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

### MAGNATES BREAK UP WITHOUT NAMING HEAD OF NATIONAL COMMISH

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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Chicago, Feb. 12. A FTER two days of bitter war and one of beautiful peace, the baseball mag nates 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. For some reason final action was delayed, although members of the committee orged that something be done at once. However, the club owners of both leagues who sat in the joint session voted to postpone the election until further notice. Now the works are all gummed up again.

When the merry magnates convened yesterday the special committee, composed of Baker, Veeck, 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 buseball man; Bill Edwards, of New York; Harvey T. Woodruff, -ports editor of the Chicago Tribune; Senator Walker, of New York, and Judge Landis, of Chicago. Of these, only two stand out as having a chance to be considered seriously. They are Bill Edwards and Woodruff.

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

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. Horrmann 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 burt 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 n 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 truce 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 for

#### Newcomer Richardson Is Big Hit

TITTLE by little the details of the stormy session of Tuesday are creeping Lout. 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 bit. He is a business man. knows business principles and does not besitate 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 leaguers 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 leaguers 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

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

TT 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 Tragressor and is a heady ball player. Gavey 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 bim 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 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,
Wis. "I will be playing first base the same as usual. I am not through with chall 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

Birmingham. He is in good shape now and says he will be faster than ever,

GAVVY CRAVATH went on a scouting trip today. He has a line on a couple of kid pitchers and will travel through the brush to have Gavoy is expected to return to Philadelphia some time next

#### SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



# O'BRIEN AGAIN MAY

Basketball Games

on Tomorrow's Schedule

Frankford High at South Philadelphia Frankford High at South in two cames.)
Contral High at West Philadelphia High we games.)
Temple From at Darby High.
Laneaster High at Norristown High.
Media High at Contraville High.
Germantown Academy at Chestrut Hill.
Laneastown High at Swarthmore High.
Huntingdon Valley High at Ambler High.

#### By PAUL PREP

O'Brien was the individual scoring champion, and it now looks as if the

champion, and it now looks as it the Northeast star will win the same laurels for the season of 1920.

Technically, O'Bis is setting the pace now because of the graduation of Label Goldblatt, of South Philadelphia The latter piled up the big total points for five games, which is

mighty good baskerball 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 the submitted to the submitted for t up on the suburban quintet. Even if O'Bje has only an ordinary afternoon he should at least tie the mark set up by

Goldblatt.

The other two regular weekly interscholastic matches will be put on tomortow. South Philadelphia High, with six straight wins and no defeats, is scheduled to take Frankford High into enum in the downtown case, 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. gymnn-sium also will be the scene of the North-High-West Philadelphia High

West Philadelphia Catholic High's West Philadelphia Catholic Highs basketball team succeeded in pulling it-self out of the dark, dreary and loue-some 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

It was the cagle eye of McHenry, who took the pince of Linaugh, that embled Coach John Reynolds's proteges to put over the winning point. Time had been called ending the game, with the score 24 all, just as Referce Phil Lewis called a foul on La Salle. Mac was elected to shoot from the 15-foot line and he made 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.

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First Teams



#### WELLING FIGHTS FAST BOUT

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.

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 lightwellst was content to jab lightly with his left and then fall into a clinch.

McCormick and Gibbons Draw Portland, Ore., Peb 17 Hoy McCorniel light heavyweight champion of England, an Tommy Gibbone, of St. Paul, claimant of the American title, fought ten rounds

#### SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS ARTIE ROOT, of Cleveland, is get-

boxer in Philly. Once again this young-Northeast Crack Shot, Leading

1919 Scholastic League PointGetter, May Repeat

Ster 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 New York, originally was scheduled to meet Chaney, but "Doc" Bagley wired Matchmaker "Pop" O'Brien vesterday that the Gotham Bagley wired Matchmaker "Pop" O'Brien yesterday that the Gotham gloveman had severely wrenched his ankle while doing roadwork. The injury suffered by Murray is so severe that Bagley has decided to put the youth's ankle under an ex-ray. Chaney's match against Root will be his third of these severes and the severe was a severe when the severe was a severe with the severe was a severe when the severe was a severe when the severe was a severe when the severe was a severe w the week. On Tuesday night the Bal-timore boxer defeated Harold Farese over in Jersey, according to reports re-ceived by O'Brien. Friday night Chancy is to step twelve rounds to a referee's decision in Baltimore against Danny Frush, a former British subject who is now a naturalized American citizen.

History may repeat in the Interscho-lastic League. Last year Tommy O'Brien was the individual scoring the Clympia Monday night and appearing in the Clympia Monday night and appearing in

Frankie McGuire will find Billy Kramer in ine fettle at the National Saturday sight. GGuire is a terrific clouter, and Kramer will save to step fast. In the preliminary numbers Simmy Nable will meet Frankle Concay. Al Revnolds will take on Johnny Lisse, and billy Devine will be opposed to kid Vagner.

A 200-pounder, Jack Wesley, of Built Markey to handling he bill boy's affairs.

Refore Jimmy Wilde appears in this city e will box at Jorsey City. Dave Drissoft etricing to match Wilde with Pates Johnson Rey Moore for next Monday hight.

Johnny Gill is a promising weiterweight. He will appear in the star scrap at the Cambrid Longrow night, with Charles O'Neil us the person of the second part.

Johnny Martin, the knockerout, will face obney lougherty in the Cambria's semi-

#### ROSS WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

American Swimmer Cops Australian Title in 57 3-5 Seconds Adelaide, South Australia, Feb. 11 .-

Norman Ross, of San Francisco, won the 100 yard swimming championship of Australia here today, defeating F. E. Beaurepaire, the Australian cham-Ross' time was 57 3-5 seconds.

Al Roberts Knocks Out Madden New York, Peb. 12.—Al Roberts, the hitself Lland heavyweight, knocked or cooker Tommy Madden in the second round

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Jimmy Jordan, the Pittsburgh kneckerout, ill break into the big show on Pebruary I. Matchrusker Pop O'Brien may hook up ordan with Johnny Mesky, another hard After two weeks of inactivity the Tommy Langdon is another old-time boxer ho is still connected with the game. He endeavoring to bring Hank McGovern into it for a match with Jimmy Wilde. 1920 season

Two of the strongest scholastic teams Charley Wadde, winner of a Gayety ama-ur championship two years ago, has been becharged from the army. He is a bentam nd open for competition against any one at Harry Sansom is out after hig stuff for related Toland. Toland is boxing well and arry is ready to stock Toland against the state of the 126-rounders.

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Philadelphia All-Scholastic basketball five is all set for its invasion of the state tomorrow night, the first of the

in Pennsylvania have been picked by Manager "Marty" Polikoff as the All-Scholastics' opponents. Harrisburg 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 Polikoff's stars handed Lansford High its first defeat in eight year. "Chickey" Passon's last-minute fiel "Chickey" Passon's last-minute field goal gave the All-Scholastics a 28-to

# PERFORMANCE

League began a series of internal wars that lasted up to a year or so ago. When peace struck the National League from Milwaukee last night the drumfire began in the American with a series of attacks and counterattacks. So it goes, The main slogan on Wednesday night, February 19, is not to exceed 116 nounds ringslife

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In Behalf of W. Schang

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DEAR SIR—I have noticed in your column from time to time certain column from time to time certain last season," comments a fan. "I refer to Wallie Schang. He outlike both Schalk and Killefer by a wide margin, caught brilliant ball all the year and hustled hard through every game. He was easily the class of both circuits back of the bat."

Schang's place as one of the great catchers of the age is well established.

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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 threadbare-wors to a frazzle; in fact, there is none greater:

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Billiards—"Somethingontheball."

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Any Sport — "Winorlose—they'll-knowthey'vebeeninabattle" — "Specula-lationisrife": "Lookedlikeamilliondol-lars"; and—"Stagedarally."

W. B. H.

The Warring Game BASEBALL has been one series of

Baseball has been one series of war after another. Peaceful days have been as far apart as the Yukon, and the Ganges. After the Brother-hood battle there was a brief kull 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

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