

SPORT NEWS PAGE

HANS LOBERT IS LANDED BY FEDS; RAIDS WORRING MAJOR MAGNATES

Ban Johnson Still Declares That There Will be no Peace—Moguls Hurry East in Effort to Devise Means for Ending Rebels.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—That Hans Lobert, third baseman of the Philadelphia National league club, has signed or will in the next day or two sign a Federal league contract was made known in Philadelphia last night. The intention of the Feds was to get the crack infielder to put his John Hancock to the "papers" at the same time that Chief Bender did, but somehow the emissaries of the Federals missed connections.

In the contract flashed to Lobert is inserted the biggest figure ever offered an infielder or outfielder, with the exception of Joe Tinker, since the baseball war started. It approximates \$12,000, according to the report, and when this was mentioned to President Baker of the Phillies the latter "hit the ceiling." Under no circumstances would he meet this, he told Lobert, as Hans had been treated pretty liberally by the Philadelphia club. With this ultimatum Lobert notified the Federals that he was ready to talk terms.

Will He Join Chiefs?

The report gained circulation that Lobert would finally land with the Chiefs, but this was not credited, as it is taken for granted that Zelder still is considered good enough for the third corner. Regardless of where he finally will find a berth, Lobert will be a Federal league player, which means that he is tied up to a contract held by the league. It is known that Hans is anxious to play in the east, where he lives, and it will be either Baltimore or Brooklyn, which might necessitate a shift in the line-up.

O. B. Alarmed by Raids.

Alarmed by each fresh raid, organized baseball magnates last week started rushing toward New York to devise ways and means of putting a stop to the fractious Federal leaguers. Minors as well as majors are heading eastward and today there are scores of club owners and league heads in Gotham.

No Peace in Sight.

That there will be no peace—at least not at once—was made plain by President Johnson of the American

league before he started Saturday morning. With him was President Comiskey, who, when on baseball business bent, does not travel around the country for his health. "Peace with the Federals? That is an absurd proposition," said Mr. Johnson. "Why should we make peace? Let them go on signing ball players. It may be easy to sign a bunch of stars, but the trouble is the salaries come due regularly and the Federals may have some bills yet to pay. Don't let them get money that Walter Johnson will play with any Federal league team, either, unless you are anxious to lose your coin. His contract with the Washington club is bound to hold."

Johnson is Secretive.

President Johnson refused to say why the most influential magnates in the American league were hurrying down to the National league annual powwow. President Comiskey was equally communicative. "I am going east so Johnson won't have to travel alone," said the "Old Roman."

Another bunch started east yesterday.

President Thomas and Roger Bresnahan left at noon, and on the same train were "Tip" O'Neill, president of the Western league, and Tom Chivington, head of the American association. Other minor league heads will meet in New York.

Bender Also Booked.

The revival of peace talk is getting a new phase of life in the east, but President Gilmore of the Federal league asserted that it was all bunk and that the Federal league has gone as far as it ever will go. President Gilmore confirmed the report that "Chief" Bender of the Athletics has signed a Federal league contract, but he said he did not know with what club he would play. He also volunteered the information that he has received six letters from major league "greats" in regard to signing, but that he had not answered the prospective jumpers as yet. He also denied the story that Catcher Archer of the Cubs had signed a contract for 1915 with the Kansas City Feds.

CLASS CONTESTS ARE COMMENCED

Juniors and Freshmen Winners in First Games—Play Wednesday.

The junior and freshmen basketball teams were the victors in the first inter-class contests played Saturday night. The juniors defeated the seniors 19 to 15, and the freshmen defeated the sophomores 24 to 23.

The second set of games will be played Wednesday night when the seniors will oppose the freshmen and the sophomores will meet the juniors. The following Saturday the juniors will play the freshmen and the seniors will oppose the sophs.

The lineups for the games Saturday were:

Seniors: Moore and Zipoy, forwards; Rohwedder, center; Burdick and McFadden, guards.

Juniors: Richards and Tostevan, forwards; Bradley, center; McCutcheon and Wardwell, guards.

Sophomores: Stevenson and Roquette, forwards; Murphy, center; Boise and Murray, guards; Wells and Talcott, substitutes.

Freshmen: Lowe and Skretting, forwards; Moore, center; Johnson and Helmick, guards.

The varsity squad will be chosen from among the above men. After the holidays Coach Andy Gill will get the men together for their first workout. The season begins the latter part of January.

MINNESOTA QUINT SCHEDULES GAME

March 2 is the date fixed for the Minnesota-North Dakota basketball game.

Thomas Whelan, manager of the Flickertail team, was advised late Saturday that the Gopher players would meet his quint again.

Last year the North Dakota university team defeated the Gophers, and the latter were anxious for a return game.

They wanted to play early in January, but the local authorities refused that date, as the Flickertail men will not begin work until the first of the year.

FORMER DULUTH STARS SCATTERED

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 7.—Of the first baseball team managed in this city by Darby O'Brien—that of 1909, two of its members are in the big show and one in the Federal league.

George Elmsworth Dauss is with Detroit and his old battery mate, the stolid Mueller, now known as Miller, is with the Brooklyn team.

Don Marion, one of the greatest pitchers produced by the Northern, is with the Brooklyn Federals.

Breen was with the Springfield, Ill. team last season, and Kohl was with the Madison, Wis. team.

Al Cummings was with Ottumwa, Ia., and Jack Schmirler, after starring with the Fargo team of the Northern league, dropped out of baseball. Merry McCrone was suspended by Chattanooga last season.

In the opinion of some of the fans of the city this was the greatest team that ever represented Duluth; and another little thing, its fighting spirit was so great that its members never knew when they were beaten.

BLANK TEMPTS GOTCH?

Humboldt, Iowa, Dec. 7.—Emil Klank, for several years Frank Gotch's trainer and chief adviser, is spending some time in Humboldt visiting the champion. He declares that it is merely a visit, but those who know the habits of Klank believe that he has some choice offer up his sleeve to present to Gotch in hopes of coaxing him back for some more big money. Gotch has done no real active wrestling for some time, though constantly keeping himself in physical shape.

But no married man can understand why a bachelor should have had a rest cure.

NUMBER CRACKED BALL OVER 300

Official Batting Averages of International League Are Announced.

New York, Dec. 7.—The official batting averages of the International league were announced yesterday. In the list of 24 players with averages above 300 per cent. The real leader of the league was Shean of Providence, who batted 324 in 149 games. The average of Cree of that time, who was recalled to the New York American after participating in 72 games, was 367. Kritchell of Toronto and Berto in 65 games has an average of 346, and Cashion of Montreal in 14 games averaged 375. Other 300 per cent batters were Daniels of Baltimore; E. Onslow, Platt and McIntyre of Providence; O'Rourke and Callahan of New York; Schultz, Walsh and Pipp of Rochester; Whiteman, Flynn, and F. Smith of Montreal; Isaacs, R. Fisher, O'Hara and Jordan of Toronto; and Gilhooly, Jamieson and Channel of Buffalo.

Providence, which finished at the head of the league, also lead the club batting with an average of 282.

The batting averages of others were: Toronto 277; Buffalo 267; Newark 266; Baltimore 265; Rochester 256; Jersey City 249; and Montreal 244.

CARLETON CLAIMS RECORD.

Minnesota College Eleven Piles Up 375 Points in Season.

Northfield, Minn., Dec. 7.—By amassing a total of 375 points to their opponents' nothing the Carleton college football team of the last season claims the distinction of an unprecedented achievement. No team, so far as known, equaled the record this season. The score averaged far more than a point a minute for the six games played, and not once during any of these games was Carleton scored on.

Coe college of Iowa succeeded in scoring a point a minute during the season just closed and came very near to the Carleton record.

But Coe was scored upon, and, of course, cannot present as clean a record.

BOXING DECISIONS FOR CLEVELAND FANS

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 7.—A meeting of the Cleveland boxing commission, to be held at the rooms of the Cleveland Athletic club this evening, will definitely settle the question as to whether boxing bouts with ringside decisions shall prevail when professional boxing bouts are resumed in this city under the direction of the boxing commission recently provided for to control the bouts staged here.

The proposition which is most favored here gives the referee the final vote as to the results of the contests, in case two judges shall fail to agree on a decision.

Otherwise the referee has no voice in the matter. In order to prevent public knowledge as to who the referee shall be, the commission has established a regulation for the submission of the names of three persons to act as referees, from which one shall be selected by the commission, the name to be made public at the ringside.

This it is believed, will result in fair decisions in all cases.

The commission will not only regulate admission fees to the different bouts staged, but will also have the right to pass on the merits of the pairs matched in all bouts, whether preliminaries or finals, so that one-sided matches may be prevented and the patrons of the shows assured of a proper "run for their money." Clubs giving matches will have to submit their program of events before the license is granted and such other details as shall insure and the cover.

Generally speaking, the rules of the New York State Athletic commission have been adopted by the Cleveland commission, with such modifications as the rules outline in the State.

WHITE SOX TO BE IN PENNANT RACE

"Stallings Shift" May Make Comiskey Team Formidable Next Year.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Chicago's White Sox will be strong in outfielders in 1915 and the "Stallings shift" that helped the Miracle Man work wonders with a team supposed to be a forlorn hope may make Comiskey's team formidable in the American league next season.

"Happy" Felch, home run hitter from the Milwaukee Brewers, coming to the Sox next season, is a right hand batsman.

So is Bobby Roth,

batting hero of the Chicago city series. What May Happen in 1915. Suppose, for argument's sake, that the great pitching staff of Comiskey, coming through strong next season as it did at the beginning of last year, should fall to break under this strain. Stretch the imagination to place the Athletics and Carrigan's fighting Red Sox.

Fournier, a failure as a fielding first sacker last year, but a whale of a hitter—in fact, the best batter Comiskey has owned in several moons, has been shifted to the outfield.

The big Frenchman is hitting better in the outfield than he was at first base.

Fournier in the Outfield.

Fournier is batting well, but there are others on the club who are pushing him for the honor. Bobby Roth, whom Forecaster Johnny Evers singled out as the one who should win the Chicago city series last fall, is making the natives sit up and pay attention. In fact, the inmates of the south side park are all fussed up over the playing of the Chicago boy in the outfield. Instead of bricks, they are

tossing bouquets at the blushing youth every time he appears. Bonnie Brief, a left handed batsman secured from the Kansas City Blues last season, is playing at first base, having supplanted the big Frenchman at the initial station. This player has lived down his reputation as a castoff of the St. Louis Browns, and is doing Jiggs Donohue stunts so often that the fans are simply daffy over his work. Big crowds of ardent admirers assemble outside the park every day to see that Brief gets home unharmed by Cub supporters, who might be spying on the fast coming Sox.

PLAN ILLINOIS LEAGUE.

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Another project is an interurban league, to include these interurban towns: La Salle, Ottawa, Streator, Aurora, Elgin, Princeton, Morris and Peru. It is argued that interurban transportation would greatly reduce traveling expenses.

President Clinton is being bombarded by critics these days, following the publication of the official averages. It is charged that the averages are interesting only as works of fiction.

One critic asserts that the team average of Champaign was given as .288, while .275 was high water mark for individual batters on the team.

In New York a new teacher found that a little Negro girl was named Fertilizer Johnson.

"Are you sure that Fertilizer is your right name?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am," replied the little girl. "Well, tell your mother to come here," said the teacher.

The mother came the next day. "Yes, Fertilizer is right," she said. "You see, I named her after her father and mother both. Her father's name is Ferdinand and my name is Liza, so we called her Fertilizer."



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