

ROWDYISM'S CZAR HAS LOST HIS CROWN AND AMERICAN LEAGUE CZAR HAS LOST HIS SPEECH

ROWDYISM CREEPS INTO JOHNSON CIRCUIT WITH THE BOMB MISSING FROM ITS BOMBASTIC PRESIDENT

Sunday's Incident in Chicago Latest to Place Junior League in Bad Light—Phil Ball's Charges Still Unanswered by Ban B.

BY ITY Byron Bancroft Johnson, FORMER czar of the American League? What has become of the iron hand of the plutocratic, autocratic ruler of the junior major league? Has the wave of democracy now sweeping the world picked Byron B. along with Nick Romanoff and Constantine, as its victim? We were just wondering what had become of the terrible, much-feared Ban. For rowdyism and scandal the fans have looked for the National League and its autocratic head have a task to keep his hands clean. Here is what occurred: Owner Phil Ball, of the St. Louis Browns, accused his players of "lying down" to the leading White Sox team, which resulted in \$50,000 against the president of the Browns; the Detroit Tigers also have been accused of "lying down" to the White Sox; in the White Sox-Cleveland game, in Chicago, yesterday the Cleveland players tried to make a joke of the game in the tenth inning and Umpire Owens forfeited the contest to the White Sox, and the "shine" ball episode reached such serious proportions that it caused a breach between Charles Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, and Ban Johnson, head of the league.

Everything has been going smoothly in the National League, and now President Tener and his associates can sit back calmly and smile while the turmoil rages in the American circuit. With the McGraw controversy settled to the satisfaction of all parties and with the National League again back in the good graces of all, the senior organization has nothing to do but await action in its brother circuit and make preparations for the world's series. It is now up to Ban Johnson. When the McGraw case first developed and the Giants' manager was busy slugging umpires, picking out Byron for his victim, Ban Johnson did not hesitate to tell what he would do if anything similar to that took place in his league. It will be recalled that Babe Ruth was let down with a light punishment, and nothing has been heard about any of the above incidents, one of which is more serious than the McGraw episode.

JUST one year ago Lannin, then president of the Red Sox, broke loose after his team suffered a series of reverses in Chicago, and accused the umpires of combining to keep the Red Sox from winning the pennant. Ban Johnson did not take any action until the end of the season. Then he proceeded to depose Lannin, ousting him from the league and selling the franchise to H. H. Frazer and Hugh Ward.

Opposition Falling Before Dizzy Pace of White Sox THE White Sox are fairly burning up the American League. The opposition continues to fall before their advance, and if it is not soon halted the Red Sox will soon be referred to as the former champions. The last White Sox-Red Sox series resulted in an even break, and since that time the White Sox have taken fifteen out of sixteen games. They had a run of seven straight, then dropped one to St. Louis, only to start over again, and when Umpire Owens forfeited the game to the pace-setters in Chicago yesterday it was their eighth straight. The White Sox now lead Boston by seven full games and as they only have sixteen more to play it will require some superhuman work on the part of the Bostonians to overtake the leaders.

In yesterday's game the White Sox and Indians were deadlocked in the tenth. With two men out and two on bases in the tenth, Umpire Owens called Granev out in a close play at third. Granev was ruled out for interference, and while the play was on two Indians scored. Cleveland refused to accept the decision and, according to the version of a Chicago scribe, the Indians gave one of the most disgraceful exhibitions of kicking and stalling that has been seen on an American League diamond in years. Owens stood for the kicking, but when the players began to show him up and make a joke of the contest he then forfeited the game to the White Sox.

WHILE the White Sox have been enjoying such a wonderful winning streak the Giants have only been meeting with mediocre success. They have taken only eight out of the last fourteen, but still they have a safe margin to work on.

Philadelphia Enjoying Treat in Red Cross Tennis FOR the last three days Philadelphia has enjoyed a tennis treat that is offered only rarely on local courts, and the sporting world in particular and all America should give all-hearted thanks to the players who so unselfishly are giving their time and energy that the campaign, fostered by the National Lawn Tennis Association to raise \$400,000 for the Red Cross, might be brought to a successful end.

Frederick B. Alexander, Karl H. Behr, Sergeant Wallace F. Johnson, John R. Strachan, Howard S. Voshell, Harold B. Throckmorton, Charles S. Garland, R. Norris Williams, 2d, George W. Wightman, William T. Tilden, 2d, Miss Mary K. Browne and Miss Mollie Bjurstedt have all made personal sacrifices that the crowds may be drawn to the exhibition matches. These names are all from the top ranks of the tennis world and the brand of play which they have placed before the critical eyes of Philadelphia enthusiasts has been such as to bring only praise.

The two who are attracting the greatest attention are the women players, Miss Mary K. Browne, of California, the former national champion, and Miss Mollie Bjurstedt, the Norwegian sensation, who is the present holder of the American title. For two years the Norse girl reigned supreme on the courts. She was considered invincible; but this season the little lady from the Golden Gate has proved decisively that she is the mistress of the player from across the seas.

The contrast in play of the two girls is an interesting study. They are opposites in the extreme. Miss Bjurstedt depends on the power of her stroke to beat her opponent to the game. Miss Browne relies on her accurate placing. The Norse girl tries to whip the ball straight at her rival so fast that a racket cannot be placed on it in time to make a recovery. The Californian calls upon her strategy and knocks the ball away from her rival. Miss Browne is a polished player. Her strokes are subtle and graceful; those of Miss Bjurstedt's lack these qualities and, at times, are even awkward.

THESE queens of the courts have met twenty-four times this season in singles and the fact that Miss Browne has won sixteen of the matches certainly shows that Miss Bjurstedt is no longer the invincible player of yesteryears.

With Phils Disposed of, It Now Appears Easy for Giants WHEN the Giants disposed of the Phillies in their important series last week they removed the greatest obstacle from their path to the National League pennant, and they should have no trouble in holding a commanding lead in the last western invasion, which begins Thursday. Before going West the Giants play a short series in Boston and on their return will wind up the season here.

The Chicago White Sox now have a wide enough margin of games in the American League to assure Comiskey's club the pennant in the younger league, and, unless serious accidents happen, the world's series, which begins on October 6, will see the Giants and the White Sox in what promises to be the most interesting world's series that has been played for years. The fact that it will be a sectional fight between the East and West will add special interest to the series, for there have been no championship battles in the big series between the East and West since the Athletics broke up the great Chicago club machine in 1910.

The plan of playing two games in each city will have to be adopted in this series. After the first four games the clubs will play alternately between New York and Chicago.

OF COURSE, this is assuming that unforeseen events will not arise to beat either New York or Chicago out of the flags in their respective leagues. According to the history of past pennant fights, it is not likely that either club can be beaten.

Many Athletes in the Game of War BY THE time January 1 rolls around and the new year is born many of the leading stars in all branches of sports will be with Uncle Sam's armies somewhere in France. Ball players, boxers, tennis and golf players, football stars and the leading lights of track and field all will be represented on the firing line. And with so many stars of the sport world abroad the public will take new interest in them, for, instead of battling on track and field, the diamonds, the tennis court or the golf links, the stalwart sons of the U. S. A. will be battling on foreign fields in the great game of the age—the game of war. News from the front will be eagerly devoured by the big sport-loving public, and indications are that the war news will take precedence over the doings of our athletes who remain behind.

Clabby Deposed as Australian Champ TOMMY CLABBY is no longer the middleweight champion of Australia. The Hammond knuckleduster won the title from Tommy Uren early in the summer, and announced at the time that he was coming to America to defend it against the best in the country. But because of the fact that boxing is still flourishing in Australia, Jimmy stayed over, and as a result of his second meeting with Uren he was stripped of his crown after twenty furious rounds, in which the Antipodean disappointed him. Now that Les Darcy has passed beyond, Uren is the undisputed champion of the Matland boy's title. Uren is a bit on the light side for a middleweight, tipping the beam around 148 pounds, but he makes up for his handicap in weight by fighting ability and cleverness.

Naval Reserve Gets Preference of Ball Players CURRENT indications are that the naval reserve corps will win the world's baseball championship in 1918. Thus far, in this branch of the service, a few champion managers, several world's champion players and a sprinkling of world's champions have already enlisted. Besides Manager Jack Barry, who has contributed such stars as Ernie Shore, Hoblitzel, Duffy, and others expected to follow.

SENIORS GOLFERS TO PLAY TOMORROW

Men of Fifty-five and Over Entered for Ancient and Honorable Tourney

WENDELL THE FAVORITE

The sixth annual Ancient and Honorable golf tournament, which is limited to men who have reached or passed the age of fifty-five, will be played at the St. Davids Golf Club tomorrow. While the number of entries is rather small, it is thought that the post entries will largely increase the entry list. There will be two prizes, one for the best net and another for the best gross. The entries, with the time of starting, follow:

9:30—Herbert Plympton, St. Davids, and W. M. Marston, St. Davids.
9:40—F. M. Borden, Whitmarsh, and J. MacWhorter, Whitmarsh.
9:50—J. A. Miller, Whitmarsh, and J. S. Leisher, Whitmarsh.
10:00—E. S. Sayer, Merion, and W. R. Smith, Merion.
10:10—Herman Wendell, St. Davids, and A. M. Wood, Aronmink.
10:20—J. J. Marshall, West Chester, and A. D. Hemphill, West Chester.
10:30—T. W. Marshall, West Chester, and J. F. McNeill, West Chester.
11:00—G. W. Stattel, Aronmink, and partner, Aronmink.
11:45—W. R. Hober, Bala, and P. S. Conrad, St. Davids.
12:00—Daniel Barrett, Frankford, and F. T. Rickles, Frankford.
1:15—J. W. Levering, Overbrook, and Walter Scribner, Overbrook.
1:30—W. R. Hober, Bala, and J. A. Ross, Bala.
2:00—P. F. Halliwell, St. Davids, and M. J. Costa, Bohol, Aronmink.
2:35—P. M. Lowmeyer, Lansdowne, and partner.

Herman Wendell, one of the lowest-rated players in this city and a member of the St. Davids Club, is the favorite for the low gross, and A. M. Wood and G. W. Stattel, both of Aronmink, are the likely contenders for the low net.

JOHNSON PLANS FIRST OF BIG GAMES IN N. Y.

By Opening World's Series in Gotham, Ban Believes 150,000 Would See Four Battles

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—Unless Ban Johnson, president of the American League, is convinced differently by the two other members of the National Commission when they meet in Cincinnati on September 20, the world's series will open in New York on Friday, October 5. Johnson has hinted that he is for opening in New York on date, playing two games there and then jumping to Chicago for the Sunday game. Johnson looks at it in this light: Opening day always is a record-breaker, and especially now that the White Sox and Giants appear the sure winners rivalry never was greater. Saturday naturally is a big day in baseball and another record crowd would turn out.

Then the hurried jump to Chicago. Sunday being the first big game in Chicago would again draw capacity and over. He estimates 150,000 would see the first four games.

Johnson also intimated that the world's series prices of other years would be sliced considerably. This means that though many more persons would see the game this year than heretofore, the players would get a smaller share, due to the fact that here it is that the Giants will be the favorite, but Chicago will send much money East.

JOHNNY OVERTON GETS COMMISSION IN NAVY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Johnny Overton, the famous Yale runner, has been nominated by the President to be second lieutenant in the marine corps. The appointment is probationary.

Overton, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., and has made a name for himself on track and field, especially in the mile, or an average of 5:00. Another representative of Lupton is well up in the list in the person of L. Adams, who is clouting the old pill for 4:35. Two of the first five are Ward players. Rowe in third with 4:48 and Normie fifth with 4:52. The latter is a star pitcher with two no-hit games to his credit. When not grazing the pitching peak he occupies a position in the outfield.

All these men play on clubs in the south section and have better averages than any in the north section, which is led by J. Maloy, of Midvale, and Miller, of Dobson, who are tie for first place with 4:21. Robertson, of Keen Kutter, is second and Gebhart, of Diston, third. The north division has eighteen men in the select 300 class, while the south division boasts of nearly twice this number thirty-two players being credited with that figure or better. Keen Kutter makes the finest showing in his division, with six men in secret society, while Lupton has the enviable record of ten players hitting over 300. Lupton also has a chance to tie Hess-Bright for the title in the south section, the coming game being the last one of the season.

The individual batting records of those who have participated in six games or more, follow:

LUPTON NINE BOASTS RECORD OF 10 MEN BATTING OVER 300, ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIAL BASEBALL AVERAGES

Table with 4 columns: Name, G., AB., R., H., Ave. Lists batting records for various players including Ryan, Lupton, Wozniak, Miller, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Name, G., AB., R., H., Ave. Lists batting records for the North Division including Maloy, Midvale, Miller, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Name, G., AB., R., H., Ave. Lists batting records for the South Division including Hess-Bright, Wozniak, Ryan, etc.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



CALLING OFF WOMEN'S NATIONAL GOLF SHOULD HELP EVENTS HERE RESTRICTED TO THE FAIR PLAYERS

Three Events Still Left for Competition—Ancient and Honorable Tournament for Seniors at St. Davids Tomorrow

By PETER PUTTER

THE decision of the United States Golf Association to annul the women's patriotic golf tournament, which was to have been held at Shawnee next month, is not surprising for the telegrams from three members of the women's committee who were to determine whether the event was to be held or not showed that the verdict would be "no." They were published in this column early this month. It is very evident that the women do not care any more about the tournaments in which there is no title at stake than the men.

The calling off of this tournament will probably help the clubs in the Philadelphia district who have schedules arranged for women for the fall months. There is every indication that these events will be played. They are three in number. The first event will be the seventh annual competition for the Berthelby Cup at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, from October 9 to 13. All the prominent women golfers of the Metropolitan, Chicago and Boston districts will be invited to play, and there is every indication that the field will be one of the most representative that ever contested for the cup.

Berthelby an Excellent Tournament

It is essentially a woman's cup in more senses than one, for instead of having the names of Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck, Mrs. Caleb F. Fox and Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow on it, the maiden names are used. Last year it was won by the present national champion, Miss Alexa Stirling, who defeated Mrs. Vanderbeck in a well-played final.

The following week the fifteenth annual contest for the Mary Thayer Farnum Memorial Cup will be played at the Wilmington Country Club. It is a medal-play event of thirty-six holes, eighteen being played on October 16 and the other eighteen the following day.

The final tournament will be the Bumm Whitmarsh Valley Country Club, the following week. The dates have not yet been set, but will be somewhere in the week beginning October 22. The cup, which is given in memory of Mrs. Bumm by her friend, Mrs. Jacob S. Diston, is now on view at the club, and it is the finest and largest sterling silver cup ever contested for in this country by the women. While it is tremendous in size, it is graceful in outline.

It must be won three times in succession to be won outright, and each winner will get a replica of it. It will be a thirty-six-hole medal-play event, eighteen holes each day. However, the donor has apparently decided to make it a match-play event, as these medal-play affairs appear to do so few. While a match-play gives every woman who qualifies in the sixteen a chance to win the trophy, a medal-play event resolves the fight down to a selected few, and in Philadelphia, for instance, those few would be Mrs. Vanderbeck, Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Fox and Miss Caverly. There might be others, but were the cup to be restricted to Philadelphia women it is safe to say that these four would be the winners year after year.

Medal Play Not So Interesting

The chief fault with medal-play tournaments is the element of luck. One or two holes even in a thirty-six-hole match can make a golfer, while in the match-play rounds one or two bad holes does not necessarily put the player out of the match. However, the donor has a perfect right to determine the style of play, and apparently Mrs. Diston prefers medal to match play. Of course, it is very difficult for any woman, no matter how expert she may be, to win a medal-play event, as she has to play three times in a row, although Mrs. Barlow has shown in the Geist Cup tournaments at Overbrook that it is not such a difficult matter, after all. It is a better safeguard for a medal player to win any trophy than to have a tournament in which the trophy can be won three times, but not necessarily in order.

The next tournament so far as the men are concerned is the sixth annual tourney of the Ancient and Honorable which will be held tomorrow at the St. Davids Golf Club. It is open only to those youngsters who have reached or passed the age of fifty-five, and no one else is eligible to play. Most of the grayheads and the grayheads will be there tomorrow, and for them the annual amateur championship of the country is a rather tame affair compared with the big event of the year, the first net. There are two prizes, one for the best gross and one for the best net.

The tournament was first suggested by Harrison Townsend and some of his friends say that he waited until he was eligible before he put the matter up to the Golf Association of Philadelphia. That it will be a big day tomorrow there is no question and all the old fellows want is a bright sunny day. Cold, rainy weather spells rheumatism, and when a man gets to be fifty-five or over rheumatism has no charms for him. But if the day is clear and warm we may expect a big crowd of the ancients at St. Davids.

First Football of Season MASSILLON, O., Sept. 10.—The White Rocks of Massillon have their first game of football after a two-year hiatus here yesterday afternoon, 7 to 0, in the season's first game of football.

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THERE HAVE BEEN BUT FEW HISTORIC UPSETS IN SEPTEMBER, AND THE LAST VICTIMS WERE THE GIANTS IN 1908

Unless There Is an Explosion of Unprecedented Bulk, Giants and White Sox Will Be Battling in the World's Series

By GRANTLAND RICE What'll They Say

When the stars of today are all finished And the cheers of the crowd eek the new, I'll be thinking of Tyros the Terror And the stuff that he used to put through; As I turn to the fans all around me Loud boasting their present star host, Will they answer in derision, I wonder, If I happen to mention the Ghost? As they cheer for their own bally wonders, Will they call me a pink-eyed zeb? If I try to horn in with some prattle Of that great Gray Phantom, Cob? Will they call me a mutt and a fogey, Will they call me the stars of today? Hey—tell me—what'll they say?

—Karl MacGrath.

JUST as all is not gold that glitters, so all is not cinch that cinchers—but it is generally so.

There have been a few historic September upsets, but as a rule the ball club reaching September with a fair lead has managed to wiggle safely through and reach the mainland without disaster.

The most historic upset of them all was in 1908, when the Giants had the pennant won, salted, bagged, cinched and put away—only to blow a set of important contests with the Reds and Phillies, then foundering in the depths.

But if you care to look back over the chart you will find few, very few, September cave-ins by the talent.

Most of those expected to win early in September have generally come through. Very, very few ball clubs have enjoyed a September lead of any proportion to fall back later on.

There have been no vivid September upsets that we can recall since 1908. So, unless there is an explosion of unprecedented bulk, the Giants and White Sox will be the people.

Diamond Freaks

Sir—Seeing that you have been cataloguing diamond freaks, consider this entry: On April 29, 1907, in a game at the Polo Grounds between the Giants and Boston, the Giants received four passes, stole five bases and Boston made an error, all in one inning—yet the Giants scored but one run out of the ten bases gained. How? Shannon was out on a ground ball. Strang walked, but Devin fell to third. Strang stole and on a bad throw by the catcher went to third. Seymour walked, and with Strang executed a double steal. Strang scoring, Bresnahan walked, and he, with Seymour, executed another double steal. McGinnis walked and then—Bad Bill Dahlen fanned.

RICHARD MANEY.

Too Good for His Own Good

Isn't it often in any walk of life that a man is too good at his chosen profession for his own good?

For at least two years the Athletics were too good for their own good, financially, at least. Mack built up a ball club so good that it cost him thousands of dollars—first by breaking up interest in his league around July and then by ending most of his world's series at an early stage.

But the leading Too Good example is Jess Willard. Willard's mighty margin above all heavyweight competition has cost him at least \$200,000.

He has fought but one ten-round battle in over two years—in the main, because there was no one around figured within ten leagues of his class.

If he had been just a trifle smaller and just a trifle less efficient he might have easily secured one or two big paying contests each year, and in this way he could have added heavily to his income, to say nothing of securing additional advertising for his circus.

As it is, there is no competition in sight for him. Morris is a joke, and Fulton is too far away to carry any sort of show.

If Jess feels the urgent call for an engagement his only chance seems to be with one of the husky pachyderms in his zoo.

Half-Strides

Packing a punch has nothing on the ability to block one.

The front runner needs more games, as a rule than the entry who can see just what he has to do.

Playing it safe is generally good for an

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