

SPORTING NEWS

NATIONAL LEAGUE MAGNATES MEET

Extinction of Murphy and Burial of Federal League Two Big Topics to be Discussed.

ED PROBLEM IS TOUGH

Interment of Outlaw League Expected to Give O. B. Bosses No Small Amount of Trouble.

By Hal Sheridan, written for the United Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The "Big Game" begins today. Facing the proverbial "crosshairs" situation in their lives, National league magnates went to an annual session at noon. The noon hour is executive and only the elite will take part.

Reversing his recent mode of fight, an Johnson, who arrived late last night, refused absolutely to be quoted on the weather. Governor Tamm admitted it has been raining right and for several days, but he'd go no further. Garry Herrmann, who has been here since Saturday and hasn't said anything to anyone except his alter and barber, maintained his usual funeral silence up to meeting time.

Lesser lights prophesied the meeting could be a short one. Hearing those predictions, cafe employees remembered similar words last year and smiled in anticipation of increased business for a week at least.

Clark Griffith of Washington was among those present in peacock alley. Whether he knew it or not, he insisted on explaining why Walter Johnson isn't play with the Feds. He told it so many folks that it was reported he had finally made himself fully believed.

Roger Bresnahan, of the Cubs, was noted as saying that never, oh never, could he part with his pal, Heinie Zimmerman. A moment later he was heard arguing with John McGraw as to whether he ought to get \$2,000,000—\$3,000,000 and eight players for the supermental third baseman.

George Stallings was the happiest man at the Waldorf. He expressed his wish, after saying, "I hear the lants have strengthened themselves by losing Marquard." His wish was a Dooin who was reported to have arkened to the tinkle of John Ward's old and jumped Edward.

Up to mid-day there was one interesting rumor that still had to be run earth. It was that Rudolph Hynicka, wealthy Cincinnati man, had arranged to buy William S. (Big Bill) Avery's stock in the New York American and that Eddie Collins would be the Yankee manager next year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—National league magnates assembled at the Waldorf today in annual convocation. President John K. Tener in the chair. The meeting was set for 2 o'clock. The board of directors of the league were scheduled to meet two hours earlier.

Two important questions were expected to hold the spotlight during the best part of the sessions. One was the proposed extinction of Charles Murphy and his mentor, Charles Taft, as far as baseball is concerned. The other was the funeral arrangement.

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rangements and formal burial of the Federal league. Both questions were expected to furnish no small amount of work.

It was realized that Murphy and Taft, with about \$700,000 (valuation approximated) worth of Chicago National league stock in their possession, would be difficult personages to extinguish. After the fiasco of last year when the National leaguers solemnly announced Murphy's extinction and the latter recently bobbed up with great handfuls of Cub stock, the magnates were determined to settle the question, this time fairly and openly, for all time. There was plenty of talk about the Waldorf corridors, and in other spots that are not so dry, that Murphy must go some time and it might as well be now. The gossip was that the magnates might compromise by ridding the league of Murphy in some way, and making no fight on Taft, who, by the way, has a pretty strong following in the league.

As to the interment planned for the Feds, even more trouble is expected. Despite the fact that the league has been pronounced dead for over a year, there were evidences of life remaining in the corpse today in the shape of Fed scouts who haunted the Waldorf to entrap and ensnare any of the meandering baseball players who were flocking about the National league magnates in droves, as they always do on these yearly gala occasions. That a complete change in the plan of battle for next season will be promulgated seemed certain. It was the program to adopt some mode of warfare to which the American league magnates, who are due to meet here soon, would agree without squabbling and turmoil.

One thing is certain. Any agreement that might be reached between organized baseball and the Federal league (we say might be) will have to have the sanction of Dave Fultz's Players' fraternity, or there will be more trouble stirred up. A great many folks have spoofed Fultz and his methods and purposes but, however small, he is a noticeable factor in baseball. His worst enemies also must admit that there is quite a good sized working majority of gray matter in his head. He has the courage of his convictions, and thinks he's dead right in organizing the baseball players. The fact that such a man as Christy Mathewson is a member of the fraternity stamps it at once as being anything but a snide organization. The fraternity is growing stronger every year and looks like it's here to stay.

KILBANE-MANDOT FIGHT IS DRAW

Neither of Two Boys Were Punished Badly—Johnny's Showing Appeared to be Only Mediocre.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Ohio's best sporting writers today put down the twelve round Kilbane-Mandot bout here last night as a draw.

The featherweight champion landed on his southern adversary oftener, but his delivery lacked steam. Mandot was conceded a shade in four rounds. Neither was punished badly. Kilbane today wore a slight cut over his left eye from accidental contact with Mandot's head. He attributes his mediocre showing to five months out of the ring.

White to Meet Shugrue.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Charley White, Chicago lightweight, today called off his bout with Frankie Daly at Toledo, on December 18, and cleared the decks for his encounter with "Young" Joe Shugrue in New York on December 23, the match having been closed yesterday. It will be the third encounter between the two lightweights, each having claimed victory in previous encounters. Shugrue's showing against Champion Freddie Welsh is said to have been better than White's performance against the Britisher.

Purdue Athletic Director Named.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 8.—Naming of Alpha P. Jamison, former Purdue football star, as athletic director at Purdue, it was believed today, will end the difficulties in the athletic department that led to the resignation of Hush Nichols, athletic director. Jamison has not yet given his formal acceptance but it is understood he will do so.

McVey to Meet Johnson.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Fight fans look for the best heavyweight bout of the winter season tonight, when Sam McVey meets Battling Jim Johnson, both colored, in a scheduled ten round bout at the Fairmount A. C.

Two New Clubs in League.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Richmond, Va., and Syracuse, N. Y., will be represented in the International league next summer, unless all signs fail. Rivalry and squabbles marked the meeting of the International league club owners yesterday.

The matter of a 140 game schedule remained unsettled also today.

HAMILTON TO LEAD 1915 BUNNY TEAM

New Manager for Bunnies Signed by Belden Hill Comes From South Atlantic League Club.

FORMER C. A. PLAYER

Hamilton Plays Third—Played One Season With Hannibal In Early Days of the Central Association.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Dec. 8.—A new manager has been signed for the Bunnies by Belden Hill and will supplant the silent boss next year. His name is J. A. Hamilton. He plays third base. He comes to Cedar Rapids from Charleston, S. C., where he managed that city's 1914 membership in the South Atlantic league. He finished a close second last year, and in the season of 1913 lost the pennant in the Cotton States league only when, as manager of the Pensacola, Fla., club, he managed to win enough games to give him the title, but had the honors taken away from him and his men through a technical ruling on some protested game.

At the present, Hamilton, whose home is in Ohio, is working in Chicago, where he recently held a conference with Belden Hill. The final details of the contract for next year were arranged and Mr. Hill received the signed contract Saturday evening.

Former C. A. Man.

Hamilton has been playing in a combination third-base-managerial role in the Southern Atlantic states for the past three years, but is not wholly unknown to the older fans of the Central association. In the early days of the league he played one season at third with the Hannibal, Mo., club.

The new Bunny boss is twenty-seven years of age and is touted as the real, original pepper venter. He is reputed to be full of fight, to know the game from A to Izzard, to be able to get every ounce of playing power out of his men, and to be one of the fastest young managers in the minor leagues. His averages for the season just closed have not been printed in this portion of the country, but in 1913 he combined his managerial duties with his third-corner playing and contrived to hang up a batting average of .287, while he fielded to the tune of .884.

Officials are Pleased.

Officials of the local baseball association are more than pleased with the result of Mr. Hill's work in obtaining the boss for next year. President Walter Cherry stated this morning that Hamilton is one of the promising men available for the selection and was enthusiastic over Advisor Hill's choice.

Shortly after the 1914 C. A. season, closed, Belden Hill announced that he would be unable to manage the 1915 Bunnies, and immediately following this announcement the directors of the local association empowered Mr. Hill to obtain his own successor.

Following this, managers from all sections of the country applied for the position, and numerous rumors were started from various places regarding the new boss for Cedar Rapids. Hamilton is expected to keep Cedar Rapids well up in the race for the 1915 pennant, and with a long reserve list of old players, the signing by Hill of numerous likely youngsters, and the addition of a few "comers" whom he will bring to the local lot, has everything in his favor, giving the Bunny fans one of the best teams this city has ever had.

Another Catcher Signed.

In addition to announcing the signing of the new boss, Belden Hill also announced Saturday evening that he had obtained another candidate for the back-stopping honors with next year's team. The latest addition to the buffer squad is one Fred Hoffman,

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who hails from St. Louis. He is said to be but 19 years of age and is highly recommended as an unusually promising amateur player.

Hoppe to Meet Slosson.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 8.—Willie Hoppe of San Francisco, world champion at billiards, will meet George Slosson, cue veteran, here January 5, it became known today.

Benz Draws With Chip.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 8.—Leo Benz, of Butte, was mighty lucky to get a draw out of his twelve round battle here last night with Joe Chip, of New Castle, Pa., fans agreed today. Chip had the local boy in distress at the going and it was the general opinion that had the bout continued two rounds, Benz would have been knocked out.

Feds Pluck Two Umps.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Two O. B. umpires have been plucked by the Federal league, President Glimore announced today. They are Umpire W. T. Finnegan, of the International league, and Fred Westervelt, of the American association.

Starts Hockey Season.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—The ice hockey season will open here tonight with a contest between the Portland and Vancouver, B. C., teams, in the new ice hippodrome recently opened to the public. The Portland club is affiliated with the Pacific Hockey association, a Canadian organization.

Doctor Claims Innocence.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Dr. Robert J. Mason, graduate student at the Chicago Osteopathic college, who was arrested here on information that he is

wanted in Denver in connection with the death of Ruth Merriweather, his sweetheart, through an illegal operation, said today that he was willing to return to Denver and that he would have no difficulty establishing his innocence.

"I became acquainted with Miss Merriweather through her mother and fell in love with her," said Mason. "We were to have been married in the spring. I sold my practice in Denver and came here to do post-graduate work. I learned last Friday that Ruth was dead, but I could not return for the funeral on account of my school work."

FORT MADISON MAN IS STRUCK BY TRAIN

Was Hard of Hearing and Failed to Hear Warning Whistle. It is Evident.

Fort Madison Democrat: An accident that was deplorable in the extreme happened yesterday morning at about 10:45 when Fred Weber, a farmer living three miles west of the city, was run down by a C. B. & Q. freight train on the tracks near the west end of the stock pens at the stock yards.

The man was seen walking east on the track by the engine crew who gave the customary signal, expecting him to step off the track, but the man being very hard of hearing did not hear the whistle. As soon as the train could be stopped, the crew alighted to find his body terribly mangled, almost beyond recognition. The local authorities were notified and the body brought to the Clements undertaking parlors. The identity of the man was not clear until he was missed at home and an inquiry of a neighbor, Frank Manshlem, in regard to the accident, disclosed the fact that he had passed through the Manshlem pasture, going toward the city at about 10 a. m. The relatives of the man at once went to

English Influence

The passing of King Edward of England marked the end of a reign unique in one particular at least. He practically dictated the details of men's correct dress, and while the English influence in men's apparel is strong today, it comes rather in the form of a suggestion than a dictation.

The rage for the decided English cut coat of last season has passed, but the influence is seen in the KAHN TAILORING CO.'s modified English model that Jones, the Hatter, finds by far their most popular style. Garments made on this line avoid the ridiculous extremes and combine the good points of both the English and the American tendencies.

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JONES, The Hatter

the undertaking parlors and recognized him. Mr. Weber was a man well known in this community and his death will be a great shock to everyone. He lived on the farm known as the Alex Marshall place and often walked into town by the tracks. He was a man in good health and to have him taken so suddenly and without warning adds to the horror of the accident. Mr. Weber was 50 years of age.

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