

Griffith Has No Time Limit, Except Reporting Day--Tennis League Withdraws

GRIFFITH AGAINST TIME LIMIT TALES

Says He Trusts His Players and Believes They Will Be On Hand for Trip.

TENER ISSUES ULTIMATUM

Ray Morgan Will Skate Himself Into Condition For His Best Work.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

"I have made no time limit for my players to sign up. The limit is the day for reporting. That's the only limit I'm making, or ever will make. That stuff from the National League heads is just 'bush' stuff."

Issues An Ultimatum.

President John K. Tener, of the National League, has issued an ultimatum to the players in his league. "In case war is declared against Germany," says Tener, "our club owners will immediately withdraw all contracts unsigned. Each club will be cut down to eighteen, or even sixteen players. Those now signed up will, of course, benefit accordingly, but those on the outside may have to remain there."

Morgan Will Skate.

Ray Morgan is going to skate himself into condition to make a hit at the Augusta training camp. The Griffins' little infielder, according to reports from Baltimore, will soon arrive to Atlantic City, where he will bundle himself up in heavy sweaters, fasten ice skates upon his feet and literally skate himself down to weight required by Mike Martin.

Jones Wants Maisel.

Fleider Jones, the leader of the Browns, must have come to the conclusion that the Old Fox will not let him have Eddie Foster, for he is now said to be after Fritz Maisel, of the Yanks. Well, he can have Maisel in return for Derrill Pratt. Right here is where the deal will fall through. At the American League meeting in Chicago last December, Branch Rickey offered Eddie Plank for Maisel. That made Ruppert and Huston gasp, but they almost suffocated when Lee Fohl offered to trade Terry Turner for Maisel.

Cleveland Goes Mad.

This is but February, yet Cleveland has already gone baseball mad. All box seats for the coming season are now sold, and grandmothers and aunts in the Sixth City are having a tough time, all expecting to die many times during the summer. "We'll probably have to enlarge our plant," says Jim Dunn, the popular president of the Indians. "If we would care for all our friends, who want to follow the team to a pennant. No, I don't claim any pennant, but I do say that you'll have to keep your eyes on Lee Fohl's bunch from April to October. He's got some team there."

Will Get Early Start.

Frank Baker, Fritz Maisel, and Frank Gilhooly will get an early start for the season of 1917. They will accompany the pitchers to Macomb, February 26, and grandmothers and aunts in the Sixth City are having a tough time, all expecting to die many times during the summer. "We'll probably have to enlarge our plant," says Jim Dunn, the popular president of the Indians. "If we would care for all our friends, who want to follow the team to a pennant. No, I don't claim any pennant, but I do say that you'll have to keep your eyes on Lee Fohl's bunch from April to October. He's got some team there."

Reason For Asking.

It develops that the real reason for the Baseball Fraternity's asking an A. F. of L. charter is for its boycotting value. President Fulton believes that the backing of union labor would prove a tremendous club in the cities occupied by the minor leagues, and even in some major league cities. New York, Philadelphia, and Washington might not be so strong for the boy-

LUSH ON HAND

Navy Baseball Coach Will Have Record Squad.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 8.—W. L. Lush, well known as a professional player and college coach, who will guide Naval Academy baseball this season, arrived last night, and will have the first interview with his charges this afternoon. The selection of head coach is of much interest as it marks a change from the effort to get along with graduate head coaches in baseball. The latter system has been tried for several seasons, and the West Pointers, guided by the professional, Sammy Strang, have been winning regularly. The Navy squad this season numbers 115, the largest in the history of the academy.

BASKETERS ACTIVE ON SCHOOL FLOORS

Big Game Offered Tomorrow When Central and Technical Clash.

Schoolboy basketballs will have their hands full tomorrow and Saturday. Central and Tech will be brought together in the much-discussed battle at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow. On Saturday the local Friends' Select unit engages the Baltimore Quaker outfit in the first of the inter-city title conflicts. Aside from the usual Central-Tech interest is the fact that Tech hangs on to the lead in the schoolboy race. The Manual Trainers are a game ahead of Central. Business, Eastern and Western have been distanced, and the two big schools are left to fight it out to a finish.

Eastern Plays Western.

In addition to the Tech-Central game, Western is going in against Eastern. The result of the battle will decide the cellar title between the schools. Western defeated Eastern in the last engagement. The game will be one of two other games scheduled for the next two days. Georgetown Freshmen are slated to engage the Alexandria High School players in Ryan gymnasium tomorrow afternoon, and the Army and Navy Prep are down for a game with the Gonzaga lads in the North Capitol street gym.

Central Will Swim.

Central has another engagement on its books which will attract a number of fans. Baltimore City College is sending a first-rate swimming team here to compete with the Central tank boys. The visitors have a strong combination, as swimming is a long-encouraged sport at the Baltimore school.

The Mt. Pleasant Lads are Green.

The Mt. Pleasant lads are green for the most part, but have responded to the capable coaching of F. J. Brunner. Recent swimming activities between classes has been the means of uncovering several promising swimmers.

Track and Wrestling.

Tomorrow night the Boys' Y. M. C. A. stages its wrestling tournament while Business will be met in a basketball game. On Saturday morning Tech and Western athletes will get a tryout in the Y. M. C. A. gym. Track activities are on the boom just at present as all of the schools are expecting to send in entries for the Georgetown meet a week from Saturday night.

WILL PLAY AGAIN

Killeen and Bartelme Meet Tomorrow Night on Green Cloth.

Eddie Killeen and Charles Bartelme will play a 100-point pocket billiard match tomorrow night at the Grand Central parlors. George T. Cox has been agreed upon to referee the match and Walter Pratt will act as scorer.

This Killeen-Bartelme Match is Expected to Settle the Dispute of Last Week.

The visitors have a strong combination, as swimming is a long-encouraged sport at the Baltimore school. This Killeen-Bartelme match is expected to settle the dispute of last week, when the sporting editor of the Times was asked to judge of conditions arising in the game. No attempt was made to advise the management of further action, and Killeen then put up the matter to John I. Day, of the New York Telegraph, who upheld the ruling of the sporting editor of the Times, quoting the same rule and continuing further as follows: "Mr. Bartelme should be awarded the fifteen balls; the game should be resumed with the score as it would have been after such award, and the ball should be in hand for Bartelme. "Such would be the rigidly proper course to pursue."

Therefore, Killeen and Bartelme will play their match over again tomorrow night, and the biggest crowd of the season is expected to see it.

But Boston, Chicago, and St. Louis would more than make amends.

Gordon White, press agent for the White Rats, is quoted as saying: "If the ball players want to come into the White Rats on exactly the same terms as the bike riders and others in the amusement field, they can welcome a charter from us. If they are not willing to come in on those terms, they will stay out of organized labor."

Cy Williams Appears.

Cy Williams, the slugging outfielder of the Chicago Cubs, has appeared with a denial that he is backing the fraternity. He admits that he has not signed a contract, but insists that it is owing to a dispute as to its terms, not because of any order from Dan Fultz.

Furthermore, I don't see the Justice of Fultz's attempt to 'make a goat' of the Cubs," says Williams.

"We have to report earlier than any other major league club, and that is where we get it in the neck. I can't see this strike stuff, anyway." At the same time, Williams is a member of the Cubs to express this opinion. Williams is the second. Next?

LAST NIGHT'S CRACKS.

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TEAMS WILL REST FROM FLOOR GAME

Catholic University Has Only Scheduled Battle for Some Time.

Georgetown and George Washington took a rest after last night's battle in Ryan Gymnasium which was won by the Hilltoppers with a score of 45 to 23. The Blue and Gray team will meet North Carolina A. and M. tomorrow week, and the basketballs will be nursed along until then.

George Washington is also off the floor until the middle of the month. During the interval Coach Collier will work and Harmon and McMahon, the latter a former Catholic University star who took part in last night's engagement during the last half and shot three remarkable baskets from almost mid floor.

Get Ahead Early.

The Blue and Gray got ahead early in last night's engagement. George Washington had plenty of chances to count, but the downtown lads were away off in their shooting and in consequence the Hilltoppers made the most of the inaccuracy and kept on piling up the count.

Georgetown's defense was exceptional and toward the latter part of the contest when several substitutes were sent in for George Washington the Hilltoppers uncorked a faster brand of basketball which left the visitors flat-footed.

O'Leone Feeds Others.

Job O'Leone, Georgetown's captain, proved to be the most spectacular player on the floor. He confined his activities to feeding the ball to Fees and McNulty, with the result that the left forward and center caged six baskets apiece.

After the starting five minutes the game was more or less a matter of the absence of Giacomo and the removal of Almon made accurate passing impossible for the Hatchettes. Heist and Hall failed to give Harmon the proper support.

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C. U. is Defeated.

While George Washington was taking a licking Catholic University was going through a similar experience on the Carroll Institute floor by almost the same score. West Virginia Wesleyan, coached by "Greasy" Neale, hung up a 41 to 23 count on the Brooklanders.

"Ob" O'Brien, for C. U., was the shining light of the evening for the local lads more or less a matter of the absence of Giacomo and the removal of Almon made accurate passing impossible for the Hatchettes. Heist and Hall failed to give Harmon the proper support.

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Visitors Accurate.

The visitors were unusually accurate in caging the ball. Daniels, Fisher, and Neale, forwards and center, were all over the floor and contributed fourteen baskets from the floor. Greer and Daniels were banished toward the close of the game.

GRIFF IS GUEST

Cardinal A. C., of Alexandria, Banquets Washington Leader.

Today Manager Griffith is doing his best to recover from the after effects of his fifth annual banquet with the Cardinal Athletic Club of Alexandria. The evening proved an unalloyed success. After telling what he knew about his hosts, Griffith discussed the future of his ball club and closed with an offer of a game to be played on April 2 or 3 with the second team. Manager Harvey Crump will so arrange the Cardinals' schedule as to make this game possible.

Mayor Fisher presided in excellent fashion, and if he missed calling any noble orator for "a few words" it was that orator's own fault. Among those who spoke were Denman Thompson, Edwin Hart, John A. Pagan, Dr. R. L. Wilkins, J. William May, Tom Sousa, L. A. Dougher and Mike Martin, mayor of Cherrysdale, Va.

Besides Mayor Thomas A. Fisher and Clark Griffith, those seated at the tables in the Hotel Hammet were Dr. R. L. Wilkins, J. William May, Jarvey Crump, Joseph Owens, William McEride, R. Williamson, H. Brown, W. Lynn, W. Raba, S. F. Glorvont, Thomas A. McFarland, J. J. Haley, L. Devers, E. E. Hard, M. T. Dwyer, J. F. Peyton, David Atcheson, W. McEride, R. P. Whitestone, L. L. Whitestone, R. Dan Clark, Henry Smith, Edward Allen, C. C. Richardson, D. E. Bayless, H. A. Mudd, Thomas Dunbar, R. E. Kaugh, R. B. Washington, Joseph Schwarzmann, G. E. Brewer, Thomas D. O'Donnell, James J. Sweeney, M. C. Albaugh, Thomas Degman, Charlie Graff, Sylvester A. Brown, president of the Cardinal Athletic Club; Edwin Hart, editor of the Alexandria Gazette; Louis A. Dougher, Denman Thompson, John A. Pagan, and Tony Sousa.

MURNANE DROPS DEAD.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Timothy H. Murnane, dean of the country's baseball writers and for years President of the National League, dropped dead here last night in a theater. He was sixty-five years old and had been baseball editor of the Boston Globe since 1888. Before becoming a writer, Murnane was a professional player of note.

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HUGGINS HAS TWO PLAYERS IN LINE

But Cardinals' Manager Says He Could Have Them All By Paying Salaries.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—Only two Cardinals today let it be known that he is determined to press his recommendation to abolish prize fights in this State. The governor will not accede to the plea that he reorganize the commission and place at the head James W. Wadsworth, Jr.

The governor will stand by his message to the legislature demanding repeal of the Frawley law.

PRESSES FOR REPEAL

Governor Whitman Determined to Abolish Boxing in New York.

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BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

It is not true that Ben Johnson was disguised when he came to town Tuesday.

Les Darcy, holder of the Australian middleweight and heavyweight title, came to the United States, picked up some soft money on the stage for several weeks and then chose a "lemon" in Al McCoy for his first opponent. Mick King, whose defeat by Darcy gave the latter his championship laurels, has come to San Francisco and immediately signed up to tackle Billy Miske, Jack Dillon and George Knolly out Brown, the Chicago Greek. We have heard a lot about Darcy's prowess. Maybe he will substantiate all these tales, but Mick King seems a better type of ring expert. He's not searching for the soft ones, but takes a chance with the tough chaps of the squared circle.

Next week the big leagues will consider possible changes in the rules governing baseball, but it's dollars to holes in doughnuts that no changes will come. Managers and players are not particularly anxious for changes in the playing rules. They know more about the game, too, than do the moguls. It is possible that adopting a livelier ball might bring more hitting, but it isn't at all certain that the fans want more hitting. From this point of vantage, the only thing fans want is more victories for the home team. Changing the rules will never work this miracle.

The Red Sox and Dodgers will arrive in Hot Springs, Ark., in time to visit the races. Oh, joy!

We learned something the other day, and so you should know it. While chatting with Major Burke, known the world over as co-star with the late Buffalo Bill, we were told some inside stuff about the great battle in London between Peter Jackson and Frank Slavin. The latter ruled a 4 to 1 favorite to defeat the colored man, the fans banking on his famous blow to the heart. But Jackson had another trick up his sleeve. He kept pecking away with his jabbing fingers at Slavin's Adam's apple, inducing bleeding in the throat, and won from the Englishman in four rounds. This trick is not new now, but it was then, and it was news to that Jackson, acting under the direction of "Parson" Davies, was the first to introduce it to the prize ring.

It's all off now with the Middies. Both Oliphant and Vidal are said to have passed their exams.

Bill Roper's appointment as assistant coach at Princeton may mean that another unsuccessful season for the Tigers will bring about his selection as head coach. And many Princeton men would be entirely satisfied if he were to obtain the place. Roper is one of the best football coaches in the country. Long ago he turned out good teams at Princeton, but he came into his own at Swarthmore. He took green teams and whipped them into winning aggregations. Last season he lacked a playing field, but he drove his charges on the front campus and defeated Penn and Lafayette. Roper should prove of marvelous assistance at Princeton.

IN CLOSE STRUGGLE FOR DUCKPIN LEAD

Corinthians, Potomacs, and Sycamores Bunched at Top in Nautical League.

Corinthian Yacht Club, Potomac Boat Club, and Sycamore Canoe Club are having a close tussle for the leadership of the Nautical Duckpin League.

Corinthian has a slight advantage over its rivals, who are tied for second place. Murphy, of Corinthian, is the only member of the league with an average better than 100. His mark is 103-2 for twenty-two games. The averages:

Standing of Teams. Name, HG, HS, Pts, W, L, Pct. Corinthian Y. C., 1,071, 29, 14, .444 Potomac B. C., 1,047, 21, 14, .333 Sycamore C. C., 1,000, 20, 14, .303 Waab. Y. C., 980, 20, 14, .303 Broadwater C. C., 1,000, 19, 14, .286 Eastern P. B. C., 980, 19, 14, .286

Individual Averages.

(In fifteen or more games). CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB. Name, G, Pts, St, Sp, HG, HS, Ave. Murphy, 22, 2,378, 12, 10, 107.2

POTOMAC BOAT CLUB.

Name, G, Pts, St, Sp, HG, HS, Ave. About, 21, 2,099, 3, 26, 126.31 95.9

SYCAMORE CANOE CLUB.

Name, G, Pts, St, Sp, HG, HS, Ave. G. Stockard, 16, 4,261, 12, 31, 263.81 94.4

RACCOAR CANOE CLUB.

Name, G, Pts, St, Sp, HG, HS, Ave. J. Wright, 12, 4,148, 11, 24, 342.34 95.7

WASHINGTON YACHT CLUB.

Name, G, Pts, St, Sp, HG, HS, Ave. Bailey, 22, 2,468, 7, 40, 112.22 95.1

BROADWATER CANOE CLUB.

Name, G, Pts, St, Sp, HG, HS, Ave. Patton, 18, 1,782, 4, 28, 159.22 95.4

WASHINGTON CANOE CLUB.

Name, G, Pts, St, Sp, HG, HS, Ave. Compton, 22, 3,121, 6, 41, 199.27 94.5

EASTERN POWER BOAT CLUB.

Name, G, Pts, St, Sp, HG, HS, Ave. Servino, 22, 2,000, 5, 45, 118.18 94.7

ROLL SPECIAL MATCH

R. R. Y. M. C. A. All-Star Team to Meet Continentals Saturday.

A team picked from the leading bowlers of the Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. will clash with the Continentals of the District League, at the Terminal alleys, at Union Station, Saturday night in a three-game match. The association's team will be Stricker Stanley, Campbell, Smith and Williams. The Continentals are Wright, Lovelace, Oehler, Mangum and Hughes.

Up until a few days ago, whenever Nick Chaconas' Center Market Cafe team took the alleys against an opponent in the Marketmen's Duckpin League, at the Grand Central alleys, the scene of conflict was enlivened by no small degree by the lusty whooping and yelling of encouragement by Johnny Mandavay. Chaconas' young assistant, Bill Johnson, will cheer no more for Nick's team.

Something went wrong with the gas heater in Johnny's room after he had retired Saturday night, and the young fellow was found dead Sunday morning. Chaconas' team had arranged a special match with the Model Lunch quint of the Southeast League, to have been rolled this week, but the affair has been postponed indefinitely.

Wood, Armiger, George, Watson and Vaeth, members of the Palace and Grand Central teams, and a picked combination of Hyattsville bowlers met at the alleys at Hyattsville next Tuesday in the opening section of a home-and-home series. Three games will be rolled at Hyattsville and five here, total pins deciding the winner.

Tony Sues, one of the leading bowlers of the Government Printing Office League, picked up 57 pins on his average last night, when his team, Mototype, won two out of three from Trens. His scores were 115, 122 and 116.

Most bowlers find No. 10 the pin the most difficult of all on the alley to topple. One notable exception is Bill Rider, the veteran, who misses it about one time in ten.

Bild and Murdoch, of Clerks, in the G. P. O. League, staged an interesting contest in the final game against Hiedery for high game honors. Bild won out, 133 to 131, the Clerks having a total of 560, a league record.

MAY ENTER ACADEMIES

Bill Stobbs, quarterback on the W. and J. eleven, one of the past season's leading forward passers, will take the West Point entrance examinations Saturday, having been promised an appointment from West Virginia, if successful. Johnny Taggart, a W. and J. ineligible last season, will soon take the Naval Academy examinations.

WANT SUNDAY BASEBALL.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Local option elections on the question of Sunday baseball would be authorized by a bill introduced in the legislature today by Assemblyman Alexander Taylor of Erie. Referendums would be held upon petitions signed by 5 per cent of the voters.

"MIKE MURPHY TROPHY"

Penn Alumnus Donates Cup for Annual Relay Carnival.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—A solid silver challenge cup has been donated by an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania to be placed in competition at the annual relay carnival in the one-mile relay championship of America. The trophy will be known as the "Mike Murphy Cup," in memory of Pennsylvania's late track coach. It is not a perpetual challenge cup, but will become the property of the college whose athletes win it five times.

Harvard, Missouri, Chicago, Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Dartmouth already have entered teams in this event.

TENNIS PLANS ARE MADE FOR SEASON

Departmental League to Withdraw as Active Competitor in W. T. A.

Withdrawal from the Washington Tennis Association as a playing member marked the deliberations at the annual meeting of the Departmental Tennis League, held last night. The departmental league will retain its membership in the association as a sustaining member, leaving competition to Chevy Chase, Columbia and Dumbarton.

According to plans presented last night, the departmental winner at the end of the summer series will ask to compete with the winner of the Washington Tennis Association and winners of other leagues to determine the city club championship. The winner is expected to meet the Baltimore title holder.

Plans Under Way.

Plans were started for a larger campaign this summer. The departmental league is thought to be the largest tennis organization in the country, if not the world, more than thirteen clubs belonging, with a membership of more than 4,000.

According to the present plans, it is designed to play every evening during the summer campaigns, instead of twice a week, as has been the case. The sixteen teams will play five days a week this season, beginning matches at 5 o'clock.

Henry Park courts, at Sixth and B streets northwest, will be asked for the purpose of patching up the row, and Phillips Col. W. W. Harts has offered every possible help in facilitating the work of the league, and has always been a sympathetic promoter of the project.

Election Postponed.

The election of officers was postponed at last night's meeting, and the matter will be taken up in an adjourned session later in the month. A heavy delegation will be sent to the Washington Tennis Association banquet to be held later in the month.

Those present at last night's session were Alton Trussell, president of G. F. G. Gilbert, of Smithsonian; Frank T. Tracey, of Commerce; John M. Burkett, of Justice-Trade; E. F. Andrews, of Interior; W. G. McNulty, of the Commissioners; E. O. Leech, of War; L. Prior, of Navy; H. W. Barber, of Agriculture; C. L. Cable, of Postoffice, P. C. Stratton, of Interstate; Lester Slater, president, and Louis I. Doyle, vice president.

Clubs To Be Held.

All of the clubs in the circuit are to be retained, according to present plans. It was rumored that some of the teams would be consolidated this year, but representation by the thirteen teams is desired.

As previously announced, the program of playing five days in the week will be adhered to. Unless the department players are held at the offices later than usual this summer on account of the war situation, no change will be made in the plans as outlined.

Has War Clause

Bob Fowell's Coaching Contract Allows for Foreign War.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—Bob Fowell has been appointed coach of the Pennsylvania football squad for 1917; and his contract is the first ever tendered a college instructor containing a clause nullifying it in case of a foreign war. If the Quakers are obliged to cancel their football schedule because of a war with Germany, Fowell's contract will become null and void. He has been engaged for one year only.

By Dickson has asked that he be allowed more time before making a decision as to his connection with the eleven as coach of the ends. He is considering offers from other colleges.

Dr. Charles M. Wharton will again be line coach. Lon Jourdet will continue in charge of the freshmen team with Harold Ganson running the scrubs.

St. Paulitis will very likely succeed Dickson, if the latter leaves Penn.

HAS EIGHT OPTIONS.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—The Boston National League club has obtained options on eight players who are members of clubs of AA classification, and is seeking five more, as a means of recruiting a team in the event of a strike by members of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, President Percy D. Haughton announced today. The men upon whom options have been closed and money paid are among the best in minor league ranks, he said. In each instance delivery of the player has been guaranteed.

PI WINS SEVENTH.

PI further increased its lead, winning its seventh straight game, and Gamma Sigma gained a clear title to second position in the Phi Mu Sigma fraternity basketball league race by victories in last night's games at the boys' Y. M. C. A. The former club defeated Chi, 41 to 19, and Gamma Sigma vanquished Alpha Delta, 39 to 13.

MOGULS WITHDRAW ORIGINAL PAPERS

Prospects of War With Germany Means Wholesale Cutting of Salaries.

By JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Owing to the possibility of trouble with Germany, several major league club owners already have withdrawn offers to their recalcitrant players.

One of the magnates sent out a letter to his men yesterday stating that contracts mailed him on January 20, which had not been received with the players' signatures had been canceled and that new contracts calling for less money would be forwarded later on.

Of course the players, when they receive this startling notice, will blame the union for their troubles. They could have signed the original contracts, in which liberal salaries were named, if they had not pledged themselves to hold out until the strike leader said the word.

Other magnates, who have been unable to sign a majority of their men, will send out letters of a similar nature in a few days, with the result that the strikers probably will cry out in alarm. This is one of the weapons the leaders of organized baseball have been preparing to use for some time.

Asks for Conference.

A formal request from the players' union for a conference with leaders of organized baseball was in evidence yesterday. It took the form of a circular letter sent out by the players' representatives to the presidents of the minor leagues represented in class AA and A.

In this communication a conference was suggested with the idea of patching up the quarrel which has hurt the national game, at least temporarily.

Inasmuch as the union's strike order has been disobeyed by numerous players, while others are anxious to sign contracts, but are restrained by pledges to stick to their commander, the request for a conference