

ANSON DOWN BUT WILL RISE AGAIN

This Prediction Made by Tim Murnane as to Old Ball Player.

AN IDOL OF THE DIAMOND.

Was a Headliner In the National League Bill or Fare for Many Years—Now "Broke."

(By Tim Murnane.)

The innocent child gives birth momentarily over a broken egg. Many grievances over a lost friend. The lover of baseball grieves over the downfall of a great player, and all how their heads over a shattered ideal.

A few days ago the wires sent out the news from a courthouse in Chicago, "Old Anson is broke." The old Roman of the ball field was cornered by a howling band of creditors and acknowledged painfully, "I am busted."

A. C. Anson was the idol of the ball field for 25 years or more. The schoolboy might be at a loss to name the president of the United States, but never failed to name Anson as the greatest ball player. He was a conscientious worker for those who employed him, and in a position to get everything the game could afford in the way of money.

The boyish but it's a fact that man is usually judged by results. Anson never was handicapped by sickness had the condition of polo, and when he reached his destination, and after reaching the heights where he could see a good old-fashioned finish, he lost out nearly, and when the game was over, while other less worthy went bounding over the finish lines to the music of a golden orchestra, he was left with the old war horse who will come back to the diggings and yet strike a rich lead that will give him a better standing with those who forced him into that statement, "I am busted."

Anson's opportunity came with the players' League, and he left with the best of managers. Anson managed to give Chicago a fast article of baseball, and was the headliner on the National league bill of fame, and then been given a permanent berth for two years and should have been figuring on the business end of the game, but was so wrapped up in playing that he remained to the last.

James A. Hart went to Chicago from Boston in the fall of '89 and was clever enough to see opportunities and buy his way into the game. Anson managed to make the play while the old Comanches were strong at the first opening and never allowed the need to come to a standstill. Hart had a position to play the cards, as a ball player Anson thrived on the brains of as clever a lot of boys ever tried to enter the game in Milwaukee, Ed Williamson, Fred Pfeifer, Tom Horns, Silver Flinn and Jimmy Ryan, while Comiskey trained most of his boys to play his kind of baseball.

Anson remained too long at the play, while Comiskey was born thinking Comiskey always wanted to win, and would be a strong hand readily, while "Old Anse" always wanted you to think he couldn't lose. The trade-mark for baseball in Chicago should have read "Two Old Romans—Anson and Comiskey."

Anson had no sentiment, while Comiskey had a sentimental streak that most delicious ingredient that comes from the heart of man.

It was just 20 years ago that John D. McTigue, the old manager, and other ball players worked out the plans for the players' league campaign. It was during the tour of the Spalding baseball party that the players, the world, and the season of 1889 was given up to getting the players into line and form stock companies. In the fall of that year, the players, according to the plan, gave up a first class berth with the St. Louis club and go to Chicago with the players' league, feeling that it was his duty to help the men in the making for more satisfactory treatment by the baseball magnates.

There was nothing for Comiskey to gain by getting into the players' league, but he was anxious to get back to his beloved Chicago and brought with him several young players among them the rest Boyle, King and Ayer, others. It was a star aggregation, and failed to make as good a showing as the fans looked for. And the team took advantage of the conditions to turn the tables on the world, and soon had the other members of the team down on him, and about the middle of the season, Latham joined the Cincinnati club and to the surprise of the fans found the old players handing him

knocks for the way he acted in the days when they were out for themselves. Comiskey remained one year, and was forced back to St. Louis, leaving the hearty admiration of the players who had fought for the brotherhood move.

This one act will show that Comiskey was full of real sentiment and this is the only trait that has made him the idol of the bases, and has helped to fill his treasury box with real gold.

WHAT COMISKEY DID.

After all these years Comiskey has purchased the very country club where the brotherhood played their most games, and will soon erect a monument to baseball plant. From a baseball slave to less than 20 years in the records of Comiskey, who broke into the game eight years after Anson and for a number of years fought his way, was never with the National League, but, while Anson was always a staunch supporter of the old organization.

He had made his best in '88 when he went to England with the American ball players. Six feet tall, weighing 180 pounds, while as straight as a arrow, it was no wonder that John Bull saw a young American as a boy who might do some good as a soldier in the ranks. I was strutting with pride in Hyde Park, London, in the summer of 1888, when we stopped by a man, who suddenly asked if we would like to become members of the British Legion. We listened to the proposition and then asked the British officer if we were Americans. He was a very clever apology followed. The officer strayed about the rooms, stopping to speak to those whom he met, including with his soldiers proposition.

No mention was made of the heat of battle, and the game in always the captain and forced to fight it out longer than the rest. Even at that, with the present conditions, Anson would have been shamed from the game field, for his opposition protests delayed the games and were not good form.

CANADIAN CURLERS WIN.

Glasgow, Feb. 1.—The second text match between Scotland and Ontario was played at Crossmyloof today, and resulted in a victory for the Canadian players, the score being 16 to 7. The third and final match of the series for the Strathcona trophy will be played on Feb. 11.

AGAINST FIGHT GAME.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 1.—Senator William Reddins introduced in the senate a sweeping anti-prizefight bill. It prohibits all contests in places where admission is charged. The national trotting handicap, six stakes and two futurities. These events will be wiped out.

THE HANOVERIAN.

The Hanoverian will be worth \$55,000. The Postero-Columbus stake for 2 1/2 trotters will be the only \$10,000 one carded.

JEFF TO SPAR.

Big Fellow Slated to Give Exhibition This Evening.

German Wrestler Issues a Sweeping Challenge to Americans.

New York, Jan. 31.—Ernest Siegfried, the German champion wrestler, is here and will give an exhibition in Madison Square Garden on the night of Jan. 31. On that occasion it is expected that many \$100 who will face him on the mat. If his opponent succeeds in staying him, he will give him \$50. No body is barred and invited to witness the match.

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ON THE RACE TRACK.

At Oakland.

Oakland, Feb. 1.—Jacquie proved a disappointment at Emeryville today when he failed to get in the money in the seven-furlong race. He was a 3 to 5 favorite, but his opponent succeeded in staying him, and he gave him \$50. No body is barred and invited to witness the match.

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Mrs. Paul C. Potter entertained at a bridge party yesterday given in honor of Mrs. J. B. Sears of Chicago, the decorations being in pink and white carnations and ferns, and the hostess being assisted by Mrs. C. R. Pearall and Mrs. W. C. Alexander. Five tables were laid on the floor, and William H. Cunningham, Mrs. C. R. Peacock, Mrs. E. F. Eife, Mrs. Horace Middleton and Miss Edith Shearman, with a guest going to Mrs. Sears.

Mrs. Robert Glendenning entertains the bridge tournament this afternoon.

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