The News of the Sport World.

PROPOSED PEACE IS NOT ACCEPTED

National League Magnates Meet but Fail to Agree.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jen. 19.—After being in session at the Grand hotel here this afternoon and again until late tonight, the National Baseball league failed to accept the proposed peace agreement. Even if there had been no injunction issued in anticipation of ratification, it is doubtful whether the result would have been different.

The greeting in the hotel lobby when the Western and part of the Eastern representatives first met were not such as usually characterizes such occasions. Brush, Vanderhorst, Knowles and Ebbitts had been on the same train in conference for the past twenty-four hours, and Soden and Conant arrived but a short time previously.

All the others had been in conference and in waiting during the day, and when all finally got together shortly after 3 o'clock, President Pulliam promptly called them into his parlor, where, from all accounts, the presiding officer had plenty to do.

President Pulliam had before him an opinion from Attorneys Outcalt and Foraker as to what could be done while the injunction was over them, and it was on the advice of counsel that the league went into committee of whole to ascertain what could be done rather than to take any decisive action.

During the evening recess, resident counsel in Philadelphia was engaged by wire for the hearing of the injunction cases on Wednesday, and this was accepted, as indicating that Mr. Brush had not yielded to persuasion to drop the case, as it was thought prior to his arrival that he would do, after hearing fully from his conference committee. It is now possible that the meeting may adjourn to Philadelphia until after the proceedings there in court on Wednesday.

The Night Session.

The night session was devoted to considering the joint peace agreement, section by section, and the vote stood 6 to 2 in committee of the whole on all of the first sections to which no opposition whatever had been expected. The New York and Brooklyn clubs said they were not opposed to these sections except that they were interwoven in a compact to which they were opposed as a whole.

The last two sections apply to territory rights and players and opposition was expected to those sections because New York is included in the American circuit and because of the players that New York and Brooklyn claim to have been taken from them.

At midnight no vote had been taken on either of these two much disputed sections, and it is doubtful whether any vote will be reached during the night. There was also some doubt as to how Boston would vote on these sections.

President Robinson said the league ought to have completed its work in thirty minutes and indorsed such measures as the new ownership of the Cincinnati club and on that of the conference committee. He and other Western members greatly regretted the situation.

Among those in the hotel lobby were Capt. Donovan, of the St. Louis team; Business Manager Frank Bancroft, of the Cincinnati team; Buck Ewing, former manager of the Cincinnatis; Robert Hedges, of the St. Louis club, and George Stallings, manager of the Buffalo club. President Pulliam denies the report that he will resign his present position to become the head of the new Philadelphia club when it is secured by the Dreyfuss syndicate, which includes Kesley Schoepf, of Cincinnati, and Hugh J. McGowan, of Indianapolis.

In the Afternoon.

The eight clubs were represented as follows:

Boston, President A. H. Soden and Director W. H. Conant; New York, President John T. Brush, Secretary F. M. Knowles and Director N. Ashley Lloyd; Brooklyn, President Charles H. Ebbitts and Director H. R. Vonderhorst; Philadelphia, Barney Dreyfus (power of attorney); Pittsburg, President Dreyfus; Cincinnati, President August Herrmann and Director Julius Fleischmann; Chicago, President James A. Hart; St. Louis, President Frank De Hass Robison and Treasurer M. Stanley Robinson.

Before approving the minutes of the meeting in New York a correction was made substituting the name of John T. Brush for that of John I. Rogers, as the author of resolution under which the peace conference committee was appointed.

Rogers After Delehanty.

President Pulliam read the following letter:

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16, 1902.—Mr. Harry C. Pulliam, President, Secretary and Treasurer, National League—Dear Sir: I have received official notice of players' contract with the New York club in which is included one E. J. Delehanty for the years 1903, 1904 and 1905. For the reasons advanced at our recent National league meeting I hereby protest against the action of the New York club in signing Delehanty to that contract, as it is in violation not only of the reserve rules, but in violation of the lawful and duly renewed contract of this club with Delehanty for the season of 1903. The constitution of the league absolutely prohibits any negotiations with a league club and a player under contract with another club.

In addition to this, it is a violation of the pledge and agreement made between clubs at the meeting held at the league office Sept. 24 and 25 at which each club promised to abide by the list furnished each other of all players under contract. Delehanty's name was on the list so furnished by the Philadelphia club and on no other list furnished at that meeting. Outside of all league constitutions and agreements, Delehanty was unable to play in Pennsylvania last year because he had violated a lawful contract which had been upheld by the supreme court of Pennsylvania in the Lajoie case. In every other court where the contract was under judicial scrutiny and legality of the contract has been upheld, although in two instances its enforcement by a court of equity has been refused.

Protests Against New York.

I also desire to protest against the New York club through its agents, interfering with the negotiations of the Philadelphia club with players under contract to it, viz: Lajoie and Flick. This is also in violation of the constitution of the league and the law of the land. These negotiations of the New York club have not only occurred during the season, but since the baseball season closed, and cannot even be regarded as a war measure. This paper is simply meant as a protest to be followed up by charges against the New York club and its officers which we propose to enforce in the tribunals of the league, and perhaps, if occasions justified it, in the civil courts. Respectfully yours.

—John I. Rogers.

Treasurer Philadelphia Baseball Club Limited.

The league went into a committee of the whole with President Pulliam as chairman and Julius Fleischman as secretary. A motion by Hart, of Chicago, to admit members of the press was withdrawn after objection had been raised. Previously the newspaper men had secured pledges for admittance from representatives of the Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Circinnati, Chicago and St. Louis clubs. The representatives of the other clubs on their arrival proceeded at once into the meeting.

A motion by Robison, seconded by Soden, carried, that the conference committee report be read by President Herrmann, who first presented a telegram from the directors of the Western league urging that the agreement between the National and American leagues be ratified in the interest of the national games as well as of peace.

The following report signed by Harry C. Pulliam, August Herrman, Frank De Hass Robison and James A. Hart was submitted by Chairman Herrmann.

"At our annual meeting in New York, Dec. 10, 1902, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, all of the clubs being represented:

The First Resolution.

"Whereas, it has been stated in the public prints that the president of the American league has declared that his organization has been in favor of, and that the National league has been opposed to, a peaceful settlement of the so-called baseball war; therefore,

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of conferring with representatives of the American league, now in this city, if they so desire, to ascertain upon what basis such a result can be accomplished.

"Thereupon, a committee consisting of Herrmann, Cincinnati; Robison, St. Louis, and Hart, Chicago, was appointed.

"A conference was at once held with the representatives of the American league, then in New York, and it was urged by them that their league would appoint a similar committee and that a meeting of the committees would be arranged for in January.

"Afterwards the American league met in Chicago and anounced that their committee would consist of Somers, Cleveland; Comiskey, Chicago; Killilea, Boston, and probably Johnson, the president of their league. When Johnson was added to the American committee by consent of all the National clubs, President Pulliam was made the fourth member of your committee.

"Thereupon your committee met the committee representing the American league in Cincinnati, Jan. 9 and 10, 1903.

"A full and fair discussion of all matters in controversy was had.

"Having in mind the future welfare and preservation of the national game, your committee unanimously agreed with the committee representing the American league on a basis of settlement.

Recommends Agreement.

"Your committee unanimously recommends that said agreement be adopted and ratified by this league.

"We believe that in doing so, the National league and American association of professional baseball clubs will make a move that will be more lasting, more beneficial and meet with more general approval than any action that has been taken for some time, and will certainly be in strict accord with the very objects of our association as set forth in the constitution."

A motion by Robison, seconded by Fleischmann, then prevailed to take up consideration of the join agreement transmitted with the Herrmann report, section by section, after which a general and animated discussion followed. Before taking a recess for supper, the committee of the whole rose and the league adopted the following, offered by August Herrmaan:

"Whereas, This league is advised that on Friday, Jan. 16, a bill in equity was filed in court at Philadelphia wherein the New York Exhibition company is complainant and Harry C. Pulliam, individually and as president of the National league, and the other constituent members of the Ntional league are defendants, and wherein a special order of injunction has been granted restraining said defendants, and all of them from making, ratifying or performing a certain agreement reached on Jan. 10, 1903, at Cincinnati, between a committee of the American league and a committee of the National league; and

"Whereas, Said temporary order of injunction is made returnable in Philadelphia in said court of common please on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 a. m., and

"Whereas, It is desired that this league and constituent members thereof, be represented and heard in defense of said bill in equity, and that the alleged cause of complaint stated therein be properly resisted and defended; therefore,

"Resolved, That the president of the league be directed to retain and employ counsel in this behalf and to arrange for the payment of such counsel's services on account of the National league and American association of professional baseball clubs.

"Resolved, That said counsel be directed to enter the appearance in said cause of all parties defendant thereto, not heretofore served with process therein, and that upon the hearing of said temporary order said counsel be directed to ask for an injunction bond from the plaintiff in said cause sufficient and adequate and in accordance with the statutes of Pennsylvania, to indemnify this league and its constituent members from any and all damage that may accrue by reason of the institution and prosecution of said proceedings at Philadtlphia aforesaid."

Hart and Fleischmann Tired.

After midnight Mayor Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, and President Hart, of Chicago, left the meeting. The latter was not at all satisfied with the meeting, but the former said he still had hope of a settlement. Ashley Lloyd, one of the New York directors, left the meeting about the same time. He was strongly opposed to the agreement, but all of the retiring members were reticent. At 1 o'clock the meeting was still in session on the territorial question, with no probability of any result during the night, and the question of assignment of players had not been reached.

At 1:40 the meeting adjourned without reaching any conclusion.

BAN JOHNSON'S NARROW ESCAPE

American League Leader Safely Passes Crisis of Pneumonia.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—According to his attending physicians, President Johnson, of the American league, yesterday safely passed the crisis of pneumonia, which reached its highest point of development Saturday night. A small area of the left lung is affected, but after a consultation yesterday afternoon the doctors said the disease had not spread any within twenty-four hours.

Mr. Johnson is not allowed to see visitors, but he is thought to be reasonably free from dangerous developments, and the physicians, who have ordered complete rest, think he will slowly regain his former strength, although unwilling to assert he is entirely out of danger until at least a week has passed.

Neither the baseball general nor the friends who visited him during the early part of the week realized how serious his condition was, but it is now thought a dangerous illness has been forestalled. A trained nurse is in attendance.

In speaking of the case, Dr. William E. Quine, a specialist on internal diseases, who was called in consultation by Dr. Howard Crutcher, Mr. Johnson's family physician, said last night:

"Mr. Johnson has pneumonia. A small area of the left lung is affected. The case began on Friday and reached its highest development Saturday night. Since that time it has not extended any in area. From this fact we think he is not in an imminently dangerous condition, although he will hardly be free from all danger for a week."

Dr. Crutcher said:

"I think the crisis has passed and Mr. Johnson will gain rapidly from this point. He needs rest and freedom from care, but we hope in a few days to see him safely on the way to recovery."

OYLER IS POPULAR WITH THE MANAGERS

Wilmot and Cantillon Claim Contracts With the Infielder.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 19.—An argument which may give the directors of the American association considerable cause for lengthy discussion will be brought before them at an early date in the claims of the Milwaukee and Minneapolis clubs for the services of Third Baseman Oyler.

Last fall Manager Cantillon signed Oyler, then a member of the Baltimore club, to play third base for the Brewers. According to the affidavits of Manager Wilmot, of the Millers, Oyler accepted the terms of the Minneapolis club, which now disputes the claim of Milwaukee to the former Oriole.

The claims of both clubs have been forwarded to President Hickey, who will submit them to the members of the board of directors for a final decision. According to the statement which came from a member of the directors yesterday, the Milwaukee club has the best chance to claim the little third baseman, but Wilmot says he will fight to the bitter end for the infielder.

GOV. YATES REPEATS ORDER TO SHERIFF

Cook County Officer Is Instructed to Stop Yanger-Mowatt Bout.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 19.—Gov. Yates today telegraphed Sheriff Barrett, of Cook county, a reiteration of his order, issued Friday, regarding the proposed fight between Young Mowatt aud Benny Yanger, scheduled to take place at Chicago tonight. The governor says that the contest has been widely advertised as a fight pure and simple, between some of the most notorious fighters in the country, and that it is the sheriff's duty under the law to prevent the fight from taking place.

WILL ASK AMERICAN TO DROP KANSAS CITY

Western League Magnates Willing to Trade Milwaukee Franchise.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 19. — Manager William Rourke, of the Omaha club of the Western league, left tonight for Kansas City to attend the meeting of the league managers tomorrow. The principal matter that will be acted on is that of deciding the Kansas City and Milwaukee deal. Rourke says that a majority of the clubs will demand that the American association drop Kansas City altogether, and that as an offset the Western league will withdraw from Milwaukee. Sioux City is slated for the Milwaukee franchise, but whether final action will be taken at tomorrow's meeting is indefinite.

MORRIS WHIST CLUB WINS.

Defeats Benson Club and Claims the Championship.

Special to The Globe.

MORRIS, Minn., Jan. 19.—The Morris Whist club defeated the Benson Whist club at that place last night. This victory gives the Morris club the championship, Benson losing the previous match. The Morris club will arrange games with clubs of other towns.

BOWLERS AFTER PLACE ON TEAM

Men Rolling Fast in the Individual Tournament.

The bowlers entered in the competition for place on the team that is to represent St. Paul at the Indianapolis bowling convention rolled their third series of games last night. Walser, Vandertuuk, Fuhrman, Deller Grayum and Mahler now hold the six lead places and if they can continue through one more night of rolling will be the six to go to Indianapolis. Mahler was in excellent form again last night and duplicated his 236 score made Saturday night. The bowlers, last night's results, total pins and averages follow:

No.	Name.	Score.	Total Pins.	Average.
1.	Walser	886	2766	184
2.	Vaudertunk	936	2719	181
3.	Fuhrman	909	2715	181
4.	Deller	963	2715	181
5.	Grayum	940	2700	180
6.	Mahler	934	2672	178
7.	Cresswell	913	2651	176
8.	Pinska	875	2648	176
9.	Hinderer	885	2637	175
10.	Miller	887	2627	175
11.	Mample	912	2621	174
12.	Keller	882	2618	174
13.	Fitzpatrick	842	2615	174
14.	Kampman	826	2586	172
15.	Schmidt	855	2575	171
16.	Jungbauer	929	2571	171
17.	Whidden	831	2568	171
18.	Cherrington	808	2556	170
19.	Doris	850	2554	170
20.	Skorish	847	2546	169
21.	Moshofsky	841	2541	169
22.	Yost	875	2540	169
23.	Lundquist	849	2532	168
24.	Meinen	836	2528	168
25.	McMillan	844	2524	168
26.	Nelson	875	2511	167
27.	Gosewisch	784	2503	166
28.	Ryan	776	2488	165
29.	Larkin	751	2480	165
30.	Huntsman	755	2477	165
31.	Blakeley	771	2476	165
32.	Lyon	890	2450	163
33.	Starkey	818	2429	161
34.	Foster	806	2429	161
35.	Brundrit	832	2386	159
36.	Lane	838	2372	158
37.	Tilton	890	2354	156
38.	Anderson	757	2344	156
39.	Bross	771	2187	145

WESTERN LEAGUE TO MEET TODAY

Magnates Gathering in Kansas City for Annual Pow-Wow.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 19.—President M. B. Sexton, of the Western league, said tonight that there will be a full representation of the cities of the league which will be held here tomorrow. D. C. Packard and R. R. Burke, of Denver, and J. J. Barton, of St. Joseph, arrived tonight. Mr. Barton represents Mr. Van Blunt, who will not be able to attend the meeting. W. W. Sears, of Des Moines; W. A. Rourke, of Omaha, and Hugh Duffy, of Milwaukee, will be here tomorrow.

The magnates who were in the city today held several conferences, but if any plan of action was outlined, it was zealously guarded. They all refused to discuss the business before the meeting, but each aserted that the league's affairs are in splendid shape.

"There will be no change in the circuit," said President Sexton, "we are all satisfied with the cities we now have. I know there has been talk about a compromise, but as far as I know no attention will be paid to proposed compromises."

President Sexton said he would resign from the head of the Three-I league if the Western league magnates demand that he give their league his undivided attention.

BILL TO PROHIBIT FOOTBALL PLAYING

Missouri Legislature May Bar Game From State Institutions.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 19.—A bill was introduced in the lower house of the legislature today to prohibit the playing of football. Under it it will be a misdemeanor to play football, and the officers and board of managers of the state university, school of mines, state normals and agricultural colleges shall be fined or imprisoned if they permit students to engage in football. The same regulation applies also to teachers and directors of public schools and high schools, supported wholly or in part by the state.

AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS.

Entry List for Contests Will Close Feb. 1.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 19.—The biggest bowling event in the history of the sport will be the annual convention and tournament of the American Bowling congress, at Indianapolis, Feb. 23 to March 1. The entry list for the five men, the two men and the individual contests will close at noon, Feb. 1. The business session of the congress will be held Feb. 22 and 23. Feb. 22 the executive committee will hold a session.

BENEFIT FOR MERCER'S MOTHER

Exhibition Ball Game at San Francisco Nets $1,500.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 19.—The benefit performance of baseball for "Winnie" Mercer's mother drew a large crowd and netted $1,500. The game was between the Nationals and Americans, and resulted in a score of American 5, Nationals 3.

"Bill" Lange was to have appeared with the Americans, but compromised by sharing the duties of umpire with Jim McDonald. The players excused Lange by announcing that no uniform could be found to cover his gigantic person.

Joe Corbett, brother of "Pompadour Jim," and Hans Iberg pitched, and received warm welcomes.

J. W. M'CAUSLAND DEAD.

Deceased Was a Famous Driver of Race Horses.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 19.—J. W. McCausland, breeder of racing horses and a driver with an international reputation, is dead at St. Joseph's hospital in this city from peritonitis. He was forty-two years old.

HOCKEY LEAGUE GAME TONIGHT.

Virginia and Mascot Teams to Clash on Raspberry Island.

The Virginia and Mascot teams of the St. Paul Hockey league will play a league game this evening on the Raspberry Island rink. The defeat of the St. Pauls by the Mascots put this team back in the running and the game tonight is sure to be a fight from start to finish. The teams will line up as follows:

Virginias.	Positions.	Mascots.
Woods	Goal	O. Bergstrom
Routh	Point	Horefsh
Richards	Cover Point	Macdonald
Patterson	Rover	Parnell
Bass	Left Wing	Barron
Peabody	Right Wing	Yaeger
Shepard	Center	W. Bergstrom

T. M. Newson, referee.

Two Favorites Beaten.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 19.—Memphian and Belvinio were the only beaten favorites today. The latter finished second in his race, but was disqualified for his interference with Lady Alberta, who finished third. Lady Alberta was given the place and the judges, overlooking Our Jessie, gave third place to Ben Frost. In the second race the Black Scots saddle slipped and Buchnana pulled up. Potheen outclassed his field in the last race and was run up to $1,505 and bought in.

V. Hughes was suspended today for running the horse Tancred in his own name. The horse is said to be the property of Capt. S. S. Brown.

Clouds and Sunshine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Before the first race at Oakland the weather was somewhat cloudy, but the sun shone later and the track was fast. The surprise of the afternoon occurred in the race for which Elected was favorite. Rose Farr, a daughter of Creighton and Sevens, made her first appearance, and, at odds of 20 to 1, won from Hoceo and Floriana Bell. At the annual meeting of the new California Jockey club, Thomas H. Williams was re-elected president and Adam Andrew vice president.

Muncie Defeats Racine.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 19.—Muncie defeated Racine at polo tonight, 4 to 1.

Sporting Gossip

Just as T. Jefferson Hickey started to assist in lifting the St. Paul franchise George Lennon let go his hold to expectorate on his mitts.

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William Rourke broke in on the news wires last night long enough to tip off the intention of the majority of the Western league magnates to vote the withdrawal of the American association team from Kansas City. This should settle the matter.

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The St. Louis team has coppered its $6,500 contract with Wallace by insuring the player's life for that sum. Wallace made sure that the premium limit was not raised.

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Gov. Yates, in stopping the Yanger-Mowatt fight, assured Sheriff Barrett that the pugs were some of the notorious fighters. Somebody has been telling the Illinois governor about the Chicago fight game.

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Henri Fournier, the dare-devil motorist, expects to burn up one mile every thirty-four seconds with an automobile that he brought from France to the New York auto show. Florists are offering party rates to Henri's friends and several undertaking firms have filed their bids.

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George Tebeau climbed a hill in Kansas City and saw the light. Tebeau declares an American association team will play in Chicago. He forgot to make public the tenth town of the circuit.

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Milwaukee may lose School Director J. Quin. The Missouri legislature has introduced a bill to prohibit football in universities, colleges and schools.

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Brownie, of the Milwaukee Journal, wants to know who doped Forbes out on the Pacific coast. The identity of the medicine man is successfully concealed, but he probably lost his job for giving the fighter an overdose.

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Citizen Havenor is preparing to ask Manager Cantillon if any one of that bunch of players signed for Milwaukee had the strings cut.

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Andy Freedman has borrowed G. Baer's "divine right" theory and has forwarded it to J. Brush with instructions to use when the Delehanty fight reaches the last ditch.

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Just to advertise Fitzsimmons, the monkey and himself, Jeffries will accept the offer of the Fort Erie fight club. The champion feels confident that the New York governor will do his duty.

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C. Tindill and D. Stuart know where President Hickey can find two good umpires.

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When the Minneapolis management looked over the list of good ones signed by Walter Wilmot an extra man was engaged to carry gate receipts down to the bank

—Billy Mac.

MRS. APPLEBY DIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Mrs. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby died at 1 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's hospital of pneumonia. She was thirty-five years of age.

CAPT. HOBSON WILL GO ON WITH HIS LECTURES

Will Not Report for Duty at Puget Sound Yet Awhile.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 19.—Capt. Richmond P. Hobson will not report for duty at Puget sound, but will continue his lecturing tour. He arrived in New Albany today and in response to an inquiry concerning the published statement in regard to his having been ordered into active service at Puget sound, said:

"I have not yet received any official notice from the navy department relative to the matter, and, under the circumstances, I do not consider it proper to talk concerning it." He had, he said, a private understanding with the secretary of the navy by which he was to continue his lecturing tour, as that official was desirous of enlisting the interest of the people, especially those of the Western and Southern states, in the navy. The secretary, he said, had approved of his Chautauqua work along that line last summer and he still had a number of engagements to fill.

SAN DOMINGO FINALLY PAYS THE SALA CLAIM

Widow of the Frenchman Now Receives $50,000.

SAN DOMINGO, Jan. 19.—The Dominican government has paid to Minister Powell the balance of $50,000 due on the Sala claim. This payment virtually disposes of the matter.

Sala was a Frenchman who loaned the money and supplied war munitions to the late President Hereaux, of Santo Domingo. The Dominican government recognized the claim after the death of Hereaux, but showed a disposition to ignore it. Sala died, leaving the claim to his wife, who is an American and a resident of New York. About a year ago the state department undertook to prosecute Mrs. Sala's claim through Minister Powell.

Venezuelan Loan Subscribed.

CARACAS, Jan. 19.—The government forced loan, which amounts to $482,000, was subscribed entirely today by the banks and the native and foreign merchants of Venezuela. The government is gratified with this answer to its appeal for funds.

NEGRO'S FANTASTIC NOTIONS.

Bathes in River at Xmas and Expects to Live 600 Years.

In Emporia there is an ancient colored man, Dennis Redd by name, who is possessed of delusions enough to stock an insane asylum, yet he is not crazy in the accepted sense of the word. For years he has made it a practice to immerse himself in the cold waters of the Neosho river at Christmas time, and crowds go to see the performance. It is a part of certain fantastic religious rites which he holds to. He is seventy years old and claims to have had a revelation from God which assures him that he would live to be 600. He says the Lord promised to send him a "damsel," who is to be white like the Circassian houris possessed by the kings of Ethiopia, and he is constantly on the lookout for her.—Kansas City Journal.

SHOWING SCIENCE OF STANDING PAT

How Pair of Jacks May Do Duty of a King High Flush.

Did you ever see a man who played that subtle game of 'draw' who couldn't explain exactly why he got stung?"

Poising his glass between the digit and thumb of his dexter dealing book the reformed scribe looked inquiringly about him.

"Then, again," he ran on, "have you ever run foul of one of the same wouldbe poker sharps but what he could spin a mess of stories about his prowess in certain games—am I right?

"Well, I just wanted to fix this right, so I could deal my yarn out in good shape.

"I struck St. Louis with a shoestring, and it was a frayed and knotted string at that. I went over to the Globe-Democrat and intimated that I was perfectly willing to assume editorial charge, but I was not met with any Prodical Son rush from the late Joe McCullough. I moseyed along and tried to impress the Republican, but there appeared, not as far as I could notice, any wild desire to have me in their midst.

"The Post-Dispatch was next given an option upon my services, but there was nothing doing, and yet with a persistency which could not be brooked my system seemed to crave food and my commissary department was all to the bad. Then sleeping quarters appeared to be in the bill of particulars which I put in to myself.

"For two days, each twenty-four hours long, each hour stretched for good measure, I abstained from food. At this critical moment a Democratic national convention broke loose in the city and the Post-Dispatch acquired my services.

"'Can you illustrate your own stuff in chalk plates?' asked the managing editor, now doing time on the Evening World in this city.

"'Sure,' I chortled, blithely, but what a chalk plate was I hadn't the slightest idea. In fact, I hadn't had any intimate relations with plates of any description for, what seemed to me, eons.

"Well, I went at it and on an advance got mixed up in several poker games which lifted me beyond mere want. My bluff in pictures went and later I was sent out to write up small towns in Illinois and Arkansas for a full page, me making my own pictures, etc., for the Sunday edition.

"Well, I hit Litchfield, Mattoon, Alton and other towns of like dimensions and in one of them, it matters not which, I got into the poker game of my life.

"As was usual, a nice chap from the business office traveled with me to whoop up the circulation. Well, he arranged in advance for each 'writeup,' and in this instance the mayor of the town and a couple of aldermen drove us around in an open-face barouche affair, while we were introduced to an oil well that oozed out a gummy substance which flowed with the wild abandonment of molasses in January. A moth-eaten coal outcrop was also in evidence, as was a Baptist college and things.

"On the return to the hotel there was no chance to get a night train out. Says I to the mayor: 'Any show on tonight?'

"'Nope.'

"'No church sociable or quilting or anything?'

"'Not that I know of.'

"'Well, I suppose you fellows run a quiet little game or something?'

"'Ssh—ssh!' was the answer. 'We may fix up a little something. We'll be around to the hotel about 7:30 or 8 o'clock, after supper.'

"Well, they arrived. There were six of them, and they gave the landloard some 'office,' for he winked at me and I fell in line behind the bunch, and we right angled down two or three corridors and at last struck a room with a large table in the center, which was upholstered about an inch or an inch and a half deep.

"We seated ourselves, and I started in with a $20 stack. It lasted me about ten minutes, and I did the buy act again. You see, the limit was 25 cents, calls half a dollar, or four bits, and the limit was what was in the pot. This meant that, with seven playing, there was always $3.50 in, the next to the dealer could bet that, the next $7, and so on—and things got warm.

"As a matter of fact, I had plenty of expense money from the office, but in a couple of hours I was 'all in' and had wrecked my business partner's bank roll.

"It was then that I grew wise. I fell to the fact that the executive body of that municipality was 'whip-sawing' me. They would get me in between them, and the down would fly from me as from a Xmas goose which is being divorced from its feathers.

"The other players would speak to the banker quietly and remark: 'Let me have fifty, Sam, I'll settle at the end of the game.' I got wise. It was up to me to tap the bank with the same brand of linguistic output, especially as I was mentally arranging for a telegram back to the borough of 'St. Looey' to get money to escape and return to her smoking purlieus.

"Something had to be done, and that mighty sudden, and at that critical moment I was sitting next to the dealer and it was a jack pot. After I had assayed my quintet of cards I found myself about two jacks strong. I opened $3.50 worth. The next man stayed and the following one tilted the proposition about $10 worth.

"Well, when it came to me it cost me something like $30 or so to draw cards. I slipped in the $30, tapped the banker for fifty and raised it that amount.

"'These'll do for me,' I said to the dealer, thereby 'standing pat' with a chill up my spine that made me so goose fleshly that you could strike a match on any part of my anatomy. This sensation was not reduced to any marked degree when a little, baldheaded, apoplectic party, with a white mustache, the only player who stayed, increased the obligation another half century and drew two cards, after I had gone shy. With an exhibition of coolness which is generally found on the brink of a Mt. Pelee I bet $87, all that I could borrow from my friend back of me. The bald-headed contingent, with a torrid exclamation, slammed three eights on the table, refusing the raise. When I showed my fist, a pair of jacks strong, I thought the apoplexy was billed to happen right there. It didn't, and the game went on, but I was a little bit on velvet until one round of jack pots was declared, starting with me, the mayor to my right dealing the last pot of the evening.

"This round shook me up pretty hard, and my epigrammatic remark of 'That's good,' was becoming quite expensive, the little bald head hitting me rather strong, much to his apparent satisfaction, until it came to the last pot. I had a hand dealt which induced me to open. The betting followed on lines similar to my two jacks proposition, until the pot was scandalously high for such a small limit, and there were four playing.

"Again I stood pat. 'I'll play these,' was my remark, which made the 'Ap.' party show veins in his neck which were fair imitations of frankfurters as he drew one card. He came back good and hard, and I boosted it so that he and I were left alone, but at last he called, and he did so rose and whanged a jack high straight up on the board.

"I didn't have jacks this time somehow, and it took seven drinks at the bar before he could get over the king high flush of hearts which had come to me cold.

"That was the last game of any size which caught me on trips of that kind, as the lanlord and the executive of the town showed an entire lack of enthusiasm when I left for home, in fact, they appeared hurt at my disappearance with funds which should have been spent as a stimulus to local trade. As I couldn't take their money and retain their good will I left them their patrimony."—New York Telegraph.

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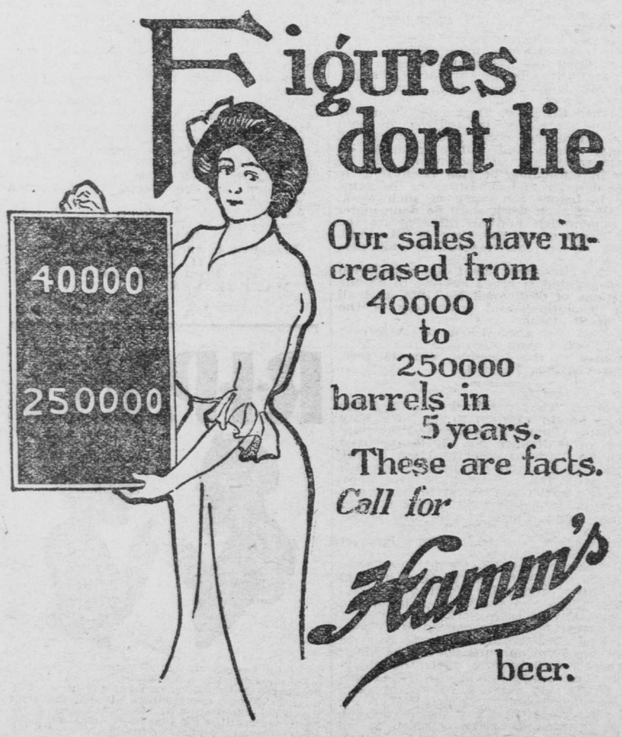

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