GARRY HERRMANN TO BE RETAINED

Cincinnatian Will Not Be Dropped From National Commission.

LYNCH IS MAKING HIT WITH SCRIBES

Nothing But Praise for New President—Heydler Lauded Also.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—When the national commission has its annual meeting in Cincinnati on January 3 August Herrmann, owner of the Reds, will be reelected chairman. The men who elect the chairman of the national commission are the presidents of the National and American Leagues. Tom Lynch, the new president of the National League, undoubtedly will vote for Herrmann to retain the place he has filled with so much distinction for the last seven years, and Ban Johnson, boss of the American League, is certain to cast his ballot for the Cincinnatian. There is no question about the re-election of John E. Bruce to the secretaryship. So the national commission for next season will be made up in this wise:

Garry Herrmann, Ban Johnson and Tom Lynch, members; Herrmann, chairman, and Bruce, secretary.

The only offices in baseball's governing body which have any salary attached to them are the chairmanship and the secretaryship. Herrmann gets $5,000 a year, this sum including Garry's traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties. Secretary Bruce, who also is the watch dog of the treasury, gets $166.67 a month. Johnson and Lynch serve without pay on the commission, which annually transacts an enormous volume of business.

Heydler To Act.

Though John Heydler no longer is a member of the commission, he will for the time being act as an advisory member of it. Heydler's new boss, Tom Lynch, is a believer in the Davy Crockett motto of "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." President Lynch hasn't as yet thoroughly familiarized himself with the rules of the National Commission or with the duties of a national commissioner, and is learning these from Heydler. John A. will be Lynch's man Friday at the National Commission meetings for some time.

The new president of the National League has made a hit with the members of the baseball public who have come in contact with him by his attitude of being willing to learn things and not resenting advice. Mr. Lynch knows full well that Heydler, during his seven years' service with the National League, is thoroughly conversant with all baseball laws, and is delighted that he has as his assistant Harry Pulliam's old side partner.

Lynch, though out of touch with National League affars for several seasons, has shown from the start that he is familiar with some of the baseball conditions of the present. As he said yesterday, he realized immediately on being ushered into the meeting room last Saturday how much the baseball writers wanted the policy of Harry Pulliam in upholding the umpires continued, and how pleased they were when they learned that he was to have Heydler as his assistant.

Like New Head.

Lynch should make a rattling good president of the National League, and the Christmas present of the fans to John T. Brush ought to be a letter telling the New York club's owner what a genius he is for having picked such a splendid compromise candidate in order to break the deadlock between the Ward and Brown factions.

One matter hitherto concealed by the National League magnates reflects no discredit on them. When the board of directors met and boosted John Heydler's salary President Brush, of the Giants, said that the board might go still further in rewarding a faithful employe without bankrupting the National League. So, on Brush's motion, the board voted that Heydler should be awarded $500 extra for the services he had rendered the National League by stepping into the presidential vacancy last August. President Dreyfuss, of the Pirates, made this assertion.

BURNS IS MATCHED TO BOX JOE SEIGER

Al Herford Signs Lightweights for Fifteen-Round Go in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—Soldier Burns now has the chance of his career to get back into favor with the fight fans of Baltimore. He has been matched to meet Joe Seiger, the clever Denver boy, who so easily disposed of Kid Sullivan, of Washington, last week in ten rounds.

Al Herford has signed the men to fight before the Eureka Club on the night of December 30. The scrappers will box at catchweights, which will give each the opportunity to be strong and fast.

CALL OFF FIGHT, SPORTS DISGUSTED

Sullivan-Carrigan Go Fails to Materialize at Pittsburg Club.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—Because there wasn't enough money in sight and the promoters couldn't raise it, the advertised fight of Mike Sullivan and Jack Carrigan didn't materialize last night.

About 100 sports departed from Oil City Hall in disgust when told that their admittance price would not be refunded. A couple of local fighters were pressed into service to make a showing, but only a few who paid remained to see the rest of the evening's fiasco.

QUAKER BOXER WINS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Tommy Coleman, of Philadelphia, gained an easydecision over Congo Kid, of Kingston, Jamaica, in an eight-round bout here. Coleman forced the fighting. Tommy Dixon, of New York, gained an easy decision over Young Silverburg, of St. Louis. Dixon beat Silverburg in every round.

TO WRESTLE ZBYSZKO.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—Harry J. Stephens, of this city, champion wrestler of Northeastern Peunsylvania, has virtually completed arrangements for a handicap wrestling bout, with Zbyszko, to be held in this city within a few weeks.

DISTRICT TITLE GOES TO WINNER

Holy Name-Vigilant Contest on Christmas Day Has Fans Talking.

Independent football circles are becoming more and more animated as the time for the game between the Holy Name and Vigilant elevens draws nigh, and since the decision to hold the contest at Union League Park, at 3:00 o'clock Christmas afternoon has been reached, both of the teams are hard at work in anticipation of a grueling struggle for the independent championship of the city.

Down in southeast the Vigilants are boosting neighborhood hopes by their earnest and snappy practices, while over at Capital City Park the Holy Name outfit is working with like determinations, and, according to its adherents, will be "there with bells on" when the referee calls play on Christmas day.

These two teams are most evenly matched, although the Vigilants may have a slight advantage in teamwork, having played more together than their northeast rivals. Confidence is the byword in both camps and the clash seems certain to develop some of the best play seen on the independent gridirons this fall.

Holy Name is banking its faith on the line plunging ability of its backs, and is devoting the major portion of its practice periods to perfecting these formations. The Vigilants are devotees of the same style, and a real old-fashioned, ripping struggle should result when the pair get together.

Ample preparation has been made for handling the crowd. The field will be marked off, and all of the minor details fully completed before Christmas afternoon.

ROGER BRESNAHAN GETS STUNG AGAIN

Thief Gets His $250 Pin on Way From Gotham to Toledo.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Roger Bresnahan, manager of the St. Louis Nationals, who is a private detective here in the wintertime, will, when he next goes to New York, have as an escort a fellow-member of the Sherlock Holmes brigade. In his trip to Gotham a year ago pickpockets relieved Bresnahan of his wallet, which had in it bank bills amounting to $250.

On his trip last week to the National League meeting Bresnahan escaped from the metropolis with his bank roll intact, but when he got off the train here he discovered that some one had relieved him of his diamond pin, which was valued at $250.

"Stung again!" cried Roger, who immediately employed detectives to run down the robber.

LAUDER MAY COACH YALE BALL TEAM

Former Major Leaguer Is After Berth at New Haven School.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Billy Lauder, the former Philadelphia and New York third baseman, is a candidate for the position of Yale baseball coach.

He conferred with Captain Steve Philbin, but the latter is not ready to announce his choice. Lauder played four years on the Brown University nine and has coached Amherst, Williams, and Columbia.

KLAUS OUTPOINTS FLYNN AT BOSTON

Winner Concedes Both Weight and Reach to His Opponent.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Frank Klaus, of Pittsburg, was declared the winner over Porky Flynn, of this city, in the feature bout of a dozen rounds at the Armory A. A. last evening.

Klaus gave away at least fifteen pounds in weight. Flynn was also much taller, at least six inches, and had a longer reach. Nevertheless, Klaus carried the fighting from the start. Klaus deserved the decision because he did all the forcing. There were no knockowns, although Klaus went down once as a result of slipping.

SCOOPS CAREY GOES TO ALTOONA TEAM

Veteran First Baseman Figures in Deal With Southern Club.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 22.—George "Scoops" Carey, former Baltimore first baseman in the days of the famous old Orioles, but recently occupant of the same bag in the Southern League circuit, has been secured in a trade by the Altoona club in the Tri-State circuit for 1910.

Carey fielded well enough to be near the top of all first basemen in the South, and his hitting was fair, but young blood gradually pushed him out of the Southern circuit.

MILWAUKEE AGAIN ON PUGILISTIC MAP

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 22.—Milwaukee got on the fight map again last evening, when Bob Moha, in a no-decision fight under the new law, outpointed Harry Mansfield, the British fighter, in ten rounds.

There was no knockdown during the battle, but Moha, after the first two rounds, was the aggressor. In the semi-wind-up Eddie Greenwald put out Freddie Andrews by an uppercut that left Andrews unconscious for five minutes.

DURLIN TO ALTOONA.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—George Durlin, the clever young catcher, who played in this city while a member of the Stroudsburg Normal team, has been signed for next season by Manager Ramsey, of the Altoona Tri-State team. He played part of last season with the Montreal Eastern League club.

TROUBLE WILL COME FROM NEW CONTRACT

Document Binding Players Twelve Months Will Cause Much Bickering for a While—Downs Worth Thorough Trial—Heydler Was Wise.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

It should not be forgotten that the American League is going to undertake the novelty of sending its players a contract that will give the owners control of their services or athletic work for twelve months in the year. There is going to be a mighty howl over this from some of the men who have made good money in the off-season by playing exhibition games. Those players whose homes are in the South or on the Pacific coast are especially prone to this practice, and as it nets them many dollars they are likely to strike for an increase in wages to balance the prospective losses of next winter. Some of them will not get the increase, but some will; there is going to be a lot of bubbling, boiling, and trouble before the twelve-month contract becomes an accepted institution.

Wonder if Philadelphia Jack O'Brien had anything to do with Dr. Cook? Probably not. The work was too coarse.

Buffalo's prospects of landing Jerry Downs and Clyde Milan are not bright at present, according to President Noyes of the Washington club, but Milan will have to show some class next season if he is to be carried in a major league. His batting mark of .200 was a weird performance for a man who has done as well as he has done in the past. Downs seems worth a more thorough trial than he is likely to get. Cantillon was dead sure Jerry would make good next season and seemed inclined to think he might chase Schaefer away from second base. Elberfeld, Conroy and Schaefer are not youngsters, and it is up to the Washington management to lay in a stock of youngsters for 1911 and thereafter, even if it has to pay them money without using them.

Raus mit Rassmussen!

In the light of events it is just as well that John Heydler got a contract for three years with the National League to act as secretary-treasurer, for, if he had received the double-cross at the last minute it would not have been the first time the magnates in that organization had talked one way and voted another. There was a time when the promises of the National had about as much effect on the wise hearer as home-made polar observations, but of recent years it has been more or less forced to behave and make good. Still, the last meeting showed that much of the old spirit was alive and it would not have surprised the veterans to have seen Heydler bounced entirely out of the league.

Well, we can't blame the Cook thing on Charley Murphy.

The edifying spectacle of a one-time notorious gambler who was mixed up in the St. Louis merry-go-round when the Cellas were running a track there, coming out as an opponent of racing, is now before the public. What effect the testimony of a man with such a record will have is questionable. Under ordinary circumstances it would not account for much. If Congress is going to take a hand in the suppression of the handbooks and poolrooms it will naturally have to rely for its information upon men now, or formerly, on the inside and familiar with the workings of the tracks and books, but in such case it should try to get the highest class of evidence, not that of those with axes to grind.

Even if Cook did not get all the way north he found the Washington club as far south as ever upon his return.

Bryan Morse had played but three football games in two years wehn he joined the George Washington University squad this season, and, as we have stated before, on the showing he made in brains, speed, and football instinct, with proper training at one of the Big Four we believe he would have come pretty near being the All-American quarterback. This may not meet with approval of some of the young men on the team, but it goes as it lies. That bandage he wore which gave him the appearance of one of the football laddie bucks you see on the posters of magazines, was an invention of his own. He explained that it served to cover up a bad cut on the forehead, protected his ears from scraping in tackling and also protected the front of the head. It was no mere rag, but nearly half an inch thick and served all its purposes admirably.

There's no polar frost like a Copenhagen frost.

What is the real difference between a major and minor league player? Some say it is brains, and others maintain that there is little difference of any kind. But, the latter argument is wrong, as is shown by the surprisingly good work frequently done in the minors by men who have gone back from the majors. For instance, Joe McGinnity, who was considered all in as National League material, pitched forty-five full games in the Eastern League for Newark last season and won about thirty of them. He also figured in ten parts of games. Fifty-five games in one season, more than a third of those in which his clubs played, a record above that of any American or National League twirler—and Joseph was let out by New York on the theory that he was a dead one!

Dr. Cook needn't starve for a year or two. His confession with be worth a thousand or two to him when he is ready to spring it, then he can go right back at the public again. For particulars address Philadelphia Jack O'Brien.

MAY LAND WHEATON FOR NAVY ELEVEN

Annapolis Authorities Considering Yale Player for Job as Coach.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 22.—Lieut. F. D. Berrien has been selected to head the coaching staff on the Academy gridiron next season. Lieutenant Berrien was head coach during the season just closed, and his selection for the post next year was upon the unanimous request of the football squad and the Midshipmen's Athletic Association.

While the selection of a field coach will rest largely with the head of the coaching staff, and although "Jack" Gates, who has held this job for three years, will not return, it is understood that Wheaton, of the 1909 Yale back field, is being considered. It is almost certain that a Yale man, with the old Yale bulldog style of play, will hold the job next year.

SHEPPARD WANTS A JOB AS A COP

Famous Track Star Aspires to New York Brass Button Suit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Melvin Sheppard, the former local athlete, aspires to be a New York policeman. He is not dissatisfied with his present Government position, but wants to have an anchor out in case anything should happen.

It will be a year or more at the earliest before he could hope to receive an appointment to the "finest."

CARGO TO LYNN.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—Chic Cargo, the little shortstop of the Troy, N. Y. State League team, has been traded by Manager Kennedy to the Lynn club, of the New England League, in exchange for Pitcher Hoff and Outfielder Wallace. Manager Clarke, of the Senators, has purchased Outfielder Poland, who was loaned to Albany part of last season by the Baltimore Eastern League team.

NELSON WON'T BOX WELSH IN ENGLAND

Champ Says He Will Meet Briton Here, But Not Abroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Battling Nelson, the lightweight champion of the world, will meet Fred Welsh, of England, any time that the latter cares to come to America and engage in a forty-five-round bout with a $5,000 side bet, but he will not take a chance with the lad who had his first ring experience in Philadelphia unless the latter will come over to the land of Uncle Sam, according to Harry D. Edwards, of the National Athletic Club of Philadelphia.

"I met Battling Nelson in Detroit," said Edwards, "and I asked him if he intended to go abroad and meet the English lightweight champion there in a twenty-five-round bout, and he said, 'Not on your life.'"

ZBYSZKO UNABLE TO THROW ROLLER

Polish Wrestler Fails in Handicap Bout With Western Grappler.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, lost a handicap match to Dr. Benjamin F. Roller, of Seattle, last evening.

Zbyszko agreed to throw Roller twice in one hour, or forfeit the entire receipts of the match, but he failed to get one fall.

GIANTS WILL GIVE THOMAS A TRIAL

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 22.—Mulvy Thomas, of this city, who used to catch Harry Covaleski when the phenomenal Pole was a member of the Danville club of the Susquehanna League, expects to get a trial from the Giants next season.

Manager McGraw has promised to take Thomas south with the Polo Grounds combination.

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G. W. U. TO SUPPORT BASKETBALL TEAM

Fowler, Former Y. M. C. A. Player, Will Round Up the Forces.

George Washington has decided to support a basketball team and within the next few days candidates for the five will be called out for the first practice. A manager has been chosen and directed to begin at once the preparation of a schedule, to include games with any of the prominent Southern college quints.

Fowler, who played a back on the fast Y. M. C. A. team last season, is responsible for the reawakened interest. Several years ago George Washington put a team in the field, but because of entanglements it was decided to drop the sport. Disconcerted efforts have been made from time to time since then to arouse interest in the game, but all without avail. Fowler has shouldered the burden of organizing the team and says he is confident a capable quint can be garnered from the ranks at the downtown institution.

A majority of the candidates are members of the local Y. M. C. A., and unless present plans are stumped the team will hold its practice in that gymnasium.

SAVAGE DEFEATS JACK FITZGERALD

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Jim Savage, of New Jersey, beat Jack Fitzgerald, of Philadelphia, in their ten-round bout at Brown's gymnasium last evening, but had a hard time doing it. Fitzgerald was knocked down three times during the bout and succeeded in dropping Savage once. Every time a knockdown occurred the fallen man took the count of nine.

MACFARLAND SENDS FOOTBALL LETTER

Writes to Rules Committee Expressing Desire of District for Changes.

Commissioner Macfarland today addressed to Capt. Palmer E. Pierce, U. S. A., president of the Intercollegiate Association of the United States, which will meet Tuesday in New York for the purpose of considering amendments to the football rules, a letter representing the desire of the District of Columbia for such changes as will result in greater safety to the players.

Thomas Kirby, of the editorial staff of The Washington Times, who was appointed by Commissioner Macfarland as the official representative of the District of Columbia, will present the views of the District as outlined at the recent conference of football experts of this city at the District building.

In his letter to Captain Pierce, Commissioner Macfarland says that it is apparent that football must be either ended or mended.

MONTE CROSS SIGNS SCRANTON CONTRACT

Former Philadelphia Player to Manage New York State League Team.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Monte Cross, unable to come to terms with Owner Kuntsch, of Syracuse, during the baseball meeting in New York last week, turned his attention in other directions. Monte signed a contract to manage the Scranton club, of the New York State League.

Tom Jones, the Detroit first baseman, was also after the job. Monte will play shortstop for his team.

MATTY VISITS HOME.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—Christy Mathewson, the Giants' renowned twirler, is at his home in Factoryville, a suburb, for the holidays. He and his brother Henry are the guests of their father, G. B. Mathewson.

SUGGESTS SIGNS FOR LOCAL ROADS

Activity in Sign Posting in Other States May Arouse Capital Tourists.

By HARRY WARD.

The Automobile Club of Washington has accomplished many things for the good of motoring in this section of the country, and when the touring season is again at hand it is to be hoped the club will inaugurate a signboard campaign. While the cost of such signboarding is so great that it is folly to expect motoring interests in this city to stand all the expense, it is suggested that if Washington motorists take the several roads leading out of the city and properly mark them, it will be an object-lesson to the motorists in Maryland and Virginia, and will no doubt spur them on to treat all the roads in their respective sections in a like manner.

A noticeable tendency of today is the energy with which auto clubs all over the country are attacking the twin evils of bad roads and lack of sign posts. They see the awakening of interest in better roads and proper signposting, and the hope is held out that the Washington club will get on the band wagon, to the end that all the roads leading out of the Capital City will be properly marked.

Endurance tours are always interesting to the great majority of motorists and to them it will be pleasing to learn that tire trophies will be offered in nearly all the great tours of 1910. The offering of trophies for tire performances will add greatly to the interest in the several tours and serve to bring out a larger number of entries than ever before. Howard E. Coffin, chairman of the Manufacturers' Contest Association, and S. M. Butler, chairman of the contest board of the American Automobile Association, have had several conferences on this subject, and when the new rules for the conduct of touring contests are formulated, a chapter will undoubtedly be devoted to tires. This will certainly be a step in the right direction.

Winter motoring is more popular than ever before in Washington. This is shown conclusively by the fact that the applications at the big garages for the storage of cars through the winter are not nearly so great as at this time last season. This, notwithstanding there are nearly 1,000 more automobiles in operation than was the case a year ago. Limousines and other types of enclosed cars are being used in greater numbers than ever before in Washington.

In the palmy days of the bicycle Lee Counselman was rated as one of the speediest racers this city ever turned out. His many friends here will be delighted to learn that he has just been honored with the position of vice president of the Chalmers-Detroit Motor Company, one of the largest automobile concerns in this country. Mr. Counselman has been a resident of Detroit for a number of years, and has grown up with the company of which he is now vice president.

Motorists always wait with impatience the opening of the automobile show, as at that time the new offerings of the dealers are divulged for the first time. Just what the big list of exhibitors at the Convention Hall show will unfold in new wrinkles cannot be told until the opening on the evening of January 24. It is known, however, that several exhibitors are planning to show some models that are radically new.

A shipment of Reos consisting of two four-cylinder cars and one two-cylinder machine, was received yesterday by Lester D. Moore, jr. He has been advised that weekly shipments will be made until his allotment of cars is exhausted.

John S. Larcombe, jr., secretary of the Motor Sales Company, has been elected a member of the Automobile Club of Washington.

The Pope Automobile Company of Washington yesterday delivered a Waverley electric victoria to Mrs. W. Tuckerman. The machine is equipped with the new Waverley driving system.

CASEY IS RELEASED.

MONTREAL, Quebec, Dec. 22.—Dr. James Casey, who managed the Montreal Eastern League club last season, has been given his unconditional release. He will probably manage Dayton in the Central Ohio League.

ATHLETICS' TRIP PROVES A FROST

Players Return to Philadelphia—One Game Netted Men 30 Cents Each.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—A few of the barnstorming Athletics have arrived home from their disastrous trip to the Pacific coast. They encountered bad weather during the entire trip, and last Sunday's game in New Orleans, from which they had hoped to recoup some of their financial losses, had to be abandoned on account of a blizzard.

In one game played on the Pacific coast for the benefit of Bliss, who was injured while sliding to second base, there was only $127 left after paying expenses. In one place the crowd was so small that the receipts only netted each player 30 cents.

The party which has returned included Connie Mack, Harry Davis, John Coombs, Eddie Collins, "Rube" Oldring, Lennox, and Hummell, of Brooklyn. Bender and wife, Morgan, Thomas, and Strunk went to Chicago. Plank went direct to his home in Gettysburg, and Baker, who was married on the trip, took his bride to his home, in Trappe, Pa.

Manager Mack has arranged for the Athletics to train at Atlanta, Ga., next spring.

There was only one bit of news at the Phillies' headquarters, but it made the club officials feel that it was their first Christmas present. The present was in the shape of a signed contract by George McQuillan, the star pitcher. "Big Mac" arrived in town yesterday, and was not long getting in line. He wanted to be the first man to sign for 1910.

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