TROUBLE IS BREWING IN BASEBALL WORLD; PRESIDENTS AND MAGNATES ARE SQUABBLING

RUMORED EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO OUST PRES. TENER

At Least Five Magnates Opposed to Way League Chief Handled Big Questions

OTHER DIAMOND GOSSIP

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

With the Federal League a thing of the past the baseball fans were speculating on what the magnates would do to keep the national game in the limelight during the winter months. Last winter was the best in the history of the game for "the stove league" and baseball was crowding football and other sports for publicity in its off season, and, judging by recent developments, this is going to be the busiest winter ever.

The Brooklyn scandal and the poor handling of the same and the never-to-be forgotten world's series between the Red Sox and Dodgers still are subjects for winter dope, while rumors are flying thick and fast concerning the sale of clubs and players, changes in managers for several teams and squabbles between magnates and the two major leagues.

Eight Rumors

Here are a few of the rumors, some of which undoubtedly will become realities.

First. President Lannin, of the Red Sox, will dispose of the Boston American League franchise at the insistence of President Johnson. No denials have been made by Johnson and indications are that he will go through with his threat, as the other magnates will stand by him.

Second. The Brooklyn Club will be sold, either to Charles Ebbetts, a wealthy coal operator, or to a syndicate headed by Harry Sinclair, one of the principal backers of the Federal League.

Third. Percy Haughton and his associates have had enough of baseball and are trying to sell the Boston Braves.

Fourth. Joe Tinker is through as manager of the Cubs. Among those mentioned as his successor are Jimmy Callahan and Johnny Evers. Fred Mitchell, coach of Harvard's ball team, has not been mentioned as a possible successor to Tinker, but one of Weeghman's business associates says that Mitchell already has signed his contract and that the announcement will be withheld until the meeting in December.

Gaffney Wants Club

Fifth. Jim Gaffney, former owner of the Braves and builder of the wonderful park in Boston, for which he is getting an annual rental of $50,000, wants to buy a major league franchise, preferring the Phillies or Dodgers.

Sixth. Johnny Evers and Stallings are at odds and the veteran second baseman will not be with the Braves next season. According to rumor, Evers has been given permission to negotiate with several clubs for a managerial position.

Seventh. Jimmy Callahan and Miller Huggins will not be managing National League teams next season, while Clarence Rowland is through as manager of the White Sox.

Eighth. The Players' Fraternity is going to make demands of the National Commission that will cause a serious split between the players and owners and may bring about a show-down.

No doubt there is a great deal of truth to many of the above rumors, while others are just rumors, but one can add to the list the reorganization of the National Commission, a change in the method of conducting the world's series, a rearrangement of the schedules of the two major leagues, with the season closing earlier, and a strenuous fight to depose John K. Tener as president of the National League.

We received information on the above additions from an authentic source, and believe that at least three of the four added suggestions will become realities.

To Oust Tener

It is virtually certain that an effort will be made to oust Tener. It is known that five magnates are very much opposed to the way he has handled the affairs of the National League in his first trying season, while two other magnates will follow the majority. It is said that several magnates are very much peeved at the way he handled important cases in which they were vitally interested, while every magnate in the league admits that Tener's lack of action in the Brooklyn scandal was responsible for the unfavorable comment that was aroused.

They contend that Tener should have acted or made some sort of a statement, even if he choose the wrong course. Tener failed to act in any way, save to give out a weak and unsatisfactory statement, in which he virtually says that twenty-five baseball writers, who witnessed the farce, were either blind or incompetent.

Ban Johnson's open criticism of Tener's policies, which gave the "Czar" another chance to impress upon the public the American League's superiority in an executive way, did not appeal to the magnates. They elected Tener because they believed that he would add dignity to the National League, and that, with his knowledge of baseball, he would develop into an ideal president, but already they are calling him a "figure-head" president.

Change in Commission

Those close to Ban Johnson say that the American League boss confided to them that he was not pleased with the National Commission as it now is composed, and that he favors one man from each league, with a disinterested party as chairman, instead of two representatives from the National League and one from the American League. No doubt there is some truth in this and the change is likely to be made.

Several times since the world's series Johnson has criticised the present plan of conducting the blue-ribbon event, and will insist on a change. Just what plan Johnson has in view is not known, but it is certain that none of the suggested plans can be carried out unless the season ends about two weeks earlier.

It has been suggested that the schedule be cut to 140 games, closing the season on or about September 24. This would call for each club to play ten games at home and ten games away with every other team in the league, which is considered by several magnates as an ideal schedule. It would make possible an earlier start of the world's series, if there is one, or the carrying out of a round-robin plan, as has been suggested.

Perhaps only a few of the suggested changes, trades, etc., will amount to anything, but it is virtually certain that there will be more excitement in baseball, starting December 1, than there ever has been during the off season, and many changes are likely to be made before the 1917 season opens.

Major Leagues May Split

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—After almost a year of baseball peace, war again threatens. So far it is confined to personal differences between President Tener, of the National League, and President Johnson, of the American League, but unless the grievances of these two are adjusted, it is a foregone conclusion that the major leagues will be drawn into a fight.

President Johnson is very much peeved at the statement given out by President Tener in New York yesterday, and those who have followed the fortunes of the American League under his guidance declare that the "Czar" will not be satisfied until he has squared the account.

Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, is in this city and conferred with Johnson and Presidents Weeghman and Lewis, two of the two Chicago clubs, and it is said that the meetings were very satisfactory. It is expected that the rumored change in the National Commission is responsible for Herrmann's visit.

PENN STUDENTS CROWD RAILROAD STATION TO SEND TEAM OFF

PENN IS GIVEN ROYAL WELCOME BY PITT FANS

Red and Blue Eleven Arrives in Pittsburgh and Will Practice This Afternoon

BOB FOLWELL CONFIDENT

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 27.—Football feeling in this old town is approaching the stage of fever heat as each day brings Saturday nearer. Politics have been pushed clear back into the shade, and when a bunch of men are seen arguing on the street corners, you generally find that they are not discussing the merits of Wilson and Hughes, but Folwell and Warner. It is no exaggeration to say that the two last-named men are more talked about than the candidates for the presidency, at least in the Smoky City.

The Pennsylvania squad did not lack friends when it arrived here today, as the meeting of the Associated Penn Clubs of the World has brought to town nearly a thousand graduates of the University, and, of course, they will be at the game to cheer the boys to victory. It will be a job for Bob Folwell to keep his team away from the enthusiasts today at the Hotel Shenley, just across from the grounds.

The game will be played on Forbes Field, the home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and it can accommodate the 35,000 spectators confidently looked for by the Pitt athletic committee. Glenn Warner has decreed that no Pitt man shall be seen around the grounds while the Penn team is practicing in the early hours this afternoon. Folwell will have the park to himself and team for a try out to become acquainted with the conditions regarding lights and shadows, and as this practice will be at about the same time of day the game takes place it will mean a little advantage to the Red and Blue to get in a couple of hours' work.

Coach Warner sent his lads through a light practice yesterday, feeling confident of the fitness of his team and desiring only to keep their minds on the game itself rather than to try for a more perfect physical condition. True, every play they expect to make on Saturday was gone through with, but nothing strenuous was done. Soppitt is the only player in the squad not able to take his place, but he hopes to get over the injuries sustained in the Navy game in time for Washington and Jefferson, two weeks from Saturday.

Saturday's officials were announced today as follows: Maxwell, Swarthmore, referee; Moffat, Princeton, umpire; Merriman, Geneva, head linesman.

EDDY WILL DIRECT TIGERS' PLAY IN DARTMOUTH GAME

Superior Generalship Gives Him Call for Quarterback Position

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 27.—Head Coach Rush changed his plans and gave the Princeton squad another long scrimmage before the Dartmouth game. The ends were drilled long and hard in the art of stopping wide end runs of the Dartmouth variety, and in running down under Driggs's high spirals.

In Connell Dartmouth has one of the best broken field runners in the game, and if the Tiger wings cannot cover Driggs's long punts he is sure to prove dangerous. Ames and Eddy are still strong contenders for the quarter position. The coaches had both of them receiving punts and running as interference yesterday afternoon. Eddy will start the Dartmouth game, as his generalship seems to give the team more drive and his open-field running is of a high standard.

The team work of the Tiger squad has shown remarkable improvement this week, and there is less fumbling to be seen in the practice games, but Coach Rush's team will go into the game minus the services of Latrobe and Moore, who are still on the injured list. McGraw will play in Latrobe's place.

Badoud Outfights Ratner

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Albert Badoud, French welterweight champion, outfought Augie Ratner, of this city, in a ten-round bout. Badoud weighed 150 pounds and Ratner 152 pounds.

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DUDLEY'S DE NERI FIVE READY FOR OPENING CONTEST

Musical Fund Hallers Have Been Working Regularly. Kinkaid Only Absentee

OPEN WITH TRENTON TEAM

By SPICK HALL

Manager Ambrose F. Dudley, of the De Neri (Eastern League) basketball team, has been getting his players in shape for the opening of the season by staging practice games with various clugs in this section. Already the Musical Funders have played several games and they have one more before the campaign begins. This contest is scheduled for tomorrow night with the Keystone five at Forty-fourth street and Westminster avenue.

All of the De Neri men have reported and been working regularly to get in trim, except Winnie Kinkaide. While Dudley is not counting on Kinkaide, it is possible that the veteran guard may return. In that event, he will either be used in a utility role or take the place of Thompson, if the latter fails to play up to his pressagenting.

Thompson, who goes to De Neri from Plymouth, Pennsylvania State League, has a hard road ahead of him. The success of the team in the cage really depends on how well Thompson fits into the De Neri machine. If he makes good, then Newman, Dark, Cashman and Cavanaugh ought to be able to go at a fast clip against Greystock, Camden and Reading, the quintet which on paper are the best in the Eastern League. But if Thompson does not show up well, it is hard to see how De Neri can successfully cope with their speedier rivals.

Open Monday Night

According to the present arrangement, the line-up of the De Neri team, which opens the season at the Trenton Armory next Monday evening, will be: Dark and Newman, forwards; Rube Cashman, center, and Cavanaugh and Thompson guards.

Last season De Neri got away to a very bad start. If that occurs this year, with only twenty games to play for the first pennant, they will be virtually eliminated right off the reel. However, it is to be hoped that they will make a good fight. The De Neri team has always been popular here and has as many, if not more, followers than any team in the league.

Made Final Spurt

For a time last year De Neri was hopeless in last place, but toward the close of the campaign they picked up enough games to land them at the head of the second division with a percentage of .500.

Doc Newman, who is counted on to be the star performer this year, had a fine season in 1915-16 in spite of the poor showing of the team as a whole. Doc was second in the average column with 3.41. He shot ninety-five field goals, annexed seventeen points as a pinch-foul-tosser and was credited with forty-four assists. Newman's total points amounted to 207.

Bill Dark, who tossed fouls last season for De Neri, will again be on the job for the Dudleymen. Dark had 283 foul points last season for his thirty-nine games.

FOR SEVERAL SEASONS past, Eastern league teams have done a good deal of "stalling." This always happened when one team had an advantage of a few points with only a few minutes left to play. One of the best chancers to do this "stalling" was in foul tossing. Joe Fogarty, though by no means the only offender, had "stalling" on foul shooting down to a science. He did not appear to be going through any extra motions, but he did nevertheless, and often killed enough time to insure victory for his team. This year this will be impossible, because as soon as a foul is called, with three or less minutes to play, time will be taken out until the ball leaves the foul-tosser's hands.

IN ORDER THAT BOTH the fans and the timers will know when a foul is called, the referee and umpire have been instructed to hold up their right hands. Formerly it was impossible at times to distinguish a called foul from a scrimmage call. As both the referee and umpire will have the right to call fouls, both have been instructed by President William Scheffer, to raise their right hands well above the head when they call a foul.

EGGIE BILSON is still on the payroll of the De Neri team. He will probably be used as a utility man again this year. Bilson showed good form in a number of the games in which he participated last season, but was not consistent enough to get a permanent position.

DOC NEWMAN, who is spelling his name with a "W" this year, is going to be married on Sunday afternoon.

THE REFEREES and umpires of the Eastern League have received their final instructions from President Scheffer. It will be the duty of the referee to have entire charge of the ball. At first it was thought the best method would be for the umpire to toss the ball up, but later it was deemed the wiser plan to simply let the umpire watch the players all the time and the referee perform the functions to which he has been accustomed. In this way a lot of the rough, tricky work which was pulled off by certain players at the time the referee was tossing up the ball or when his back was turned will be eliminated by the presence of the umpire. Not only will the umpire actually see this "rough stuff" if it goes on, according to the idea of those who instituted the double system, but the moral effect of his presence will do even more than the actual penalties which he will be called upon to inflict.

THE SYSTEM of having both an umpire and a referee in the cage is by no means a new one. In the early days of basketball this was regularly done. The old National League of Philadelphia was the first organization to dispense with the umpire and use the one-man system. The schools and colleges then took up this system and it has been in use ever since until this season.

IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE that the management of the De Neri Club was unable to come to terms with the proprietors of the Palace Dance Hall, on Market street between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth. West Philadelphia will support any kind of athletics. This has been shown time and again. Baseball flourishes in all sections of West Philly; track and field athletics are popular; football, not only at the University of Pennsylvania, but also among classes who do not follow college athletics, is very popular. The Vincome and Paschall football teams always draw well.

In consequence of the general popularity of athletics in West Philadelphia it would not be in the nature of a gamble to put an Eastern League basketball team in that section. De Neri, however, cannot be blamed for not accepting the proposition made by the Palace Dance Hall people. The price was absolutely prohibitive. Not only was the rental far in excess of what the returns would be, but it would be necessary to put up the cage and seats every week, as this big hall is used for dancing and roller skating a number of nights each week.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

BROADWAY A. C.—Joe Tuber won from Wally Nelson, Ted O'Leary turned his ankle in his bout with Pat O'Malley, second; Patsy Convery collapsed, opposed to Young Borrell, fifth; Young Stinger quit to Jimmy McKee, first; Kid Dougherty won from Young Howard.

BALTIMORE—Kid Williams shaded Al Shubert, ten rounds.

NEW YORK—Albert Badoud outfought Augie Ratner, Bill Brennan knocked out Tim Logan, second; Harry Nelson defeated Joe Bush.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Tomorrow night at the National Club Joe Azevedo will make his first appearance since recovering from an injured arm, which necessitated the calling off of seven bouts. Charley Thomas, the real iron man of the local pugilistic crop, will be the party of the second part. Three newcomers in local competition will make their Philadelphia debuts in the prelims. Billy Kramer, of Milwaukee, will take on Willie Moore; Jimmy O'Hagen, of Buffalo, will clash with Jimmy Fryer, and Frankie Dixon, of Kansas City, will exchange punches with Lew Stinger.

Six bouts and a battle royal, with Joe Phillips and Charley Doyle, two rival Kensington lightweights in the star bout, is the bill for the Nonpareil A. C. tonight. Tommy Gorman will meet Frankie Conway, Buck Mallard will box Jack McCloskey, Walter Brown will battle with Joe Geiger, Chick Meyers will tackle Frankie Moody, while Bull Smith will collide with Johnny McAvoy.

Reports from Baltimore state that George Chaney is in great shape for his reappearance in the ring at the Olympia here Monday night. He will stack up against a stiff puncher in the person of Larry Hansen, the Dane. Dick Leadman, who has caused a sensation in bantam circles, is booked with Lew Tendler in the fourth fracas. Joe Welsh vs. Darby Caspar, Young Seiger vs. Guesie Lewis and Billy Hines vs. Young Medway are the other numbers.

Lew Tendler, Benny Kaufman, Louisiana or any other star bantam can have Harry Smith's game, while the champion, Kid Williams, would be accommodated at 120 pounds, says Reynold Gilkes, new manager of the Eighteenth Ward southpaw. "We don't want a lot of money to get started, either," said Gilkes. Smithy is anxious to meet Tendler to decide the best of the local southpaw bantams.

A New York matchmaker has entered the field for the Kid Williams-Johnny Ertle match at 118 pounds. Ertle has agreed to meet the champion here at that weight, but as the Kewpie wants only $3500 this may prove a snag clinching the contest in this city. Williams would rather box Ertle in New York, as he would have the advantage of four more rounds in his effort to win by a knockout.

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