

CRASH DOWN THEM.

National League Magnates Once More Come Out of the Contest With Smiling Faces.

THEY FORM A DESPOTIC LEAGUE.

The McDonalities, of Chicago, Get Completely Dumped and They Go Home Whining.

WHAT LOCAL DIRECTORS THINK OF IT.

God Contests in the Home Billiard Tourney—General Sporting News of the Day.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—The League did not open until after 4 o'clock this morning. The Joint Conference Committee was in session all afternoon and late this evening. Both Association and League are prepared to meet promptly and act upon its report, which will finish everything here. The lites is about the money for the dropped clubs. This report of the committee includes the constitution for the new League and incorporates many of the provisions of the old League and Association constitutions. Sunday baseball is put upon a local option basis, and those towns desiring Sunday games can have them scheduled in the season's schedule as championship contests. In the constitution, which offers the protection of the national agreement, war is declared upon any club or league maintaining a club in any one of the 12 cities now included in the new circuit.

A Despotism Feature.

The monopolistic character of this new League is despotic in its purposes and bids fair to have everything fixed like a jerry handle on one side only. Under the terms of the report, every Chicago player signed elsewhere, whose services were at the option of Spalding's team, must return there. This will carry back Pfeffer, Kirtland, Hutchinson and others late of Anson's circle. The report also provides for the dropping of clubs which are unable to meet their obligations. The League will protect them, except possibly in the case of Rusie, who, President Day, of New York, says would play with the Giants again or nowhere. Sam Morton, of the Chicago Association club, does not deny that a proposition to avenge the Chicago fiasco backers was made to the committee.

Sam Morton's Wall.

"The Association would have been dead long ago," said he, "but for us. Von der Ahe got us into it and got us out of it. But we are not caring for the money we lost, or will likely lose. We have no grievance against the League, but we give it credit for what it has done. But these officials are simply playing with Von der Ahe and the Wagner, and I predict that in 18 months St. Louis will have no baseball and Von der Ahe will be sitting on an iceberg. President Day will see Rusie's contract protected. "I have every reason to believe," said he, "that it will not be. Do you think the League is going to protect a \$7,000 contract?" "Have you had any talk with Rusie about it?" "No, but what if I have?"

The Inference from Mr. Day's Subsequent Remarks is that it is mutually understood that Rusie is to be returned to New York, but not at \$7,000. Rusie becomes subject to the control of the League, which will give him what club it pleases.

Favors a Central League.

President Soden is heartily in favor of the formation of a Central League, composed of Buffalo, Detroit, Columbus, Toledo, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and other cities, and says that ordinary management would make it a success. Chicago sports received the blow of their lives. They went home sick at heart over the outcome. They expected a geyser of a prize for the club and missed it. They claim they held a partnership in the Association and that they were entitled to a share. Next year they propose to attach the gate receipts of the League. But the Chicago Association club is not to be. It is nearly over except celebrating the victory. Rusie's friends claim that for him. They say that he should be crowned as the king of baseball magnates, since he has been the most moving power in the amalgamation. The entire League will be bright and not shining dollars through a long period of discouragement. Now they are masters of the situation.

They Ignore the Small Fry.

The League is always out for big game. A year ago it never dreamed of landing such a prize as the Association. It was the largest and most valuable of its kind. It has not left the conqueror in a condition not to be able to sigh for other victims. Wednesday it was said the League club was ready to buy the Athletics. When the conference was asked the club to pay \$25,000 toward the transfer of the Wagner goods there was a protest. It is thought a satisfactory settlement will be made, however, and the Philadelphia club will make the necessary ante. Some of the new League's enemies could hardly wait for the consolidation so they could say it would be. They claim 12 clubs are too many. It will leave six clubs away down at the tail end, and patrons of the game will cry: "Give us a rest," before the season is over. But the truth is the 12-club circuit won't fail.

It is as Easily Carried as Eight Clubs.

The idea of the six tail-enders will easily be remedied. The League proposes a double championship season. The clubs will play until the middle of the season, then they begin again and play the last half. The club having the highest standing for the two seasons takes the championship. A new Association is believed to be both. It is threatened by Chicago and Milwaukee, who were frozen out of the deal. The new League is not alarmed. Boston, the Athletics, Von der Ahe and Von der Horst, the brightest lights of the Association, the life of that organization, could not wrestle with the League. Suppose Chicago and Milwaukee do get an opposition team, what can they do against the combined strength of the old Association and League? The new organization will last four years, or that is the present agreement. The kind of men are behind it who will push it along for that length of time.

Dying Them Out.

The committee continues in session at 9 o'clock. It is understood, however, that satisfactory arrangements have been reached with Chicago, Columbus, Philadelphia and Boston. The only kicker that remains now and which prompts the session is Milwaukee. It seems to be dying hard. The \$7,000 offered is not satisfactory, hence the kick. Chicago gets all it put in, about \$12,000 to \$15,000; Columbus wants \$20,000 and will get \$18,000; perhaps \$19,000; Boston, including money for the season, wants \$40,000, and Philadelphia about the same amount or perhaps \$50,000 less. It is understood that each club will be entitled to 11 men.

THEY ARE WELL PLEASED.

Local Ball Club Officials Think That the Settlement Makes Things All Right. When the directors of the local club received word yesterday afternoon that the Association and League had fixed up their differences they were delighted. Vice President Kerr was pleased at the settlement and said the prospects for a good season in Pittsburgh next year were excellent. But he was saying they were delighted to clubs that had been dropped simply because he saw no sound reasons in their claims. He has not been talking regarding what is to be done with the players, but he is certain that Pittsburgh will have good men.

An Interesting Game.

The local billiard tourney was continued last evening. A really interesting game was played between Eschallier and Sipe. The former was in receipt of 45 points, but at that it was thought that he had a very poor

chance to win. Sipe did not play in his last game, as he was beaten by 750 to 100. The winter average was 729 and his highest run 51. Sipe's average was 146.79 and his highest run 8.

Results at Guttenberg.

GUTTENBERG, Dec. 17.—The track was frozen hard to-day. First race, five furlongs—Zeno first, Flauto second, Little Puss third. Time, 1:22. Second race, six and one-half furlongs—Bianco first, McNamee second, Hamber third. Time, 1:24. Third race, five furlongs—Early Blossom first, Worcester second, My Fellow third. Time, 1:22. Fourth race, one mile—Drizzle first, Text second, Vierge third. Time, 1:24. Fifth race, six furlongs—Flatter first, Gambler second, Fretful third. Time, 1:14. Sixth race, seven furlongs—Frost first, Sparring second, Bayler third. Time, 1:20.

Baseball Notes.

AND is the Association that is charged with "treachery." LOOK out for Pfeffer's new league that is to knock out all other leagues. THERE are letters at this office for James Borden and James Brady, the ball players. DUNCAN is a member of the Association, is very anxious about the distribution of players. FRED PFEFFER ought certainly to be satisfied now that he is not destined to become a baseball juggler.

DELEGATE SAYS.

"Let the other fellows jump on me; I want no more of that business in my life." THE Mike McDonalities have surely been given enough to eat by the Chicago League.

Turf Notes.

THE Indiana Trotting Association was reorganized at Indianapolis yesterday and next season's dates fixed. IT would be a good idea for Gya's owners to have her colts laid with ice water. That's the way to put her in her stall, or put her on her feet. CRITIC, an own brother of the unbeaten Seneca, was purchased by Henry Simon at Lexington. Critic is a 2-year-old and was the property of the Kentucky stables.

General Sporting Notes.

ALLEGHENY—you can keep the game 15 days after date referred to. CHICAGO sportsmen are thinking about matching George Kleinman against Captain Brewer.

GREENIES GET A GOLD BRICK.

Two West Virginia Countrymen Lose \$5,000 on a Very Ancient Dodge. MARIETTA, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Two brothers, James and John Smith, living near Stetsonville, W. Va., were taken in here this afternoon to the tune of \$5,000 by the venerable gold brick swindle. They were steered here and to the St. Clara Hotel this noon by a man named B. J. Smith, who is a well-known hotel man in this city. The swindle was made at the same time handling the clerk a card on which was written: "J. Cole, United States Marshal, New York, N. Y., has been arrested for the purpose of the St. Clara Hotel this noon by a man named B. J. Smith, who is a well-known hotel man in this city. The swindle was made at the same time handling the clerk a card on which was written: "J. Cole, United States Marshal, New York, N. Y., has been arrested for the purpose of the St. Clara Hotel this noon by a man named B. J. Smith, who is a well-known hotel man in this city. 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