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

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WILLIAM M. RICHARDSON, of Philadelphia, new owner and president of the Washington baseball club, attended his first American League meeting yesterday. Mr. Richardson, who is not well versed in the intricacies of our great national game and knows little of the political methods used by our very best magnates, seemed a trifle surprised when he noted the strained silence and the feeble attempts of three persons to make merry against odds. It was an unusual sight, for there was no harmony. In fact, the gathering looked like a hung jury which couldn't agree on whether the prisoner should be sent to the electric chair or only polsoned.

On one side of the table were Connie Mack, Jim Dunn, Frank Navin and Phil Ball. On the other side were the fighting Colonels, Comiskey and Harry Erazec. They were as close together and as friendly as the Azores and Port

"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

"Oh, it's only a scrap over a bum pitcher." interrupted Phil Ball, of St.

"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. After those few but highly descriptive adjectives were out of their systems the regular business was transacted, the votes in most cases being 5 to 3.

AT FIRST it was reported that everything was serene and lovely, but this was gently but firmly denied by the insurgents. "The old steam roller was working smoothly," said Huston, "but we took our punishment with the usual gameness." Mr. Richardson had

No Trades Between Clubs After July 1

THE routine business was put through with a rush. The schedule was accepted and several rules adopted. One is that there will be no trades made between the clubs after July 1, unless the players are sold at the waiver price. That means a ball club with a chance to wir the pennant cannot pay a fabulous sum for a star athlete on one of the second division clubs. Had this rule been in force last year the Mays case never would have happened.

It was Ban Johnson's idea to make the time limit June 1, but this was objected to by Colonel Huston. "I believe, Mr. Johnson," he said, "that it would be more fair to lengthen the period one month. By that time the manager will have had a chance to look over his team and know what to do. I would like to suggest the date of July 1 be adopted."

"That's a fine suggestion, Colonel Huston," replied Ban. "Let us have

The vote was taken and Huston's suggestion adopted unanimously. Then they took up the subject of tampering with players. After they got through a rule was adopted which prevents opposing managers from discussing anything but the weather with rival ball players. They dare not ask them if they would like to quit their team and play with a good one. This will be a good thing for our A's and they will not be annoyed any longer. The rule is that the offender will be fined \$1000 for the first offense and will receive the official tinware if he does it again. In other words, he will be expelled, which is slang for canned from the league.

FTER that it was decided to hold a couple of other meetings later A 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

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 moist flingers now in the league may continue to use the spitter for one year, and after that they must wash up and depart.

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; Hogg, Phillies; Fisher, Cincinnati; Hendryx, Chicago; Doak, Goodwin and Tuero, St. Louis; none from Pittsburgh.

The other pitchers will not be allowed to use any kind of a freak delivery. If they do they 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 tabeo. It will be up to the umpires; but that will not be a hard job, according to Bill Klem.

"No pitcher will be allowed to rub the ball on his clothing." said Bill. "so the shine artists will have no chance to do anything. The non-spitters 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 soproperly. It's a cinch."

Speaking of umpires, the National League has a holdout. It is Charley Rigler, the veteran arbiter, who now is in the oil business. Charley insists that the league pay regular oil stock dividends or he won't be on the job. Heydler says 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 inten-tional 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 flingers 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 funs. A player 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.

T 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 Jaques Fournier from Wade Killefer, manager of the Los Angeles club, yesterday, he put over a modern baseball l. 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 gather closely and get the story.

Killefer was on his way East—meaning Chicago—and halted in St. Looie. 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 urds to do business. Rickey knew the Cubs wanted Fournier, and he also ew he would be left in the cold if he tried to outbid the Windy City folks in Hars. His only chance was to swap a few players.

When they arrived at Rickey's office the manager hinted he would like to ve 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

Killefer wrote out six names and tossed the list across the table. "Any four will be acceptable to me," he said.
Rickey got busy immediately. The first name was Grosler Hartley,

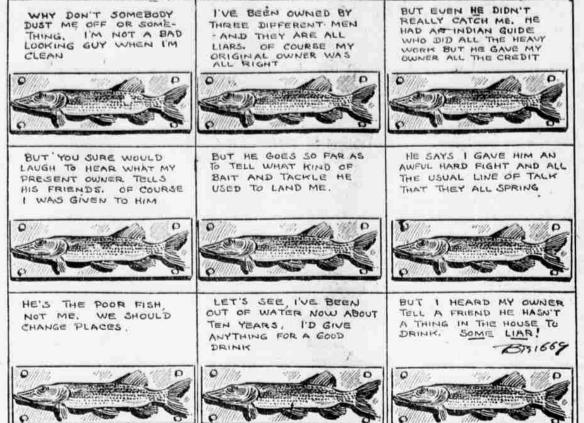
atcher on the Columbus club. Calling Chicago on the long-distance phone, in got in touch with Joe Tinker. After a brief conversation he purchased for a price said to be \$3500. Then he got Kansas City and closed a deal for McCauley, the star shortstop, giving Fabrique as part payment. He and an option on the Scattle club and took Lefty Thomas, the pitcher. He to Sacramento, Calif., and also used the long-distance phone, and be-

tween the two purchased Griggs, the first baseman.

After that Killefer was satisfied. He had seen some big league stuff in d to eiguing players, he had received what he asked for and the Fournier was closed. St. Louis, however, got a slugging first baseman and hened the line-up considerably. It was mighty fast work.

AM glad that Fournier will be on my ball club next season," said Rickey today, "but, believe me, it was an expensive job signing him up. My telegraph and telephone bills for the last thirty-six hours mounted to more than \$400."

WONDER WHAT A STUFFED FISH THINKS ABOUT



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 Lof the American golf population organized by Owen S. Young, athletic the merry month of May next, director of the East Falls V. M. A., Now comes the announcement of the Falls of Schuylkill. Games in this organization will be held every Saturday afternoon after February 12, when the opening matches are scheduled.

In the initial contest of the new circuit the Y. M. A. Tigers will meet the Y. M. A. Bears. The second game on the opening day's schedule will bring together the Wolves and the Elephants. also Y. M. A. teams. Two-thirty will mark the beginning of play.

Following are names of managers and teams entered in the animal league:

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 mounts has been nicked as the cams entered in the animal league:

Fred Pickard—Tigers, Edwards—Bears, Parris Turner—Elsphants, Owen S. Young—Welves.

The schedule will, run through to April 17, at the completion of which a slik pennant will be presented to the

Supervisory Committee Maps Out Interschool Class Meets

The public high schools will hold track week the second week in June, accord-ing to the announcement made this morning after a meeting of the super-

risory committee, The first day of the track week will The first day of the track week will be devoted to a meet for the freshmen of the various schools, and on following days the sociomores, juniors and seniors will compete. On Saturday of the week the winners of the class contests will battle. The points won will count in awarding the interscholastic championship.

Phil Lewis, the Germantown director.

Phil Lewis, the Germantown director. ho will leave the suburban institution of it. to enter business, resigned this morning as chairman of the basketball committee. Coach Geiges, of Frankford, was appointed temporary chairman.

Baker, in Quarantine, to Join Yanks the amateur rules. Paston, Md. Feb. 11.—Word reached Easton Nesterday that two representatives of the New York Yankess and visited Trappe this week to get J. Francian Baker's name to a contract to play this season with the New York club. They were unable to see him, as his wife and child were sick with scarlet fever, and he has been quarantined for the last four weeks, but said he would for the last four weeks, but said he would.

The announcement that New York Zilenziger, Mack Youth, for Wilson

Akron Buys Third Baseman Purtell

GOLF RULE MEN SAIL IN MAY FOR MEETING

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

By SANDY MeNIBLICK

the Y. M. A. Animal Lengue, has been would be sailing for foreign climes in

sailing in May of the American committee, which is to conter with that of St. Andrews on the golf rules.

This mouth has been picked as the ate for the women's championship of Great Britain, and that means that Miss Alexa Stirling will likely be tak-ing passage on one of the same boats. April 17, at the completion of which a silk pennant will be presented to the winner of the league.

SCHOOLS PLAN TRACK WEEK

There is also a lot of undercurrent tumors to the effect that a number of our most prominent amateurs will go boating Liverpoolward in the spring, which will leave this country rather that for star players in the early season.

Coming Back Though

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.

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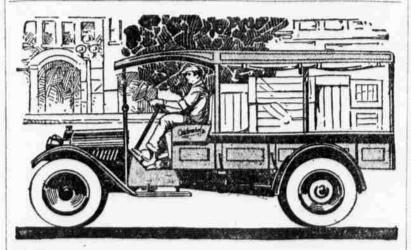
officially expressed themselves in favor

It is hard to make any predictions on the standard-ball matter, which can best be sittended to, it is felt, when all the evidence of the two committees is present 1. The same applies to the lost-ball question and the decision on

has been quarantined for the coming season. The announcement that New York will stage a tourney for amateurs and pros has participated new impetus into

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 proposed to hold the various rounds on successive Saturdays at different clubs. There will likely be a qualifying round and probably sixteen complex to graffy. Akron, Feb. 11.—The management of the likeron international League team yesterday ferent clubs. There will likely be a qualifying round and probably sixteen the purchase of Third Baseman and purchase the purchase of the decimal team of the property of th



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OOKS as if the most important part; then be four rounds or four weeks in the Pros in Philadelphia would welcome

such a chance and there has long been a demand for something of the sort that is proposed for New York, and has been played in Boston and other dis-

The pros here also favor amateur vs. pro matches. The six-some at Phil-ment almost in the winter of last senson made a big hit with the partici-pants who are anxious and willing to stage some more of the same in the new

Miss Chandler Wins Golf Medal Pinchurst, N. C., Feb. 11.—Miss Eleanor handler, of Philadelphia, won the qualifying medal in the opening round of the St. alentine's tournament for women, played a the No. 1 course at Pinchurst yesterday it has a read of 44-48-93. Miss Chandler d the field of forty-three contestants by a hararin of three strokes and was followed by Mrs. John D. Chapman, of Greenwich, t 46.

Girard Tankmen Beat Central

Boston. Feb. 11.—Frankle Britt, New Kingkand lightweight champion, knocked out Young Socce in the fourth round of a scheduled twelve-round contest. Socco was badly outclassed.

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scored a technical knockout over Larry sen, of Allentown, Pa., here last night.



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AUTOMOBILE MEN DINE AT BELLEVUE

Trade Association Honors Former Philadelphians at Delightful Banquet

GEORGE M. GRAHAM THERE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON

The Philadelphia Automobile Trade Association held a reunion dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel last evenin, entertaining former Philadelphia automobile men and others who have risen to positions of distinction in the industry or trade associations. In addition to the guests there were 153 participants at the banquet, which was held in the Rose Room.

It had been the custom after each automobile show to give a dinner in

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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.

Girard Tankmen Beat Central

The Girard swimming team ran away with entral High School in a dual contest held in the college pool yesterday afternoon, by score of 46 to 7. The collegians were in form and captured every first and second lace, except second place in the 220-yard ash, which was taken by Urban.

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performers, instruction classes will be held. Charles K. DeBergen is the in-

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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

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 in the near future?

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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

automobile show to give a dinner in honor of the show committee, but owing to war conditions these functions have been omitted for two years. This year it was decided to feature the occasion as a reunion of former Philadelphians from all parts of the country, a cheeking of old membership lists showing that over fifty men had gone out to other cities in every section, many of them occuping prominent executive positions in leading automobile concerns in various capacities.

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 stuts on well-known members.

An exceptionally attractive cabaret and vaudeville entertainment was provided by the entertainment was provided by the entertainment was provided by the entertainment was chairman.

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In short, the reasons is that Great Britain virtually has made a British enterprise out of the federation. All that our well-known island coursins have in the federation now and want to retain is a plurality of votes in the federation; the right to have the winner of the annual tournament of the federation; the right to have the winner of the annual tournament at Wimbledon every year. If they can have these things, the British, with innave these things, the British, with innave these things, the British, with innave these things, the British with the federation; and after his remarks there was not a person present who would have voted to join as matters now stand.

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ans Counter Proposals

Naturally, no American is going to agree to any such autocratic scheme as this, and Washburn told the federation so 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. correspondence with them.

Among other things, Washburn suggested that the U. S. L. T. A. probably would consider joining the federation if the tournament was rotated. Apparently the British could not 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 at 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 his selective draft records. While Great Britain would find it



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 hat America can enter the league

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 Another stumbing 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 Washthis 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 enrolled in the federation.

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