

The Battle for MILLIONS



James A. Gilmore
Pres. Federal League



Governor
Tener,
President
National
League



Charles Weeghman,
Principal Backer
of the Federal League

Ben Johnson
Pres. American
League



Joe Tinker, Manager
Chicago Federal League
Team

Bitter Fight Marks Season of 1914 By the Entrance of the Federal League = The Raid On the Teams of Organized Baseball By the Outlaws Has Played Havoc and Cost the Magnates Heavily To Hold Their Stars.

THE baseball season of 1914 starts with added interest by the advent of a new league amply equipped with brains and money to do battle with the men who have had a monopoly in the baseball world for many years. The real fight was on early in the winter when the newcomers let it be plainly understood that they were in the fight to stay, and as far as money was concerned they had enough and more to give the men of Organized Baseball the fight of their lives.

fifty-seven varieties of presidents were little more than figureheads. The National was ruled by a little clique of magnates and the head of the body was but a puppet in their hands. When they pulled their strings he danced, and it mattered not whether he liked it or not. Tener, as president, doubtless will correct all this.

Play Ball! The Glad Cry.

But the season is on now, and that time-worn but ever welcome cry "Play Ball" has resounded through the breadth and length of the land, bringing joy to the hearts of millions of fans. Of course all eyes are focused on the Feds. Sporting writers at first hostile to the new league, and seemingly dominated by the influence of the older bodies, were prone to make fun of the newcomer. They have changed their tune now, for with the millions of dollars that are behind the Feds they are an organization that must be reckoned with, and they have spent too much money already to even consider the proposition to sell out to the older bodies. They want recognition and they will get it. This may not come this year, but the time is not far distant when both Ben Johnson and Governor Tener will be glad to approach the camp of the enemy beneath the folds of their flag of truce and seek some scheme by which the raid on their playing forces can be obviated, thereby bringing

playing salaries to a saner level. Of course the players have profited tremendously by the new order of things. Joe Tinker, the first of the real stars to jump from Organized Baseball into the camp of the outlaws, only did so when a fabulous sum was guaranteed him as player-manager of the Chicago Feds. Otto Knabe left the Phillies to pilot the Baltimore team under the all-wise guidance of Ned Hanlon, at a salary far in excess of what he ever dreamed of earning in Quakerstown. He took others with him and all went at big increases.

In order to hold players that the Feds had made overtures to, the men of Organized Baseball were compelled to guarantee salaries on long contracts in excess of anything they ever dreamed of. Tris Speaker, for instance, upon his return from the world tour with the Giants and White Sox was re-signed by his Boston manager at a salary said to be the highest ever given a player. The sum reported is to be \$15,000 a year. The honor of paying the biggest salaries, however, has been disputed by several of the magnates of the older bodies. Navin asserts that Ty Cobb, of his Detroit team, is still the highest paid player in the world. The contention also is made that John Mc-

Draw, in making out his income tax returns, took oath to the fact that his annual salary as manager of the Giants is \$20,000 a year. His contract has several years to run yet. Tinker's salary is in the neighborhood of \$15,000 a year and he received a big cash bonus for signing.

Opening Gun Is Fired. The loss of Tinker to the Cincinnati and Brooklyn teams was the opening gun fired in the baseball war. Tinker was sold to the Brooklyn team for \$25,000, and of this sum \$5,000 was to go to the player as a bonus for signing his contract with the Ebbers club. The money was paid to Cincinnati but Tinker balked and then came one of the biggest bombs ever fired in baseball ranks. Ebbers was out his money and the several players he was to toss into the trade, and Cincinnati was without the man it was to give. The matter was finally adjusted on some basis and Wilbert Robinson came from the Giants, where he had officiated as McGraw's chief aide and trainer of pitchers, to take charge of the Brooklyn team. Herzog was sold by the Giants to Cincinnati and he is piloting the Reds.

The baseball situation as it now stands is this: The National League is entrenched in Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago.

The American is lined up in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis.

The Federals have installed themselves in Brooklyn, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Buffalo in the East, and Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City in the West. From the foregoing it can be seen that the National League is hardest hit as far as competition goes. The Feds oppose the National in Brooklyn and Pittsburgh, where heretofore the National had things all their own way in those cities. The baseball patronage of Chicago and St. Louis must now be divided between three clubs. There is not a field that the American League clubs exclusively controlled that the invaders have entered, which may be construed as another indication that some understanding existed between Ben Johnson and the outlaws. It might be doing Johnson an injustice to even hint such a thing, but all straw points that way.

Good Men As Pilots. It is interesting to note that the eight Federal League teams are in charge of shrewd men to guide their

players. Tinker is handling the Chicago outfit, while William Bradley is leading the Brooklyn team, Otto Knabe is in Baltimore and Larry Schaffley leads the Buffalo. "Doc" Gessler is handling the Pittsburgh outfit and Miner Brown, once star slabanman of the Chicago Cubs, is guiding the destinies of the St. Louis players. Bill Phillips is the Indianapolis manager, while George Stovall holds the reins over the Kansas City team. From this it can be gleaned that all these men know baseball in and out, and while some of them never had big league managerial experience nevertheless they have been in the game long enough to have picked up all the tricks of the trade.

James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, familiarly known as "Fighting Jim" Gilmore, has a big fight ahead of him but those that know him best confidently predict that he will win with bells on. Backed by young multi-millionaire, "Charlie Weeghman" of Chicago, and William Walker, also of the Windy City, and both close friends of "Fighting Jim," Gilmore was given plainly to understand that he could "go the limit." All he had to do was to make good and they would pay the bills. Weeghman made his fortune out of a chain of lunch rooms, beginning in a small and smoky little room where he personally served patrons with their "beef and—" His fortune grew to colossal proportions and now he is willing to take a chance and buck one of the strongest combinations ever formed in this country, for many contend that no trust in existence is as powerful as Organized Baseball.

Big Job Ahead of Him.

Study the cold hard figures of finance revealed in pages from the history of Organized Baseball and you will gain some conception of the task undertaken by Fighting Jim Gilmore when he accepted the presidency of the Federal League. Forty-three circuits operate under the protection of the National Baseball Agreement, which means that his two chief opponents, the National and the

American League have forty-one established organizations, feeders of talent to the major circuits which Gilmore must count as powerful aids to the two big bodies now opposing him. It has already cost Organized Baseball \$400,000 to uphold its end. To the club owners in the association of minor leagues the National and American leagues paid \$371,000 for young players last season. Some of these are now in the big league team, destined to travel onward and upward in the path Organized Baseball points out, but others, rather than go back to the "minors" heeded the lure of the Feds and are receiving good salaries and will make good. Organized Baseball represents investments of upwards of \$10,000,000 and this does not include contracts with players which could be turned into big cash sums at a moment's notice. Minor league players, in upwards of 500 cities controlled by Organized Baseball, draw salaries aggregating more than \$400,000 a month during the playing season. It costs more than \$150,000 to operate a major league team for one season, this sum being far below the expenses of a team with pennant aspirations, or one encountering reverses outside the won and lost columns of the league standing.

Gilmore Has No Fear.

But Mr. Gilmore proudly proclaims that he has fifty million dollars behind him and that he intends to give Organized Baseball a battle it never expected from a body of less than two years' old.

An announcement made by Mr. Gilmore a day or two before his playing season opened shows just how the teams are being financed and the men in each city who are behind the movement. They are all representative citizens and the prediction is further made that one of the citi now in the circuit will be bought out next year and that New York will take its place. In fact the Feds have an option on contracts in the big cities and these are admirably located as far as transportation facilities are concerned.

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(Continued from Saturday)

Increase and New Appointments, Telegraph Department.

G. R. Lindsay, Counter Clerk, G.P.O., Central Office; present salary \$800, increase \$300.

Alfred Rees, Central Office; \$500, increase \$100.

Chesley Colton, Delivery Clerk, G.P.O., Central Office; present salary \$450, increase \$50.

Daisy Myrick, Gertrude Targett, Bride Murphy, Katie O'Driscoll, Madge O'Driscoll, Gertrude Ryan, Blanche Martin, M. F. Hartigan, operators, Central Station; present salary \$420 each, increase \$60 each.

B. M. Anthony, Operator, Central Office; present salary \$420, increase \$420.

W. J. Ashley, Operator, Court House Office; present salary \$500, increase \$500.

Kenneth Puke, Operator, Rawlins' Cross; present salary \$80, increase \$480.

Allan M. Fraser, Operator, King's Wharf; present salary \$660, increase \$60.

W. Mitchell, Counter Clerk Relieving; present salary \$500, increase \$50.

Harry Willar, Operator, Rawlins' Cross; present salary; \$480, increase \$120.

Michael Bonia, Operator, Central; present salary \$480, increase \$120.

H. R. Rowsell, Operator, Central; present salary \$420, increase \$420.

Genevieve Cleary, Operator, Riverhead; present salary \$240, increase \$240.

John J. Shea, Clerk, Riverhead; present salary \$180, increase \$180.

J. J. Hefferman, Phone Clerk, Central; present salary \$360, increase \$360.

John Mullins, Clerk, King's Wharf; present salary \$200, increase \$20.

William Morris, Clerk, Court House; present salary \$200, increase \$20.

James Escott, H. F. Butler, William Phelan, Wm. F. Day, Office Tenders, Central; present salary \$200 each, increase \$20 each.

Archibald Locke, Morgan Gallop,

TO THE EDITOR.

CALLS IT MEAN

(Editor Mail and Advocate.

Dear Sir,—Some little time ago the authorities dismissed an orphan girl from the post office at White Rock. The people consider the action a very mean one. The girl's father, who died about three years ago, had been postmaster here for a number of years.

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