

MANAGER STALLINGS AND PRESIDENT HAUGHTON AT ODDS AS RESULT OF DEAL WITH CUBS

STALLINGS NOW AT ODDS WITH HAUGHTON OVER CUBS' DEAL; SQUABBLE MAY HURT BRAVES

Boston Pilot Wanted to Manage Chicago and Is Much Displeased With President's Action in Holding Him to Contract

ONE of the most unusual features of the forty-first annual meeting of the National League, which adjourned at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel last night, was a squabble between George Stallings, manager of the Braves, and Percy Haughton, part owner and president. This argument was started by Stallings immediately after Fred Mitchell was appointed manager of the Chicago Cubs, and was the result of the desire of the Boston pilot to land the managerial post in Chicago.

Session Closes Without Sale or Trade of Importance

NO NATIONAL LEAGUE meeting would be complete without the circulation of hundreds of wild rumors, and this session surpassed them all. Almost every team in the Tanager organization "was sold" during the week, but the session closed without a single sale or trade of importance.

Dreyfuss Still Insists Upon Shake-Up in Commission

ACCORDING to the announcements made by the magnates, all is well between A. Garry Herrmann and Barney Dreyfuss, but the latter insisted before departing for Pittsburgh that he had not changed his mind about trying to bring about a shake-up in the National Commission, and he claims that he gained a few supporters when he brought the subject up yesterday.

Phillie Fans to Have Better Accommodations

THE action of the National League in requesting the Philly and Cardinal owners to cut down the number of twenty-five-cent seats was predicted in the EVENING LEDGER before the meeting started, and it is safe to say that the senior organization will not make much of a hit with local fans.

National League Acts Too Slowly

SEVERAL prominent baseball men at the meeting were very much peeved at the failure of the senior organization to act on several important subjects before hearing what the American League proposed to do.

Haughton's Suggestion Makes Favorable Impression

PERCY HAUGHTON made a great hit with his suggestion that steps be taken to increase the batting and base running. The more the magnates talked on this subject the better they liked Haughton's idea, and the appointment of a committee to confer with representatives of the American League makes it virtually certain that some scheme will be tried.

Moran Still Hopes to Land Jimmy Lavender

MANAGER MORAN, of the Phillies, was disappointed at not being able to make a trade. He attended the meeting for the sole purpose of getting little Jimmy Lavender, the Cubs' spitball star, and Frank Schulte, the veteran outfielder of the Pirates, but the Philly pilot claims that both Mitchell and Callahan wanted too much of him.

Big League Magnates to Reduce Salaries

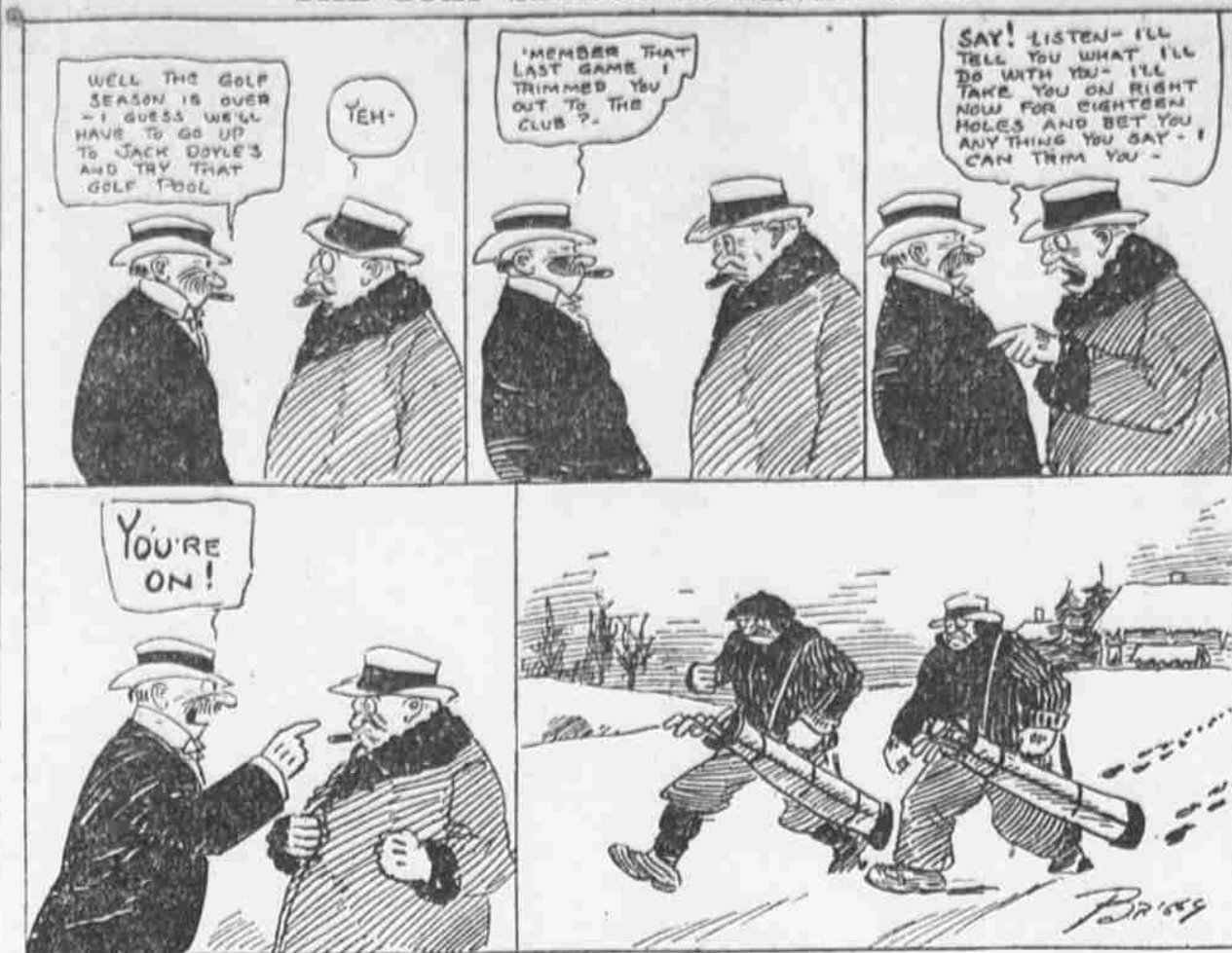
THE National League magnates as well as the American have taken the stand boldly that there must be a big reduction in the cost of baseball if the game is to be continued. There are several methods of making big reductions in the production of the national pastime, but the biggest, and the one which the owners are going to play upon most, is the cutting of the players' salaries.

Many Office Forces Are Too Large

ANOTHER gross extravagance in baseball is the maintenance of office forces that are far too large. Charley Ebbets, for example, could cut down his expenses thousands of dollars if he would hire his clerical help. The Brooklyn is the heaviest club in the major leagues, and while Ebbets has a right to spend his money as he pleases, it would be a gross injustice if he started on his ball players' salaries first rather than on the men who are in the office and have so little to do that they are afflicted with ennui.

Still another great waste in the scouting system as it is maintained at the present time. Some scouting is necessary, of course, but the fancy salaries, bonuses and his expense accounts that go to scouts are far out of proportion to the actual good that these men do toward bettering the club for which they are working.

THE GOLF SEASON IS NEVER OVER



THE PASSING OF JAMES BRAID BREAKS UP MOST REMARKABLE RIVALRY ANY SPORT HAS KNOWN

Triple Competition in Golf With Vardon and Taylor Lasted Over 20-Year Stretch

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE passing of James Braid from the Ancient Green into Golfa Vallhalla, where his place will be high, breaks up the most remarkable rivalry that any sport has known—the longest stretch of time over the longest stretch of time.

Vardon-Taylor-Braid—the three greatest names in golf, and now only the two Englishmen are left, with Scotland's entry listed with the others.

The Long War You have heard much of the rivalry between Vardon and Braid—between Travers and Evans—between Travers and Travis.

The Close Average The average number of strokes per round for the twenty years shows again the closeness of the competition.

Varying Styles While the great triennial moved along at almost exactly an even pace for close upon a century, they proved again that golf is not a game for any set style.

Braid's Resourcefulness Jerry Travers, who played against Braid at Walton Heath three years ago, was greatly impressed by the Scot's wonderful resourcefulness.



WORLD-WIDE FAME WAS HIS GOLFING lost one of its greatest stars when James Braid, the Scottish phenom and international player, lost his life when trying to board a moving train.

SALARY CUTTING AROUSES PLAYERS

Storm Brewing in National League Ranks as Result of Economic Display

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The next move in baseball will be made by the fraternity, one of the latest developments in the national game is the budding together of the players to prevent the magnates from making good their threat to cut salaries.

One prominent member of the Braves declared that he will not accept a cut such as proposed by Haughton. He asks for an increase of \$2,000, and insists that he will retire from the game rather than accept a cut.

Other prominent players have agreed to stick by the disaffected star, and it looks very much as if the National League is in for some trouble. The American League for the magnates of the junior organization, little publicity was given the proposal that many of the players may be lined up quietly before they have time to reach an agreement.

One prominent National League player declared last night that if the players will stick together they can force the magnates to give in to their demand that no cut be made.

BUNNIN TO CAPTAIN 1917 SOUTH PHILLY CHAMPIONS

Mark Bunnin, star quarterback on the South Philadelphia High School football team and member of the basketball team, has been elected captain of the football team for 1917.

College Football Captains Gettysburg—William Markle. W. and J.—Lloyd McCreight. Amherst—William C. Washburn.

WILLARD OFFERED \$30,000 TO MEET GUNBOAT SMITH

BROOKLYN, Dec. 16.—Dick Curley, who is managing the Clermont A. C. is out with a fat offer of \$30,000 to Jean Willard for a ten-round bout with Gunboat Smith.

Penn Five Plays Muhlenberg

The Penn basketball team plays its second game of the season at Muhlenberg Hall, the Red and Blue opponent at Weightsmen Hall, the Blue opponent at Weightsmen Hall.

AMATEUR BASKETBALL NOTES

The Boulevard U. P. is anxious to complete its schedule and second-class team wanting games at home or away should communicate with Edward A. Hannon, 2015 North Park avenue.

Penn's 1917 Captain

The brilliant end on the Red and Blue eleven during the past season, Henry J. (Heinie) Miller, today was chosen by his varsity mates to lead the Pennsylvania eleven on the gridiron next season.

Three Penn Freshmen on All-Freshman Team

Table listing Penn State freshmen players and their positions.

MANAGERS BATTLE IN ICE AND SNOW

Basketball Triumphs Over Football in Terrible Game on Franklin Field

By NEIL MATHEWS

Basketball now reigns supreme at the University of Pennsylvania, both in the cages and on the gridiron. This was proved on Franklin Field this morning in zero weather and six inches of snow and ice, when the managers of the basketball team defeated the managers of the football team by the score of 7 to 0.

WELSH IS MODERATE

Freddie Welsh is a modest guy when it comes to making matches. He has been asked to meet Johnny Kilbane in Cuba some time this winter, and promised to do that very thing—for \$50,000 cash money.

Wood Elected Yale Soccer Leader

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 16.—The Yale Soccer team has elected captain of the Yale soccer team.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Marty Cross and Steve Latzo. If they really can make the 142-pound limit, are two of the best welterweights in the country.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

RYAN—Henry Hauber defeated Jack Toland, losing to Stephen Gattuso. Toland, who fought with Tommy Austin, was knocked out by Ryan.

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FOOTBALL MEN TO DISCUSS THE RULES

Officials, Managers and Players to Meet at Hotel Walton

SESSION TUESDAY NIGHT

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Football officials, coaches, managers and players will gather at the Hotel Walton next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock to discuss the happenings of the past season and suggest much-needed changes in the rules.

This is the second meeting of the football men, the first having been held one year ago. At that time several changes in the rules were suggested, and a committee adopted the changes in the rules.

Oregon Working Hard

According to reports from the coast the University of Oregon football players are training hard for the Penn game at Pasadena, and will be in great condition.

Player position. Wt. Age Ht. Test. Barrett, R. T. 175 20 5 110. Buchanan, R. G. 160 20 5 110.

Average weight of line, 179 pounds; average weight of backfield, 178 pounds; team average, 178 pounds; average age, 22 years.

THE ELECTION of Johnny Weldon as captain of the Lafayette football team is an honor well deserved. Weldon has been one of the most consistent and brilliant performers on the Maroon and White squad for three years and is an ideal man to lead the eleven.

DICK CURLEY, manager of Joe Arzyro and others, has taken up the promoting and financing of a match between the manager and matchmaker. He is running the Clermont A. C., in Brooklyn, and has a first-class show arranged for Monday night.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

was an excuse used by the magnates to visit New York.