

Topsy Hartsell Says 18 Players Are Plenty For Any First Class Club

By TOM ANDREWS

In the opinion of Bill Armour, business head of the Milwaukee club, and Topsy Hartsell, manager of the Toledo club, eighteen players are enough for any first class baseball club.

"The times have changed greatly regarding the game, no doubt," said Hartsell, "but not to such an extent that every manager has to have three teams in the field for one game, day in and day out. I remember the time when a manager was well satisfied with sixteen players; in fact, he would not think of carrying more players, as it interfered with the playing of the regulars. Four pitchers those days were plenty, and two utility men were considered very well, with an extra catcher to help out. Nowadays the players seem to think they are being overworked if they are called on to work more than three times a week, and some of them howl at that number of games. I mean the pitchers. Why, in the days of twenty years ago the pitchers were content to work every other day or more and thought nothing of it. This idea of having so many players on a team encourages them to be rather lazy and makes them loaf at times."

"Yes, Topsy is right," chimed in Bill Armour. "The clubs are simply going daffy over the number of players to carry. Here is Hartsell traveling about the west with nine pitchers, twenty-three players in all, and why? Because he thinks that if he lets some youngster get away he may lose a star and that some other rival club will grab him off and get the best of the deal. Why, to my way of thinking, a team cannot get the best work out of the men with so many on the list. Take four regular pitchers, and if they are worked in order they will accomplish more than a whole army of twirlers. A pitcher must be in first class shape to win games, and in order to keep in condition he must have the practice. Regular games are the best kind of practice, and with an extra man to help out in case of necessity, why the staff should be large enough. When I played some years ago we never thought of having more than sixteen men all told and they made as good a fight for a pennant as could be wished for. I think if the teams carried fewer men they would be better off and it would also give some of the weaker ones a chance to strengthen up with the surplus men now being carried and held for emergencies."

THE NEW IRISH LORD CHANCELLOR

Rapid Promotion Won By Ignatius O'Brien—Appointment Declared a Popular and Deserved One

(Irish Barrister in London Chronicle.)

Edmond Barry has resigned the office of Lord Chancellor for Ireland owing to ill-health, and Ignatius O'Brien, attorney-general, has been appointed to succeed him.

The prime minister has the instinct for doing the right thing. His appointment of Ignatius O'Brien as Lord Chancellor of Ireland is undoubtedly a popular one, and every Irish lawyer will admit that on purely professional grounds the promotion of the attorney-general was a deserved and very proper proceeding.

The new lord chancellor is a self-made man. He is the first graduate from journalism to the great office. Thirty odd years ago Mr. O'Brien was a very junior reporter on the staff of the "Freeman's Journal," a fact which is certain to be laid hold of by T. M. Healy when he comes, as inevitably he must come sooner or later, to find fault with what the present government have done. There is always someone else in these matters who has been unaccountably passed over.

Ignatius O'Brien was called to the Irish bar in 1881. It was an auspicious year for aspirants to legal eminence. It was the year in which Mr. Gladstone by his great land act destroyed the feudal land system, converted, as it was said at the time, "the freehold owners into timid, shivering rent-changers," and set up land courts to determine the vexed question of what was to be the fair rent of a tenant's holding. There had also been a coronation act in that year, or a "Peace Preser-

vation Act" as it was called in the text, and one or two others of the same character came into existence soon afterwards, and the lawyers were enjoying the time of their lives in Ireland.

Mr. O'Brien made his way through modest avenues. He commenced in the county court in his native county of Cork, where he very soon made his mark. But the current soon brought him to Dublin, where the land business was becoming considerable, but the coercion courts were the theatre in which he had his most frequent appearances. He was always for the accused while the prosecuting junior of those days was often Sir Edward Carson standing as he himself afterwards expressed it, "for the coercion of the law against the coercion of the mob," but this pithy observation was not made in Belfast or even in Ulster.

Mr. O'Brien from the time he came to Dublin, buried himself in his business and soon had a leading place as junior on the common law side, and especially in the bankruptcy division, which he practically ran, so to speak, for several years in his junior days.

In 1899 he obtained his silk gown, and from that time onwards operated mostly in the Chancery Division. His work became very heavy, but he was equal to it both in constitution and ability. In 1911 he was appointed Solicitor-General for Ireland.

Less than a year ago, on the promotion of Charles O'Connor to the mastership of the rolls he became Attorney-General for

SON OF SIR GEORGE ROSS AND HIS BRIDE



In Toronto on Monday was solemnized the wedding of Miss Margaret Widdridge, daughter of Mrs. M. M. Widdridge of St. John, and Dr. G. W. Ross, son of Sir George Ross.

NATIONAL GAMES

Among the games which will receive detailed discussion and attention at the Recreation Congress in Richmond, Virginia, May 6th to 10th, are volleyball and soccer football. A committee of the Playground and Recreation Association of America has compiled a list of national games which it is trying to promote in every community in America. These two are on the list but have not as yet been able to compete even in a degree with baseball. Since either of them may be played in a smaller space and by a greater number than baseball, the committee feels that a little gentle pushing of these games may serve to get them tried, and the committee declares, "Once tried, always used!"

H. S. BRAUCHER, Secretary, Playground and Recreation Association of America, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City.

INQUEST CONTINUED

The inquest into the death of Edmund Leeger, killed on the steamer "Montreal," was continued before Coroner Berryman last evening and was adjourned until next Friday evening. Dan McConnell, the winchman "said that one of the deals in the sling was protruding and caught in the guy rope and Leeger was about to free it when the sling swung clear and struck him. Simon J. LeBlanc and his brother Thibault told of putting the deals in the sling and of one being longer than the rest, this causing it to stick out about five feet.

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ST. JOHN MAN MARRIED IN NEWCASTLE THIS WEEK

St. Andrew's Anglican church in Newcastle, was the scene of a very attractive wedding on Wednesday evening when Frederick Uncle of St. John, was united in marriage to Miss Annie Mappin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Russell. The ceremony was at 8.30 and was performed by the rector, Rev. W. J. Bate, in the presence of a large congregation. The wedding march was very acceptably played by the organist, Miss Leighton. The bride, who was given away by her father was beautifully gowned in cream chiffon broadcloth tastefully draped and caught with satin roses with trimmings of Irish point lace and wore a pearl necklace and large white picture hat with white plumes and carried an ivory bound prayer book. The maid of honor was attired in turquoise blue silk with trimmings of chiffon embroidery and wore a white hat with ostrich band and roses. James McMurray performed the duties of groomsmen. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the home of the bride's parents, King street West, where a sumptuous repast was served. The presents to the bride were costly and numerous. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold ring set with pearls to the bride and a gold ring with setting of amethysts and to the groomsmen a gold scarf pin. The bride's travelling suit was plum colored broad-cloth with hat to match. The happy couple left on Thursday morning's maritime amid the good wishes of their many friends for St. John, where they will reside.

MORNING LOCALS

A. R. C. Clarke and Son have been awarded the contracts for building the new offices in connection with Jas. Fleming's foundry and the repairs to the F. W. Daniel & Co. Ltd. building.
Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Nasr yesterday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding and were the recipients of beautiful remembrances of the occasion.
The free educational lecture course carried on in the Central and High school under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club during the winter was brought to a close last evening when Mrs. E. S. Lake delivered an illustrated lecture on Lakes Superior and Huron. A vote of thanks to the ladies of the club was heartily adopted.
Professor Thomas Mawson, English town planning expert arrived in St. John on the steamer Empress of Ireland yesterday and left again by the C. P. R. for Calgary where he is directing town planning operations.
Living in London is 40 per cent. cheaper than in any of the large cities of the United States.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

William Abraham, five-year-old son of Corporal Abraham, of the R. C. G. A. had both legs cut off being run over by a street car in Halifax yesterday. He died in the hospital a few hours later.
Trouble has arisen between the Women's Social and Political Union, the organization of the English Militant Suffragettes and their American members and friends. This was marked yesterday by formal court martial proceedings in London conducted by the union in the case of Mrs. Mary Ford of New York who was charged with various violations of their principles and regulations. Mrs. Ford did not appear and afterwards said that she knew nothing about the charges.
A young man eighteen years of age and a girl of nineteen met a dreadful and premeditated death in Paris yesterday. They climbed to the top of the clock tower of Notre Dame and hand in hand plunged into space and were dashed to pieces on the pavement 180 feet below. They left a note explaining that their action was due to a love affair.
The temporary span in the Frederick highway bridge to replace the draw span carried away on April 1 has been completed. It was opened to pedestrians yesterday and was to be ready for vehicles today.
Monday afternoon the citizens of Amherst will enjoy a half-holiday in celebra-

tion of Sir Charles Tupper's visit to his native town. Sir Charles will review 2,000 school children. The factories throughout the town will be closed at noon.
Castor, Ala., April 25.—Final returns of Coronation riding, in doubt until yesterday, are in and give F. H. Whiteside (Liberal) a majority of 20.
Boston, April 25.—(Special)—Mrs. Margaret E. Balesley, of Boston, petitioned the superior court today for a divorce from Leonard Balesley, now of parts unknown. The couple were married at Rockville (N. B.), in 1888, and have five children, whose custody the mother asks. Desertion, non-support, cruelty and intoxication are alleged.

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