

That Son-In-Law of Pa's---By Wellington

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Sporting Comment

In a way, the N. H. A. president has some reason to fear that some of the pros. may suffer injury. Any bad feeling between the players is too widely advertised these days.

The Federal League is making a big splash just now. But when the summer comes the Hot Stove League chatter may not be heard when cold cash commences to talk. So far the Federals have signed up maybe a dozen big leaguers, mostly veterans, and the league will have to fill up on minor leaguers, and perhaps not very good ones at that. For a really

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successful fight with organized baseball, the Federal League must invest five or six millions in baseball. And that's a big investment in anything.

So far, every protest to the N. H. A. has been thrown out by President Emmett Quinn. This may not seem justice at first glance, but it's not far from being hard, common sense. We would have one continual round of protests if only a few were allowed. It would be like a baseball game with the ump's changing his decision whenever a kick came in.

The American A.A.U. is after funds for the Olympic team and J. E. Sullivan wants the A.A.U. to grant \$2000 towards the fund. The Americans want \$150,000 for the team and are beginning to fear that they will find the same difficulty in collecting the money that both the British and German athletic associations have encountered.

Messrs Riley, Hern and Reg. Percival interpreted the new rule in a somewhat peculiar manner. Berlanquet was allowed to nearly throw Darragh over the first row of seats while Jack was taking aim for a shot, but Duford met a man coming straight down the ice, with plenty of space to get by, and visited the penalty box for a square body check.

Jess Willard and Gunboat Smith met at Daly City, on July 4. The Gunboat has whipped nearly all the white hopes while Willard has collected a lot of advertising through the death of an opponent in the ring. This is probably expected to lure out

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enough fight fans to bring up the gate enough to give Gunboat Smith the \$7,500 Willard's manager has guaranteed him.

President Emmett Quinn sprang a new one on the Ottawas when they arrived in Montreal Arena. It was in the shape of a new rule. According to this new rule body checking, one of the features of hockey since the game started, is practically ruled out. In future, if a player is skating up the side with the puck, the player checking him may not body him into the boards, unless the puck-carrier has room enough to pass between the player checking and the side. The officials having to interpret these rules have our sympathy, and the chances are ten to one they will get out of it by calling all body checking off. The rule came as the aftermath of the Lalonde-Hall incident. President Quinn evidently fearing a bad injury to some player.

QUEEN CHAMPION SWIMMER

PARIS, Jan. 24.—"If I weren't sitting on the Italian throne," said Queen Helene recently, "I could earn \$400 weekly as a champion woman swimmer or as a trick shooter in the New York music halls." Inquiry shows that nearly every European queen is capable of earning her own living by some accomplishment or other if forced to it. Queen Mary of England is quite an adept at painting water colors and as dressmaker, the Kaiserin is an expert art photographer. Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is well known as a miniature painter and fancy cook. Queen Maud of Norway, who writes under the pen name of "Gram Irving," has gained success as a playwright and also has considerable skill as a painter and bookbinder, while everyone is familiar with the poetry written by Carmen Sylvia, Queen of Rumania.

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Colonel Hedges of the St. Louis Browns has tendered a contract to Earl Weitzel, a kid pitcher of Hazelton, Ind., who has performed pompously with semi-professional clubs of Southern Indiana. Weitzel is expected to report to Manager Branch Rickey in February for the Southern training trip.

Catcher Arthur Lavigne, of the Lowell Club, New England League, has been purchased by Manager Mike Finn of the Memphis Southern League Club. Patrick Lagan, an outfielder from the Bangor team, Maine-New Brunswick League, also has signed a contract with the Southern Leaguers.

E. W. Dickenson, president of the Michigan State League, believes that six clubs should limit the census of a minor league circuit. The Michigan State League first demonstrated the advantage of this contention and Tri-State Leagues followed in the order named.

Mike Rosch, well known base ball character, has decided to again follow the charms of professional baseball. Accordingly Rosch has sold the Hotel McDonald, of Binghamton, N.Y., and is now preparing to loosen up his muscles for an active 1914 "come-back." Rosch desires to become manager of a minor league club.

Run down and killed by a switch engine on the eve of his marriage, was the sad fate of Bill Clayton, pitcher for the Bloomington Club, of the Three-I League for a brief period in 1913. Clayton accepted a position as a brakeman in Salem, Ill., in December, 1913, and met his death while attending to his duties as track inspector.

Another case of Cupid banging out a safety hit stunned the friends of Joe Gedson, infielder for the Washington Americans, when it was learned that Joe eloped daringly with Miss Laurie O'Brien of Sacramento, California. Gedson and his bride were married at Keno, a suburb village, and returned to spread the news broadcast.

A committee composed of W. O. Duntley, John T. Connerly, John P. Harding and Edward G. Heeman are completing arrangements for the return reception to be extended Messrs McGraw, Callahan, Comiskey and the globe-trotting White Sox and Giants following the extensive trip around the continent. Base ball letters have been mailed requesting candidates for the reception committee.

The Montreal Club of the International League has signed Jack Persie's former base ball instructor and semi-pro player of Canendegus. Montreal also has secured an amateur hurling phenom of Chicago, who will work with Persie in the International circuit. Frank Chance of the New York Highlanders gave Persie a brief trial last summer.

Clark Griffith when in quest of a brilliant player, sends his youngster to the Atlanta Club, which is one of Washington's farms. Atlanta generally spurns the services of Griffith's cast-offs, the kids ramble to another club, make good and then the sly manager signs 'em up. Joe Boehling and Paul Musser are two notables who received this parcel post treatment.

Domestic comforts and a thriving hospitality, of which he rules supreme, caused President Callaway of the Atlanta Southern League Club to receive an unsigned contract from Chas Alperman, the captain of the Southern League champs last year. Alperman says there's too great a profit in managing a hotel to decide as to his baseball career at this early period.

Captain Adrian C. Anson has been crowned with a good-sized horse-shoe by G. M. Cohan, the celebrated New York light opera comedian. Cohan wrote the vaudeville sketch which is now being presented in an Eastern Circuit by the veteran player and the "Yankee boy" refused to accept one copper cent for instructing Anson how to buck and wing in up to date fashion.

Czar Ban Johnson is planning a device which will automatically detect

an intentional base on balls given by a pitcher. A "catcher's box" is the plan in question and it is thought the little enclosure will help the umpires in determining whether or not the pass was voluntary, as it will show up the backstops who step to one side of the plate to receive the combination of wild pitches.

Buck O'Brien, former twirler for the Boston Red Sox, who was secured last season from the Chicago Americans by the Oakland Pacific Coast Club, will not return to Manager Devlin next spring, according to coast information. The original option has expired, it is said, but President Comiskey has allotted time for the Oaks to consider whether or not O'Brien will be welcome in their midst for the 1914 season.

To further scare the magnates of organized baseball the Chicago Federal League club has been incorporated for \$250,000. James Gilmore, Chas Wegman and W. M. Walker are named as the incorporators. The St. Louis Club has opened a regular business office in the heart of the commercial district, while Mordca Browdy the new manager, will be given a brand new desk to direct his contracts to the major league noblemen.

Another streak of hard luck has been dealt to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Not content with robbing Brooklyn of Shortstop Tinker, Old Dame Fate also yanked Shortstop Bob Fischer to the Federal League. Following the sudden jump of Tinker and Brown, officials of the Dodgers immediately mailed contracts to the players wanted for the coming season, but Fischer spurned his offer, stating that he was to receive a snug fortune from the independents.

Thomas P. Daly has been welcomed into the camp of New York Americans as trainer for the younger pitchers. Daly was at one time a foremost catcher in the National League and attained great fame while playing under Anson in 1889. Daly handled Governor Tener's spirals in those colonial days and also was a member of the globe-trotting Chicago team in 1904. Chase has engaged the vet for the entire season. Daly to be given full charge of the new hurlers.

Starting his professional baseball career with the Des Moines Club of the Western League, W. R. Marshall former catcher for the Chicago Cubs, has affixed the doctor symbol before his name and is now a full fledged physician with his home and office in Clinton, Ky. Following his stay with Des Moines, Dr Marshall was drafted to New York Nationals and assisted the Giants in winning the championship in 1904. In 1905 he played with the St. Louis Nationals and in 1908 he was a member of the world's champion Cubs.

While it takes but three strikes to convince the umpire that your man

is out, Willie Mitchell, hurler for the Cleveland Naps will testify that it takes an extra shoot to down a growling panther. As Mitchell went on a quail hunting expedition in Sardinia, Miss., he pitched into a panther glaring from behind a tree. The beast started to pounce upon Mitchell, but after Willie had missed three times straight, the fourth shot took effect and now the animal's skin is adorning Mitchell's honor den.

The plea for Jake Daubert, famous first sacker for the Brooklyn Superbas has caused Tom Romanach, the Cuban shortstop, to smile in the direction of Garry Herrmann in deserting the Cincinnati Reds, who desired his services. Daubert representing Brooklyn, practically signed Romanach during a recent visit to Havana, and when Herrmann was so informed, off he went declaring war and warning that Romanach had accepted their terms last winter. Perhaps the Federals will grab the Cuban, so what's all the fighting about?

Connie Mack, who generally wins world's championships, comes to the front with a new Federal League version. Mack declares that the wealthy magnates backing the outlaw teams have been literally drawn into a deep plot by siren-like schemers who having no funds of consequence themselves, have misinformed their superiors by telling them baseball profits are enormous and that the national game is a case of heads I win, tails you lose. Mack has not signed the nine champions of the Athletics team but he is not worrying over the frequent approaches by the independents.

"The addition to being a great evangelist and an ex-ball player of real

note, Rev Billy Sunday was one of the speediest men who ever played in the major leagues, according to Bill Peet in the Washington Herald. Back in the '80s, when he was playing with the Anson White Sox, Billy was Chicago's prize base sprinter. In those days the rival teams pulled off many a match, and many a time a record of the wagers placed resembled a salary list. Sunday won the particularly famous race from Arlie Latham, in St. Louis late in the '80s.

In a book which he is soon to publish "The Spectacular Career of Rev Billy Sunday," T. T. Frankenberg of Columbus, tells of the race, quoting the evangelist as he told the story: "When I played ball I could outrun any man in the National League," he said. "Arlie Latham could do the same in the American League, so we fixed it up to have a race one Sunday afternoon. But in the meantime I got converted. I went to Cap. Anson and said, 'Cap, I can't do it. I'm converted and I can't run that race on Sunday.' Cap said to me, 'Bill, don't show the white feather. We've got \$12,000 bet on you and all the boys have bet their last cent on you. If you don't win that race they will have to eat snowflakes next winter. You go down to St. Louis and run that race and fix it up with God afterward.'

"Well, I ran that race and I beat Latham by 15 feet and came home with my pockets full of money. I then went before the Presbytery and told them all and stuck to the church, and after eight years they ordained me as a minister. And then the other day Westminster gives me an honorary D. D. Say, that's going some for an old sport, that's never seen the inside of a college, isn't it?"

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