

AMERICAN LEAGUE "CZAR" GAINS FAVOR OF MINORS AT EXPENSE OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

JOHNSON, GAME'S GREATEST POLITICIAN, GAINS FAVOR AT EXPENSE OF TENER'S LEAGUE

As Member of Commission the "Czar" Denies Appeal of Class AA Leagues, but as American League President Wins Them Over

FOR years Ban Johnson has been the dominating figure of baseball. Although the National League has been in existence more than forty years, the wonderful personality and ability of Johnson has placed the senior organization in the background in recent years.

Johnson Now Turns to Support Minors

IF THERE was any doubt about Johnson being the greatest politician in the national game, it was dispelled by his most recent move, counted upon to gain the favor of the minor leagues at the expense of the National League.

Smoothing Way at Expense of National League

JOHNSON now is smoothing over the ruffled feelings of the minor leagues at the expense of the National League. The American League president got quite a lot of publicity shortly after the world's series by declaring as constructed of his colleagues were dissatisfied with the National Commission as constructed at the present time because two National Leagues were on "it."

Commish Should Be Adjusted

THIS latest exhibition of politics by Johnson recalls what a National League president told us during the league meeting, that while he was strong for both Tener and Herrmann and could not see having the latter ousted as Dreyfus planned, he really did not think it would be a bad idea if the supreme body was adjusted in some way.

Mack Predicts Great Team

MANAGER MACK, of the Athletics, reports that the annual meeting of the American League was about the most peaceful he ever attended. He says that everything is serene in the junior circuit and that there is nothing to the rumor that salaries are going to be cut right and left.

Myers and Witt Already Signed

TWO of the men already under contract are Elmer Myers and "Whitey" Witt, two of the greatest major league finds in 1916. Mack signed Myers to a new two-year contract shortly after the 1916 season started, while Witt was under a two-year contract when he went to the training camp.

Golf Revolution Is Threatened

THE action of the Massachusetts Golf Association last night in casting its deft in the teeth of the United States Golf Association is of the greatest significance to the future of the national body. Revolution is threatened against the steam-roller methods that have been pursued in more than one ruling of the major body.

Is the Idol of Massachusetts

QUIMET is the idol of Massachusetts, is playing the best game of golf in America, scarcely excepting Chick Evans, and is held by all who know him intimately or otherwise to be one of the most simon-pure and exemplary athletes in his heart and actions that plays golf on this side of the water.

J. H. Sullivan, Jr., is another Woodland golf star who held a very high national rating and who was given the ax at the same time Quimet's amateur scalp was hacked away. Sullivan had gone into partnership with Quimet in a sporting goods house, where the two wonderful golfers give all customers the benefit of their knowledge of the game in picking out sticks, balls and other links implements for those who would buy.

This appeals to many prominent golfers as a distinct service to the game. They point out that golfcourse-builders are not made professionals, the reason being that it is thought best to have the keenest brains at work on the links construction. It appeals to many as just as important that golfers need good brains to look to the manufacture of clubs and see that a golfer has suitable clubs, otherwise his development as a good player will be stunted and perhaps crippled.

The ruling of the United States Golf Association was defended at the meeting last night by ex-United States District Attorney A. P. French, a member of the Chestnut Hill Golf Club. President Polson, of the Woodland Club, was chief of the prosecution, though he was aided by some of the best legal talent of Boston, golfers all.

THE HUMBACH, the veteran Braves' pitcher, has applied for the coaching position at Harvard. George Stallings, John Evers and Fred Mitchell have recommended the former Cub hurler, while Percy Haughton has promised to allow him to report late in case he is selected. With all this recommendation and Haughton's consent, it looks very much as if Humbach has the position clinched.

Who will play an All-American seven next fall. Yes, but who is going to pick the who will try out its players? Who will give it its signals, and—well, there are many other questions we could ask. That stuff reads all right this fall, but we must wait until the next fall to see a different proposition. Better wait until Cornell, Dartmouth, Princeton and Pitt are listed.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



MAGNATES' EFFORT TO REWARD LOSERS WITH WORLD'S SERIES MONEY HAS BEEN FRUSTRATED

By GRANTLAND RICE

ANY attempt on the part of club owners to put through a world series regulation where inefficiency and incompetency are rewarded by scattering coin up and down the line has been effectively smothered.

Why a ball club that finishes in the second division should be rewarded for its inability to win is something that has moved beyond the logic of the bystanders. The only way this could be accomplished would be to have an interleague series with all sixteen clubs represented, where the division then could be made on a sliding scale.

A Few Christmas Desires From the Fan—Batters that can hit the other pitchers, and pitchers that can buffet the other batters.

From the Umpire—A deaf and dumb league to operate in.

From the Third Baseman—Cushions instead of spikes on Ty Cobb's shoes.

From the Baseball Magnate—Eight clubs bunched for the flag on October 2.

From the Umpire—An umpire who can stand a little polite chit-chat and raparree without drawing a gun.

A Tribute to Braid James R. Worthington, the noted English amateur golfer now visiting this country, sends us the following tribute to the late Jimmy Braid: "I read your remarks in the Sportlight relative to the great friendship which existed between poor Jimmy Braid and J. H. Taylor. It is more than true, for their friendship could be described as brotherly and affectionate, and never was interfered with, in spite of the rivalry existing between them. There is not the slightest doubt but that Taylor will be very greatly affected by the sad loss of his very dear friend."

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U. P.-11 STARTS ON 5000-MILE TRIP TODAY TO GIVE BATTLE TO INVADERS FROM OREGON

Red and Blue Craft, With Skipper Folwell at Helm and Twenty-two Players Aboard, Off for Port of Pasadena

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THE U. P.-11 submerged today after leaving Franklin Field and started on the much talked-of 5000-mile cruise to the other side of the continent. With decks awash and rolling in a heavy sea, the very moist U. P.-11 set sail from the Reading Terminal early in the afternoon, with Eddie Lewis, the well-known dispenser of toasts, acting as pilot.

The following complete (the Penn party): Head coach, Robert C. Folwell; line coach, Dr. C. M. Wharton; end coach, Byron W. Dickson; Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, Captain Neil M. Mathews, Captain-elect Heinie Miller, Charles Henning, Ludlow Wray, Ingold Ericsonvaag, Lewis Little, Clem Ugrahart, Bert Bell, "Hobey" Light, Ben Derr, Howard Berry, Ray Young, Al Crane, Mannie Workman, Billy Robinson, Walter Berg, Alex Wray, Billy Quigley, Jimmy Bryant, Vic Welser, Johnny Titzel and Graves Williams.

Bowling News

The Billikens are leaders of Keystone Club Section A series, thanks to their three victories over Wilmet, while the Bluebirds are leading to Bellevue and Terminal, the other squad in the three-club series. It was not bowling because of a postponement of its matches with Agassiz.

The big feature on Keystone allies last night was Ed Fricke's feat of establishing a record for three games. The Pirate bowler began with 188, and then secured 224 and 266, a grand total of 678, one of the best performances of the season.

Pirates showed old-time form, but dropped the second game to Bellevue by twenty-six pins, the winners rolling a 967 total, their best game of the night. Pirates knocked down an even 1000 pins in their last game.

Hacker, of Bellevue, rolled 285 in his second game, this being a big factor in preventing the Pirates winning all three games.

Harrison, of Roxalla, started off with a 238 tall, while Stover, of Edouard, concluded with 243 pins.

The Edouard quintet really did not need their twenty-one pins handicap to make their sweep of the series with Roxalla.

Victor Catholic Club squads again showed improvement in their weekly matches on Casino alley. Tilterson and Mooney each rolled better than a double century score in one of their games.

Harmer is rushing ahead in the German-American tourney, now having a four-game lead over Girard. The leaders totaled 878, 919 and 908 against Quartette.

OLYMPIA A. A. Head & Bainsbridge, Harry Edwards, Sr. CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON, DEC. 25. DOORS OPEN 1:30. FIRST PRIZE \$50. JOE FISHER vs. HARRY SMITH. JOHN KAPLAN vs. BOB TAYLOR. TOMAS YOUNG MCGOVERN vs. YOUNG DUGGINS. Artie Hirschfeld vs. Jimmie Healy. JIMMY MURPHY vs. JOE WELSH. ARTIE ROOT vs. EDDIE O'KEEFE. Adm., 50c. Hat, Res., 50c & The Arena Box, \$1.

Ryan Athletic Club 26th & Dauphin Sts. Formerly Quaker City A. A. JIMMY MURPHY vs. JOHNNY MILLER. FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22, 1916.

Meet Invaders From North

When the crew disembarks, a battle will be fought with a gang of invaders from the North. It will not be an extemporaneous battle, but one which has been planned months ahead. A flock of Oregonians, headed by Hugo Beadek, will rush on the battlement New Year's Day and clash with a picked crew from the U. P.-11 and the struggle will last for one hour. Then the side making the greatest number of buliseyes will win something, but as yet we don't know what it is.

Penn Favorite on Coast

According to one of our very best experts, the betting is 2 to 1 that Oregon will win the game. According to the dope published in the papers on the Coast, they are betting that Penn will win by at least two or three touchdowns. Perhaps a wag has been whispering to the expert. At any rate, Penn should have a mighty tough tussle on January 1. If the Oregonians are as strong as they are supposed to be, it must be remembered that Brown made that transcontinental trip last year and received a nice licking from Washington. The long trip was too much for the players, and they could not stand the strenuous exercise.

Ziegler's Coaching Helps

Coach Folwell has been aided considerably by his Ziegler, line coach of the University of California, who returned from the Far

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