

HARRISBURG AMATEUR BASKETBALL LEAGUE TO START EARLY IN JANUARY

TEARNEY'S PLAN FOR MINOR TEAMS

President Ban Johnson Invites Three I League Leaders to Explain

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—While the leaders of organized baseball do not look with favor upon the requests of the minor leagues that the draft be removed and the optional agreement system abolished, they do take a deep interest in the welfare of the minor leagues.

It is quite certain that the draft will not be removed, as it is pointed out that it would in no way assist the minor leagues and would be a great injustice to the players of the minor league teams. The International League and the American Association are the double A leagues that desire the draft removed. The Pacific Coast League is not so strongly in favor of making the change.

President Tearney, of the Three-I League, has an idea all his own of how the minors could help themselves with the aid of the national commission and the big leagues.

Will Confer With Czar

President Johnson, of the American League, has invited Tearney to appear before the meeting of the national commission at Cincinnati, January 8, to set forth in detail his plan for bettering the financial condition of the minor leagues.

President Tearney proposes a reclassification and readjustment of minor league territory. This is necessary, he believes, to save some minor organizations, particularly in the Central West, from ruin. Mr. Tearney also desires to have the optional agreement, under which players are sent to the minor leagues by the majors, changed radically.

President John K. Tener, of the National League, and President Johnson, of the American League, favor legislation to improve the situation. Edward G. Darrow, president of the International League, and M. E. Justice, president of the Central Association, are among executives who favor the Tearney plan.

LEO HOUCK PLANS COME-BACK

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 21.—Leo Houck, the middleweight of this city, will likely meet Fay Kaiser at Cumberland, Md., on Christmas Day. Definite arrangements are now being made by his manager. After the holidays it is Houck's idea to set into the best possible condition and resume his ring work. Houck has been playing baseball, football and basketball and many of his friends have been prevailing upon him to drop these sports and give his attention solely to boxing.

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THANKSGIVING GAME SHOWS PROFIT FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Attendance Over Seven Thousand; Expenses Small; Souvenir Program Increases Success of Holiday Battle

When Tech and Central met in their no-score contest on Thanksgiving Day 14,194 eyes of spectators who had paid their way into the contest were fixed upon the twenty-two struggling athletes. In other words, there were exactly 7,097 paid admissions to the game. These figures were issued today by Professor J. P. Rees, treasurer of the Tech athletic association. He handled the finances for this contest in an able manner. The Maroon school was in charge of the affair.

As a result of the turnout the net gain on the game will be \$2,694.27. Each school will receive an equal share, netting the treasurers of the two associations well on to \$1,500 each. Gross receipts for the game totaled \$3,166.15. Expenses were slightly over \$475. With these shares tucked snugly away for the winter, sports at the two high schools will be well taken care of for the year to come.

Program Brings Profit

While the biggest item in the receipts was the sale of tickets, yet another feature originated by Professor

Rees proved a financial success. While the souvenir program was a big hit, it netted the two schools a lump sum of \$132 as a profit.

Policemen, officials for the contest and the \$100 paid for the field were a few of the most important items in the expense account. These receipts and figures published to-day show that the contest from a financial standpoint was the most successful ever staged between the two schools.

While football always nets a neat return at the end of the season, several of the other pastimes are always money losers. The track and the municipal playground on the island no admission is ever charged to the meets, and as a result the track seasons always close with a successful year in basketball, Tech is always handicapped because of the small gymnasium. A small seating capacity means little revenue in this line of sports. To meet these deficits the money taken in on Thanksgiving will be used. It is also hoped that the games at the Armory will bring profits.

FULL TEXT OF WILSON'S PEACE NOTE TO NATIONS

The notes to the belligerents are prefaced with this instruction by Secretary Lansing to the American Ambassadors presenting them:

"The President desires me to send you the following communication to be presented immediately to the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the government to which you are accredited."

The text of the notes themselves then begin identically as follows:

"The President of the United States has instructed me to suggest to the government addressed a course of action with regard to the present war which he hopes that the government will take into consideration as suggested in the most friendly spirit and as coming not only from a friend but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifold necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if he is to continue."

At this point the texts vary. In the notes to the Central Powers this paragraph follows next:

"The suggestion which I am instructed to make, the President has long had in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time because it may now seem to have been prompted by a desire to play a part in connection with the recent overtures of the Central Powers. It has, in fact, been in no way suggested by them in its origin and the President would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view. The President can only hope that his suggestion will be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

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Then, all the notes proceed identically, with the exception of the following:

"The President suggests that on an early occasion be sought to call from all the nations now at war such a neutral rival league to preserve a rivalry to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal. It is suggested that such a league be formed, and that the conflict in the future as well as the happy result of the war, be taken into account. He would be happy to see the nations now at war take the initiative in its accomplishment, in any way that might prove acceptable, but he has no desire to compromise the rights of any nation. One way will be as acceptable to him as another if only the great object he has in mind be attained."

Objects Virtually the Same

"It takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in the respective views as to people and to the world. Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small states secure against aggression or denial in the future. The rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war. Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future, along with all other nations and peoples, against the recurrence of similar this, and against aggression of selfish interference of any kind. Each would be jealous of the formation of any rival league to preserve a rivalry, an uncertain balance of power amidst multiplying suspicions; but each is ready to consider the formation of a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world. Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary first to settle the issues of the present war upon terms which certainly safeguard the independence and territorial integrity and the political and commercial freedom of the nations involved."

"In the measures to be taken to secure the future peace of the world the people and government of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the governments now at war. The President, in his over, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker peoples of the world of the peril of wrong and violence, is as quick and ardent as that of any other government. He is ready to stand ready, and even eager, to co-operate in the accomplishment of these ends, when the war has over, with every influence and resource at their command. But the war must first be concluded. The terms upon which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest; but the President is ready to point out their intimate interest in its conclusion, lest it should presently be too late to accomplish the ends which lie beyond its conclusion, lest the violation of neutral nations, now exceedingly hard to endure, be rendered altogether intolerable, and lest, more than all, in the future, the neutral peoples which can never be atoned for or repaid."

Moves For Peace of World

"The President therefore feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world, which all desire. It is suggested that the nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part. If the contest must continue to proceed towards undefined ends by slow attrition until the one group of belligerents or the other is exhausted, if million after million of human lives must continue to be offered up until on the one side or the other there are no more to offer, if resentments must be kindled that can never cool, and if despair engendered from which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing consent of neutral peoples will be rendered vain and idle."

"The life of the entire world has been profoundly affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in the civilized world can be said in truth to stand outside its influence or to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated.

"The leaders of the several belligerents have, as has been said, stated those objects in general terms. But, stated in general terms, they seem the same on both sides. Never yet have the authoritative spokesmen of either side avowed the precise objects which would, if attained, satisfy them and their people that the war had been fought out. The world has been left to conjecture what definite results, what actual exchange of guarantees, what political or territorial chances or readjustments, what stage of military

VINCONE TEAM HERE SATURDAY

Famous Speed Boys to Meet Independents in First of Series of Games

The Vincone Club five, of Philadelphia, better known as the "Speed Boys," will be the attraction at Chestnut Street Auditorium Saturday night. The Vincone team is well known all over the state and always gives the Independents a hard fight. The team has been intact for the last three years and all the players are big favorites in Harrisburg.

Change in Locals

The Independents' line-up will be changed, as Gordon Ford will be unable to play for at least two weeks and it will not be an easy matter for Captain McCord to fill Ford's position at guard, as he was playing the best game of his career.

It is probable that Harry Rote will drop back to guard and Norman Ford will play forward, as Rote has had a year's experience at guard with the Central High team. The Independents will hold practice this afternoon. The Christmas game will be played at the St. Malachy eleven, of Philadelphia.

Bits From Sportland

The Hershey Men's Club last night defeated Hummelstown's Big Five, score 24 to 23. The game was played at Hummelstown and attracted a large crowd.

The Gallean second team wants a game. The average age of players is from 13 to 15. Address: Samuel P. Franklin, 222 Bos street.

The Enhaut ex-high five will meet the Hummelstown quintet at Steelton this evening.

Manager P. Shickley of the East End Athletic Club is anxious for teams for Saturday and during the holidays. He may be reached at Royal Fire Company's House. Both phones.

The Hamilton Grammar School five last night defeated Maclay, score 41 to 7. The game was played on Technical High gymnasium floor.

Last Night's Bowling Scores

Enola Y. M. C. A. League	
Rubies	1455
Sapphires	1341
Kline (Rubies)	209
Knaby (Rubies)	515
Catho Dues League	
Pennsylv	1420
Readings	1343
Eisenhart (Readings)	122
Eisenhart (Readings)	314
Academy Duckpin League	
Bakers	1624
Factors	1515
Loeser (Factors)	144
Loeser (Factors)	394

P. O. S. of A. Quoit League

The game between Camp No. 8 and Camp No. 505 has been postponed on account of nomination of officers.

Steelton won five straights last night.

Games next week include Camp No. 116 at 477, Dec. 27; 102 at 8, Dec. 28; 629 at 28, Dec. 28.

INDIANS LOST AT ANNVILLE

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 21.—The Carlisle Indians were defeated last evening by Lebanon Valley, 47 to 39. The line-up and summary:

Lebanon Valley.
Barnhart, f.
Lynn, f.
Leroy, c.
Selzer, c.
Herman, g.
Fishburn, g.
Conner, g.
Rupp, g.

Field goals, Metoxen 11, Herman 4, Condon 2, Leroy, Barnhart 3, Dupes 2, Lynn 6, Selzer 6, Rupp 3, Fishburn, 5. Substitutions, Conner, 1, Metoxen 1, Leroy, Lebanon, Dupes for Barnhart, Haynes for Fishburn. Referee, Clevett, Carlisle.

LEBANON TO PLAY BROWN

Annville, Pa., Dec. 21.—The football reception, the gala social affair at the Lebanon Valley College, was held last evening in the college gymnasium. The program consisted of musical numbers, including a flute solo by George A. DeHuff, the variety guard; formal dancing and refreshments. The Rev. Genmill announced that the schedule for winter football completion and that Brown will probably be one of the new teams to be played, as four dates have been considered. The first game for a game to be played at Providence.

MRS. HENRY WOLF

Mrs. Henry Wolf, a resident of Mt. Wolf, who for the past few years, died at the Polyclinic Hospital in York, Tuesday morning following an illness of two days. Death was caused by pneumonia. She was 54 years of age.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the family residence, after which there will be further services in the United Brethren Church. Burial will be made in the Lutheran Cemetery at Manchester. Mrs. Wolf was well known in this city, and was the mother of Mrs. E. E. Knass, 24 South Seventeenth street. Her husband, Henry Wolf, died in 1914. Mrs. H. M. Bower, residing in York, survives.

Peace May Be Near

"It may be that peace is nearer than we know; that the terms which the belligerents on the one side and on the other would deem it excessive to insist upon are not so irreconcilable as some have feared; that an interchange of views would clear the way at least to a conference which would be the permanent cement of the nations in hope of the immediate future, a concert of nations immediately practicable.

The President is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerent how near the haven of peace may be, which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

The note to the Entente group will be delivered to Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania and Serbia. That to the Central Allies will be delivered to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria.

It is being delivered to all neutral governments for their information.

CITY BB LEAGUE MAKES PROGRESS

Amateur League Will Get Under Way January 4; Rules Adopted

The board of governors for the City Amateur Basketball League met last night in Boyd Memorial Hall. It resulted in the determination of the date for the opening games of the league, the approval of the applications of three clubs for membership, final revision of the rules and regulations governing the league, and the decision to complete the personnel of the league without delay prior to a meeting with the representatives of the six teams that will compose the league for the first year of its existence.

Starts in January

Thursday evening, January 4 was fixed as the date for the two opening games. Provided satisfactory arrangements can be made for a playing floor by that time, the season will be opened with two games, and every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter until each team has played every other team in the league three games. The complete schedule together with all other necessary information will be at the disposal of the representatives of each team when they meet with the board of governors next week, date to be announced later.

Application of the Rosewood Athletic Club, the Gallean Recreation Club and the Methodist Boys' Club for berths in the league were filed last evening and acted upon favorably by the board. Three places yet remain to be filled, and the teams from which the three will be selected include the Hassett Boys' Club, the Young Men's Hebrew Association, the board of governors of the East End Athletic Club, the Oklahoma Athletic Club, the Keystone A. C., and the Royal A. C. Any other amateur basketball organization is at liberty to send the application for membership to the secretary of the board, E. E. Miller, care Boyd Memorial Hall. The following rules and regulations were adopted:

Rules and Regulations

Article 1. This league shall be known as the City Amateur Basketball League of Harrisburg, Pa.

Article 2. The purpose of this league shall be to promote and supervise amateur basketball in the city of Harrisburg.

Article 3. Any organized amateur basketball team in Harrisburg shall be eligible to membership in this league.

Article 4. Membership in this league shall be determined by the board of governors of the City Amateur Basketball League of Harrisburg.

Article 5. Membership shall be forfeited by failure to observe the rules and regulations of this organization.

Article 6. This league shall be governed by a board of governors consisting of five members.

Article 7. After September 1, 1917, this board of governors shall be chosen by the accredited representatives of the teams holding membership in the league. Each team shall be entitled to one representative. The election of the board of governors shall be held on the first Monday of October each year. The board of governors shall have the power to fill vacancies which may occur in their body from time to time until the next annual election occurs. The annual meeting of the board of governors shall take place on the second Monday of October, at which time it shall be the duty of the board of governors to organize for the coming year. The dues for membership for each club shall be \$5 per year, payable December 15 of each year.

Article 8. The members of all games shall be sent by the managers of each club to the secretary of the board of governors not later than three days after the games are played on special sheet forms provided by the board.

Article 10. All disputes shall be settled by the board of governors. Grievances or protests for the consideration of the board, suggestions and recommendations which are invited by the commission must be formally presented in writing to the secretary of the board. Accredited representatives and witnesses may appear before and upon the permission of the board or when asked to do so.

Eligibility Rules

Article 11. Players. (1) Shall be amateurs. An amateur athlete is one who participates in competitive physical sports only for the pleasure and recreation of the individual and not for directly derived therefrom. (2) Must never compete for money. (3) Must not compete under an assumed name. (4) Shall not compete for or accept incentives other than approved medals or trophies. (5) Shall not compete for or accept reimbursement exceeding actual expenses involved as a consequence of participation.

Article 12. On or before the fourteenth day of January each team shall furnish the secretary of the board of governors a list of ten eligible players and the personnel of the team for the remainder of the season. This implies that there shall be no drafting or trading of players after the aforementioned date. For violation of the rule, expulsion from the league. The board of governors shall have the power to determine what constitutes

WELLY'S CORNER

Harrisburg's Amateur Basketball League is looking like a real organization. With a strict observance of the rules and regulations it means imposing the same game in Harrisburg. Rivalry will be strong between the six teams.

The team that will meet Yale five at Chestnut Street Auditorium on January 5 will include Pat Reagan, "Shorty" Miller, E. J. Schlichter, John Herman, Frank Roth and Edward Stackpool, Jr. Other players are practicing with this squad and may be seen in the game. The line-up will not be picked until after Christmas.

According to reports from Scranton, the New York State League will meet at Hotel Columbus, this city, January 8. This session will be of importance, as next season's plans will be outlined. Harrisburg and Reading are in the game to stay and baseball in this city promises to be a popular sport as winter season next summer. President J. H. Farrell has some new features to announce, it is said.

On the same day the New York State League meets in Harrisburg the

national commission will get busy at Cincinnati. The major league magnates will have a calendar of important business to look after. Business referred to the commission by the two leagues will be taken up.

Lafayette has passed up Penn State as a football attraction for next season. It is claimed that Lehigh always has preference with the State College eleven and the game is one week previous to that with Lafayette, making the latter a secondary attraction.

The same eleven that met Cornell on Thanksgiving Day will go to Oregon for the New Year's Day game. Weather makes indoor practice necessary. Basketball has been taken up to keep the team in shape. Bell will direct the Penn players.

Harrisburg will have its annual auto show and indications are that all previous records will be eclipsed. Members of the Capital City Motor Dealers Association met last evening and took up plans. A committee including Messrs. Driscoll, McFarland and Barrett will look up a location.

TECH PREPARES FOR MIDDLETOWN

"Scov" Garner Assisting Coach Miller; Eddie Harris Out of Game

"Scov" Garner, a former Tech athlete, is assisting Coach Miller to whip the Maroon candidates into shape for the second scholastic basketball contest that will be played in the school gymnasium to-morrow evening with the Middletown High School five. "Scov" is without a doubt the best foot tapper the Tech team ever had. His consistent work on the 15-foot mark has won many a close contest for the Bucknell team within the last two years.

"Eddie" Harris is suffering from a badly infected right foot and may be unable to take part in the contest with the lower end team. Harris is the best shot on the team and his absence will mean much to the team work of the Tech lads. A captain for the team will likely be elected prior to the game.

League Games Later

Following a holiday vacation the Tech team will open its scholastic league series by playing Lebanon High School on the Armory floor. The contest is scheduled for January 5. The probable line-up for the game will be as follows:

Middletown.	Tech.
Conlin, f.	Lloyd, f.
Beck, f.	Bell, f.
Treichler, c.	Walker, c.
Kupp, g.	Pollock, g.
Snively, g.	Ebbert, g.

New Refugee Problem Is Cast on Russ by Rumanians

Destitute of Everything

Petrograd, Dec. 19, via London, Dec. 21.—The message across the Russian frontier of thousands of Rumanians who have abandoned their houses and property in the face of the invading Germans and Bulgarians has cast the shadow of a new refugee problem on the Russian empire. These refugees have been pouring into Odessa, Kiev and other southern Russian cities in a destitute and helpless condition and present a problem which threatens to be more difficult than any which has confronted a belligerent power since the invasion of Belgium.

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