

MAGNATES IN SESSION APPEAR LIKE DISAGREEABLE JURY TRYING TO AGREE ON A VERDICT

MUSKETEERS LOSE IN DEBATE AS NEW MAGNATE LOOKS ON

"Steam-Roller Worked Smoothly" in Frenzied American League Meeting, While William M. Richardson Sits in and Doesn't Know What It Is All About

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger. Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co. Chicago, Feb. 11. WILLIAM M. RICHARDSON, of Philadelphia, new owner and president of the Washington baseball club, attended his first American League meeting yesterday.

"What's all this about?" was the identical opening line used by Mr. Richardson. "This situation not only is strange, but also unusual. Who will tell me the reason?"

Then up jumped Colonel Ruppert, of the fighting New Yorks. "I will tell you," he shouted. "Just sit near me and hear the true facts of the case."

"Oh, it's only a scrap over a bum pitcher," interrupted Phil Ball, of St. Louis. "Your ball club is composed of a lot of bums," flared back Ruppert.

Then the fight started, and one of the usual American League meetings was called in disorder. Richardson, who was the innocent cause of it all, sat back in amazement and listened to the opinions of Mr. Ban Johnson as expressed by Ruppert, Huston, Comiskey and Frazee.

"That's a fine suggestion, Colonel Huston," replied Ban. "Let us have a vote." The vote was taken and Huston's suggestion adopted unanimously.

After that it was decided to hold a couple of other meetings later in the day. They gathered for an informal talk, in which nothing was done, and last night had another session. It looked as if an attempt was being made to patch things up, and developments of the pleasant evening showed this to be the case.

Spitter Permissible in National This Year. IN THE meantime, the National League held a nice, sweet, gentle, calm meeting and took action on a number of things. They adopted the schedule despite Charley Murphy's suit and acted on the spitball for next season.

The following will be allowed to moisten the pellet and get away with it: Rudolph, Fillingim and Keating, of Boston; Mitchell and Grimes, Brooklyn; Douglas, New York; Hoag, Phillies; Fisher, Cincinnati; Hendry, Chicago; Doak, Goodwin and Turo, St. Louis; none from Pittsburgh.

The other pitchers will be heavily fined and suspended for a week or so. They can't even bluff at throwing a spitter, and as for other freak deliveries, they are absolutely taboo. It will be up to the umpires; but that will not be a hard job, according to Bill Klein.

"No pitcher shall be allowed to rub the ball on his clothing," said Bill. "No pitcher shall be allowed to do anything. The non-spitter will not be allowed to put the ball near their mouth. That does away with the spit ball. Therefore, all you have to do is to see that they pitch the ball properly. It's a cinch."

Speaking of umpires, the National League has a holdout. It is Charley Rigler, the veteran umpire, who now is in the oil business. Charley insists that the league may regulate oil stock dividends or he won't be on the job. Evidently he doesn't like to lose a man like Rigler and the chances are they will get together. Lord Byron has resigned, it is said, by request.

The National League also took action on a rule regarding the intentional pass. The catcher must stay in the catcher's box until the ball is delivered by the pitcher. In other words, the catcher no longer can stand on one side and catch the wide balls. This will cause the fingers to be more careful when they throw the ball.

The waiver price in the National League has been increased to \$2500, which no doubt is very interesting to the fans. A player's limit also was adopted. The clubs may have twenty-five players between May 15 and August 31. Before and after that time the number can be increased to thirty-five. An unlimited number of players may be taken to the training camps.

IT ALSO was announced that no trades between clubs of the National League will be allowed after August 20. Rickey Outguesses Cubs in Getting Fournier. WHEN Branch Rickey secured Jacques Fournier from Wade Killefer, manager of the Los Angeles club, yesterday, he put over a modern baseball deal.

Nothing was left out of the picture and the work was done on high gear. Incidentally, Rickey outguessed the Chicago Cubs, as that club was seeking the services of the slugging first baseman. But rather closely and get the story. Killefer was on his way East—meaning Chicago—and halted in St. Louis. Rickey learned he was on his way and met the train. Wade was prevailed upon to linger a short time, and that made it possible for the manager of the Cubs to do business. Rickey knew the Cubs wanted Fournier, and he also knew he would be left in the cold if he tried to outbid the Windy City folks in him.

When they arrived at Rickey's office the manager blated he would like to see Killefer's first baseman. "What do you want, money, or players?" was asked. "I need players," replied the westerner. "All right," answered Rickey; "make out a list and I'll see what I can do."

WONDER WHAT A STUFFED FISH THINKS ABOUT

WHY DON'T SOMEBODY DUST ME OFF OR SOMEBODY THREATEN ME NOT A BAD LOOKING GUY WHEN I'M CLEAN. I'VE BEEN OWNED BY THREE DIFFERENT MEN AND THEY ARE ALL LIARS OF COURSE MY ORIGINAL OWNER WAS ALL RIGHT. BUT EVEN HE DIDN'T REALLY CATCH ME. HE HAD AN INDIAN GUIDE WHO DID ALL THE HARD WORK BUT HE GAVE MY OWNER ALL THE CREDIT.

ANIMAL LEAGUE IS FORMED BY Y. M. A.

Tigers, Bears, Elephants and Wolves Complete New East Falls Basketball Circuit

A new basketball circuit, known as the Y. M. A. Animal League, has been organized by Owen S. Young, athletic director of the East Falls Y. M. A. Falls of Schuylkill. Games in this organization will be held every Saturday afternoon after February 12, when the opening matches are scheduled.

SCHOOLS PLAN TRACK WEEK

Supervisory Committee Maps Out Interscholastic Class Meets. The public high schools will hold track week the second week in June, according to the announcement made this morning after a meeting of the supervisory committee.

Baker, in Quarantine, to Join Yankees. Eastern, Feb. 11.—Word reached Eastern yesterday that two representatives of the New York Yankees had visited Trappe this week to get J. Franklin Baker's name to a contract to play this season with the Yankees.

Akron Buys Third Baseman Purtell. Akron, Feb. 11.—The management of the Akron International League team yesterday announced the purchase of Third Baseman Billy Purtell from the Toronto club. The consideration was not made public.



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GOLF RULE MEN SAIL IN MAY FOR MEETING

President Walker Heads American Committee to Confer With St. Andrews on Styrie, Lost Ball and Other Links Questions

LOOKS as if the most important part of the American golf population would be sailing for foreign climes in the merry month of May next.

Walter Hagen, open champion, and Jim Barnes, professional champion, have picked the same month to make their voyage abroad to compete in the championships over there and a retinue of other ambitious pros is also said to be figuring on the same month for export duty.

This month has been picked as the date for the women's championship of Great Britain, and that means that Miss Alexa Stirling will likely be talking passage on one of the same boats.

But the tide will flow again in July when all boats will be bringing the golf luminaries back. A sextet of Britain's starriest pros is coming then and the Americans will also be returning for play in our own championships.

The committee named this week to confer on the rules from this country is: George L. Walker, president U. S. G. A.; Vice-presidents J. Frederick Byers and Howard P. Whitney; executive secretary, Frederick C. Wheeler; and ex-president Frank Woodward, as alternative.

It is hard to make any predictions on that standard matter, which can best be attended to, it is felt, when all the evidence of the two committees is present. The same applies to the lost ball question and the decision on the amateur rules.

These things, however, will be threshed out on the other side and local golfers, in the meantime, are again demanding something in the way of arrangements for amateur-pro matches for the coming season.

The announcement that New York will stage a tourney for amateurs and pros has participated new impetus into the discussion as to the possibilities of the same here in Philadelphia.

It is the plan in New York for the various pros to each pick an amateur partner, collect entry fees, and play for a purse and trophy at match play. It is in question to hold the various rounds on successive Saturdays at different clubs. There will likely be a qualifying round and probably sixteen couples to qualify. The match play will

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AUTOMOBILE MEN DINE AT BELLEVUE

Trade Association Honors Former Philadelphians at Delightful Banquet

GEORGE M. GRAHAM THERE

The Philadelphia Automobile Trade Association held a reunion dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel last evening, entertaining former Philadelphia automobile men and others who have risen to positions of distinction in the industry or trade associations.

The dinner was presided over by Louis C. Block, president of the trade association, as toastmaster. A. E. Maltby, chairman of the dinner committee, pulled off a number of original stunts on well-known members.

Among the former Philadelphians who attended as guests were: Harry H. Harper, Frank W. Stockton, B. W. Brown, E. V. Stratton, George Daniels, W. H. Jackson, W. J. Foss, George M. Graham, Fred C. Van Derhoof, W. F. Smith, Geo. S. Hart, W. J. Herbert, John A. Cleary, W. J. Morrison, L. H. Sutcliff, E. C. Johnson, R. G. Sullivan, J. Guy Menahan, Cal. Jas. W. Florida, F. E. Drake, Geo. O. Simpson, F. E. Derlin, Sam. S. Fear, A. B. Cunniff, W. P. Herrin, F. W. Evesland, R. J. Gillmore, L. G. Powell, S. delb. Kelm, H. H. Smith, E. M. Simpson, R. J. Murphy.

SKATING PALACE'S OPENING DELAYED

Plumbing Holds Up Local Indoor Ice Hockey Debut Till Saturday Night

Plant trouble at the Philadelphia Auditorium and Ice Palace, at Forty-fifth and Market streets, makes it necessary for the management to call off the opening tonight. The rink will, therefore, open on Saturday night with Princeton vs. Yale in a hockey match.

The new rink has an ice surface of 220 by 100 feet. It has been in construction since November 5. George F. Pawling, the former president of the Auditorium, and Dr. George W. Orton, the former Penn track coach, is manager.

Besides skating for the veteran ice performers, instruction classes will be held. Charles K. DeBergen is the instructor. Hockey matches have been scheduled with the large eastern colleges.

The dates for the intercollegiate matches follow: Saturday night—Princeton vs. Yale, February 12—Princeton vs. Yale, February 23—Yale vs. Harvard, March 2—Princeton vs. Dartmouth, March 6—Princeton vs. Harvard.

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U. S. WILL NOT JOIN TENNIS LEAGUE YET

Great Britain's Demands Too Much for America; Want Tourney at Wimbledon Perpetually

NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON

By SPICK HALL. MANY tennis players and followers have wondered why America has not joined the International Lawn Tennis Federation. Another point is, will America join the near island cousins?

The answer to the last question is NO; that is, under the present conditions. The reasons for the negative in both cases are the same. At the recent meeting of the D. S. L. T. A. in New York, Watson M. Washburn explained fully why, in his opinion, this country should not affiliate with the federation; and after his remarks there was not a person present who would have voted to join as matters now stand.

In short, the reason is that Great Britain virtually has made a British enterprise out of the federation. All of our well-known island cousins have in the federation now and want to retain a plurality of votes in the federation; the right to have the winner of the annual tournament of the federation bear the title of world's champion; to stage this tournament at Wimbledon every year. If they can have these things, the British, with innate modesty, told Mr. Washburn that they would be glad to have America join the fold.

Counter Proposals. Naturally, no American is going to agree to any such autocratic scheme as this, and Washburn told the federation this in plain words and figures. Since coming back from France and England, where he and R. N. Williams had a number of conferences with the federal heads, Washburn has had considerable correspondence with them.

Among other things, Washburn suggested that the U. S. L. T. A. probably would consider joining the federation if the federation sent their best players to Wimbledon, still they would think of this infringement on their rights. Another alternative was that America might join if the title of the tournament winner was changed to something other than "world's champion."

Big Advantage. While Great Britain would find it no easy matter to win the title if Australia, America and all the other countries in the federation sent their best players to Wimbledon, still they would have a big advantage by having the meeting in their own country perpetually. Their advantage would be not only from the fact of playing at home, but it is hardly conceivable that all the countries could send their best players each year. This would mean that times would occur when a British player would win the world's title without competing against the talent.

This occurred last summer, when Gerald Patterson won the so-called world's championship, taking the finals from his Australian teammate, Norman E. Brookes. Both the "champion" and runner-up were beaten in America in singles, a fairly good answer to the query "When is a champion not a champion?"

Another Obstacle. Another stumbling block in the way of universal activity by the federation is the Davis Cup. It would be impossible for the majority of players to take part in both the world's championships and Davis Cup matches unless they were played at the same place, one following the other.

This suggestion was made by Washburn, and the British are considering it now, and it is possible that at the next meeting of the federation some legislation will be enacted that will permit it to join with the countries controlled in the federation. All countries are eligible except the nations that were lined up against the Entente powers in the war.

EX-MRS. DEMPSEY TESTIFIES Is Called by California Grand Jury in Fighter's Investigation. San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Maxine Dempsey, former wife of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, has appeared before the federal grand jury here to be questioned regarding alleged charges she made and afterward repudiated to the effect that Dempsey falsified his selective draft records.

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Tickets already purchased will be honored Monday night or may be exchanged for the Yale-Princeton game Saturday night.

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BOXING TONIGHT GERMANTOWN A. C. Chelton Ave. JOE DORNEY vs. BILLY DEVINE vs. MARTY FARMER vs. MARTY KANE Three Other Star Contests



WATSON M. WASHBURN Washburn is engaged in negotiating with British tennis officials with the view of having the International Lawn Tennis Federation amend its laws to such an extent that America can enter the league.