

ALL THE NEWS AND GOSSIP OF SPORTS

JOHNSON WORRIED ABOUT WASHINGTON

President Will Straighten Up Affairs Here.

TALK OF CONSOLIDATION

Rival Leagues May Eventually Consolidate—Ned Hanlon Mentioned for the Local Club.

When the baseball magnates of the National League convene at the Victoria Hotel in New York today for their annual meeting, they will be surprised to learn no doubt that their great rival, the American League, has to cope on hand of big proportions in Washington. It is the aim of the American League men to bolster up its affairs in this city prior to the believed inevitable combination with the National League looking to the formation of a twelve club circuit.

Hanlon as Manager. How would Edward Hanlon, former manager of the champion Baltimore club, look, stock, and barrel, in Washington has never had a winner, and with Hanlon in control here the argument is set forth, the American League would strengthen its weakest point. Hanlon has been receiving a salary of \$12,500 a year from the Brooklyn club, in which he holds 10 per cent of the stock, but he is not under a written contract.

He has often cast longing eyes at this city. Hanlon is a farseeing baseball politician, and it is safe to say that he realizes that a general combine of baseball interests will come just as sure as the sun rises and sets.

Consolidation Likely.

There is tangible evidence, for that matter, that there is an open desire in some quarters for a twelve-club circuit. Both sides have declared against it. But magnates are fond of making denials. The Robisons of St. Louis, for instance, are heart and soul in favor of a consolidation. In a recent interview Stanley Robison said, with emphasis, "A twelve-club circuit has got to come. We are ready to do business on that scale in St. Louis. The two clubs in Chicago and Philadelphia understand each other, and it is safe to say that they have lost \$100,000 and have no chance to recoup unless they sell out. In New York the coming club is Frank Farrell's Americans. He has made many warm friends among National League men, and will be taken care of by a dictator, as for some doings before another year is over."

One of the prominent baseball men said that Garry Herrman of Cincinnati had a perfect understanding with Ban Johnson of the American League on the consolidation question, and that the only recalcitrant was Dr. J. Edgar Pittsburg. This man said that at the meeting in New York today, while everything would be smooth on the surface, there would be more or less consolidation talk. Incidentally, the National Leaguers are beginning to insist on a schedule of the subway next year and a schedule which will permit the Americans to open the season at home for a long stretch of games will serve to change the tide of popularity. The club's backing has been increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

There can be no question of doubt that Brush is in the minority in the councils of the National League. Several magnates, notably Hart and Robison, do not speak to him. His action in the Davis and Elberfeld cases has not been forgotten, and instead of being compelled to bend the knee to the will of the majority, even though his club made nearly \$100,000 last season, Brush, however, refuses the consolidation plan and believes his position is unassailable. He has a winning ball club and grounds and is confident that nobody can deprive him of these valuable assets.

National Season Profitable.

With the gathering of the magnates comes the announcement that perfect harmony reigns within the ranks, and that the comparatively small debt of \$6,000 remains to be paid off. The magnates began to arrive in New York yesterday. At this meeting the routine business consists of the election of officers, including a new board of directors, the appointment of a committee on rules, and a schedule committee.

Much talk has been going on about a plan to abolish the four strike rule, but it is probable that the Nationals will make no change.

TOD SLOAN'S CASE WAS ADJUDGED

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The case of "Tod" Sloan, the American jockey, against the French Jockey Club for \$40,000 damages for being warned off the turf in connection with Rose de Mai's winning the Prix de Diane at Chantilly in May, was further argued yesterday and adjourned for a fortnight, when a decision will be given.

TEN LEADING BOWLERS TO MEET ON ALLEYS

The ten leading bowlers in the Y. M. C. A. League will line up in five-me teams on the association alleys on Saturday night, and one of the best sets of the season is promised. The following players will take part: Rodrick, Fowle, Reusch, S. Brashears, E. L. Brashears, Gould, Eber, Hilton, Farie, Denison, and Webb.

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY LEADS THE OWNERS

New York Millionaire Wins \$99,405 on the American Turf Last Season.

William C. Whitney leads the list of winning owners on the American turf for the season of 1933, which came to an end on Saturday with the close of the Benning season. Despite many disappointments, the cutting down of his best colts, inflexible, which, in the opinion of many good judges, would probably have won the Turfity, and the comparatively few times toward the end of the season when the "eton blue, brown cap," were seen in public, Mr. Whitney's racers won a trifle less than \$100,000 in exact figures, \$99,405.

That the turf never was more prosperous or more healthy is revealed by this list of winning owners:

Table with columns: Owners, W, L, T, Winnings. Lists names like Albemarle Stable, A. L. Adams, L. V. Bell, etc.

DONOVAN DID NOT RESIGN POSITION

Robison Says Patsy Will Be on Hand Next Season.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 8.—"If I took the time to deny all the stories that were told about myself and the St. Louis club, not including those about Patsy Donovan, I would have nothing else to do," said Frank DeHaas Robison, president of the St. Louis National League Club, today.

FAT MEN AGAIN LEAD THE DISTRICT LEAGUE

The Jolly Fat Men, in the District League, moved up into first place last night by winning three games from the Aces, on the Palace alleys. The Aces bowled excellently, and chalked up 315 in their last game, but the District boys were on their mettle, and the efforts of the Aces availed them nothing. Ludwig made the highest single of the league in the last game, knocking over 236 pins. The scores:

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pins. Lists teams like Aces, Campbell, Cox, etc.

BUREAU LOSES TWO TO NAVY YARD TEAM

The Bureau quint, which led the Departmental League, dropped two of the three games bowled to the Navy Yard team, on the Palace Alleys last night, and is now tied with the interior five for first place. The Bureau made the highest team total, but their work was not consistent.

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CORINTHIAN CLUB SMOKER

The Corinthian Yacht Club held a smoker at its clubroom, foot of F Street northwest, yesterday afternoon. Toasts and speeches were in order.

ENGLISH TURF MEN WIN MORE THAN AMERICANS

Sir John Miller Heads the List With \$127,940 to His Credit.

The money won by the English horse-owners this season in the British Isles exceeds the amount won by the American turfmen in this country by many thousands of dollars. Sir John Miller, whose colt Rockland won the Derby, heads the English list of winning owners, with \$127,940 to his credit, which is \$27,000 more than W. C. Whitney won here this year.

John Gubbins, who owns Ard Patrick, last season's Derby winner, and the conqueror of Rockland this year, is third on the list with \$91,558. Ard Patrick won a race worth \$50,000, and several other events not quite so valuable. The prominence of Mr. Gubbins on the winning list is due solely to this great colt's speed.

The list of winning owners with the number of races they won during the season follows:

Table with columns: Name, Races Won, Winnings. Lists names like Sir J. Miller, L. de Rothschild, etc.

NEW YORK NATIONALS DECLARE NO DIVIDEND

Money Reserved to Meet Emergencies at Annual Meeting of the Club.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the New York Amusement Company, better known as the New York National League Baseball Club, which took place in Jersey City yesterday, the report of Secretary-Treasurer Knowles showed that the season of 1933 had been a profitable one. No dividend was declared, as it was unanimously agreed to reserve the money in order to meet all emergencies, as well as to complete extensive alterations and improvements at the Polo Grounds in New York.

LIGHTING COMPANY DROPS THREE GAMES

The Lighting Company dropped three games to the Southern in the Railway Relief Association League last night without extending itself. The Lighting Company bowled exceptionally poor, Fellows 155 being their highest score. Garber and McIntire, of the winners, made the best score of the evening, with 178 each. The totals:

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HOGAN IS ELECTED CAPTAIN OF YALE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 8.—James J. Hogan, of the senior class, was last night elected captain of the Yale football team for next year by his seven-against Harvard and Princeton this fall. Hogan's only competitor was Ralph Kinney, his tackle mate, who received a complimentary vote from the Scientific School players on the team. Hogan, however, was the only Yale player who had been on the team for three years.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF BREAKING INTO STORE

Special Policeman William Young, of the First precinct, early this morning caught a negro in the act of breaking into the show window of Philip Yule's, 907 D Street northwest, and abstracting therefrom a zither and a mandolin. He locked him up on the charge of housebreaking. The man gave the name of Joseph Smith. Smith will be arraigned in Police Court tomorrow.

WOMAN HELD UP AT NOON

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Searchoy was a big police squad detailed yesterday to guard this city from highwaymen when Annie I. Stevens was attacked and robbed in the South End at high noon.

WASHINGTON BOYS WIN HONORS IN BALTIMORE

Local Lads Successful at Indoor Meet of the Fifth Regiment Athletic Association.

Washington boys achieved much success in the athletic meet of the Fifth Regiment, of Baltimore, held last Saturday night in the Monumental City.

The 100-yard dash, handicap, Cook, of the Central High School, came out first; Dear, of the University of Pennsylvania, second, and Walker, of the Y. M. C. A., third, in the last time of 10 seconds flat.

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U. S. COMMISSIONER PUTS OUT PETER MAHER

The Former Pugilistic Champion Fails to Get His Naturalization Papers in a Philadelphia Court.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—Pugilist Peter Maher and United States Commissioner Craig were in the ring together today for a while. Peter wanted to become an American citizen. He still is Irish. Peter never wined when the commissioner asked him where he was born and who his parents were. He knew who the President is.

"How is the President elected?" was asked.

"By a large majority," said Peter, confidently.

"And the governor?"

"The same way," said Peter.

"What was the Declaration of Independence?"

"It had something to do with the British," said Peter. "It was a kind of international challenge."

By this time Peter was slightly groggy, but the commissioner was fresh.

"What's the Constitution?" he was asked.

The charitable supposition is that Peter didn't understand this fully.

"It's all to the good," he declared enthusiastically. "I'm trained up to the minute."

Then Peter went down and out. He is still the Irish champion.

MRS. CROGAN WANTS PARTNERSHIP CLOSED

Wife Sues Husband and Demands an Accounting of Property.

The question whether a husband and wife are one in the eyes of the law will come up for decision in court in the settlement of the differences between Annie W. Crogan and her husband, John Crogan.

Mrs. Crogan today instituted proceedings in the District Supreme Court for the purpose of having a business partnership between herself and husband dissolved, and to have a receiver appointed, and to enjoin Mr. Crogan from disposing of property held in common.

Mrs. Crogan says, they have conducted a partnership business at 918 Eighteenth Street, in the National Zoo, logical Park. She says she did the greatest part of the work of the firm. With the money accumulated, Mrs. Crogan says, real estate has been purchased and a bank account started. She further says her husband has disregarded her rights, and sold and disposed of certain property held jointly by them.

Mrs. Crogan also says her husband is indebted to her in a large amount of money. The matter will come up for hearing before Justice Anderson, December 11.

Douglas & Douglass and Baker & Sherrill are named as counsel for the petitioner.

PORTO RICO COFFEE SENT FROM NEW YORK

Islanders Angry at Attempt to Damage Product.

CROP PICKERS WORK HARD

Strike for 25 Cents a Day.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 8.—Every coffee grower in Porto Rico and every newspaper in the island united this week in a storm of protest against the repetition of an offense committed against the interests of Porto Rican coffee, upon the prosperity of which so much depends here.

Seventy-two bags of Brazilian coffee arrived from the United States on the last trip of the steamship Ponce, which coffee was sent here for the purpose of reshipping to the United States under the name of Porto Rico coffee, and thereby reaping the extra price which the Porto Rico product commands.

The difference in price between Porto Rican coffee and Brazilian coffee in the New York market is more than the cost of transportation to and from Porto Rico, hence the profit to be derived in this transaction, for by showing the bill of lading, the New York merchant can readily sell his coffee on board as genuine Porto Rico coffee.

Collector of Customs Cruz said: "There is no way for the customs authorities to prevent the shipment of Brazilian coffee as Porto Rico coffee, but those who do that are enemies of the commerce of the island, and the practice should be stamped out as quickly as possible."

First Shipment in Some Time. The custom house officials think that this was the only shipment of the kind for a long time, and say that they do not know of any since the one two years ago. Most of the large shippers here, when interviewed, said they preferred not to say anything in regard to it, because it was an American who was involved, and they could not afford to criticize the Americans.

The next legislative assembly of Porto Rico, which meets January 12, will doubtless enact a law to protect Porto Rican coffee and tobacco by having it bear identification and grade stamps before shipment.

The coffee picking season is now at its height; the crop will be heavy and of a quality which should command a good price. Many women are employed with the men sorting the berries, and at Aguadilla last Friday more than 200 of these women went on a strike, demanding 25 cents a day instead of 15 cents for twelve to fourteen hours' work. Despite the low price of coffee, the first of these unfortunate work is said to make a net profit of \$4.20 on each 100 pounds, or \$80,000 yearly. The principal owner of the property is now in Europe with his family. These women look more like an army of beggars than like working people.

Show Marks of Suffering. According to the statements of some of them, they have many children to support, and their husbands, or most of them, are without work. They go barefooted and are dressed in rags. Their faces show long years of suffering. They work from 6 in the morning until at least 6 in the evening, and many of them work Sundays and nights.

They sort a bag of coffee, 120 or 130 pounds, in twelve or fourteen hours, and receive for this work 15 cents. Aguadilla is the town where they compel the laborers to work longer and pay the least of any place on the island, and they sort and threshers of coffee appealed to the Federation Libre for co-operation, and the organizer of the American Federation of Labor, Santiago Iglesias, told them that they had a right to strike when it was to their advantage.

Without being organized, and not being united in your work, your case is lost," he said to them.

COCKRAN TO TAKE M'CLELLAN'S PLACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—W. Bourke Cockran, it was said last night, will probably be selected by Charles F. Murphy as the Democratic nominee for Representative in the Twelfth Congressional district to succeed George B. McClellan. When Mr. Cockran was in Congress, prior to his quarrel with Richard Croker, he represented practically the same district. Mr. Murphy had three other candidates under consideration to succeed Mr. McClellan—William McAdoo, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Charles A. Towne, former United States Senator from Minnesota, and Joseph W. Savage.

NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

Wabash to Enter Philadelphia.

Though much mystery still surrounds the intentions of President George J. Gould regarding any plan the Wabash may have for entering Washington, it is said he has obtained control of a franchise by which the system can reach Philadelphia, while traffic and other arrangements are being made for terminals in New York. Concerning the plans to reach Philadelphia, the following alleged facts are given as to the route to be followed. It is said a loop is to be constructed from the extension already obtained to Baltimore up to Parkersburg. From that point the trains will use the Philadelphia and Western trolley tracks to Sixty-third and Market Streets. And from there, by authority of additional charter rights and franchise, which, it is said, the Wabash hopes to be able to obtain easily from the councils, the line will continue into the city, skirting Bartram Park and crossing the Schuylkill River near it.

The proposed extension will not necessitate difficult engineering feats. The line from Baltimore to Parkersburg will be on a grade almost continuously level, and from Parkersburg to Philadelphia, when the Pennsylvania tracks are reached, those of the Wabash will go over them.

It is further stated that a number of Philadelphia business men have had conferences with men representing the Gould interests in reference to the Wabash entering the city, and financial support has been promised in addition to assistance in inducing the councils to grant a franchise.

Must Consider Distance.

To hold that, after substantial dissimilarity of circumstances and conditions has been shown, the longer-distance rate cannot in any case or to any extent be considered by way of comparison in determining whether or not the shorter-distance rate is unreasonable or unduly prejudicial, particularly when, as in this case, competition and other compulsory conditions are found not to justify the whole disparity between the shorter and longer distance rates, would be to reject a most appropriate and necessary test of the reasonableness and justice of railway charges. In a case where there is a substantial dissimilarity in the rates than may be indicated by the ascertained dissimilarity in circumstances and conditions.

There seem to be points in the decision which are sure to make trouble whenever the long and short haul arrangements of railroads are under consideration, which has caused the belief that it is better to have a court decision on the subject.

New York Extensions.

Concerning the plans to enter New York, it is said it is not likely that Mr. Gould at present contemplates obtaining rights of way or building any track into the Empire city, beyond constructing a few small connecting lines. It is said to be the intention to obtain for the Wabash track rights east of Buffalo, preferably with the Lake Shore, with terminals in Jersey City, over which it can send its trains to the Hudson River. The Lake Shore is the main Eastern connection of the Wabash now, and it is thought the Vanderbilts would rather make the arrangements for the Wabash to enter New York than to allow the Goulds to make a deal with some other line, possibly the Erie, which is said to be planning to make some extensions in the central West.

It is known that the Erie has been making overtures to a traffic agreement with the Wabash, but it is said that a definite has been done, the Goulds waiting for answer to the propositions made to the Lake Shore.

In Doubt About Washington.

According to the rumors which have been in circulation in Washington for the last eighteen months, the Goulds have inspected and negotiated for every possible route into the city from his West Virginia and Maryland lines. So far, however, not one of these rumors has been verified beyond confirmation by statements issued by attorneys interested. The latest of the rumors concerned the old franchise of the Southern Maryland, and the local representatives of the owners asserted that conferences were being held with the Goulds in New York, which were likely to result in the sale of the franchise to the Wabash. It was also announced that an agent of the Wabash was coming here to inspect the property. Now George Gould has been watching the proceedings of the Wabash elsewhere, are of the opinion that Mr. Gould has decided just what he is going to do in Washington, and that announcements will be made by him when he is ready to begin building.

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