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Result of Hearing of Carroll Protest Shows that Baltimore Leaders Want Fair Play.

MAKING BIG SACRIFICE

By WILLIAM PEET.

Washington athletes, especially those connected with long-distance running, have in the past always had a grievance, uttered a series of loud yelps, and painted in black on their foreheads the words "Baltimore" connected with races held in Baltimore.

During the last eight years, the writer can hardly remember an instance when a modified marathon was run over a Baltimore course in which Washington athletes were entered, that local competitors have not grumbled at what was considered shabby treatment at the hands of their Baltimore hosts.

Last Thanksgiving Day the annual South Atlantic cross-country run was held in Baltimore and the only Washington athlete to enter was a team from the Carroll Institute.

The race was won by Geiger, a Baltimorean, running unopposed, the team trophy went to the Baltimore Cross-country Club. The Carroll Institute boys got nothing but a few medals to show that they were able to finish.

Three days after the event Carroll Institute entered a vigorous protest, claiming that the course, instead of being the regulation distance of six miles, was less than four miles, that because the Washingtonians had trained for a six-mile event, and furthermore, were not notified before the race that the course was a short one, the event was improper and should be annulled.

An official protest was lodged, and Chairman Burdick, of the registration committee, immediately started a probe, collecting evidence both here and in Baltimore from the contestants and the Carroll Institute. At a meeting in Baltimore Monday, all evidence had been collected and the registration committee will present the facts to the board of managers of the Southern Athletic Union.

The facts of the whole matter as borne out by the testimony are briefly as follows:

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Sinclair Paves Way for Weeghman to Get Cubs

Bacher, of Newark Federals, Holds Long Conference with Charles P. Taft—Commission Fails to Make Any Announcement on Meeting.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 4.—The baseball moguls who came to town for the purpose of caging the dove of peace discovered today that somebody had ripped out a few tail feathers and made the bird somewhat opposed to confinement.

None of the magnates here will admit that there is even the remotest chance of their being a break in the peace pact, but all of them are worried over the big problem involved in disposing of the Federal League players.

The National Commission believes that as a result of the peace agreement all the clubs in the major leagues would have an equal chance to bid for the services of the players. The Federal owners want to favor their former associates. Phil Ball, owner of the St. Louis Browns and St. Louis Federals, feels that he ought to have first chance to grab off the Federal League's half back, Charles Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Federals and prospective owners of the Chicago Cubs, feels the same way.

Harry Sinclair, backer of the Newark Federal League, who is in the possession of the working rights of most of the Federal League baseball players, today, during a lengthy conference with Charles P. Taft, greater the way for Charles Weeghman, of the Chicago Federals, to come to Cincinnati tomorrow and formally take over the Cubs.

The meeting with Mr. Taft took place while the National Baseball Commission was engaged in going through a day's routine. No important announcement was forthcoming from the commission meeting today, although several sessions were held.

It was semi-officially announced that all knots in the negotiations for the acquisition of the Cubs by Weeghman have been untied, and all that remains is the formal turning over of that organization to Weeghman.

Several matters, baseball men admit, are causing delay in the final peace arrangements. Of these, it is said, the disposition of the Federal League stars is the more complicated.

Sinclair announced today that he is in no hurry to dispose of the players. Baseball men believe, however, that all matters will be cleaned up before the meeting in this city this week comes to an end.

Another matter that is causing much concern is the trouble of the International and Federal Leagues. This question, along with the matter of disposing of the Federal players, will come up for bearing at the joint peace meeting tomorrow.

President Gilmore will be here in time for the first session.

John K. Tener, president of the National League, when asked if he thought there was any chance of a rearrangement of the peace program, said:

"I am sure everything will be smoothed out in time. This is a big matter and it will take time to handle. I feel that the tangle over the disposition of Federal players will be straightened out before we leave here this week. The International League problem probably will be solved tomorrow or Thursday."

Just before the National Commission went into session at noon at the Hotel Sinton for the purpose of electing officers and disposing of routine business, Garry Herrmann said:

"The commission will finish up its regular work today. On Wednesday it will meet with the committees representing the Federal and International leagues in an effort to adjust the differences that exist in Buffalo and Baltimore. On Thursday the National League managers will reconvene here."

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MELLON, POLLY COACH, IS INJURED IN FALL

Baltimore, Jan. 4.—Dutch Mellon, coach of the Poly football team, and former star player of St. John's College of Annapolis, is in the University Hospital recovering from a fall he sustained at Sparrows Point, where he was employed. He suffered a badly wrenched shoulder and a severe shaking up.

Feds After Cleveland Franchise.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 4.—In conjunction with the Ward interests, represented by C. B. Comstock, Edward W. Gwinner, president of the former Rebles, is negotiating with President Ben Johnson for the Cleveland franchise. The conditions named by Johnson entail the payment of \$200,000 to President Charles W. Somers and assuming a mortgage held by the Forest City bankers against the property for \$25,000. The bankers' committee that holds the mortgage also insists that a Cleveland man must head the team.

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NOMINATIONS CLOSED.

Four Hundred Are Entered for the 1918 Futurity.

New York Jan. 4.—Nominations for the Futurity of 1918 closed officially at the offices of the Westchester Racing Association yesterday with 400 entries, but A. McL. Erlocker, the secretary, expects to have fully 800 when letters under postmark of yesterday are received.

As a barometer for racing and the sentiment touching on and appertaining to the Futurity stands alone. The entry just closed indicates the growth of the sport, for there were only 500 nominations for the 1917 fixture and only a score more than that number for the race that will be run during the coming fall meeting at Belmont Park.

With H. P. Whitney, John E. Madden, Maj. T. C. McDowell, L. S. Thompson, George D. Widener, Jr. and several other liberal nominators still to be heard from, Price McKinney's Wickliffe stable heads the list in point of numbers with fifty-three entries, the get of Collin Hippodrome, Ullimus, Reihl, Sweep, Bailot, Disguise, Hurst Park and the English thoroughbreds, Light Brigade, Santry, Javelin, Tullibardine and Assagai.

An interesting side of this Futurity to be closed by the Westchester Racing Association is the number of prospective sons and daughters of English and French sires and dams, some of which have made turf history, named for the 2-year-old classic.

CITY COLLEGE WILL PLAY GALLAUDET

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 4.—Manager Littman, of the City College baseball team, has arranged a dandy schedule for the nine for the coming season. Nineteen contests have already been booked or are pending and an active campaign is ahead of the 1916 players. Several out-of-town contests have been booked, and the players should enjoy the jaunts arranged by Manager Littman.

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FOLWEL LIKELY TO COACH PENN TEAM

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—While no definite action was taken by the football committee in the selection of a football coach at its meeting held last night, the impression is that Bob Folwell, former captain and All-American half back, will be the man chosen to lead Penn out of its football rut.

The meeting was held at the bedside of Lud Wray, a member of the football committee, who is in the German Hospital recovering from an operation for a floating cartilage on his knee.

Folwell was the only one of the many candidates for the position who attended last night's meeting.

Runners Fail to File Briefs.

New York, Jan. 4.—Abel R. Kiviat, star runner of the Irish-American Athletic Club, today was expected to be declared a professional and banished from amateur competition. Kiviat, with Harry J. Smith, another runner, failed to file his brief against the charges.

The time limit for the reply expired yesterday. An opinion from the Amateur Athletic Union is expected Saturday.

H. L. Williams May Coach Yale.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 4.—Dr. H. L. Williams, university of Minnesota football coach, has returned to Minneapolis after two weeks' visit in the East. When questioned relative to a report that the Yale committee appointed to select a coach for 1916 had decided to name him for the work, he said he believed the report was premature, as no agreement has been reached.

Diplomat Wins at Tennis.

Panama, Jan. 4.—William Spencer, the American charge d'affaires, has won the Isthmian tennis championship from Alexander Feghtig, the former champion. Twenty-four of the best players on the Isthmus competed in the tournament.



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Former President's Son Will Attempt to Emulate Father at Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 4.—Harvard's winter track season opened yesterday when Coach Bligh called out the varsity and freshmen squads to the Soldiers' Field board track.

Although more than sixty candidates reported, and many more are expected to come out today, and as the Crimson has lost comparatively few of its best men since last spring, the prospects for a team here are regarded as bright.

Ellery Clark has started a boom in boxing this winter, and this afternoon more than twenty men reported to the instructors in the gymnasium. Several of the varsity football team men, Dick Harte, Ernest Soucy and Ken Parson, reported today, as did Weatherhead and Whitney, two of the substitutes. Archie Roosevelt was a member of the squad and worked out a little against Charley White, the light-weight, who spent most of the afternoon at Cambridge. Young Roosevelt's father, former President Roosevelt, about thirty years ago was rated as the best boxer in Harvard.

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