

WHARTON SINKLER EXPLAINS THE AIMS OF PENNSYLVANIA'S FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

AMERICAN LEAGUE MAY TURN AGAINST NATIONAL, IS LATE RUMOR IN NEW YORK CITY

Some Uneasiness Felt at Last Moment Before "Peace Conference" Was Scheduled to Begin—Sinclair Talks a Great Deal

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Today's "peace conference" was delayed several hours. The National, American and International Leagues and the American Association did not get together until 2 o'clock to talk over matters and select a place at 4 o'clock at the Waldorf-Astoria.

By a Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The most sensational baseball meeting in the history of the National League has reached its climax, and unless by far more has been accomplished in the peace negotiations than the magnates are willing to admit, it may turn out to be one of the most surprising and disastrous days baseball has known.

There is a feeling of uneasiness in the camp of organized ball today, and its followers are extremely anxious to see just how Ban Johnson and his American League colleagues will get along with the Feds in today's session, which is likely to last until the wee hours of Saturday morning.

If by any chance the American League should at the last minute turn down the peace proposition, it is freely predicted here that the National League will go to the wall if the Feds and American League care to combine and wage war against the senior league. There is apparently not one chance in a thousand for such a thing to happen, but there is something going on beneath the surface which bodes ill for the National League.

Baseball scribes, veteran players and fans who have thronged the corridors of the Waldorf-Astoria are unanimous in the opinion that the National League's campaign has been handled in a miserable manner. The league without cause, displayed its weakness and virtually admitted that the Feds had them beaten by the policy adopted.

Tener Unpopular
President Tener made himself so unpopular with the scribes that a committee of baseball writers and the various news services went to Tener in a body to protest.

When the meeting opened Tuesday it was apparently due to a busy but peaceful situation, but indications are that it will have a stormy ending.

Harry Sinclair, millionaire backer of the proposed New York Federal League club and Dave Fultz, president of the Federal League's "Fraternity," were the gentlemen who kicked up the trouble yesterday.

Sinclair in the presence of Garry Herrmann threw down the gauntlet to the organized ball forces when he declared that the National League had sought peace, that the Feds would get the terms they wanted or they would put on the gloves and finish the battle. Among other things he said that he would either get what he wanted or would go through with his proposed New York Federal League club with a wonderful segregation of players.

Sinclair Speaks
Sinclair added that the National League had been acting as the talking and that the Feds had been blamed for many rumors which were really circulated by organized ball. As a parting shot he requested a few of those who were with him not to take the peace proposition

PLANK TOPS PITCHERS IN THE FEDERAL LEAGUE
Former Athletic Hurler Won 21 Games and Lost 11 in 1915

Eddie Plank, Connie Mack castoff, won 21 pitching honors in the Federal League, according to averages announced today.
The former Athletic hurler, now with the Stouffeds, topped all his opponents with a mark of 2.91 earned runs per game against nine. He won 21 and lost 11. McConnell, of Chicago, was second with a mark of 2.65 earned runs per game. Davenport, of St. Louis, and Mosley, of Newark, were third and fourth.

Reich Stopped McCloskey

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Al Reich, the one-time amateur heavyweight champion, managed to stop Al McCloskey, of New Jersey, in the middle of the third session of a scheduled round bout. Al McCloskey stopped the fight right before he accomplished the victory by referee Fates. Reich was decidedly unimpaired to his nerves and heart for several minutes.

Will Name Coach of Penn Eleven Today

A meeting of the Football Committee of the University of Pennsylvania is scheduled for 3 o'clock this afternoon in the office of Wharton Sinkler, the recently chosen chairman.

The object of the meeting is to discuss the coach question for Penn's 1916 football eleven. The chances are that the committee will come to an agreement today and that before nightfall a gridiron tutor will have been named. Thus far the committee has made no intimation of whom the members have in mind for coach.

FEDS PREPARED TO PUT TEAM IN THIS CITY

In Case of Hitch in Peace Plans This Is Their Plan

SITE 57TH AND CHESTNUT

By a Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Federal League is prepared to invade Philadelphia. Should the peace plans now under way fail, they will have a club in the Quaker City, probably at 57th and Chestnut streets, West Philadelphia. Sinclair has stated that if peace is not forthcoming the Feds will have a team in every city on the American and National league circuits.

The site selected in Philadelphia is near several trolley lines and just two blocks from the "L" station at 56th and Market streets.

More than a year ago there were Federal League agents in the Quaker City looking over prospective sites for a diamond. At that time it was thought the Feds would do well to build on the site of the old Belmont Cricket Club, at 6th street and Chester avenue, West Philadelphia. However, the city had just purchased the property and has since converted it into a public playground, so there will be no chance of the Feds playing there. That site was recommended mainly because of the excellent transit facilities.

The Feds all along have wanted exactly one big thing—recognition of their organization as a third major league.

Sinclair, Weegman, Gilmore and Ball "go to the mat" with this one plan in hand. To force the issue, they have formed a third major league club with world's series competition privileges, this league to be made up of five Federal League clubs and three International clubs.

Organized baseball from the outset has stated that it never would recognize the Federal League as a major league. It has contended from the start that there was no room for a third big league, and President John K. Tener, speaking for the National League, today reiterated what he has said so often before:

"We cannot and will not recognize the Feds as a major league."

Sinclair early in the day refused to discuss reports that he was going to buy the New York Giants in case peace was made, but it has been known for some time that he would make a big bid for the club in case there was a chance of it being accepted. Harry Hempstead, owner of the Giants, is tired of baseball and probably would accept a reasonable bid.

If peace comes, Charles Weegman, owner of the Chicago Feds, probably will get a chance to buy the Chicago Cubs, and, undoubtedly will avail himself of the opportunity. Weegman would then become a National League magnate and would surrender his Federal League franchise. Owners Ball and Stifel, of the St. Louis Feds will be offered a chance to buy the Cardinals and they, too, probably will accept.

At noon President Johnson and President Tener got together and arranged an informal conference of National and American League magnates at the conclusion of the National League meeting this afternoon. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing peace proposals before taking them up with representatives of the Feds.

DUNN REINSTATED
Suspended Wismoming Halfback Given Another Chance by League

At the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Soccer League, Cines A. Ball last night at the North Branch Y. M. C. A., the hearing of Dunn, of Wismoming, and MacNulty, of Diastion, who were suspended for fighting in the match between Diastion and Wismoming, played on December 4, at the Diastion Field, Tacony, came up for discussion.
Dunn, who plays left half for the Wismoming eleven, stated his case, and after being reprimanded his suspension was lifted and he will be permitted to participate in the Wismoming Boys' Club, of the Church Club, to be played on Christmas morning at Wismoming. MacNulty, the righter halfback on the Diastion team, failed to put in an appearance, and he will continue suspended.

Bouts at Gayety

Four special bouts and several concerts are scheduled for the boxing events at the Gayety Theatre this evening. The specials will be between Charley Kelly and Young Robideau, Eddie Shely and Tommy Edison, Joe Brown and Andy Rivers and Battling Dundee and Frank Russell. Those still in the 110-pound class are Young Lessig, Willie Boll, Andy Rivers, Frankie Nelson, Danny Buck, Young Conway, Kid Daily, Eddie Dundee, Harry Findale, Kid Jerry, Kid Morris, John Poirer, Kid Perry and Kid Rep.

Will Cling to Fielder Jones

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Phil Ball, chief owner of the St. Louis Federal League, says that if he gets the franchise for this team, he would manage his team. Interest was given to this statement by the fact that Ball is to obtain the St. Louis franchise.

SINKLER DECLARES PENN'S FOOTBALL COMMITTEE FAVORS ONE-MAN SYSTEM

Chairman Says Everybody Will Be Satisfied With Coaching Methods



WHARTON SINKLER

Because of the wide divergence of opinion on the proper way to solve the University of Pennsylvania's football problems, the EVENING LEDGER asked Wharton Sinkler, re-elected chairman of the Football Committee, to make a statement of his attitude on certain matters now the bone of so much criticism. Mr. Sinkler prepared such a statement only after it had been pointed out to him that his attitude had been misunderstood and in the hope that it might clear up the situation and aid in the restoration of harmony. Mr. Sinkler in consenting wished it thoroughly understood that he made this statement not as a defense and not as an individual and not as the spokesman of the committee.

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WHEN the Football Committee completes its work of selecting a coach and arranging a schedule for 1916 I think that all University of Pennsylvania men, undergraduates and alumni, as well as the many other friends of the University, will be satisfied. That, at least, is my hope, and I know it represents the hope of every member of the committee.

What we are trying to do is to select a coach who will stand for the best traditions of the University and who will get the best results from the material at hand. To that end the entire committee is united in its determination to consider the best judgment of Pennsylvania's football men and to act accordingly.

No one wants harmony in Pennsylvania athletics more than our committee. Every member of this body is prepared to make sacrifices to render the best service he can to the University. Speaking for myself alone, I appreciate that I could and still can look at the situation without prejudice and for the good of the University only.

Three members of the Football Committee, a majority, are undergraduates. Two of the three will be candidates for next year's team, one of whom is the captain. These two, at least, will advocate the selection of a man for coach who would seem to be for the best interests of the team itself.

The Football Committee last year was confronted with a situation that necessitated having an advisory board of coaches as a compromise measure. This was an unsatisfactory arrangement, but under the conditions which existed was ap-

proved by the committee and by many of the players of former football teams who were consulted.

Most of the men who coached this year did so out of loyalty to Pennsylvania and at considerable personal sacrifice. They were chosen because they had been successful coaches in the past and could be counted upon to work in harmony. This they did notwithstanding the fact that the system was not a satisfactory one, and I believe it was not the fault of any one man that the season was not more successful.

The conditions which existed a year ago are now completely changed, and we are free to put our ideas into effect. As was stated in the report of the committee, there is unanimous agreement on the wisdom of a single head coach, responsible for the development of the team, though, of course, provided with assistants with whom he can work in harmony.

The man the committee selects as head coach will represent the best judgment of the committee. There is no prejudice against any individual.

Committee Agrees
I am in thorough agreement with the other members of the committee as to the type of man the University needs for coach. He ought to be a man who knows modern football and who has ability to teach it.

Another point on which the entire committee is agreed is the necessity of having a trainer who will not be a member of the board of coaches, but who will devote his entire time to the physical condition of the players. There is ample time to select such a person, and it will be done in due time in conjunction with the proper authorities and committees.

I hope that Pennsylvania students and alumni will realize that our committee, as well as the board of directors of the Athletic Association, is working with an eye single to the advancement of the University's athletic interests.

I am perfectly willing to assume full responsibility for my own judgment in all things. But the committee, particularly the captain of the team, has a right to the loyal support of the student body. We want to give the University the best coach we can and the best schedule we can prepare. No committee could do more. If the students, the graduates and friends of the University will appreciate these facts there will be complete harmony throughout and the chances of a success increased many fold.

FLEMING WINS

Victor Substitutes and Outpoints Stanley Hinkle at Broadway A. C.

Denny Whalen, of the United States, failed to appear at the Broadway Athletic Club last night, and in his stead Burk Fleming was substituted against Stanley Hinkle. Fleming outpointed his opponent in a majority of the rounds, and was entitled to the decision at the finish. Sammy Trinkle stopped Tom Marx in the fourth round of the semi-wind-up. Hook Bones won from John Holland. Joe Davis stopped George Davis in the second session, while Young Wagner was entitled to the decision over Frank Gulgan.

Basketball Results

In a Southwestern League match 22d M. E. defeated 19th M. E. 49-17. The game was played at 22d and Moore streets. Richardson Memorial, 40; Mediator, 12.

CALLAHAN TO LEAD PIRATES

Ex-White Sox Manager Named by Barney Dreyfus.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—President Barney Dreyfus announced that James J. Callahan, former manager of the Chicago White Sox, has been appointed manager of the Pittsburgh National League team to succeed Fred Clarke, resigned.
The announcement came as a complete surprise as Callahan's name had at no time been mentioned in connection with the job. It is understood the new manager signed a contract for one year only. Callahan managed the Chicago White Sox for three years, being succeeded last season by Clarence Rowland.

Conditions Now Far Different From Those of a Year Ago at University

When the University of Pennsylvania and Muhlenberg College basketball teams meet in Weightman Hall tomorrow evening, a preliminary game between the West Philadelphia High School and the Penn Freshmen will be played, and the schoolboys here will await the result with much interest, for it is the first hard contest for the Orange and Blue.

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NORTHEAST ELECTS LEADERS

Football, Cross-country and Soccer Captains Named for 1916

Northeast High School officials met yesterday and elected captains for the football, soccer and cross-country teams next year.

Andy Whitaker, who has played two years on the team as center, a junior this year, was chosen head of the football team.

E. Wesley Calhoun, who graduates next year, was the choice of the soccer players. Calhoun has played on the team two years as left halfback.

The cross-country runners' choice settled upon Hubert McCormac, two years on the team.

WEST PHILLIES LOSE STARS ON EVE OF BATTLE

Bachman and Mason Not in Shape for Tilt With Penn Freshmen

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Schedule for Today

BASKETBALL
West Philadelphia High School vs. Girard College (first and second teams), at Girard College.
Swarthmore High vs. Lansdowne High, at Lansdowne.
Jenkintown High vs. Norristown High, at Norristown.
Southern High vs. Darby High, at Darby.
Abington High vs. Germantown Friends' School, at Germantown Friends' School.
Brown Preparatory vs. St. Joseph's College, 8 p. m., at 17th and Stiles streets.

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The big game with the Penn first-year players comes at a bad time for the West Philadelphia High School, for at present the team across the river is weakened by the loss of two regulars, Captain Fred Bachman, star forward, and Mason, center.

In addition to the loss of these two men, sickness has taken away a number of the reserves. In the recent game with School of Pedagogy, Bachman and Mason were unable to play, Markle taking Captain Bachman's place at forward and McCaskey playing center.

Southern High School students will be glad to hear that Lou Martin, former downtown leader and for two years high individual scorer in the Interscholastic League, has earned a regular place on the Penn varsity team. He will start at forward in the Muhlenberg game tomorrow.

Northeast High students, too, will also welcome the news that Art Jefford, former Red and Black captain, who was runner-up to Martin, has been selected to play center.

The Germantown High School students will have to wait until the new year to use their gymnasium, which is rapidly nearing completion. Coach Philip Lewis lined up his youngsters in the initial contest with the Trades School yesterday in the Boys' Club cage, with the final result a 23 to 17 victory for the Trades aggregation.

Considering the fact that this was Germantown's first game, the Muhlenberg team gave a very clever exhibition of basketball. Rice and Collins played well as forwards; Brooks, the center, and Langer and Burnett the guards, showed plenty of pep, and the Trades team, made up of Murdock, Jaspas, Harkness, Licenstein and Morningred, were kept on the jump every minute of the time.

Media High by a Point

MEDIA, Pa., Dec. 17.—Media High School defeated Swarthmore Freshmen basketball here yesterday evening, 29 to 19.

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