

AIR IS FULL OF TRADE TALK IN THE AMERICAN

Meeting of the Big League at Chicago Monday Promises to Have Some Interesting Developments.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—When the American league assemblies in annual session Tuesday, one of two things will result—the meeting will be the liveliest in baseball since the "war days," or it will last just long enough for the club owners to vote approval of the suggestions and annual report of President Ban Johnson.

Men close to the league predict both depending upon their humor. The atmosphere is as full of trade talk as it is of soot, but to run down anything definite would tax the resources of the Burns agency.

It will not surprise many if the league takes drastic action to strengthen the New York Yankees, even to the extent of transferring Hugh Jennings there and sending "Wild Bill" Donovan to Detroit as Hughie's successor. This deal was forecasted before Donovan was released by Detroit to secure some managerial experience in the international league and, although denied then, has bobbed up serenely.

Another rumor is that Sam Crawford, Detroit's slugger outfielder, will

drop his salary from Comiskey next season. Who will be traded for Sam has not been mentioned but if Chicago can get the Nebraska thumper, Sam will move.

The release of Ping Bodie by the White Sox will be officially announced, undoubtedly. The "Punch Brothers" failure this year heralded his return to the minors.

Although denied by Manager Stahl, some deal may be arranged whereby "Buck" O'Brien will join some other club.

The spit baller did not come up to expectations in Boston, chiefly, so Denver players assert, because Stahl and McAleer tried to handle him roughly, instead of using diplomacy. Manager Jim Callahan of the White Sox is ready to trade anything or anybody save Edward Walsh and himself, to rebuild his team. Clarke Griffith of Washington will attend, to make a trade or two.

The league may pass resolutions indorsing Secretary Rob McRoy of the world's champions, whose dismissal has been demanded by Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston as the result of the row with the "Loyal Rooters" last October.

PRETTY RACE IN THE COMMERCIAL BOWLING LEAGUE

Idanhas Have the Lead With the Teachers Close Second—Two Are Tied for Third Place.

Commercial League Standing.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Idanha	12	7	.686
Teachers	11	7	.610
Electric	10	8	.555
Sweet-Tellers	10	8	.555
Mode	9	9	.500
Anderson	9	9	.500
Carlson-Lusk	8	10	.444
Telephone	3	12	.266

The Commercial Bowling league is featuring a pretty race on the alleys with the Idanhas leading, the Teachers close seconds with but one game between them and the Electric third with but one game behind the book dispensers, and tied with the Sweet-Tellers for third place. Henderlider still holds the high individual averages in the league, according to the table compiled by G. H. Hill, secretary.

The team averages at the end of play last week follow:

Team Averages.	Average
The Sweet-Tellers hold the high team average with the Carlson-Lusk second and the Idaho-Electrics third.	
The averages at the end of play of the scheduled games last week follow:	
Sweet-Teller	297
Carlson-Lusk	296
Electric	291
Teachers	260
Idanha	249
Mode	237
Anderson	222
Telephone	195

The individual averages of all players in the league are as follows: Henderlider, 166; Ayers, 161; Williams, 159; Lant, 155; Patterson, 152; Hoagland, 151; Wetter, 149; Howe, 148; Sloan, 144; Schaffer, 144; Sebern, 142; Timmel, 142; Teller, 141; Hollingsworth, 139; Poff, 139; Butler, 138; Anderson, 137; McKelvey, 137; Johnson, 135; Walker, 135; Timmel, F., 131; Grover, 131; Ford, 129; Hill, 126; Mitchell, 123; Van Slyke, 123; Rickell, 123; Stewart, 122; Blank, 121; Gill, 121; Remison, 120; Ryan, 116; Germain, 115; Sztizer, 115; Musey, 114; Fuller, 110; Kraus, 108; Whithead, 103; Chapman, 103.

BRESNAHAN CONTRACT WILL BE CONSIDERED

New York, Dec. 7.—The chief factor which will attract the attention of the National league at a meeting next week will be the consideration of the disputed contract of Bresnahan, deposed manager of the St. Louis club.

Bresnahan will be represented by Judge Priest of St. Louis and J. P. Jones will represent the Mound City magnate. This squabble is about the only interesting bill offered by the managers. The resolutions against President Lynch collapsed last week.

Fred Clarke of Pittsburg is due here tomorrow. It is generally believed that Bresnahan will accept the Pittsburg offer, as it is much better than the terms offered by Chicago. Harry N. Hampstead, the new head of the New York club, may not be able to attend the sessions, as he is busy attending to the estate of the late John T. Brush.

LINCOLN PITCHER SOLD TO PORTLAND

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—The sale of Z. Z. ("Rip") Hagerman, Lincoln's premier pitcher, to the Portland, Ore., Pacific Coast league club was announced here this evening by President Hugh Jones of the local club. Although the figures were not made public, it is said that the price paid for "Rip" was the largest paid any western league club by another minor league team for one player. Hagerman came here three years ago from the Chicago club.

Accept Terms for Battle. Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—Batting "Frankie" Gage of Los Angeles accepted terms today for a 10-round battle at New Orleans with Joe Thomas. The bout will be staged early in May, the winner to meet Joe Mandot the following month.

FIGHTER ARRIVES WITH LARGE CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER

George Kelly Ready to Meet Battling Dane or Montana Kid Under Any Kind of Terms.

Boise and south Idaho lightweights will have to cover their titles for George Kelly blew into local fandom yesterday and is looking for a match. Kelly's latest residence was Salt Lake. He has a real large sized chip on his shoulder and is not going to raise a bar against any ambitious lightweight who wants to take a chance at it, even going so far as to offer winner take all. Kelly declared last night he is particularly anxious just at the present time to step through the ropes with either the Battling Dane or Montana Kid as the other man in the ring. He will be in Boise for an indefinite period—time enough for all lightweight to look up his address.

Met Best of Them. Kelly is not a novice in the boxing art. He has been over the paths several times and met many of the fastest men in his class, while others have hung up the "nothing doing" sign. He has met such men as Kid Carter, Vermont Kid, Kid Allen, Ole Olson, Tommy Gaffney, Duffy Lewis, Joe Sweeney, Art Scott, Fred Tivean, Young Ketchell, Joe Dean, Kid Harrison, Jap Watanabe, Kangaroo Mitchell, Harlein Peyton, Kid Bernstein, Kid Roberts, Young Eaton, Edward Kenney, Pugsy Donovan, Kid Lewis, Bill Murphy, Bill Brooks, Joe Wylam and others. He has either drawn with these men or issued Pullman passes to them, principally the latter.

One of Few Left Handers. Incidentally Kelly is a left hand fighter—one of the few in the business. He is a clean cut looking ring general, anxious to box and willing to meet any man at 135 to 136, for he is strictly in the lightweight class, although he has in the past given weight. While in Salt Lake he was matched to meet Montana Kid, so it is reliably given out in fandom, but when the Kid saw him in action he remarked, "I wouldn't fight that young left handed husky for \$500 dollars. Why, you can't tell whether he is coming or going."

Negotiating With Morton. Kelly is a New York boy but entered the rope game while at Chicago. He has negotiated with Mickey Morton, the well known local promoter, and Morton has indicated he might match him with a Montana lightweight. "I am in the boxing game and want to meet any lightweight in this part of the country," said Kelly last night. "You can say for me that I would particularly like to take on Montana Kid or the Battling Dane. However, any lightweight will do. I expect to be in Boise for some time and while I would like to box here for fans, I am willing to go any other place if a match can be arranged."

FLYNN AND M'CARTY IN HEAVY TRAINING

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—One more day of heavy training and Jim Flynn and Luther M'Carty will be ready for the scheduled 20-round battle at Vernon, Dec. 10. Tomorrow each heavyweight will be "at home" at his camp, and the fans are preparing for a last peep before the night of the battle.

KRAMER EASILY WINS PROFESSIONAL SPRINT

Five-mile open amateur, final—Won by Donald McDougal, New York A. C.; William Pettit, Rockville Center, second; Joe Shuster, Brooklyn, third. Time, 11:17.

Ten-mile open, professional—Won by Gordon Walker, New Zealand; Walter Rutt, Germany, second; J. F. Moran, Massachusetts, third. Time, 21:23 1-5.

Ten-mile motor, paced—Won by Elmer Collins, Massachusetts, (paced by Charlie Terville). Time, 16:05. Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 7.—Frank Kramer, the Newark cycle star, who has held the professional bicycle championship of the world for 11 years, won a rather easy victory in the one mile professional sprint here tonight. The event was one of a number of contests run as a curtain raiser for the six-day grind which will open here one minute after midnight Sunday.

A crowd of 6000 dyed-in-the-wool fanatics were jammed into the seats and cheered the participants. Kramer trailed the field to nearly the last lap and then sprinted down ahead of the field and covered the mile in 2:27, slow time for such a class field. Joe Fogarty was second and Gordon Walker third.

The summaries: One mile amateur handicap, final—Won by Harry Kaiser, New York; second, F. Welner, Newark; third, Weber, Newark. Time, 1:57 3-5.

One mile professional handicap final—Won by Lloyd Thomas, Salt Lake; second, Jumbo Wells, New Zealand; third, Worth Mitten, Davenport, Iowa. Time, 1:52 2-5.

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