

Public Opinion on Side of Organized Baseball

So Prophecies Gov. Tener in Making Statement on Federal League.

GAME OWES ITS LIFE TO ORGANIZATION

New President of National League Says the Sport Loving Public Must Be Considered.

Cincinnati, Jan. 7.—Governor John K. Tener, the new president of the National League, issued a statement to-day, following a meeting of the directors of his organization, in which he prophesied that public opinion would be on the side of organized baseball in case a war is declared by the Federal League.

Pointing out that the Federal League stacks upon organized baseball have been confined to two points—one that the other reserve clause was invalid and the other that the parties to the national agreement were members of a trust—President Tener expressed his opinion that neither charge could be considered seriously. The statement follows:

"Baseball to-day owes its popularity and very existence to organization. Such organization alone has developed and will preserve and perpetuate the game to and for the American people. Nevertheless, organized baseball is being attacked by those, and those only, who desire to reap commercial benefits therefrom.

"To-day, however, and baseball more completely and thoroughly organized than ever, and therefore better able to withstand and combat the attacks that are being made upon it.

"The Federal League does not base its attacks upon an allegation that the public has not been given good, clean, high-class baseball or that the players have not been fairly treated or paid commensurate salaries, but it is endeavoring to induce players to break their contracts, and seeks to excuse and justify its conduct upon two legal points, namely, the alleged illegality of the reserve clause in the players' contracts and the general statement that organized baseball constitutes a trust.

"I mean by this that the Federal League has officially announced that it will test the reserve clause in the courts, and, failing to justify its contention of illegality, it will then seek to have organized baseball investigated and dissolved as a trust.

"But such a threatened war on organized baseball, begun by promoters broken for financial gain, and based upon broken contracts of players, takes no heed or account of the sport-loving public, or the real welfare of our national game, and I believe the disapproval of such a war at the bar of public opinion will count far more against this movement and its promoters than any technical decisions in the courts, even though such courts should again uphold the legality and equity of the reserve clause.

"In point of fact it is well known that the legality of the present form of contract between the league and players was attacked, but its validity in law and equity was sustained by the Supreme Court in Pennsylvania in the Lajoie case.

"With respect to the allegation that either the National or American League, or both of them as parties to the national agreement are illegal combinations or trusts in restraint of trade or in violation of anti-trust statutes, it is difficult to take such declarations seriously. Experience has demonstrated that this national agreement, existing between and satisfactory to all leagues, has done more to place our national game foremost among all outdoor sports the world over than any other influence.

"Under the provisions of this agreement the player has his day in court, and through the National Commission an opportunity is given him for a fair, impartial and thorough hearing to the end that full justice may be done him.

"We naturally and properly, as sanctioned and sustained by our courts of justice, object to players breaking their contracts, but if the proposed Federal League will draw its supply from the flowing field of baseball players coming to the front every year, it will meet with no opposition from us.

"Speaking for the National League, I may add, that we propose to continue our policy of fair dealing with our players and with the public, and we have no doubt in so doing, our actions will meet with general approbation."

"The proposed meeting of the National Baseball Commission did not take place to-day, partly owing to the lengthy meeting of the National League directors and partly to the fact that President Tener had to leave on an early afternoon train for the East.

"When the announcement was made that there would be no further meetings of the

Australia Wild Over Baseball

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 7.—Eight thousand interested spectators saw the New York Giants of the National League decisively defeat a Victorian nine in a six-inning baseball game here to-day. The local players were outclassed, the score being 18 to 6.

In a second game of nine innings the New York team beat the Chicago White Sox by a score of 11 runs to 8. The play of the Americans was a revelation to the Australian enthusiasts.

commission at this session, both major and minor league owners hurriedly packed their grips and left town.

The committee from the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues had hoped to take up several matters with the commission concerning legislation that was brought up at the last meeting of the national association, at Columbus, but this plan was abandoned when Governor Tener left town.

The National League meeting developed little other than the statement issued by President Tener.

The requests granted to the Baseball Players' Fraternity on Tuesday evening dealt largely with contracts and necessitate the changing of the present form in several particulars. This was discussed by the league owners, and it was announced that the old contracts could be not signed until the new contracts are issued. The new conditions to be inserted in the contracts, however, will be binding upon all clubs who have signed or who will sign players to old contracts.

As told in the late editions of yesterday's Tribune, the supreme court of baseball, after being in session until midnight, granted fifteen of the seventeen demands of the fraternity, with a slight compromise on one or two.

The first of the six demands, which aroused most controversy, resulted in a compromise when it was decided to insert the word "negotiate" instead of the word "sign" in the rule.

This rule now reads: "When a player receives ten days' notice of unconditional release he shall be free to negotiate with any team immediately, the contract to run from the expiration of the ten days' period."

No. 2 request was modified to include a five-day notice of release of Class A and Class AA players, but no leagues of lower classification.

This rule originally asked that "National Association players shall receive ten days' notice before they can be released unconditionally."

Request No. 3, which read "When a player is transferred he shall be transferred subject to all terms of his contract," was conceded by the fraternity which left it to the National Commission to adjust.

Request No. 5 also was amended, the question concerning waivers being eliminated. The rule now reads: "When a player is given his unconditional release he shall be notified in writing to that effect."

Request No. 7 was so amended that no side agreements are permissible, the club making such an agreement to be fined \$50.

Request No. 12 was modified to read fifteen instead of twelve years. A player now fifteen years in the major or Class AA league will be a free agent if he is notified of his release and no other club in such league desires his services.

BOY DRAWS GAME WITH CAPABLANCA

Cuban Chess Player Also Wins and Loses in Match Play at Chess in Russia.

According to latest reports from St. Petersburg, José R. Capablanca, the Cuban chess champion, played two additional match games against the famous Russian expert, Dus-Chotimirski and Snaoko-Borowski, winning the first and losing the second.

He also gave two exhibitions of simultaneous chess, once against 30 and the second time against 31. In each case he lost two games, drawing three and winning the rest.

In the last performance a boy ten years of age, the son of Prince Gedroiz, a high official at the Emperor's court, drew his game.

Bryant Five Drubs Flushing.

Bryant High School trounced the Flushing High School basketball team, and won by a score of 33 to 4 on the latter's court yesterday.

Shaw and Krahe were the principal point gatherers for Bryant. Messer, the Flushing centre, scored all his team's points.

REDS EXERCISE OPTION ON TWO BROOKLYN MEN

Charley Herzog Decides He Can Use Earl Yingling and Also Herbert Moran.

MORE GLOOM FOR SUPERBAS

Unfortunate Tinker Venture Crops Up Once More, and the Sad End Is Not Yet.

Word came from Cincinnati last night that Charley Herzog, manager of the Reds, had exercised his option on Earl Yingling, the left-handed pitcher of the Brooklyn Superbas, and Herbert Moran, right fielder of the same team, and that the players are now officially members of the Cincinnati team.

According to the terms of the option, the Reds paid \$8,500 for Yingling and \$10,000 for Moran. It was announced that the option secured by the Superbas on Dick Egan, an infielder of the Reds, had been extended to February 7.

Although Charles H. Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn club, has denied that this trade is one of the results of the unfortunate Tinker venture, it is so regarded by baseball men. It is known that the board of directors of the Cincinnati club were dissatisfied with a cash trade for Tinker and demanded players. Immediately after their demands were made the Cincinnati club secured an option on the two players mentioned.

It is the general feeling that Herzog has drawn a prize in Yingling. Not alone is he a pitcher of some merit, but he is a natural hitter. He finished the season with an average of .400 or thereabouts. Furthermore, he is fast on his feet, a clever base runner and an exceptional fielder. Keen critics have said that Yingling, played in the outfield, might develop into another Ty Cobb or a Tris Speaker.

John R. Foster, secretary of the New York Giants, announced last night that William Ritter, a right-handed pitcher of the Wilmington club, had been signed by the Giants and would receive a trial at Marlin in the spring. Ritter is a well built chap, with a world of speed and sharp breaking curves. He is expected to make a good showing.

Frank Farrell, president of the New York Yankees, announced yesterday that Frank Gilhooley, the sensational young outfielder who was purchased from the Montreal Club for \$10,000 last season, had signed a 1914 contract.

Gilhooley, one of Frank Chance's new speed boys, batted in the 300 class after joining the New York team and became a big favorite at the Polo Grounds. He and Fritz Maisel, the \$12,000 third baseman, helped the team to climb out of last position.

Just before the season closed Gilhooley sprained his ankle in sliding home and was compelled to retire from further play. But the injury was not serious and in a letter to the club officials he says that he will just be just as fast as ever.

"Chance improved my style at the bat," the young player added, "and I know he will show me how to improve in fielding. I consider myself lucky to have Chance for my teacher."

Tom Chivington, president of the American Association, is authority for the statement that Charlie Ferguson, the umpire who had so much trouble in the American League last season, will be back in his circuit next season.

PARTING SHOTS

It would be a painful joke on organized baseball if the Federal League actually made good. There is a maxim in the game that raises the unexpected to the level of certainty.

The Federals are aiming at a vulnerable spot in causing the players out of the field. It is one thing to have a palatial park and another thing to have a team to put in it. The outlaws seem to have a curious idea about breaking into the game. They want to get the men first, feeling that there is plenty of territory to play on when the time comes.

Ban Johnson took occasion to score Dave Fultz heartily after being compelled to sit on the commission and grant most of the demands drawn up by the "lawyer president" of the fraternity. It was just like a little boy after receiving a spanking telling his father he would be sorry some day.

"It has always been my object to keep lawyers at arm's length," says Ban. "It is too bad that he cannot continue to do so. What with the Federal League, on the one hand, and the Fraternity, on the other, it looks as though the law would have a good deal to say about the continuance of organized baseball in its present form and under the direction of its present owners."

To hear Johnson talk the impression might be gained that the commission was on the point of freely conferring on the players all favors they asked for before the petition was drawn up. The betting is even, however, that if a sharp legal mind had not put the demands in concrete form the real men of the game would have gone along suffering the same old injustices for years to come.

The old injustices for years to come. The celerity of the commission's surrender is being used to give basis to an idea that the requests really amounted to a very little. A big enough howl went up when they were announced last fall. Furthermore, it was noted that Dave Fultz was right out there on the spot doing all the talking, Garry Herrmann to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The players are now free to go ahead and sign contracts for next season, either with the clubs they played with last year or some Federal team.

The impoverished owner of the St. Louis Club of the Federal League has just purchased property to build a new baseball park. He could afford to give only \$200,000 for the land which, by the way, is nearer to the business section of the city than either of the other two major league teams. This is a fairly decent start for a club supposed to be without funds.

In the midst of all the turmoil the world's champion Athletics are strangely silent. They never were very strong in the winter league, anyway. They have just cut a melon, increasing their capital stock from \$50,000 to \$350,000.

Charlie Brickley, having cornered about all the honors that go with the gridiron, is now taking an interest in the diamond. If he develops the same penchant for home runs that he has for field goals, Yale will take more than passing interest in his baseball career.

He ought to make a good man in a pinch. A batter has three tries, but the drop kicker has only one, and victory often depends upon him alone when fifty thousand voices are hushed and the timekeeper's watch is clicking off the last few seconds of the game.

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WANDERERS LOSE GAME AND \$50 IN COIN OF REALM

So Disciplined by Governing Board of Hockey for Not Playing Regular Game.

NOW FACE EXPULSION

Must Pay by Monday or Give Up Membership in the Amateur League.

The executive committee of the Amateur Hockey League held a special meeting at the office of the secretary yesterday afternoon, upheld the ruling of the governing committee and fined the Wanderers' Hockey Club \$50 for refusing to play the scheduled championship game against the Crescent Athletic Club last Saturday night.

The Wanderers will have until 4 o'clock on Monday, January 12, to pay the fine. If it is not paid before that hour the club will be expelled from the American Hockey League. If the fine is paid the championship will continue with five teams, the game last Saturday night counting as a victory for the Crescent Athletic Club.

The executive committee also upheld the ruling of the governing committee regarding the eligibility of Claffy, the man who caused all the trouble. The committee decided that he could not represent the Wanderers until he had been a legal resident of New York for at least six months.

"Bad" Claffy, a player from Ottawa, was on the list sent to the league by the Wanderers' Hockey Club. Being a new man, he was asked to fill out the usual certificates showing that he had a right to play on the team. These were not filled out to the satisfaction of the governing committee and the player was told that he could not represent the club.

The Wanderers objected to the ruling of the governing committee, contending that it had waited until the last minute before making its decision. The committee stated that it was up to the club to furnish the necessary papers and the ruling was made as soon as possible after the certificate was filed.

The Wanderers then refused to play against the Crescent Athletic Club unless Claffy was allowed to compete. The players left for the West last night before they heard the decision of the committee.

At the meeting were President William Russell, Hockey Club of New York; R. L. von Bernuth, St. Nicholas Hockey Club; James O'Brien, Irish-American Athletic Club; Richard Condon, Wanderers' Hockey Club, and G. Hallock, Crescent Athletic Club.

Homewood Club Declines Open Golf Championship

West Not So Enthusiastic Over Apportioning of Big Tourneys.

CHICAGO DELEGATE SPEAKS HIS MIND

Thinks Delegates Ought to Favor Either Cleveland or Detroit Organizations.

No matter what way the votes may portion off the three championship tournaments at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association, at the Waldorf-Astoria to-morrow night, the West is not likely to become enthusiastic over the proceedings.

One reason for this is because the Homewood Country Club, which months ago applied for the amateur, has been ignored by the United States Golf Association executive committee in its selection of these courses.

As the situation now stands, the Ekwanok Country Club, of Manchester, Vt., the Country Club, of Detroit, and the Mayfield Country Club, of Cleveland, are the trio to be offered for the approval of the delegates. There is some talk of Ekwanok being unable to take the attraction. A Western delegate, who arrived in town last night, spoke his mind freely, as follows:

"Homewood, which desired the amateur, will not accept the open championship. This is official. The club made formal application for the amateur weeks ago. They feel that if it was not possible under the amended bylaw to have named it as one of the three championship courses to be voted for the United States Golf Association could have at least acknowledged the club's letter, and asked that the matter be reconsidered and that the club's name be allowed to be voted upon for the open."

"As it was, the first intimation the club had that it was one of the three clubs eligible for the open was through the press. The substitution of two Western courses for Homewood that were not applicants for the contest and really not yet in good condition for the fixture will not be received with approval by most Western clubs. Both Mayfield and Detroit have courses of the highest type and splendid geographical central locations.

"The wise thing for the executive committee to do here, if it wanted to name two Western clubs, would have been to

put down either Mayfield or Detroit as one and Homewood for the other, and then had a fair open vote cast at the annual meeting. I have just heard from the president of Midlothian. The club will accept the open now that Homewood wouldn't take it, if the award comes that way, but the club will make no effort to get the fixture or have a delegate at the meeting."

Dave Honeyman, the professional of the Forest Hill Field Club, is contemplating the sanding of the greens on this course again. A short while ago a coat was administered and this has worked in to such an extent that it is not especially noticeable.

TIGERS DEFEAT WESLEYAN

Winchester Scores More Than Half the Goals for Team.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Princeton, N. J., Jan. 7.—The Princeton basketball team finished its preliminary season to-night by crushing the Wesleyan five by a score of 35 to 18 in the last game before opening the league series with Dartmouth on Saturday.

The Tigers showed top form in every department of the game, and threw their opponents in the shade in passing, shooting and guarding without any apparent effort.

Winchester spent his time guarding Jackson during the first half, but despite his attention the star forward scored 20 out of the 35 points for the Tigers, making 12 of them on fouls.

The scores follow:

PRINCETON		WESLEYAN	
Player	Points	Player	Points
Jackson, rf.	20	Eaton, rf.	2
Solomon, cf.	0	Trevithick, lf.	0
O'Kane, lf.	2	Allison, c.	1
Schmidt, g.	1	Road, g.	0
Jackson, g.	0	Winchester, rg.	1
Gill, tr.	0	Winslow, lg.	0
Perse, lg.	0	Hinsley, lg.	0
Schultz, lf.	0		
Harper, lg.	0		
Totals	35	Totals	18

*Substitutes.
Referee—Bearing, of Manhattan Empire Pavilion of Springfield Training School. Time of halves—Twenty minutes.

Olympic Committee Enlarged.

President Robert M. Thompson of the American Olympic committee announced yesterday the appointment of Dr. G. Randolph Manning, president of the United States Football Association, as an additional member of the American Olympic committee.

Dr. Manning in turn announced the appointment of Dr. James Rabbit, of Haverford College, to act as delegate of the National Collegiate Athletic Association to the council.

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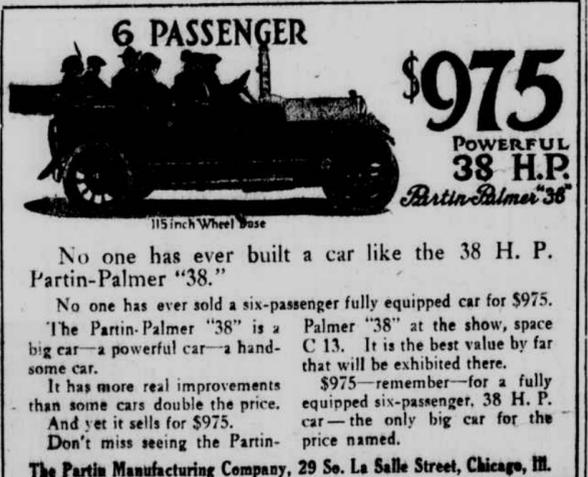
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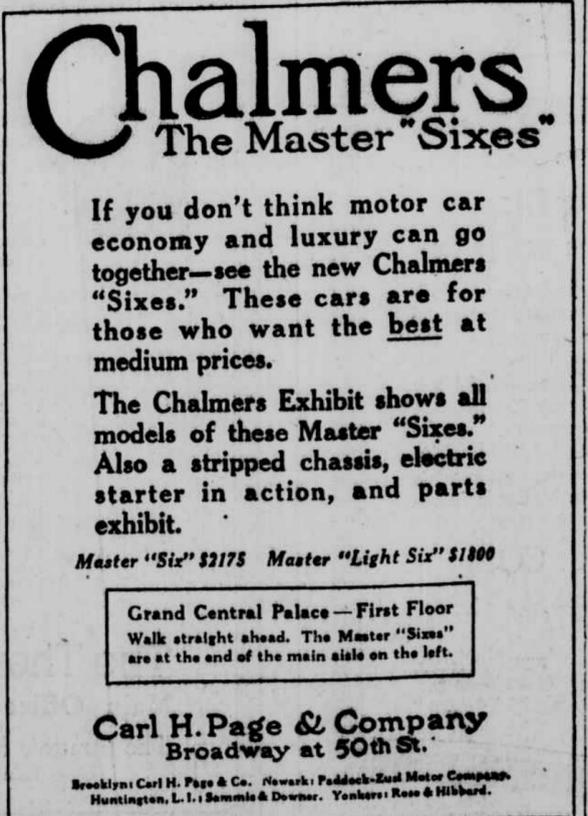
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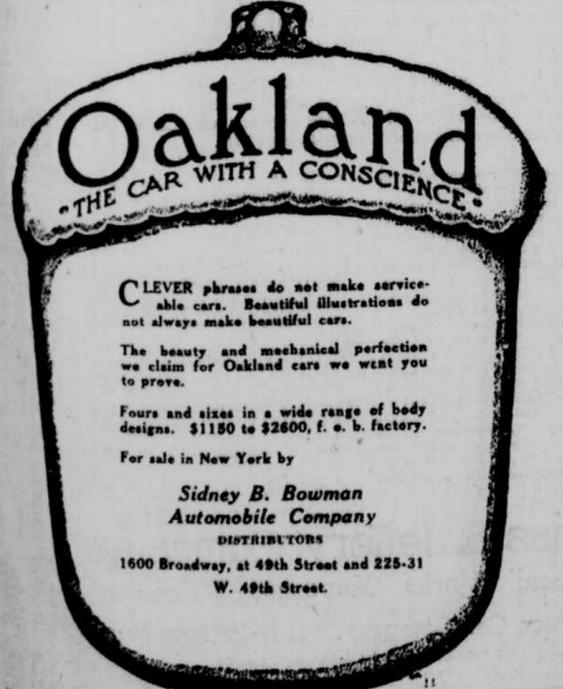


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