

BASEBALL MOGULS SEEM HAPPY, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE JOY APPEARS TO BE FORCED

MAGNATES BREAK UP WITHOUT NAMING HEAD OF NATIONAL COMMISSION

Baseball Moguls Bring Chicago Session to Close, but for Some Reason or Other They Fail to Settle Biggest Matter of Business

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AFTER two days of bitter war and one of beautiful peace, the baseball magnates took it on the run today without settling one of the most important matters of business—the selection of a chairman of the National Commission.

When the merry magnates convened yesterday the special committee, composed of Baker, Veck, Ruppert and Navin, submitted a list of six names to Presidents Heydler and Johnson. Although nothing was announced officially, the following were nominated: John Toole, the New York lawyer; Frank Farrell, the baseball man; Bill Edwards, of New York; Harvey T. Woodruff, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune; Senator Walker, of New York, and Judge Landis, of Chicago.

The Chicago man is Johnson's candidate. He is a high-class, fair-minded person and would fill the office creditably. Bill Edwards is known throughout the country as a fighter, and if he gets the position he, too, will prove a good executive.

At first it was thought this matter would be disposed of yesterday afternoon, but a wrench was thrown into the machinery when some lawyer entered the room and asked if Garry Herrmann would be acceptable as a candidate to succeed himself if he resigned the presidency of the Cincinnati club.

THIS was predicted in these columns two days ago. Herrmann is Johnson's man and Ban would like to see him in office again, but the National League refused to stand for it.

National Magnates Not Strong for Herrmann

THE club owners of the National circuit said they would not support Garry and the matter was dropped. In fact, Herrmann's name was not even mentioned in the list of candidates.

Then some other person got up and said that the position had been vacant for some time and it would not hurt to wait a little longer before selecting a man. This was carried, and now no one knows when Johnson and Heydler will get together for a final conference.

Heydler, however, is anxious to finish the matter and will stay here in Chicago until Johnson agrees to a meeting. There are many important matters to be disposed of by the new chairman, and the sooner he is chosen the better it will be for baseball.

Now that peace has been declared, there is a different atmosphere around the Congress Hotel. Everybody seems happy, although some of the joy seems to be forced. The warring factions are together again, speak to each other and developed into the finest little hand-shakers you ever saw.

Yesterday it was an unusual sight to see Ban Johnson strolling through the lobby smiling and bowing to every one and finally stopping before Colonel Ruppert for a little chat. The last time this pair conversed the Colonel did all the talking and personalities flew thick and fast. There were no smiles then, but times have changed.

After finishing with Ruppert, Johnson moved over to Frazee and indulged in more pleasant conversation. Harry and Ban get along like Wilson and the Senate, but they put on a swell act which was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

THERE is a trace in the American League and the insurgents say they are going to follow it to the letter. "We are satisfied," said Colonel Huston, "and will do our part to carry out the peace terms. To us, the entire matter has been settled and the past has been forgotten."

Newcomer Richardson Is Big Hit

LITTLE by little the details of the stormy session of Tuesday are creeping out. It develops that William M. Richardson was the dominant figure, along with Attorney Austrian, in bringing about peace. He demanded to know what the fight was all about, and after the grievances had been aired by both sides and discussed thoroughly a basis for a settlement was reached. For a newcomer in baseball, Mr. Richardson made a big hit. He is a business man, knows business principles and does not hesitate to speak his mind. From what I have learned, he did much to settle the war.

Although it is known that the Johnson forces scored a big victory, the other side also is feeling jubilant. True, they failed to get Johnson out of the league, but Johnson also failed to get them out. Just the same, both sides are happy over the ending of hostilities and will work together for the benefit of baseball—and their own interests.

The minor leagues expected to meet with the majors last night, but a real bone-headed play prevented it. The idea was to get together and agree to come back into the fold of organized baseball, which included the old drafting of players. The minor leagues were at a hotel about six squares from the Congress and decided to ask for a meeting. For some reason they forgot there were telephones in this town and also that Garry Herrmann was here. Therefore they sent Garry a telegram asking him to name the time for the gathering.

Messages are delivered here as rapidly as any place else and it took the boy a couple of hours to negotiate the six squares. By that time the major leagues had met again and, after wondering where the wandering minors were, adjourned. Then the message was delivered and the meeting was called for today.

Before all of this happened the joint session boosted the admission prices in all big league ball parks. This also was predicted in these columns more than a month ago. Bleacher seats will be 55 cents, pavilion seats 85 cents and the grand stand \$1.10. Box seats will be \$1.25 in Philadelphia, including the war tax. At Shibe Park the old two-bit bleachers will be for the 55-centers and the old pavilion section will be raised to 85 cents. The same will be done at the Phillies' park.

While this was going on the managers were hobnobbing with each other trying to put over advantageous trades. Nothing was done, however, although the whispering was fast and furious. The Rixey deal remains as it is, the Chicago club being the most important bidder. It is said that three players were offered, but only two were acceptable. The third player might be agreed upon before the season opens.

NEW YORK and Cincinnati also are bidding, but the Reds are handicapped through the illness of Pat Moran. Pat is confined to his room with a slight touch of the grip.

Mack Wheat to Play With Phils

IT SEEMS strange that John McGraw did not put in an appearance at this meeting. John is in Cuba running the race-track and will not leave until it is time to go to the training camp. He evidently is satisfied with his ball club, although the infield looks mighty sad on paper.

The Phils annexed another new player yesterday when Mack Wheat was purchased outright from Brooklyn. Wheat is a young catcher, who shows promise of developing into a star. He is almost twice as fast as Adams or Traggator and is a heady ball player. Gavy Cravath has had his eye on him for two years and asked President Baker to buy him if possible. Baker and Charley Ebbets collided in the lobby, talked business for a moment and the president of the Phils handed him a check. Then Wheat became a member of the home clan, the purchase price being around \$5000.

Fred Luderus also was strolling around, and he, too, collided with Baker. They had a talk about the terms of Ludy's contract and the big first baseman was asked to name his figure. He did it and it was accepted on the spot. Then Ludy signed.

"I will not be on the bench this year," said the big voter from Milwaukee. "I will be playing first base the same as usual. I am not through with baseball yet and will show you at the training camp."

Ludy departed for his home last night and will be one of the first to arrive at Birmingham. He is in good shape now and says he will be faster than ever. Let's hope so.

GAVY CRAVATH went on a scouting trip today. He has a line on a couple of kid pitchers and will travel through the bush to have a look. Gavy is expected to return to Philadelphia some time next week.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



O'BRIEN AGAIN MAY WIN SCORING TITLE

Northeast Crack Shot, Leading 1919 Scholastic League Point-Getter, May Repeat

Basketball Games on Tomorrow's Schedule

Frankford High at South Philadelphia High (two games). Central High at West Philadelphia High (two games). Temple High at Darby High. Lancaster High at Norristown High. Germantown High at Chester High. Huntingdon Valley High at Ambler High.

By PAUL PREP

History may repeat in the interscholastic league. Last year Tommy O'Brien was the individual scoring champion, and it now looks as if he will be again.

Technically, O'Brien is setting the pace now because of the graduation of Label Goldblatt, of South Philadelphia High. The latter piled up the big total of 95 points for five games, which is nearly good basketball shooting.

Including last week's match, his sixth contest, O'Brien has scored a total of 85 points. Northeast is scheduled to meet Germantown High this afternoon in the latter's cage, and there is no doubt that a fair-sized score will be run up on the suburban quintet.

The other two regular weekly interscholastic matches will be put on tomorrow. South Philadelphia High, with six straight wins and no defeats, is scheduled to take Frankford High into camp in the downtown cage, while the Central High five will journey out to West Philly High gym and play the Speedboys there.

Two important dual track meets also are on. This afternoon South Philadelphia High athletes will show against Central High in the latter's gym, and tomorrow afternoon the C. H. S. gymnasium also will be the scene of the Northeast High-West Philadelphia High meet.

West Philadelphia Catholic High basketball team succeeded in pulling it out of the dark, dreary and lonesome cellar in the Catholic School League after a nip-and-tuck battle with La Salle Prep last night. The final score was 25 to 24, reversing the decision of a one-point margin by which La Salle won the last time these two teams played.

It was the eagle eye of McHenry, who took the place of L'Amour, that enabled Coach John Henry to get the points to put over the winning point. Time had been called ending the game, with the score 21 all, just as Referee Phil Lewis called a foul on La Salle. Mac was elected to shoot from the 15-foot line and he made it good, which gave him his second goal out of as many foul shots attempted.

The West Catholic second five also was victorious. In this contest the La Salle yanigans went down to defeat by a score of 17 to 10.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, P, F, C. Lists scores for various teams like St. Joseph's Prep, Catholic High, etc.

WELLING FIGHTS FAST BOU

Shades Mickey Donley, According to Report, Throughout Detroit, Mich., Feb. 12.—Fighting in great form and never letting his opponent get set, Joe Welling, of Chicago, defeated Mickey Donley, of Newark, N. J., in ten of the fastest rounds ever staged in Detroit, according to Sam Hahn.

From the opening gong, Welling set sail for Donley and the latter tried to keep him at bay with a left-hand jab, but the Chicago boy's onslaught was too fierce, and the Newark lightweight was content to jab lightly with his left and then fall into a clinch.

McCormick and Gibbons Draw Portland, Ore., Feb. 12.—Boy McCormick, light heavyweight champion of England, and Tommy Gibbons, of St. Paul, claimed the American title, fought ten rounds in a draw last night.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

ARTIE ROOT, of Cleveland, is getting to be the champion emergency boxer in Philly. Once again this youngster will come on from the Ohio city and pinch-punch for an indisposed mittman when he appears in the star bout at the National Saturday night against Young Chaney, of Baltimore.

Other bouts at the Auditorium are Eddie Joyce vs. Johnny Martin, Bobby Burman vs. Freddy Turner, Harry 'Kid' Stewart vs. Reddy Jackson, Harry Jack McWilliams vs. Tommy Leighton and Eddie Arniek vs. Tommy Asker.

Jimmy Jordan, the Pittsburgh knock-out, will break into the big show on February 21. Matchmaker Pop O'Brien may look up Jordan with Johnny Meigs, another hard hitter.

Tommy Langdon is another old-timer boxer who is still connected with the game. He is endeavoring to bring Hank McGovern into line for a match with Jimmy Wilde.

Charles Waddo, winner of a Gayety amateur championship two years ago, has been discharged from the army. He is a hardy and open for competition against any one at any old time.

Harry Sansom is out after his staff for Jack Toland. Toland is boxing well and here is ready to rock Toland against the best of the 125-pounders.

Joe Nelson will be no cinch for the Crown, Frankie Jerome, at the Olympia Monday night. He is a hardy and open for competition against any one at any old time.

Harry Kid Brown will meet Charley Root at the Olympia Monday, with other bouts as follows: Jess Kitchin vs. Tommy McGowan, and Jimmy Austin vs. Tommy Sullivan.

'Kidder' Boyle is still trying to open the Columbia A. C. He feels sure that this arena will be in the wind-up of which about three weeks.

Hughie Hutchinson is to get a big-time battle. He is matched to meet Joe Lynch at the National February 21.

Before Jimmy Wilde appears in this city he will box Jersey City Dave Driscoll in a ten-round bout with Patry Johnson for \$100,000 for next Monday night.

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Al Roberts Knocks Out Madden New York, Feb. 12.—Al Roberts the big American heavyweight, knocked out the Brooklyn Tommy Madden in the second round of a scheduled eight-round bout at the Hotel at the Madison A. A. last night.

Here's Still Another of Those Sensational Popular-Priced NATIONAL A. A. SHOWS SATURDAY NIGHT, FEB. 14

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ALL-SCHOLASTICS BEGIN STATE TOUR

Schoolboy Five Plays in Harrisburg Tomorrow and in Lansford on Saturday

After two weeks of inactivity the Philadelphia All-Scholastic basketball five is all set for its jargon of the state tomorrow night, the first of the 1920 season.

Two of the strongest scholastic teams in Pennsylvania have been picked by Manager "Marty" Polkoff as the All-Scholastics' opponents. Harrisburg Tech will be played in the Capitol city tomorrow night, and then Lansford High will be the local stars' rivals on Saturday night.

Harrisburg Tech, for the last three years national scholastic champions in both football and basketball, has a combination of no little strength this year.

From Harrisburg the All-Scholastics will travel to Lansford and try to hang up another victory over the up-staters. Last year Polkoff's stars handed Lansford High its first defeat in eight years.

"Chickley" Passon's last-minute field goal gave the All-Scholastics a 25-to-27 victory.

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BASEBALL IS SERIES OF WAR AFTER WAR

Intraleague and Interleague Battles Have Been Waged Since Sport Was Organized—Fan Comes to Support of Wally Schang

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JUST as a rose by any other name would be practically the same general floral combination, so tennis scoring has become a matter of habit through a number of centuries. There are too many complexities in the universe now to add to the list by reversing an ancient code that has no denying bearing upon the game itself.

Add "Famous Lines" DEAR SIR—I have noticed in your column from time to time certain great lines from literature. I should like to submit certain oft-repeated phrases from sport literature that which in the way of hackneyed and the thesaurus-worn to a frazzle; in fact, there is none greater:

Rowing—"Eighthundredbacks." Billiards—"Inferetstroke." Baseball—"Somethingontheball." Any Sport—"Winelose" they'll knowthey'rebeatingabath"-"Spoulationistic"-"Lookedlikeamilliondollars"; and—"Stagedarally."

The Warring Game BASEBALL has been one series of war after another. Peaceful days have been as far apart as the Yukon, and the Ganges. After the Brotherhood battle there was a brief lull until the American League and the National League opened fire some twenty years ago in a battle that came near wrecking both.

With peace declared the National League began a series of internal wars that lasted up to a year or so ago. When peace struck the National League the drumfire began in the American with a series of attacks and counterattacks. So it goes. The main slogan

"Umpires may strike for more pay." Also rubber pop-bottles, Russell to Box Wilder

New York, Feb. 12.—Jimmy Wilder, the nation's heaviest champion, arrived here from Milwaukee last night. He has been matched to meet Mickey Russell, a lightweight, in an eight-round bout at the Fourth Street Casino, where City on Wednesday night. February 19, is not to exceed 116 pounds ringside.

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