

BAN JOHNSON'S A REAL CHAMPION: HE HAS WON MORE DECISIONS THAN WILLIE HOPPE

JOHNSON TRIUMPHS, BUT BREACH WIDENS IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Insurgents, After Losing in New York Meeting, Now Plan Action in Courts—New Board of Directors and Vice President Are Elected

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THE dove of peace has sprained a tendon, wears a black eye and is navigating on one wing. The olive branch has grown into a war club and the situation in the American League once more is all wet and out of shape.

Today, Ban Johnson and his five faithful followers are aware that they have scored a victory of some sort, for the insurgents apparently have been walloped at every turn, and their only chance to do anything is in the courts.

First. A suit for damages brought by the New York club on account of the Carl Mays episode.

Second. Another suit to oust Ban Johnson from the presidency of the American League.

Third. Suit to force Ban Johnson to produce his agreement with a telegraph company. The board of directors demanded this on September 16 and has heard nothing about it.

Fourth. The retiring board of directors, composed of Messrs. Ruppert, Comiskey and Frazee devoted most of the morning to compiling a report which was distinctly anti-Johnson, and presented it in the open meeting for adoption or something like that. However, the league voted to lay it on the table until the next meeting.

TAKE IT all in all, the American League did nothing but put a halt to the insurgents. Little business was transacted and an early adjournment was taken before anything could be done.

Ban Johnson scores victory over insurgents. The Johnson forces won a big victory. They checked every move made by the opposition and made no mistakes.

But the big, outstanding feature is that peace at this time seems impossible. There is bitter feeling on both sides, and unless somebody yields no one knows what will happen.

The breach is widening instead of being patched up. Ban Johnson has been attacked by three club owners and it looks like a finish fight. It is doubtful if a compromise can be effected.

In the league meeting, which was secret, newspaper men standing in the corridor heard loud voices and the words "liar" and "assassin" floated over the transoms. These evidently were hurled at one particular person, and that person seldom forgets things like that.

Now all we can do is wait for the finish. Something must be done, and it must be done in a hurry. A big organization like the American League, with several million dollars invested, cannot go along unless the internal scrap is settled.

But the row will drag along for a month or more, there will be charges and counter-charges, the New York, Chicago and Boston clubs will probably get deeper in the mess and no one has even the remotest idea of the outcome.

TOO bad there isn't a one-man National Commission in existence. Then the whole affair could have been settled without dragging in a flock of high-priced lawyers.

154-Game Schedule for 1920 Is Favored

FOR some reason or other the American League voted in favor of a 154-game schedule, and those games will be played if there is any time left after the magnates get out of court.

In the meantime, the National League was sailing serenely along at the Waldorf, everything going through without a hitch. Many things were discussed and the magnates went on record as favoring the abolishment of all freak deliveries in the league.

Garry Herrmann sprang a big surprise yesterday when he announced that he would retire as chairman of the National Commission at the end of thirty days if ten American and National League owners were still opposed to his holding office.

However, there is a different feeling toward the Cincinnati magnate this year. There is no open hostility, but friendly suggestions were made, it is said, for him to retire and allow the office to be filled by a neutral chairman—meaning a man who is not connected with either league.

EVERYTHING is sizes and serves and the usual trade talk has been conspicuous by its absence.

SPORTS AMONG AMATEURS

THE Southern Catholic League started their season on Tuesday evening, when St. Rita defeated the St. Patrick five and the Kayonia won from Kaywood.



RECORD SCORING IN EASTERN LEAGUE

Camden Cagemen Smother De Neri Under Shower of Field Goals, 53 to 28

Table with 2 columns: Team, W, L, P. Camden Cagemen: 2, 1, 1. De Neri: 1, 2, 0.

Eastern League Standings: Camden Cagemen 2, De Neri 1, Philadelphia 1, Trenton 0, Trenton 0.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

BALTIMORE fans had their first chance to see that famous duo—Jack Hagen and Spider Kelly—last Friday night.

Frank Howell vs. Baltor Kreiter, and Jimmy Bradley vs. Sammy Selger.

Matchmaker Johnny Mooney will have Francis Rice and Billy Cole in the National semipro on Saturday evening.

Johnny Kibane will see service against Young Chaney over the eight-round route in Jersey City on the night of December 22.

Frankie Mason, the western bantam, may be the next starter against Jimmy Wilde for the Philadelphia Jack O'Brien's featherweight title.

The board of governors of the Pine Street Debating Society, at one of their irregular meetings held last night, nominated Tommy Sheridan, one of the twelve charter members.

P. M. C. Awards Gridiron Letters: The Athletic Association of Pennsylvania has awarded football letters as follows.

District Defeated: In a Northeast-Price defeated District after a hard and long game, score 27 to 17.

LEONARD KNOCKS OUT MEL COOGAN

Lightweight Champion Stops Opponent in Second Round. Benjamin Wins

Jersey City, Dec. 11.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, knocked out Challenger Mel Coogan in the second round of a scheduled eight-round bout before a huge crowd in the Fourth Regiment Armory, last night.

Governor-elect Edwards and many notables were among the crowd that jammed the armory to suffocation.

Leonard, the former amateur discus thrower, stopped Al Roberts in the second round. In the other, Joe Benjamin, of California, gave Tommy Tuohy such a beating that the referee had to end the hostilities in the first round.

BIG HANDS, WRISTS AND SHOULDERS ARE MAIN HAGEN ASSETS

Open Golf Champion Has Unusual Physical Power and a Playing System Bulging With Confidence. Few Can Outdrive Titleholder

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Penshots of 1919 Champions [Note—This series will cover the open golf championship, the heavyweight champion, the amateur golf champion, Cobb and Ruth, batting champions, Pat Moran and other title winners who have helped to feature the winter year.]

No. 1. Walter Hagen—Open Golf Champion SIX years ago at Brookline in the open golf championship at our Uncle Samuel's golfing domain, one of the entries was a powerful young home-bred from Rochester, N. Y.

A YEAR later this same Hagen, at Midlothian, was open champion of America, one stroke beyond Chick Evans. And he was even then only a masher pitch beyond his teens.

Back Again THAT was five years ago. Through 1915 and 1916 the pros were collared by Travers and Evans, two amateurs, but when championship golf was resumed this spring Hagen made up his mind to go out after his old title.

THE story of how he fought his way through to the top is old stuff now. But Hagen isn't. What Hagen Is Like YOU will hear quite a trifle about Walter Hagen in the years to come, so you might just as well get acquainted now.

When he is confronted by no such choice. With the hands, wrists and forearms that he carries he merely tears into the turf and ball with a trusty iron—and the ball goes home.

HE LAYS into an iron shot from a heavy lie with a crash, and at this stroke he knows no superior. His Mental Attitude HAGEN has all the confidence of Jack McDermott, without Jack's super-aggressiveness.

When he is six strokes back of a certain opponent at the end of thirty-six holes in a championship tournament his philosophy assumed this expression: "Well, if he can pick up six strokes on me today, I can certainly pick up six strokes on him tomorrow, for he's still worried about me and I'm not worried about him."

WHEN he heard that he had to play the last six holes one under par to tie Mike Brady in the open he rose to his best golf as if he were heaping the test.

Advertisement for Lion Collars, featuring a lion logo and text: BARRACKS is made with this reinforced Ob-long Cable-Cord Buttonhole. An exclusive feature of Lion Collars.

Advertisement for Sloan's Liniment, featuring an image of a hand holding a bottle and text: RHEUMATIC PAINS RAISING A RUMPUS? Sloan's Liniment, Kept Handy, Takes the Fight Out of Them.

Advertisement for ADLON cigars, featuring an image of a hand holding a cigar and text: The cigar I produce is the cigar I smoke. When a man adopts for his personal use the product he manufactures—uses it exclusively—that product is worth looking into.

Advertisement for ADLON cigars, featuring an image of a hand holding a cigar and text: every possible phase of the tobacco industry. From tobacco seed to finished cigar, no detail of the methods of growing, selecting, blending and manufacture has escaped me.