Tennis Solons To-day Will Approve Ranking List and Discuss Advisability of Limiting National Singles Field

VITAL MATTERS IN TENNIS UP TO-DAY

Executive Committee Will Pass on Ranking List and Proposed Reforms.

TO TALK AMATEURISM

By DANIEL.

Not since the United States National Lawn Tennis Association was organized in 1881 has its executive committee been called on to consider as many vital questions as it will pass on at its annual meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria to-day. Perhaps the first matter in order of business will be the adoption of the ranking list for 1916.

Then there will be the question of establishing qualifications for the national championship singles, passing on the rules for amateurism to be voted on by the delegates at the association's annual conclave in February, and that old bete noire, the foot fault, which is causing more trouble than ever. Several other topics are to be taken up.

The ranking list as submitted by the new committee, composed of Clinton L. Childs, Charles Garland and Harry Seymour of Pittsburg, J. C. Royon of Cleveland and E. S. Reynolds of Dayton, promises to spring a few surprises. It is an open secret that the name of Maurice E. McLoughlin, once paramount in world tennis, will not be found among the first ten, as he did not play enough tournament matches. Richard Norris Williams 2d, the national title holder, of course belongs at the head of the list, and there is little question that second position will be given to William M. Johnston, who was relieved of the championship by Williams last September.

Should Not Rate Jap.

There is some doubt in the minds of followers of the game regarding the status of Ichiya Kumagae, the Japanese star, who, among other feats, accomplished the defeat of Johnston at Newport. The committee will settle that to-day. If Kumagae is eligible for ranking he belongs in a high place, but to our way of thinking he should not be listed. It will be remembered that even though Hugh Doherty, the English star, won the American championship in 1903 he was not ranked and William A. Larned retained his place at the top of the list.

Kumagae is perhaps more intimately connected with American tennis than was Doherty, but he is still a foreign entry and as such does not properly belong in our ranking list. If he should be rated he will probably be found in No. 5.

Leaving Kumagae out of consideration, the first ten below Williams and Johnston are likely to include R. Lindley Murray, George M. Church, Clarence J. Griffin, Watson M. Washburn, Karl H. Behr, Willis E. Davis and Theodore R. Pell in the order named. It is said that Behr has not played enough tournament tennis to be ranked. In that event Nathaniel W. Niles is very likely to move into the sacred circle. Below them come Joe Armstrong, E. H. Whitney, William J. Clothier, Wallace F. Johnson, Leonard Beekman, Harold A. Throckmorton, S. H. Voshell, Dean Mathey, Alrick H. Man, Jr., Walter Merrill Hall, Roland Roberts and Dick Harte.

Myrick's Plan Good.

The women's ranking list will also be submitted and that may be headed only by Miss Molla Bjurstedt, national champion on turf, clay and indoor courts.

The matter of requiring certain qualifications for entry into the national singles has been gone over rather fully in a report by Julian S. Myrick, president of the West Side Tennis Club, who some time ago was appointed a committee of one to handle the question. Myrick's suggestions to keep the field down to those who really have a chance of travelling some way in the tournament will probably be adopted, for if the issue is dodged now it will have to be faced in more troublesome shape next year.

Rules to guide amateurism, as sent out in an open letter by George T. Adee, the president of the association, will arouse the greatest discussion in the meeting to-day and still more heated debate when all the delegates get together here in February. The Pacific Coast Association is strongly opposed to the proposed clause which would make ineligible for amateur competition all those who sell tennis and other sporting goods.

Change in Doubles Too.

The adoption of this rule would bar McLoughlin, Johnston, Thomas Bundy and Johnny Strachan, a youngster who bids fair to develop into a star. Several leading players in the East would also be affected. The Pacific Coast Association held a meeting at Oakland last Tuesday night and discussed ways and means of combating the movement to pass the proposed rule.

There has been talk of the Pacific Coast Association's resigning from the national association in the event its protests are ignored, but it is hardly likely that the hotheads will rule if secession is proposed.

The executive committee will consider changing the present method of deciding the national doubles championship—a reform which contemplates the abolition of the challenge match. There is some chance that changes will be made in the tennis districts and that another division for sectional doubles will be created. Further encouragement of junior tennis will also come up for action.

The executive committee consists of twenty men, including President George T. Adee, Vice-President A. L. Hoskins, Secretary Edwin F. Torrey and Treasurer Richard Stevens.

MALONE WOODLAND LEADER.

Favored to Win Club Golf Title From Smith.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—L. J. Malone and P. M. Smith will meet at 18 holes Saturday to decide the club championship of Woodland Golf Club. Malone has played top golf most of the year and his recent defeat of John H. Sullivan, Jr., for the Frost trophy makes him a favorite over Smith. To reach the semi-finals Malone won from H. L. Paine by 4 and 2, I. J. French by 3 and 2, and W. M. B. Freeman by default. Smith came through with victories over W. R. Sides by 8 and 6, W. B. Sharp by 7 and 5 and H. W. Spicer by 6 and 5.

GOLF TITLE FOR LEHANE.

Hard Matches Find Commonwealth Player in Lead.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Robert C. Lehane won the Commonwealth Country Club golf championship, defeating in the final round of 36 holes L. P. Morris by 7 and 5. In his first round Lehane disposed of John H. Sullivan, Jr., but was not successful until the match reached the final green, where Sullivan missed a long putt for a half. In his second round Lehane had to play seven extra holes to ward off defeat at the hands of W. B. Uhler.

RED SOX MAY PLAY DODGERS.

Teams Likely to Clash in Series of Games in the South.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The world champion Boston Americans and the Brooklyn team, champions of the National League, probably will renew their baseball struggles of last October in an exhibition series of games in the South next spring. Harry Frazee, the new president of the Boston club, said to-night that President Ebbets of the Brooklyn club favored the idea and had already partly made arrangements to transfer the Brooklyn training camp from Daytona, Florida, to Hot Springs, Ark., where the Red Sox will prepare. The tour has the approval of President Johnson of the American League, according to Mr. Frazee.

Frazee and Hugh Ward, the Red Sox owners, came here to-night for the first time since they purchased the team from Joseph J. Lannin several weeks ago. Lannin will meet them to-morrow to complete the details of the sale.

Most important of the problems confronting the owners, will be the engagement of a manager for the team. President Frazee said he thinks William F. Carrigan will return as leader for at least another year.

BEADLESTON WILL PLAY INDOOR POLO

Outdoor Star Not Rated Highest for Tournament at Durland's.

Competition in the round robin indoor polo tournament at Durland's, which was to have been started last Monday night, will be begun on December 11. It is hoped to complete the tourney on New Year's eve. John De Saulles, former Yale quarterback, has donated cups, for which seven teams are to play. Each team is composed of three men and the matches will be conducted on a handicap basis.

Perry Beadleston, who is rated one of the best players in the country outdoors, is topped by several men in the indoor handicap list. He is rated at three goals, while A. Bartle, Jr., and A. W. Kinny of the Triangles are handicapped at five goals each. G. C. Sherman of the Tigers is rated at three goals. Beadleston is a member of the Cock Robins, with De Saulles and G. M. Heckscher. Outdoors that would probably be ranked the best team in the league. The teams and handicaps follow:

Tigers—Cyril Carr, 1; Jack Henley, 1; H. R. Guggenheimer, 2; G. C. Sherman, 3; Robert Lehman, 2.

Triangles—A. Bartle, Jr., 5; A. W. Kinny, 5; H. S. Crossman, 1; M. Goodman, 0.

Cock Robins—G. M. Heckscher, 2; John De Saulles, 2; Perry Beadleston, 3.

Weight Carriers—W. C. H. Randolph, 0; H. W. Rose, 0; Herbert Levinsky, 0; S. L. Frank, 0.

Oaks—Fred Gilman, 1; Dr. E. Biers, 1; Walter Rossbach, 1.

Zeros—Tom Cawthra, 0; Max Phillips, 0; A. H. Sherwin, 0.

Extras—John Devine, 0; J. E. Meyer, 1; C. A. De Saulles, 1; O. J. Gude, 0.

THE SCHEDULE.

December 11, Tigers vs. Cock Robins; 12, Triangles vs. Oaks; 13, Cock Robins vs. Oaks, and Zeros vs. Weight Carriers; 17, Zeros vs. Oaks; 18, Cock Robins vs. Weight Carriers; 20, Oaks vs. Tigers; 22, Weight Carriers vs. Tigers and Triangles vs. Cock Robins; 24, Zeros vs. Triangles; 27, Triangles vs. Tigers; 29, Zeros vs. Cock Robins and Triangles vs. Weight Carriers; 31, Oaks vs. Weight Carriers.

CALL FOR TRACK CANDIDATES.

Coach Metcalf Outlines Season's Plans at Columbia.

Track prospects at Columbia received their first impetus yesterday when Nelson Metcalf, who will coach the track team this year, called out the squad for a talk on the season's plans. Twenty members of last year's team met the coach and promised to come out for practice.

Metcalf outlined the schedule for the indoor and outdoor seasons, but did not announce the dates. He plans to hold a series of four interclass and intermural meets during the winter in order to bring out all possible material in the university. A number of entries will be made for the various indoor A. A. U. meets and a dual indoor meet will be staged with N. Y. U. if a suitable date can be arranged.

Three meets will be held next spring with Brown, Colgate and the Navy.

HARPER IS RETAINED.

Notre Dame Football Coach Signs for Three More Years.

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Dec. 7.—Coach Jesse Harper to-day accepted a contract to remain as director of athletics at Notre Dame for three years.

The following men will receive monograms this year: Capt. Cofall, John Miller, Bergman, Phelan, Baujan, Coughlin, Bachman, Rydzewski, Degree, McInerney, Whipple, Slackford, Grant, Fitzpatrick, Philbin, Ward, Andrews, King and Meagher.

STEVENS TEAM SCHEDULED.

Engineers Will Play Wesleyan Eleven on October 13.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 7.—The Wesleyan University football schedule for 1917 announced to-day shows two changes. Stevens appears on the schedule for the first time, and the game with Bowdoin, which for the past eight years has been played here, will be played on the Bowdoin grounds at Brunswick, Me. The schedule follows:

September 29—Connecticut Agricultural College at Middletown.
October 6—Rhode Island State College at Middletown.
October 13—Stevens at Middletown.
October 20—New York University at New York.
October 27—Amherst at Amherst.
November 3—Williams at Middletown.
November 10—Bowdoin at Brunswick.
November 17—Columbia at New York.

JOHN N. COLBY IS DEAD.

Ranked High as Football Player at Dartmouth.

HANOVER, N. H., Dec. 7.—John N. Colby of Brookline, Mass., for three years a letterman on the Dartmouth football team and one of the most prominent members of the class of 1916, died early this morning at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital from pleurisy and pneumonia. The announcement came as a complete surprise, for he went to the hospital only three days ago.

Colby for three years was a guard on the football team. He was chairman of his junior prom committee and president of the college club. He ranked high as a football player. He was one of the leaders of his class in every activity and a very popular man. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

START ENGLISH BILLIARDS.

In the opening game of the Amateur English billiard tournament at Doyle's Forty-second street room last night C. Claxton defeated J. Chapman by a score of 250 to 184 in fifty innings. The winner made a high break of 27, while Chapman's best effort netted him 22. To-night W. Davies will meet G. Barron.

BULL AND RILEY BEATEN AT SQUASH

Ranking Players Lose Matches in Class A Team Contests With Yale Club.

YOUNG HARVARD STAR

Several upsets featured Class A matches in the Metropolitan Squash League tournament yesterday at the Yale Club and Brooklyn Heights Casino. The combined Princeton-Squash Club team defeated the Yale Club, 4 to 3, but Charles M. Bull, Jr., and Armin W. Riley of the winning team, ranked second and third among the squash players of the country, were among the defeated players. The Harvard Club, champions of 1915, won from Heights Casino, 6 to 1, but the star of the Harvard team, J. W. Appel, Jr., who won the fall tournament of the National Squash Association, was defeated.

The victory achieved by the Princeton-Squash Club players gave them a lead in the league with two triumphs and no defeats. Further it provided any amount of gossip when A. J. Cordier of Yale won in straight games from Bull, and Stewart H. Johnson of Yale was equally successful against Riley. Neither Bull nor Riley played with the accuracy they can be expected to show later in the season nor with the aggressiveness of the Yale victors. Hitting too low was a fault of the ranking players. Cordier and Johnson were steady, careful and energetic enough to keep the stars of the game wary. Cordier defeated Bull 15—9, 15—10, and Johnson won from Riley 15—8, 15—12.

The Harvard Club presented a new player in its lineup, and from the manner in which he began it seems likely Harvard will be hard to keep from the title again this year. He is Frank S. Hyde, a brother of A. M. Hyde, and he was graduated from Harvard last June. Playing against Joshua O. Low, champion of Heights Casino, Hyde won by 15—10, 15—9. He played a fast, aggressive game and was particularly strong in his gets. Appel, who was beaten by Rudolph Goepel of Heights, worked hard to avert defeat and managed to bring the second game to 13 all, but then Goepel ran out five aces without a miss.

J. Ford Johnson had a chance to avert defeat for Yale, when with only two points needed for a victory over Kenneth Stern Johnson failed and Stern won. This gave the Princeton-Squash outfit the team laurels. The summaries of the Princeton-Squash Club match against Yale follow:

A. J. Cordier, Yale, defeated C. M. Bull, Jr., Squash Club, 15—9, 15—10; Stewart H. Johnson, Yale, defeated Armin W. Riley, Princeton, 15—8, 15—12; W. H. Vander Poel, Squash Club, defeated J. H. Williams, Yale, 15—1, 15—3; John Taylor, Princeton, defeated J. Walker 3d, Yale, 15—1, 15—2; Harold Tobey, Princeton, defeated J. F. Stillman, Yale, 15—10, 15—8; Alan Corey, Yale, defeated Dr. H. R. Mixsell, Princeton, 15—12, 15—5; Kenneth G. Stern, Princeton, defeated J. F. Ford Johnson, Jr., Yale, 8—15, 17—14, 15—12.

The summary of the Harvard-Heights Casino match follows:

F. S. Hyde, Harvard, defeated Joseph O. Low, Heights, 15—10, 15—9; T. M. Morrison, Harvard, defeated Sterling Martin, Heights, 15—8, 15—4; Anderson Dana, Harvard, defeated Royal E. T. Riggs, Heights, 15—11, 15—9; R. G. Cunnyburn, Harvard, defeated R. Catlin, Heights, 15—9, 15—8; W. H. Y. Hackett, Harvard, defeated O. S. Eldridge, Heights, 15—7, 15—13, 15—10; G. M. Rushmore, Harvard, defeated T. H. Beardsley, Heights, 15—13, 15—4; Rudolph Goepel, Heights, defeated J. W. Appel, Jr., Harvard, 15—9, 18—13.

28 GAMES FOR YALE.

Southern Trip Will Start Busy Season for Elis.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 7.—Yale's baseball schedule, announced to-night, contains twenty-eight games, with provisions for third games with Harvard and Princeton if necessary. The first game, to be played on the Southern trip, will be with Trinity at Durham, N. C., on April 7. The schedule:

Southern Trip—April 5, Trinity at Durham, N. C.; April 6, Agricultural and Mechanical Arts at Raleigh, N. C.; April 7, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N. C.; April 9, Catholic University at Washington, D. C.; April 10, Georgetown at Washington, D. C.

Out of Town Games—April 11, New York Nationals at New York; April 14, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; May 19, Holy Cross at Worcester; May 26, Cornell at Ithaca; June 9, Brown at Providence; June 16, Princeton at Princeton; June 20, Harvard at Cambridge.

Home Games—April 17, Fordham; April 21, Lehigh; April 25, Amherst; April 28, Columbia; May 2, Williams; May 4, Virginia; May 5, Virginia; May 9, Dartmouth; May 12, Pennsylvania; May 16, Brown; May 23, Lafayette; May 30, Cornell; June 2, Princeton; June 6, Holy Cross; June 13, Tufts; June 19, Harvard.

In case of a tie in the Harvard and Princeton series the third games probably will be played at New York on either June 23 or 26.

TRAP SHOOTING AT MALBA.

New Clubhouse Built for Sport at Long Island Organization.

Members of the Malba Field and Marine Club have inaugurated a trap shooting division at Malba, on the North Shore of Long Island. An up to date trap layout has been made under the supervision of the Du Pont company's expert, J. I. (Jack) Fanning. A special clubhouse has been built, and the equipment includes a modern Western double automatic trap. I. J. Merritt, president of the gun club, has offered a trophy for the best long run made before Christmas Day.

Among the most enthusiastic members of the club's gun shooting division are: Byron E. Eldred, Major Charles Wylie, William S. Champ, Dr. D. A. Harrison, William C. Demorest, R. W. Sampson, Ray Palmer, J. P. Fernsler, F. Lumsden Hare, E. F. Roe, William Baillie, James Riley, E. O. Champ, H. M. Truett, E. D. Spencer and C. B. Woodrow.

MORE BIKE TEAMS SIGNED.

McNamara and Spears to Race in Garden Grind.

Another team for the six day bicycle grind at the Garden was booked yesterday. The team consists of Reggie McNamara and Bob Spears. This team won last year's event, but was disqualified in the last few minutes of the race for foul riding by Spears. McNamara kept the spectators on their feet during the week by his terrific sprinting and annexed the bulk of the prize money offered for special events.

Spears is the only rider in the game to have beaten Champion Frank Kramer in a series of match races last summer. He won five out of seven sprints at the Newark Velodrome. Two more teams signed yesterday consist of Clarence Carman and George Wiley and Bobby Walthour and Victor Linart. Walthour is working out on the Newark track and expects to be at his best when the field goes to the post a week from Sunday night.

WILLIAMS A WINNER.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 7.—"Kid" Williams, claimant of the world's bantamweight championship, outclassed Billy Fitzsimmons of New York in a ten round no decision bout here to-night.

BLACK BARRED BY NO YALE TRADITION

Elis Have Had Four Double Term Captains, Hinkey Among Them.

BENNION TO HELP PENN

"Cupid" Black could have had the captaincy of the Yale football team for another year, but out of what he declared to be regard for Eli tradition he was prompted to decline and give Art Gates a chance. It is extremely difficult to see wherein Black would have violated a tradition in accepting a second term, for examination of Yale records proves that the Blue has had four double term leaders.

Among the two year captains were such celebrities as Walter Camp and Frank Hinkey. The first double termer was E. V. Barker in 1876 and 1877. In 1878 and the following season Camp led the Blue, while in 1882 and 1883 R. Tompkins was the captain. Hinkey piloted Yale in 1893 and 1894. Hinkey led his men to victory over Harvard both years, and while Yale lost to Princeton in 1893, 6 to 0, it defeated the Tigers in Hinkey's second year of leadership by 24 to 0.

In view of these facts we are still looking for the tradition which Black feared to violate. However, it was extremely thoughtful and sportsmanlike for Black to have held the view he did. He will be eligible next season, and while he will not be the captain he will still have a chance to exert the influence for good which was so big a factor in Yale's success, especially at Princeton this year.

Gates should make a first class leader, a captain of a rank that should be in keeping with his calibre as a player. Gates was a remarkable tackle this year for the reason that he had been converted from an end and possessed the qualities of good performers in each specialty.

To Help Pennsy Prepare.

As regards Pennsylvania's football game with Oregon at Pasadena on New Year's Day, Bob Folwell does not believe his coaching to be self-sufficient in preparing the Quakers for the test. Folwell recognizes that he has no real line on Oregon's style and has enlisted Fred Bennion, coach of the Montana State eleven, in the Pennsylvania cause.

Bennion is familiar with both Oregon and Pennsylvania styles and readily accepted Folwell's invitation to help prepare Pennsylvania. Bennion will meet Pennsylvania squad at Salt Lake City and will give the Quakers blackboard talks in addition to showing them on the field.

East Eclipsed West.

Six times the East met the West on the gridiron this year and five times the East left the field victorious. Syracuse spoiled the chance for a clean record when it was beaten by Michigan by 14 to 13. It was a mighty close call for the West, at that.

Colgate started the subjugation of the West when it defeated Illinois by 13 to 3. Then Tufts, fresh from victory over Harvard and holding Princeton to 3 to 0, triumphed over Indiana by 12 to 10. The Army followed with a 30 to 10 success over Notre Dame and Syracuse lost to Michigan. Cornell defeated Michigan by 23 to 20 and Pennsylvania took the measure of the Wolverines by 10 to 7. Only two of the games, Army-Notre Dame and Cornell-Michigan, were played in the East.

In its relations with the South the East did not suffer a defeat. Washington and Lee held Rutgers to a tie, 13 to 13, and West Virginia tied Dartmouth.

Princeton-Michigan Game?

The rumor of a Princeton-Michigan game has been revived. Report has it that the Tigers and the Wolverines are to meet at Princeton on October 27, 1917, and that the Tigers are to go west in 1918.

Princeton and Michigan last met in 1881, when the Wolverines lost three games in the East in quick succession. Yale won by 11 to 0, Princeton by 13 to 4 and Harvard by 6 to 0. In 1883 Michigan again came east to play four games within one week—just imagine a team doing that in the present era. That invasion was disastrous, for Michigan lost to Yale, Harvard and Wesleyan, but beat Stevens Tech by something like 96 to 0.

CALLAHAN SHADES SIMLER.

Chick, Substituting for Pierce, Gives Brooklynite Hard Battle.

Chick Simler of Scranton substituted for Harry Pierce, who was scheduled to box Frankie Callahan of Brooklyn in the Clermont Avenue Rink last night, and gave the Brooklynite a great battle. Simler only lost by a slight margin. As a result of Pierce's failure to meet Callahan Jim Buckley, who with Padds Mullen manages the club, will prefer charges against him with the State Athletic Commission.

Last night's contest was a fast one from the first to the final clang of the gong early in the second round Callahan opened an old wound over Simler's left eye and the Scranton lad was handicapped greatly thereafter. The cut bled profusely and partially blinded Simler at times. Callahan gave a splendid exhibition of hitting and blocking and demonstrated to the fans the main reason why so many of the lightweights decline to meet the Brooklynite.

HARVARD TRACK MEN OUT.

Minot and Flower Likely to Get Places on Relay Team.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 7.—Harvard track candidates to-day reported for the winter season for the first time. Special attention will be given to the shotputters and hurdlers while the relay men are getting the kinks out of their legs. Two vacancies occur in the short distance relay teams this year, caused by the graduation of Bingham and Pennypacker. Minot and Flower, both football men, look like the leading candidates to run with Willcox and Capt. Teschner.

Among the leading candidates for the long distance team are Coggeshall, Feeney, Townsend, Donahue and Hassett.

In the hurdles Mark Noble, a senior, is expected to return to form, and Ed Rowse, a junior, who won his "H" in the Yale meet last year, should do well. M. H. Simons, a sophomore, is also a good timber topper. The freshmen will do little work, with the exception of the relay men, until spring.

Harvard again appears to be weak in the field events, but with the aid of Pooch Donovan's coaching good men may and should be uncovered.

MOORE DEFEATS STONE.

George Moore, national three cushion billiard champion, added another victim to his exhibition list last night when he defeated Joe Stone, 50 to 44 at Thum's. Stone proved proficient at safety play and forced the champion to go ninety-eight innings before he could collect his needed point. Moore had a high run of 5 and Stone one of 4.

HOWISON AGAIN VICTOR.

Canadian Continues to Lead Mayer at Balkline.

Leonard Howison, the Canadian balkline billiard expert, continued to show the way to Joseph Mayer in the fourth of their five night 18.2 match at Daly's, winning by 300 to 257, and making his total 1,200 to 903 for Mayer. Neither player was in exceptionally good form last night, many misses being made on shots which appeared simple.

Howison started the evening's entertainment with a run of 71, and threatened to make a high average, but he neglected his opportunities thereafter until near the end of the game, when he made a second run of 71. Mayer was sadly out of the race for the greater part of the distance, but managed to get his stroke working, making 86 points in the final inning. The final block of the match will be played to-night. Last night's summary:

Leonard Howson—71, 11, 6, 8, 3, 21, 4, 11, 15, 0, 27, 0, 0, 0, 0, 24, 0, 3, 0, 71, 15, 1. Total, 300. High runs, 71, 71. Average, 14 6-21. Grand total, 1,200.

Joseph Mayer—22, 6, 19, 0, 1, 3, 16, 17, 7, 0, 0, 18, 18, 16, 0, 1, 10, 0, 3, 14, 86. Total, 257. High run—86. Average 12 3-21. Grand total 903.

RESERVE CLAUSE ESSENTIAL TO GAME

So Declares National League President in Discussing New Contracts.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

"The new baseball contract recently approved by the National Commission is built upon the basic foundation of professional baseball—the reserve clause," said President Tener of the National League yesterday upon his return from Chicago, where, as a member of the National Commission he assisted in the drawing up of a new form of contract.

"The entire baseball structure is erected on the reserve clause, and the players need it every bit as much as the owners. Without it baseball would be a disorganized mass of teams, in which a few large cities could get all the good players. And the New York and Chicago clubs need Cincinnati and St. Louis to conduct their business."

Tener said there was no opposition from the fraternity to placing the reserve and ten day clauses in the new contracts. He says both are absolutely essential to league baseball.

"When we eliminated the injury clause entirely from the new contracts, we merely interpreted the spirit of the contracts that have existed in the past," said the former Pennsylvania Governor. "Major league clubs have always paid the salaries of players injured in its service, as far back as I can recall. Even if an injury clause did exist in the contracts it never was enforced.

Conferred With Dreyfuss.

"There was some talk that a club owner should be protected in the event that a player recovering from an injury tried to loaf on the job. I believe players who would stoop to do that are far in the minority, but there are players who have not hesitated trying such tactics. For instance, a player who had hurt his leg may try to favor that leg long after his injury just so he may sit in the cool of the bench. However, after talking it over we decided to eliminate the injury clause in its entirety."

Tener stopped in Pittsburg on his way East, where he was forced to listen to some of Barney Dreyfuss's grievances. However, the Governor did much to smooth out Barney's ruffled feelings and convinced him that this was not such a bad world after all.

Dreyfuss intended to come to the New York meeting next week demanding Herrmann's head as chairman of the National Commission, but it now is said Barney is willing to forgive and forget. Both Dreyfuss and Herrmann attended an Elks' dinner in Pittsburg last night.

Pittsburg reports quote Dreyfuss as being anxious to punish McGraw for granting interviews in which he said he would like to have Mamaux on his team. Tener said, "Such cases are as old as baseball. Suppose some baseball writer should ask Ebbets, 'How would you like Hornsby on your club?' Ebbets naturally would reply, 'He sure would fit in mighty nice.'

McGraw Case Settled.

"The next day the writer may come out with a story, 'Ebbets wants Hornsby to play shortstop.' Then the owner of Hornsby's club may accuse Ebbets of tampering with one of his players when Ebbets is entirely innocent and did no more than answer a reporter's question. That is how practically all of such cases originate."

Whether the McGraw case will come up at the annual meeting of the National League Tener refused to say. "So far as I am concerned the McGraw case is closed," said Tener. "However, I do not know what will happen at the meetings next week. The various club owners will be here for several days to discuss their business affairs and I cannot tell in advance what questions they will bring up."

DONOVAN BACK NORTH.

Bill Says Yankees Will Build Ideal Clubhouse at Macon.

Bill Donovan, manager of the Yankees, returned to town yesterday after an extended absence from the city. Donovan attended the minor league meeting in New Orleans and then put in several weeks in Macon, where he took up the question with the owners of the State fair grounds of erecting a training house near the ball park.

The New York club intends to equip a frame building several hundred yards from the ball park as a clubhouse with steam heat, shower baths and other training paraphernalia. "Such a training house will save the players from running the mile and a half back to the hotel in a cold wind and sometimes in rain," said Donovan.

"Also when I formerly warmed up a pitcher and used him for a few innings I was forced to send him right back to the hotel so he would not stand around in the wind and get chilled. Now I will be able to send him to the clubhouse to get his arm rubbed and put on a dry shirt, after which he can be put to work fielding bunts or shagging flies."

Donovan says his present plans are to start Maisel at second base, with Gedeon second choice, and an outfield consisting of High, Magee and Gilhooley, with Hendryx in reserve. He says the Salt Lake City club has been after Gedeon for some time and even tried to get him before the end of last season.

"However, I intend to hold on to Joe," said Wild Bill, "as I still am convinced that he will come through and be a valuable player. He showed me he could hit last spring, when he met the ball very hard, and I believe illness was entirely the cause of his slump."

CLINTON FOOTBALL LEADER

Frank Goldowsky, De Witt Clinton's left tackle, was elected captain for next season last night. Clinton will lose nine members by graduation, Balar, Hoving, Fitzgibbons, Brodil, McNulty, E. Eisenberg, Thompson and Stearns.

DELAYED CABLE ANNOYS RICKARD

Promoter Certain French Champion Will Consent to Box in This City.

WELSH TO MEET KILBANE

Military censorship, or possibly a short circuit in the Atlantic cable, may be delaying the cablegram to Tex Rickard announcing that Georges Carpentier has signed "them papers." In any event the undersea message did not arrive yesterday. However, Mr. Rickard feels confident that he will get the glad tidings in the very near future. Until he hears definitely from the French champion he cannot make any further progress in his plans to stage a bout between Carpentier and Willard or Darcy in the Garden.

While waiting for news from somewhere in France Mr. Rickard declared that if Carpentier has taken on as much weight as is reported, and now scales 190 pounds, he would not feel that a match with Willard would be a one sided one. In that event he would feel justified in putting them in the ring. The only contingency in which he would sign Darcy would be exorbitant demands on the part of Willard or his managers.

It is evident that Rickard, with keen business instinct, will play Darcy against Willard, and while he expresses the opinion that Willard would be the best drawing card the promoter would be in a position to resist extravagant propositions by Willard and still have a good attraction in Darcy and Carpentier.

Rickard Raps Curley.

Rickard paid his respects to Jack Curley, who has been asserting that Willard will not be a party to the deal except his terms are met. Rickard said that when he was in Chicago he was assured by Willard that Curley had no possible voice in the management, and that Tom Jones was the only man who could speak as to matches. Therefore, Rickard said he would not pay any attention whatever to Curley.

From Australia comes a story to the effect that Darcy, before leaving his native land, told a friend that he was tired of fighting for the small purses that he was receiving, and that as the members of his family were not in good circumstances he wanted a chance to earn enough in a few good ring battles to put his folks on easy street. He said he expected to get big money in America, and that after he had provided for his family he would then join the colors and go to the front.

Kilbane Yields to Welsh.

Johnny Kilbane has surrendered to Freddie Welsh on the question of weight, and the champions of the featherweight and lightweight divisions will meet in a ten round bout in this city within two months. Kilbane's manager, who left the city yesterday, tried for some days to induce Welsh to make 133, ringside, for a bout with Kilbane, but the Briton flatly refused to make any weight except that at which he won the title from Willie Ritchie, namely, 135 pounds at 3 P. M.

After a number of conferences Kilbane's representative consented to make the match at the Englishman's terms. The bout will presumably take place in the Garden, provided the arena is then in commission as a boxing club. Kilbane will doubtless weigh 128 pounds when he enters the ring, and Welsh would have about ten pounds the best of the weight.

Tex Rickard will have a representative to-day noon at the auction sale of Madison Square Garden. It is said the New York Life will be the chief bidder.

High Cost of Boxing Contests.

The promoters throughout the country are aghast at the high cost of boxing contests. There is said to be a movement on the part of promoters to economize in the matter of bouts till such time as the glovemen become more reasonable.

Matt Hinkel, the Cleveland promoter, has issued a warm protest against the exorbitant prices. He charges that Kid Lewis seems to be boosting the figures unnecessarily. Lewis recently boxed Johnny Griffiths at Hinkel's club in Cleveland, and on the basis of 25 per cent. received $1,900 for his share. Hinkel at once signed Lewis for another bout at the same club for December 21 and for the same percentage. After thinking it over Lewis demanded 30 per cent. Hinkel says he will live on ping pong before he will pay any such price as that for boxing.

The Harlem Sporting Club will stage two pairs of lightweights to-night—Tommy Touhey, the Paterson Puncher, facing Billy De Foe, and Allie Nack mixing it with Young Fulton.

The Village A. C. will introduce Eddie Kelly and Bud Palmer as its offering to-night, and the Vanderbilt A. C. will present Billy Bush and Paddy Murphy.

JUAREZ RESULTS.

First Race—Selling; for three-year-olds and upward, five and a half furlongs: Yaca, 101 (Rice), $5.90, $2.40, $1.80, won; Josephina Zarate, 109 (Howard), $3, $1.50, second; Smiling Maggie, 10 (Garner), $1.30, third. Time 1:06 4-5. Finnigan, Rubicon II, and Yo Puedo also ran.

Second Race—Selling; for three-year-olds and upward, seven furlongs: Barnard, 102 (Gray), $2.80, $2.20, $1.20, won; Orbicular, 111 (Smith), $14.10, $4.90, second; Ci Ti's True, 112 (Howard), $1.50, third. Time, 1:24 2-5. Circulate, Meigen and Alanasia also ran.

Third Race—Selling; two-year-old fillies, five furlongs: Sybil, 105 (Carroll), $1.90, $1.80, $1.30, won; Thirsty, 103 (McIntyre), $6.40, $3.80, second; Belle C., 102 (Hunt), $3.30, third. Time, 1:00 1-5. Mulbrey, Lycia and Kagura also ran.

Fourth Race—For all ages, six furlongs: Adalid, 113 (McIntyre), $4, $1.50, won; Borg, 111 (Garner), $2, Waremore, 101 (Hunt), third. Time, 1:15 2-5. Rochester also ran. No show mutuels sold.

Fifth Race—For three-year-olds and upward; maidens, five and a half furlongs: Buck Nail, 112 (Garner), $5.50, $2.20, $1.20, won; Zudora, 107 (Molesworth), $2.50, $1.60, second; Clumsy Kate, 107 (Carroll), $2, third. Time, 1:07 2-5. Panela, Onota, Certain Point and Esmeralda also ran.

Sixth Race—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs: Rey, 108 (Warren), $1.60, $1.80, $1.20, won; Regards, 108 (Carroll), $3.60, $1.40, second; Aigledor, 108 (Garner), $1.10, third. Time 1:28 3-5. Quiz, Smiling Mag, Gilnt Tucker and Meal Ticket also ran.

JUAREZ ENTRIES.

First Race—Three-year-olds and upward, selling, five and a half furlongs: Superi, 111; Joe Gaitens, 108; Violent, 106; Wild Bear, 108; Blarney, 105, Dr. Kendall, 105.

Second Race—Three-year-olds and upward; selling; five and a half furlongs: Panhechaip, 111; Goggsty, 111; Ed Luce, 109; Rubicon II, 108; Zim, 107.

Third Race—Three-year-olds and upward; selling; five and a half furlongs: Gallant Boy, 109; Lone Star, 105; Mary Estelle, 100; Bert L., 105; Hermudian, 105; Gray's Favorite, 102; Gen. Pickett, 104.

Fourth Race—Three-year-olds and upward; handicap; six furlongs: Fascinating, 109; Little String, 105; Adalid, 103; Casey Jones, 103; Commutatis, 99.

Fifth Race—Two-year-olds; selling; five furlongs: Dyson, 105; F. C. Cole, 104; Red Deer, 101; Allan, 101; Black Jack, 103.

Sixth Race—Three-year-olds and upward; one mile: W. W. Clark, 110; Alda, 110; York Lad, 108; Charley McFerran, 105; Black Frost, 102; Bigtodo, 102.

ADOPT DRASTIC RULE FOR AMATEUR GUNNERS

Interstate Association Approves New Definition at Annual Meeting Here.

A drastic definition of an amateur trap shooter was adopted at the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Interstate Association for the Encouragement of Trap Shooting at the Hotel Astor yesterday. It was decided that any one who receives shooting utensils, guns, cartridges or other ammunition from manufacturers or dealers without purchasing them and paying his own expenses is to be classed as a professional. The adoption of this definition places the association on a higher plane, but it's going to be mighty hard to enforce that rule.

The Grand American Handicap, the year's feature, was awarded to the South Shore Country Club of Chicago. The Western tournament will be held under the auspices of the St. Joseph Gun Club, St. Joseph, Mo.

The Roanoke Gun Club, Roanoke, Va., was chosen to take charge of the Southern tournament. Hartford, Conn., will be the scene of the Eastern tourney, and the Pacific Coast Handicap will be shot over the traps of the San Jose (Cal.) Gun Club.

T. E. Doremus, Wilmington, Del., was reelected president and T. H. Keller, New York, vice-president. E. R. Shaner, Pittsburg, secretary, and Elmer E. Shaner, Pittsburg, manager and treasurer, were reelected.

QUERIES AND ANSWERS

BY Tom Mac Nulty

Yesterday morning I answered a query to the effect that in a game between the Athletics and a semi-professional club in the South, Rube Waddell struck out the side after calling in all his fielders.

Roy Reeves, secretary to President Tener of the National League and a former Philadelphia sporting editor, tells me that Waddell turned this trick in a regular American League game between the Athletics and Baltimore in Philadelphia in 1902. Mr. Reeves says he recalls the incident very well, as he was reporting the game.

Dear Tom—(1) How many times did Giants face Alexander this year? (2) How many times did Giants beat Alexander? (3) How many full games did Alexander pitch and how many times was he taken out of the box against the Giants? A CONSTANT READER.

(1) Five.
(2) Three.
(3) Alexander pitched two full games, but was taken out of the box in each of his three defeats, being batted out once, retired himself in the fifth inning of another game, and in the third defeat giving way to a pinch hitter.

Dear Tom—What was Artie Fromme's batting record and pitching record in the Coast League last season? JOHNSON.

Fromme hit .273. He led the Coast League in the pitching averages, permitting 1.92 earned runs a game. He won 23 games and lost 14.

Dear Tom—At what games and in what year did Bobby Cloughen equal Schick's