

AMERICAN LEAGUE MOGULS LEAVE FOR NEW YORK—OTHER NEWS OF THE SPORTS WORLD

PRESIDENT BAKER, OF PHILS, WOULD ABOLISH ALL PASSES

American League Magnates Leave Chicago to Attend Federal League Peace Conference

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The National League magnates did little more today than mark time. Outside of the much-talked-of peace, the suggestion made by President W. F. Baker, of Philadelphia, to eliminate all free passes to the league games was the chief topic of conversation.

Baker has asked the league to adopt a rule forcing every home team to pay for every person who goes through the turnstiles. In other words, the home team will be forced to pay the visitors for every complimentary ticket given out. This would virtually mean that the pass rate at major league ball parks would go out of existence.

The suggestion brought forth a storm of protest, especially from New York and Chicago, where the free list is double that of other teams. It was finally decided to allow the matter to rest until the February meeting. In the meantime a committee of National League magnates will meet a group appointed by Ban Johnson and find how the American League stands on the proposition.

A. L. Will Decline

It is almost certain that the American League will decline to adopt the resolution, as Ban Johnson has always believed that the great success of that league during the war with the National League was due to the liberal use of the free pass. This idea has been tried before by individual clubs without any instructions from the league and proved a failure. President Baker was the victim of much sarcastic comment from scribbles when he proposed the resolution.

The other amendment, which took up the greater part of the afternoon, was on a subject equally as foolish. It was on the subject of fixing ballparks. A rule was finally adopted compelling players put out of the game and fined to pay their own fines. In the past it has been the custom for the managers to pay the fines, which caused the players to be irresponsible. It is an excellent rule if it could be enforced, but it is another of those rulings which has been tried before and has been a failure because the manager who vote for it are invariably the first to break the agreement.

Herzog Will Stay

The report that Charley Herzog was to be released as manager of the Cincinnati Reds is apparently a dream, inspired by Tom Clarke, the dissatisfied catcher. Herzog and Herrmann are on excellent terms, and the Redland chief is confident that he has a great chance for the National League pennant with Herzog at the helm. They are to meet tomorrow at noon to talk over plans for the season circuit, but Kelley indignantly denied the report and says he hopes to remain with "Cap" Huston as long as he remains in baseball.

It was rumored about the meeting that Joe Kelley, famous star of years ago, who is now scouting for the New York Americans, would sever his connections with that team to return to Toronto as manager of the reconstructed team in the new circuit, but Kelley indignantly denied the report and says he hopes to remain with "Cap" Huston as long as he remains in baseball.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The American League "peace delegation" left here shortly after noon today for New York where they will confer with representatives of the Federal, National and International Leagues regarding a merger of the "outlaws" and organized baseball. Those who left were Ban B. Johnson, Ben Minor, Connie Mack, Colonel Ruppert, Joe Lannin and Charles Comiskey. Mack is not one of the peace delegates.

Before leaving Ban Johnson said: "While we can't say definitely that everything is arranged between the Federal League and organized baseball, it is safe to say that if a settlement of the details can be arranged there will be peace."

Plan Harvard's Football Schedule

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 16.—Further plans in shaping Harvard's football schedule for the next season has been announced. Fred Moore, graduate manager of athletics, has outlined the schedule given out last week. The schedule will include the following: Harvard vs. Yale, Oct. 10; Harvard vs. Princeton, Oct. 17; Harvard vs. Cornell, Oct. 24; Harvard vs. Columbia, Oct. 31; Harvard vs. Brown, Nov. 7; Harvard vs. Dartmouth, Nov. 14; Harvard vs. Pennsylvania, Nov. 21; Harvard vs. Virginia Tech., Nov. 28; Harvard vs. North Carolina, Dec. 5; Harvard vs. Wake Forest, Dec. 12.

Here Are the Items in the Peace Pact

From the most reliable reports available, the peace pact calls for almost a complete merger of the National and Federal Leagues. Here are the facts:

Weeghman will buy into the Cardinals.

Brooklyn and Pittsburgh interests will consolidate.

Newark and Giants interests will also consolidate.

Players left over in Pittsburgh, Brooklyn and Newark will be the nucleus for strong International League teams.

THESE WILL FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE PEACE ADJUSTMENT



JOE TINKER



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Late Developments in Baseball Peace Plans

The National and American League magnates have agreed that peace with the Federal League is desirable. The Federal League also agrees that peace, along with a merger, is what baseball needs.

Garry Herrmann has called a peace meeting for tomorrow in New York between the three leagues.

Ban Johnson, Joe Lannin, Ben Minor, Charley Comiskey and Colonel Ruppert are en route from Chicago to New York to attend the meeting.

Tentative plans for a complete union of the three leagues is expected to develop in New York.

FEDS ARE FIRST IN WAR, THEN LEAD IN PEACE

Fight on Organized Ball Began When Joe Tinker "Jumped"

EBBETS' DREAM HURTS

By SPICK HALL

THE Federal League beat the Kaiser to it, coming and going. They were, like our well-known father of the Potomac, first in the war and first out of it. The vicious drive on organized baseball was begun just two years ago. It had its inception at the annual meeting of the National League, hence it is fitting that the fight, after two years of turmoil, also should come as a byproduct of this momentous gathering.

When the facts are closely scrutinized, one can readily see that Augustus Herrmann and Charles Ebbets were the real, though innocent, instigators of the most disastrous baseball war the national past has ever known.

In 1913, Joe Tinker, ex-Cub, was manager of the Cincinnati Reds. At the meeting of the National League that season Charles Ebbets had a brilliant idea one evening within the confines of the cafe in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. He confided in Herrmann. The idea was, in effect, that Ebbets would like to give poor Mr. Herrmann the sum of \$25,000 for the release of Mr. Tinker, who would act as manager of the Cincinnati club.

After much dickering, Tinker became persuaded and turned a respectful ear in the direction of Charles Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Federal League club. The documents were not mutually binding. Furthermore, the "outlaws" offered large salaries, long-term contracts and in a number of cases paid real money in the bank to pay the salaries for three years.

The first club in organized baseball to be lured by a Federal League offer was the local National League company, Otto Knabe, who was induced to sign a three-year contract by Secretary Goldman, of the Baltimore Feds. Otto's first duty was to get some of his Philly teammates to jump into the Federal League.

Money Behind New League

All of this time the powers in organized baseball, meaning Ban Johnson and Herrmann, largely, were busy giving out statements to the effect that the Federal League could not last, because, they said, it was not run by baseball men and it did not have sufficient financial backing.

Now It's Indoor Football

An innovation in the way of a football game upon neutral grounds will be played tonight at Central Y. M. C. A., when the High School Club of the organization, the members of the Central High, Brown Preparatory and Southern High School football teams, will be playing the game.

money at a rapid rate. Not only that, but the league continued to wedge into the ranks of organized baseball, and to get more and more players.

Organized baseball magnates were badly frightened at the persistency of the Feds, but continued to deny the possibility of their ultimate success. Just here it is worth mentioning that Connie Mack never gave out a statement in which the "Feds" or "Federal League" occurred. As far as any one knows, he was never at any time known to call organized baseball's rivals by their first name.

All of this time organized baseball was suffering heavily. Not only for the increases they received, it is certain that Eddie Collins, who was then a member of the Athletics, would have gone over had not Connie Mack given him the most attractive contract ever received by a player of either Philadelphia club.

It is estimated that at the present time the Federal League has \$35,000 worth of contracts on its hands, most of this money being in the banks as a safeguard to the players.

Upon this matter has hinged the difference between the Feds and organized baseball for months. Naturally the Federal League magnates want, in case of a merger, organized baseball to take over these contracts. "We want to protect our players," is the way President Gilmore put it to the O. B. meeting. It might be added that Gilmore et al. would also like to protect themselves from possible lawsuits growing out of a failure to live up to these contracts.

Another interesting question arises in this connection. What effect would Judge Landis' decision, if it had beened, had the documents were not mutually binding. Furthermore, the "outlaws" offered large salaries, long-term contracts and in a number of cases paid real money in the bank to pay the salaries for three years.

Feds Begin Suit on O. B.

Not satisfied with the Feds went into the Federal Court in Chicago before Judge Landis and asked for a dissolution of the National Commission, alleging that the operations of this body were contrary to the Sherman anti-trust laws. Judge Landis took the case under advisement last winter and has not yet given his decision.

Judge Landis is a baseball fan. It is possible that he warned both sides to keep strictly within the law in all their business operations, and that a merger would not be out of place.

Just now the most interesting subject is the "peace meeting" scheduled to be held in New York tomorrow. This gathering takes place for the purpose of working out the details of the merger. It has been suggested that the International League take over four of the Federal League clubs, and that the two major leagues take the other four. Whether that will be done is a matter to determine at the meeting.

Now It's Indoor Football

STEELE'S FIELD GOAL BEATS JASPER FIVE

Camden Makes Fine Rally in Last Two Minutes of the Game

The tail-end Jasper five of the Eastern was shunted another notch downward last night by the Camden team. Up to the last minute of play it appeared that an extra period would have to be played, but a goal shot, followed by a sensational field shot by Roy Steele, gave the South Jerseymen the victory, 24 to 23.

Both teams had many sensational plays for the basket miss by narrow margins. Time and again the ball hit the backboard, rebounded, rolled around the rim, then dropped off, while the crowd groaned or yelled in delight, according to the way it was routine. Neither team had many easy shots to make, because each player covered his opponent so closely that few soft chances were available.

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WILLIAMS-ERTLE RETURN CONTEST IS IMPROBABLE

Kewpie Insists Upon 116 Pounds; Champion Unable to Make Weight

PROMOTERS AFTER BOUT

Ever since the memorable bout in St. Paul between Champion Kid Williams and Johnny Ertle, when the latter was credited with a victory on a foul, several promoters in big boxing centres have been making strong efforts to bring about a return match. So far they have met with little success, and from present indications Williams and the Kewpie never will clash in the six-foot ring.

Besides offering to make Ertle a present of \$500 as soon as his manager attaches his John Hancock to a contract governing a 20-round mix Williams is anxious to make the match under certain conditions, but he will not agree to scale 116 pounds. Ertle will not make any concessions on this point. His manager, Mike McNulty, will insist on the "66" weight, and as Williams has become so heavy that he is no longer able to make the poundage prospects for another Ertle-Williams bout look grim.

That Williams has outgrown the banterweight class there can be no further doubt, and that he has struck the toboggan becomes more apparent every bout. Yet if Williams and Ertle can be brought together the pair should be able to put up a great scrap. Ertle has shown himself to be a real star, and Williams, although no longer the wonder he was a year or so ago, still is a fighter from his toes up.

Stanley Hinkle and Denny Whalen are booked to appear in the wind-up at the Broadway Forum.

Emeryllville Track Is Destroyed

EMERYVILLE, Cal., Dec. 16.—The old Emeryllville race track when fortune was won and lost is no more. It was burned to the ground last night. A tank of water prevented the firemen from halting the blaze.

SATURDAY NIGHT—SATURDAY NIGHT National A. C.—Jack McGuigan, Prop. 11th & Catharine Sts. Jimmy Murphy vs. Joe Azvedo

NO COACH SELECTED FOR THE YALE TEAM

Proposed Meeting in New York Not Held as Announced

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The selection of the Yale football coach which is keeping Yale men and others interested has not yet been made. There was no meeting of the committee composed of Vance C. McCormick, S. Brinckerhoff Thorne and John R. Kilpatrick at the Yale Club last night, although it was announced that there would be one. A member of the committee, when questioned last night about this meeting, said that the first he knew of it was when he read about it.

Among the probabilities who have been mentioned are Foster Sanford, the present Rutgers coach; T. A. D. Jones, now coaching at Phillips-Exeter Academy; Dr. A. H. Sharpe, Cornell mentor, and J. E. Oswald, who has helped at Yale and Annapolis in the past.

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ABSENT-MINDED ABNER—He Finds That He Has Tackled a Rather Deep Subject!—By WALT McDOUGALL

Cartoon by Walt McDougall. IF THE FREE MOISTURE IN SOURKROUT BE REDUCED TO NINE TEEN PERCENT UNDER PRESSURE THE HEAT UNITS INCREASE. AND AS A RESULT KROUTINE GAS IS GENERATED INSTANTLY IN VAST AMOUNTS WHICH SPEEDILY PRODUCES ASPHYXIATION, APHASIA AND GASTRITIS, OWING TO THE DISASTROUS EXPLOSION WHICH ALWAYS FOLLOWS. HENCE, WHY NOT PLANT SOURKROUT MINES FOR HARBOR DEFENSE AND UTILIZE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. I MUST WRITE TO MR. DANIELS! UPON MY WORD I BELIEVE IT HAS BEGUN TO RAIN!