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BRUSH BEATEN OUT

DROWNED IN THE FIRST BOUT WITH THE WESTERN LEAGUE MAGNATES.

OLD RULE STILL IN FORCE.

WEAKER CLUBS WILL SHARE IN THE DIVISION OF THE SURPLUS.

FOUR APPLICATIONS HANDED IN.

Des Moines and Toledo After Franchises, and Columbus and Grand Rapids Anxious to Remain.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—The Western Baseball league convened in annual session today at the Victoria hotel. After a deal of talking, which generally centered about the avowed efforts of John T. Brush to gain control of the league, the meeting adjourned toward midnight, having accomplished almost nothing. Mr. Brush's plans, as advocated by the Minneapolis and Indianapolis clubs, for dividing the surplus in such a way as to shut out the poorer ones, was defeated, and to this extent the Cincinnati magnate was beaten in the first inning.

During the morning the directors—Charles Comiskey, of St. Paul; John Goodnow, of Minneapolis; G. A. Van der Beek, of Detroit, and Mat Killilea, of Milwaukee—met, and after reviewing the official score, decided to award the championship to Minneapolis.

Many reports were circulated concerning the efforts of Mr. Brush to capture the two places vacated in the Western league by the expiration of the year franchises of Columbus and Grand Rapids, and to divide the surplus in such a way as to shut out the poorer ones, was defeated, and to this extent the Cincinnati magnate was beaten in the first inning.

Before taking up the election of officers for the year it was necessary to fill the two vacancies. Applications were received from the retiring clubs, Columbus and Grand Rapids, and from Des Moines and Toledo. It had been understood that Omaha would bid for a place, but no such application was considered by the directors.

In the Auditorium rotunda this morning Capt. Comiskey and Jim Hart had a talk over a scoring that some parties had given Hart for "deliberately crippling the Minneapolis team to strengthen the St. Paul club." After the conference the Chicago magnate remarked:

"We are scored for attending to our own business. One day they say Minneapolis is our farm and the next day we are accused of crippling the millers by giving Preston and Connors to St. Paul. The truth is that we gave Minneapolis the re-lease of Walter Wilmet, Pitcher Hutchison and Catcher Moran, without a dollar's worth of consideration. In return we were to get two of their best players. We took Preston and Connors about the time we got Pitcher Denzer. We had a perfect right to dispose of the two men as we saw fit."

President Ban Johnson, of the Western league, was at the National league headquarters during the morning and announced a postponement of the Western meeting until 8 o'clock, to permit of palavering with the big league magnates. He would say nothing about the fight of Brush in the minor league. Golt, of Indianapolis, who is believed to be non-communicative, thought there would probably be a return to the original basis of six clubs, from which a new start could be made. Tom Loftus expressed the opinion that he would be able to get Omaha into the league, which would mean the crowding out of Columbus by '97. Loftus had a long talk with Freedman, which, it was understood, was directed to an effort to get Pitcher Rusie for the minor league. Later, however, the New Yorker said that he would give the cold deal to any proposition of that kind.

It was intended to have the Western league session follow the conference of the National league, which President Johnson, finding all the directors in the city, decided to call them together immediately. Minneapolis and Indianapolis, according to the statement of Mr. Johnson, are ready to patch up their differences with the rest of the league clubs. "Neither Mr. Brush nor Mr. Goodnow will be present," he said before the meeting, "but their proxies will be on hand. The situation was formerly embarrassing, it is true, some weeks ago, but our differences will be arranged in short order. It was simply a misunderstanding from the start, and the two clubs that apparently set about to get up another league have regretted their hastiness and are willing to join hands with the others again. I do not see anything that would indicate the prediction that we were looking for a reorganization. Neither is it likely that we will establish a team in Chicago, as has been printed."

Among the Western league men to report to President Johnson were George E. Ellis, of Grand Rapids, W. H. W. Watson, of Toledo, and Indianapolis, M. R. Killilea, of Milwaukee, James H. Manning, of Kansas City, and Charles Comiskey, of St. Paul.

BIG LEAGUE MAGNATES.

Their Meeting Largely Devoted to Routine Business.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—The base ball magnates who have been flocking into the city for the last two days, got down to business today. At noon the meeting of the board of directors was held. It was attended by President N. M. Young, Washington; A. H. Soden, Boston; Harry Von der Horst, Baltimore; J. Earl Wagner, Washington; James A. Hart, Chicago; T. H. Stuckey, of Louisville, and J. C. Auter, of Pittsburgh. The board audited the accounts of the president and prepared the annual business to be presented to the league meeting. The pennant was formally awarded to Baltimore. The Cincinnati club asked the board to straighten out the old base ball field trouble in that city. Von der Ahe claims an \$8,000 interest in the field and has attached the race proceeds from time to time. The board did not care about opening up the old fight, and as the dispute is in court, it ad-

vised the Cincinnati club to fight out its battles there. In addition to the members of the board, there are present, from other clubs, Andrew Freedman, Walter Spaulding, New York; John T. Brush, Cincinnati; Chris Von der Ahe, St. Louis; W. H. Conant, Boston; A. J. Reach and John L. Rogers, Philadelphia; Byron Cherry, Chicago; Abells, William Barnie, Brooklyn; F. H. Robinson, Cleveland.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by President Young at 2 o'clock with a fair attendance at the opening. As nothing but routine business was brought up, however, interest soon began to lag and one by one the members descended to the rotunda of the hotel, where they gathered in groups and discussed the situation with the hangers-on. Those more directly interested, remained up-stairs and carried through the routine work. The principal part of the session consisted in reading the constitution and section by section, and giving a chance for the members to offer amendments as they were read. Only three amendments were offered, which were adopted.

They first changed the date of the board meeting from the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday to the first Tuesday after the second Monday of November. Section 4 of the rules was abolished. This section provided for the firing of the umpire from \$25 to \$50 for not reporting for duty. The most important change related to the playing season. The present season from April 15 to Oct. 1, was extended to Oct. 15, giving the winter months of schedule. The following resolution was adopted:

"That the president of the league and acting chairman are hereby authorized to appoint a committee on playing rules, not to exceed three in number, which committee shall be instructed to make a report of its work and any suggestion and alteration it may deem proper to be forwarded by the secretary to the respective club members to enable each to be prepared to discuss the amendments at the next meeting. The committee shall act until its successor is appointed."

The names of this committee will be presented to the meeting tomorrow morning. Amos Rusie, whom President Freedman, of the New York club, placed on the retired list for alleged infringement of the rules, will have to give up all hope of a settlement in his favor by the conference of clubs. The league decided to disregard the plea of the crack pitcher, and to enforce the discipline of the club. A deal was made between Baltimore and Pittsburgh by which Brodie and Schanley, of the former team, were exchanged for O'Brien, Stenzel and Horton.

GOPHERS NOT SATISFIED.

Challenge Sent to Wolverines—Will Play the Badgers.

The advisory board of the University Athletic association held an important meeting yesterday afternoon and decided to play the Wisconsin game on the date as scheduled, Nov. 21. This will be welcome news to hundreds of cranks in the city who have been waiting for the opportunity to make the trip to Madison to see the game. In deciding to play the game, a statement as given below was prepared for the public and attention was called to the fact that the Michigan team is expected to be a challenge to the Michigan team for a game to be played any time between now and Dec. 1. The game is to take place at Chicago. It is thought that in as much as the treasures of both the associations are in sad need of money, that this game can be played and that it will be a great success as it will settle the question of the Western championship for this year. The reply of the Michigan team is anxiously awaited, although it seems probable that Michigan will refuse to again meet Minneapolis this fall.

A statement by Capt. Harrison and Coach Jerome, was adopted as the sentiment of the board. In it, it is claimed that Mr. Donnelly who refereed the game last Saturday, was most unfair in his decisions, and that in fact, Minnesota would have undoubtedly won the game and the Western championship.

DEFENSE OF COAST

GEN. MILES DEVOTES MUCH OF HIS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SUBJECT.

MONEY URGENTLY NEEDED.

ESTIMATES CALLING FOR ABOUT FOUR MILLION DOLLARS URGED ON CONGRESS.

ARMY IN ITS RELATION TO LABOR.

Commanding General Points Out That Federal Troops Are Not a Menace to Any Class.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 11.—In his annual report to the secretary of war, Major General Miles, commanding the army, says that fortunately during the year the army has been called upon only to a limited extent to act either against hostile Indians or against bodies of men engaged in violating the laws of the United States or international treaty obligations. Gen. Miles recommends a liberal appropriation for replacing the present decaying and antiquated post buildings occupied by the army, and especially those on what was formerly the Indian frontier, with sanitary structures.

Gen. Miles believes that the freedom of the country of late from Indian outbreaks is to be ascribed to the fact that the Indians now receive better treatment from the government; that they are more impressed with the power of the army to punish them and that their affairs are in many cases managed by competent army officers.

Therefore, he recommends that this same policy as to the Indians be continued. Gen. Miles again devotes the larger portion of his report to the consideration of questions of coast defense and he renews forcibly all of the recommendations on that subject made in his former reports.

The report states that the change in warlike appliances makes it necessary to place high power guns at much greater distances than formerly from the centers of wealth and it is recommended that liberal appropriations be made by the coming session of congress for the manufacture of guns. The estimates that Gen. Miles says are imperatively required to be allotted for the next year for the work of the ordnance, engineers and quartermasters departments at different coast points, include the following: Mobile, Ala., \$150,400; New Orleans, \$489,400; Galveston, Tex., \$157,925; San Diego, Cal., \$600,925; San Francisco, \$902,850; Mouth of Columbia river, \$566,325; Puget sound, \$764,050.

Gen. Miles says: "An unwise argument has been made against the construction of modern appliances of war on the theory that the course is a danger and a menace to the laboring classes. In some instances marked protests have been made against such a national policy. The arguments seem scarcely worthy of consideration, yet it is deemed proper to call attention to the fact that these national safeguards are in no sense a menace to any class of our citizens, not even to the humblest individual; but on the other hand they are a protection to the life, property and welfare of all classes. They protect not only the commercial and manufacturing interests, but the public buildings and private dwellings, commerce and shippers, and the workshop and the savings bank, and the cottages, in fact the destruction of our great commercial and manufacturing cities would be a national disaster far exceeding and appalling to the great masses of the laboring people than it would be to any other class of the people."

Gen. Miles renews his former recommendations for an increase of the army on the ground that it has not kept pace with the increased wealth of public and private interests, and suggests that the enlisted strength of the army be fixed at one soldier to every 2,000 of population as a minimum, the maximum strength to exceed one soldier for every 1,000 of population, the strength to be determined within these limits by the president according to the necessities and requirements of the nation. He points out the importance of having at least two stations east of the Rocky mountains and one west, suitable for the storage of the equipment of the cavalry, and renews the recommendations made last year concerning the use of bicycles and motor wagons for the transport of troops.

The enlisted men to the grade of second lieutenants after five years of service.

ENGLISH ARBITRATORS.

Much Interest as to the Appointments of Baron Russell.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The statement that British arbitrators in the Venezuelan dispute would be appointed by the lord chief justice, Baron Russell, of Killowen, has excited great interest in and abroad. The two nations, however, there is much speculation regarding the probable choice of Lord Russell. Sir Frank Lockport, O. C., who accompanied the British arbitrators to Venezuela in America, in an interview on the subject said:

"The result is one to gratify every Englishman, particularly as it was reached without any sacrifice of principles on either side. It is, however, no surprise to me or to the other members of the party, which recently visited the United States. We knew before leaving this country that there was a powerful English feeling in favor of a peaceful settlement of the matter, and we found in the United States that it was reciprocal. I am sure that every thoughtful Briton has mentally congratulated our government in its result, and that they no longer contemplate, even in their wildest thoughts, the possibility of an approach toward interruptions of the peace of the world."

After a cabinet council held today, the attorney general, Sir Richard Webster, went to the colonial office and had conference with one of the under-secretaries, C. A. Harris, who has been prominently associated with the Venezuelan question from the first.

OSCAR MAY NOT ACT.

But Will be Nominally the Fifth Arbitrator.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—The exclusive information by the Associated Press that King Oscar II. of Sweden and Norway, had been secured as the fifth and final arbitrator in the Venezuelan controversy, and that the other four arbitrators would be named by the judicial authority of the country, was two by the lord chief justice of England, and two by the chief justice of the United States, has been fully verified from authoritative sources, and the official announcement is likely to be made in a few days.

Those who are best acquainted with the facts read with satisfaction the Associated Press report, and are glad that the arbitration, and stated that it covered all essential particulars and was correct. The additional information can be given that the agreement is that King Oscar II. will be the fifth or final arbitrator, with the understanding that if the royal functions are such as to make it undesirable to sit with the arbitrators, he will designate another, probably his chief justice, to participate in the formal meetings. At the same time, it is the king who the two governments will regard as the final arbitrator, even though he should designate some one to serve in a formal capacity.

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MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY AND CARLETON COLLEGE WILL NOT PLAY.

BELOIT, Wis., Nov. 11.—To the great disappointment of the Beloit college football team and college men, the Minnesota University team has canceled its engagement for a game with Beloit at Minneapolis Saturday. It is supposed they prefer to engage in the hard struggle sure to result from a game with Beloit so soon before their contest with the Wisconsin University. Carlton college, Northfield, has also canceled its game with Beloit for next Monday.

SIX-DAY RACE.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Nov. 11.—The score at the end of the tenth hour in the six-day bicycle race, four hours daily, stood: Hoffmeister, Florida, 100 miles, 200 miles 4 laps; Golden, New York city, 200 miles 5 laps; Golden, New York city, 200 miles 4 laps. Alberta broke his collar bone in an accident, caused by Smith's tire flying over his head, and he collided with him and was thrown into the air several feet, striking on his shoulder.

IDEAL PARK.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Summary: First race, nine-sixteenths of a mile—Katie L. won, News Gathers second, Jess third. Time, 1:30.4. Second race, three-eighths of a mile—Repeater won, Legion second, Bustup third. Time, 1:13.7. Third race, three-eighths of a mile—Nairote won, Swordsman second, Jersey Lad third. Time, 1:31.4. Fourth race, three-eighths of a mile—Liggett won, Light second, Fairy Queen third. Time, 1:21.4. Fifth race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile—Pitfall won, Pinchback second, Roysin third. Time, 1:15.7.

NASHVILLE RACES.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 11.—Summary: First race, five and a half furlongs—Annie Smith won, Emma second, Keeg third. Time, 1:24. Second race, five furlongs—Goldie Locks won, Overdow second, Ella T third. Time, 1:31. Third race, three-eighths of a mile—Sauter won, B F Fly Jr. second, Sister one-third. Time, 1:19. Fourth race, six furlongs—Laurel won, Annie second, Lida Woodlands third. Time, 1:35. Fifth race, five furlongs—Lida Woodlands won, Laurelton third. Time, 1:45.9.

SOME BRILLIANT BILLIARDS.

Harrison, on the whole, did not do so well last night as on the previous ones, while young Foley did better. His score for the night, his first ten innings netting him only 54. After this his play assumed its usual brilliancy, and he played a masterly game to finish, which took just thirty-six innings. He doubled thirteen times, his best runs being 28, 28, 28, 28, and an average of 11. Foley doubled six times, his best being 28, 21, 20, 20, and his average 4-2-3. The totals now are: Harrison, 1,200; Foley, 884. This evening the fourth block will be played, and the last game will be for Harrison in St. Paul.

LATONIA RESULTS.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 11.—Summary: First race, mile—Rampart won, Little Tom second, Little Walter third. Time, 1:49.4. Second race, seven furlongs—Lambert won, Ruthers second, Gray Eclipse third. Time, 1:23. Third race, six furlongs—Sudyan won, Merio Reed second, Forey third. Time, 1:19.5. Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth—Addie Buchanan won, Nimrod second, Almie third. Time, 1:35. Fifth race, five furlongs—A. I. won, Sangamon second, El Toro third. Time, 1:35.

PIMLICO PARK.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 11.—Summary: First race, five furlongs—Sonnet won, Hint second, Diana third. Time, 1:30.4. Second race, mile and a sixteenth—Amer and together ran a dead heat. Declare third. Time, 1:51.4. Third race, five furlongs—Medica won, Religion second, Lambeth third. Time, 1:23. Fourth race, mile—Stuthrich won, Lida Woodlands second, Laurelton third. Time, 1:45.9.

DUPONT CUP.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 11.—The championship Dupont cup for winning shots goes to Blue Island, Md. The grounds of the Baltimore Shooting association's grounds from Bertram Clarke, of Baltimore, who won the trophy in Chicago last August 12, the crack shots of the country. Today's score: Roll, 48; Claridge, 43. Roll is only twenty-six years old.

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