

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL KINDS—BOXING

Nothing happened at the Federal league meeting at Indianapolis yesterday to cause a palpitating baseball public to lie awake nights. The magnates met, swapped a few words of encouragement, declared that the season recently closed had been a grand success, and then a majority of them hiked out for French Lick.

Charley Weeghman returned to Chicago, but will journey on to the watering place today. Several representative men of organized baseball are stopping at French Lick, and this has given rise to reports that peace negotiations would be entered into.

The Feds dropped Kansas City and decided to remove the franchise to New York, strengthening the team. A stand to hold 55,000 people is to be built in time for the opening in 1916. That sounds like a physical impossibility, and there is also some question as to where the 55,000 people would be found.

Buffalo's franchise was taken up, but the club will be reorganized and left in its present place. Jim Gilmore was re-elected president of the league.

Now for the peace talk. There was a rumor, supposed to be right out of the feed box, loose in the loop yesterday to the effect that the sale of the Cubs to Weeghman had been completed. It vanished into thin air when investigated, just as scores of similar rumors have done previously.

This arranging of peace between Feds and organized baseball is more than a matter of a friendly meeting and the signing of a few papers. There are long-term, high-price contracts that must be taken care of and the athletes must be looked out for in all negotiations.

Take the talk of consolidation between Whales and Cubs. We have Tinker as manager of the Whales at \$15,000 a year, with a contract having a year more to run. And we have

Bresnahan, manager of the Cubs, with a salary of \$12,500 a year for two more years.

Both pilots will have to be taken care of and it is obvious that a team cannot have two managers. One would have to return to the ranks or be fixed with another team and the salaries must be paid. There are also some plain athletes who have healthy salaries which run at least through next season, and they, too, must be taken care of.

When the war first broke out there was a rush to sign players to three-year contracts. The war has been on two years. So it is reasonable to guess—and one guess is as good as another—that peace will stand a better chance of coming at the close of 1916. Magnates in the past have shown no disposition to pay athletes for remaining idle.

Some time between the 10th and 14th of next April, however, there will be some ball games started, and whether three leagues or two leagues get into the race is immaterial to the fan who wants to see ball games and cares little for politics.

And it is also strange that this peace talk grows hottest during the meeting of the minor leagues. Is it possible the organized people are trying to stiffen the backbone of the smaller leagues?

Gaty received a big boost as a fight center when Joe Welling whipped Joe Sherman in a ten-round bout last night. The match was a thriller from gong to gong and kept the fans on edge throughout. There was no stalling, and if the class of entertainment is kept up there will be no doubt about the popularity of the Indiana ring.

Welling won, and won out in front, but the stockyards man matched him in gameness. And he fought, too. It was one of the few real grudge fights of recent ring history. The two men wanted to smash each other