# NEWS AND COMMENT ON ALL BRANCHES OF ATHLETICS IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

## SPEAKING OF LAW, JUST WHAT IS MORAN'S SOCIAL STANDING?

National Commission Declares He Isn't Free Agent. President W. F. Baker Says He Is According to "the Law"

admits that Manager Moran is, in the of the law, a free agent. Of course, a considerate and clubby of the genial man from Brooklyn to make such unission, but why the qualificationthe eyes of the law"?

we note that William F. is not quoted mentioning "a law," which might an any old eost of worm-eaten, downstabe heel law, but employs the term take heel law, but employs the term law"-real, bang-up, simon-pure law"-the brand established by the issued Mr. Blackstone and utilized by the Sam for conducting the entire

so again we ask, why the qualification?
Was not just say Pat Moran 18 a free
sont (Second Comedian: "I bite; why
so that say Pat Moran is a free agent?")
A now we have it; the secret is out
to len't a free agent at all. The law
the United States of America says
is but he isn't, according to baseball

YES, HOW DO THEY? sms of perfectly good blank paper been covered by more or less in-cent persons explaining how im-ble it is to run the business of according to the common brand of law used by sev-and other businesses. We are that baseball must have a special and of law all its own. Such may be to ease, but in our darkened state of

Is or is not Pat Moran a free agent at he signs a new contract? Who is boas around here—the Na-pual Commission or Uncle Sam? do they get away with it?

e we humbly inquire:

and so Judge Landis, baseball fan, is Mephistopheles and the deep

the time of Blackstone or the aort street by the National Commission, a ultimate aim is to protect somebody, ne ultimate aim is to protect somebody, nece case the general public and in the ether the club owner. Among other lings, the Blackstone variety puts a saion the gentleman who halts one dur-

Similarly baseball law will endeavor Similarly baseball law will endeavor to protect President Baker from the diamond pirate who tries to snatch so valuable a bit of pastiming property as Patrick Moran. Similarly baseball law will stifle a laugh and endeavor to protect the Philadelphia Club despite its short-sighted policy of leaving a valuable piece of haseball property lying loose around the highways and byways. Let it be hoped that President Baker

The entire Princeton student body is bewaiting the fact that Bill Nassau picked Pennsylvania as the best place to

The latest hippodrome to be hung on the New York sporting public is the masked wrestler. However, we can't

gridiron championship, but it cannot be denied that Barrett's crowd trimmed Harvard to a fare-ye-well and still avoid-ed the charge of indulging in rough play.

to work and the European belligerents resume activities.

### PENNSYLVANIAN ADVOCATES ONE-MAN **COACHING SYSTEM**

College Daily Says Man on Franklin Field Should Be Lord of All He Surveys

OLD POLICY TABOOED

The Pennsylvanian, the daily paper of student body at the University, tor srints the following editorial under he heading "For Better Results":

When the newly elected directors of the Athletic Association meet today for the first meeting, and for subsequent perings, the decline of Pennsylvania loatisil must be given premier consid-nation. For there is no denying that he Red and Blue has lost that formid-Mily on the gridiron that once made or universally feared. Pennsylvania wed great things in the past, and induste and undergraduate are demand-ar that she achieve equally great things

immediate future The most significant feature of the ms of the athletic association last was the recommendation by the ball Committee that a head coach be pointed. The system under which the the was drilled this year was instituted by in an emergency, and there was that it would be folisted upon the liversity again. But in carrying out the specification of the retiring committee, the sa who is named "head coach" must be

something more than in name. Penn-ducia has tenaciously held on to a sley that has made absolutely unanimity Prose impossible. Since 1902 the footsituation has been subjected to inwith the ideas of the man in the one-man system be instituted of Franklin Field in order to obtain est results.

The men who will direct athletics at Jatively young men. They have seen traction, communicate with Harry E. Strauss. Starr Garden Park, 6th and Lombarship in the "Big Four." The defiguates who have for four years ally stood back of a losing team are test upon finding a solution of the whem. Such men as these are apt to more eagerly bent upon taking steps point toward better results. The se of Pennsylvania's past suprem-ing the gridiron will not guide or their actions."

#### Buck Wallops McGovern

Buck, local featherweight, gave McGovern, of St. Louis, the worst of his life in a 16-round match at City last night, the referee The decision to the Philadels. Buck dropped McGovern for the at of nine in the first round and sevcal other times for short counts in the

gesteemed contemporary informs | ing the stilly night and annexes the bank as that President Baker, of the Philagent Manager Moran is, in the

a month until some wise one picks it up and tries to make a get-away and "the law" will dutifully try to apprehend the unfeeling wretch and recover your property. At the same time "the law" will join in the general laugh at a poor hick foolish enough to leave his valuables lying around so carelessly.

Let it be hoped that President Baker will quickly gather Pat into the fold, even if it costs as much as \$2.50.

exhibit his ability on the soccer field. What's in a name?

blame the perpetrator for hiding his face Some critics may deprive Cornell of the

The secret is out! Bill Hollenback has been elected a number of the Penn Ath-letic Board. Congress may now get down

Absolutely, Robert, we never really ap-preciated Silent Hoy and Dummy Hoy until forced to read Home-run Baker's 597,802d statement on what "I" will do.

Seek not to place the blame on the shoulders of Freddy Welsh. The match-maker was in error in not pairing Fred-erick with Frank Gotch or the Turrible Turk. Murphy, you know, is a boxer.

#### STAHL MANAGE CLEVELAND?

This Is Rumor Floating Around the Windy City

CIUCAGO, Ill., Dec. 14.—Somebody has opened the winter league season here with the report that Jake Stahl will be called on to manage the Cleveland American League club. The report goes further to state that Ban Johnson is the instigator of the plan. Both Johnson and Stahl remained Sphinxlike when ques-tioned on the subject.

That Stahl would make any club a and Stant would make any club a good manager is generally recognized by baseball authorities. Stahl managed the Red Sox to a pennant and world's championship in 1912. At midseason in 1912 his troubles with Jimmy McAleer caused his retirement from the game. Since that time he has been connected with the Washington Park National Bank of

#### RANDOLPH FIVE OPEN FOR GAMES IN CAGE

Has Schedule Filled Until January 10-Rebooked to Play Liberty B. B. Team

Randolph Boys' Club, second and third class in 1914-15, have a few open dates in January and February or out of the city having halls and paying a reasonable guarantee. Randolph traveled to Chester and played the Liberty B. B., of the Chester Y. M. C. A. Liberty had the coach of the Chester High and would like to hear from teams in School as forward and the rest of the team was composed of former high school players. After the game spectators requested the management to bring Ran-dolph back again, as it was the best game ever seen in Chester. Randolph is booked up until January 10, with the fol-

December 18, Southwestern Y. M. C. A. and December 18, Southwestern 1, 31, C. A.,
and December 24, Y. M. A. of the Falls
of Schuylkill. January 1 Randolph will
pack their grips and travel to Clifton.
Pa., to play the Brotherhood team of
that town. On January 8, Randolph
again travels to Chester to play Liberty
B. B. Teams wishing the Randolph attractice. communicate with Harry E.

Stanford B. C. would like to arrange games with fifth and sixth class teams in or out of the city offering fair guarantes. 1. Miller, 1152 Passyunk avenue.

West Branch has December 18 open for a game in its gymnasium with a first class team willing to play for expenses. It also has December 23 and December 30 open. Address C. G. Enos. 5553 Walmut street.

St. Stephen's fourth and fifth class teams are for games at home or away. Church teams are preferred. Address C. H. Jeary, 628 North 47th

Percy, Harvard Strong Man

CAMBRIDGE, Mass, Dec. 14.—George A. Percy of Ariington, a sophomore was named as the strongest man in Harvard College yea-terday. His record in the official strength test

HOPPE DEMONSTRATING METHOD OF MAKING BILLIARD SHOTS



## PAT MORAN AND PRESIDENT BAKER COME TO TERMS

Phillies' Leader Will Get Substantial Increase in Salary for 1916

FEDERAL LEAGUE TALK

Hu a Staff Correspondent NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Manager Pat

Moran, of the Phillies, has come to terms with President Baker, and unless league business takes up too much of the latter's time today he will sign his contract before nightfall. Since the close of the championship season, it has been frequently stated that the popular leader was a holdout, but upon his arrival from Fitchburg this morning, Moran denied that he had ever been a holdout; he said that he did not care to sign his contract after the world's series because he wanted to go home to rest. He admitted that he had remarked that it was going to cost the club more than they imagined to get him to sign his new contract, and it was this remark which started the rumor.

Moran says he thinks he was entitled on a substantial increase, and that he knew President Baker expected him to ask for a much larger salary. In 1915 Moran was an experiment and he received a salary in keeping, but after winning the first pennant in the history of the club for the Phillies in his first eason. Pat believed he was entitled to a

MAKES DEMANDS.

He had not made his demands known to Baker personally until Saturday, when the president and manager met for the first time since the close of the season. President Baker asked Moran to give him time to think the matter over, and has decided that the latter had asked. has decided that the latter had asked for only what he was entitled to.

"Cap" Neal, the Philly scout, has picked up two pitchers and an all-round star from the Pacific coast. The names of the pitchers will not be announced for some time, as they have not signed their contracts, but the other player is

"Swede" Risberg, of Vernon. READY TO INVADE. It was said this morning that Garry chairman of the National Commission, and came East empowered by the American League to talk over peace plans with the Federals, and that he had net President Gilmore, of the outlaws, last night. According to the same source of information, the two executives talked over the situation and may possibly have

Herrmann, however, insisted today that had not met Gilmore and would not unless it were by accident, while Gilmore declared that the last chance for peace vanished when President Johnson, of the American League, refused to accept the agreement which had been signed by the Federal and National Leagues last

reached an agreement.

#### BILLIARD BRIEFS

Playing a consistently fine game from start to finial. C. Rellly last night won his third straight game for the pocket billiard championship of Germantown by defeating A. Shapley, 75 to 34, at the Germantown Academy, 5347 Germantown avenue. Shapley was tied for second place before Rellly beat him. Tonight C. Ideil crosses cues with J. Davis.

In last night's game in the team pocket bli-liand tournament for the championship of the Northwest at Desmond's, 5th street and Le-high avenue. Thurston and Heagan won a close and well-played game from Whitman and Gallagher, the score being 100 to 84.

#### Racquet Club Pool Tourney

in the first match of the handicap poster billiard tournament which started at the Racquet Club vesterday afternoon C. C. Stiler defeated E. H. Sitler. The winner was added by a handican of 20 points, that is, in order to win, he had to collect 75 while his opponent was registering 80. The winner completed his string when his opponent had clipped off 83.

In illustration No. 1, the incorrect way to grasp the butt end of the cue is shown. All freedom of action is lost by the firm grip. No. 2 shows the correct style of masse bridge when the cue ball is close to the rail No. 3, the proper method of holding the cue where delicacy of stroke is required. No. 4 illustrates Hoppe's graceful position at the table and the easy manner with which he moves his cue.

#### CUE MUST BE HELD LIGHTLY IN BILLIARDS, SAYS HOPPE

World's Champion Explains Important Feature to Beginners-Freedom of Action Is Necessary-Tells How to Make Draw Shots

By WILLIE HOPPE

World's Champion Balkline Bilitard Player. EXPLAINED in a previous article the closer to the cue. But at no time do I

I EXPLAINED in a previous article the concentration of controlling the concin the bridge hand. At the same time I said this was one of three most important things for the occasional billiardist to remember if he ever expected to attain any degree of proficiency. The proper way to hold the cue with the stroke hand and the stroke itself were the other points I mentioned as being absolutely necessary to learn properly.

\*\*Concentration the cue.\*\* But at no time do I ever twine them about the strike. One may have a little trouble mastering these details at first, but a week's practice at the right way will open up the possibilities to the beginner that he never dreamed of. The game will begin to look easy and shots will present themselves that were not deemed possible to execute before the player mastered the correct way of holding the cue.

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other that it is rather difficult to explain the way to hold the one without bringing the stroke frequently into the article. I shall devote a separate article to the latter feature in the future. Almost all new players grasp the butt end of the cue as though they were handling an axe. their idea being that this is necessary to get force in the stroke.

ABSOLUTE FREEDOM NECESSARY In this they are dead wrong and defeat the very end they seek. To gain this force—or stroke, as it is called—there must be absolute freedom of action and the cue must be held in a light, almost

the cue must be field in a light, almost leose manner. Speed does not come from brute strength of the body, but results entirely from the wrist and forearm.

One may readily see that to hold the cue tightly with all four fingers and the thumb the wrist is of a necessity stiffened and it is impossible to get any freedom of action into the stroke. In the illustrations will be seen the right and wrong ways to graps the cue.

The method I posed for to show the incorrect style, as explained above, is the style one sees most often when poorer players are trying to execute shots, and cannot understand why the cue ball does not do their bidding. For all ordinary shots one needs only to grasp the cue with the thumb and first

finger, the remaining fingers acting only as sort of a guide. If the heel of the hand is allowed to come in contact with the cue the movement not only becomes cramped and unnatural, but the cue is made to dip and swing with the atroke, and the cue ball not only loses its action, but often is made to take an unnatural

In the illustration are pictured the two methods I use most often in illustrating the cue hand. Where delicacy is required I grasp the cue as lightly as a watch-maker does a feather in cleaning a watch. For more powerful drives I vary this by bringing the remaining fingers a trifle and Royer.

When one has learned to make a proper The two depend so much upon each bridge and to gain that freedom of move-

ment which comes with added knowledg of how to hold the cue, the strokes will follow as a matter of course. In practi-cally every shot, follow and draw allke, the cue must follow through the object ball from four to six inches. IMPOSSIBLE? JUST TRY IT.

If this does not seem possible in mak lng a draw shot, just try it and you will be surprised. If you have been having trouble, jabbing at the cue hall in your anxiety to get the stick out of the way. try letting the cue follow through the lower half of the ball, exactly as you fol-low through the upper half in making a follow shot. The cue ball will come back s though there was a string attached

Of course, the draw and follow shots in their variety are the backbone of the balkline or straight rall player's game. Without them one cannot hope to make high runs. Without them the balls soon get scattered and the play becomes more difficult; with them it is possible to nurse and get results.

#### CASKEY CHOSEN CAPTAIN

Former Northeast High Boy to Head Muhlenberg Football Team

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 14.-Students, alumni, professors and friends of Muhlen-berg College to the number of about 200 gathered at the Elks' Club fast night to nonor the football team with a bnaquet The "M" men during the evening met in secret session and elected their captain for next season Lawrence Caskey, of the junior class, formerly of Northeast High School, Philadelphia. The "M" men were also presented with aweaters. They were: Captain Bill Ritter, Caskey, Landis, Bren-nan, Schwenk, Hollenbaugh, Hubbard, Gaston, Weber, Stephena, Steel, Taylor,

# DE NERI TEAM STILL MOUNTING

IN LEAGUE RACE

Dudley's Five Trims the Trenton Tribe in Easy Fashion

OTHER CAGE NEWS

from a successful trip to Trenton, where a hollow victory over the Bengals sent the Musical Funders up another notch in the Eastern League basketball team. For the last two weeks De Neri has been showing up to splendid advantage, and their work last night in Jersey's capital proves that they have substantially improved in their all-round work and have not merely shown a flash of form.

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Trenton was really too easy last night.
Although playing on the home floor,
Trenton was unable to stem the tide, so
cleverly did Billy Dark, Beckman and
Doc Newman handle the ball offensively and follow their men on the defense.

Trenton and De Nerl play again on Saturday night. This contest, as usual, will be played at Musical Fund Hall, 8th and Locust streets.

No games are scheduled in the Eastern League tonight.

By virtue of last night's victory over Trenton De Nerl is tied with the Ben-gals for third place and is just one-half a game behind Reading, the club holding second place in Scheffer's circuit. whitman Park stoned for the defeat suffered carrier in the season at the hands of McIrose, by walloping the latter to the tune of 67 to 20, in a Canden City League contest last night. Dunleavy, Geiges and Dannenhower divided 22 field goals between them. Dunleavy was disqualified for punching Germer.

## PEACE IS ASSURED BETWEEN "FEDS" AND O. B. MOGULS

Four "Outlaw" Clubs Will Combine With International, Is Arrangement

AMERICANS HOLD BACK

By a Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. - While neither President Gilmore, of the Federal League, nor Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, would adthority that virtually all arrangements thority that virtually all arrangement have been completed between the Feds and organized baseball for a merger. This means that the much-talked-of peace between the two baseball factions has been declared and that the Federal League, as such, will no longer exist.

The arrangement will be, if the present The arrangement will be, if the present plans go through, to merge four Federal League clube with the International League, which will, of necessity, have a reconstructed circuit. The other four clubs in the Federal circuit will be merged into the National and American Leagues in a way not yet fully determined upon. Whether the National and American League circuits will be extended to tencius or whether they will remain as an eight-club league, buying in the Federal League properties, is a matter of detail that will have to be worked out later by the "powers that be."

All of the details of the "peace plans"

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All of the details of the "peace plans"
will not be worked out at this meeting
of the National League, nor at the gathering of the American League, but will
be finally enacted at the meeting of the
National League in February. At present, it is stated on good authority, the
American is holding back the "peace
deal." The National League, according
this authority, is welling and has to this authority, is welling and has long been willing to effect a peace that is satisfactory to all parties concerned, but the American League has been a stickler for certain details which could not be agreed upon.

If the plans go through as they are expected to, the Federal League clubs which merge with the International League will not be subject to draft.

BOWLING RESULTS

Philadelphia No. 1, Royal Arcanum, Runner-up, Gains on Leader

In the Royal 'Arcanum matches rolled on the Casino alleys last night, Haverford, the leader, wen two out of three games from West Philadelphia. Philadelphia No. 1, the runner-up, wen three games from Germantown, moving one notch nearer to first place. Philadelphia No. 2 took only the odd game from Pennsylvania, but will retained third position. Gloecher, of Philadelphia No. 2 rolled the high single same score of the night, bowling over 210 clms, Mealy, of Haverford, after a month's lay-off, rolled as substitute on the Pennsylvania quintet and gathered 551 for his three games.

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