

MESSRS. COMISKEY, RUPPERT, FRAZEE WILL ATTEMPT TO PUT ANOTHER BAN ON BAN JOHNSON

HEYDLER PLACES BAN ON PLAYER TAMPERING IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

Law Passed Imposing \$1000 Fine on Any Club Seeking to Weaken Rival Through Ancient Method—154 Games Scheduled at Annual Confab

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THIS baseball meeting resembles all other baseball meetings. Nothing much is doing and the threat of many things which might happen lingers in the moist and gloomy air.

Of course, there was some talk of trades, but that's all it amounted to—just talk. The magnates and managers found it quite difficult to convince themselves that trades were essential, because this is the first baseball gathering held since prohibition went into effect, and constant talking had a bad effect on the dry, parched throats.

However, the National League meeting was held and a couple of important things occurred. The 154-game schedule went through without the loss of an inning, but nothing officially will be done until the positive and affirmative sections of the American League get together.

Another thing worthy of mention was pulled before John Heydler signaled for an adjournment. A law was passed forbidding other clubs from tampering with ball players.

THAT is the same line of thought advanced by Connie Mack, and the chances are the American League will adopt it as soon as the old board of directors are given the air.

Magnates Hand Ebbets the Grand "Razz"

THIS National League staff, however, was put over by Mr. Ebbets, of Brooklyn, for some reason or other. Mr. Ebbets won that argument, but flopped in another.

Every year the magnates look over their bank balances—when there are bank balances—and decide that more money must be made next season. The best way is to raise the price of admission, but this is not always popular.

The idea was to cut out twenty-five-cent baseball for every one unless he or she is four feet six inches tall or less than that. Mr. Ebbets's idea continued in this strain, and, believe us, it was some strain.

If any minor tries to horn his way into the ball park on a twenty-five-cent ticket he must submit to the Bertillon stuff, and if in excess of the four feet six inches he will be chased to a window where more expensive tickets are sold.

This caused quite a furor, or something like that, and when the Brooklyn magnate finished everybody greeted him with absolute silence. That was the tip-off and Mr. Ebbets began to talk about the weather, spring training trips, etc.

JOHN HEYDLER handed out a lot of dope, but all we can remember is that John says approximately 3,000,000 gentlemen and ladies paid real money to see National League ball games last season.

Pleasant Farewell for Garry

GARRY HERRMANN, at this writing, still is chairman of the National Commission. He has not been asked to resign this week, and the brother magnates are showing signs of deep friendship.

However, there is a different feeling evidenced toward the Cincinnati magnate. The league wants him to step out of the chairmanship, but the outing process is being done with a smile—just like placing a loaded hay wagon on the sidewalk before pushing a guy off the top of a building.

GARRY must go, but he will go with the good wishes of everybody. That's the dope as we see it.

American League Ban Still There

IN THE meantime, the American Leaguers are in town all set for the big meeting today. Ban Johnson is here and says nothing, and his five staunch supporters have divided as much as the boss.

Then the Colonels—Ruppert and Houston—did an amazing thing. They issued a statement, the first since 6 p. m., and stated their side of the case.

THE meeting will be held just the same, and it's a cinch the alive branch will vote severely over every one. Each side will claim a victory and assert the decision was won on points.

Phils May Train in Pensacola

WILLIAM F. BAKER, of the Phillies, was in evidence last night and had a few words to say about the local situation. He said he had not selected a training camp as yet, but would do so in the next month.

"I read with much interest," said Mr. Baker, "that Eppa Rixey was to be traded to the Chicago Cubs next season. That's news to me. However, I want to say that Rixey will be with the Philadelphia club, and none other, in 1920.

"There will be no trades of importance, but I am on the lookout for new talent, and will overlook no one. I want to have a strong team on the field, and I believe we will have one."

I EXPECT Casey Stengel to sign, and he will add strength to the outfield."

McGraw Seeks Roger Hornsby

AS WAS said before, there has been little talk of trades, but business is likely to improve in a day or so. All of the American Association managers are on the job, and when those birds get together there is something doing.

John McGraw came back from Cuba and is on the lookout for some infielders. He wants Hornsby from St. Louis and Maranville from Boston.

BUT he wants Hornsby, and is said to have offered Branch Rickey two pitchers, an infielder, two bath rugs and an interest in the Kansas race track for the star.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



SUGGEST RESTRICTING GOLF ENTRY LISTS

Metropolitan Association Discusses Vital Questions at Meeting in New York

New York, Dec. 10.—Although the Richmond Country Club of Staten Island was the only organization to make its application in writing and the only one therefore which the secretary had in his possession when he arrived before the delegates, the Metropolitan Golf Association is having no trouble getting a suitable course on which to hold every one of its championships next year, judging by the way the offers were made at the annual meeting of that body held last night in the Knickerbocker Hotel.

Among the important suggestions made at the meeting and which also will be taken up by the committee in due time was one for restrictions of amateur entries in the Metropolitan open championship. Sumner H. Hollander, of Swanoy, who made the motion, showed how the last championship field had been congested by the entries of amateurs who were not fitted to compete in an open title event.

URGE TRIP FOR CRIMSON

Harvard Men on Pacific Coast Want Refusal Reconsidered

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 10.—Many telegrams from Harvard graduates on the Pacific coast protesting against the cancellation of the Crimson football team's trip to Pasadena, Calif., for a game with a coast eleven on New Year's Day have been received by the Harvard Athletic Association. Most of the messages urged a reconsideration of the decision.

GOLF PROS TO MINGLE AGAINST AMATEURS

By SANDY McENIBLICK

THERE is bound to be a little flare-up and argument once in a while in a family where one brother is the city amateur golf champion, as well as one of the best ten amateurs in the country for the season, and another brother is one of the leading pros of the country.

It is hoped that the local golf fans will take to this golf delicacy, late in the season though it is, and musty the weather. The course is easily reached on the Reading to Philmont and a fine exhibition of golf-as-it-should-be-played is sure to be witnessed by all who care to brave the great outdoors in the absence of football and other favorite attractions.

Harbinger for More If this match pans out successfully, it is likely that a series will be arranged between the various pros and amateurs, in order to give practical demonstrations for winter study. It is also an opener to a continuation next season. The pros particularly do not feel that they have enough opportunity to play the game in competition against the talent there is in the city.

Great Line-up Hence the match Saturday. Charlie has solicited the services of some of the best players in town to back him up. The line-up of his shock troops is brief but emphatic. Maurice Tallman, the Chick-Evansesque pro at Whitmarsh, who shipped into the city when he was in a fight with him when he is right.

Jim Thompson, the "silent" pro at the country club who is just as good a player as he is a teacher, who also has been in action and with Jack Campbell, makes up the quartet. Jack has developed a flock of talent at old York road for the boys. An accident kept him out of much play when he was in a fight with an automobile and a tree or something, but he is on his game again.

WILL BOX IN AMERICA FOR SMALLER PURSE

Dempsey Will Demand Larger Guarantee for Contest Abroad

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 10.—"We have had numerous offers of matches," said Jack Dempsey, "but I have not received a call from Doolan, of Paris, asking for a fight there in the Pershing Stadium next June or July."

Drexel Biddle Boxing Bout In the bantam-weight class of the annual tournament at the Exposition of Philadelphia Jack O'Neil last evening, Nathan Pragoosh won from Henry Boore after three terrific rounds of battling, in which Boore was felled twice. Hulse Boies was accorded a victory over William Baird in the lightweight class after an extra round. In the middleweight class J. O'Toole was a easy winner over Joe Smith.

Larry Hansen Loses on Foul In what was to have been the wind-up fight at the Exposition of Philadelphia, New York, who was substituted for Jimmy Kelly, won from Larry Hansen on a foul. The bout had hardly started when Hansen hit Edwards so low that the latter was unable to continue, and it was some time before the club physician and attendants could bring the New Yorker around.

WESTERN CONFERENCE OVERSTEPPING LIMITS

Institutions Cannot Hope to Control Professionalism After Athletes Close College Careers

RULE ON OFFICIALS

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

THE western conference has taken the initiative in drastic action against professionalism in collegiate football circles. Penn has followed; Lafayette is on the way, and other institutions may take steps to purify athletic conditions in the educational world.

The conference even rules that any football player who turns professional, either during or after his college career, shall have his letter revoked and can never be hired by any of the members of the association as a coach.

This ruling is believed by many to be a bit too elastic. It is scarcely fair to any athlete whose financial standing cannot comfortably weather the first few struggling years after graduation. If a player keeps free of professionalism during college, why should he be punished for accepting money for playing any more than for coaching?

It is believed that Penn, Lafayette and the other eastern colleges will look at the problem from a different angle. Nothing is more regrettable to Pennsylvania men than the fact that Pearce played professional baseball, and that Derr played professional football.

Neither Pearce nor Derr should receive their varsity letters, as this seems the only apparent way to punish them. The case of Dumore, of Lafayette, is almost parallel. If Dumore is found to be a "pro," he will be barred for next year, and if it is found that he played "pro" football while the collegiate season was on, he should not be awarded his letter.

Together with Bodie Weldon, the Lafayette captain, Pearce, Derr, Heine Miller and Jim Neylon, all of Penn,

Middies May Test Glove Skill on Pennsylvania

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 10.—The Naval Academy has decided to cooperate with the movement for intercollegiate boxing and the authorities have granted permission for the scheduling of one tourney at Annapolis this season.

The middie's opponent is expected to be the University of Pennsylvania, with whom correspondence has been opened.

Dumore played with Phoenixville last Saturday, and Phoenixville is considered a "pro" eleven. The cases of Heine Miller, Neylon and Weldon differ from the circumstances surrounding Derr, Pearce and Dumore.

II. Miller, Weldon and Neylon have played their last collegiate game. They will graduate in June, and their collegiate careers as far as football is concerned closed with the final games for the red and blue and the maroon. If they were clean of professionalism during the college gridiron seasons, it seems somewhat unfair to revoke their letters for something committed when they were beyond the pale of college eligibility codes.

GOULD STILL WINS

Comes Through Squash Victor, Although Lacking in Practice

New York, Dec. 10.—Master of the racket, it does not appear to make much difference to Jay Gould whether he is playing court tennis, racquets or squash tennis. He is almost equally adept at all three. Following his winning of the open court tennis championship last week, Gould decided to take a fling at squash tennis, and being the Columbia Club champion at that sport, he made his appearance yesterday in a match with the Yale Club student in the Class A metropolitan team championship series.

Opposed to Alan Corey, the Yale Club titleholder, Gould, despite lack of practice, gave a surprisingly efficient exhibition, outscoring his opponent 30 aces to 6 in a match that ended 15-5, 15-1.

May Coach Columbia

New York, Dec. 10.—Frank Cavanaugh, before the war coach of the Dartmouth football team and this fall head coach of the Boston College eleven, just had the limelight at Columbia University yesterday as a candidate for the position of coach of the Columbia eleven next fall.

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