BASEBALL MAGNATES GATHER IN NEW YORK CITY—PEACE PLANS ARE A POSSIBILITY

MAJOR LEAGUES TO DECIDE ON PEACE OR WAR WITH FEDS AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS

Nationals to Open Session in New York Tomorrow, While Americans Will Meet in Chicago Wednesday

KING baseball again comes into its own this week. The National and American League meetings will be held, the former convening in New York on Tuesday, while the younger organization opens its session on Wednesday in Chicago. Everything has been peaceful in baseball since the close of the playing season, excepting for occasional outbreaks by the warring factions for publicity and rumors of trades, but it is generally believed that something big is sure to

The meetings may result in the development of some of the most sensational episodes in the history of the game. Both organizations must decide, once for all, whether peace will be made with the Federal League or whether battle will be

All Sides Anxious for Peace

In either event there is certain to be some excitement created. The Federal League hopes for peace, the National is said to be leaning in that direction also, but the American League is apparently still intent on warring to the finish. Several things may develop from this situation.

It is not entirely impossible that a split might occur between the National and American Leagues if the former adopts a resolution to accept any peace offering which night come from the independent organization. If the National League should take this step, it is said that the American League will refuse to

War Cannot Last Much Longer

Baseball men admit that the war cannot last much'lenger. Something must crack if it continues another year. The Federal League insists that it will enter New York unless peace is made during the coming week, and its agents will be in New York prepared to gather in all unsigned stars immediately if the senior league refuses to listen to peace talk.

The Feds are counting upon Garry Herrmann to act as peacemaker and three magnates are known to favor this course, but unless the rest can be swung into line, the first thing done by the National League will probably be the rejection of all peace suggestions.

Neither league will be troubled with presidential elections, which in the past took up two or three days of the National League's time; but there is considerable to be accomplished by both bodies. In the American League there are two franchises to be disposed of, providing the Browns, like Cleveland, are to be placed on the market.

Many Trades Are Hanging Fire

Several trades are hanging fire, virtually all of them depending upon the final disposition of Baker. Manager Mack declares that the Baker case stands just as it di a year ago, although he admits he is willing to allow the slugger to join the Yankees.

Mack wants to strengthen his team, and will be able to do so in the fourcornered trade which will bring Ray Chapman, the brilliant young shortstop, of Cleveland, here if Baker accepts New York's offer. If Chicago or St. Louis succeeds in getting Baker, Mack will receive cash, and this will not be as welcome as a few players.

The National League session is likely to be a stormy one, though but little of what takes place in the way of personal squabbles between the magnates ever is likely to become public. The umpire trouble will be thoroughly aired; Johnny Evers will be asked to explain what he meant by his recent tirade against President Tener and the league umpires, while other important business will be

Phillies Will Be Awarded Pennant

Most important from a local standpoint will be the awarding of the National League pennant to the Phillies-the first in its history-and the meeting between President Baker and Manager Moran to talk over a contract for next season. Since the close of the National League season it has been rumored that Manager Moran was a hold-out, and President Baker admitted that Moran was, in the eyes of the law, a free agent, but declared that the popular pilot would come to terms at the league meeting.

Moran Asks Increase in Salary

Moran will insist upon a substantial increase, which the fans believe he is entitled to, and if Baker does not come to terms with him within a reasonable time, ae will either ask for his release so he can negotiate with other major league clubs or will talk Lusiness with the Federal League, which is prepared urday, the two National Cup matches beto offer him a long-term contract.

Football Officials Meet Tomorrow Night

Football officials residing in Philadelphia and vicinity will hold a meeting at Hibernians, of this city, stand out promisome new plays come up which are not thoroughly covered by the rules, and it year. At Bethlehem the cup holders were is the object of the officials to talk over such plays and adopt suggestions which will be submitted to the Intercollegiate Rules Committee late in December.

This is an excellent idea, as it not only saves the main body a great deal of trouble, but also enables the officials to have certain points, which might otherwise be overlooked, called to the attention of the committee. It is possible that an association may be formed tomorrow night which will co-operate with the Rules Committee in the future.

Gaffney's Publicity Stunt Mystifies Fans

Baseball fans are somewhat mystified at the recent letter sent out by President Gaffney to sports editors throughout the country. No doubt Gaffney is trying some new publicity method, but the fans cannot quite figure him out. Two weeks ago the sports editors received copies of the letter sent to members of his team, in which he placed the ban on rowdyism. The publication of this letter, the idea of which was to curb the tempers of his players, brought forth bitter replies from Johnny Evers and Sherwood Magee, who were in the Far West with the barnstorming All-Nationals.

Yesterday he caused the publication of another letter, in which he advocates the scheduling of umpires for the entire season soon after the playing schedule for the National League is adopted. In this statement Gaffney intimates that some umpires appear in certain cities too often and he wants a uniform assignment.

This probably would be an excellent idea; but in view of his previous letter sounds very much like a half-hearted apology to certain players on the Braves, who insist that a few of the National League umpires give Boston all the worst of it.

Herzog Is More Valuable Man to Reds Than Groh

Everybody in Cincinnati seems to know a lot about the future of Charley Herzog but Garry Herrmann, president of the Reds, and Herzog himself, who is wintering at Ridgeley, Md. In Redland they insist that he will not be manager of the team, because Heinle Groh says that he will not sign as long as Herzog is the manager.

This is the best proof in the world that Heinie Groh is not as valuable to the team as Cincinnati scribes would have us believe. If Groh really made this statement it is safe to say that he will not be a member of the Reds this season. Herzog will not stand for childishness on the part of his players; if Groh is not satisfied with conditions he will not play for the Reds.

Herzog insists that all is well between the Redland bosses and himself and that he will pilot a team that is in the race from start to finish. He made excellent progress last season and Cincinnati would be foolish to part with his services to satisfy the whims of a disgruntled player. If Cincinnati is forced to choose between Herzog and Groh, it is almost certain that the latter will go.

Ed Corrigan, the veteran turfman, has applied for a position as racing secretary for the Kentucky tracks. Corrigen was once worth millions and was looked upon as one of the leading turfmen of the country, but reverses on the race track and in the stock market wiped out his bank account. His popularity and knowledge of racing will probably land him the position.

In the West it is claimed that the University of Michigan will return to the Western Conference before the opening of the 1916 football scason. The Wolterines are said to be considering this step and will not book games with any of the Eastern teams but Pennsylvania and Cornell until it is definitely decided. It would be a great thing for the game at Michigan if the Maize and Blue rejoins the conference.



TIES IN NATIONAL SOCCER WILL BE **CONTESTED HERE**

Bethlehem - Disston and Hibs-Viscose Draws Big Surprises of Season

NOTES OF THE TEAMS

Of the 50 soccer games played last Sattween Bethlehem, the holder of the trophy, and Disston A. A., of Tacony, and I merely think of sunshine redder the Viscose eleven, of Chester, and the heavy favorites, and the same thing was true of the Hibernians at Chester. This was so despite the fact that Disston defeated Bethlehem three weeks ago in an American League game at Tacony and that Viscose gained its position in the second round by upsetting Putnam, the Allied League champion, in the first

Both matches resulted in draws—Beth-lehem and Disston at 1-1 and Hibs and Viscose at 2-2. At Bethlehem two extra periods of 15 minutes each were played, and toward the close of the first of these Pearce made a miraculous save of a pen-alty kick from Fleming that prevented Bethlehem from summy the verility at Bethlehem from gaining the verdict at

Pearce was unusually active in defending Disston's goal. In the first half alone he handled the ball a dozen times, and half of these shots were so well placed by the Bethlehem forwards that Pearce was compelled to dive headlong after the sphere to prevent it from landing in the net. Kirkpatrick scored Disston's goal net. Kirkpatrick scored Disston's goal shortly after the start of the second half —a low hard drive for about 20 yards out. Until within five minutes of the final whistle it looked as if the holders of the trophy would be eliminated, but in a last despairing raily Brown scored the equal-izing goal, Pearce dropping the ball in a scrimmage and the Bethlehem forward breasting it into the net,

Lack of sufficient practice and poor con Lack of sufficient practice and poor condition of the players handicapped the Hibernians. Viscose is not composed of the finished players that make up the Hibs team, but what the men lack in finish they more than make up in speed and stamina. Viscose forced the play throughout, and the Hibs were only able to turn almost certain defeat into a draw in the last 16 minutes. This contest will be replayed at Stenton Field, 24th and Westmoreland streets, next Saturday and the Disston-Bethlehem match is to be the Disston-Bethlehem match is to be staged at Tacony Ball Park.

The Wanderers gave Putnam a sur-prise at 3d street and Lehigh avenue, and ut for a lucky break toward the close of the game the Allied League champions would have been beaten. Wanderers led at half-time, 1-9, and although they led at half-time, 1-9, and although they were on the defensive during the greater part of the second half, their fullbacks, Taylor and Plogearts, always managed to divert the attack when the goal was in danger. Putnam's goal, under ordinary conditions, would have been an easy save for Pearce, a brother of the Disston goal-keeper, since it was shot from 20 yards in front of the goal. On its journey it was first deflected by Taylor, then hit the right upright and bounded between the posts.

UNQUESTIONABLY, GRANT RICE HAS BEEN IN THAT DEAR OLD ST. LOOEY

But He Becomes Chilled Again When Thinking of Magnates' Meeting-Haxall Really Did Boot That 65-yard Field Goal

never be written down as John J.'s luck-Winter's Antidote When winter comes in all its glory,

Batting around four-eighty-two, ind life becomes the bleak, drear story With ears and nostrils turning blue, Do I start cursing in my attic, Or shiver with the frozen broad, Tied up in attitudes rheumatic?

Not on your well-known breakfast food.

Than any known to summer's sky, Beaming upon some double-header In Old St. Looey next July; And on my sultry meditation

I lift the windows in my den o try and cool the perspiration Which soaks my clammy brow again

Any number of baseball magnates are nice, affable, pleasant gentlemen. But their annual assembling in one given spot leaves us strangely cold. We'd rather observe one good clean drive over second with two on, than attend all the mag-nate meetings ever arranged.

That Kick Again

We were told a few days ago that Mr. Haxall had forwarded us an official state-ment of that 65-yard field goal against Yale. The letter has never arrived, but we see where the record-maker figures that 65 yards was the correct distance. This should be sufficient to substantiate the original reckoning of Luther Price. The bulk of the evidence is all his

A Theme for Dante

We notice that Mr. John J. McGraw is planning an early trip to Cuba. His de parture should contain at least one

A year ago this winter McGraw and Matty arranged for the same trip. Two days before they started they were discussing certain plans in the lobby of the Imperial Hotel. While the discussion was under way a certain leading official of the Bethlehem Steel Company came by. This conversation followed: Bethlehem Official-Hello, Mac! Hello, Matty!

McGraw and Matty-Hello, Joe! McGraw-Well. Joe, any inside stuff from the market that might even up for

that world series money we missed this Bethlehem Official-Sure, I've got some thing that has all the world series ever played beaten to death.

Mae and Matty (in chorus)-Spill it Bethlehem Official - Bethlehem Steel

The next afternoon the same man ran into McGraw again. "Say, Mac," he said, "I know you're in a rush to get away and won't have any time to attend to out-side business. But that Bethlehem Steel tip goes. Let me carry 500 shares for you. and then you forget about it. I'll tell you when to sell."

"I'll think it over," said McGraw. But he didn't. In the rush of leaving he for-got all about it. Bethlehem Steel was then selling at 40. Later on it went to 600. Possible profit for McGraw in 500 shares— \$280,000.

The one spoken word "all right" would have gathered in for the Giant leader as much money as he has made since coming to New York 12 years ago. But it was never spoken. And later on his ball club buckled up and finished last; 1915

By GRANTLAND RICE

lest year. Fred Merkle's main batting fault in

Fred Merkle's main batting fault in 1914 was starting his body shead of his arms. This broke up the timing of his swing and killed all power. So last winter down South Fred worked the proposition out while playing golf. He soon improved his timing and by shifting the same swing to a baseball swing lifted his average 50 points in one year.

By this date the two squirrels on the Ford peace ship should have indigestion, the gout and all other ills that result from overfeeding upon one's favorite fodder,

The last excuse for the European war was removed when those Russian, Polish, Hungarian and Turkish wrestlers came to America. Now that most of these are so far removed from the Cannon Fodde district there is little left to justify so much slaughter.

"Yale's policy is to drop no team from the schedule that beat Yale the fall before. Which leaves Old Eli a simple choice—either to get a new coaching sys-

Half-Strides Hell hath no fury like a peeved paci-

it.

It's better to dwell with a brawling woman in a narrow house than with a golfer off his game. Many are called but most of them lay

ng those who can't understand why England, Germany and France don't go out for peace are Jim Gilmore, Ban John son and John K. Tener,

HARVARD SPORTS BOOM

Cambridge Institution Had 1623 Men in Games This Year

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 13.—A new record for participation in fall sports at Harvard has been established. Sixteen hundred and twenty-three men were en-gaged in the different athletic activities. This is a gain of 299 men over last year's

Football, with 265 followers, enjoyed the most popularity. Fall track work was second, with 257 participating.

Speedway Gaining Headway

ore confirms to a amosti-running basis, or every suggestion that is receiving the most increase in that there be formed a combination the international Motor Contest Association, the international Motor Contest Association as the sheepway Association of America, the result to be known as a National Racing Compassion. in this manner all manufacturers of cars would be assured of proper consideration and there would be fewer butlaws among the racing mes. This would have sood races wherever events were scheduled and the argument is that the motor racing same throughout the country would be largely im-

Melrose by Two Goals

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 13.—The Mel-rose soccer eleven defeated Pleasantyille here Saturday aftermoon. 2 goals to 0. The Hoses' got both tallige in the first half as the result of clever work in acciminate after rushing that ball in great sweeps to within striking distance of the visitor's posts.

NO CHARGES AGAINST TIGERS

McClenahan Says Yale Did Not Present Evidence

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Dean McClen-ahan has made a sweeping denial of the rumor that Yale preferred charges against some of the Princeton athletes at the recent meeting of the college here. "No charge of professionallem was made against any Princeton athlete," is Mc-Clenabar's statement. Clenahan's statement.

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All four of the athletes whose names were mentioned in the rumor are baseball players, and a couple of them also are prominent in another sport. The disqual-lifeation of the quartet would make just about as big a gap in the Princeton nine pext spring as the recent upheaval bids fair to make at Yale.

SCHOOL BOYS ARE POWERFUL AT BASKETBALL

Scholastic Teams Expecting Hot Race for First Honors

CENTRAL IS STRONG

A very close fight is promised the schoolboys in the High School Basketball League this season, for Southern High, West Philadelphia, Central High and Northeast all have very strong teams, and on the form shown by the teams to date one could not predict a victory for any particular school. None of the league teams has lost a game thus far.

Central High lined up in the opener with Lawrenceville School at Lawrenceville on Saturday. The Crimson and Gold athletes had previously been active in the Interclass League games and were in splendid condition for the hard match with Lawrenceville, which they won, 24 to 19. Teamwork had much to do with Central High's victory.

West Philadelphia High School gave another exhibition of cage strength in a "pinch" in the game with Girard College at the latter's gymnasium on Saturday, when the first big game of the season for the Speed Boys was won, 34 to 33, as a result of a foul shot by Buiritt in the last few seconds of play. The in the last few seconds of play. The Orange and Blue will bear watching. Bachman, Bierman, Mason, Buiritt and Hubbert were the regulars on the first

Just how long the regulars will retain their berths is not known, for Coach Hughes' basketball squad has been considerably augmented by Dave Feaster, Hugo, Dick Scholes and Stein, of the football team. W. C. Mearkle, of the soccer squad, has also reported for a place on the varsity team. With such good material West Philadelphia should not be trailing in the rear.

The Chestnut Hill Academy basketball players do not get into action with the other scholastic fives until after the Christmas holidays, which are not very far off, and allow little time for practice. Coach Stocking will have a hard task this year, as H. R. Lounger, elected captain last week, is the only veteran on the squad. Conrad Troll, the center, did not return to school.

The St. Luke's School soccer eleven will open the season with the Haverford College third team next Wednesday aft-ernoon. St. Luke's School is taking an active interest in soccer and basketball, and will have first-class teams in these two winter sports. Five soccer squads have been formed for practice at Wayne.

Dean Johnston, the Belfield Country In this section, an instructor at the Southern High School, is also much in-terested in football. He was coach of the Red and Black eleven this year and recently gave the members of the squad a banquet. Coach Johnston did splendid work with the material at hand, and uthern High finished the season with a brilliant record.

Captain McKaraher, of the Germantown High School gymnastic team, is stirring up considerable interest in indoor work at the new school. He has interested the two Ludascher brothers and Largner in "gym" activities and the development of team is now under way. dual gymnastic meets will be arranged with other schools.

Owing to the lack of interest in gym-nastics among the schoolboys of this city, together with the difficulty to arrange dual meets to encourage the stu-dents in their wos. Dr. Mathew C. O'-Brien, of Central High School, decided some time ago to do away with a gym-nastic team. If Germantown High and other schools take up this indoor sport, Central High will undoubtedly fall in line. Episcopal Academy always is well represented by a gymnastic team,

Tomorrow the Germantown Academy and Germantown Friends' School teams will meet in their first soccer game of the season. The outdoor association football game is popular at the Academy, because it helps to keep the men in good physical condition, following their very strenuous gridiron season. Captain Clotlier, of the soccer team, the only veteran remaining, is lost because of an operation: Lamb and Holmes, of the football team, are now resting until the cage season opens and the Academy regulars who are depended upon to make good include Laupeimer, Visher, Schauber, Darrow, Beard, Horton and Jopson.

When Dr. William H. Klapp, formel headmaster of the Episcopal Academy, presented the students of the school with a handsome trophy as a perpetual chal-iense cup for the interclass field hockey championship, he did not realize the interest and enthusiasm that would eventu-ally be shown in the contests in this leasue. The cup is now on display in the library and the games are in progress Today the Fourth and Fifth Forms clash. As there is no ice skating rink in this section, the students hereabouts depend upon freezing weather to make possible interschool hockey games. Should conditions be favorable, Episcopal hopes to play a number of these contests and Gledhill, captain and manager of the team, has already started the ball rolling team, has already started the ball rolling in anticipating a good season for sport on the ice by assembling a strong team. Games with Haverford School St. Luke's Swarthmore Preparatory and Chestnut Hill Academy will be arranged.

DE NERI'S TEAM HAS TAKEN NEW

LEASE ON LIFE Dudley Five Going Up in Eastern League-New-

man Is Leading

Manager Ambrose Dudley's De Nei fits of the Eastern League has taken on assilife. The Musical Funders have won the three last contests staged. The final cawas a flashy victory over the Jases Jewels on Saturday evening.

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Jewels on Saturday evening.

This week De Nerl has two games with the Potters, one at Trenton tonight as the other here on Saturday next. If Trenton continues to play as poorly as it has during the last week and De Nerl keep up its present pace, the Southwark may should be well up in the running by the end of the week, as Reading, the tentied with Trenton for second place, has Jasper and Greystock on its schedule for the next two games. the next two games.

Although Reading has managed to say in second place thus far, the management realizes that the team is not son as it should. The result of this little spective view of their quintet has let the owners of Reading to go out and as some new blood. They succeeded in sing Walter (Haps) Benfer, formerly is star all-round athlete of Albright Cellege. Benfer will play his game with Reading against Jasper at Nonparel Hallon Thursday night. on Thursday night.

The other player signed by Reading is Dave Kerr, a former athlete at Central High School. He jumped centre on the champion Central High team two years ago. Since his graduation from C. H. 3. Kerr has been playing with the Girat team of the American League, of the city. city. On Saturday evening Kerr went has

on Saturday evening herr went his the game at Trenton and jumped centre against Keenan. He completely out-played his veteran rival, scoring no less than six field goals and holding his opponent to one goal. Garry Schmeelk, who was recently signed by Jasper, appears to be more or less a flash in the pan. He began his Eastern League career several weeks ago against Camden at the Armory, in

the first half he was shut out, but me

aged to "come back" in the second half and score four times. During the next few games Schmeelk was considered the

few games Schmeelk was considered the coming star of the Eastern League, by as soon as the guards began to get as to his style of play he was no longer effective as a goal tosser from the field.

On Saturday night Schmeelk's week against De Neri was so indifferent that he was relieved early in the fray by McGreerer.

Although Jaskie Adams is leading the Eastern League in total points with 214 Doe Newman is the real leader, according to the method adopted by the league is calculating averages. The averages which are found below are obtained by adding the field goals and assists and dividing by the number of games. Newman tops the list for those who have played in all

games with .408.
The figures are appended:

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS.

EASTERN LEAGUE. SCHEDULE FOR WEEK, Tonight—De Nert at Trenton. Wednesday—Jasper at Camden. Thursday—Reading at Jasper. Friday—Camden at Greystock. Saturday—Trenton at De Nert. Greystock #

TEAM RECORD

CORNELL NINE WILL OPEN AT SWARTHMORE

Ithacans Have Twenty-five Games on 1916 Schedule

1THACA. N. Y., Dec. 13.—The Corsell baseball team for 1916 will open its season with the Garnet nine, at Swarthmore, as April 5, according to the official scheduling the o The schedule, as ratified by the Cornel

Athletic Association, is:

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May 3, Rochester, at home; May 5, Colsebia, at New York; May 8, Princeton, at Princeton, at Princeton, at home; May 11, Vermont, at home; May 1, Michigan, at Ann Arbor, May 17, Michigan, at home; May 20, Yale, at New Haven, June 16, Collegate, at Hamilton; May 27, Penn, at home; May 30, Yale, at New Haven, June 16, Collegate, at home; June 17, Penn, at Philadelphia; Jose 11, Columbia, at home.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Balabridge TONIGHT—8:50 SHARP FRED WELSH VS. JUMY MI BURY Adm. 25c. Bal. Kes. 50c. Arena Res. 5s. B

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-YOUNG DIGGINS IS A SHINING EXAMPLE, VALESKA, ASK HIM

ALL RYTE JOHN, YOU SKOLARLY GIVE ME A HOW'S "IF I FOUGHT WITH JESS WOULDN'T CHRISTMAS SENTANCE USING TOMMIS, LAST A ROUND! THIS : PUGILISTICKLY WILLARD THE WORD "AROUND