

PRESIDENT GILMORE MAY ATTEMPT TO THWART PLANS FOR BASEBALL SETTLEMENT

ORGANIZED BASEBALL MEN BELIEVE GILMORE IS TRYING TO BLOCK PLANS FOR PEACE

Federal League Magnate Might Be Left "Out in the Cold" if Terms of Agreement Were Reached

ORGANIZED baseballmen attending the National League meeting in New York city believe that President James Gilmore, of the Federal League, is doing everything in his power to block the peace plans...

It is claimed that Gilmore fears that the adoption of the resolutions agreed upon by the principal backers of the Feds and the National League would leave him without a position of power...

Gilmore, according to several organized ball magnates, will not be acceptable to President Ban Johnson, of the American League, under any conditions...

Gilmore Has Situation Well in Hand

Gilmore is admittedly the greatest promoter baseball or any other athletic sport has ever known, and it is said that he was too wise to be caught napping...

Realizing that he has this edge, Gilmore has done everything possible to hold up the peace plans. He declares that he is for peace and that it will save the great national pastime...

When Gilmore first took the position as president of the Federal League, it was claimed that he was not a baseball man, but was a promoter who was only in the game for the money he could earn...

Feds' President Makes a Property Payment

Yesterday Gilmore stated that Ban Johnson would turn down the peace plans. He immediately made a payment on the option which the Feds have on a piece of property where the new park for New York will be built...

It is likely that whatever negotiations are carried on in the future will be made through Henry Sinclair, owner of the Newark Feds, and now the wealthiest promoter in the Federal League circuit...

It is asserted that the latter is in very much the same position as Charles Somers, owner of the Cleveland American League Club, who is a millionaire many times over...

The enormous price asked by Schuyler Britton and his wife, owners of the St. Louis Cardinals, for their interest in the club and grounds is said to have scared off Ball, who wants to buy into the National League in the new peace agreement...

Three More Good Years for Phillies

The signing of Pat Moran for three years by President W. F. Baker assures Philly fans of three more seasons of good baseball. Moran's splendid work last year, when he took a team which was generally picked for last place by the "experts" and made a winner of it...

With the nucleus of a good team now, Moran's work for the season of 1916 will be much lighter than it was a year ago. A new second baseman is really the only position which Pat feels that he must fill to have another winner. In order to balance his infield, Moran has been keeping a weather eye open for a second-sacker for the last few months...

The terms of Moran's contract have not been, and will not be, made public, but it is safe to say that the Philly leader received a substantial increase over his last year's salary, during which time he was considered merely as an "experiment."

There Must Be Some Money Somewhere in Baseball

A certain deliver in statistics has estimated that baseball players earned—or at least, were paid in salaries—about \$7,000,000 in 1915. This does include, says the d. l. s., \$2,900,000 which was expended on the players for traveling, meals, hotels, etc.

"There are 200 players in each of the three big leagues, each drawing an average salary of \$35,000. Any one who multiplies 600 ball players by \$35,000 will discover that the total is \$21,000,000. In the minors—all the minors under the protection of the National Commission—there were 5500 players in 1915. The average salary for the gang was \$1000, which means that the bushers drew down \$5,500,000 in salaries, which, added to \$1,500,000 paid to the major leagues, brings the salary total to \$7,000,000."

Which indicates that there is a little loose change lurking around the confines of the various ball parks, in spite of the repeated assertions by magnates that there is nothing in the game today.

Miller Did Not Tie Drop-Kicking Record

It has been stated a number of times that the world's drop-kicking record was equaled three times this season with four field goals in one game. The men who performed these feats were Howard Miller, Columbia, against Wesleyan, on Thanksgiving Day; W. T. Vandergraff, Alabama, against the University of Mississippi, and Charley McGuckin, Villanova, against Swarthmore.

According to a statement by Park Davis, Alfred Griggs, of the San Francisco Exeter High School, kicked 15 goals in a game played with the Hanford High School eleven.

In college ranks, E. C. Robertson, Purdue, holds the record with seven perfect boots against Rose Poly in 1909. Walter Eckersall, quarterback of the University of Chicago team, kicked five against Wisconsin at Madison in 1903. B. W. Rafford and Charley Brickley are also credited with five goals each in one game.

Lon Jourdet on Right Trail at Penn

Judging by their play against Ursinus in the first game of the season, Lon Jourdet's Penn basketball quintet will have a great year. Jourdet is on the right track. He is waiting until late to select his regular team. The lightness of the men this year makes it imperative that the coach get the fastest five possible together.

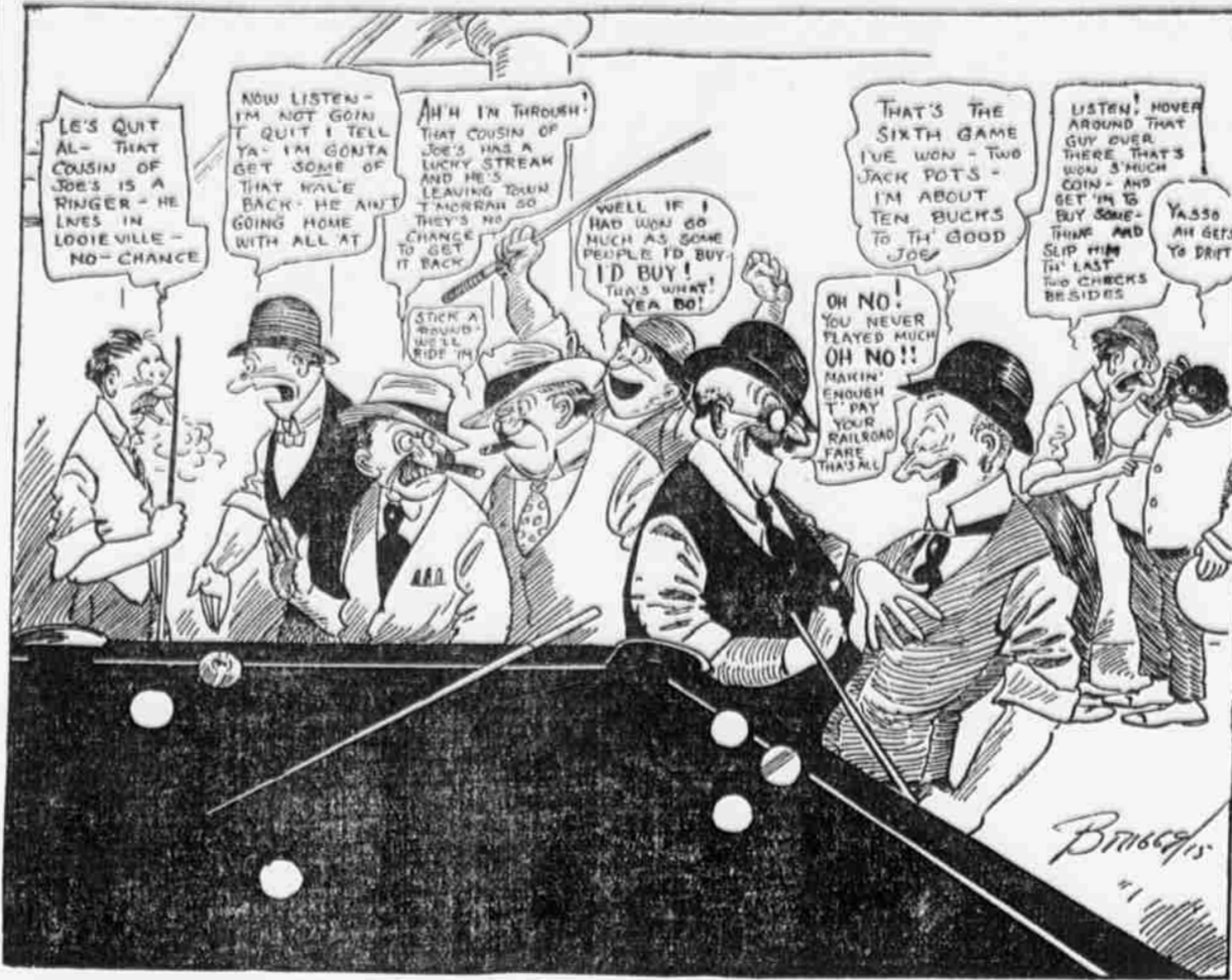
Owing to the scarcity of heavy material, Jourdet is forced to put forth every effort to develop speed and he appears, thus far, to have made splendid strides in this direction.

Philadelphia's High School Board refuses to allow local school boys to compete in the annual American Interscholastic Cross-Country Championship events, held under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania, because of the manner in which the recent race was conducted. They add that the dear old Red and Blue is in no way to blame. Who is? The Chinese Emperor's bodyguard?

Hard is the lot of the downtrodden cartoonist who must now depict Barney Dreyfuss as a dove of peace. It has never been our good fortune to see a dove of peace, but we have seen Barney.

We ask in all seriousness, was the National League too proud to fight?

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BOSTON BRAVES WILL REPEAT RACE OF 1914, SAYS STALLINGS

Predicts National League Pennant for Hub, With Four Star Pitchers and Best Outfield He Ever Had. Other Sports Comment by Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE

There are yet a number of cold and spectral winter moons ahead of us before April arrives. There are many additional moons beyond this before we come to another October. But even this far ahead...

The Return of the Braves Stallings is no wild and woolly prophet nor any rabid dispenser of the volatile dose. But it is simple enough to observe that deep down in his soul he is quite sure his Braves will stage a return and re-enter the Promised Land of world series fame and glory.

The Penn Predicament Sir—You seem to think it would be a pipe for Hollenback and Folwell to put the Penn team back on the football map. Here's a tip. Both are fine coaches. But their united efforts will be scattered to the four winds unless the "men behind the coaches" let them keep a crowd

Leaders Choose Their Committees for Penn

Leaders in tomorrow's baseball meeting in New York have made these appointments for the "peace conference": NATIONAL LEAGUE. Gary Herrmann, Cincinnati; J. K. Tener, league president; Barry Dreyfuss, Pittsburgh; Harry Hempstead, New York; James Gaffney, Boston. AMERICAN LEAGUE. Ban Johnson, league president; Ben Minor, Washington; Joe Lavin, Boston; Charley Comiskey, Chicago; Colonel Ruppert, New York. FEDERAL LEAGUE. J. A. Gilmore, league president; Charles Weegman, Chicago; S. E. Ward, Brooklyn; Harry Sindler, Newark; Ed Gwinnier, Pittsburgh.

FOOTBALL BODY FAILS TO PLEASE PENN STUDENTS

Pennsylvanian, in Editorial, Says Support of Undergraduates May Be Withdrawn

The Pennsylvanian, the daily organ at the University of Pennsylvania, in an editorial under the caption, "Two-thirds Request," prints the following: Six hundred and fifty of the thousand Athletic Association members who voted their opinion in the election of directors are demanding an explanation of the constituency of the 1915 football committee.

The measure report that both declined nomination will not appease the majority who participated in the recent election. As a consequence of the action of the directors, accompanied by an adequate explanation, there is open dissatisfaction expressed on all sides.

The dissatisfaction growing out of the apparent failure of the board of directors to take into account graduate and undergraduate sentiment can be allayed by a statement from that body. In making such a suggestion the Pennsylvanian is not advancing the cause of any one applicant to the position of head coach. The request made is a rational one, and as the matter now stands about the campus, the officers of the association will be unable to disregard it.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 16.—The seniors won the interclass soccer championship of the Atlantic City High School yesterday afternoon. The seniors defeated the freshmen, 3 goals to 1. The seniors also defeated the sophomores, 2 goals to 1, in the scheduled elimination series.

MONTANA ELEVEN TO COME EAST MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 16.—The Faculty Athletic Committee of the University of Montana made announcement of its official approval of a football game between Montana and Syracuse University, to be played in Syracuse, N. Y., November 4, 1916. An offer for the game was telegraphed Monday by the Syracuse football management.

TILDEN DESCRIBES METHOD TO MAKE FOREHAND DRIVE

Offensive and Defensive Strokes Are Defined and Examples Given for Benefit of Those Studying Scientific Lawn Tennis

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2d

IN TAKING up the second part of this series of articles, namely, the different strokes, it will possibly be well to sum up the uses different strokes should be put to. They can be divided into two general classes, although certain defensive or safe strokes may come under the head of offensive, or jointly both.



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First. The offensive or attacking stroke. (1) The volley. (2) The overhead. (3) The service. (4) Usually the drive or ground stroke, either forehand or backhand. (5) Occasionally the chop stroke.

Second. The defensive: 1. The lob. 2. Usually the chop stroke. 3. Occasionally the drive. It must always be the attacking point. With this classification of strokes in mind we will turn to the forehand drive, or ground stroke. This is the shot which is so often miscalled "Lawford." It is not the Lawford stroke, and should be developed along totally different lines.

We will consider this first from the attacking or offensive attitude. This stroke should be the foundation of every back court game. It must have: (1) Direction. (2) Length (distance into the opponent's court). (3) Pace (tennis slang for speed). (4) Top (the spin which causes the ball to drop holds it in court).

Direction comes from footwork; length, from experience; pace, from the swing of the arm and relation to footwork; top is pure racket work.

Repeating from a previous article, every ground stroke is made up of three parts in one swing. (1) Speed or pace, that part of the swing made behind your body. (2) Direction and length combined made even with your body, the middle of your swing, and (3) Top, made just in front of your body, the end of your swing.

The racket should swing with very nearly a flat face—that is, no out on the ball—and should meet the ball just about the top of the hand, as the ball starts to fall. The shot should be made with the weight swinging into it at moment of meeting the ball, from the right (or back) foot on to the left (or front) foot. Just as the ball leaves the face of the racket let the racket lean over the ball, thus imparting the top. Do not try to put drop on a tennis ball by either under-cutting it, which will cause it to rise, or



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The Riddle of the Night. Are you reading this fascinating story in the Sunday Public Ledger? The first instalment was published on Sunday last, but there is still time for you to commence this new serial. The narrative tells how Hamilton Cleek, "The Man of Forty Faces" and a terror to evil-doers, solves a riddle which sorely tries the Superintendent of Scotland Yard and threatens to wreck the happiness of Sir Philip Clavering, his son Geoffrey and Lady Katherine Fordham, Geoffrey's fiancée. The story centres around a mysterious murder on Wimbledon Common, and its action moves at a pace which merits attention. Read it in Sunday's Public Ledger.

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