MILLS WILL HELP FORM ANOTHER BIG LEAGUE

Local Man Going to Pittsburgh to See if Anything Is Left on Which to Build Stable Organization—Chicago Here for Two Games To-Day.

BY GUS MALBERT.

The Chicago club, one of the five remaining members of the United States League, arrived last night, and will play two games of ball to-day, probably finishing the week. The first game will begin this morning at 10:30 o'clock. The second will start at the usual hour—4:30 this afternoon.

Denials, affirmations and other reports of conflicting natures have been buzzing through the air at a surprising rate during the past few days concerning the ultimate fate of the league. E. C. Landgraf, more than any other man, knows and has known and has told to this writer the condition of affairs—the true condition. But if any attempt is made to revive the league, it will be due to the efforts of Morgan R. Mills, the secretary and treasurer of the local end.

Landgraf has made nearly a million statements, each at variance with the other, if interviews credited to him are correct. Very evidently worried, charity prompts the conclusion that he has not been accountable for what he has said. Still the fact remains that what is left of the United States League, or rather the teams still clinging to the organization, are freelancing it right now. The schedule has been shot to pieces; teams which were supposed to be in one part of the country are in another. If this is league baseball, then it is league baseball conducted differently from the customary practices.

Morgan R. Mills, while realizing the precarious state of affairs, expects to go to Pittsburgh Sunday. He will be met there, it is thought, by F. H. Snyder, another stockholder in the local corporation. At the meeting, if seven cities in addition to Richmond can be found willing to post a forfeit of not less than $2,000, Mr. Mills and his associates will be willing to reorganize the defunct league, or organize another league composed of practically the same circuit.

St. Louis does not appeal to the local magnates. The jump would be too great. The same objection would be offered to Buffalo. The probability at this time is that, should there be a revival of the league, that Cleveland will be taken back, under different ownership.

As late as Tuesday it had been determined to send the Chicago club to Pittsburgh and leave Richmond to play with the makeshift organization in Washington. Mills objected and stated his objections in emphatic terms to President Witman, the result being that the Chicago club is here. Waning finances may be revived by the game to-day. At least that is the hope.

At Pittsburgh the final determination will be reached. Then it will be found who is bluffing and who is real. Richmond will not continue under any circumstances in any league in which a sufficient forfeit is not posted. That is the conclusion which Mills has reached. Neither will he consent to such cities being named in the new organization as will place a hardship on Richmond from a traveling standpoint. In other words, if a new league is to be formed, he wants it soundly financed, with capital behind it, a treasurer who is responsible and bonded to take charge of the league funds, and a circuit which is practical.

If a new league is formed, it is practically certain that W. Abbott Witman, of Reading, will not be the president. It is almost as certain that Morgan Mills will be treasurer, and that Marshal Henderson, of Pittsburg, will be the official head. If each of the clubs deposit $1,000, there will be a nucleus of $16,000 to start with.

In addition, 10 per cent. of the gate receipts will go into the league's coffers. With real money deposited, the magnates will think twice before disrupting the newer organization, as the old one has been disrupted.

Should this proposed league be formed, the slate will be wiped clean and the clubs start over again. At present Indianapolis and Milwaukee are the towns proposed in the West, with the greater probability that Cleveland will be taken in the fold. Buffalo, Newark, N. J., and Baltimore are the cities suggested in the East, in addition, of course to Reading and Richmond. But all of this is mere talk. It will largely depend on the money received to-day.

No criticism has yet been made in these columns as to the quality of baseball presented by the league. Indeed, the games have been uniformly good, and the patrons have been well satisfied. When, however, the league failed the sporting editor of this paper owed a duty to the readers of The Times-Dispatch. It is his duty to not only tell the news but to advise the reading public the exact state of affairs. To say that the games played are league games is obviously foolish, for, even admitting that the league will be reborn, how could the percentage of the newly recruited members be reached. Would they be given the same percentage as the club at the head, or would they be placed at the bottom, or would a mean be struck? Any one of these methods would be unfair.

The only thing which could be done, presuming that there will yet be another league, is for each club to start fresh, fight the battles over again, and let the best club win. To do otherwise would inflict a penalty on the new members, make the race one-sided and detract at the beginning from the interest. This being accepted as fact, how can the games be classed as league games.

It is doubtless true that the players will work as hard and will use every effort to win just as much as if the games were league games. It is also likewise true that the people who attend the games will get their money's worth, but as championship games they will not count. Every fan in Richmond will earnestly hope that a new league will be formed, but properly formed, with jockeying of games and dates done away with, and with an executive head who will guide the league through the troubles it may encounter with wisdom and some display of business acumen.

EPPA RIXEY TO QUIT COLLEGE BASEBALL

Decides to Enter Ranks of Professionals if Athletic Authorities at University Will Absolve Him from Pledge to Finish Four-Year Service.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Charlottesville, Va., May 29.—Although no statement has been secured from the twirler himself, it became known to-night from an authoritative source, that Eppa Rixey, the big southpaw, has played his last game as a member of a University of Virginia team and that he will soon follow in the footsteps of such star college twirlers as Vernon, of Amherst, and Carl Thompson, of Georgia, and enter the ranks of professional baseball.

Rixey has hesitated for some time to accept a big leage contract, because he was anxious to finish out his four years on the college diamond, but so attractive and urgent have been recent offers that he has finally come to the conclusion to try his luck in the big show.

At an early date he will have a conference with the athletic authorities at the university, and there is hardly any doubt that he will be released from his pledge, made over a year ago at a banquet tendered the players at the close of the 1911 season, to play on the Orange and Blue team as long as he was eligible.

Just what team Rixey will sign up with is not yet determined. His interests, it is believed, are being looked after by Umpire Rigler, of the National League, who has coached the Virginia team for two seasons past. At the banquet tendered the letter men of the Virginia team a fortnight ago Rixey was conspicuous by his absence, having gone on a trip to Cincinnati.

Just what was his mission there has not been given out, though it is certain that he met Rigler and witnessed two games between the Phillies and Cincinnati. Both of these teams, it is understood, are bidding for the services of the young Virginian. Three clubs in the American League—the Athletics, Detroit and Washington—have also tendered him contracts. Rixey, who has been idle since the last game with Georgetown, twirled a superb game yesterday at a big benefit for the local firemen, and held the heavy-hitting Elks to a lone bingle in five innings, after which he retired in favor of Neff, the Virginia third baseman, who made his local debut as a twirler.

AMUSEMENTS

Children's matinee at the Academy yesterday was a huge success, and Manager Wise is authority for the statement that 606 boys and girls presented coupons cut from The Times-Dispatch and saw Miss Lucille La Verne's company present "The Prince Chap." The theatre was crowded with young people, who gave the actors a great reception, especially the two children stars and Miss La Verne. The small boy, who plays a small girl part, made a speech at the end of the first act, and invited all the children, as well as the grown-ups, to come back on the stage after the performance and "shake hands." They all came, and stayed until it was time to open the theatre for the night performance, and shook hands until the small boy felt like the President after a White House reception.

Academy Next Week.

Another of those plays which have made their authors famous has been selected by Lucille LaVerne for her company next week. "The Greatest Thing in the World," in which Mrs. LeMoyne, one of the greatest of American actresses, scored such a distinct success, will be the offering. The story is one of such entrancing interest, dealing with the truisms of life in so pleasing, yet so positive a manner, that the audience is found spellbound from curtain to curtain. Harriet Ford and Beatrice De Mille are the co-authors of the play, and they have done their work well. Lorimer Johnstone, the stage director of the company, is tremendously pleased, as the drama allows him to give each of the players probably the best opportunity of the engagement. Special scenery is being painted and the stage settings will be even better than in some original productions.

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HILLCLIMBERS LOSE TENTH GAME

Roanoke Bunches Hits and Sends Lynchburg Further Down in Race.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., May 29.—Roanoke bunched hits in two innings on Vickery, while Burleson was steady in the pinches, save in the first. Woolums hit a circuit in the sixth. This defeat made ten straight for Lynchburg. The score:

Lynchburg.

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Keating, ss	3	1	1	4	1	0
Morrison, rf	2	0	0	3	0	0
Hooker, cf	2	0	1	3	0	0
Krebs, lf	4	0	0	4	0	0
Hummell, 2b	4	0	1	2	5	0
Woolums, 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1
Law, 1b	4	0	1	8	0	1
Braun, c	3	0	1	3	1	2
Vickery, p	3	0	0	0	1	0
Roth*	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	6	27	8	4

Roanoke.

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Ginn, cf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Gorman, 1b	4	1	1	10	0	0
Pressly, 3b	4	1	1	0	1	0
Holland, cf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Newton, ss	4	1	1	0	2	0
Lafitte, c	3	0	0	7	3	0
Shields, 2b	3	0	1	6	4	0
Hooe, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Burleson, p	3	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	32	4	6	27	11	0

*Batted for Vickery in ninth.

Score by innings:		R.
Lynchburg	100100000	2
Roanoke	200200000	4

Summary: Stolen bases—Keating and Newton. Sacrifice hit—Morrison. Sacrifice fly—Lafitte. Two-base hits—Gorman and Holland. Home run—Woolums. First base on errors—Roanoke, 1. Left on bases—Lynchburg, 7; Roanoke, 2. Struck out—By Vickery, 1; by Burleson, 7. Bases on balls—By Burleson, 5. Passed ball—Lafitte, 1. Time, 1:36. Umpire, Orth.

TRANSFER PRICES OBJECT OF ATTACK

Corporation Commission Hears Argument in Cosby Baggage Case.

For three hours yesterday morning the State Corporation Commission heard arguments as to its jurisdiction over the prices and privileges of the Richmond Transfer Company. The concern claimed through its attorneys that it is not a public service corporation, that it has a right to the exclusive contracts given it by the railroads which enter this city, and that the Corporation Commission has no right in law to interfere.

Jennings C. Wise, of Wise & Chichester, spoke for the Cosby Transfer Company, the plaintiff in the suit. The Richmond Transfer Company was represented by A. S. B. Buford, while Henry Taylor, Jr., appeared for the Chesapeake and Ohio and E. Randolph Williams for the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac.

Says Prices Are Higher.

The petition of the Cosby Company sets forth that the people of Richmond are paying much higher prices for the handling of baggage than the service is worth, and higher than the figures at which Cosby is willing to take the business. Such prices are made possible, it is stated, because of the contract granted to the Richmond Transfer Company by all the railroads, which gives that concern the exclusive right to solicit business on trains and on station property. The traveling public must go to the streets, it is said, to find a competing line.

Replying to the argument of Mr. Buford attacking the jurisdiction of the State Corporation Commission, Captain Wise said that the handling of baggage was clearly part of public transportation in the sense in which the commission is given power to act.

In similar proceedings recently had before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, to abrogate the exclusive rights of the transfer company and to enforce competition and lower prices, the commission decided it had no jurisdiction.

At the conclusion of yesterday's hearing, the Corporation Commission took the point under advisement.

THREE GRADUATES

Rev. J. Ryland Knight Will Address Training School of Kindergartners.

Graduating exercises of the Richmond Training School for Kindergartners will be celebrated to-morrow night in the auditorium of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute.

The address to the graduating class will be made by the Rev. J. Ryland Knight, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. The diplomas will be presented to the seniors by Frank Duke, president of the board of trustees of the institute. The names of the post-graduates—those who have spent three years on the course—are Miss Alys Clemmitt, Miss Mary Goodwin and Miss Lydia Taylor, all of Richmond.

JURY GETS CASE OF BURRELL TO-DAY

Evidence in Case of True Reformers' Director Concluded Last Night.

All evidence in the case of the Commonwealth against W. P. Burrell, one of the directors of the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, indicted for wrecking that institution, which has been in progress for two days, was in last night shortly after 6 o'clock. Judge E. H. Wells adjourned the jury until 10:30 o'clock this morning, when arguments by counsel will begin. It is expected that the court will offer the same instructions to the jury as were submitted at Burrell's first trial last month.

Burrell was the principal witness for the defense yesterday. He occupied the chair during the afternoon for more than two hours. Most of his testimony consisted of explaining the method of the operation of the bank, which was under the complete direction of the Grand Fountain. One of the strange facts to which he testified was that the bank's directors were elected by delegates to the annual conventions of the order, most of whom were not stockholders in the bank.

In rebuttal the Commonwealth recalled Isaac Davenport, formerly actuary of the State Department of Insurance, who was called upon to verify some statements made by Burrell.

It is not expected that the case will be given to the jury until this afternoon, as it is probable that the court will allow each side two hours for argument.

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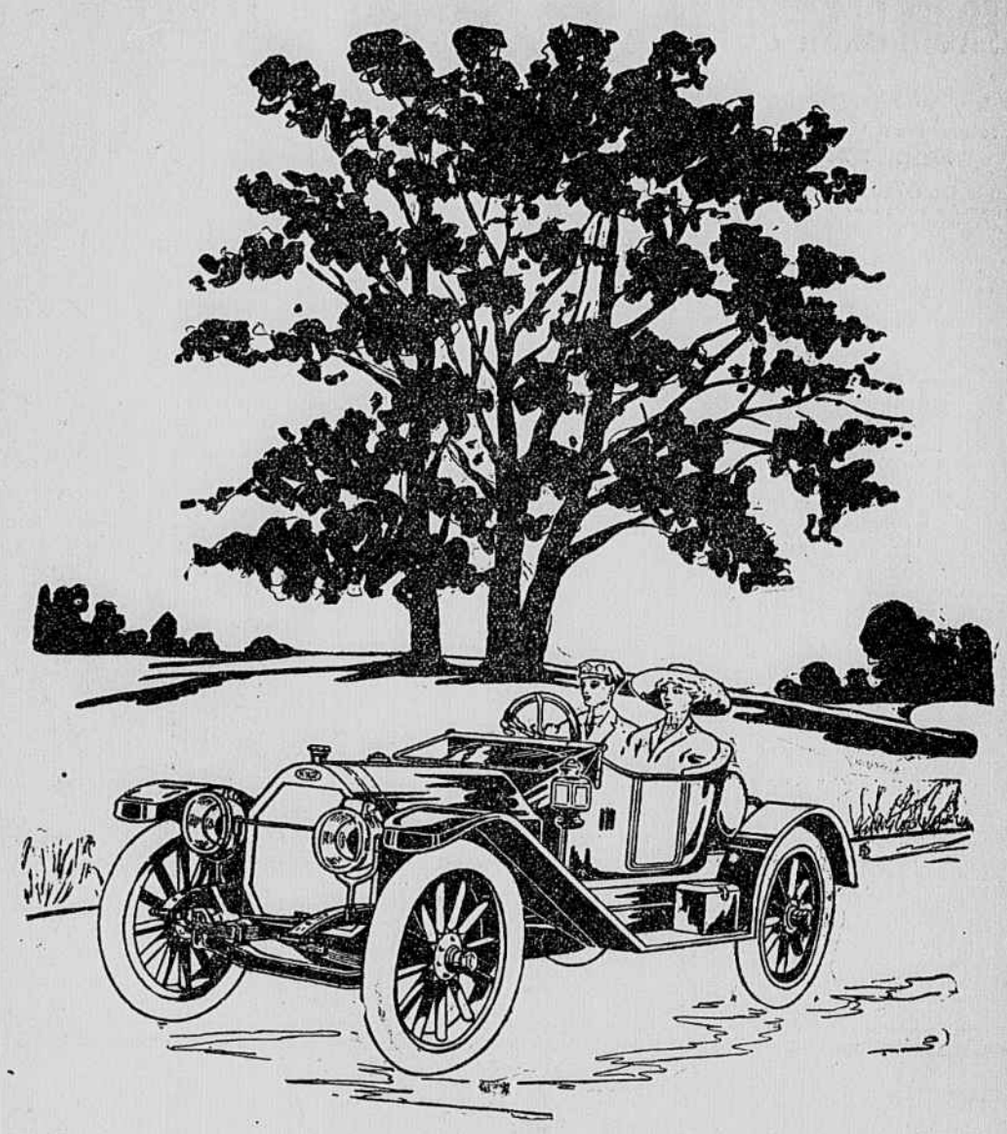

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Several attempted to alight, and in making mad efforts to leave the car three women were hurt, and one, believed to have been knocked down by others in making their hasty exits, was severely bruised and shaken up.

The most seriously injured was Mrs. Heath, of 706 North Twenty-fourth Street, believed to have been knocked off. Miss B. Robertson, of 319 North Twenty-fourth Street, and Mrs. Hatcher, of 614 North Twenty-fifth Street, were also injured.

Open Bids for Auto Patrol.

The purchasing committee of the Board of Police Commissioners will meet to-morrow night for the purpose of opening bids for the new automobile patrol wagon, which will be stationed in the First District.

City Committee to Meet.

The City Democratic Committee will meet in the assembly hall at Murphy's Hotel to-morrow night. While there is no appreciable opposition to the nominees of the Democratic primary in the election of June 11, the committee will have some details to attend to.

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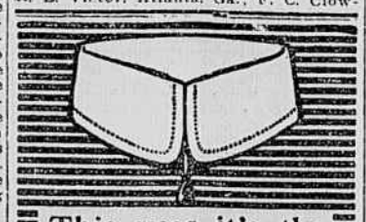

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