Minor Baseball Door Shut on Oregon Man

KLEPPER PLANS TO FIGHT CASE IN THE COURTS

Claims He Used His Own Funds to Bring About Proper Condition of Affairs.

BY JOHN B. FOSTER.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 7.—When the board of arbitration of the National association of Minor Leagues passed the resolution ordering that W. H. Klepper of the Portland, Ore., club be "forever barred from any participation in the affairs of the association and that he be ineligible to sustain any relations whatsoever with the association" it touched off a case of law and a court fight.

Klepper insisted today that he made a report of the finances of the Tacoma club on the basis of a stock subscription list which he presumed would be taken up by the men in Tacoma who were pledged to the shares of the stock, and that he left the city for his home expecting the funds would be put in the club treasury as had been agreed. They were not and, according to Klepper, he made good the difference.

He says he will take the matter to the courts, that in fact, it is today in the hands of his lawyers. The presumption is that an injunction will be applied for to restrain the National Association officials from preventing Klepper from conducting his business. National Association officials when asked today exactly what their resolution meant, were a trifle hazy. They reckoned it would prevent Klepper from signing his name to any baseball contract, from sitting as a delegate, from being elected an officer or anything which has any relation with the association, and thus on through the various lanes of baseball.

The Portlander took his medicine without any violent expostulations, merely insisting that he had not wilfully violated any rule or law of baseball and that he had done all in his power by putting in his own funds to bring about a proper condition of affairs at Tacoma when he found that the men who were supposed to furnish the money had failed to do so.

The affair is easily the most widely discussed thing in baseball circles today. Many wonder if the action is not a warning to minor league men to go slow in fooling with the buzz saw, for it is as stiff punishment as has ever been meted out. A major league owner here today remarked that the new administration in baseball had the minors "scared stiff." He elaborated, with instances where the smaller fry had been brought up with short rein. The minors, of course, feel they have not alone been the violators of baseball law and today are quietly discussing among themselves certain incidents in which they think they got the worst of it. At any rate, however, everyone here believes there will be considerable hewing the chalk line for a time at least.

It was seriously suggested here today that a sort of general amnesty be granted players who are now on the banished roll. The argument is that it would permit several leagues in which such men are playing to join the National Association as they wish to. It would put an end to much bickering and would clean the slate for a new start. Conservatives, however, realizing how much trouble was created by the men now ineligible, wonder whether it is a good experiment for baseball to make that kind of fresh start.

One man from California has turned down $30,000 without batting an eye. Cal Ewing of Oakland, said today he had been approached by Charley Ebbets of Brooklyn, for player Arlett. "I will give you $30,000," said Ebbets. "And I," said Ewing, "will graciously and thankfully decline to accept it. I have said that Arlett is not for sale and there is no temptation that will move me."

Big offers have been turned down for players before, therefore $30,000 is not a big sum.

It now seems that Hale, who sold for $75,000 to Connie Mack, could have been bought three months ago for $12,000. Competition did it. Hale went to Portland as part payment for Pillette and Johnson. He re-enters the major leagues clothed in greenbacks.

Jack C. May will cost the Yankees a substantial pile before the deal is done. Details of the transaction are to be worked out in New York. The May matter is strictly a minor league deal since May is now a minor pitcher because the St. Louis Nationals gave up all claim to him when they let him go to Vernon. In one way and another, it will cost the Yanks $50,000 to get May, the increase in market price being merely another instance of similar happenings.

The Chicago Sox picked out a pitcher named Lembke and an outfielder named Pennington, both of whom played good ball in the Central league.

Affairs are going so smoothly in the Southern association that the owners are counting on one of their best seasons in 1923. They look for great improvement at Birmingham. Julius Heinemann says New Orleans is bound to be way up in the fight, and the signing of Nieboff to manage Mobile with which he won the 1922 flag ends all rumor that he will go to the coast.

The Phillies may have Arthur Fletcher for manager. Baker has gone to see him, presumably to discuss the matter. Bendek's refusal has put the owner in a position where he must fight to get a manager quickly.

Louisville will open its new park with the Boston Red Sox April 5. "Cap" Neale is expecting great things of his team this coming summer. Sotharon, ex-Cleveland pitcher, has been taken on by Louisville.

ALL TALK HOW TO MAKE GRID GAME BETTER

Many Proposals Are Made by Enthusiasts.

BY WALTER CAMP.

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New York, Dec. 7.—Now begins the suggestion season, the time when football enthusiasts sit around and tell the rules committee what it ought to do to make the game better day by day in every way.

Among those proposals which have already come to light there is one to make the teams consist of 12 men, 1 of whom actually play and one who gives the signals and directs the play.

Still other able suggesters propose the reverse of this and declare that all coaches should be forced to stay up in the grandstands and let the captain send out injured players and send in substitutes. Still another proposal is to have the extent of the game limited by the number of plays completed rather than by the time limits.

Shortening the field also has been proposed, the advocate of this change proposing to leave the goal posts where they are and thus decreasing the distance necessary to make a long gain effective after receiving the kickoff.

One of the favorite alterations advocated is to give points for first down made or for ground gained instead of for getting the ball over for touchdowns. Another which has cropped up repeatedly is to lessen the distance it is necessary to gain within the 25 yard mark from 10 to five yards.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Conservation was no more a characteristic of eastern football in the season of 1922 than it was in any other part of the country. The writer speaks from the standpoint of country-wide observation. There was a great deal more conservation than radical football through the entire collegiate world. Those who feared that the forward pass would assure supremacy over the rushing game found their apprehension unwarranted. There were few elevens that made as much of the overhead game as they might have done.

Of the leading eastern teams, Princeton, the Navy, the Army, Syracuse and Pittsburgh were as daring in their spirit of enterprise as any outfits in the country. Cornell made the most of the straight rushing attack, but it is questionable how far she would have gone had the opposition she faced made it necessary for her to employ with great celerity and precision an overhead, long gain attack in order to bring her within striking distance of the enemy's goal.

Of the eastern teams, Princeton clearly leads. Cornell undoubtedly made a strong showing, but in order to get the correct relation between the records of the two elevens, consider that Cornell in her season defeated St. Bonaventure, Niagara, New Hampshire State, Colgate, Columbia, Dartmouth, Albright and Pennsylvania, and that Princeton had defeated Johns Hopkins, Virginia, Colgate, Maryland, Chicago, Swarthmore, Harvard and Yale. There can be no dissenting voice to the claim that Princeton by all odds had taken greater chances of defeat than Cornell and had prevailed over stronger and more important adversaries. Let us, then, align the eastern teams in their order of ranking with a comment or two concerning each.

Princeton, an airtight, copper-riveted November defense with always an offensive trump to play after the other fellow's cards were upon the table.

Cornell, a pile-driving team which triumphed through the smashing process against teams whose defense was not noteworthy.

Army, a team which throughout the season was much stronger in defense than offense.

Navy, despite her defeat by Pennsylvania—which was "one of the things"—the Navy was one of the strongest defensive elevens in the country; a team which knew how to get off-tackle as efficiently as Cornell and, moreover, had one of the finest forward passing attacks in the country. The Navy deserved better fate than was hers.

Pittsburgh, a really fine eleven whose early season lapses against Lafayette and West Virginia marred an otherwise splendid season. The Pittsburgh team of November was qualified to stand with any eleven in the land. Her attack was very versatile and her defense developed strength as the season went on.

Yale, one of the best elevens from the neck down in the country, but from the neck up, one of the worst. Comparing her season's showing with that of Harvard, there is no reason for placing the Crimson above her, despite the Cambridge victory.

COACH SCHISSLER WILL REMAIN AT LOMBARD COLLEGE

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 7. — Coach Paul J. Schissler of Lombard college, announced at the annual football banquet last night, that he had accepted a contract with Lombard to remain as director of athletics and head coach for a period of two years. The announcement brings great pleasure at Lombard as Mr. Schissler is extremely popular here. During his two years as football coach at the local school, Schissler has developed remarkable elevens.

Schissler will also have charge of basketball and baseball and will assist in track athletics.

HAVE 12 MINUTES REAL PLAYING IN FOOTBALL GAMES

Boston, Mass., Dec. 7.—A typical football game of four 15-minute periods in fact is a contest of only about 12 minutes of actual play. Calling signals takes up four times as much of the playing period as the plays themselves. These are the conclusions gained after an analysis of the Holy Cross-Boston college game last Saturday.

The analysis was made by Fred W. Burleigh, who has officiated at leading college games for many years.

By applying a stop-watch on each of the 132 plays in the game Burleigh found that the ball was in actual flight only 11 minutes 23 seconds from starting whistle to finishing horn. The average time for each play from the time the ball was snapped back by the center to the time it was declared dead was 5.2 seconds, while an average of 22 seconds was taken by the quarterbacks to call signals.

In the first period there were 35 plays; in the second and third, 31 each, and the last period had 35 plays.

LYNCH OFFERS TO GIVE EDDIE JANUARY BOUT

Claims That He Did Not Want to Take Chance With Anderson Before Big Fight.

Denying charges that he deliberately sidestepped his bout with Eddie Anderson here Dec. 15, and declaring he has been unjustly accused by Eddie Anderson of being yellow, Joe Lynch, bantamweight champion of the world, in a letter to local Legion officials asserted he would come west in January and sign with the Davenport club for a match with Anderson or any other bantam Legion officials figured for him if the club desired his services.

"I regret that I was forced to cancel the Davenport engagement, and I challenge Eddie Anderson to prove that I am yellow. I did not intentionally sidestep a mix with Eddie. Put yourself in my position. If you people had a chance to make $15,000 in New York, would you take a chance against a fellow of Anderson's ability a week before the big time engagement?" Lynch stated in his letter to local club officials.

Continuing, the champion penned the following:

"If I ever meet Anderson I'll show him I'm not yellow and I hope he wins over Sheppard so I can get a crack at him. I doubt, however, that Eddie can whip the Boston boxer, for Sheppard packs a wallop and is clever. I fought Johnny and I know what he is capable of doing."

Lynch went on to explain his position in the cancellation of his Davenport engagement. He also produced wires from Tex Rickard and Commissioner Muldoon ordering him to begin training for the Midget Smith bout in New York at least seven days before the date of the mill.

Legion officials would not say today whether Lynch would be considered for the January card. Post Commander French, however, replied to the bantam king informing the latter that if a forfeit of $1,000 was posted to guarantee his appearance by Dec. 20, the bout would be considered.

Interest in Next Show.

Meanwhile tri-city fans are taking to the Legion's Dec. 15 show, featuring Anderson against Sheppard and Rolfe against Forkins like a fish takes to water, and the card promises to be one of the most popular shows ever offered by the local clubs. The double windup at popular prices is meeting with the approval of the fans, and judging from the interest shown in the card the pugilists will fight before a crowded house.

MALLORY ELECTED AS 1923 CAPTAIN OF YALE ELEVEN

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 7.—Twenty-two football players who wore the Yale uniform in their ill-starred games against Harvard and Princeton last night met at the Hotel Taft and elected William Neely Mallory of Memphis, Tenn., captain for next season. The choice is understood to have been made unanimously. Mallory was prepared for Yale at the Promfret school of Promfret, Conn., where he roomed near Charley Buell, Harvard's 1922 captain.

DAVENPORTER TO CAPTAIN PURDUE

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 7.—Ralph Claypool, Davenport, Iowa, was chosen as captain of the Purdue university football eleven for 1923.

ROCKFORD TEAM IN THREE-I BUYS TWO SOUTHERN PLAYERS

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 7.—Two players of the local team of the Southwestern league have been sold to the Rockford team of the Three-Eye league, according to advices from Emaly Harbour, owner, who is attending the baseball meeting at Louisville. They are Infielder Wohlstadter and Pitcher Kuzma.

PLAN ANDERSON AND FLANAGAN FIGHT DEC. 20

Joe Lynch Scheduled to Meet Joey Sanger Tonight at Milwaukee Auditorium.

Eddie Anderson yesterday signed articles to box 10 rounds with Patsy Flanagan before the Big Chief A. C. on Dec. 20. This is a match which has been long in the making, but repeatedly had encountered obstacles. It looks like one of the best matches of the early season, with both boys rarin' to go. Tickets are on sale at Al Bloom's Oakes, the Kedzie Coffee Cup and the Rialto and Gold restaurants.

Joe Lynch, comeback champion of the bantamweights, will show Chicago and Milwaukee boxing fans tonight whether he still is coming back or is going back. Joe is scheduled to meet Joey Sanger, heralded by his Milwaukee admirers as a real comer, in a 10-round bout at the Milwaukee Auditorium.

How good the fight will be depends largely upon how good Lynch wants to make it. If Joe wants to get out and step, it should be a whale of an argument, for the Milwaukee Joey is plenty willing to step. If the champion wants to play safe, it will be a boxing exhibition and nothing more, for there's small chance of Sanger, try as he might, to catch up with the champion if he refuses to mix.

Stepping in against the champion is a tough assignment for the Milwaukee youngster. He's boxed some high class boys, and made a good showing, but boxing a champion is something else.

Sanger's last fight was a losing one, but he lost to a mighty good boy—Sammy Mandell of Rockford. And Sammy a short time before had trimmed the nearsighted Jack Wolfe of Cleveland, who in turn had won a judges' and referee's decision over Joe Lynch at New York. Lynch did not make weight in this fight, so the title did not change hands. But Mandell's margin over Sanger was narrower than his win over Wolfe, who in turn beat Lynch. All of which figures to give the Milwaukee boy a pretty fair showing for tonight.

To Be Tough Scrap.

If Lynch chooses to fight, Sanger will have his hands full, for the champion is a fighter when right. He was right when he took Pal Moore at Benton Harbor, and if he wants to step tonight like he did that day Sanger is in for a tough night.

Eddie Shea of Dick Curley's stable is on for the semi-windup against Benny Vogel. A number of Chicagoans, headed by Doc O'Connell, will make the trip. Pal Moore will be at the ringside. He's anxious to meet Lynch again and they may come to terms before Joe hurries east to train for his 15-round titular bout with Midget Smith at the Garden.

BROTHERS COACH RIVAL ELEVENS; CLASH SATURDAY

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 7.—West high of Aurora, the champions of the "Big Seven" conference of northern Illinois high schools, leaves tomorrow morning for Findlay, Ohio, where it will play the Findlay high school eleven Saturday. The Aurora team hopes for a dry, fast field.

The rivals in the inter-sectional clash are coached by the Fletcher brothers, "Bob" and Ralph, who played on the same University of Illinois elevens. "Bob" coaches Findlay.

OUT OUR WAY—By Williams

WEIDERQUIST OF MOLINE PILOTS W AND J GRIDS

Washington, Pa., Dec. 7.—Chester L. Weiderquist of Moline, Ill., was yesterday elected captain of the 1923 football eleven of Washington & Jefferson university. Weiderquist has starred at right tackle for two seasons.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 7—Twenty-one varsity letter men voting yesterday elected Chester L. Weiderquist, right tackle of Moline, Ill., captain of the Washington and Jefferson football team for next season, succeeding Wayne Brenkert of Detroit. Weiderquist had practically no contest, although names of Albert Crook, center, of Detroit, and Herbert Kopf, left end of Cincinnati, were presented. Weiderquist stood out as one of the best linesmen the Presidents have had in years. His playing over a period of two years was exceptional.

BROCCO-COBURN AND GOULLETT-BELLONI LEAD BIKE RACERS

New York, Dec. 7.—The Brocco-Coburn and Goullett-Belloni teams still led in the 6-day bicycle race at 8 o'clock this morning. They had pedaled 1,451 miles and eight laps, while Egg and Eaton were only a lap behind. Four teams were two laps behind.

GEORGES THINKS HE COULD LICK SIKI THIS TIME

Frenchman Offers to Meet Battler at Any Date, In Public or In Private.

Paris, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Georges Carpentier believes the best place to settle the controversy over his recent bout with Battling Siki is in the ring. Writing to Le Journal, the French boxer says:

"Here is what I propose to Siki: Notwithstanding his disqualification and the disqualification I might incur, I offer to meet him at any date he likes, in public or private. Should he be ready to put up a stake, I bind myself to pay charity that stake, or purse, if one is offered. I am absolutely certain I would finish Battling Siki this time in less than three rounds."

M. Henri Bernstein, referee of the Siki-Carpentier fight, told L'Auto today that he heard Siki say:

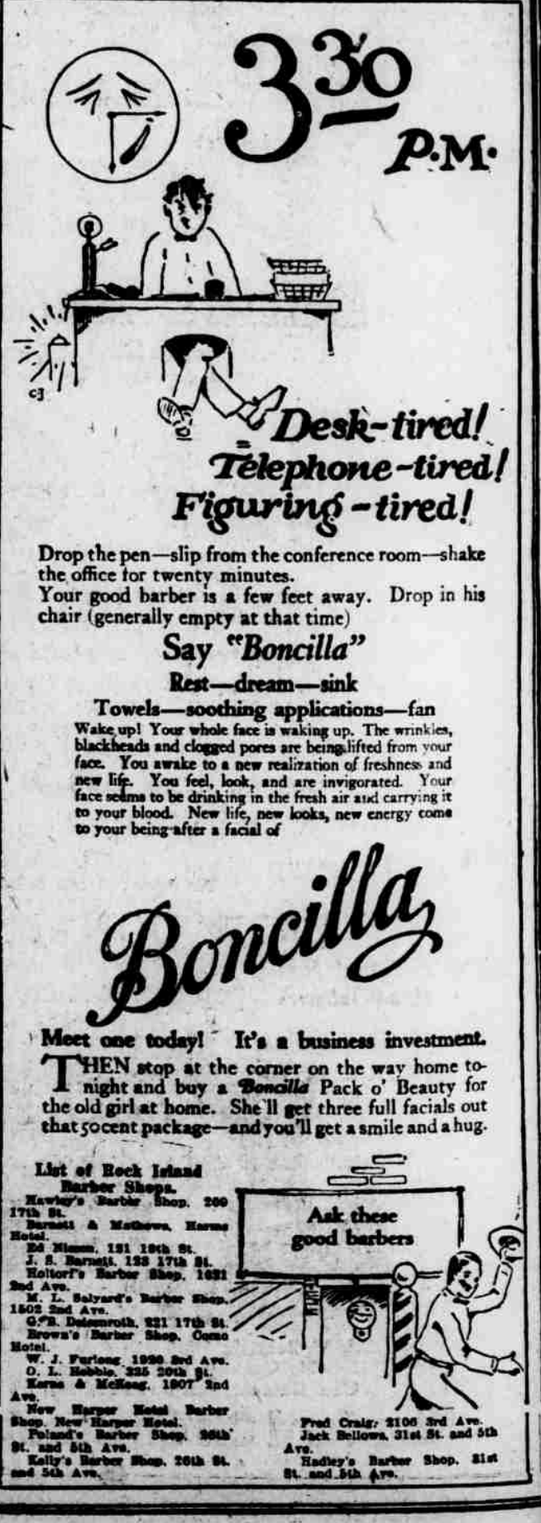
"Don't hit at my stomach, you hurt me."

Reports have been current that M. Bernstein had declared he heard Siki say something to Carpentier which proved that the match had been framed.

Interest in the controversy extends far beyond the sporting public and the affair is receiving more attention than the Lausanne conference.

BRITTON-BARRET BOUT CHRISTMAS

Jack Still Believes That He Has a Number of Good Fights Left in Him.

New York, Dec. 7.—(By International News Service.)—Jack Britton, former welterweight champion and one of the oldest active pugilists in the ring today, is not going to retire after all. It was thought that Britton had reached the end of his fighting activity when Mickey Walker battered his championship from under him, but Britton believes he has still a good number of fights left in him, and this, added with the lucrative purses being offered, has induced him to attempt to stage a comeback.

Britton has signed to battle Bobby Barrett of Philadelphia in an eight-round bout on Christmas day in the Quaker city.