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**Holdout Technique**  
**of Cards, Yankees**  
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**THERE** probably are other ways in which the business heads of baseball's two most efficient firms perform their daily chores. At this season, though, it is the manner in which they manipulate their holdouts that provides the most enlightening contrast.

Branch Rickey of the Cards is a prime exponent of the "let's raise hell before we sign the papers" school. Even when not bledged with such a gifted debating opponent as Dixie Dean he is a firm believer in the benefits to be obtained from airing salary squabbles in press, news reels and any other available public forum.

Ed Barrow of the Yankees long has been convinced that unballooned negotiations provide the best results. Now and then—as during the later years of Ruth-Cousin Ed yields to the temptation of a fine fanfare of publicity during the weeks immediately preceding the signing of a contract. But the blather surrounding such yieldings only serves to convince him more and more that regular methods are the best.

Immediately thereafter he returns to the policy of offering a fair price. But the fact that such high-salaried notables as Ruth and Dean usually are pretty close to a meeting of minds with the management before all parties start yelling in the papers—probably is the reason why few business managers take the water-torture seriously. Several big time clubs are notorious for paying pitiful wages, but in general, the average is high. So, because an Eddie Roush comes along very seldom, the magates are happily fortified.

Roush never could have proved his point as easily as a Hubbel, who might give evidence that the added customers at one Sunday game are sufficient to pay his annual salary. But Eddie knew he was worth \$100,000.

Once he held out most of the summer before Cincinnati met his terms. At other times he may have remained away from spring training merely because the shifting sands of Texas and Florida did not agree with his aging dogs. But all the while he knew he was worth \$100,000 and since the days of the famous Chris von der Ahe no club-owner has been willing to sacrifice a sum merely to humor a stubborn wren. So Eddie got his way.

Apart from the Dean-Rickey advertisement and one or two other carryings-on of similar nature this winter's show of holdouts seems considerably below the usual ballgame par. Most of the boys—although as one who likes to see greedy and misingannaging owners clipped for extra dough now and then I make this statement sadly—seem to have as little heart in their demands as Hank Leiber did twelve months ago.

Public prints reported the big out-fitter as threatening to coach baseball at Arizona universities, rather than sign the contract offered by the Giants. Hank is a valuable young player and, even though the Giants' terms seemed very decent, this is a world which favors a guy getting all he can.

In the midst of his most violent protestations he made one mistake, though. He kept writing to friends in New York asking how the Giants are reacting to his demands. This definitely revealed a chink in his armor. So, having heard the gossip which may or may not have reached Horace Sternham's ears, it was not surprised to see Hank walk into a Pensacola hotel only a few days late.

**NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:**  
**E**ARLY baseball odds make the E. Browns, Phillies and A's 200 to 1. . . Helen Jacobs, Peggy Scriven, Dorothy Beaudet, Jeanne Owens and most of the basketball stars bear out physicians' claims that most good athletes have fast feet. . . Pedro Montaner, the Puerto Rican lightweight, wears bright red shoes while working out in the gym. . . Mort Lindsey, captain of the Jack Dempsey team in the coming national ten-pin championships, has participated in 27 of the A. B. C. tournaments. . . The U. S. G. A. always whining about being mis-treated in the papers, has a publicity department that is a nuisance value.

Gen. Louis never extra tape and by making his own decisions, should take a look at the Bomber some time. Actually he has very small mits for a heavyweight. . . One reason of the more than 100 successes is that 9,000 candidates turned out for the university's intercollegiate and intramural athletic teams during 1936. Of these 400 were candidates for the fresh football team and 22 for the varsity. . . Regional Perrier in president of the American Mouse Fanciers' association, a new organization. . . Umpire Bill Dean was surprised, and stated, to discover a big increase in his American league contract. Fourteen members of the 1936 Columbia and junior varsity crews will be available again this year.

Hockey gossip say that the poor showing of the amateur Rovers is due to jealousy among the players. The boys remember inter-town and inter-sectional feuds in their native Canada and so team play is sacrificed in one of those "every man for his own self" scrambles. . . Russ Russell, Hershey wing, has not missed one of the more than 100 games played since he joined the B's. . . Lucien Gagnon, the Hershey goalie and a protégé of the famed Georges Veinot, stopped 99 out of 100 shots while helping the Quebec Beavers win the Allan Cup. . . The national best story tellers and can sing a bit, too.

**Bill Terry's Son Won't Follow Dad's Footsteps**

Bill Terry, manager of the Giants, has a son at the University of Virginia, who doesn't participate in athletics. . . Fred Frick, son of the National League president, confines his DePauw university sporting attention to football. . . Joe Falciano, former match game bowling champion, has a sixteen-year-old son whose football work and other actions on the alleys are fearsome for those of his old man. . . Hungary, England, Bohemia, Germany and Norway provide the ancestors for the members of Marquette's varsity basketball five. . . Al Barabas, who scored Columbia's Roke Bowl touchdown against Stanford, has given up the notion of being a lawyer. Instead he is selling accident insurance along with Ivan VanBree, former College track captain.

A new combing from the West has joined Jack Pfeffer in an effort to oust Jack Curley from local wrestling, proving that some people never learn. . . Dr. Boy examined a fighter at Pompton Lakes the other day and asked him if he was suffering from "sinusitis" or "never touch it," declared the pug. . . Gunboat Smith is head runner of a Wall Street house. . . Doctors keep telling Tony Cannizzari it will be a boy. . . Johnny Dundee never misses a local fight and thinks he can still beat most of the local scrappers. . . Aldo Spolito is a regular Metropolitan Arena patron when not belting over lightweight. . . After delivering two knockouts in a row, Indian Quintana feels so much better that he will demand another chance at the bantamweight titleholder. . . One reason why Promoter Bill Johnston is topping all the 35-year-old records at St. Nicholas Palace is a very good press agent. . . Members of the Kokomo high school basketball team became so indignant after losing five straight games that they demanded Coach A. Campbell change his methods. The coach merely told the boys not to come out to practice any more and awarded their uniforms to new candidates. . . Paul Mottler, Bloomington H. S. center, and Jim Butler, Decatur Central H. S. (both of Indiana, near No. 100) in their basketball jerseys. But in spite of having plenty of nothing, they're both high scorers.

Jimmy Johnston, Jr. who took plenty of short-dogging on the Pastor-Louis battle, provides the following list of historic encounters where long-time laymen walked the plane: Dave Shade vs. Jimmy Slatery, Willie Jackson vs. Johnny Dundee, Ace Hookins vs. Ruby Goldstein, Billy Pfeiffer vs. Jimmy McLarin, Jimmy McLarin vs. Sid Griffith, Tony Camponeri vs. Jimmy McLarin, Jim Braddock vs. Tuffy Griffiths, Jim Braddock vs. Barr, and Schmeling vs. Louis.

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### Delegates' Reactions At Conference On Cause And Cure Of War Are Presented

Mrs. H. S. Burlingame, 436 Linden St., who attended the conference on the Cause and Cure of War, held in Chicago, Jan. 26-29, writes to this paper setting forth some of the reactions of delegates at the conference. Her letters reads as follows:

"This was the 12th such conference and the largest ever held. More than 600 delegates were registered, and more than 1700 people were in attendance. Breaking its long established custom of meeting in Washington, the Conference came to Chicago this year to draw a larger attendance from the middle west. . . The theme song of the proceedings, if one can say that Peace Conferences have theme songs, was opposition to a United foreign policy of ISOLATION, and to neutrality legislation which by mandatory features would make for isolation. Such MANIFESTO NEUTRALITY LEGISLATION was likened by one delegate, to building ourselves a stone cellar in which to hide and evade our responsibility in our WORLD COMMUNITY. . . The 'redependence of opinion' was in favor of the League of Nations, and the League of Nations was the discretion of Congress to the United States free to step up embargoes against aggressive nations. . . The 'Cash and Carry' plan for selling only to those who will pay for their purchases and carry them away in foreign ships was also advocated. . . I think it was safely said that the Conference was unanimously in favor of mandatory embargoes on arms and munitions to ALL warring nations. . . The group of the interests of the eleven organizations associated in this annual conference is indicated by the program which I am enclosing. You will also note from what varied fields the speakers were drawn. . . Delegates came away thinking that thought and planning for INTERNATIONAL PEACE is spreading in/over planning for war throughout the world, and that manifestations of its broadening power are to be found in every rank. Such accomplishments as those of the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace are an outstanding landmark for Peace planning in 1937. . . It is to be hoped that the majority of this year's Conference in Chicago may mean that many future conferences will be held in the Middle West so that more and more of the sincere workers for international Peace may have the opportunity and inspiration of attending them. . . For as little as 25 cents you may insert a CLASSIFIED AD in the columns of this paper. . . For one who wants to buy or sell, locate a house or sell one, for a broker a maid, Telephone 11 before Wednesday noon each week. . . (Adv.) 100.

### CRIPPLED KIDDIES' SEAL SALE MAR. 10

Dr. Harold Roehm is County Chairman Of Annual Easter Drive

The annual Easter seal sale to finance the work of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children will get under way throughout the state on March 10, according to Dr. Harold Roehm, Oakland County chairman of the drive. . . The society is a state-wide agency organized for the relief and care of looking after the welfare of children with physical and mental handicaps. . . It works in close cooperation with public, private and professional groups. . . Ninety per cent of the proceeds taken in from the sale of seals remain within the state to help maintain and extend the program of the society. The remainder goes to the International Society for Crippled Children, the largest sponsor of the seal sale. . . This year's seal sale is a small child, one arm outstretched toward the golden light of "this year's life." The year's seal theme. The other arm holds a cross. The seals will sell for a penny each, and they will come in sheets of 100.

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