by Detroit and the change does not appeal to the former Grand Rapids southpaw. In hopes that Dutch would be sent back to the Grand Rapids, Dutch is sulking hard in the Wilkesbarre contract. Dutch also writes that Dickson has not yet returned his contract to Birmingham. Dickson wants to get factory north.

SCHAFER BUYS RELEASE.

Pitcher Will Play With Los Angeles Team.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 1.—"Louie Smith to-day announced that Pitcher George Schafer has purchased his release from the Tot management. The consideration is not given out.

Schafer has been playing with the Tots since the opening of the season. He is anxious to stay with that team.

Alva Williams gladdened the hearts of the management by returning his contract—with his signature attached.

The Tribune bindery does all kinds of binding.

JACK O'BRIEN WHO IS MATCHED WITH KETCHELL

"BUCK" CONNORS GOES TO SPOKANE

SECRETARY FARRELL NOTIFIES LOCAL MAN.

Will Get $250 Per Month and Traveling Expenses to and From.

At last "Buck" Connors knows where he will play this year, or at least where he will start out. A letter from Secretary Parrell, of the National association, received Saturday morning notified him that he has been assigned to Spokane, of the Northwestern league.

"Buck" has been holding up ever since the first mixup when both Scranton, of the New York State league, and Spokane claimed him, reason thinking that they had bought him from Lima. A. A. Miller, C. C. Miller, C. Lee and I. W. Jackson.

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SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES

BY HASKELL.

Between now and the time set for the Johnson-Langford battle in London in May there are some fistic and bouts scheduled in the boxing world, but it is to be hoped that Ketchel, Johnny Coulon, Hugo Kelly, Jimmy Clabby and others involving championships also get matched.

In the matches already made there is much difficulty according to "dope" —much difficulty in picking the winner in the Ketchel-Jack O'Brien affair, and lines that bolster of titles will continue to keep them.

Take the heavyweights, for instance, —there's Johnson, who looks like a sure bet against Langford; there's Ketchel, who looks good enough in his fight with Sullivan to be a sure bet; there's Bill Papke, booked to fight Jim Flynn; Battling Nelson, a "tiger" against Dick Hyland; and there is Jimmy Gardner, who looks good enough to win when he meets Joe McKinnon, and there is Johnny Thompson, who looks good enough to win against Mike Gaudette, and there is the favorite past performance, fighting ability and experience, not to be considered.

A little "dope" on the bouts already cinched will not be amiss at this time, although some of the bouts may be called off or changes made in the line-up.

Jack Johnson once beat Sam Langford, and to hold a victory over a man means additional confidence for the second meeting. If there is one advantage that Johnson has over Langford, it is his late ability to hit, despite Sammy claims he is faster than Jack, but there is a chance for an argument on that point. Johnson is exceptionally fast—much faster than he gets credit for. The negro champion is a clever boxer, and has shown in his ring—three important factors in the pugilistic game. Why not then, shouldn't Jack be inclined to bet the "little big" fellow. At that Langford is a corker in the ring and he can give and take much punishment but while he is a big man he is not a big enough heavyweight class, or even in the heavy class, there is good reason to believe that he is not quite good enough to take Johnson's measure.

Philadelphia fans should see some great sport when Ketchel hooks up with Jack O'Brien, and if it is not fought by the Quaker pugilist and fight-fan to "the Grand Rapids wonder. But in this case, although the bout is "only six rounds, "Ketch" should damage O'Brien considerably. It will of course be Jack's intention to stay away from the Michigan man and to win by boxing him. But Jack's skills will hardly carry, as Stanley finds from the opening bell and there will be no stalling, but real fighting, and O'Brien will have to take and give hard mixing if up and indighting O'Brien is the Grand Rapid man, is handing Ketchel's case.

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Then, March 17, Bill Papke and Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, are booked for a ring argument in Los Angeles. It looks from here like a case of "good up" Jim, as Papke is too fast and too strong for the Colorado man. In the Papke-Flynn bout, Jim will be meeting Ketchel, and Flynn may did display much class. The third future

American association club had sold him to them.

Both clubs sent contracts and when "Buck" saw that the Scranton parchment called for $150 a season more than the Spokane contract and that it was more desirable in several ways, he signed the Scranton contract and held out on the Spokane one, pending a raise in salary. Scranton refused to place the case out into the hands of the commission, however, Spokane, according to "Buck" has come across with a new proposition which is quite to his liking and he will start out with the Spokane club at the rate of $250 per month, and board. Connors is perfectly willing to sign up. He will report at Spokane March 22 for work.

GAME AT HOT SPRNGS.

American League Stars Beat National 13 to 5.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 1.—Glorious weather marked the first Sunday exhibition game between a picked team of National and American league ball players who are in training here. The stand and bleachers were thronged with fans from many cities. Ward, "Bill" Donovan and Long Bob Rhoads were opposing pitchers until the fifth inning, when Ward was forced to hold down with honors due.

In the eighth Bell, the Brooklyn pitcher, was hammered by American representatives for ten hits and nine runs. This settled it. The American won, 13 to 5.

The Boston American arrived last night and joined the new arrivals to-day, which will be their training quarters. The Boston American team intended the game this afternoon in Chicago, but to-morrow will start spring training.

BUSINESS MEN VICTORS.

Take Second Valley Ball Match From Busy Men.

The Business men took three straight games of the valley ball match with the Busy men at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday afternoon, winning by the scores, 15-12, 15-11 and 15-14.

Saturday's was the second match between the two teams for the first honors, the first match going to the Busy men by a two out of three score.

No definite arrangements have been made for the final game to decide the championship, a question which has been left open for the contestants to settle. Unless there is a change in plans it is probable that Saturday, March 27, will be the day agreed on.

In Saturday's contest the teams lined up as follows: Business men—A. J. McM. Credit, J. Schafer, F. Kale, Jr., Jacob Schafer, Jr., Schafer, Busy men—H. C. Shaddle, Jr., Jr., Jr.,