

Jerry on the Job

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TRACK MEN OUT AT LEBANON VALLEY

Coach R. J. Guyer Is Pleased With Response to His First Call

Annapolis, Pa., Jan. 8.—R. J. Guyer gave a call for track candidates for the relay team at Lebanon Valley College yesterday afternoon and more than twenty men responded. The team will be the fastest that has ever represented the school. Evans, Wieslock and Mickey are among the squad. They were members of last year's champion relay four which won first place at the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival last year. As the relay team will be sent to the indoor meets at Baltimore and Washington in the month of February, the early call for material was necessary. Evans, who holds the 220-yard dash record in the Middle States intercollegiate meet, is captain of the relay team. He is a Lykens boy.

TWO CLUBS WILL PAY SALARY TO LAJOIE

Cleveland Star Has Contract Good For Another Year at His Own Figures

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Manager Connie Mack will pay Larry Lajoie only a part of his salary this season. Cleveland must make up the difference, as Lajoie's contract with the Naps was drawing \$9,000 a year. The Cleveland club made that sort of an arrangement with the St. Louis club last season, but Lajoie thwarted the transaction by refusing to go to St. Louis. Cleveland wanted to get rid of Lajoie, but while there were several clubs that were willing to take him, all balked when they learned the veteran was drawing \$9,000 a year, and that his contract did not expire until the close of the season of 1916. As a special inducement, Owner Somers offered to pay \$4,000 of the salary, leaving \$5,000 for the St. Louis club to settle. This was agreed upon, but when Lajoie was notified to join the St. Louis team he refused, and the deal fell through. It is most likely that a similar arrangement has been made with the Athletics, for there is no way to figure that Lajoie at the present stage of his career is worth the salary he is drawing, yet he has a contract which must be fulfilled, and as Connie Mack has been under obligations to Charley Somers for many years, he is willing to help him out.

FIGHT IS AGAINST TWO MAJOR LEADERS

Joe Tinker Says Plan Is to Eradicate Ban Johnson and "Garry" Herrmann

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 8.—The Feds are after the scalps of two major league leaders. "Garry" Herrmann and Ban Johnson are the two men picked to get the run. Plans were discussed at a conference here to-day. Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago club, was the only man who attended who would talk. He said that the Federals are planning to give baseball a "good housecleaning," and continued: "We want to eradicate the business men in the game and put in no one who is not a sportsman. We are tired of having baseball run by two men, Ban Johnson and "Garry" Herrmann. Those attending the conference include Mr. Gates, John M. Ward, former big league player; Ned Hanlon, Harry Goldman and Otto Knabe, of the Baltimore club; Joe Tinker, Rebel Oakes, manager of the Pittsburgh team; Lee Magee, recently appointed manager of the Brooklyn club; Pitcher Perritt and Ed Konetchy, claimed by the Pittsburgh Federals; Lloyd Rickert, secretary of the league, and Keene Addington, counsel for the league. James A. Gilmore, president of the Federals, is expected to come to Indianapolis to-morrow.

Gilmore of Federal League Begins Suit to Dissolve National Baseball Commission



The Federal League, through President Gilmore, has begun action in the United States courts, as has long been expected, for the dissolution of the National Baseball Commission, the American and National Leagues and everything known as "organized baseball." While officials in organized baseball say they do not fear the action, it has been known for years they did not wish an attack on the ground they were violating the Sherman act. The suit was filed in the name of the Federal League of Professional Baseball Clubs against the "National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, August Herrmann, Bancroft B. Johnson, John K. Tener et al." The suit asks that the defendants be declared as "constituting a combination, conspiracy and monopoly in violating the common law, in contravention of the anti-trust and monopoly statutes, and in restraint of trade and commerce in and among the several states, in derogation of the constitutional right of contract." It is further asked that the defendants be enjoined from "further continuing to do business as a part of or in connection with said combination, conspiracy and monopoly." The National Commission has under its domination and control all but 300, or approximately 10,000, professional baseball players of varying degrees of experience." The 300 are under contract to the Federal League. When President Johnson, of the American League, was informed that the suit had been filed he said: "I think this is another attempt to keep the Feds before the public. The suit on the face of it is absurd. Why, the Feds have been trying to get into organized baseball, so-called. Weeghman, of the Chicago Feds, had a chance to buy the Cubs for a certain sum of money and it was not the National League's fault that he failed to make the deal. The Wards could have bought the Philadelphia National League club, but they didn't go ahead when they had the chance. "We are not operating a trust, for anybody with money can buy into our circuit. Speaking of a trust, I have no fear of the result of this suit. Baseball is an amusement, not a commodity, hence the government of sport cannot be declared a violation of the Sherman law. The Feds are growing desperate, it would seem."

CENTRAL HIGH READY FOR POTTSVILLE HIGH

First Scholastic Contest Takes Place Tonight on the Local Floor

With one of the strongest aggregations of basketball tossers that has ever represented Central high school, the local five will open the season tonight. The first attraction at Chestnut street auditorium, where all Central home games will be played, is Pottsville high. As an added attraction, the Central high scrubs will line up against a strong amateur local team. Both Central teams are in excellent condition. Captain Rote of the varsity five, after practice yesterday afternoon, said Central will give Pottsville the hardest kind of a fight. Victory in the opening game is much desired and Central students will be out in full force to help with their rooting. Horace Geisel, of the P. R. Y. M. C. A., will referee the game which starts at 8 o'clock.

NEW AVERAGE PLAN FOR FEDERAL LEAGUE

Players Receive Credit For the Actual Work They Do in Each Game

New York, Jan. 8.—Among the innovations in the matter of baseball statistics, introduced by Secretary Lloyd Rickart of the Federals, are some new-fangled fielding averages, based on the number of chances accepted by the various players per game. Errors are ignored. Steve Evans of Brooklyn is nominal leader of the first basemen with 11.07 chances per game for twenty-seven games. George Stovall of Kansas City, the firebrand of the Feds, leads the regular firstbasemen, with 11.03 chances. Kansas City also has the leader in the second base division, as Kenworthy of Kawfeds was the busiest middle sacker. He accepted 819 chances, or 5.80 per game. Bliss McKechnie of the Indianapolis champions led the third basemen, with 519 chances, or 3.48 chances a game. Steve Terkes of Pittsburgh, was the nominal leader among the shortstops, with an average of 5.87 chances in 39 games. Joe Tinker of Chicago, led the regular shortstops with 694 chances in 124 games, or 5.60 chances a game. Among the outfielders, Ward Miller of the St. Louis team, who jumped the Cubs, led the league, with 258 chances in 100 games, or 2.46 chances per game. Mike Simon, the former Pirate, also a St. Louis Fed, was the busiest catcher, with 7.23 chances a game, while Edgar Willett, former Tanager, and also of St. Louis, led the Federal pitchers in these statistics, with 4.32 chances a game. The averages of the pitchers were compiled at the rate of nine innings of work standing for a game.

PROTECTION IS NECESSARY

Too Much Money at Stake in Federal League to Permit a Laydown

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 8.—Club owners of the Federal League have paid out \$50,000 in 1915 salary advances to major and minor league stars who deserted organized baseball for the Feds, according to a statement by James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal organization. Protection of this money, he said, is one of the objects of the league's suit filed against organized baseball, charging it with operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. "The league proposes to fight to a finish to protect this investment," Gilmore said. "In the event of a repetition of legal controversies which impaired the 1914 season, when litigation caused several of our star players to sit idly on the bench all season, this money will be tied up in a knot that will take months to disentangle. We propose to make ourselves certain of the results before the playing season begins."

FOOTBALL A PEACEMAKER

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The German army authorities have issued a general order prohibiting troops in the field from fraternizing with forces of the enemy, as they did at several points in the western theater of the war at Christmas. To such an extent was this fraternizing carried out that at one place where the Germans and British played football Christmas day they agreed to suspend hostilities for two days.

HARRIS PARK ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Harris Park Baseball Club, held last night, the following officers were elected: President, Walter Anderson; vice-president, Roy Kerns; manager, Earl W. Swartz; captain, William Huber; secretary, Ross Swartz; treasurer, Charles Ryan. A turkey dinner followed the meeting.

Advertisement for Tuxedo tobacco. It features a portrait of Harry Lauder, a world-famous Scotch comedian, wearing a tuxedo and a hat. The text reads: 'HARRY LAUDER World-famous Scotch Comedian, says: "Tuxedo, for mildness, purity and fragrance, THE tobacco for me. With my pipe filled with good old TUXEDO, all my troubles go up in smoke. In all my world-wide travels I've yet to find its equal as a slow-burning, cool-tasting, sweet-flavored tobacco. TUXEDO satisfies me completely." Harry Lauder Tuxedo Keeps the World in Good Humor Here is the man whose life work is to make millions of people happy. In pursuing his call, he travels the wide world over. He is a great lover of his pipe, and in all sorts of corners of the earth he has tried all sorts of tobaccos. What is his unqualified statement in regard to Tuxedo? Read it again: "I've yet to find its equal." This is the frank and candid opinion of thousands and thousands of experienced, judicious smokers. Tuxedo is absolutely the best all-around tobacco that modern tobacco science can make.' The Perfect Tobacco for Pipe and Cigarette. You can buy Tuxedo everywhere. Convent, glassine wrapped, moisture-proof pouch 5c. Famous Green Tin with gold lettering, curved to fit pocket 10c. In Tin Humidors 40c and 80c. In Glass Humidors 50c and 90c. THE AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY.

BITS OF SPORTS

Efforts on the part of Manager Balfour of the University to revive intercollegiate boxing is meeting with success. The Methodist basketball team will play Tech Scrubs on Tech floor to-morrow afternoon. The National Commission will meet next week. Tech tossers will go to York to-night to play York high school five. Steelton high will play Middletown high at Middletown to-night. The Phillies will not get whitened. Richmond's offer of \$10,000 for an International League franchise has been refused. "Tilly" Shafer, third baseman of the Lenoire baseball team, fell on the ice and fractured his right leg. He is in the Harrisburg hospital. At Middletown last night the Tennis Club tossers won from the Wincroft team, score 29 to 13. The Eagles lost last night's game in the P. R. Y. M. C. A. bowling league, to the Federals, margin 40 pins. Reports circulated yesterday that Eddie Collins would go to the New York Yankees had everybody guessing for a time. There was nothing to the stories. In answer to Coach Orton's call for track candidates, 175 varsity and freshmen put in their names yesterday to Manager Cheston in the track room at Franklin Field. The number and caliber of the men excels the squad of any previous year and Coach Orton was well pleased.

FINAL TRANSFER IS MADE

New York, Jan. 8.—The final details of the transfer of the New York American League Baseball Club franchise were completed here yesterday. Colonel Jacob Rupert and L. Huston, the new owner, assumed control with the passing of stock by Frank J. Farrell, the former executive. President B. E. Johnson, of the American League, left immediately for Chicago, after having devoted almost a month to the consummation of the deal which gives the club new owners for the first time since its establishment here in 1903.

Advertisement for THE HUB January Clearance Sale. The text reads: 'THE HUB January CLEARANCE SALE This is a big store emptying event. Cases, counters and racks must be cleared of all winter apparel for Men, Youths and Boys, as it is our policy to offer an entire new stock every spring. Every Suit and Overcoat Has Been GREATLY REDUCED This is an opportunity that comes at this time every season to buy Hub clothing at extraordinary reductions. If you are a Hub customer you know the values we give during these sales. If you are not, a visit will convince you.' The ad lists several items with their clearance sale prices: MEN'S and YOUNG MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS that formerly sold for \$15.00 and \$18.00, CLEARANCE SALE PRICE, \$11.75; MEN'S and YOUNG MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS that formerly sold for \$25.00 and \$28.00, CLEARANCE SALE PRICE, \$18.75; MEN'S and YOUNG MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS that formerly sold for \$20.00 and \$25.00, CLEARANCE SALE PRICE, \$14.75; MEN'S and YOUNG MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS that formerly sold for \$30.00 and \$35.00, CLEARANCE SALE PRICE, \$24.75; BOYS' SUITS and OVERCOATS that formerly sold for \$5.00 and \$6.50, CLEARANCE SALE PRICE, \$3.75. The ad concludes with 'Our Guarantee goes with every purchase the same as if sold at regular prices.' THE HUB 320 Market Street.

Advertisement for CREME LILAS. The text reads: 'CREME LILAS Non-greasy Toilet Cream - keeps the skin soft and velvety. An exquisite toilet preparation. 25c. GORGAS DRUG STORES 16 N. Third St., and P. R. R. Station Electrical World.'