Baseball Quarrel May Be Pre-Arranged Scheme to Defeat Former Fed Leaguers

BASEBALL QUARREL MAY BE MERE PLAN

Hint Is Heard That It Is Scheme to Defeat Efforts of Federals.

MINORS OFFER DEMANDS

Seek Representation on the National Commission, With Herrmann Out of It.

BY JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Could the government of professional baseball be called a trust if the major leagues should sever all business relations with minor leagues? Would major leagues be injured from the standpoint of patronage and gate receipts if they should have a so-called National Commission of their own for the purpose of settling disputes?

Did it ever occur to you that the Baltimore Feds' $900,000 suit against organized baseball, in which a violation of the Sherman law is charged, may have something to do with the present feeling of unrest among the major and minor league club owners?

To get right down to brass tacks, is there any truth in the report that the quarrel between the majors and minors over various questions, including the draft rule, is a pre-arranged plan to organize the government of the sport on a new basis for the purpose of beating the Feds' suit?

Minors Make Demands.

The representations of the leading minors—the International League, the Pacific Coast League, and the American Association—made formal demands on the National League at the Waldorf yesterday that hardly will be granted.

The National League will not consent to a new commission of five members, including two from the minors, one each from the National and American leagues, and a nonpartisan chairman. It is very much doubted if the National League will vote to relieve these minor leagues of the draft system in spite of their threats of secession which have been made in connection with their demands.

If the leading minor leagues, therefore, are turned down by the National League, also by the American, which will receive similar demands in Chicago tomorrow, there can be one of two results—the three minors can swallow a bitter pill and go ahead with their ball games under present conditions or they can break away from the National agreement and run their affairs independently of the major league.

To Get No More Money.

In the event of a break the minors will receive no more money for their ball players. They will have to get along without financial aid from the major league clubs, which have been extremely liberal in past seasons.

Having already turned down the demands of the ballplayers fraternity, the minors are between two fires. Their players say that they will go on strike in the spring, while a breach with the majors means no protection and no revenue from higher up.

The action of the International League in refusing to abide by the ruling of the national commission in the Ebbet claim against the Newark franchise is fair sample of the way these misguided, impecunious minors are butting their heads against a stone wall.

The International League has been kept alive for the last three years by the major league magnates. The losses last season amounted to $100,000, it is said. Perhaps the National and American Leagues know what is behind the minors' general desire to cause trouble. At any rate the situation is puzzling.

May Settle Fed Suit.

According to Governor Tener's figures the National League enjoyed much prosperity last season as a result of peace in the baseball world.

The governor stated in his report the total attendance was the greatest ever recorded by his circuit. The home games of the Giants, Brooklyns and Phillies drew record-breaking crowds. I nasmuch as the American League also enjoyed remarkable success in the counting of gate receipts, except in Philadelphia, the conclusion must be drawn that the elimination of the Federal League was a boom for the sport.

It is taken for granted therefore that the rival major leagues are not worrying about the future, no matter what action the minors may see fit to take. The only cloud on the horizon is the Baltimore Feds' damage suit which, it is rumored, may be settled out of court by the payment of money to the complainants.

PLAYER LIMIT RISES

National League Clubs Will Be Allowed Twenty-two Men.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—National League clubs in 1917 will be allowed twenty-two players between May 15 and August 30, an increase of one over last year, but the disability list has been eliminated and so baseball judges fail to see how the Tener tribe profited any.

Harry Hempstead, of the Giants, urged that the clubs accept the American League's rule of twenty-five. Charlie Weeghman supported him, but the other six clubs voted against the motion.

TO RENEW RELATIONS

Trinity and N. Y. U. Get Together for Next Football Season.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 13.—The schedule of the Trinity College football team, announced today, reveals that athletic relations have been resumed with New York University. Relations were broken off in 1914, following a dispute over Trinity's playing of George Brickley, a professional baseball players. Since then Trinity has revised its eligibility rules. The schedule follows:

September 29, Middlebury, at Hartford; October 6, Union, at Schenectady, N. Y.; October 13, Bowdoin, at Portland, Me.; October 20, Connecticut Agricultural College, at Hartford; October 27, Haverford, at Hartford; November 6, New York University, at New York; November 10, Amherst, at Hartford; November 17, Rutgers, at New Brunswick, N. J.

YANKS PLAY ROBINS

Three Games on Card for Ebbets Field in Spring.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Despite the unfavorable weather conditions of last year, the Yankees and the Robins are going to play another one of those spring series previous to the opening of the regular championship season. All arrangements were completed for the games yesterday at a conference between Charles H. Ebbets, and officials, of the New York club. The series, which will consist of three games, will be played at Ebbets Field on Saturday, April 7; Monday, April 9, and Tuesday, April 10.

The National League season, according to several reports yesterday, is to open on April 12. The Brooklyn team will undoubtedly pry the baseball lid off in Philadelphia will Moran's team, while the Giants, so it has been said, will open at the Polo Grounds with the Boston Braves.

FRED MITCHELL IS TO SUCCEED TINKER

Boston Braves Hold Up Deal, Though, Asking for Players in Exchange.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—That Fred Mitchell, now coach of the Braves' pitching staff, will manage the Cubs next season was practically assured yesterday, but the decidedly essential factor of Chicago's getting the release of its leader-to-be from Boston, still stands in the way. Charles W. Weeghman, president of the Chicago club, yesterday arranged terms with Mitchell. The matter of reaching an agreement with Percy Haughton, of the Boston club, was not so easily consummated.

Having been refused Cy Williams, the outfielder, and a goodly sum of money, the Boston club changed its demands and asked that it be given Leslie Mann and a first string pitcher, said to be Jim Vaughn. At this Weeghman also balked. A definite decision will be reached today. Chicago holds the upper hand in the deal for the reason that Mitchell is naturally extremely anxious to manage a big league club, and the Boston officials do not want to stay in the way of his advancement.

It is known that Mitchell is not Weeghman's first choice for the position. Fred Clarke might have had the position if he had chosen to quit his Kansas farm. Frank Chance could have the place if he did not insist on getting something like $20,000 a year. It is said that next to Clarke, Weeghman's selection was George Stovall, the "Firebrand of the Federal League," who proved his major league managerial ability at Cleveland in 1911. However, the numerous stockholder shapers of the Chicago club's policy are opposed to engaging Stovall.

WOULD END SQUABBLE

Golfers Attack Attitude of Press Regarding Amateurism.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Every active club in the United States Golf Association is urged to send a delegate to the annual meeting of the association here January 12, in a letter sent out by Howard F. Whitney, secretary of the association. Mr. Whitney instructs the clubs that matters of "vittal importance" need careful consideration and that it is essential to the sport that every club be represented so that the question over the present amateur rule may be threshed out to a final and definite conclusion.

"So much has been printed on this subject in the newspapers and golfing press that is unfair and wholly without foundation," the letter reads, "and so much has appeared in other literature that has reached the clubs in the association that was untrue, inaccurate and disingenuous that a thorough understanding of the whole matter cannot be had except by attendance at the meeting and consideration of the entire discussion there to be presented."

PLAYERS WILL SHARE

New System Expected to Be Adopted by Both Big Leagues.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—President Tener in his annual report to the league yesterday, turned the light on a plan to revise rules governing the world's series. As President Johnson at the American League meeting in Chicago tomorrow also will disclose a similar scheme, it seems sure that there will be needed reforms.

The idea is to set aside a part of the players' 40 per cent of the first four games for distribution among the players of the other major league teams that do not participate in the big games in October.

It is the general belief that each member of the world's champions will receive not more than $1,500, while each member of the beaten pennant winner will draw $1,000.

In planning to give a slice of the money to all the major league players the magnates evidently believe that talk of a hold-up for war-time salaries soon will cease.

GARGAN IS HONORED

Fordham Makes Him Graduate Manager and Two Coach Jobs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A triple honor was bestowed yesterday upon Frank Gargan, coach of the Fordham University eleven this season. Besides being reappointed football mentor for 1917, the former Maroon star was selected as baseball coach for next season and made the first graduate manager of Fordham athletics.

As graduate manager he will supervice the making of all schedules, and, working with the alumni advisory board, will be in supreme command of the athletic situation.

Gargan played the outfield on Fordham's 1908 baseball team, which won the collegiate title in the East.

He was coach of the Georgetown football eleven in 1913.

LAST NIGHT'S CRACKS.

Lawrenceson, Casino	147
Halley, Royals	142
Lewis, Royals	138
C. Seyborth, Superials	136
Martin, Casinos	134
Ferber, Pecans	134
Cheen, Casinos	131
Archer, B. B. French	131
Carroll, Royals	131
Vickbolli, National Lodge	130
Ash, Potomac Lodge	128
Stanford, Royals	128
Suess, Monotype	127
Pratt, National Capitals	127
Mayhew, Grand Centrals	127
Phelps, Engineering	126
Gilion, Marines	126
F. Multers, Owls	125

GEORGETOWN WILL BATTLE GENERALS

Graduate Manager Cox Arranges for Football Contest at Roanoke.

Georgetown will play Washington and Lee on November 17, 1917, at Roanoke, Va. This game will probably decide the gridiron championship of the South Atlantic section.

Graduate Manger Charles R. Cox, of Georgetown, received information today from Graduate Manger McDougal, of Washington and Lee, that the arrangements offered by the Hilltoppers were satisfactory and that the Generals would agree to them.

Efforts were made this season by Cox to arrange for a game between Washington and Lee and the victorious Georgetown eleven for a game to be played either here or at Richmond. Nothing was heard from the Lexington, Va., team and the date passed without a game.

Ever since Cox has been working to arrange such a contest, and his efforts have finally been crowned with success. Fordham will be met at New Yor kon election day, and George Washington will be given the Thanksgiving date at the Hilltop.

North Carolina A. and M., which had a poor year this season, will not be dropped from the Georgetown schedule. The Aggies will again appear at the Hilltop. Coach Harry Hartsell believes that the Raleigh farmers will be much stronger next season than they were this year.

HALL OF FAME

Gilroy of Georgetown, and Whelchel, of Navy, in Limelight.

According to records here tabulated there were thirty-eight runs of fifty yards or more that resulted in touchdowns during the Eastern season. The greatest number—ten—were made from scrimmage, with Johnny Gilroy's eighty-yard dash against Albright heading the list. Harry Le Gore, of Yale, is the only player with two such feats to his credit. He ran sixty-seven yards against Lehigh and fifty-two yards against Carnegie Tech.

Following is the list of men who ran fifty yards or more for touchdowns:

From Kickoff.

95 yards—Beck, Penn State, vs. Bucknell.
95 yards—Robb, Penn State, vs. West Virginia.
90 yards—Brooks, Brown, vs. Trinity.
80 yards—Anderson, Colgate, vs. Rhode Island State.
95 yards—Rafter, Syracuse, vs. Susquehanna.
97 yards—Gilroy, Georgetown, vs. George Washington.

From Scrimmage.

70 yards—Whelchel, Navy, vs. Pittsburgh.
67 yards—Le Gore, Yale, vs. Lehigh.
52 yards—Le Gore, Yale, vs. Carnegie Tech.
80 yards—Gilroy, Georgetown, vs. Albright.
60 yards—Oliphant, Army, vs. Villanova.
65 yards—Goodrich, Amherst, vs. Trinity.
65 yards—Moore, Princeton, vs. Bucknell.
65 yards—Geugler, Pittsburgh, vs. Allegheny.
55 yards—Pollard, Brown, vs. Yale.
70 yards—Cummings, Holy Cross, vs. Boston College.

After Receiving Punt.

80 yards—Sherman, Springfield, vs. Amherst.
50 yards—Mconald, Norwich, vs. Middlebury.
80 yards—Murphy, Brown, vs. Vermont.
55 yards—Cannell, artmouth, vs. Syracuse.
70 yards—McLean, Williams, vs. Wesleyan.
80 yards—McCreight, Washington and Jefferson, vs. Rutgers.
91 yards—Gilroy, Georgetown, vs. George Washington.

After Recovering Fumble.

100 yards—Moss, Rensselaer Poly, vs. Hamilton.
86 yards—Lawrence, Bucknell, vs. Penn State.
90 yards—Anderson, Colgate, vs. Springfield.
88 yards—Miller, Pittsburgh, vs. Carnegie Tech.

From A Forward Pass.

75 yards—Sermon, Springfield, vs. Colgate.
65 yards—Vidal, Army, vs. Notre Dame.
55 yards—Larkin, Washington and Lee, vs. Bucknell.
50 yard—Herron, Pittsburgh, vs. Penn State.
55 yards—Reap, Villanova, vs. Navy.

From Intercepted Forward Pass.

84 yards—Whiting, Marietta, vs. Washington and Jefferson.
80 yards—Smith, Clarkson Tech, vs. Rensselaer Poly.
52 yards—Bergen, Bethany, vs. Washington and Jefferson.
65 yards—Driggs, Princeton, vs. Dartmouth.
70 yards—Minot, Harvard vs. Virginia.
50 yards—Melcher, Amherst, vs. Union.

INDICTED FOR THEFT

Kelly Charged With Taking Articles Belonging to O'Leary.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 13.—On the charge of stealing a diamond ring and a scarfpin, valued at $1,850, and $3,300 in cash from Johnnie O'Leary, a pugilist and proprietor of a cafe at Buffalo, N. Y., on November 1, John Darby Kelly, thirty-five years old, a manager and trainer of boxers, is held here for Buffalo authorities. He has ben indicted by the grand jury in Buffalo, and will be taken there for trial.

David Wartnik, manager for Kid Williams, wired O'Leary that Kelly was in Baltimore, had sent back the ring and pin, and wanted to "straighten out" the case.

HARVARD SCHEDULE OUT

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 13.—Harvard athletic authorities have announced the following football schedule for 1917:

September 22, Bates; September 29, Bowdoin; October 6, Boston College; October 13, Colby; October 20, Tufts; October 27, Brown; November 3, Springfield Y. M. C. A.; November 11, Princton; November 17, Carlisle Indians; November 24, Yale.

As outlined for several days, Cornell, North Carolina, and Virginia have been dropped.

PENN FIVE WINS

Pennsylvania defeated the Terminal Shops in a fast game of basketball yesterday, 23 to 14, in the Terminal. Two of the shop's best basketers were not in the line-up.

BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

"Every Knock Is a Boost."

The wisdom of Ban Johnson as a leader in baseball was never better shown than right now. Having an inside knowledge of impending trouble, he kindly allows the National League to bear all the brunt of the attack. Instead of scheduling his league meeting in New York with the Tener troupe, foxy Ban holds his in Chicago two days after the National League has got down to work. The demands of the strong minor leagues have the National League men wondering what to do. They don't dare act without first conferring with Ban Johnson's organization, which won't be in session until tomorrow. Finally, when the minors visit with the American Leaguers, Ban will be able to step in and "save the chee-ld." The very indecision of Tener and his supporters redounds to the credit of Ban Johnson and the American League. It was ever thus!

Frank Gargan's triple honor at the hands of his alma mater, Fordham, meets with the applause of all who know him. As coach of the Georgetown eleven, he made a host of friends in Washington. His team was not entirely successful, but Gargan's work was well done. The backfield held its own, and that's about all Gargan was supposed to teach. Now Fordham makes him graduate manager and coach of both baseball and football. The Maroon lost only one game of the gridiron this season, that with the Hilltoppers, and displayed more power as the campaign waned. With Gargan again in control, Fordham should make a mighty effort to win from Georgetown next election day in the Bronx.

The difference in baseball conditions brought about within two years is admirably shown by a remark from Billy Murray, former manager of the Phillies. "Times have changed," says Murray. "Last year we said to the young player, 'Don't sign until you see me.' Now we say, 'Don't see me until you sign'." And there you have the baseball situation exactly.

Now it is said that Georges Carpentier will never face Les Darcy, because the Australian is a "slacker of the most despicable type." Darcy is a son of poor parents, and has several brothers and sisters. Purses are small in Australia, and so he has skipped out in the hopes of grabbing some of the easy money Americans so carelessly give away. He is "slacker" in that he has failed to enlist, though in perfect health. Carpentier, on the other hand, has been serving France for two years, and has been twice decorated for bravery. There is reason in Carpentier's argument, but just where does the circus performer, Jess Willard, come in as co-hero with the Frenchman? Darcy is called a "slacker" for refusing to fight in the army. Willard is also a "slacker" in that he much prefers prodding cattle to meeting any one of a dozen challengers.

Basketball seems to boom this season. Two years of consistently good work among the schools and colleges here served to put the sport on a firm basis. The independent leagues appear to flourish and from indications the indoor season is bound to be the biggest yet recorded. Washington used to be in the front rank in basketball, and it has been a hard road to travel in the past ten years in order to get the public enthused over the sport.

Schoolboy track athletics received a severe loss during the past year. The removal of Brewer, Maxam, Carter, Wallace, Milstead, and Birthright from the ranks of schoolboys robbed the track of as fine a collection of stars as has been developed in the past ten years. These six lads are either in college or will be by February. Brewer is at Maryland State, Carter is at Dartmouth, where he recently won second in the freshman intercollegiate cross-country; Maxam and Wallace are at Penn, Birthright is at Cornell and Milstead is said to be on the road to Maryland State. Just what runners will replace these boys is problematical.

Lawson Robertson, coach of the Penn track team, like Bob Folwell, who handled the football team, must be given credit for having the nerve to stake his entire reputation on a single season's work. Robertson is on a one-year contract at Penn. George Orton left little first-class varsity material this year to Robertson. The outlook for the freshman track team is promising, due to the fact that Robertson attracted any number of high-class prep school stars. The Penn track coach has a gigantic task now that Meredith is gone. Newstetter and Scudder are about the only stars who remain for the varsity and Robertson will have to show his mettle in getting out others to hold up the Penn end in the dual and intercollegiate meets. If Robertson succeeds as Folwell has he will be the biggest man at Pennsylvania this year.

Is cross-country running dying out? This query has often been directed our way and is open to considerable discussion. Years ago, when cycling was the rage the century run was usually the weekly feature. Just as it is easier to sit in the old flivver and jaunt about the country, so is it considerably less work to train for short races than to go on the longer pilgrimages in preparing for the ten-mile event. The Baltimore Cross Country Club, of Baltimore, and Carroll Institute, of this city, are about the only clubs in this section that are keeping up interest in the cross-country game. Farther north distance running is unusually popular. For some reason fewer athletes take to the distance events here. The colleges are developing more athletics by means of distance races than in any other way. It is a safe method of strengthening and conditioning for other forms of athletics and should be encouraged more heartily here.

STATE LOSES ONLY ONE.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Dec. 13.—Penn State will lose only four men from its football squad by graduation in the spring. They are Captain Clark, Morris, Edgerton, and Oberle. Of these Captain Clark was the only regular. Morris was substitute end, Edgerton played in the backfield in six games, and won the Lehigh match with his dropkick, and Joe Oberle was a substitute center.

BALCH LEADS ELIS

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 13.—De Witt Woodward Balch, of Cincinnati, was today elected captain of the Yale golf team. He has been one of the most consistent golfers of the Yale squad for two seasons, and will probably rank high in the tournament for the individual intercollegiate championship this year. Balch is a member of the junior class of the academic department.

ROYAL QUINT WINS DUCKPIN CONTEST

Trims Grand Central Team Two Games Out of Three in District League.

A crowd that occupied every available point of vantage at the Grand Central alleys last night watched the Royals trim the Grand Centrals two games out of three in a District Lea gue match, which attracted more interest probably than any other duckpin battle this season. The victory leaves the Royals in sole possession of second place in the team standing of the league and one game behind the leading Continentals. Previous to the match the Royals and Grand Centrals were deadlocked for the runner-up position.

First to Grand Centrals.

Getting away in top form, the Grand Centrals won the first game, 574 to 558, but the Royals staged a characteristic come-back and grabbed the next two with comfortable margins. The second was decided 587 to 548, and the third, although the Royals made only one more mark than their opponents, by 548 to 524. The Grand Centrals suffered in the final through poor counts on marks. The Royals set amounted to 1,093, against 1,046 for the Grand Centrals.

Although Halley, of the Royals, with a game of 142, and Lewis, of the Royals, with 138, furnished the spectacular features, Stanford, of the same team, was the individual star of the match. This dependable pinspiller rolled scores of 121, 115, and 128, for the high set of 364.

Stanford Is Star.

Incidentally, Stanford went ahead of Vaeth, star of the Grand Centrals, in the race between the two for the nominal leadership of the league in individual average. Previous to the match Vaeth had a mark of 115-6, which he increased to 115-12, while Stanford went from 115-3 to 115-22.

Mayhew was the best bowler of the Grand Centrals in the match, with a set of 357. His games were 127, 126, and 104. Vaeth came next with strings of 122, 119, and 110, for a total of 351.

Carroll, of the Royals, got going in the first half of his second game, and, making strikes on spares, it seemed for a time he was headed for a record. A few bad breaks, however, spoiled his game. The scores:

ROYALS.

Halley	142	99	95	336
Lewis	103	138	115	356
Carroll	131	131	97	329
Stanford	121	115	128	364
Kraus	96	104	113	313
Totals	588	587	548	1693

GRAND CENTRALS.

Elker	100	95	107	302
Jolliffe	107	94	100	301
Mayhew	127	126	104	357
Nearey	118	114	103	335
Vaeth	122	119	110	351
Totals	574	548	524	1646

Following is the standing of the first three teams in the District League:

Continentals	26	7	.813
Royals	27	9	.750
Grand Centrals	26	10	.722

BEGINS DECEMBER 26

Indoor Tennis Tourney for National Honors Is Approved.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Robert F. Putnam, president of the Seventh Regiment Lawn Tennis Club, announced yesterday that the national junior indoor championship tournament would begin on the board courts of the armory on Tuesday, December 26. The dates have been approved by the officials of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association.

The tournament for the junior title will be the second annual holding of the national meeting. Elliott Binzen, of Fordham University, won the singles last season, while Rand and Webber captured the doubles honors. The conditions of the tournament have been somewhat changed because of the amendments to the rules enacted at the last annual meeting of the national association. The age limit is raised to twenty years. This will admit several of the younger and brilliant collegians who are expected to compete.

Singles and doubles will be contested. The matches, with the exception of the finals, will be the best two out of three sets. The finals will be the best three out of five sets. Days for practice will be designated the week before the tournament. The championship matches will be decided on Saturday, December 30. Robert F. Putnam will act as referee.

PENN IS PRACTICING

Quakers Work for Oregon Game on Snow-Covered Gridiron.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Franklin Field was covered with snow and sleet yesterday, but the men in red and blue had to start training for the game with Oregon on New Year Day. Folwell handled his charges in the same manner as he did away back in September. The rest since the regular season has not been without its bad effects, and the men were somewhat rusty. With this in mind, Folwall confined the practice to forward passing, punting and a short signal drill. Then he called his men into the gymnasium for work on the wrestling mat. He divided the squad off in twos for short bouts and he himself chose Heine Miller, the right end, as opponent.

CUBA TO BREED HORSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Plans by the Cuban government to raise its own horses, both for draft and army purposes, were described recently by Walter W. Miller, a partner of Jim McIvor, when he arrived on the steamer Havana, of the Ward line. According to Miller, the Cuban government, at the instance of President Menocal, has set apart a section of land in the Camaguay province for a breeding farm. He said furthermore that fifteen sires and 200 mares are being imported from Island.

PLAY SOCCER TODAY

Yesterday's scheduled game between the Monroe and Emery Schools, representing the Mt. Pleasant and Bloomingdale divisions, respectively, in the playground championship soccer series, was postponed on account of the muddy condition of the Mt. Pleasant field. The contest, which opens the series, is being played this afternoon.

McGUCKIN IS CAPTAIN.

VILLANOVA, Pa., Dec. 13.—Charlie McGuckin is Villanova's football captain for 1917. In 1915 he led the country with nine field goals and won three games through his own individual brilliance. This year's eleven was very weak, but it is expected to be stronger next season.

MAKES $10,000 OFFER

Syracuse Would Stage Football Game With Cornellians.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Syracuse University athletic authorities have offered Cornell $10,000 if the Ithacans will come to Syracuse next fall to play Bill Hollenback's Orange team. The offer was wired by Graduate Manager Walter S. Smith, of the athletic governing board. Graduate Manager Kent, of Cornell, wired back that the Cornell schedule for 1917 was complete, and so it would be impossible to consider the offer.

Football relations between Cornell and Syracuse have been strained since 1900, when the last game was played, Cornell winning by the score of 6 to 0.

Athletic authorities here are confident that a Cornell football game would draw a crowd of at least 25,000, the capacity of the stadium, should such a game be arranged.

JOHNSON OPPOSES INTERNATIONALS

Frowns on Open Defiance of Commission by Ed Barrow's Henchmen.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Though Ban Johnson's minority report favored the International League in its controversy last summer with the Brooklyn National League club, the fiery leader of the younger league disapproves of the action of the International in defying the mandate of the national commission requiring a payment of $9,000 to Charlie Ebbets. Ed Barrow and his confreres can expect no assistance from the American League.

"I disapprove absolutely of the action of the International League," says Ban Johnson. "When the case came before the commission, I urged Barrow to withdraw it. However, he feared court action against his league by Ebbets and insisted on presenting his case to the commission. The International League can gain nothing by fighting the commission."

American Leaguers are gathering here for their annual meeting, which will be called to order tomorrow. Clark Griffith, of the Washington club, has been here since Sunday and today Captain Huston and the New York contingent breezed in. Branch Rickey, of St. Louis, also appeared, armed with authority to arrange deals suggested by Manager Jones.

It is not thought likely that any trades will be arranged during the session here. Indeed, the magnates will not remain here longer than absolutely necessary. If any deals are to go through, they will probably be kept for the schedule meeting at New York in February.

ATHLETE WAGON DRIVER

Hubbell, Colgate Star, Trains for Eleven in Unique Way.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—A great honor has been thrust upon the good citizens residing in and near West Philadelphia. And the best part of it is, these good citizens know nothing about it.

During the hot days of last summer, when the iceman loafed on the job and prolonged howls for ice cream came from many of the houses, a young man climed upstairs carrying the precious packages of the frozen delicacy to the heat sufferers.

Little did these good citizens know that the purveyor of icy sweets was slated to become a leading contender for all-American honors on the football field and perhaps a few of the brave ones who issued the usual "call downs" are thanking their stars that the young man did not resort to some of his gridiron tactics instead of taking them with a smile.

Gentlemen, Mr. Hubbell.

This introduces one of our prominent Philadelphians, Mr. Charles Treat Hubbell, 4108 Walnut street, star halfback on the Colgate football team. "Chuck" did all of his training in his home town, getting in shape for the strenuous season by driving an ice cream truck for the Supplee Company.

From early morning until late at night Hubbell was on the job, and when the time came to depart for Hamilton, N. Y., he was as hard as nails and in condition to play a couple of football games in one afternoon. He showed the benefits of his summer training by getting off to a good start and starred in every game.

Has Been Forgotten.

Hubbell has been forgotten by Philadelphia, despite his good work on the Cedarcroft Prep School eleven five years ago. "Chuck" captained the team for two years and even then showed promise of being a star college player. He went to Colgate in 1914 and made the team his first year. He weighs 170 pounds, is twenty-one years old and is one of the most popular students in the university.

"Chuck" is very fast and hard to tackle. In the Yale game he got away for two 35-yard runs and aided considerably in placing the ball in position for a score early in the first half. He also does all of the punting and averaged fifty yards in the Syracuse game. Hubbell is a junior and probably will lead the team next year.

SCOUTS AID UNEMPLOYED

Boys and Girls Will Help Government Solve Question.

Boy and girl scouts will help the Government solve the question of unemployment.

This was decided upon yesterday when Andrew Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, addressed officers of the scout leagues in headquarters of the Navy League.

Plans were discussed for enlisting the aid of the scouts in finding jobs for the unemployed and applicants for jobs. A resolution was adopted by the scouts thanking the Government for establishing an employment bureau in the Department of Labor with the promise that boys' and girls' scout organizations will help in every way possible. Mrs. Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, presided.

BLUFFING.

Jinks—Billings surely likes to put on airs.

Binks—What's he doing now?

Jinks—Oh, he fills a gasolene can with water and carries it home in full sight of the neighbors every night—Cornell Widow.

CENTRAL PLANNING HARDEST SCHEDULE

Will Probably Engage Tome and Two Baltimore Schools This Season.

Central is planning the most pretentious of basketball schedules for the coming year. The Dark Blue players, in addition to the regular high school championship series, will probably stack up against Baltimore City College, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Tome School, and the Episcopal High School, according to Manager John Finley. The "Y" team may be played Friday night.

The schedule will be out within the next few days. In the meanwhile Coach C. A. Metzler is taking advantage of the time, and is developing a fine team in the new gym. This is the first time Central has enjoyed a gym and a squad of seventy-five boys reported for preliminary practice.

Captain Cissell is probably a fixture at guard, although he has been used at forward in preliminary work. None of the positions have been settled upon, however, and the weeding out process will go on for a week at least until the strongest candidates are obtained.

Gallaudet to Play.

Gallaudet College will act as host for the Baltimore City College quint today in the Kendall Green gym. Coach Haas will have a fairly seasoned team to oppose the schoolboys. The Gallaudet five meets Catholic University Saturday night, and is anxious to get a workout before the engagement.

Today Western and the St. Albans school quints get a little scrimmage work. The engagement will not be a listed game. Eastern and Friends, however, will hook up in the Friends' gym for a battle. The Easterners are being coached by Bill McCaffrey, who had charge of football.

Both teams have several veterans from last season. Eastern and Friends play the same sort of snappy passing game and a good contest is looked for. While this battle is going on Business will be entertaining the Gonzaga team at Business. Gonzaga was recently defeated by Friends so that some comparison can be gotten from the game today.

PREPS GET START

Army and Navy Lads Defeat Tech in Opening Floor Game.

The Army and Navy Preps got a flying start yesterday in defeating Tech by 35 to 23. The Preps presented a strong outfit, and an accurate goal tosser in Cassell, who got nine baskets from the floor. Coach Martin's boys showed a lack of practice, and were not familiar with the Prep floor.

In Fogetti, Allison, and Gilmartin, the Preps will have a strong combination about which to build a team. This year the Preps should show considerable strength all through the season. Mike Clancy is again at the head of the Prep combination.

Georgetown Preps meet Business on Friday in the first engagement for them of the season. The Preps have done little work so far but if they can maintain the standard set in football they will have one of the best quints on the floor.

With the Gallaudet-Baltimore City game today the local college quints get busy. Georgetown is slated to meet Mt. St. Joseph's on Friday night and George Washington will battle the University of Maryland team on Saturday evening at the Y. M. C. A.

Both Georgetown and George Washington have several veterans players from last year's squads on hand. Catholic University is fortunate in having Cartwright, Caffrey, McMahon, and Galivan from last year's quint. Shortley, Rutledge and Glassicott are valuable additions to the squad.

JOE GEIGER ENTERS

Baltimore Crack Listed for Carroll Institute Distance Run.

Washington runners will have to do their best against Joe Geiger, the Baltimore crack distancer, who has sent in his entry for the ten-mile race to be held here Saturday under the auspices of Carroll Institute. Geiger earned considerable fame as a distance runner during the past three years and won the last race held here.

Geiger won the race in Baltimore for the title a year ago over a short course. Returned the medal after a protest and went out later and spread-eagled the field. He will be the favorite in Saturday's event here.

A. E. Schmidt, another Baltimore crack, will be among the runners to face the stretch Saturday. Sechmidt has been at the front rank of distancers in this section for two or three seasons.

Twenty-four runners have entered the race. The course is as follows: Start in front of Carroll Institute Club, thence north on Tenth street to Massachusets avenue, west to Dupont circle, north in Connecticut avenue to 3400 block, turn at telegraph pole No. 98, and back over same route to starting point.

HAS ONE VETERAN

Western Quint Retains Chamberlaine From Last Season.

With but one veteran from last year's combination, Western starts the season Friday with Friends' Select School. On Saturday afternoon the Westerners will stack up against the Army and Navy Preps.

Chamberlaine is the only Western veteran on the squad this year. Wight, Chamberlaine, Larner, Herron, and Davidson formed the second team last season. Larner failed to return to school, but Willard Johnstone appears to have the makings of a first-rate forward.

This combination has been practicing for two days and will work out today against St. Albans. There are four teams at Western now, something like fifty boys trying for the various combinations.

The schedule follows: December 15, Friends, at Western; 16, Western, at A. N. P.; 18, Western, at Georgetown Preps; 22, Alexandria High, at Western; 23, Alumni, at Western; January 2, Western, at Gonzaga; 5, Business, at Y. M. C. A.; 9, Tech, at Y. M. C. A.; 13, Georgetown Preps, at Georgetown Prep; 16, Eastern, at Y. M. C. A.; 23, Central, at Y. M. C. A.; 20, Business, at Y. M. C. A.; February 9, Eastern, at Y. M. C. A.; 14, Tome at Port Deposit; 16, Central at Y. M. C. A.

AFTER GRID CONTEST.

Southeast Juniors challenge the Saxons of Rufnex to a football game, averaging 125 pounds. Raymond Schwenk, 1247 K street southeast, is manager.