ORGANIZED BASEBALL MAY ADOPT PEACE PLAN AT COMING MEETING IN NEW YORK

HERRMANN SEEKS TO BURY THE HATCHET WITH FED'S AT CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

Chairman of National Commission Is Willing to Open Negotiations With Outlaws and Settle Baseball War

ONE more effort will be made to bring about peace between the Federal League and Organized Ball at the coming meeting of the National League in New York. Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission and president of the Cincinnati club, is willing to listen to any plan which may stop the war, and if other National League owners will authorize him to open negotiations with the outlaw organization it is possible that an agreement will be reached which the American League will be forced to accept.

Since the Federal League started its career the magnates of Organized Ball have been blind to the strength of their rivals. This was due largely to the fact that Organized Ball reigned supreme so long and was favored to such an extent by the press throughout the country that it believed it impossible for any league to succeed without its protection.

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Feds Invasion of New York Arouses O. B.

The invasion of New York by the Feds has aroused the forces of Organized Ball to a fighting pitch, and has also worried them more than they are willing to admit. Scribes point out the fact that the Feds must sink $2,000,000 in New York before they start the season and that it is impossible for them to get an even break for many years to come even if the new team is favored by the public.

No doubt this is quite true, but as long as the Feds can go out and dig up men who are willing to put up their millions there is no telling what may happen. The argument always is advanced that the Feds cannot last because they have failed to draw well and are losing money, but apparently they are not worried about their financial condition.

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Battle of Finances

Last year was a poor one financially for the three leagues, and unless peace is made, it will resolve itself into a contest to see whose finances can last longest. If the battle is waged on this basis, there may be an unpleasant surprise in store for Organized Ball.

That the major league clubs have at last come to realize this is evident. The announcement from New York that the American League would not build its new park, but would continue to play on the Polo Grounds, shows that Organized Ball is preparing to fight the aggression of the Feds in Manhattan and will not sink its money into ball parks.

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Will Seek More Star Players

The Federal League's invasion of New York means that the new league will go after the star players of Organized Ball, as it is necessary to give the Gotham fans a high-class team if the Feds expect to be recognized. A star team in New York for the Federal League will draw, regardless of the class of the rest of the teams. New York loves a winner and will patronize one.

Garry Herrmann and one or two other magnates of Organized Ball realize this, and there will be another effort made to reach some agreement with the independent league. If the original peace plans are accepted by the American League, the Federal League is will to give up its option on the property in New York and the war will be over. Otherwise the war will be continued, and on a much larger scale than before.

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Promoters Should Pick Good Boys Instead of Marks for Ertle

Local fans were skeptical regarding the ability of Johnny Ertle, the St. Paul lad who was given a victory over Kid Williams, the bantamweight champion of the world, when the latter fouled him after being severely punished and packed the Olympia A. A. to the doors to see him Monday night. They saw a wonderful youngster, and the manner in which he put Young Diggins away in less than a minute made a big impression with the fans.

After this brilliant victory Ertle is certain to prove a great drawing card. It was hoped that he would immediately be matched against a few of the local bantams who are rated above Diggins. Instead of matching the St. Paul wildcat with a good man he has been matched to meet Knockout Joe O'Donnell, a third-rater, who was easily beaten by the inexperienced Young Jack Toland and who twice lost to Diggins.

It is hoped that Manager McNulty will not force his sensational youngster to go about the country licking second-raters instead of tackling a few boys who might be able to make him hustle. Eddie O'Keefe, Lew Tendler and Louisiana are deserving of a chance to meet Ertle. The latter is a wonderful puncher, as his work against Williams proved conclusively, and he fights a style that would assure a slam-bang battle if he were matched with Ertle.

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Virginia's Eleven Will Again Meet Yale and Harvard

Virginia's football schedule for 1916 has been announced and includes games with Yale and Harvard. The victory over Yale and the great showing against the Crimson will make the Southerners excellent drawing cards next fall. Vanderbilt, Georgia and North Carolina are also on the Virginia schedule.

Many of the leading teams of the East have already completed their 1916 schedules. Penn is generally last of the big colleges to arrange its dates. This is due to the system in vogue, which may be changed in the near future. The new football committee should be elected earlier and it would not be handicapped in arranging the schedule for the following year.

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American League Should Aid Charley Somers

If the Cleveland American League Club is sold it will be a great blow to Charles Somers, and will be further evidence that there is little sentiment in baseball. When the American League was in a bad way financially during the war between Johnson's league and the National, it was Somers who put up the most of the money to finance the clubs which were without funds.

Had it not been for Somers the American League would have gone to the wall after one season and would not have been able to force the National League into making peace. Fans are of the opinion that the league should take care of Somers. President Johnson says that is what it intends to do, but it does not look that way. The publicity given Somers' financial difficulties could have been avoided had the American League done the right thing three months ago.

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Colgate's Game With Illinois Will Give Chance for Comparison

Another intersectional football game has been scheduled for 1916. Colgate has closed negotiations with the University of Illinois for a game in the West. This will be the first game between Illinois and an Eastern eleven in years, and it will give the critics a chance to compare the teams of the East with those of the Western Conference. This has not been possible since Michigan dropped out of the Western body.

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Fans Disappointed at Postponement of Gibbons-Ahearn Bout

The postponement of the Mike Gibbons-Young Ahearn fight because the former contracted a severe cold was a great disappointment to a small army of Eastern fistic fans who planned to take in the battle. The remarkable improvement shown by Ahearn in the last year may have caused Gibbons to contract the cold and it may not have settled in his lungs, as reports indicate.

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The Navy football eleven should be strengthened by the addition of Bill Butler, of Central High, and Bill Crowell, of West Philly, who have received appointments to Annapolis. Butler should make a star on any college eleven, while Crowell is a powerful lad who could be developed into a star guard or tackle.

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It is believed that the rumor of Mahan's ineligibility had much to do with his defeat for the honor of first marshal of the senior class at Harvard. This honor fell to Bill Bingham, captain of the track team and a brother of the Yale halfback, with Mahan second choice. It is the highest honor that can be gained by a member of the graduating class at Harvard.

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Pittsburgh has a habit of supplying Princeton with football captains. Frank Glick, captain of the 1915 eleven, is a Pittsburgher, and so is Frank Hogg, the giant guard who was elected to lead the 1916 team. Charley Barrett, of Cornell, is also a resident of Pittsburgh, though he has been credited with being a Clevelander because he attended the University School of the Sixth City.

Lack of weight is going to be a great handicap to the Penn basketball five. Last season the team was small and Coach Jourdet had a hard time turning out a strong team. The rules in vogue in the Intercollegiate League at the present time give big men a great advantage. Dartmouth, with its veteran team of giants, will be a heavy favorite.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES

NEW SOCCER LEAGUE WILL BE ORGANIZED

Eight Teams May Be Entered in Industrial Circuit at Meeting Tonight

Thomas Garrity, of the Electric Storage Battery Company, who has worked so hard to form an industrial soccer league, hopes to realize his ambition tonight when representatives of the local concerns gather at the auditorium of the Electric Storage Battery Company, 19th street and Allegheny avenue. Invitations have been extended to a number of the men of the big plants.

At this time there are six teams for the league. The Hohlfeld Manufacturing Company, the Lupton Sons Company, Pecora Paint Company, Margerison & Co., Cresson-Morris Company and Electric Storage will have elevens in the reckoning. Maybe at tonight's session two more teams will apply for membership, thus making an eight-club circuit.

At tonight's meeting the organization will be perfected and arrangements made to start play about the first of the year. The constitution and bylaws will be ratified at a later meeting.

It was the original intention to hold the organization meeting last night, but because several of the representatives could not be present the convention was postponed until tonight.

The idea of promoting soccer interest among the manufacturing employes has been in the sponsor's mind, Thomas Garrity, for some time, and only by painstaking effort did he succeed in finding athletically live organizations. The call for soccer came quite late this year but the formation of the league and the adoption of a short schedule will put the organization on a working basis so that next year there will be plain sailing from early fall.

American Lace Company employes pay for the support of their soccer team. The company has not yet taken up the athletic idea.

John B. Stetson Company's finishing department nine, champions of the Stetson League this year, will be the guests of their fellow workmen at a dinner to be given at Mosbach's Casino, 13th street and Girard avenue, next Saturday night.

HAYES MEETS DAVIS

Bouts Scheduled at Broadway Tonight. Other Boxing

Happy Davis and Grover Hayes will be the principals in the Broadway's wind-up tonight. Both are veteran pugilists of the fighter type. The program follows:

First bout—Tommy Gray, Gray's Ferry, vs. Joe Robinson, Gloucester.

Second bout—Joe Mealy, Smoky Hollow, vs. Johnny Attell, Southwark.

Third bout—Johnny McLaughlin, Southwark, vs. George Blackburn, Fairmount.

Semiwind-up—Billy Clark, Frisco, vs. Johnny Loughrey, West Philadelphia.

Wind-up—Happy Davis, North Penn, vs. Grover Hayes, Southwark.

Forfeits of $250 have been posted by Leach Cross and Ad Wolgast for appearance for their scheduled 10-round match in New York December 17.

The date for Tommy Buck's match with Benny McGovern at Kansas City has been postponed from December 10 to 13.

Johnny Ertle can have a match with Johnny Coulon, former bantam champion, if he wants it. The latter, after a year's stay on the side lines, will endeavor to "come back," and he prefers the Kewpie as his first opponent. A promotor in Gary, Ind., is ready to book the match for 10 rounds in January.

Perkiomen Basketball Dates

PENNSBURG, Pa., Dec. 9.—Following an unsuccessful football season at Perkiomen Seminary athletic attention is turned to basketball. But one man remains from last year's squad. The schedule has been completed and is as follows: January 8, West Philadelphia H. S., home; January 19, South Bethlehem Business College, home; January 22, Allentown Prep, home; January 29, Philadelphia School of Pedagogy, home; February 4, Camden High School, away; February 5, Swarthmore Prep, away; February — Keystone Academy, away; February 12, Wyoming Seminary, away; February 16, Villanova Prep, home; February 19, Wenonah Military Academy, home; February 22, Haverford School, away; February 26, Bethlehem Prep, home.

Overton to Lead Yale Runners

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 9.—Announcement was made today of the election of John W. Overton, of Nashville, Tenn., as captain of the Yale cross-country team for 1916. Overton won first place in the meets this year with Harvard and Princeton and in the intercollegiate run at Boston.

Breaks Plunge Record

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—A new record is today hung up for the plunge for distance. Craig Redmond, the 280-pound University of Chicago swimmer, set the new world's record when he plunged 60 feet in 19½ second, two-fifths of a second faster than the record.

SANFORD, RUTGERS TUTOR, IN LINE FOR YALE'S HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Would Do Well With Blue's Team, Declares Rice. Walter Johnson Bursts Into Limelight Again After 1915 Season Is Finished

By GRANTLAND RICE

JUDGING from the written opinion expressed by any number of Yale graduates, George Foster Sanford is running one-two-three for Eli's next instructor. Not a protest against G. Foster has been registered. It has been 100 per cent. boost.

As for Sanford teaching rough football, we'll say this: Rutgers' play against Princeton, in the lack of undue roughness, was of a good bit higher order than Yale's was. And Sanford was at Rutgers—not at Yale.

By Way of Chiding

"Now that the golfing season is all over."—Exchange.

You think the golfing season done
Because a cloud has crossed the sun
Where lately yellow gold was spun!

Because the winds and snows careen
Or drift above the ancient green
Where stark the frozen grasses lean!

Tut-tut—and piffle; likewise "pooh,"
I'm very much surprised that you
Should even hint the season's through;

What though the clubs stick in the bag,
How can the golfing season lag
As long as frenzied tongues can wag!

As long as one can find a guy
To listen to the How and Why,
Or give heed to an alibi!

So please absorb this thought, old dear,
As long as you can find an Ear,
The golfing season's always here.

The Case of W. Johnson

Very little was heard about Walter Johnson. He was supposed to be sliding and a long way from his old form. No one spent any time fetching out the laurel to wreathe around his mobile brow. "Slipping a bit," was the general verdict.

Then enters the proof. In 1913 Johnson worked in 47 games and permitted only 1.69 runs to the battle—that is, runs that were earned from his pitching.

In 1914 Johnson took part in 51 games and permitted 1.71 earned runs to the combat. These two seasons were supposed to be his best.

But last season—or 1915—Johnson worked in 47 games and allowed only 1.55 earned tallies to each combat. In 1915 he was not quite so good as he was two years ago, but a shade better than in his 1914 campaign.

In place of slumping, Johnson through 1915 moved up toward his greatest mark.

In 1913, Johnson's best year, he allowed 54 earned runs in 47 games and struck out 243. This last season, in 47 games he allowed 58 earned runs and achieved 203 whiffs. The difference isn't great enough to be noted—except that Johnson was considered a world beater in 1913 and only a fair pitcher in 1915.

The Start and the Finish

As we recall the frosted details, Herb Pennock started the season for the Mackmen by holding the champion Red Sox to one flabby hit.

Which shows exactly how much a start is worth over the long route. For Mr. Pennock finished, in effectiveness, sixty-sixth among sixty-six pitchers, allowing 6.37 tallies to each game.

Those yearning to know why the Mackmen finished last by so wide a margin can be easily accommodated.

In the way of pitching effectiveness, of the eight worst pitchers in baseball Mr. Mack's team claimed only six. They were Bush, Sheehan, Bressler, Crowell, Nabors and Pennock.

The best regular on Mack's club was Wyckoff, and he allowed nearly four earned tallies each time he undertook to help kill an afternoon on the mound.

The records show that a pitcher allowing a trifle under three earned runs per game is doing average work. Only two earned tallies is first class stuff and over three is verging toward the bush.

Vernon Castle saw a brace of boxing matches and decided to go to war. He was too badly discouraged to continue dancing after observing how many laps he was behind the regular talent.

NORTHEAST'S SOCCER TITLE IS DISPUTED

Girard College Seeks Recognition to Play for Annual Scholastic Laurels

Ever since Northeast High School won its first Interscholastic Soccer League championship its title to supremacy has been disputed by Girard College. The soccer eleven of these two institutions have not met for several years, the collegians gaining such an overwhelming victory on the occasion of their last game that their request for a date on the Northeast schedule in recent years has been ignored.

With such strong soccer elevens in this vicinity as the George School, the Westtown Boarding School and Girard College the champion of the Interscholastic Soccer League, composed of Northeast, West Philadelphia, Central High, Frankford High and Germantown High, cannot consistently lay claim to the scholastic soccer championship of Philadelphia. The scholastic requirements at the three schools named above, as well as the ages of the students, are about the same as at the schools in the Interscholastic League, hence there is no sound reason for any statement to the effect that the schools are not in the same class. As a matter of fact, the student bodies at George School, Westtown and Girard College, possibly excepting the latter, are smaller than at the public high schools.

Another National Cup match is scheduled for Saturday. The Hibernians, of the American League, will play Viscose, of the Allied League, at Chester.

COFFEY MYSTERY WOULD BE SOLVED IN WILLARD BOUT

Match With Champion Might Decide Whether Jim Has 'Glass Jaw'

MAY BOX IN NEW YORK

One of pugilism's greatest mysteries—Jim Coffey's peculiar jaw—probably will be solved in the near future. Present indications point to the consummation of a match between the Roscommon son and Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world. Tom Jones, the Kansan's manager, has announced that Willard would meet Coffey in Gotham. Furthermore, he will not demand a flat guarantee. Jones is ready to sign for a match on a percentage basis.

In this event fight fans will be shown whether Coffey possesses a "glass jaw" or not. Those who have followed Coffey throughout his career have discovered these strange facts, viz.:

First. A solid punch landed on Coffey's jaw in the early rounds of a fight invariably makes him groggy, nearly always sends him to the ropes for support and makes him an object of pity.

Second. A dozen punches of the same kind and to the same place later on in the fight never even disturb his balance.

KNOCKED OUT BY MORAN.

No man other than Frank Moran ever scored a technical knockout over Coffey, yet the Irishman rarely has gone through a battle without being in a seemingly pitiful condition at one time or another, without seeming to be on the point of defeat via the knockout route.

Whether Coffey's championship aspirations will be made good depends on his ability to overcome that one peculiar affliction—the power to stand up under that first swing to the jaw. A match with Willard would solve this, as Jess has developed a wonderful right-hand punch.

If a Willard-Coffey set-to is staged and Jim succeeds in weathering Jess' wallops for 10 rounds, it is probable that the big boy from the "Ould Sod" will beWillard's most logical opponent for a championship match after six more months or so.

LOOKS LIKE A CHAMPION.

Coffey seems to have every requisite that a champion needs with the exception of his so-called "glass jaw." Jim's early fault—and one which asserts itself occasionally now—is his extreme eagerness to mix things at the start. He starts in by rushing his opponent and fights with the fierceness and speed that most men show in the final round of a bout. And that is where Coffey places himself at a big disadvantage, as his foes usually are able to slip over a wobble-producing punch.

Coffey's trainers are gradually curing him of this fault; they are teaching him the science of defense, and he is succeeding so well that he may reach the championship throne some day—if his jaw can learn to withstand the first few wallops.

Hoppe Defeats Yamada

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 9.—Before the City Club in Wilmington last night Willie Hoppe defeated Yamada, the Japanese player, at a 400-point 18.1 balkline match by a score of 400 to 145. The longest run made by Hoppe was 120, and his average was 30 and a fraction. He had another run of 93. Sixty was the longest run made by Yamada. After the match Yamada gave an exhibition of fancy shots.

Gibbons-Ahearn Fight Postponed

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 9.—Postponement for at least a week of the Mike Gibbons-Young Ahearn 10-round contest, originally scheduled to take place here December 10, was announced by the promoters last night because of the illness of Gibbons, who is suffering from a cold that threatens pneumonia. If Gibbons is able to resume training next Monday, the bout will take place December 17.

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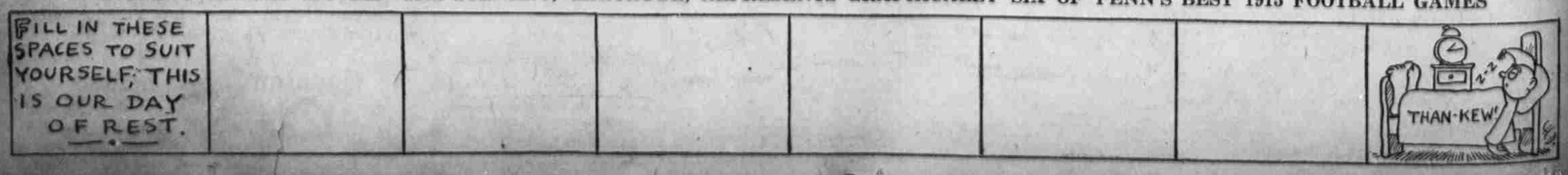
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