

BARNIE'S MISSION.

Billy Comes to Pittsburgh to Locate an Association Club Here, But He Fails. HE WANTED O'NEIL TO JOIN IN.

The Eastern Manager Also Came to Try and Sign Bierbauer and Did Not Connect. EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE TROUBLE.

Association Managers to Meet at Chicago To-Day—Baseball News of General Interest.

Whenever Billy Barnie visits Pittsburgh he can be seen doing a fact that he is not here merely to kill time. Billy dropped quietly into the city yesterday morning just to see an old friend or two as he termed it. In answer to questions by newspaper representatives the well known Association manager emphatically declared that he was not in Pittsburgh on business at all.

But he was and he failed in his mission. He was here for two objects, such as he himself declared that he could not attain them, he left for Chicago on the afternoon train. One of his objects was to sign Bierbauer for the Athletics and the other was to get an Association club located here.

BILLY WAS VERY FRANK. Barnie met President O'Neil of the local League club and told him quite frankly what he had come to Pittsburgh for. Mr. O'Neil was not very much surprised and he soon explained to Barnie how the latter could not sign Bierbauer. The latter it was pointed out has agreed to remain in Pittsburgh and will not leave the club particularly if he has to go to an Association club. Barnie at once abandoned the notion of trying to get Bierbauer although it is possible that efforts to secure that player for the Association will be resumed.

Barnie then took President O'Neil into his residence and said: "Now, Mr. O'Neil, there is lots of trouble among the directors of your club, and they seem to be down on you. Will you take an Association franchise and run an Association club in Pittsburgh?"

The proposition was made in the most delectable manner and after it had been made Barnie related out the good prospects of such a club in Pittsburgh, but Mr. O'Neil

soon lighted all his hopes that Barnie may have had regarding the matter. Mr. O'Neil pointed out that while it was true that money among the local directors was not as plentiful as it once could be, he had no idea whatever of deserting the League.

"I am a League man," said Mr. O'Neil, "and I could not for one moment think of deserting into a franchise to put an Association club into this city. I will remain with the League as long as I am in baseball."

This very definite declaration thoroughly settled the matter for the time being, but Barnie intimated that his association has not entirely abandoned all hope of getting a team in this city. He seemed to think that if a settlement between the League and Association is not made an effort will be made to put a club in this city, but he hoped that a settlement will be reached. Speaking on the matter he said: "I think the plan suggested in THE DISPATCH Thursday is a fair one and ought to be adopted. The plan is to put a team into Chicago and allow Brooklyn to become an Association club and Baltimore a League club. This is fair enough to both parties and would be a great benefit to baseball. At any rate I will continue to support this matter, because the only gainers are the players, as they are in a position to demand high salaries. I trust something will be done to have peace."

WANTS TO BE PAID. I may add that I will not sign any League club, but there are many good players not signed, and Pittsburgh has one or two men that we want."

It is only fair to say that Mr. O'Neil's loyalty to the League and his club is to the present extent is exceedingly persevering. Strong forces are being arrayed against him which fact might have induced him to seek the shelter of another party. But he has remained firm. The directors will meet this evening if Mr. O'Neil is well enough to attend the meeting. The fact of the activity of Association agents all over the country ought to prompt our directors to action. They are doing nothing at all, and their inactivity is only an inducement for their enemies to deal with their players. It is no use minding matters, and what they should do at once is to endeavor President O'Neil to sign all the good men available. He has been successful in that respect; before, and can be so again. At present the directors are not giving the baseball public to understand that they are the proper persons to have charge of a baseball club.

THAT WOULD BE MAGNATE. Mr. Pfeiffer appears in Cincinnati as an Agent of the Association.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—[Special.]—Fred Pfeiffer, second baseman of the Chicago League team, resident in a plug hat, an English topcoat and a pair of yellow kid shoes, landed yesterday afternoon in the city yesterday.

Fred dropped in on the morning train from Chicago, and dropped out again last evening.

His mission here was to enroll players for the new Chicago Association team.

Like all the other Association agents who preceded him—Ted Sullivan, Eddie Von der Ahe and Billie Barnie—his mission was fruitless.

In fact, Mr. Pfeiffer gave it out from the start that he was not after the Cincinnati League players.

"I am here for a Cincinnati boy, but he does not belong to the Cincinnati team," said Mr. Pfeiffer. "I want to secure Billy Hart, the pitcher of the Sioux City team. I want him, but I do not think I will sign him this trip. I am only here to lay the lines."

"Then you have decided to quit Anson's team?"

"Yes, that is almost certain. In fact, I have made a partial agreement with the players of the new Association club in Chicago. It is not final, however."

"But it has been claimed repeatedly that you are under contract to the Chicago club next year."

"That is a mistake. I am under contract with the Chicago club, but not for next season. When we signed with the Chicago League last season, we signed contracts not for the season, but for the entire year; so I am under contract to that club until the 1st of next January. I will not come to terms with the new club until after the expiration of that contract."

"What is the trouble between you and your old employer?"

"It is all due to Anson. He does not like me, and it is best that we separate. He has repeatedly thrown up the Brotherhood trouble to me all the season. I thought that was a dead issue, but he has persisted until I have grown tired."

"Is there no chance of the breach being healed?"

"I think not. There is no way now. Another thing, I can do better with the Chicago Association team, and I must look out for myself."

Have you secured any players for your team?"

"I am not at liberty to say who has been spoken to. We will have a good team, some of the Chicago players and one or two of the Cincinnati players, and possibly Knickerbocker of the New York League."

Pfeiffer did not say so, but he expects to secure Tony Mullane, of the Reds, and Kittridge, Willott, Ryan and Burns, of the Chicagoers.

WILL REBUILD THE WESTERN. That Baseball Organization Expected to Be All Right for Next Season.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—[Special.]—"Baron" Henry Haach, of the defunct Minneapolis Club, is in the city to attend the meeting of the American Association Thursday. On his return he will begin work toward the reorganizing of the Western Baseball Association. He is confident that a league can be made to succeed in the Northwest if properly conducted. He expects Kansas City to break into the American Association, but is rather glad of it, as the city on the Kaw, with its fine salaries, established a standard too high for the Western generally. Mr. Haach expects Milwaukee to go back into the Western. His experience in the American Association has been a costly one and it is now unable to pay its players.

Mr. Haach thinks a circuit to comprise Denver, Lincoln, Sioux City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Duluth, and some other city would be a winning one. Salaries, however, must come down and a regular system of retrenchment be practiced.

WON RATHER EASILY. Pennsylvania University Football Team Defeats the Rutgers 22 to 6.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—[Special.]—The Pennsylvania University football team defeated the Rutgers College 11 here this afternoon rather easily. The weather was very favorable and the game was a good one notwithstanding the score was 22 to 6. Pennsylvania derived her victory as she played a hard, steady game, and was handicapped by the retirement of Schoff and Griffith. Probably the feature of the game occurred in the first half, when Rutgers had rushed the ball to within two yards of Pennsylvania's goal. A fumble by Brett, and Camp had the ball and was off up the field with the whole team after him, but at once abandoned the ball and secured a touch down after a run of 97 yards.

In the first half Pennsylvania made 22, and Rutgers succeeded in piling up points, but in the second half Pennsylvania ran her score up to 22, while the visiting 11 was unable to increase its count.

Football at Princeton.

PRINCETON, Oct. 21.—[Special.]—The practice game to-day at Princeton was witnessed by fully 700 persons, many of whom were of the fair sex. The playing was marked by very brilliant feats, with the exception of two beautiful goals kicked from the field by Snap Humans, scoring ten points against the scrubs. Two touchdowns were made in addition, making the final score 18 to 6 in favor of the "Varsity."

THE ATHLETIC TROUBLE.

Prospects of a Settlement Between the Eastern and Western Amateurs.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 21.—[Special.]—A ray of light is dawning upon the athletic war of the past several years. The East and West have locked horns on the Sunday question. If the opinion of one league on the Sunday question is that the American Athletic Union goes for anything, then there are bright prospects that all differences that have heretofore existed between the two sections will be settled. James E. Sullivan, Secretary of the A. A. U., and athletic editor of the Sporting News, came on with the Eastern athletes who participated in the recent championship meet held in this city. J. A. St. John and George Rhodes, who are the principal spirits of the A. A. U., took advantage of the occasion to fraternize with the visitors and explain to them the exact condition of affairs in the athletic sphere out this way. That the local gentlemen succeeded in making an impression upon the Eastern people is evidenced by a clipping from the above journal written by Mr. Sullivan. It is as follows:

General Sporting Notes.

Yon der Ahe has released Hoy and Munyon.

HARRY STALEY will remain in the city until Monday.

BIRDBEAK will, so it is reported, remain with Duffy's team.

THERE is a letter at this office for William Leitch, who is believed to have left for New York City.

JACK McCLIFFE has become a great favorite among the local sporting men.

MARK BALDWIN left the city last evening to enjoy a hunting excursion in Canada.

There are reports that the story that he will leave for the League for the Association.

ED SWARTWOUT arrived home yesterday from Sioux City. He says he has had a great season.

President and President O'Neil think they could settle the present baseball trouble in two hours.

It looks as though President Young has been invited about the signing of some League players.

BILLY HART, the Sioux City pitcher, is at home at Cincinnati. He denies that he has signed with any body.

Of the present Washington segregation, McGuire, Foreman, Murphy, Griffin, Donovan and Dowd will be retained in 92.

LETTERS seems to have been rock of the walk in the Cincinnati club this year. It develops that British would not allow Loftus to discipline him.

The Giants are to disperse next Saturday. They will send their next footstep to their several homes and will all winter to ruminate over the results of the past season.

A NEW PACING KING.

Direct Defeats the Famous Hal Pointer in Straight Heats. A MILE EASILY PACED IN 2:09 1/4.

Thousands of Dollars Lost on the Downfall of the Great Tennessee Champion.

SOME NEW RECORDS ESTABLISHED.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 21.—Thousands of broken Tennessee hears and thousands of empty pocketbooks were carried away from Cumberland Park this evening. Hal Pointer, their pride, the horse that carried all their money, had suffered defeat in three straight heats, the matchless California pacer, Direct, showing him his heels with comparative ease. The time of the second heat was most exciting and in a race in harness, lowering Pointer's record half a second. Neither of the dying steeds broke in either heat and moved like clock work all the way around. Hal Pointer had the pole in the first heat and held it until the quarter pole was reached, when Direct, who had been on almost even terms with him from the start, made a magnificent start and secured the inside of the track. After that it was easy sailing, and Ed Geers pulled up Pointer before reaching the wire.

BEAT THE RECORD. The second heat saw Direct at the pole and he held it throughout. The best pointer could do was to stay abreast of him until reaching the quarter pole, when Direct gradually drew away, the Tennessee's fine burst of speed in the stretch being of no avail. It was believed that the champion could have gone in 2:08 had Pointer pressed him more during the closing stages of the race. The last heat was a repetition of the first, Direct leading nearly all the way. He held it throughout. The best pointer could do was to stay abreast of him until reaching the quarter pole, when Direct gradually drew away, the Tennessee's fine burst of speed in the stretch being of no avail. It was believed that the champion could have gone in 2:08 had Pointer pressed him more during the closing stages of the race. The last heat was a repetition of the first, Direct leading nearly all the way. He held it throughout. 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