

LEAGUE CLUBS. A League Official Makes a Definite Statement.

THE DETAILS EXPLAINED. John Ward, Staley and Burley Talk About the Brotherhood.

THE SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

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HELPLESS NO LONGER. Minority Stockholders in Ohio Railways Given the Right to Prevent Consolidation—The House Bill Passes the House—Its Provisions.

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COLUMBUS, March 19.—What is known as the House bill to protect the minority stockholders of a railroad corporation passed the House to-day by a unanimous vote. The main provisions are as follows: A stockholder who refuses to convert his stock into the stock of the consolidated company shall be paid the actual value of such stock, to be ascertained not alone from its market value, previous to the making of such agreement for consolidation by the directors, but from a consideration of the earning capacity of the road, past and prospective, without reference to such proposed consolidation, the consideration of the roads, betterments, cars and other property, its existing connections, and any other fact tending to increase or diminish the value of the stock, such payment to be made before the consolidation takes effect, and if the stockholder refuses to consolidate, and the Board of Directors desiring to consolidate, cannot agree as to the value of the stock, the Board of Directors desiring to consolidate, cannot agree as to the value of the stock, the Board of Directors desiring to consolidate, cannot agree as to the value of the stock.

Mr. Hearst, in his speech in support of the bill, said that it was of special interest to the minority stockholders of the Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburgh, Jeffersonville, Madisonville and Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Richmond and Chicago and the Cincinnati and Richmond. The new consolidation is to have a capital stock of \$75,000,000 and a bonded indebtedness of an equal amount.

The stock of the Panhandle, he said, five-sixths of which is owned by the Pennsylvania Company, and one-sixth, amounting to over \$1,000,000, by individuals, is the only stock considered a paying investment, and has not paid a cash dividend, and now they are trying to consolidate with roads whose earnings will not pay expenses. Under the present law the minority stockholders are at the mercy of the Pennsylvania Company, holding five-sixths of the stock. The Panhandle in the past six years, he held, had a profit of \$4,000,000, while the Chicago and St. Louis had lost \$1,111,000.

MARRIED THE WRONG MAN. A Pittsburg Bride of Three Weeks Elopes With a New Admirer. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WILKESBARRE, March 19.—Three weeks ago John Bowman and Miss Nora Healy were united in marriage by Father Mack, of Plymouth. The wedding was a brilliant affair, over 400 guests being present. Among the guests was James Wright, of Philadelphia. The bride was introduced to the Philadelphia for the first time. On Monday evening she eloped with him. She took all her household goods, and left a note for her husband, saying she had drawn the wrong prize in the marriage lottery. She is now in Philadelphia with a new man. Her husband has a reward for his wife's arrest.

FIVE MEN BURNED TO DEATH. A Terrible Fire Raging at the Germania Mine in the Gogebic Mine. HURLEY, Wis., March 19.—The first serious mine fire in the history of the Gogebic iron range started last night, and is still in progress at the Germania mine, with no prospect of extinguishment short of an enormous loss of property. Five men are known to have lost their lives, and this number may be increased. The names of the missing men, the bodies of two of whom have been recovered, are James Wright, the pit boss; James Sullivan, pumperman; Thomas Thomas, miner; Joseph Thomas, son of Thomas Thomas, and an unknown Polisher.

AFRAID OF CHINA. Russia Discovers That She is Not Strong Enough to be Aggressive. ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—At a military conference held by General Udenberg, Governor of the Province of Amour, advocated a policy of moderation toward China, on the ground that in case of war Russia would place only 20 battalions against 80,000 Manchurian soldiers. He urged the speedy construction of the Siberian railway as the best counteraction to the menacing Chinese power, and the establishment of a boundary with the object of seizing Russian ports on the North Pacific coast.

THEY COULD NOT AGREE. The Jury in the Hurley Bank Robbery Case Are Discharged. ASHLAND, Wis., March 19.—The jury in the case of Perrin, charged with the robbery of the Hurley Bank, was finally discharged to-day after having been out since Saturday night. It is said the jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction, and District Attorney Bossman charges that members of the jury were tampered with, and will make a thorough investigation.

THE CHINESE MUST GO. In the City Still Heard From Citizens of the Pacific Coast. SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—The Pacific Coast Board of Commerce, composed of delegates from various commercial organizations in California, Oregon and Washington, met here to-day. It is reported that the board has adopted a resolution protesting against the repeal of the Chinese exclusion act and asking for such additional legislation as will effectively prevent Chinese immigration.

Iron Works Scorched. CLEVELAND, March 19.—The foundry and machine shop of T. H. Brooks & Co.'s architectural iron works, the corner of St. Clair and Lawrence streets, were partially destroyed by fire to-night. Loss \$20,000; covered by insurance.

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