

PHILADELPHIA. Pittsburgh May Follow Philadelphia's Example and Punish Some Players.

The Association Scheming to Get a Club in Washington.

THE SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

The suits of the Philadelphia Brotherhood club have given rise to the statement that Pittsburgh deserts from the Brotherhood will also be prosecuted.

The fact that the officials of the Philadelphia Players' League Club have instituted proceedings against Myers and Thompson and the officials of the Philadelphia National League Club is creating considerable comment in baseball circles here and elsewhere.

Most certainly we do not mean to allow these despicable acts to go unnoted. We can act along without deserts, but depend upon it we will not allow them to pass unnoted.

"Well," continued the officials, "our team is nearly complete. I don't think that Manager Hadden will sign more than about two players in addition to those we have."

THE LEAGUE'S FIRST CLAIM.

"This then will mean that to sign another contract is illegal, so that the new League players are in a very foolish position. If the contracts are not legally binding, they will be null and void."

THE MCKESPOT CLUB.

Lots of Money to be Spent and a New Player Signed. The McKesport Baseball Association is determined not to be outdone by the Tri-State League club for good ball, and has gone to great expense in leveling the park ground and will double the size of the grand stand, beside other improvements.

THEY WANT WASHINGTON.

Association Managers Desire a Ball Club at Washington, December 29.—The Post, in its baseball column, says: The American Association is making a desperate effort to bolster its depleted ranks, and its desperation is manifest in the fact that it has come to Kansas City to ask its citizens to help it.

A LETTER FROM SPAN.

The Famous Driver Talks About the Trotter in England. In a letter from London, John Span, the driver, has the following to say about trotters and trotting in that country.

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THE WEATHER.

For Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, fair until Wednesday, with a cold; northwesterly winds, with a cold.

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THEIR NEW RULES.

Important Changes in the National Rules—New Conditions for the Amateur Athlete.

NEW YORK, December 29.—It was not until early this morning that the Board of Managers of the Amateur Athletic Union ceased its labors of revising the rules of the union. Many important changes were made. Among other things it has decided that a race shall be considered finished when any part of a contestant's body, except his hands or arms, shall touch the tape at the finish line.

ALMOST A DISSOLUTION.

Lowell, Troy and Worcester Withdraw from the Amateur Athletic Union. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. BOSTON, December 29.—Manager Barnie today received a dispatch from the Secretary of the Lowell club, informing him of the fact that on Monday his club, together with the Worcester and Hartford clubs, would resign the membership of the Amateur Athletic Union, thereby causing a dissolution of this institution.

NO FAITH IN BARNIE.

He is Believed to be Playing Double With His Colleagues. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WORCESTER, Mass., December 29.—The Worcester baseball manager, who is endeavoring to get the Worcester club to join the National League, has caused considerable excitement in the Amateur Athletic Union.

A GAME GLOVE FIGHT.

Dick Keating Defeats Edward Corey After 25 Hard Rounds. LAFAYETTE, Ind., December 29.—One of the gamiest glove fights fought in Indiana began this morning at the academy of the late night in Boone county, midway between Lebanon and Crawfordsville. Between 400 and 500 persons witnessed the battle, and some of the largest crowds of spectators were present.

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MAY MEET ITS MATCH.

Congress Likely to be Knocked Out When Struck by the Grip.

SUCH A THING HAS OCCURRED.

A Forced Recess Among the Present Session's Possibilities.

HISTORY LIKELY TO REPEAT ITSELF.

Philadelphia Reports its First Death Resulting From Influenza. There is some speculation on the gripe's stopping the wheels of national legislation. An old member of Congress says such a thing wouldn't be without a precedent. When the "Tyler grip" struck Congress that body had to adjourn. Philadelphia reports its first death resulting from the disease.

FIRST SOCIAL SESSION.

The Elks Celebrated One of Their Joyous Occasions Last Night—Wit and Music Sandwiched. The Elks held a right social session in their happy hunting grounds on Fourth avenue last night. To be precise, Pittsburgh Lodge No. 11, B. P. O. Elks, filled Odd Fellows' Hall with mirth and merriment from 9 o'clock even unto the mystic chiming of the midnight hour.

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BACK IN SEVENTH PLACE.

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ARE AFFECTED AND ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE military workmen at Spandana are ill with the disease.

FIRST FATAL CASE IN PHILADELPHIA.

A Boy Dies From Pneumonia That Succeded the Grip.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29.—The first death from influenza in Philadelphia was reported to-day. It was the case of a 6-year-old boy named John McCoughlin. The immediate cause of death, according to the physician's certificate, was pneumonia, but the doctor says pneumonia developed from the grip. Dr. W. W. N. Naylor, of the Howard Hospital, had been attending the child for two days, and prior to that time had been in the hands of Dr. Robert Coyle. There is a conflict of opinion between the two physicians about the symptoms developed by the child when first stricken with the grip.

WARNED IN GOOD TIME.

The Baltimore Health Board Issues a New Preventory Proclamation. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. BALTIMORE, December 29.—Health Commissioner Stewart has issued a statement with reference to the influenza epidemic. Although the Board of Health would not be justified in pronouncing it epidemic in Baltimore, the note of warning is sounded to all who are suffering from the symptoms which may be immediately expected to the contagion.

AN OLD MEMBER'S MEMORY.

An old member who has kept himself pretty well posted on the history of Congress, said to-day: "I saw that on Saturday the hearing before the Ways and Means Committee had to be postponed on account of the representatives of the Sugar Trust being down with the grip. It is quite possible that the progress of legislation may be seriously blocked by the prevalence of this disease. The Republican majority would be considerably hampered if a few of their members were confined to their beds, and I am sure the Congress itself may be compelled to take a recess for this cause. The sticklers for precedence would be satisfied in this case, for if my memory serves me right, during the year 1837, when the Tyler grip was so prevalent, a disease just like this, and imported from Russia in the same way, so many of the members of both the House and Senate were confined to their beds that Congress had to take a recess in order to give them a chance to recover."

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