

Pepper Gives Fed Leaders Hot Stuff in Address To Federal Court

EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL PASS ON ALL LEAGUE DISPUTES

Appointment of Three Members is Solution to Southern Michigan Controversy and Bay City Will Reenter.

With the settlement of the perplexing problem facing the Southern Michigan league at the meeting held in Battle Creek Wednesday, the eight clubs of the revamped circuit are making preliminary plans for the opening of the season on Thursday, April 23. There is but little doubt but that the Bay City owners will accept the selection of the executive committee which will practically rule the league this year. The leaguers strongly objected to the tactics used by Irest James Frank and it is thought that they will conclude to his remaining in office with the three other owners having the highest power.

It was not the wish of Battle Creek, Adrian or Lansing that Frank be ousted from office while Ed Smith favored the retention of the Jackson man. Eddie Wheeler, the south Bend man who purchased the Flint club with Bob Wells, was also of the opinion that Frank should hold office. Ducky Holmes of the Saginaw club, took the position that if Bay City dropped from the circuit it would mean his elimination and therefore sided with the Beavers.

According to an announcement as made by Vice Pres't Ed Smith yesterday the Executive Board met at Springbrook park on the opening date of the season, April 23. Eddie Wheeler's Vehics will be the opponents of the Hoosiers in the first out of town tilt. The executive committee of the league, which is composed of Pres't Lovell of the Battle Creek club, Wheeler and Smith are working with Pres't Frank in framing the schedule. The committee and Frank were given full power to sign magnates Wednesday but it is probable that all will be given an opportunity to vote upon the final draft.

Louie Is a Holdout.
Smith has received signed contracts from all of the players who were on the Hoosier team last season. The only "Louie" Loudermilk who asks more money. It does not appear at this time that Joe Grodick will be with the Hoosiers again unless Tommy Meers and Ed Essick is signed to this spring. Ed Essick is said to be on Mee's trail strong this winter in an effort to persuade him to take the third base job. It is also rumored that the Grand Rapids club still has a new manager before the season opens.

Three new pitchers have been signed for the Hoosiers by Smith. Vandalingham, who hurled for the Vets last season and Hill who also was with the Flint club will report here early in April. Hill will be remembered as the twirler who the day after Curt Williams made the strike-out record for the league last season raised the flag of protest when he was named to the honor. Voss, hailing from Elgin, Ill., and claiming to be a comer, has also been signed by Smith for a tryout.

Hughy Wood, an Indianan, will try for the vacancy left open by the sale of Stevenson. Wood is touted as a fast man and heavy with the club but Smith expects to learn more about him when the training season is advanced four or five days.

Few Exhibition Games.
Very few exhibition games will be played by the Hoosiers this spring according to Smith. The Milwaukee American Association club will probably be at Springbrook for one tilt while the Fort Wayne team also may be scheduled.

If reports are true there may be important changes made in the minor league maps of the central states before the opening of the baseball season. Terre Haute is said to be making an effort to secure a franchise in the Three Eye league while it is an acknowledged fact that both Port Wayne and Grand Rapids are pushing negotiations for affiliating with the Southern Michigan.

Pres't Heilbroner of the Central league has thus far failed in his attempt to secure a suitable sixth city for that circuit and this is given as the reason for the apparent rebellion on the part of the other towns on the league roster. Evansville is of course the central continue while Ohio baseball men are urging that a league be organized in that state composed of Dayton, Springfield, Akron, Mansfield, Zanesville, Steubenville, Easton and Youngstown.

The Ohio proposition looks good to the Buckeye men because of the short railway jumps and the compact circuit. With the Wayne and Grand Rapids in the Southern Michigan circuit would be compact and reliable. The Three Eye would probably be an eight club circuit with Terre Haute, Springfield, Danville, Decatur, Bloomington, Peoria, Evansville and Dubuque as the members of the organization.

Would Solve Problem.
This shifting of minor league towns would solve the central league problem, would help the Three Eye, bring baseball to Ohio towns who are anxious to belong to organized baseball, and would insure further stability to the Southern Michigan, which appears to be in better condition than any of its neighbors.

There appears to be but one objection to the shift, according to an Ohio writer, and that is that Louie Heilbroner would be out of a job. Of course Evansville would be eliminated and would probably be taken in by the Kitty league.

MEET TONIGHT.
Interest is being shown in the basket ball contest between the Turners and the M. A. C. Athletes which is scheduled at the Southern hall tonight. Both teams are fast and there is considerable rivalry between the two quints.

FT. WAYNE IN CENTRAL.
FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 21.—Heine Peitz has been appointed an umpire in the Central league.

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RESERVE CLAUSE NOT TO BE USED IN BIG SHOW SAYS PEPPER

O. B. Attorney in Chicago Suit Makes Ball Players and Outsiders Take Notice — Says Court Has no Jurisdiction.

Two definitions of a player in organized baseball as heard in Judge Landis' court:
"A slave and a human chattel."—Keene H. Addington, attorney representing the Federal league.
"An artist."—George Wharton Pepper, attorney representing organized baseball.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—George Wharton Pepper, Philadelphia attorney retained to defend organized baseball in Judge Landis' court today was scheduled to lambast the Federal league and paint the American and the National as white as the driven snow. And Mr. Pepper, who talked for two hours on Thursday afternoon proved then that he was equipped to do that very thing.

He held suspended the third organization and brought out these startling facts:
That organized baseball no longer depends upon the reserve rule and that the players signed to contracts running for a single year could become free agents at the expiration of two seasons.
That the case now being tried by Judge Landis was not a question for a federal court to decide and therefore the jurist did not have jurisdiction.

That the Federal league was attempting to reap the benefits which the American and National were 10 years in developing.
That baseball was not commerce, certainly not of the interstate brand, and since nothing else of a Federal nature had crept into the proceedings that it was not for a United States court to decide.
That while the petition of the Federal league prayed for an injunction that its representatives in their arguments had never so much as asked for one in their oral arguments.

Do Not Depend on Clause.
The statement that organized baseball no longer depended upon reserve clause and that every player within its fold could become a free agent was the most sensational of the arguments of the attorney. The baseball players gathered about the railing and even the judge upon the bench could scarcely believe that they heard aright. And the judge asked that the statement be repeated. It was repeated and Mr. Pepper went further than that and stated that his clients, the club owners of the two major leagues, wanted to go upon record to that effect. Even then there seemed to be some doubt and he explained it in this manner:

"The player signing a 1915 contract comes to terms with the club owner, twenty-five per cent of the sum named in the contract applies as salary for the season and the remaining 25 per cent is an option on the player's services for the following year. If the players and the club owners cannot agree on terms for the 1916 contract then the salary which was paid 1915 will hold. But there is no further option and when the 1916 season contract expires the player is free to negotiate where he wishes. Where he desires to accept terms with the Federal league he is permitted to do so."

Not Community of Commerce.
Pepper toward the close of the session attempted to show that as labor could not be considered as a commodity of commerce the complainants had no standing in court. "As a result of 30 years of observation I am shocked because you call baseball 'labor,'" interposed Judge Landis.

Pepper then reeled off a number of citations to show why he called it "labor."
Judge Landis today was still in doubt as to his legal right to render a decision on the case. He was not convinced that it was a federal court, and there is a possibility that he will cast the whole case out of his court, making it necessary for the baseball men to resort to a state court for a hearing.

The organized baseball men would consider it as good as a victory. It would mean that the sensational charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust law would be groundless.

Pepper based his preliminary argument on the statement made by James A. Gilmore and submitted in one of the affidavits filed by the plaintiff.

"In the affidavit of James Gilmore," said Mr. Pepper, "is the astonishing statement that the Federal league, upon being advised by counsel, tried to induce players to violate their contracts with the defendants. That statement is, I believe, the explanation of this suit. I say that they cannot do this, and the courts of equity have ruled against them in their several attempts."

Mr. Pepper characterized the prayers for relief asked for by the Federal league as astounding. "They do not dare to utter their prayers for relief," he said. "They come to them, but they die on their lips."
"You, sir," said the lawyer to Judge Landis. "are asked to stop in a moment of time, the operation of an enterprise that has been developing for years."

Pepper then briefly outlined the organization of baseball. He told of the roynidism in the sport in the early nineties and the wane of public interest. He exhibited the original cooperative agreement between the National and American leagues made during January, 1913, and asked leave to file it. He declared it was the precursor of the national agreement, which he asserted, the court was asked to dissolve on the ground that it restrained interstate commerce trade. He declared that baseball now is a wholesome sport and can be attended to by men, women and children.

WINNER AND LOSER IN LAST NIGHT'S BOUT.



JIMMY CLABBY AND MIKE GIBBONS.

PEERLESS PRESS GETS TOP PLACE

LEAGUE STANDING.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Peerless Press	5	2	.714
Spiros	4	3	.571
Hellers	4	3	.571
Bagbys	4	3	.571
Clauers	3	4	.429
Elbels	1	6	.143

Results Last Night.
Spiros, 40; Clauers, 10.
Peerless Press, 24; Bagbys, 16.
Hellers, 23; Elbels, 21.

Making an unexpected spurt in the second half the Peerless Press five took the lead in the Commercial league race at the Y. M. C. A. last night, defeating the Bagbys 24 to 10 and breaking the tie between the two teams.

The Hellers and the Elbels put up the hardest fought contest of the evening, the furniture men winning in the last few seconds of play on a free throw, making the score 22 to 21. At the end of the first half the Elbels led 19 to 7, but the brilliant basket shooting by Hildebrand and consistent teamwork won out for the Hellers.

Whiteman starred in the first half of the Bagby-Peerless Press game. During the initial few minutes the printer went into the lead but the baggy took heart when their big guard made four consecutive long distance counters. The photographers lead at the end of the first half by four points but were able to score only two free throws in the second frame while the Peerless Press aggregation tallied seven field goals.

Lineups and summaries:

Spiros (40)	Clauers (10)
Grant	Forward
Cochevety	Forward
H. O'Donnell	Center
Mueller	Guard
Fassnacht	Guard

Bagbys (16) Peerless Press (24)
Collmer Forward
Wolff Forward
A. Witt Forward
Whiteman Guard
Elbel, Bacon Guard
Elbel, Bacon Guard
Baskets—Collmer, 1; Wolff, 1; A. Witt, 1; Whiteman, 1; Vandenbosch, 4; O'Donnell, 5; Vermande, 1; Yost, 1; Fous—Wolff, 1; Witt, 2; Elbel, 1; Whiteman, 1; Vandenbosch, 1; Vermande, 1; Yost, 3. Referee—Burnham.

Elbel (21) Hellers (22)
Bucher Forward
Fernandez Forward
Garfield Center
Berger Guard
Elbel Guard
Hildebrand Guard
Baskets—Bucher, 2; Fernandez, 5; Elbel, 2; Shanafelt, 1; Engdohl, 3; Witt, 2; Yost, 2; Hildebrand, 4. Fous—Shanafelt, 1; Engdohl, 1; Witt, 1; Brandt, 1. Referee—Burnham.

GERMAN ZEPPELIN SEEN
WARSAW.—Claiming that he was permanently injured and rendered unconscious for several weeks as a result of being struck by an automobile, Frederick Kepler of Columbia City, has through his attorneys, brought a damage suit for \$5,000 to the Kosciusko county court, on a charge of connecting Sweden with Russia through Finland.

THE RAMBLINGS OF THE POSTMORTEMIST

Done in Paris.
But she was a miss who knew no fear,
And thrusting to her left and right,
Soon had her path all clean and clear,
As the horrid monsters took to flight.
(To be continued.)

Rather Raw.
The Flint franchise awaits on the outside.
Well, Wheeler in.
Rene Thomas has been relieved of war duties in Europe but he is going to take part in the Speedway races, so we don't see where he gains.

Nature Faking.
A bean is an animal.
That grows in his lair
And lives on the fishes,
A flower most rare.
A horse is a pigeon
That flies through the sea
And plays with gambols
Where he hadn't ought to be.
A dog is an instrument
Used to sharpen your tools,
While a cat is an animal
Whose you listen to fools.

A man's an insect
That cringes and crawls
Whenever the serpent
Whistles or calls.
This earth's not round
It's bound to be square.
You must have a bottom
For all of this air.
This stuff's not poetry,
It's not even rhyme,
But it will fill space
For your any old time.

Old Dan says—Jim Smith has got an offer from the Feds but he don't want to go to Mexico.

OLIVER FACTORY LEAGUE BEGINS WINTER SEASON

The Oliver chilled plow factory has started a winter bowling league, the games of which will be played once a week on the new Ogden alleys. The first games were played Thursday night at which time the Sales took high score with 2675.

The schedule has been arranged as follows:
Jan. 21 and March 11—Pattern vs. Grey Iron; Assembly vs. Production; Purchasing vs. Main Office; Sales vs. Malleable.
Jan. 28 and March 18—Pattern vs. Assembly; Grey Iron vs. Production; Sales vs. Purchasing; Malleable vs. Main Office.
Feb. 4 and March 25—Pattern vs. Production; Grey Iron vs. Purchasing; Sales vs. Main Office; Assembly vs. Malleable.
Feb. 11 and April 1—Pattern vs. Purchasing; Grey Iron vs. Main Office; Sales vs. Assembly; Malleable vs. Production.
Feb. 18 and April 8—Pattern vs. Main Office; Assembly vs. Grey Iron; Sales vs. Production; Malleable vs. Purchasing.
Feb. 25 and April 15—Pattern vs. Sales; Grey Iron vs. Malleable; Production vs. Main Office; Assembly vs. Purchasing.
March 4 and April 22—Pattern vs. Malleable; Grey Iron vs. Sales; Assembly vs. Main Office; Production vs. Purchasing.

CONNERSVILLE.—Edward Ball, 51 years old, was found dead in his barn. He had been in poor health for some time and he had predicted his sudden death by heart disease.

GIBBONS IS TOO FAST FOR CLABBY

Mike Puts Up Wonderful Exhibition and Has Jim Missing Most of the Time—Showing is Wonderful.

By Sam P. Hall.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 22.—Mike Gibbons' phantom tactics and stiff, clean punching with both hands brought him home a winner over Jimmy Clabby, the champion middle weight belt holder in 10 rounds of merry milling Thursday night.

The Hammond man left the ring with the championship reputation still full of holes. He still has the belt, but Gibbons has the credit of taking him to a locking in impressive fashion. He was master of the pair in all except the final period, when a blizzardy finish by Clabby earned him a slight shade.

The first three rounds were fairly even, though it could be seen Gibbons soon was going to assert himself as the superior miller. Starting with the fourth round, Mike went better than James for six solid fighting spells. On two or three occasions stunning right crosses made Clabby sag at the knees and forced him to rush for cover. At one stage it looked as though game Jimmy surely would topple over, but his stout Irish heart pushed him through the crisis and spurred him on to make a finish that won him the admiration of the folks present.

Gibbons' showing was wonderful. Not since boxing was revived in Wisconsin has anybody with his all around fighting class showed his boxing goods in a Milwaukee ring. He has everything in the way of skillful glove play that Packey McFarland possesses and in addition a punch in either hand.

One will not see in a life time a man who can keep a clever fellow like Clabby missing most of the time. Yet Gibbons did it Thursday night. He had Clabby at every stage, the Hammond man being able to land only with little hooks and jolts when they were standing together and fighting with one arm free. Occasionally he got over a left hook when they were at long range, but the force of the blows generally was spent when they connected. His left worked fairly well to the body at times, but none of the punches appeared to have sting enough to bother the fleet Michael.

Mike used a left hook and a ripping right cross with crushing effect after he opened up in the fourth round. Most of his solid punches did not travel over a foot and a half, but they had the power behind them to daze and jar his peppy foe. The phantom raised a bump under Jim's right eye, had him bleeding at the mouth most of the way and otherwise maltreated him with slashing punches, delivered with the mastery of a ring wizard.

BROWNSON TEAM LEADS IN N. D. FALL LEAGUE

Day Dodgers Are Bumped by Corby 46 to 6—Walsh Wins First Game of Season by Beating St. Joe.

HALL LEAGUE STANDING.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Brownson	3	0	1.000
Corby	2	1	.666
Sorin	1	2	.333
Day Students	1	2	.333
St. Joe	1	2	.333
Walsh	1	2	.333

Brownson now leads the race for the interhall basket ball championship at Notre Dame, with Corby running close up behind. The three games played yesterday afternoon were all fast and furious and all the fives played good ball.

Brownson won the first game from Sorin with a score of 19 to 10; Corby ran over the Day Students with a count of 46 to 6; and Walsh sprung a surprise when the defeated St. Joe by 15 to 3.

Line-ups and summaries:

Brownson (19) Sorin (10)
Ellis Forward McDonald
Mathews Forward Roach
Murphy Forward Walsh
Andrews Center Pliska
McKenna Guard Coffal
Substitutions: Flynn for Mathews; Lathrop for Walsh; Henehen for McDonald; W. Miller for Pliska.

Corby (16) Day Students (6)
Bergman Forward Kelley
Leary Forward Edgren
Rydzewski Center Rauch
King Guard Vausch
Keefe Guard Wolfe
Substitutions: J. Miller for Rydzewski; Myers for Leary; Whalen for Keefe; McCaffery for Rauch; Baskets—Bergman, 7; Rydzewski, 5; King, 4; Leary, 3; Keefe, 3; Edgren, McCaffery, Fous—Rydzewski, 2; Edgren, 2; Referee—Jesse Harper, South Bend.

Walsh (15) St. Joe (13)
O'Neill Forward Beckman
May Forward Burns
Keegan Forward Murray
Ryan Center C. Conboy
Hartley Guard J. Conboy
Substitutions: Cook for Murray; Seng for Keegan; Ryan for O'Neill; Baskets—Reckman, 2; May, 3; Cook, O'Neill, Keegan; Seng, Referee—Clifford Cassidy, South Bend.

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OLIVER FACTORY LEAGUE.

PURCHASING—

Berkypill	157	116	100	473
Frederick	87	143	143	373
Wilson	79	74	99	252
Bittman	145	131	138	414
Weaver	124	123	148	395
Handicap	259	264	239	772
Totals	851	851	837	2539

MAIN OFFICE—

Without	179	133	137	449
Fricke	111	94	134	339
Stansbury	159	138	189	486
Cravler	120	142	139	392
Hams	176	169	179	515
Handicap	157	174	174	505
Totals	898	841	903	2642

PRODUCTION—

Allen	150	120	134	404
Krumm	121	95	111	327
Bates	95	123	115	333
Hunt	185	190	152	527
Carlson	143	155	172	475
Handicap	175	144	164	483
Totals	864	847	849	2560

ASSEMBLY—

Huber	145	151	144	441
Switzer	133	108	120	361
Stanley	153	166	189	508
Glass	146	125	163	434
Moore	181	157	164	492
Handicap	85	185	85	355
Totals	863	792	855	2410

SALES—

Huber	148	172	185	505
Donat	162	109	147	418
Donat	138	129	137	404
Steiner	167	112	151	430
Fernandez	190	79	177	560
Handicap	116	125	117	358
Totals	921	840	914	2775

MALLEABLE—

Hagerty	98	95	123	316
Fack	121	118	110	349
Ward	702	68	48	818
Young	97	121	129	347
Schulz	107	135	106	348
Handicap	227	90	261	789
Totals	812	858	857	2527

PATTERNS—

Shuman	139	173	124	436
Stewart	143	136	142	421
Vogel	147	103	119	369
Tyran	114	120	132	366
Meyers	146	144	138	428
Handicap	135	135	112	382
Totals	824	812	818	2452

STEELE IRON—

Drain	135	154	133	422
Cheeda	70	108	96	274
Barkley	53	45	49	147
Atvas	99	116	94	309
Handicap	250	258	255	762
Totals	760	824	813	2397

C. A. C. LEAGUE

YANKIES—

Davies	127	161	154	442
Coquillard	176	147	125	448
Haslaner	135	126	129	390
L. Romine	131	128	125	384
H. Romine	142	177	147	466
Handicap	141	141	141	423
Totals	852	890	821	2563

SINGERS—

Marquis	153	169	156	508
Osborne	125	149	109	383
Parshall	104	130	146	380
Dimock	157	186	173	516
Puryear	143	143	146	432
Handicap	134	134	134	402
Totals	896	911	914	2721

FEDERAL LEAGUE

ORPHANS—

Dennis	180	159	168	507
Hennings	144	171	189	495
Clark	187	147	166	500
Staples	190	144	167	501
Van Kirk	170	191	175	536
Handicap	80	80	80	240
Totals	951	892	936	2779

ANTLERS—

Jay	180	146	176	502
Laudeman	159	185	207	551
H. Clark	153	112	132	455
Klinge	177	147	152	476
Teters	154	143	168	505
Handicap	96	96	96	288
Totals	919	898	954	2771

UNITED LEAGUE

CATALOGUE SERVICE—

Galbraith	158	165	136	459
Bratt				