

TAFT AWAITS LEAGUE ACTION

Fraze and Hempstead Urge Club Owners to Back Them Up

JOHNSON SAYS NOTHING

New York, Nov. 26.—Organized baseball may be successful in inducing William Howard Taft, former President of the United States, to become identified with its organization if it proceeds in a calm, judicious way. This is the impression formed last night after a talk with the former President at his home of his brother, Henry W. Taft.

Mr. Taft admitted that he was giving consideration to the baseball offer made him last Saturday by President Fraze, of the Boston Red Sox, but only in the capacity that he outlined in his telegram last Sunday night.

Yes, I had a pleasant talk with Mr. Fraze and Mr. Hempstead on Saturday, said Mr. Taft, "and I think I covered the ground entirely in the telegram I sent to the PUBLIC LEADER on Sunday night. I outlined the points under which I said I might be able to consider the offer, and that remains my attitude. There also were different outside conditions which I then spoke of, which must be taken in consideration. The situation, therefore, remains unchanged. I am giving the offer my consideration, but as yet have reached no decision. What duties the baseball people want him to fulfill and the nature of the cases which he would be obliged to decide upon. The just now is a delicate matter among the club owners, who are most desirous of bringing Mr. Taft into baseball in some capacity. While such cases as those of George Staler and Scott Perry received a lot of publicity in the National Commission has handled hundreds of small cases which the general public never heard of, and a man of Mr. Taft's caliber could not spare the time to hear such trivial cases.

President Fraze, of the Boston club, yesterday expressed surprise that the other club owners did not show greater attitude in grasping the importance of procuring former President Taft's valuable services for baseball. "I thought everybody would see what a wonderful thing it would be for baseball if we could induce Mr. Taft to accept that position as arbitrator of baseball questions. Why, I thought the baseball men in the East would get up a special party today to wait on Mr. Taft in New Haven and urge him to accept our offer."

Fraze expressed fear that the objections of some of the club owners on inconsequential grounds might spoil the whole thing, and that if Mr. Taft got the idea that there was lack of concord among the owners as to his filling the position he immediately would decline it. Fraze especially said he was surprised at the stand of Connie Mack in Philadelphia. He intimated Mack was one of the men who knew the offer would be made to him.

Fraze and Hempstead have sent telegrams to all club owners in their respective leagues, urging them to wire Mr. Taft immediately at New Haven, saying they hoped he would accept the position and that the former President could count on their unqualified support. It seems all the National League men with the exception of Herrmann have sent or will send such telegrams to Mr. Taft.

Two championship cross-country races will be held in Fairmount Park Thanksgiving Day. The first will be the American intercollegiate championship under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania and the second will be the national senior A. A. U. title event.

Charles Forest, who set up a new tennis record at the national track and field championship in September, will be one of the entrants in the A. A. U. run, according to an announcement by Samuel J. Dallas, the A. A. U. president.

West Virginia to Play. Morgantown, W. Va., Nov. 26.—Hugh Bailey, star mountaineer center, who has been at Camp Gordon officers' training camp, has been transferred to the S. A. C. here and arrived yesterday. Simultaneously with his arrival, Bailey was in section A, comprising most of old varsity, were excused from drill to practice for the Thanksgiving day game with section B. Bailey was included, and, along with McCue, Lewis, Fisher, Martin and others, promises to present a strong front to the vacation men.

Speaker Out of Service. Boston, Mass., Nov. 26.—Tris Speaker, the Cleveland American League outfielder, and Walter Pipp, the New York American's first baseman, obtained their discharges from the navy yesterday. Both men have been studying for commissions at the naval aviation school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Bethlehem was given the highest battle record in the "Merchant" "A" team scored in extra periods, before going down to defeat.

Merchant, in spite of not being able to play "Laddie," McCabe played a still-edges contest up at the Bethlehem grounds on Saturday.

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ST. COLUMBA AND YOURS TRULY WIN

Capture Close and Exciting Games in American League Opening

BIG CROWD ATTENDS

Traymors Hall was packed to the doors last evening for the opening of the American League basketball season. Two fast and exciting games were played, Yours Truly winning the first from Hancock by the score of 23 to 21, and the champion St. Columba emerging in the long end of a 30 to 24 total against South Philadelphia Hebrew Association.

Bill Black's field goal was the deciding factor in the victory of Yours Truly over Hancock. The latter led at the end of the first half 13 to 10, but Manager Kleinberg removed himself from the game in the second half when Herzog arrived and with the latter in action Yours Truly performed much better, and outplayed Hancock at every turn. Wood excelled for the losers, but "Lis" Powell was away off and missed many apparently easy chances. The result was a big surprise.

The champion St. Columba were forced to the limit to defeat S. P. H. A., and owe their victory to the accurate goal shooting and fine floor work of Jimmy Brown, of Camden, and Charley McGregor, formerly of Jasper. The figures were even at the conclusion of the first half at thirteen all, and during the first twenty minutes were tied on three occasions.

S. P. H. A. was ahead 5 to 1 at one time, but on three goals in rapid succession, two by McGregor and one by Campbell, forced ahead. The losers evened the count at 13 just as half time sounded.

The second half opened with a field basket by Chick Passon, and McGregor followed suit, the totals still being deadlocked at 15. Passon again counted on a beautiful goal and Brown made his first of the season and in a half minute scored another, giving the Saints the lead at 19 to 17, and they were never headed during the rest of the game. Jimmy added three more points, boosting his team's total to 22. That work by both sides featured the remainder of the play and the game ended, St. Columba, 30; S. P. H. A., 24.

Basketball's first sacrifice to the cause of liberty is a local boy, Harry (Toady) Greenwood, of Kensington, who was killed on November 8, just three days prior to the signing of the armistice. He was a star Varsity football player, and a basketball player performed with Jasper, service, and the School and Service team.

Bobby Winship, Rockwood five won its opening game of the season on Saturday night by defeating Harriaburg, 37-3.

The second half of the American League game going tomorrow evening, when Victor meets Naval Aircraft and Lividale opposes S. J. Tobison.

A number of ex-State Leaguers were in the hall, including Joe Berger, of Plymouth, who last year finished second in scoring, and Tray Jones, of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.

Former Eastern Leaguers were buzzing the corridor. Among these were Max Myers, of De Nerl, and Kennedy of Jasper. John Linto, one of the owners of the Leaguers, was also on hand.

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DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

JUDGE OWL'S WOOING

CHAPTER II

"To-ooo" came a whistle-like shriek from the South.

"Who's that?" asked Judge Owl, looking up at the sky. "That lady Owl coming to marry you and share your hollow tree," cried Peggy, stepping from the airplane which had landed below him.

"Goodness me, I don't want to get married," hooted the judge in such a scared voice that Peggy had to giggle again.

"Then why are you calling for a wife?" demanded Billy Belgium.

"That was only fun," replied the Judge. "I like to tease the ladies."

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among the trees, alighting upon the very limb where Judge Owl had been a moment before. The moon was behind her and Peggy and Billy could see her outline perfectly. Peggy was astonished at the bird's size, her bulging ears, her fierce beak, her frowning eyes.

"It's a Great Horned Owl. The Judge has caught a tartar with his little joke," snickered Billy Belgium.

"Wah-hu" squealed Miss Great Horned Owl. "I've come to marry you, Judge Owl. Come out of that tree this instant, before I jerk you out."

Out popped Judge Owl with surprising promptness.

"Why, how do you do, Miss Great Horned Owl?" he hooted, bowing very politely. "Have you come for a call?"

"I've come to live here if I like your hollow tree," shrieked Miss Great Horned Owl. "I accept your proposal."

"Ah-h-h," stammered the Judge. "I wasn't really proposing, you know. I was just singing a song, and besides, my hollow tree is altogether too small for you."

"I'll decide that," shrieked Miss Great Horned Owl. "I'll take a look at it before I marry you."

"To be sure, to be sure!" hooted the Judge politely. "Go right in."

hurried away as fast as he could. "Miss Snowy Owl!" whispered Billy Belgium. "She will kidnap poor Judge Owl and carry him to the frigid north."

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French Orphans Cared for Here. Fewer than 3000 out of more than 100,000 fatherless children of France are being cared for in Philadelphia, according to Mrs. John Markoe, chairman of the children of France committee of the Emergency Aid. Mrs. Markoe predicted yesterday that all the commitments at work in this country will eventually work in conjunction with the Catholic war council.

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