

EVERY SECOND COUNTS AT LEHIGH WHEN TOM KEADY DRILLS TEAM FOR LAFAYETTE GAME

JOE LANNIN SOLD RED SOX BECAUSE PRESIDENT JOHNSON DEMANDED THAT IT BE DONE

American League Chief Not Bitter Against Herrman, as Stated, but Wants to Rid National Commission of John K. Tener

ON THURSDAY, October 12, the EVENING LEDGER published an exclusive story that Joseph J. Lannin, owner of the Boston Red Sox, would sell his franchise before the December meeting of the American League because President Johnson insisted upon it.

The EVENING LEDGER's exclusive story of October 12 is herewith reprinted in part: "When the world's series is over two men who have done more for baseball in Boston than any president and manager ever connected with the Boston American League Club will be retired from the game."

"Several weeks ago Lannin accused the American League umpires of being deliberately unfair to the Red Sox. At the time surprise was expressed that Johnson did not kick up a rumpus, but it develops that Johnson did not want any scandal during the playing season, particularly as the Red Sox looked like the likely pennant winner in the American League."

"It is whispered that Lannin will fight any move by Johnson to oust him from Boston, but it will be remembered that after the 1915 games, when the Red Sox won the world's championship by defeating the Giants, Jimmy McAleer was forced to sell the Boston franchise because of the ticket scandal."

APPARENTLY the sale of the Red Sox was accomplished without a rumpus. Lannin says that he is glad he sold the club and that the deal was a profitable one for him, while President Johnson refuses to make a statement, but it is certain there was more than one stormy session before the former Red Sox owner consented to sell, and probably Johnson was forced to show his hand before it was accomplished.

A few days ago President Tener, of the National League, bitterly assailed Johnson because the latter criticized his method of handling the Brooklyn scandal. Tener ridiculed Johnson and called attention to the fact that Johnson had permitted Lannin to get away with his remarks about the umpires, but the American League "czar" paid no attention to the caustic comment of the National League boss, because the ousting of Lannin had been arranged for long ago.

By way of retaliating at Tener, President Johnson declares that the American League magnates are not satisfied with the National Commission as now composed, and will demand a change. A Chicago scribe construed his remarks as meaning that Garry Herrmann had aroused Johnson's ire and a fight would be made by the American League to oust him.

There is only one meaning to this, and it is that Johnson is against President Tener, and to rid the commission of the National League boss will insist that only one man from each league will be on the supreme board, with a disinterested party as chairman. The American League has the right to make this demand, and if Johnson goes through with his present plan the senior league can have only one representative on the National Commission.

IF THE National League is allowed only one representative, we have it on excellent authority that enough magnates are pledged to vote for Herrmann to bring about the unusual condition of the president of a major league being left off the supreme board. Johnson is bitter against Tener and only a desire to keep harmony in the ranks of organized ball will induce him to sit on the commission with the National League president, and if Ban is in his fighting mood and the senior league elects its president as its representative, there is going to be a rumpus that will not be forgotten, and which may cause the fans to forget the war with the Reds.

Last Friday, October 27, the EVENING LEDGER, among other things, predicted that the National Commission would be reorganized. In commenting on the many rumors of trades, changes in ownership and management, etc., the following was printed: "No doubt there is a great deal of truth to many of the above rumors, while others are just rumors, but one can add to the list the reorganization of the National Commission, a change in the method of conducting the world's series, a rearrangement of the schedules of the two major leagues, with the season closing earlier, and a strenuous fight to depose John K. Tener as president of the National League."

It is virtually certain that an effort will be made to oust Tener. It is known that five magnates are very much opposed to the way he has handled the affairs of the National League in his first trying season, while two other magnates will follow the majority. It is said that several magnates are very much peeved at the way he handled important cases in which they were vitally interested, while every magnate in the league admits that Tener's lack of action in the Brooklyn scandal was responsible for the unfavorable comment that was aroused.

Those close to Ban Johnson say that the American League boss confided to them that he was not pleased with the National Commission as it now is composed, and that he favors one man from each league, with a disinterested party as chairman, instead of two representatives from the National League and one from the American League. No doubt there is some truth to this and the change is likely to be made.

Several times since the world's series Johnson has criticized the present plan of conducting the blue-ribbon event, and will insist on a change. Just what plan Johnson has in view is not known, but it is certain that none of the suggested plans can be carried out unless the season ends about two weeks earlier.

WARD FORMER RESIDENT OF SOUTHWARK HUGH J. WARD, the Philadelphia who is associated with Harry Frazee, is not very well known in this city, as he has not resided here for almost twenty years. Ward was born in Southwark, where he mixed up in amateur theatricals when a youngster, and he finally branched out as a full-fledged actor as a member of the Standard Theater Stock Company.

Ward drifted to Australia with a show, and became associated with J. C. Williamson, who gave him his start as a promoter. Ward became wealthy by purchasing producing rights for successful comedy and musical shows in Australia. Ward always has been greatly interested in baseball and made two trips from Australia just to see the world's series. While here for the series between the Red Sox and Dodgers, Ward was interested in the proposition to purchase the world's champions, and with Frazee formed the syndicate that closed the deal.

The Boston Red Sox won the championship of the world, and the franchise was sold for \$775,000. The Dodgers were beaten by the Red Sox, and Charley Ebbets wants \$2,000,000 for the Brooklyn franchise, while the Braves, which failed to win the pennant in 1915, was sold to Houghton's syndicate for \$750,000. What is the answer? Do they add a couple of ciphers just for luck?

GREYSTOCK MEETS JASPER FIVE AT NONPAREIL HALL

Game Starts Tonight at 9 o'Clock—Camden Defeats Reading Team

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING table with columns for Team, W, L, P, G, and other statistics for various teams like Trenton, Camden, etc.

By SPICK HALL The Eastern Basketball League is having as many "first nights" as Charley Ebbets has holiday games and as the Phillies play crucial series. This evening there will be another 1916-17 cage opening.

All Kennington is putting for a winner this year. Since the announcement of the management that a real team would represent the uptown club the basketball bugs have been humming hymns of hope for an Eastern League pennant.

In every department of the game Camden was superior to Reading last night. Consequently the 40-28 score is no surprise. Henry's team showed that they had been well drilled before the opening of the season and that they knew the new rules.

Reading really had no chance to get the game. There were only twenty-seven fouls called on Camden against thirty-three for Reading. Apparently the Reading men had not been instructed properly. They continually committed fouls in jumping for the ball, and as Jackie Adams was in good form there was little opportunity for them to come within even striking distance of their opponents.

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ANYBODY CAN FURNISH CONVERSATION TO THIS ONE



WINTER PRACTICE TO HELP BOOST JUNIOR TENNIS

Phila. District Also to Conduct Series of Lectures in Schools

TO CHANGE AGE LIMIT The Junior development system of the Philadelphia and District Lawn Tennis Association is gaining renewed impetus this year by the organization of winter practice and study in the schools of the city.

On Wednesday Gibbons and Tilden spoke at the West Philadelphia High School, where Gibbons as successfully directed tennis affairs during 1916. The same angle of the sport was put to the boys there.

The instruction during the coming season will consist of the lectures covering the fundamentals of the game, analysis of strokes and study of the more advanced theory of court generalship.

In conjunction with these lectures the annual magazine of the Philadelphia and District Association, will be used. The magazine is a symposium of the work of such men as Anthony J. Wilding, Norman Brooks, Dr. E. B. Dewhurst, M. E. McNeill, George Agutter, and Dwight Douglas.

All junior tournaments around Philadelphia next season will be sanctioned. There is a movement on foot now to raise the age limit of the city junior title either raised to the national junior at under twenty, or toward the national boys' at under sixteen. It is now under eighteen, May 1 of the current year, it would be far better that without to gain the assistance of the course of lectures may do so simply by getting in touch with the association at 1029 Race street.

Complete Plans for Six-Day Bike Race NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The twenty-fourth annual six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden will start at midnight on Sunday, December 11, and end on Saturday night, December 24. On Saturday, the day before the long sprint starts, there will be a card of sports races, with all of the best professional and amateur riders.

Atlanta A. A. Honors Miss Stirling ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 2.—Miss Alexa Stirling, the woman golf champion of the United States, has been made a life member of the Atlanta Athletic Club, the organization which she has always represented on the links. The delectable of the membership was made upon her return to Atlanta last week in rather an unusual fashion, for the fact of her election was shrouded upon the back of a platinum and gold watch which was given her at a club dinner arranged in her honor.

PRINCETON'S LEADING HOPE AGAINST YALE IS THE SHOWING SO FAR MADE BY RUSH'S TIGERS

In Past Seasons Orange and Black Has Used Up Most Steam Before Big Games—Use New Strategy This Fall

By GRANTLAND RICE So Galt has gone and broke his wrist and Chapman's back is sore, and Captain Black is feeling slack and Braden's leg runs sore; and Charley Telford has hurt his knee, and Gates has cracked a spine. There are no Eli cripples. They're using stretchers for the backs. And crutches for the legs.

Princeton Hope ON THE other opinion, Princeton's leading hope against Yale is the showing that Princeton has made so far. For the last few years the Tigers have looked too good to be true through the first few weeks.

The East has a greater number of fine eleven than the West has by quite a margin. But it would take a world's record debater to convince one around Minneapolis that the East has a better team than Minnesota, barring none whatsoever.

We are banking no bets on the impending election, and in the same cagey spirit we are waging less than nothing upon any football team that Colonel Haughton has set out to beat. His material may be this or that. But it is generally all he needs by the date of a Yale or Princeton game. Which is sufficient.

First call for the following—in part: "The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Harvard team that day; The score was 10 to 9, with few minutes left to play; If only Casey had a chance to ram that Tiger wall— We'd put up even money now, if Casey had the ball," etc., etc.

Cornell still is looking for the miscreant who started the rumor that Harvard, without Mahan, would be a different team. Well, wasn't it?

In the Grand Old Winter League When Greek meets Greek Of war there comes the tug; Be war is less than this When pug meets pug.

The Scoop These dispatches are in a position today to scoop the sporting realm on one of the greatest records ever established. You may have heard of the golf drive Horne, the Englishman, once made. It was something like 395 yards.

These marks, after the forthcoming Monday, no longer will stand as records for long-distance drives. They will be beaten so far, both in carry and in roll, that they hardly will be considered more than punts or short-clip shots.

On the Monday ahead, an able-bodied and extremely virile citizen of our acquaintance is going to drive a golf ball that will carry more than 900 yards and that will travel more than 2000 yards before it finally ceases to spin along its way.

This may sound to be an incredible distance, but we happen to have the proof—viz: On the Monday ahead, at 3 p. m., Charles E. Van Loan, the eminent impresario, is going to tee up a ball on Pima Point, at the Grand Canyon, and after one wild swing let Nature do the rest.

From Pima Point the first landing place is a trifle more than a half mile. And when the ball lands it strikes upon a down grade, which extends some more than 1000 yards further on.

It may be advanced that some golfer once drove a ball more than a mile upon the ice. To meet this controversy Mr. Van Loan will offer the carry of his shot, 900 yards, and insist that only the carry shall count. There may be a slip, of course. He may top the shot, in which case the carry will be only 600 or 700 yards.

But before he is through Van intends to soak one on the bank, if it takes up an entire afternoon and all the golf balls he can carry in a big bag.

BROWNIES OPEN GRIDIRON SEASON WITH DARBY HIGH

Prep Eleven to Play First Game of Year Tomorrow Afternoon

LATE GETTING STARTED Tomorrow afternoon will be the 1916 debut of the Brown Prep football team. The eleven will journey Darbyward and meet the High School gridiron representatives of that place in their annual contest.

With only three veterans back in the squad, it appears that the Brownies would be weak this season. However, Coach Ringgold has unearthed several top-notch candidates and he says the team is running sufficiently smooth to have a successful season.

Unstead, Coleman and Klime did service for Brown last year, and around this time Ringgold has built his team. He has a few stars of other schools in his line-up, including Marmuth, a good tackle when at Friends' Central, and playing end for the prep school, and Logg, former brilliant Delaware School halfback.

SATURDAY'S GAME between P. I. D. and La Salle College has been called off, owing to a quarrel at the Pennsylvania Institute for a quarrel at the Pennsylvania Institute for the deal. This leaves the game candidates in a long spell of rehearsal for the championship struggle with Catholic High, November 11.

The squad was somewhat strengthened this week by the appearance of Tim Donovan, who again will be tried at quarterback. In the absence of dependable ends, Panzullo will be shifted to his natural berth. Captain Brennan is all but probable to return to the line in order to bring the primary barrier, which has been woefully weak. Brennan last year was considered one of the best in scholastic ranks. His work will stand out more prominently on the line. Coach Dunn is well fortified by having Graber and Simenauer for backfield men.

GAMBLE, HALFRACK, has not been lost by Northeast High School. Gamble was conditioned but was only disqualified pending the result of some work which he had yet to make up. The Northeast High faculty announced yesterday that he had passed the required marks and would therefore be eligible to play this month.

NO PROFESSIONAL basketball coaches will be used by the supervisory committee according to a letter. This will mean that such coaches as Jimmy Linton, Central High, Walter Keating of Northeast High, and Mike Saxe, of South Philadelphia, who in past years have helped to round out the scholastic cage quintets, will not be the cage tutors this season.

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