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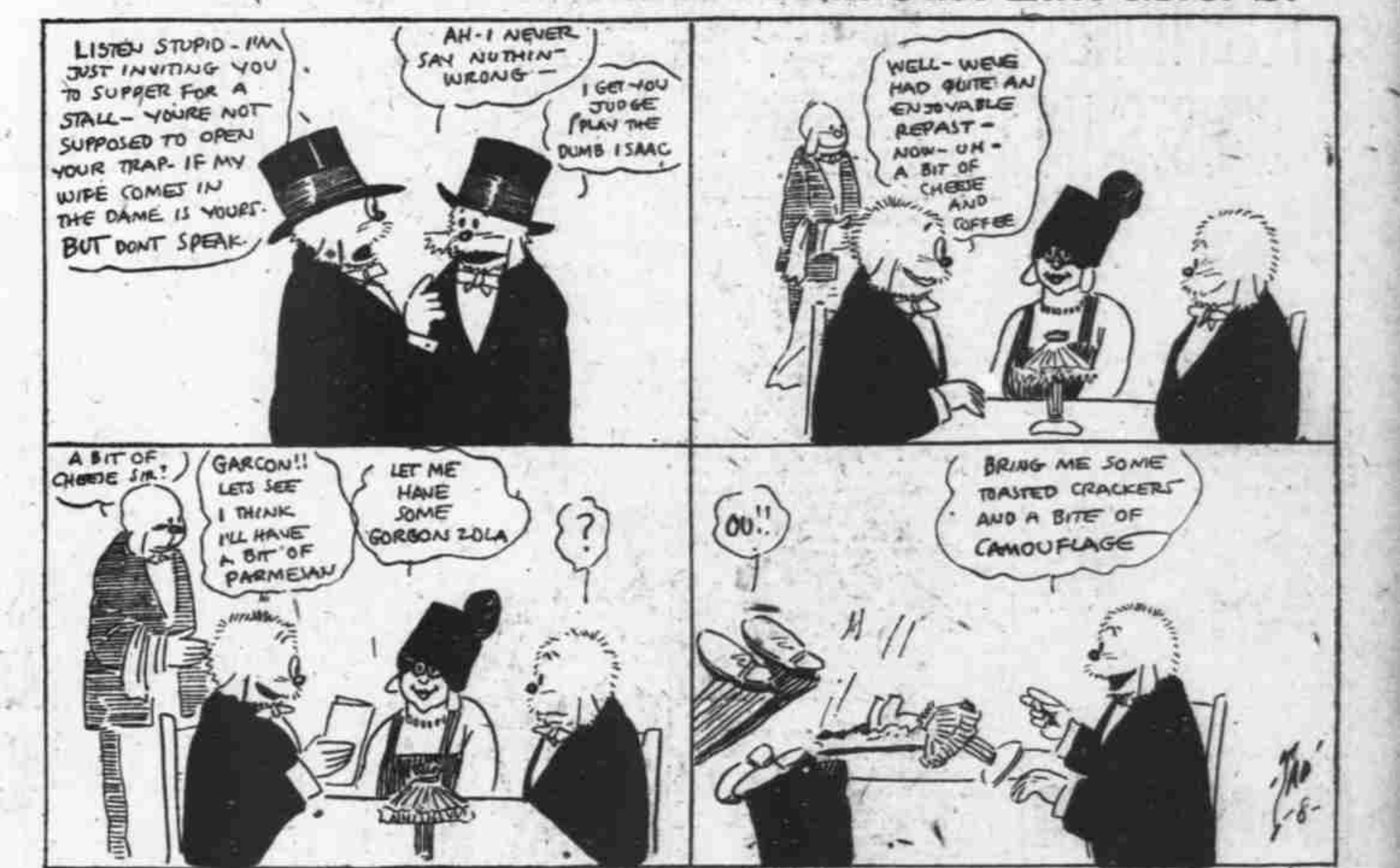

TENER WINS FIRST TILT WITH AMERICAN LEAGUER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

John K. Tener has won his first tilt with Ban Johnson. There will be no joint meeting of the major leagues in Chicago, December 13, and the boss of the American League has come out for a schedule of 154 games.

While there i asmall likelihood of Ban Johnson's losing his grip on affairs in his own league, his overlordshp of baseball in general is a thing of the past. Ban fell down on the question of exemption for 288 major league players to "keep up the standard o fthe game."

In order to make up 288 players, Johnson had to include the National League, giving each of the sixteen clubs eighteen players for service in 1918. That was where he made his tremendous mistake, for President John K. Tener, who has swallowed some particularly nasty comments on his ability within the past three years, was quick to take immediate advantage.

Tener Opposes Johnson.

"The National League will not even think of seeking exemption for its players, was what Tener said. "Furthermore, Mr. Johnson has no right to speak for the National League. He has all he can do to take care of his own league. We are willing to go along and do the best we can. We are not Calamity Janes in the National League. We are willing to take our medicine without howling for help."

The rift between the two leagues was then in evidence for the first time. It was whispered that it began when the Baltimore Federal League stockholders filed their suit before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, though it had been kept a secret.

Then came the untimely announcement from Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission and an intimate friend of Johnson's, that a "joint meeting of the two major leagues would be held at Chicago on December 13."

Tener Turns It Down.

Every move in the chess game of baseball politics was giving Tener ammunition and he again leaped into the breach. He turned down all thought of having his magnates go to Chicago for December 13. He tempered his snub somewhat by saying that his magnates "were in favor of such a meeting, but could not see their way to attend it."

The National League will meet at New York in annual session next Tuesday, and according to Garry Herrmann's announcement, the National leaguers were to hop right out to Chicago to confer with the American leaguers on the next day. Train schedules would have ruined this plan, had Herrmann but noticed it.

Today comes the denial that there will be any joint session between the two big leagues, though it is suggested that such a session may be held at Pittsburgh or Cincinnati following the annual meeting of the National League.

Johnson Doesn't Care.

Ban Johnson now says that he "doesn't care much whether there is a meeting of the two leagues or not." Two days ago he was anxious for one. He wanted it at Chicago, so that the American League would be in the position of host to the older league's representatives. This used to be the custom, but those customs have faded away ever since that yell for exemption of 288 players to "keep up the standard of the game."

From Chicago today comes the statement that Ban Johnson and his magnates will support a schedule of 154 games. This is another victory for Tener and the National League. Johnson was at first seeking a schedule of 140 games, owing to the war. Now he has seen the light.

When the 140-game schedule was suggested by Ban Johnson, President Tener had something to say, and it was right to the point.

Both Use Same Park.

"The National League is in favor of 154 games," said Tener. "Of course, we have no control over the action of the American League. If Mr. Johnson's magnates prefer a short schedule of 140 games, they will adopt it. The only hitch will come in the use of the Polo Grounds in New York. Both leagues use the same park there."

And right there was seen a big hitch, too.

It is impossible for the American League to find a convenient park in the metropolis, as it would be impolitic to purchase one at this time. By the time this situation filtered through Ban John's brain cells, he again changed his mind. Now he is willing to have his league play 154 games.

Things have changed considerably in baseball. President Tener is now at the top. Ban Johnson's influence, always grudgingly admitted, is fast waning in the National League. A new line-up is not without the realms of possibility.

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If Army Draft Comes To Major Leagues

PITTSBURGH, July 20.—Cincinnati proved easy for the rejuvenated Pirates yesterday, the final score being 8 to 3. "Big Six" Mathewson was knocked off the rubber in the third when "Eagle Eye" Jake Beckley collided with a fadeaway for a home run, scoring Fred Clarke, Beaumont and Leach ahead of him. "Honus" Wagner stole four bases.

CHICAGO, July 20.—Jimmy Callahan pitched beautiful ball yesterday, shutting out the Browns 5 to 0. Isbell's fielding around first base was a feature. George Stone was robbed of a home run in the second by Hughey Duffy's great running catch close to the flagpole in left field. Pelty gave way to Powell in the sixth for the Browns.

BOSTON, July 20.—Fred Tenney's triple in the eighth, scoring Fred Lake and "Dutch" Klobedanz, won for the Braves yesterday over the Giants, 3 to 2. McGraw's fielding at third was brilliant, although his throwing was off color, thus giving him three errors. Mike Donlin collected three hits in four times up off Klobedanz.

WILL DECIDE ON GAME.

Prospects of a snow-covered field at American League park may call off tomorrow's championship benefit football game between the Coast Artillery Corps team and the Mohawks. Officials will get together tonight on the arrangements and will probably confer with the Washington Baseball Club officials.

PUTS UP LIBERTY BOND.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 8.—Oriole Gun Club members are competing for two Liberty bonds in the first of a series of winter trap shooting events today.

OUTPOINTS ERTLE.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 8.—"Kewpie" Ertle, of St. Paul, was outpointed here last night by Jack Wolfe, a local bantam, in ten fast rounds.

INGLESIDES MAKE GREAT SCORES IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

Ingleside bowlers, of the National Capital Duckpin League are chesty today. New hats are expected to be purchased by the Ingleside rollers for they have something to boast of in having not only rolled a 601 game, but a set of 1,722 in a match against the Grand Central team.

But one game of the number credited to the Inglesides was less than 100, and but one game rolled by individuals was more than 132 which bespeaks some of the most consistently good alley work that has been noted this season.

The score of the record game follows:

National Capital Duckpin League.

Ingleside.				Grand Central.			
Krieger	114	112	111	W'stenholm	110	100	107
Farrow	100	111	112	Brandt	112	100	99
Whitford	122	124	115	Welsh	97	108	104
Eiker	111	134	130	Dummy	90	90	90
Meany	97	130	106	Vaeth	125	136	96
Totals	537	601	584	Totals	524	534	496

The Raftery team of the Capital City League has rolled some exceptional games this season, but none much better than last night's performance against the Eastern team. Raftery bowlers won all three games with scores of 560, 562, and 551, an exceptional set all things considered.

DeMar led both teams with a score of 152 in the first game, totalling 1,683 in the three games, a fine performance were it not clouded by the great scoring of the Ingleside bowlers.

Several individual records were hung up in last night's alley clashes. Maize, of Decaturs, got 145 against the Newtons in the Mt. Pleasant. De Mar's 152 led the individuals. Higgs, of the Coppershop, got 141; Fenton, of Knickerbockers, made 137, and Webb, of Washington Centennial, got 128.

SCHOOL TEAMS AHEAD IN OPENING CONTESTS

Central and Business opened their basketball seasons successfully yesterday with victories. The Central quint took on the Maryland State College eleven in a practice game and rolled up 55 points to 13 for the collegians who were making their start at the floor game. Daley shot fourteen baskets from the floor for Central.

In the Business gym Gonzaga proved no match for the Stenographers, who took a 13-to-7 game. The Gonzaga lads failed to score during the first half so closely were they guarded.

CHAPIN AND TWEEDALE IN CUE MATCH TONIGHT

Leo Tweedale and Ray Chapin will cross cues in the tournament at Sherman's tonight with Walter Wallace as referee. The matches have proven unusually popular.

Harry Stanford, who has been on the winner's end recently, defeated Charles Goodacre by 100 to 64 in last night's engagement.

USAACS IN LONG RACE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—The United States army ambulance corps of Allentown, has a team entered in the annual senior cross-country championships of the Middle Atlantic A. A. U., being held here today under the auspices of the Meadowbrook Club. Fifteen Usaacs will compete.

BASSLER AN AVIATOR.

Johnny Bassler, former Cleveland catcher sent to Los Angeles, where he played fine ball last season, has enlisted in the aviation corps.

Camouflage in Football

"About the finest kind of camouflage pulled annually in football is the All-American team," says Sol Metzger, coach of the Washington and Jefferson eleven. But this is only one sentence of Metzger's live, breezy article to be found in the sports columns of The Times. He has many more. His article teems with incidents sure to bring a smile to your face. You should read it, if only to obtain an inside view of some of the many funny things connected with our great fall sport, football.

SHORT SPORT TALKS

By Louis A. Dougher

One effect of the war will be a rejuvenation of boxing, which has rather gone to seed in the past ten years or so. Thousands of young men are now being taught the elements of boxing for use in handling the bayonet, and they are not likely to forget their knowledge on their return from Europe.

Clark Griffith likes to tell how baseball was an outgrowth of the war between the North and South, flourishing everywhere in the army camps of the Union forces. The same may be said of boxing in the new national army, for it is flourishing everywhere.

Despite the nambypambies, war does make for manly men. It is a certainty that the returning armies will bring back with them an innate love of boxing, of playing football and baseball, of running and leaping in the open air. This is the story of the ages.

A good story is being told of a Texas husky who challenged anybody in the house at an army camp series of bouts at Waco, Tex., recently. The cut-up kid weighed in the neighborhood of 200 pounds, but quickly a smaller lad in khaki accepted the challenge.

After an even first round, the khaki-clad boxer proceeded to give his bigger opponent a terrific lacing, ending by handing him a sleep punch before the second round closed. "Gee whiz, who is that guy?" inquired the Texan.

"Packey McFarland," was the reply. It was. Packey is an instructor at Waco.

ECKERSALL A GREAT KICKER.

Walter Eckersall, Chicago University's wonderful quarterback, now lying at the point of death from cancer of the stomach, was quite the greatest dropkicker ever developed in the history of American football. Twice he dropkicked five goals against an opposing eleven.

On November 18, 1905, Eckersall booted field goals from the 36, 25, 25, 25, and 18-yard lines against Illinois. In the following year, playing against Nebraska on November 24, he dropkicked field goals from the 38, 34, 34, 30, and 20-yard lines.

Against Wisconsin, October 3, 1903, Eckersall sailed over three field goals, each from the 25-yard line.

Eckersall's record of five dropkicked field goals in one game equals that set up by Bernie Trafford, the old Harvard star, who booted over five against Cornell on November 1, 1890, two from the 35-yard line and three from the 30-yard line. But Trafford never had another day like that one.

MAGNATES ARE IN FORM.

"There will be plenty of fighting when the magnates gather here next week to—"

"We don't care what the American League does," said President Tener today, "we are ready——"

"The American League is prepared to cut loose from the National League if——"

"The National League is strong enough to paddle its own——"

"Teamwork is sadly lacking in baseball circles when——"

There are Bolsheviki on this side of the pond, right among baseball men, too.

CUTTING TRAINING WORK DOWN.

Among the schemes sure to come up for discussion when the magnates meet next week will be one for shortening the training trip as a means of saving money. Clubs planning long jaunts, such as the Cubs to California and the White Sox and Giants to Texas, will hardly greet this suggestion. They will lose even more money by the proposed scheme.

Ban Johnson is said to believe two weeks sufficent for preparing a major league club, provided the players report in any kind of shape. Garry Herrmann would make the training season last three weeks.

Those five and six weeks in Dixieland are to be mere history next spring, that's sure.

FRED FULTON, CHAMPION.

Fred Fulton's willingness to lay claim to Jess Willard's ring title, defending it against all-comers, will start a jamboree all around. Every heavyweight in the country who ever went ten rounds to no decision with Fulton will dispute the Minnesota man's right to the honors, and yet from where we sit, Fulton has quite the best claim to the crown, providing Willard really means to quit boxing.

With Willard on the shelf, Fulton looks to be the best of the poor lot of heavies now in the ring. He has shown his superiority over all of them. Fulton may not be as great as the champions of the past, but where is there a better man, barring Willard, now working at the game?

CASHIN NOW LOST TO BLUE AND GRAY BASKETBALL TEAM

"Blondy" Cashin, Georgetown's veteran guard, will be lost to the basketball team for the remainder of the season, as he has quit college to enter the army service. Despite the absense of Cashin and Henry O'Boyle, Georgetown's guards of last season, the basketball quint boasts of a 44 to 10 victory over Mt. St. Joseph's College today.

The visitors appeared last night on the hilltop and failed to show anything out of the ordinary in basketball. Georgetown's coach was expecting a tough battle and was more or less disappointed that the St. Jo lads were so weak.

Seventeen minutes elapsed in the first half before St. Jo got anything that looked like a basket. Berger shot one from the floor for the visitors. Georgetown has rolled up thirty points with Jim McNulty and Freddy Fees in the mood to score.

John O'Reilly held back the Hilltoppers in the second half despite the cover-up tactics of the visitors. Many subs were given a chance on the blue and gray line-up. O'Lone, last year's captain, covered the floor well, but was not up to his usual standard in shooting. Keresey and Lonschack guarded well at all times.

Berger, the visitors' center, was the only player to get more than one floor goal. Monohan, Derivieux, Smith, Morris, and Gans got into the game for the Hilltoppers.

YALE OARSMEN SERVING COUNTRY 'OVER THERE'

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 8.—It was learned today that of the nine members of the two Yale crews that rowed Yale's only race against the University of Pennsylvania last April, and who were members of the class of 1917, two are already in France and seven are distributed in military services as follows:

Field artillery officers, including two captain, 4; United States navy, 1; aviation corps, 2. The full list of oarsmen who were given their "Y" for rowing against the Quakers is as follows:

William Adams, jr., unreported; Samuel W. Atkins, captain, Three Hundred and Second Field Artillery, Camp Devens; Herbert W. Coleman, unreported; Lawrence A. Fox, second lieutenant, Nineteenth Field Artillery, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; Wesley C. Gamble, first lieutenant, Three Hundred and Seventh Filed Artillery, Camp Dix, New Jersey; Oliver F. Green, first-class gunner's mate, navy; Thomas H. Lasher, quartermaster, navy, now in France; Cord Meyer, captain of crew last spring, second lieutenant aviation section, signal corps, now in France; Knight Woolley, captain, Battery D, Three Hundred and Eighth Field Artillery, Camp Dix, N. J.

EXPECT TENNIS TITLES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—That national champions will be restored to national tennis tournaments is the belief today following the annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. The annual meeting of the association will be held Monday.

WILL DECIDE ON BOXING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Legality of boxing bouts under the club membership plan in New York has been put up to special sessions court. The nine officials of the Broadway Sporting Club, who had been summoned to appear in magistrate's court, were held in $500 bail each for appearance in special sessions.

MILLER BEATS BLACKBURN.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—Young Herman Miller, of Baltimore, defeated Joe Blackburn, the veteran colored middleweight, in six rounds here last night. Blackburn lacked aggresiveness and took a severe pounding about the body.

WESTERN'S 1914 ELEVEN GIVES MANY TO SERVICE

Announcement of the appointment of Walter P. O'Brien as first lieutenant D. C. N. G., a former member of The Times sporting staff and a member of the 1914 Western High Schoool football team is another chapter in the remarkable record of the Red and White team.

O'Brien left The Times staff to go to the border with the national guard. He was a sergeant, and last summer studied for a lieutenancy. He received his commission as second lieutenant and recently took his examinations for a first lieutenancy, which he successfully passed.

Played Fullback.

In 1914 O'Brien played fullback on Western's football team. In the backfield were Brooke Brewer, Evelyn Fuller, John Whelchel and Philip Pepper.

Pepper recently received his appointment after six months' training as first lieutenant in the aviation service, and is in France. John Welchel is in the United States Naval Academy, where he has made a great record in the class room as well as in athletics. Brooke Brewer is with the Allentown ambulance unit.

Earl Royer, who played end, is in the army. Jack Adams, left tackle, is a first lieutenant, in the national army, while Lawrence Grayson, the other tackle is in the aviation service. Edwin Giblin, center, was in the D. C. N. G., while the guards, "Mac" Brady, who was captain, and Llewellyn Nicholson are in the army. Brady is a sergeant in the engineer corps, while Nicholson, who had a great scholastic record at Stevens Institute, is a corporal in the artillery.

Others Join Army.

Other members of the team were "Pots" Rohrer, who is in the army, and "Mackey" Matthews, another lineman, who is a member of the engineer corps. Two of the members of the team, John Mackall and Raymond Peck, are still in college, but have done war work in summer with their college units. Evelyn Fuller died two years ago while in attendance at the University of California.

This record for army service is thought to be unequaled, as every member of the team is either in the army, has seen service or is expecting to receive a commission.

JOE FREEMAN PLANNING STIRRING RING SEASON

"I am planning a stirring boxing season for Ardmore," says Manager Joe Freeman. "This bout between Jeff Smith and Kid Sheeler is but the beginning. I want to give Washington fans the very best as far as I possibly can.

"The close of the boxing season in New York has turned loose a number of capable performers, and I hope to show some of the best here. For instance, 'Irish Patsy' Cline, Johnny Dundee, Jack Britton, Eddie MacAndrews, Willie Jackson, and Battling Levinsky are on my list. These are but a few names, but they indicate the class of the shows I am planning for Ardmore."

Freeman is now busy arranging the remainder of his card for the opening show, featured by Jeff Smith, the Bayonne middleweight, and Kid Sheeler, of Frederick, Md. He expects a well-balanced entertainment for the Capital's boxing fans.

MARYLAND WILL HAVE CUDGEL NEXT SEASON

Maryland's tracks will have the great three-year-old, Cudgel, in action next season. He will be in practically all the big Maryland stakes, and will meet Hourless and Omar Khayyam before the racing year is very far along. Cudgel will arrive at H. G. Bedwell's farm, near Laurel, within a few days, where he will remain during the winter.

J. W. Schorr, the Memphis brewer, has sold Cudgel for $30,000 to Capt. J. K. L. Ross, of the Canadian army. Bedwell is Captain Ross' trainer.

BAR CERTAIN SPORTS.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 8.—The official ban at Wesleyan has been placed on lawn tennis, swimming, and track and field sports, but baseball, basketball, and football will be continued, the authorities believing them of value in building strong men for army service. The time usually given to the banned sports will be used for military instruction.

HAUGHTON IS HOPEFUL.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Percy Haughton is hopeful that Harvard will have varsity football next year in place of the "informal game" played this season." I believe that a changed student viewpoint next year," says the famous football coach, "will result in less informality in athletics at Cambridge."

USAACS WANT AUTHORITY FOR TRIP TO PASADENA

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 8.—The Usaacs are today awaiting the O. K. of the War Department upon their plan to take the varsity football eleven to Pasadena, Cal., to battle the San Francisco Marines on January 1, 1918. All arrangements, barring the necessary sanction from the War Department at Washington, have been completed.

The Ambulance coach, Lieut. Dud Clarke, will take his squad, twenty-two strong, to the West. The entire trip will take twenty-one days, and it is expected that the time consumed will be rated in a military way as a furlough for the men.

Among those who expect to make the long journey are Lieut. Dud Clarke, Jack Dunn, Michigan; Mike Murphy, Yale; O. Francke, Harvard; O. Hurr, Ohio State; C. Cramer, Minnesota; Brooke Brewer, Maryland; Tuffy Conn, Oregon Aggies; Ben Cubbage, Penn State; Jim O'Donnell, Penn State; Jim Farrell, Susquehanna; Pike Johnson and Lindsey Moore, Washington and Lee; C. Boyd, University of California; Ben Mayfield, Sand Wick; George Abel, University of Washington.

RICKEY DENIES STORY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Branch Rickey, president of the St. Louis Cardinals, through President Tener, of the National League, today issued a denial of a story published within a week or so that he would suggest to the National League magnates that all their profits in 1918 should be given to the Government. Rickey says such action would be foolish, and that he is not yet a fool.

KICKS 65 GOALS.

In two years Fincher, Georgia Tech's goal-kicking tacle, has added 65 points to the Yellowjackets' total by booting goals from touchdowns. In 1916 Fincher kicked 16 out of 17 foals from touchdown. In 1917 he kicked 49, missing 2. In two seasons, therefore, Fincher has missed but 3 goals from touchdowns out of 68 attempts.

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