



SPORTS

MICHIGAN'S RETURN WILL BE URGED IN MEETING

ILLINOIS AND MINNESOTA REPORTED ANXIOUS FOR WOLVERINES TO RE-ENTER.

COACH STAGG IS BLAMED

Charges Are Made That Policy of Western Conference Athletic Association Is Dominated by University of Chicago, Through Its Coach.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Threats of a possible split in the Western Conference Athletic association, which meets here tomorrow, were reported tonight with the arrival of some of the "big eight" representatives. Besides settlement of the summer baseball question, removal of the ban on the University of Michigan, which withdrew from the conference in 1906, would be demanded, it was said. The University of Illinois and Minnesota were reported to be anxious for Michigan's return. Representatives of these universities, say the Wolverines present the keenest competition in athletics of any western rival.

Charges that the "big eight" conference is dominated by the University of Chicago have been made by the University of Illinois through its student publication. It charges that Coach A. A. Stagg of Chicago dictates the policy of the conference and that legislation for the last few years has been in favor of Chicago.

Appointment of Dean A. W. Small as Chicago's delegate to the meeting is said to mean that the Maroon vote on summer baseball will be favorable. Coach Stagg, who has led a fight against the vacation sport, is in the south recovering from a recent illness.

RELATIONS NOT SEVERED.

Minneapolis, Jan. 25.—University of Minnesota's football team will meet that of the University of Wisconsin November 2, according to an announcement made here today. As a result of the protest made last fall, which took Captain Earl Pickering from the Wisconsin game, there was considerable talk at the University of Minnesota that the team would not meet Wisconsin next fall, but the athletic authorities opposed the boycott.

PLAYERS FOR YANKEES.

New York, Jan. 25.—Manager W. L. Rube Foster of the New York Yankees has received signed contracts from Pitcher G. P. Sherris and Outfielder Wilfred Osborn. Sherris was procured from the Paris club of the Blue Grass league. Osborn is a candidate for left field and is a former big leaguer, having played with the Chicago and Philadelphia Nationals. He was with Rochester last season.

TWO SIGN UP.

Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—Ben Hunt, a pitcher of the Sacramento, Cal., club signed a contract today to play with the local National league team next season. Fred Rock, last year's substitute outfielder, also has signed for the year.

CONTRACTOR WALSH SAYS FRANCHISE IS HIS

MAN WHO HOLDS LIEN ON BUTTE BALL PARK SAYS HE IS GOING TO FIGHT.

SAYS HE POSTED FORFEIT

Right of Chester N. Sutton to the Team Is Denied, as Butte Man Claims He Had Placed Certified Check in Bank.

Butte, Jan. 25.—W. J. Walsh, a local contractor, who holds a \$5,000 lien upon a ball park he constructed last year for J. J. McCloskey, former owner of the Butte franchise in the Union Baseball association, tonight announced his intention to assert his right to the franchise, which, it was announced last night, had been sold to Chester N. Sutton of Salt Lake by President W. H. Lucas of the league. Mr. Walsh declines to receive telegrams from Mr. Lucas offering him the franchise in consideration that he post a forfeit of \$500. This Mr. Walsh says he did to placing that amount of money in a Butte bank in the form of a certified check, notifying Mr. Lucas of the deposit. Mr. Walsh said the bank's instructions were to turn over the check to Mr. Lucas as soon as he was assured of the turning over to him by Lucas of the players' contracts, their uniforms, etc. Mr. Walsh also states he is in possession of telegrams from McCloskey of similar purport to those he received from Mr. Lucas.

In a statement wired to the Miner tonight, President Lucas states that he informed Walsh that he could have the Butte franchise whenever the forfeit money was placed in the treasury of the league. Mr. Walsh failed to make the deposit in the treasury, although repeatedly asked to, and Mr. Lucas said that he finally turned the franchise over to Mr. Sutton when that gentleman appeared with the stipulated forfeit.

DETROIT AMERICANS LOSE SOME

SEVEN PIRATES ARE TURNED LOOSE BY PRESIDENT NAVIN—PROVIDENCE GETS SIX.

Detroit, Jan. 25.—Seven members of the Detroit Americans were released today, according to the announcement of President Navin. Six go to the Providence club, Outfielder Drake; Infielder Lathers and Pitcher Lively go to Providence in a trade for Outfielder Perry. The same club secured by outright release Catcher Schmidt, Pitcher Tenzer and Catcher Reynolds. Ralph Stroud has been released to Buffalo. Schmidt's release marks the passing of an American league veteran. A lame arm made him practically valueless to the Detroit club as a catcher last season, but he performed well as a timely and pinch hitter.

SENTIMENT STRONG AGAINST LUCAS IN BOISE

THE STATESMAN SAYS THAT EVERY FAN IS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

NO KNUCKLING UNDER

Proposed New Circuit Will Be Formed Unless the Franchise Is Turned Over to the Commercial Club—Feeling Is Against the Union Association.

The Boise situation is beginning to look serious and it appears that the outcome of the Lucas controversy will be the dropping of Boise from the Union league. The following article appeared in a recent issue of the Boise Statesman:

It is probably safe to say that there is not a baseball fan in the city who is in favor of knuckling under to President Lucas of the Union association, and the sentiment in favor of the proposed new league, to embrace towns between Walla Walla and Boise, possibly including Twin Falls, seems to be growing day by day.

The fans are considerably disgusted with Lucas. They are wondering what his next move will be. Kellackey has received from McCloskey an absolute denial of the charge made by Lucas that it was McCloskey who awarded the Boise franchise to Dan McCoy. McCloskey and Lucas cannot both be telling the truth, and the fans have so little faith in the president of the association that they are inclined to take McCloskey's word.

Disgust Grows Daily.

With such things being said from day to day, the Boise public is becoming more and more disgusted with the Union association, and is ready to support a newer and cleaner class of baseball.

The new league, if organized along the lines suggested by the Boise Commercial club, would be a commercial club proposition, the whole way through the circuit, the idea being that with the commercial clubs of the different cities in control, there would be no trouble like that which Boise has experienced in the Union association. The league would not be organized from a money-making standpoint, but with the idea of giving the fans the best sport possible.

Boost for New League.

The longest jump in the new league would be shorter than the shortest one in the Union association of last year, and there would not be any jump over 100 miles. The reports of gate receipts for the past season show conclusively that Boise and Salt Lake were the life of the Union league. Walla Walla is at least as good a baseball town as Salt Lake, and in other towns that might be taken into the new league could not possibly give baseball any poorer support than did most of the Montana towns in the Union league last year.

In the new association there would be a president, but he probably would not be drawing \$5,000 a year, as Mr. Lucas, and it is believed that it would be easy to find just as good a man, too.

Lucas Makes Threats.

Lucas and his crowd have been threatening to transfer the Boise franchise to Butte, evidently thinking to club the "Boise rowdies" into submission with that kind of a move. The Boise business men who are interested in the club's affairs are just waiting for that action to be taken, when they will immediately start the organization of the new league. With the Boise franchise transferred, the Union association will forfeit its territorial rights here and the new organization will immediately be born.

Will Not Trust Lucas.

There is still some talk of Lucas yielding to Boise's demands. If he yields the Boise franchise to the Boise Commercial club there is still another point he must yield before Boise will consider playing in the Union association.

The Boise guarantee must be put in trust. The Boise Commercial club will not allow that money to be put into Lucas' hands, with the chance that the league may throw him out of office some day, only to see him go away with the guarantee money. In case the Boise club did return to the Union association it would also demand that it be allowed to withdraw its forfeit at the end of every year.

DARKNESS INTERRUPTS.

Houston, Texas, Jan. 25.—Darkness interrupted shooting in the Houston Post trophy event for the team championship of Texas, the chief feature of today's Sunny South handicap program, with the race unfinished. P. L. Parsons of Hot Springs, Ark., was high amateur for the day with 177. Jay Graham of Long Lake, Ill., was second with 173, and T. R. Sharp of Houston third, with 171. W. E. Herr, professional of Guthrie, Okla., tied Parsons for high run; W. B. Crosby of O'Fallon, Ill., was second, with 176, and H. C. Kirkwood of Boston, third, with 174.

"BILLY" DELANEY MR. J. E. GREENOUGH IS SUMMONED BY DEATH WRITES A LETTER FROM QUINCY

FAMOUS TRAINER OF PUGILISTS SUCCUMBS AT HIS HOME IN OAKLAND. JOHN EPPERSON IN THE BEST OF HEALTH AND IS FAN-NING HARD.

WAS ONCE A FIGHTER HE ENCLOSES A CLIPPING

Had Brought Out James J. Corbett and Robert Fitzsimmons and Had Trained Jeffries Until Disagreement Arose—Also Handled Jack Johnson. Union League Enthusiast Contributes From the Wilds of Illinois—Is Playing Midwinter Ball in the Corner Grocery and Enjoying Himself.

Oakland, Jan. 25.—William ("Billy") Delaney, known all over the world as a famous trainer of pugilists of the last half-century, died at his home here last night after an illness of several months. The immediate cause of his death was a disorder of the liver, but for many weeks he had been suffering from a general breakdown, which followed the contraction of a severe cold while on a visit to the east last year. He was 58 years old and leaves a wife and two sisters, the latter living in New York state.

Delaney was born in New York city and was first identified with the ring as a fighter in Bowers boxing clubs. Coming to this coast in the late 80s he began his career as a trainer by inducing James J. Corbett, then a bank clerk and amateur heavyweight champion of the Pacific coast, to turn professional. Under Delaney's tutelage Corbett gained and held the championship until it was wrested from him by Fitzsimmons. Delaney then had charge of Fitzsimmons' training up until the time Fitzsimmons was knocked out by Jeffries, whom he trained for all his fights until the champion retired in 1905.

Jeffries was urged by Delaney to re-enter the ring and fight Squires, and his refusal to do this, and his action in leaving, caused him several thousand dollars in gambling debts unpaid. Delaney was bitterly feud between the two men. When Jeffries finally re-entered the ring to fight Jack Jackson, Delaney took charge of Johnson's training and regarded Jeffries' defeat as a personal triumph.

Aside from the champions he had produced, Delaney also trained Choyinski and Kaufman.

Thoroughly familiar with all points of the fighting game from his lifelong association with it, Delaney was recognized as the peer of trainers and seconds, but he never was deeply interested financially in any of the bouts with which he was connected, and never was known to have made a large bet on a fight.

The funeral will be held Saturday and the body will be cremated.

MARKET IMPROVES DISTINCTLY

INCREASED BUYING OF LEADING RAILWAY STOCKS BRINGS THE CHANGE.

New York, Jan. 25.—The tone of the stock market improved distinctly this morning. The change resulted largely from increased buying of the leading railroad stocks, although various industrial stocks showed a brisk inquiry. While the market showed more life than a recent days, trading was largely professional and fluctuations of some stocks showed the results of manipulation. Announcement that the Pennsylvania system was to purchase 150,000 tons of rails in the current year was a factor in bringing about a better feeling.

Business contracted after the more urgent short covering had been completed, but prices did not yield much and there were enough independent movements among the specialties to maintain a generally strong tone. St. Paul became quiet. American Tobacco rose 10 points to 106. Bonds were firm and active.

Dullness invited profit-taking and the decline failed to bring in sufficient buying to steady the market. Bear operators began to put out stocks. United States Steel needed a point to a level with yesterday's closing, and Union Pacific and Reading fell back 3/4.

The market closed irregular. No information regarding the dividend action on St. Paul was received before the session ended, and in consequence traders who considered this result as an index to the course of the market were left with no clue to the course of prices. St. Paul was lifted in the last few minutes to 109 1/2. In the last two minutes Reading broke more than a point from its highest and St. Paul declined to 108 1/2.

PACKEY GETS A MATCH.

Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—Packey McFarland and Young Ernie of Philadelphia have been matched to fight six rounds at the National Athletic club here February 7. They will weigh 125 pounds at 6 o'clock on the night of the contest.

J. H. DUFFY VICTIM OF CHARGES

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Frightened, Perkins signed the note. Duffy spoke to Mr. O'Bannon and the case was dismissed.

Continuing, the petition alleges that as the petitioner was going home, he met Duffy on the street, and the latter asked him to step into his office to sign a paper. Thinking this paper had something to do with the dismissal of the case against him, and being unable to read, Perkins signed it, and then discovered later it was a mortgage on his homestead. Duffy promptly assigned the note and the mortgage to Amelia Curn, who had been reared by Mrs. Duffy. Subsequently, Perkins attempted to escape payment of the note and to have the mortgage declared invalid. After two trials in Powell court, the case was decided against him.

Hence, declares the petitioner, he will lose his homestead, "all on account of the perfidy, treachery and dishonesty of the said John H. Duffy." Because of this, he asks that the attorney be disbanded.

ENTRY VALIDATED.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The senate today passed the Dixon bill validating the homestead entry of Captain B. F. Martz, on the Huntley irrigation project.

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MYERS INTRODUCES BILL.
Washington, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Senator Myers today introduced a bill changing the procedure in civil actions in the federal courts, compelling foreign corporations to try cases in jurisdictions where the claims originate.

TIERNEY IS STAKEHOLDER.
Chicago, Jan. 25.—Alderman A. L. Tierney, president of the "Three" league, will be the stakeholder of the fight between Jack Johnson and Jim Flynn it was decided today. By February 16 each of the principals must have posted \$10,000 and the promoters \$20,000.

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Nothing outside of America's largest cities presents such saving opportunities as does this

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