

ACRISIS IN THE LEAGUE.

MAGNATES INDULGE IN TALK OVER PITCHER RUSIE'S CASE.

As the season will not start until a few days later, the other clubs will probably have something to say—Byrne Indulges in Plain Talk—Baseball Games Yesterday.

A crisis has been reached in the affairs of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, and from present indications it will take very little to cause an explosion which may result disastrously. Trouble has been brewing ever since the meeting of the magnates at Baltimore, caused more by the breach between Pitcher Amos Rusie and the New York Club than by anything else.

While the magnates all believe in discipline, they are particularly anxious to patch up the trouble, because they feel that the fundamental principles of professional baseball at stake in the Rusie case are the reserve rule, which involves the entire League, and, as the magnates remember to their sorrow the successful suits of John M. Ward and William Hallinan against the "reserve" rule, they believe that they should be in favor of compromising matters by making up Rusie's salary and inducing him to sign a New York contract. Mr. Freedman, however, was unmoved, and when asked for an opinion he declared that the New York Club had not changed its policy one iota; that he was in favor of any compromise, but that they should be in favor of any compromise, but that they should be in favor of any compromise.

These facts were set forth yesterday as a reason why Rusie should be allowed to withdraw his suits now pending in the courts at Trenton, but Mr. Freedman argued that he was so confident of winning that there was no need of any interference by the other clubs. When the magnates adjourned, they were in a state of confusion, and it is believed that they will meet again in a few days to discuss the matter.

There is such a talk, said he, as looking upon the best position to take in the matter, doing this very thing all day and we have grown tired. There is a limit to one's patience, and we are going to take the matter into our own hands. John I. Rogers of the Philadelphia Club, who is the New York Club's attorney in the Rusie suit, left the meeting at Baltimore with a very angry expression. He said that he believed the case should be compromised, but that he would not do so without the consent of his client.

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VICTORY FOR RILEY GRANNAN.

The Jockey Club Cannot Keep Him Off the Tracks Under His Control.

Charles R. Grannan, the "Plunger," better known as Riley Grannan, has come out ahead in his bitter and persistent fight with the Jockey Club, which held him off the tracks under his jurisdiction for presenting \$5000 to Jockey Thral after a winning race at the course of the Westchester Racing Association. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court at Brooklyn yesterday handed down a decision reversing that of the Special Term, which dissolved the temporary injunction received by Grannan. Justice Hatch, who writes the decision of the Appellate Division, says in part:

"The rule of the Jockey Club under which Grannan was excluded is headed 'Jockeys' Betting,' and it provides that no jockey may bet on the races. It is a governing body acting under a statute which forbids betting making a rule regulating a practice which the law says is a felony.

"Mr. Keene deposes 'that the plaintiff has been a frequenter of race courses for a number of years past, and has made a practice of betting on the races. The amount of sums wagered by him, and the publicity attending the making of bets, have been matters of public concern.' This shows how the statute has been violated by racing associations.

The rule under which Grannan was excluded is without force and utterly void. Its effect is to regulate an offense against the law.

"This is a case where equity will intervene, and the order is reversed and the injunction continued."

MR. ASTOR'S HORSES SOLD. Fashionables at the Horse Exchange to Witness the Sale.

The announcement that John Jacob Astor had instructed W. D. Grant to sell at auction a number of hackneys and harness horses from his Ferncliff Stud served to attract a large and fashionable crowd to the American Horse Exchange yesterday. The highest figures of the afternoon were \$500. Several of the animals were for almost nothing, but the horses sold for \$1000 a few years ago, was knocked out to Richard Ross of Boston for \$500. The most notable of the horses was a pair of the National Horse Show in 1894 and 1895, but was unplaced at the Garden last November.

Lexington Will Have a Spring Race Meeting. LEXINGTON, April 13.—It was announced yesterday that there would be no spring race meeting here on account of conflicting dates. It was decided this morning at a meeting of prominent horsemen and turf people to hold a meeting this year and next other year without interruption. An effort will be made to raise \$300,000 for stakes and purses.

A 75 to 1 Shot Falls Through by a Neck. CINCINNATI, April 13.—Six races made up the card at Newport today, two favorites, three second choices, and one long shot.

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NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

WILL AN AMERICAN TEAM BE SENT TO SCOTLAND?

Being Men Would Like to See the L. A. W. Take Action on the Matter—Talk of a Path Between Jersey City and Newark—Jimmy Michael Comments on His Suspension—Notes.

The inactivity of the officials of the L. A. W. in taking steps to make some provision to send a team of American riders to Scotland this year to compete in the world's championships meeting is severely condemned. The conduct of prominent officers of the league in expressing the opinion that a team should be sent abroad and then taking no steps to consummate such a plan, impresses the racing element and other members of the organization that the league is disposed to control the sport merely from a pecuniary standpoint.

The question of building a cycle path across the Meadows between Jersey City and Newark is being agitated with an offer by Hudson and Essex counties. Wheelmen claim that the present poor condition of the roads between the two cities compels riders to take the railroad trains from Jersey City to Newark in order to get out into the riding district.

The suspension of James Michael by the National Cyclist Union of England, and later by the L. A. W., from all track racing has aroused some comment upon the part of the American riders. It is only by a fortnight or so before the season is reached, and it is thought that the N. C. U. of England will settle with the Leeds club, and the N. C. U. has requested suspension by all members of the National Cyclist Association.

A Philadelphia Lawyer Pays \$2,000 for the Blue Ribbon Boston Terrier. BOSTON, April 13.—Dog fanciers and kennel managers received a surprise yesterday when Mr. W. C. Kendall announced that he had sold the noted blue ribbon Boston terrier Squanto, the pride of the Squanto Kennels, to a prominent Philadelphia lawyer for \$2,000.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 13.—Big Al Welling of Buffalo took the mile open race of last night at the opening of the Southern meet here. The track was in the best of condition, and the position buildings. This is one of the best indoor tracks in the country, the accommodations being of the very first class.

BUFAFLO, April 13.—Eddie Bald has issued a statement in which he says all worthy challengeurs are invited to compete in the coming year. He will open the season on May 1st, and will have a grand prize of \$1,000.

NOTES. The East Coast Cyclists will hold a century run to Newport on May 16. The west coast path at Brooklyn is now in good shape. A century run will be held by the 'Castle Foot' Club on May 16th.

SCHOOLBOY LEGISLATORS MEET. Trinity Will Hold Games Without the sanction of the New York L. A. A.

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LACROSSE.

The Crescent A. C. Team Arrive in London—Several Injured Men.

LONDON, April 13.—The lacrosse players of the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., who within the last three weeks have met many of the crack teams of England and Ireland, arrived in London today. When the roll of the team was called in Manchester a few days ago it was found that they mustered six sound men, six cripples, and one incapable because of illness.

To-night the second meeting of the Metropolitan Golf Association will be held at Delmonico's, when the full organization will be completed. The Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws, made up of Hollis, Chairman, Westbrook, Brown, Secretary, Richmond County, Kean, Tuxedo; Simpson, Cricket Club; Chauncey, Dyker Meadow; Bird, Meadowbrook, and Williams, Morris County, since the meeting of March 31 has mailed copies of the proposed plans of organization to the different clubs, so that the delegates will be able to deliberate and vote on the rules with intelligence at the meeting.

It is understood that it is proposed to govern the new association by an executive committee of nine members, four of them being the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Hollis is spoken of for the Presidency, and Ten Eyck, on the ground that St. Andrew's is identified with the organization, is mentioned for starting the organization, is mentioned for action with the parent body. It is probable that one of the officers of the U. S. G. A. will be elected a member of the M. G. A. First. The business of the new association will be chiefly the arrangement of open tournaments and other matters of local importance.

Lawn tennis players will regret to hear that Carr B. Neel, the Western champion, has decided to retire from the courts. He announced his intention to that effect at the annual meeting of the Kenwood Country Club in Chicago on April 12. Neel has taken a course of study at the School of Mines, in Houghton, Mich., which will prevent his playing in tournaments for some time to come. His loss will not only be felt in the U. S., but by tennis players generally throughout the country. For years Neel has held the Western and Northwestern championships.

For two years Neel and his brother, Samuel H. Neel, represented the West against the East in the U. S. Open, and defeated the champions, Hovey and Hobart, who had succumbed to Wren and Clark in 1895, and defeated the champion, Edward Wood, who had been ranked among the first ten players in the country, and for the first time in his career had been ranked among the first ten players in the country.

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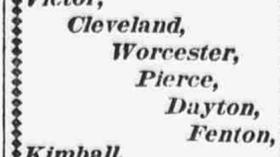
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