

Balloon Diamond Salary Figures Might Annoy Fans

ALTHOUGH money occasionally is listed as a most sordid topic it undoubtedly takes high rank among those very interesting things about which people insist upon talking. Whether it is discussed as much in sports as in Wall street and other realms of big business is of course, a question that is open to some argument. Yet, with the season for the signing of baseball contracts now under way, it again becomes evident that the methods of the athletic gossipers are vastly different from those of ordinary mortals.

Most people—even though there remain a few who dwell sorrowfully upon the fact that they can scratch up only a million dollars or so of pin money—insist upon speaking in the highest terms concerning their own incomes and honorariums. It is a very human trait and I have no desire to join the early philosophical space flitters while commenting upon it.

Instead—as could have been said a hundred words ago—I am interested in the great pay various sports persons seem to obtain from somebody else's golden rewards.

There is, for instance, the matter of Carl Hubbell's contract. Most of the comments concerning this signing are over with the news that the pitcher will receive \$18,000 per year. This is interesting news. If true, it would not only indicate that the Giants are becoming more careful with their money, but also that the commentators have reached the heights of unselfishness by becoming so elated over another's good fortune. Unfortunately, I must admit that I have had no more of a glimpse of the contract than have my very knowing readers. I am overcome with serious doubts as to its truth.

In mentioning this—and I do have some very definite information concerning the top salaries paid to outstanding pitchers in both World Series leagues during the last five years—I am not attempting to quibble over a mere \$3,000 paid by somebody else to somebody else. Instead, I am wondering whether these sports game delusions of grandeur do not quite often have a decidedly adverse effect upon the scenes which they are imagined to enhance.

Only Three Big League Pitchers Topped \$15,000

Without going into a historic incident when an American league pitcher (not with the Yankee) took such estimates of salaries as correct, called his business manager a liar and then was forcefully compelled to apologize, there is competent authority for the statement that only three big-league hurlers ever have been paid more than \$15,000 a season.

That I have it upon the same competent authority that one of the hurlers—and it is not Hubbell—is not a matter of particular importance. Yet, taken along with the swollen incomes supposed to be earned by prize fighters who, on the average, are lucky when they can make \$3,000 a year, it does provide some cause for thought.

Naturally this thought will be lost upon the professional sports people as well as upon the promoters of the football universities who habitually over-estimate the size of their crowds by 10,000 or so, and yet, I have a suspicion that this continued speaking in boxcar figures is one of the ills of baseball. So far as the performers are concerned, they grow so accustomed to reading about such gorgeous prizes that they must become discouraged when they discover that really they are going to be paid only such a same sum as the traffic will bear. It is a point, if you will consider the amounts that would have to be taken in at the gate if such magnificent salaries were really to be paid, that does not need any considerable elucidation.

Mayor La Guardia and the New York Book Makers

Mayor La Guardia and the New York book makers. After his Honor's outburst against the bookies suspecting that the cops are talking snafus by tapping the wires. So the most celebrated of nature's hounds never in the year section have changed their telephone numbers.

There is much laughter among football people because of the witless provision of the Big Ten Conference for Ohio State's hard-working stars. . . . Although Mike Karakas, youthful Buck Hawk goalie, is being touted for the Vito Trophy as the league's outstanding goal tender, his teammates do not refer precisely that way about it. They whisper that he gives them the jitters because they have to drop back from the attacks so often in order to protect his territory.

Since the Aqueduct managers had their course measured and found slight discrepancies (Oh, Grandma, what big words you use) other racing associations also are engaging as surveyors. The Aqueduct tape revealed, incidentally, that Discovery ran 2 5/8 feet farther than necessary when he set a world record in the Brooklyn Handicap last June.

Jim Hart, former manager of Jack Johnson, laughs at the idea of Joe Louis being the greatest negro fighter of all time. "I could never have hit Johnson and he'd have been a set up for Joe," he says. Mr. Hart, Fred Knicker, who wears No. 13 in the Coliseum mischievously he did once, Heeman, fireman and bicycle shop proprietor in Son.

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Hedge and Hanna points go together. Mr. Hedge is now safely settled in his handsome new hardware store on the corner, right in the hub of things. He is agent for the celebrated Hanna paints advertised elsewhere.

Ray talking about good tools to work with for a working man, of good instruments for a musician to play with. Miss Ethel Kennedy has just purchased a violin that cost \$40. This addition to her \$100 violin just makes her right up in it for working man.

Vacation week is here. Our school has been inspected by the university examiners and Birmingham school is now on the university list for three years from now. The first vacation of the university respects never were better, and now let's vote the much needed new school building.

Ralph Corryell, who spent his vacation at his home, returned Monday to resume his studies at Lansing, at the M. A. C. The Sigma Tau Sorority were very pleasantly entertained by the university examiners and Birmingham school is now on the university list for three years from now.

Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Coming—election.
Go to the rink dance.
It rains very easily late.
Town meeting next Monday.
The season commenced full blast on Monday.

Book agents are numerous in these parts, eh, Jim?
Henry Negus is one of the high-mouky monks at the Cooper farm.

This last week our office was cleaned from top to bottom, making it a tidy workshop.
Reported that Sam Slade will soon be admitted to the bar. Well, we can't see why he shouldn't be.

We are informed that Miss Mae Letic will wield the birch in the Wing Lake school the coming season.
Now with gun and spear does the festive youth hike himself to the mill ponds in search of the innocent pickerel.

The roads will be in good condition tomorrow night, so come all ye who are of a dancing turn of mind and take in the rink hop. First class music at 50 cent paws the bill.

George Toms is about to leave us for pastures new. He will open a barber shop in Detroit about the first of April, and one and all wish him the greatest success in his new venture.

Through their secretary, R. C. Cummings, the Franklin band wish to return their thanks to the Young Ladies League Society and all who took part in the entertainment for their benefit on Tuesday, March 27, 1936.

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THREE CHURCHES HOLD GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The annual Good Friday service of the First Baptist, First Methodist, and First Presbyterian and other co-operating churches will be held this year in the First Baptist Church.

Music will be furnished by groups from the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.
The Rev. Frank Boyd, minister of the Southfield United Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. R. D. Hopkins will preach.

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Easter Drama To Feature Service On Palm Sunday

As an appropriate feature for Palm Sunday evening the adult players of the First Presbyterian Church will present "The Half Of My Goods" an Easter Drama by Ralph P. Claggett.

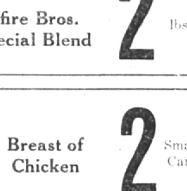
Taking the lead as Zachaeus will be Mr. Francis Dubois who recently interpreted the principle role in "The House on the Sand" Miss Ruth Flint of Orange New Jersey, a senior in music at Wooster College, will play the numbers for the trumpet. Miss Flint has appeared in concert in various parts of the East and is visiting her room mate Miss Harriett Clark during the spring recess.

There Are Others
Shabbily—if you had a pile of money, what would you do? Would you establish a chain of libraries or would you found a lot of colleges?
Southerly—Neither. I'd have a couple of big, thick, juicy pork chops like in the good old days.

"Too Many Cooks"

Mr. Longsuffer—I tell you, we've got to economize to the limit.
His Wife—But, dear, you do that so well. Do you think it good business efficiency to put you too the same job.

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WAYNE WILL START SUMMER SESSION JUNE 1

The summer session at Wayne University this year will be held from June 22 to August 15, according to the printed preliminary announcement released by the University this week.

Special features in the 1936 session include a summer institute on current issues with a roster of outstanding speakers in economics, education, geography, history, political science, and sociology; evening classes for students who are employed during the day; and a new group of descriptive courses, concerning varied industries of Detroit.

Students may register for the summer session between May 1 and June 22.

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