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

FUR 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. It has reached such a stage that the National Zarague seldom acts until it has learned first just what Ban Johnson thinks. He has been termed the "Czar," and there are many fans who dislike him because of the domineering way in which he handles the American League; but that a forceful hand is needed is proved conclusively by the vast difference in the way the two major leagues are handled today. The American League is a happy family and the magnates appear to like Johnson's Czar-like method of conducting their business, whereas the National League generally is in a turmoff, internal discension predominating. Johnson's success can be attributed to his political eraft. As William F. Baker, president of the Phillies, expresses it, "Johnson is a barn politician."

Johnson Now Turns to Support Minors

TF 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 for the American League at the expense of the National League. When the Class AA minor league clubs kicked up a rumpus in New York the night before the National League meeting and elected delegates to go to Chicago to see Johnson, the American League president mage a dramatic statement, in which he declared that the International League would have to abide by the National Commission's decision in the Ebbets vs. Newark case. He made this speech as a member of the National Commission, but also said that the American League was in duty bound to stick by the decision ordering Newark to pay Ebbets \$9000. As the prezident of the American League he now recoma reclassification and readjustment of minor league territory. As the president of the American League he advised President Tierney, of the Three-Eye League, to aubmit a plan, drawn by the latter, to the National Commission, pledging his support.

Smoothing Way at Expense of National League

JOHNSON now is smoothing over the rufiled feelings of the minor leaguers 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 that several of his colleagues were discatisfied with the National Commission as constructed at the present time because two National Leaguers were on it. In other words, Johnson intimated that the National League's two votes on the commission could overrule him and that he could not carry out all of his plans. If the minor league semands are turned down by the National Commission, Johnson can place the blame upon the National League because of its two representatives on the supreme body. In this way Johnson can keep on good terms with the minors, even though the requests of the little fellows are not granted. He merely passes the blame along to the National League.

Commish Should Be Adjusted

TUHIS 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 Dreyfuss planned, he really did not think it would be a bad idea if the supreme body was adjusted in some way. This magnate knew of no better way to construct the commission, but pointed out at the same time that Ban Johnson and the American League always had an "ace in the hole" because the old alibi always was at hand. He declared that the American League and Johnson always were given even more than due consideration by Herrmann and Tener because of the apparent one-sided composition of the commission. According to this party, the National League would be role to meet Johnson and the American League on even terms and not be the "goat" whenever anything went wrong. He is not far from the mark, either. If any one can tell just why the National League fights for two members on the supreme body he is entitled to the front seat, as it never has brought anything but criticism, a large percentage of which was undeserved,

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. Connie says that the question of salaries is up to the owner and that President Johnson never meddles with this end of the game. Incidentally, Mack also declares that there will be no change in the price of admission for any scats at Shibe Park next summer, even though the National League paves the way for an opportunity to wipe out twenty-fivecent ball in this city. Connie sticks to the statement made a year ago that the Athletics will have a great team next season. Virtually every man Mack is counting upon has either signed his contract or has accepted terms, excepting "Ping" Bodie and Joe Bush, and the wizard pilot does not expect to have trouble up. He has not talked contract with Bush, while he says that the talk about Bodie being a hold-out is bunk. Mack has not sent a contract to Bodie yet, but Harry Wolverton, the former Philly star, who managed San Francisco, has the fence-breaker in line for the Mackmen.

Muers and Witt Already Signed

fitwo 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. The case of Witt is another tribute to the shrewdness and judgment of Mack. There is not another leader in the game who would sign a schoolboy to a two-year ironclad major league contract. Mack appreciated the wonderful work of Witt, and, realizing that the youngster deserved more money, gave him a contract calling for a

Golf Revolution Is Threatened

THE action of the Massachusetts Golf Association last night in casting its defi 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. Last night in Boston seventy-five delegates, representing forty-one clubs of the Massachusetts body, met and, by a vote of fifty-eight to fifteen, voted against the interpretation of the amateur law as framed and carried at the last meeting of the United States Golf Association.

There was a brilliant array of legal talent to represent both sides. The meeting was called at the instigation of the Woodland Golf Club, three of whose golfers suffered the loss of their amateur status when the national golf amateur rule was redrafted this spring. One of these three players was Francis Ouimet, a former open and amateur champion, and the youthful American lad who, single-handed, trounced Harry Vardon and Ed Ray when they threatened to run away to their English shores with the American open title.

Is the Idol of Massachusetts

OUIMET is the idel of Massachusetts, is playing the best game of golf in America, acarcely excepting Chick Evans, and is held by all who know him intimately er 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. Most Massachusetts clubs feel that the game in this country suffered a distinct black eye when players of Oulmet's callber can be barred by a ruling such as that which covers the present amateur

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 Ouimet's amateur scaip was backed away. Sullivan had gone into partnership with Ouimet in a sporting goods house, where the two wonderful golfers give all customers the benefit of their knowledge of the same in picking out sticks, balls and other links implements for those who would kuy.

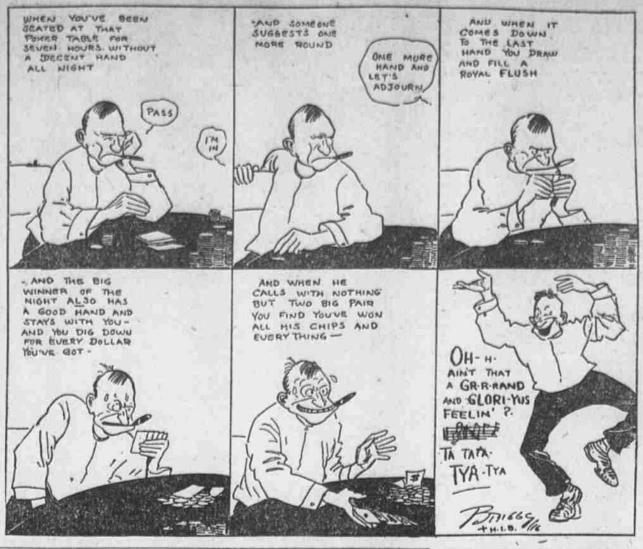
This appeals to many prominent golfers as a distinct service to the game. They point out that golf-course builders are not made professionals, the reason belles that it is thought best to have the keenest brains at work on the links struction. It appeals to many as just as important that golfers need good brains to look to the manufacture of clubs and see that a golfer has suitable clubs, therwise his development as a good player will be stunted and perhaps crippled. Fami Terrisbury, also a member of the Woodland Club, was barred from amateur competition with his clubmates for the same reason.

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 Chastrut Hill Golf Club. President Folsom, of the Woodland Club, was chief of the prescritton, though he was alded by some of the best legal talent of Boston,

The RUML BACH, the veteran Braves' pitcher, has applied for the coaching post-I I am at Harvard. George Statilings, John Evers and Fred Mitchell have recom-Del the former Cub hurler, while Percy Haughton has promised to allow him s report late for case he is selected. With all this recommendation and Haugh-"It count is looks very much as if Ruelbach has the position clinched.

all play an All-American sleven next fall. Yes, but who is going to pick ir - Wild will try out its playe? Who will give it its signals, and well, there of next fall is a different proposition. Better wait until Cornell, Dartbellevin and Plet are lunters.

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 emeared.

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 nliding scale. But for the money derived from a world series between two clubs to be divided broadcast is beyond considering.

A Few Christmas Desires

From the Third Baseman—Cushions In-stead of spikes on Ty Cobb's shoes.
From Boston—Some club that can carry a world series into six or seven games against the Red Sox.
From Johnny Evers—An umpire who can stand a little polite chit-chat and rapartee without drawing a gun.
From Percy Haughton—A football team that won't hold again when Casey starts for the goal. for the goal.

A Tribute to Braid

James 8. Worthington, the noted English amateur golfer now visiting this country, sends us the following tribute to the late James Braid: "I read your remarks in the Sportlight relative to the great friendship which existed between

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From the Fighter—\$26,000 to dance and yawn for thirty minutes.

From the Golfer—A drive down the middle, a pitch to the green and one putt to the bottom of the cup. Could also use a new allbi.

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

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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 leav- | West a few weeks ago. Gus saw the Oregon ing Franklin Field and started on the nuch talked of 5000 mile cruise to the other side of the continent. With decks awash 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 tours, acting as pilot. A couple of perfectly good captains, also, were on the job. Cap Mathews was in charge, and Cap Miller was ready to sit in whenever it became necessary, as both Caps were anxious to make the voyage a success and show up the Deutschland, the U-53 and other minor craft that land, the U-53 and other minor craft that

have been horning into print of late.

The crew, which was composed of twenty-two stalwart and healthy sallors, was selected carefully by Recruiting Officer Fol-well and his assistants, Wharton and Dick-son. The men were tested thoroughly and found to be the goods. For days, weeks and even months they exercised daily on the famous athletic field, for it was decided to take no chances on having any nervous breakdowns en route. The first stop will be Chicago, and from then on only spassnodic halfs will be made until the other coast is reached. Passadena Call. the other coast is reached. Pasadena, Cal., is the destination of the U. P.-11.

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 extem-poraneous battle, but one which has been planned months ahead. A flock of Oregonians, headed by Hugo Hezdek, will rush on the battlefield 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 bullseyes will win something, but as yet we don't know what it is.

This battle has attracted widespread attracted attracted attracted attracted. planned months ahead. A flock of Ore-

tention, especially in Philadelphia, Panadena and wherever the Oregon crowd comes from. It is billed as an intersectional contest, meaning that a couple of strange teams will fight it out is a strange land.

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 bet ting 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 I. 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 ex-

ercise. Penn has been handicapped considerably because of inclement weather. The team has not been able to do much practicing out of doors and this will work against them. Snow and slush and rain have kept the athletes indoors most of the time, and it is hard to keep a team in shape truder those conditions.

Ziegler's Coaching Helps Coach Folwell has been aided considerably by Gua Zeigier, line coach of the University of California, who returned from the Far

of the shoulders.

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team in action in three different games and studied the style of attack and defense. He has coached the Penn team in both of these departments, and the men now know what they are going against.

Zeigler is one of the best football coaches

in the country, and showed a wonderful spirit when he gave up his time to help his alma mater. If Penn wins the game, all credit should go to the big line coach.

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The team was given a rousing send-off at the Reading Terminal. A large number of students who live in the West traveled on the special train, and others, who still are in college, swelled the crowd.

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-lect Heinle Miller, Charles Henning, Ludlow Wray, Ingold Ertreesvaag, Lewis Little, Clem Urquhart, Bert Bell, "Hobey" Light, Ben Derr, Howard Berry, Ray Young, Al Crane, Mannie Wirkman, 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 Wilmot, while Pirates were losing a game to Believus and Terminal, the other squad in the three-cornered the was not bowling because of a postponement of its matches with Agassiz.

The hig feature on Keystone alleys last night was Ed Fricke's feat of establishing a record for three games. The First bewier began with 188, and then secured 234 and 256, a grand total of 675, one of the best performances of the

Harrison, of Rexalis, started off with a 236 ally, while Storck, of Edouard, concluded with 43 plns. The Edouard quintet really did not need their twenty-one pins handleap to make their sweet of the series with Rexalis.

Victrix Catholic Club squads again showed im-provement in their weekly matches on Casino allers. Tillerton and Mooney each rolled better than a double contury 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 S7S, pip and 508 against Quartette,

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