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PRESIDENT GILMORE MAY ATTEMPT TO THWARTP LANS FOR BASEBALL SETTLEMENT

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

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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, instead of working to bring about this condition when everything is so favorable.

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, and he does not like the idea of having his immense salary as leader of the independent league cut down.

Gilmore, according to several organized ball magnates, will not be acceptable to President Ban Johnson, of the American League, under any conditions, and that if the peace plans are adopted Glimore must be ignored. Therefore, the plans have progressed slowly because Gilmore has made no attempt to help matters any, while his frequent outbursts against National and American League magnates have prevented the factions from setting together long ago. . . .

Gilmore Has Situation Well in Hand

Gilmere is admittedly the greatest promoter baseball or any other athletic aport has ever known, and it is said that he was too wise to be caught napping and that the Federal League magnates must do as he says or forfelt an enormous sum of money posted as a guarantee of good faith with the president.

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, but it is believed that he has become so interested in baseball as a business that he would rather remain in the game than receive the money he will get if the Feds go against his will.

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. Gilmore's remarkable work in his few years in the baseball business and his constant association with baseball people are said to have caused him to take such great liking for the game and position of power that he is unwilling to give up to Johnson, Herrmann and Tener, who will be in power as in the past if the plans are approved by the former. . . .

Feds' President' Makes a Property Payment

Testerday 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 if the peace movement falls

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. Sinclair has held soveral conferences with National League magnates and has made a great impression on them. They are extremely anxious to have him in organized ball, along with Weeghman, Gwinner, Stifel and Ball,

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, but his money is tied up in property and various enterprises in such a way that he has little cash at the present time.

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, and this will further complicate matters. C. P. Taft, owner of the Chicago club, has also placed his price so high that it will be some time before he and the Weeghman interests come to terms.

. . . 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, proves beyond question his managerial ability

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 win-In order to balance his infield, Moran has been keeping a weather eye open for a second-sacker for the last few months, and he has instructed Scout Neal to look over a number of players on the coast. Just who will be tried out for the position is not known, but it is certain that whoever does will either be a real second baseman when he comes to the Phillies or Moran will develop him Inte one.

The t 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." . . .

KELLY-THE OUT-OF-TOWN COUSIN NOW LISTEN -USTEN HOVE AH'H I'M THROUGH THAT'S THE T QUIT I TELL AROUND THAT GUY DUER THERE THAT S WON STHICH CONS - AND GET I'M G BUY SOME-THINK AND SLIP HIM TH' LAST LE'S QUIT LUCHY SIXTH GAME AL- THAT HAS A WON - TWO I'VE. TACK POTS -THAT HAL'E BACK HE ANUT GOING HOME WITH ALL AT TOE'S IS TOSLIN I'M ABOUT RINGER - HE VELL IF YA350 TEN BUCHS LNES IN To TH' GOOD AH GETS TO DRIFT NO- CHANCE ID BUY BESIDES OH NO: LAYED MUCH OH NO !! DAIGAIS

FOOTBALL BODY FAILS TO PLEASE PENN STUDENTS

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

The Pennsylvanian, the daily organ at the niversity of Pennsylvania, in an edi-torial under the caption, "Two-thirds Request," prints the following:

Six hundred and fifty of the thou-sand Athletic Association members who volced their opinion in the elec-tion of directors are demanding an explanation of the constituency of the 1916 football committee.

These men want to know why two men elected by overwhelming ma-jorities did not find places in that body; why another man, overwhelm ingly defeated, is now a member of that committee. The football committee, as announced,

was a distinct surprise and a disap-pointment to the two-thirds who had impliedly expressed the desire that Holienback and Minds be members thereof.

The meagre 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, unaccom-panied by an adequate explanation, there is open dissatisfaction expressed on all sides.

There is no doubt but that the Football Committee was carefully and thoughtfully selected. There is no doubt but that those who now feel that their vote has been disregarded, will in time be satisfied to the con-trary, and will realize that the action taken was the right one. But, at any rate, the Athletic Association, by its lack of foresight, has antagonized the majority. Resluting from this aniago-nization is talk of openly denouncing the directors and refusing to rejoin the association in the fall. The meen thus acting are thoroughly conscious, but they have been left in the dark. Where people feel that they have been openly flouted they do not stop to consider whether or not their consequential acts are ethical. The dissatisfaction growing out of the apparent failure of the board of directors to take into account gradu-ate and undergraduate sentiment can be allowed by contract of the sentiment can ate 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 aspirant 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 second secon the officers of the association will be unwise in disregarding it. The greatest need of the University The greatest need of the University Athletic Association is the solid back-ing of its membership. It needs the support of all factions; of every graduate and undergraduate. The head coach for next year, whether he be Dickson, Poiwell, Ben-nett or Hollenback, needs this same support. It can only be obtained by the circumspect action of the directors in giving all Pennsylvania men an ex-planation of the recent meeting.

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

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Second. The defensive:

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sive or attacking stroke. (1) The vol-(2) The overley, head. (3) The service. (4) Usually the drive or ground stroke, either forehand or backhand. (5) Oc-

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BOSTON BRAVES WILL REPEAT RACE OF 1914, SAYS STALLING

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

By GRANTLAND RICE of male debutantes off the team and m mit them to fill the positions with a sort of red-necked, square-jawed a stock that has unadorned the beat

for the last few years.

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. . . A fumble is a fumble. Which is to us that if a frenzied athlete turns the ba-loose he should pay the penalty in far

Committees for Pears

Arthur Poe suggests that a fumber only penalized by five yards' loss. It had been able to rush this suggest through before the Yale and Harns games he would have saved Princete a scily 550 yards, or 515 trips acres a field.

Leaders Choose Their

conference":

Boston

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Leaders in tomorrow's baseland meeting in New York have make these appointments for the "page

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Garry Herrmann, Cincinnati; J

K. Tener, league president; Baner Dreyfus, Pittsburgh; Harry Hemp stead, New York; James Gaffar,

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Ban Johnson, league president; Ben Minor, Washington; Joe Lan-nin, Boston; Charley Comiskey, Chicago; Colonel Ruppert, New

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

J. A. Gilmore, league president; Charles Weeghman, Chicago; S. E. Ward, Brooklyn; Harry Sinelar, Newark; Ed Gwinner, Pittsburgh

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Stallings Confident

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 Ortober. But even this far ahead Mandarin George Stallings, of the Braves, can visualize his clan romping into the Red Sox, Tigers or White Sox, as the American League case might be

as the American League case might be. Stallings was confident enough last spring. But unkempt Fate blocked his way. And now for 1916 the Brave leader believes he has even thwarted Fate. "I have received word," says Stallings, "that Bill James is now back in shape and all sourcess has left his arm. But in addition to James, Rudolph, Hughes, Ragan and Tyler, I have in Neff and Barnes two of the greatest young pitchers I have ever seen. Out of these seven pitchers I am sure to get four who are in shape, and four will be enough. For I have at last gotten a regular outfield— the best one I have ever had—and I know beyond a doubt I will have a much better ball club than the team that took

better ball club than the team that took the field last year." The Return of the Braves

Stallings is no wild and woolly prophet or any rabid dispenser of the voluble lope. 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 kale and glory.

And it takes no terrific expert to con And it takes no terrine expert to con-fess that so far as the dope goes Stall-ings has started his dream up the stair-way of probability. Certainly, in the ad-vance fling, the Braves look to be the One Best Pick of the N. L. field.

The Penn Predicament

Sir-You seem to think it would be a pipe for Hollenback and Folwell to put the Fenn 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 and the conches" let them keep a crowd



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10c straight, and up. Less by the box.

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, al-though certain defention of your feet. defensive or anfeition of your feet. Relations between footwork, racquet

and direction of shot will be much more closely understood if one looks on their feet as the rudder which directs the shot and the shot travels along a line deter-mined by the feet. To drive down the line from the first

or right hand court the feet should be parallel to the line with left foot about 15 to 18 inches ahead of the right. The racquet travels with flat face into the hall at the crest of its bounce, and as it meets it the weight shifts from the right foot, into the shot, unto the left, and the top is put on the drive. For the cross-court shot the same rules

hold equally true, except the left foot is advanced nearer the side line and across the right, and there is more "pull" to your shot and not quite so much

Second. The defensive: 1. The lob. 2. Usually the chop stroke. 3. Occasionally the drive. Never use your net game defensively; 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 physically across the court and then ap-physically across the court and then ap-and the across the court and then ap-and the across the court and then ap-and the across the court and then ap-across the court and the across t

There Must Be Some Money Somewhere in Baseball

A certain delver in statistics has estimated that baseball players earnedor at least, were paid in salarles-about \$7,000,000 in 1915. This does include, says the d. i. s., \$2,000,000 which was expended on the players for traveling, meals, hotels, etc. He goes on to say:

"There are 200 players in each of the three big leagues, each drawing an average salary of \$3000. Any one who multiplies 600 ball players by \$3000 will discover that the total is \$1,800,000. 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 \$1,800,000 paid to the major leagues. brings the salary total to \$7,800,000."

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

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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 1900. 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 Fennsylvania, 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?

Sophs Win Soccer Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 16.-4The phomores won the interclass eccorer cham-ionable of the Atlantic City High School effected the freshmen, J goals to 2, both as seniors and juniors defaulted, thus giving to the school on the south more with only one game is the scheduled elimination series.

Montana Eleven to Come East

MISSI/ULA, Mont., Fee. 16. — The Faculty Athleth Committee of the University of Mon-tana made announcement of its official ap-proval of a footbail same between Montana and Syraruss University, to be played in Syra-cuse, N. T., November 4, 1916. An offer for the game was telegraphed Moniag by the Syra-cuse football management.

ATTENTION, SIR MAILMAN! Something's going on in Rain-bow Land, Southeast Corner, Page wander over that way tonight. If your ears are burning, just re-member CHRISTMAS IS COM-ING, and keep AWAY! 171 You are requested not Signed-THE RAINBOW CHILDREN.

not the Lawford stroke, and should be developed along totally different lines. We will consider this first from the at-

tacking or offensive attitude. This stroke should be the foundation of every back court game. It must have: (i) 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). pace.

stroke.

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

Repeating from a previous article, every Repeating from a previous article, every ground siroke 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 and of your swing. body, the end of your swing.

The racquet should swing with very nearly a flat face-that is, no cut on the ball-and should meet the ball just about the top of the bound, as the ball starts to fail. 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 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 racquet let the racquet lean over the ball, thus imparting the top. Do not try to put drop on a tennis ball by either undercutting it, which will cause it to rise, or

feet should be parallel to it, while the toes should make right angle with it. Do not try and change the style of your forehand stroke to hit to different parts of the court. Keep the stroke the same, but vary your courtwork length and

All this has been in the light of the forehand drive as an offensive stroke. Thus to sum up:

First. Regulate footwork to determine lirection.

Second. Use consistently even, fast Third. Do not change style of stroke

as direction changes. As a defensive stroke the drive needs omparatively little explanation, since it

should not often be used in that manner. When so using it, lessen your pace and n general merely play it as deep as possible and to your opponent's bad hand. That policy, if carried out consistently, amounts at times almost to an attack, since a deep shot is always hard to do much with.

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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 fiancee. 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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