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WELL DIRECTORS PLAN IS TO VOTE IN A NEW BOARD

Hope of Peace Shattered
When Navin Talks
with Comiskey.

New York, Dec. 9.—[Special.]—The entrance to this city tonight of President Ben Johnson and his five "loyal" clubs of the American league, which are hailed by baseball men as the triumphant invasion of peace into the war-torn baseball world, may not result in the renewal of friendly relations among the warring factions.

The Comiskey-Ruppert-Frazer faction looked upon the coming of Johnson and the owners of the Philadelphia, St. Louis, Washington, Cleveland, and Detroit clubs as a sure indication the olive branch would make its appearance and all would be serene in the American league.

Navin Breathes Warfare.
The Johnson cohorts came with smiles and encouraging words, but when Charles A. Comiskey of Chicago held a conference late tonight with Frank J. Navin of Detroit he learned that the Johnson faction intended to take down the insurgents and take command of the league situation, regardless of the wishes of the present board of directors.

The aspect of this unusual and peculiar baseball wrangle changes considerably. First there was war in the words, then talk of peace, and now comes a bombshell exploded by Johnson's followers which turns the whole situation upside down again.

Statement by Huston.
After the conference between Comiskey and Navin, Col. Huston of the Athletics gave out the following statement:

"Mr. Navin and Mr. Comiskey had a meeting at the Hotel Biltmore tonight and it developed that the profession of peace issued by Mr. Johnson and his cohorts on their arrival in New York tonight were absolutely insincere.

"The five clubs constituting the majority intend on Wednesday to vote on the existing directorate and vote in favor of their own. They will also make Mr. Navin vice president in place of Mr. Comiskey.

"The three clubs constituting the minority will take such measures as will demonstrate that they will not submit to the tyranny of those who merely reflect the will of Ben Johnson. Fighting but the vanity of one man stands in the way of peace in baseball. Mr. Johnson shows that he puts personal consideration ahead of the general good in baseball."

Tonight Johnson was closeted for some time with his lawyers.

SANBORN CHOSEN TO LEAD WRITERS

New York, Dec. 9.—At the annual meeting of the Baseball Writers' association today President I. E. Sanborn of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, Vice President Robert W. Maxwell, and Secretary-Treasurer Joseph M. McCreary of Philadelphia were reflected. The following were elected as the board of directors: Jack Ryder, Cincinnati; Harry Jones, New York; Edward F. Ballinger, Pittsburgh, and James M. Gould, St. Louis.

It was decided to admit to associate membership the baseball writers in cities on the class AA leagues. President Sanborn will select a committee on uniformity of scoring rules.

Muller Close to Leader in City Bowling Tourney

A. Muller missed a spare in the final frame and fell seven pins shy of displacing Al Lake as singles leader in the city championship bowling tournament last night. Muller had games of 252, 244, and 202. Three others beat the 200 mark, John Kurch getting 631, C. Sugar 624, and T. Otto 615. Muller placed third in the standing to date.

MacWHERTER TO LEAD MILLIKIN.
Dunbar, Ill., Dec. 9.—Johnny MacWherter, half back, has been elected captain of the 1920 Millikin university football team.

HEAVY PENALTY FOR PLAYER TAMPERING RULED IN NATIONAL

New York, Dec. 9.—[Special.]—The National league today took a decided stand against the tampering with ball players on rival clubs. At the annual meeting at the Waldorf an amendment was adopted which provided for a fine of \$1,000 against a club owner, manager or official who tampered with a player on another club, and the drastic penalty for a second offense will be expulsion from the league.

In past seasons the cry of buying pennants and wrecking clubs has filled the air at various times, and the club owners for some time have been trying to adopt a rule which would put a stop to the practice. All the club owners were united in the effort to do away with the objectionable procedure when it was offered by President Ebbets of the Brooklyn club.

Return to 154 Games.
Another important action of the magnates was a decision to return to the 154 game schedule. The matter of the schedule, however, is held up and the National league's hands are tied until the American league starts to conduct its routine business tomorrow. The National decided to start the season on April 14. This date is only tentative because the older organization will not be able to make its plans until the American league cooperates.

The thirty day limit which was placed on the training season during war time was lifted and clubs will now be permitted six weeks for a training season.

Veck Elected Director.

The league elected a new board of directors, which includes Charles A. Stoneham of New York, George W. Grant, Boston; Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh, and William Veck of Chicago. The league adopted a new plan for the directors and each year two western clubs and two eastern organizations will be represented on the board. The clubs will alternate each year. Hereafter each club in the league will hold a certificate of membership, which is something new in the National league.

The league gave a vote of thanks to President Johnson Heydler for his efficient work during the year, in carrying the older league through one of the most successful seasons of its career.

Mr. Heydler unofficially stated that the lengthening of the world series to nine games and the new rules for the division of the receipts seemed to find favor among the clubowners.

Many Trades Rumored.

Rumors of swapping of players filled the air. A report that Shortstop Roger Hornsby of St. Louis had been purchased by the New York club was spiced by President Rickey, who said: "There is not enough money in the National league to buy Hornsby from St. Louis."

President Ebbets of Brooklyn stated that he had purchased Harold Elliott, a former catcher for the Chicago Cubs, from the Oakland, Cal., club.

ANNOUNCE CAPTAIN AT DANCE.
The Crane Tech annual football dance will take place at the Colonial club in Oak Park tonight. All of the teams of the school will be present and the result of the election of the 1920 captain will be announced.

AMERICAN LEAGUE LOYALISTS ELECT NEW DIRECTORS

MINORITY POWER USED IN BATTLE AT N. Y. MEETING

Quoted Board Plans Court
Fight; Refuse to "Fire"
Johnson.

New York, Dec. 10.—American league club owners, flanked by a squad of attorneys, battled for hours today in their annual meeting and when the session ended President E. B. Johnson was surrounded by a new board of directors favorable to his policies. The insurgent clubs were outvoted on every proposition that came before the meeting but went down fighting and serving summonses which promise to carry the disputed points into court, where final decisions may not be reached for months.

A resolution to elect a new president in place of Johnson was defeated, five votes to three, and the new board of directors, consisting of Frank Navin, Detroit; Ben Minor, Washington; Thomas Shibe, Philadelphia; and P. D. Hall, St. Louis, was elected by the same vote.

Navin Supplants Commy.
Navin was selected as vice president in like manner, supplanting Comiskey, the Cleveland, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Washington, and Detroit clubs voting in the affirmative and the Boston, Chicago, and New York clubs against.

A resolution to play a schedule of 144 games in 1920 was virtually all the baseball business transacted from the standpoint of the average follower of the game.

The session opened with a meeting of the old board of directors, consisting of Ruppert, New York; Dunn, Cleveland; Comiskey, Chicago; and Spang, Boston, with Johnson present as league executive. Trouble developed almost immediately over the selection of a chairman and Johnson and Dunn left the conference.

Comiskey Made Chairman.
Comiskey was then named to preside, although word was sent to Johnson that he would return to the meeting to could take the chair, but he refused.

Those members present then proceeded to adopt a number of resolutions, which charged Johnson with expending his duties as an employe of the league.

The meeting of the league as a whole immediately followed and during the first half hour the conference was in such an uproar that the commotion was plainly audible in the hotel corridors adjoining the meeting rooms.

The noise and activity attracted a number of the hotel guests and soon the entries were crowded with curious onlookers. Fragments of acrimonious debate and remarks seeped through the closed doors to the vast amusement of the eavesdroppers, including such outbursts as "Egotist," "liar," "wreck" and similar terms.

Followers Leave with Ban.
The confusion was followed by what was of the outer congregation termed "ominous calm," and when the session finally ended President Johnson was one of the first to leave and he was quickly followed by a majority of his supporters.

The so-called "insurgents" remained for further consultation with their attorneys. They refused to make any general statement other than to say that the fight would be continued and that President Johnson had been served with summons in three new legal actions. While no authoritative outline of these actions could be gained it was understood that they will involve matters referring to the legality of Johnson's long term contract; damages to the New York club, and demand for legal fees in connection with a special investigation regarding an American league telegraph service contract.

The minority clubs also moved that President Johnson, the attorneys and stenographers be excluded from the room while the trouble in the league is discussed in an informal manner by the club owners as a body. This resolution was lost by the usual three to two vote and shortly after the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Here's "Twelve Points."
The resolution adopted by the outgoing board of directors referred generally to the pitcher Carl Mays' case, the cause of the split in the league ranks, and the duties and actions of Johnson as president. They were twelve in number, adopted that they might become a matter of record for future action in or out of court. In part they charge an invasion of the powers of the board of directors, wrongful use of umpires' information, ignoring of directors' resolutions; refusal to aid in the selection of a new chairman of the National commission; violation of the conditions of his employment by the league, and declaring his contract of 1910, calling for a salary of \$20,000 per year for twenty years as president of the league, a violation of the constitution and ordering that no league funds be used for the purpose of such payments or any expenses incurred by said Johnson.

McGraw and Chauffeur
Sued by Girl for \$30,000
New York, Dec. 10.—[Special.]—John J. McGraw and Frank Kauff, his chauffeur, were sued in the Supreme court today for \$30,000 by Miss Mary Butterfield, who alleges she was permanently injured when knocked down by McGraw's automobile, driven by Kauff. The accident occurred in New York at Broadway and Sixty-seventh street. Miss Butterfield brings two actions. In one she asks \$15,000 for expenses prevented from attending to her business and in the other \$15,000 on the ground McGraw and Kauff failed to summon medical aid and notify the

HERRMANN THREATENS TO RESIGN HIS PLACE AS COMMISSION CHIEF

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Before the National league club owners concluded their annual meeting today Chairman Herrmann of the national commission stated that he was willing to resign from that position. In a brief speech the Cincinnati club president said he agreed that no man who is a club owner or is interested financially in baseball should hold such a position in what is virtually the high court of baseball.

"Thirty days hence," he said, "if conditions exist as they do today, with five upon in the American league favoring my retaining the office and ten club owners in both major leagues opposed to it, I will resign so as to relieve the situation."

There was a discussion about the use of the "spitball" and other freak deliveries. Every club owner went on record as being opposed to such pitching, and a recommendation was made to the joint rules committee to this effect.

HALT CALLED IN BOWLING EVENT

The city championship tournament of the Chicago Bowling association, which was in its second week at the Randolph alleys, has been postponed. The new orders of the fuel administrator caused play to be halted.

Less than half of the schedule has been rolled. The remaining entries will get their chance as soon as the fuel and light emergency has been relieved.

The pins were falling at a merry clip when the news was received at the alleys. The last to roll hung up some fancy figures. A McKeown went into a tie for second place in the singles with a total of 664, and W. Anderson and R. Sundvahl hit a total of 1,232 for fifth position in the doubles.

Indianapolis Pin Chaser Snares a Perfect Score

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—Jess Pritchett, one of the leading bowlers of Indianapolis, posted a perfect score here tonight, bowling in the Elks league. This is the second perfect score ever turned in here. Ollie Tucker grabbed the other one three years ago. Pritchett's total for his three games was 726.

CHICAGO CLUBS PLAN BIGGEST WINTER OF ICE SKATING RACES

With skating permitted at Humboldt and Garfield parks, in addition to the smaller parks and playgrounds, officials of the Western Skating association have made plans for the greatest year in the local history of ice racing.

Although plans have been nearly completed, the board of control will hold a special meeting at 2312 West North avenue tomorrow night to elect a new chairman and pass on other matters of interest to the association. The board already has issued sanctions for skating derbies to be held by local clubs on every Sunday during the skating season.

Sleipner Derby First.
The local ice racing season will be ushered in on New Year's day, when the Sleipner A. C., the oldest skating organization in Chicago, will hold its annual derby at Humboldt park. The Franklin Skating and A. C., Northwest Skating club, and Alverno A. C. will follow in order on the succeeding Sundays.

On Jan. 25 THE TRIBUNE will hold its annual junior and senior silver skates derbies at Humboldt park. Complete plans for these races will be announced in the near future. The Norwegian-American A. A. will hold the center of the skating stage on Feb. 1.

Western Meet at Milwaukee.
The scene of the contests will be shifted on Feb. 8 to Milwaukee, where the western skating championships will be held under the auspices of the Washington Park club. No sanctions will be issued for races in Chicago on that day, as the cream of the local talent will compete in the championships.

Following the western title events a picked team of Chicago skaters will be sent to St. Paul to compete in the northwest championships and to Saranac Lake, N. Y., to race in the international championships.

Washington Park Opens Curling Rinks Again

Three sheets of fine ice await the curlers at the Washington Park rink and the knights of the broom expect to start practice today. Last year, on account of the war, the rink was not opened, but all the usual tournaments will be staged this season.

BASKETBALL RESULTS.

Palmer Park 95, 17; Grand Crossing, 4. Grand Crossing 65, 10; Palmer Park, 1. Hamilton Park 44, 44; St. Cyril 44, 18. Lake Shore 125 p.d., 18; Waukegan, 10. Lake Shore 115 p.d., 16; Kent College, 10.

HARTFORD AFTER DAN HOWLEY.

New York, Dec. 10.—[Special.]—Dan Howley, who coached the Detroit pitchers last season, may manage the Hartford, Conn., club next year. He had a conference today with Jim Clarkin of Hartford, and his appointment may be announced in a few days.

MEDIATION FAILURE INTENSIFIES AMERICAN LEAGUE QUARREL

INSURGENTS VOW WAR TO DECISION ON BAN JOHNSON

"Loyalists'" Rejection of Divided Directorate Fans the Flames.

New York, Dec. 11.—[Special.]—The insurgent faction of the American league opposed to President Ban Johnson announced today a plan for a compromise which was suggested by these club owners before the annual league meeting here on Wednesday and was rejected by Johnson and the five club owners who support him.

The meeting at which the compromise was suggested was held at the Engineers' club Sunday and was attended by Col. T. L. Huston of the Yankees, Harry Frazee of the Red Sox, and Frank Navin of Detroit. Navin was anxious to bring about a settlement and acted as mediator between the factions.

Plan for 50-50 Directorate.

The terms of the compromise as offered by the insurgents provided that the new board of directors be made up of Col. Ruppert, Charles A. Comiskey, Connie Mack, and Frank J. Navin. President Johnson was to have no vote as ex-officio member of the board.

This plan to deadlock the board was suggested, according to Mr. Frazee, that neither side could suffer. According to terms of the suggested compromise Navin was to agree not to attend any league meeting at the joint request of Messrs. Ruppert, Comiskey, and Frazee, thereby defeating a quorum.

According to another term of compromise, the league was to meet here, transact routine business, and adjourn. After that the club owners were to get together and hold a sort of reconciliation session, at which the Mays case and all subsequent questions would be discussed.

Question of Legal Immunity.

Navin then asked Messrs. Huston and Frazee if they would agree to grant President Johnson and the five club owners immunity against legal action providing they came to this city. Col. Huston replied that immunity would be granted provided the club owners and Johnson came here and agreed to the tentative proposition of compromise.

The insurgents also asked that all rulings of the outgoing board of directors be recognized and that the Mays case be considered settled.

One of the important features of the plan was that in the matter of new chairman for the national commission President Johnson should follow advice of the league and not his own initiative. Navin went to Chicago with this promise, but the only provision to which Johnson and his five club owners agreed was to come to this city for the meeting. The other provisions were rejected.

President Johnson and several of his club owners left the city today and before departing no further effort was made to get together. The wide breach in the ranks of the league has left more bitter feeling than ever and the Ruppert-Comiskey-Frazee action is held in its assertion that it will never give up the fight until Johnson is ousted as president of the league.

"You're Out": Yanks to Ban.

The owners of the New York club today sent the following telegram to Johnson's office in Chicago:

"In view of your repeated violations of the constitution of the league and your fiduciary obligations, including your actions directed to the injury and punishment of the New York club; and in view of today's action of the board of directors adverse to your claim of contract with the American league, and in view of today's refusal of the American league to elect a president, secretary, or treasurer, the New York club regards as abrogated, terminated, and expired any contract of employment or for compensation which you claim to have between you and it, or between you and the league, and forbids the use of any portion of the funds of the league in which it is interested in payment of any commission to go under any such contract. We add that your claim of the existence of any such alleged contract is spurious."

COMISKEY BACK AND SILENT OVER GOTHAM SQUALL

President Comiskey of the White Sox returned last night from New York, where he was one of the central figures of the turbulent annual meeting of the American league Wednesday. Commy declined to make any comment on the occurrences at that session, or to discuss the plans of the minority faction of the club owners for the future. The Sox owner left Gotham before the league meeting was finished, and was due to arrive here shortly after noon yesterday, but his train was five hours late and he declared he was too tired to talk.

W. G. A. MEETING TO BE HELD HERE; DATE IS JAN. 17

Calls for the annual meeting of the Western Golf association to be held in Chicago Jan. 17 were sent out last night by Secretary James H. Barnard. The meeting will elect officers and award the championships for 1920.

While the amateur championship is expected to go to the Skokie club of Chicago, invitations have been received from the Town and Country club of St. Paul and one or two others. The open contest may go to Olympia fields.

Armour Institute Draws Independent Basket Chart

Armour's Institute of Technology will open its intercollegiate basketball schedule tonight, when the team plays Hillsdale college. The games to be played by Armour have been arranged on an independent schedule. Schedule: Tonight—Hillsdale college at Armour. Dec. 20—Monmouth at Monmouth, Ill. Jan. 2—Valparaiso at Valparaiso, Ind. Jan. 9—Monmouth at Armour. Jan. 12—Valparaiso at Armour. Jan. 14—Wheaton college at Armour. Jan. 26—Lake Forest university at Armour. Jan. 30—Augustana at Rock Island. Feb. 3—Northwestern college at Naperville. Feb. 7—Elmhurst at Elmhurst. Feb. 16—Wheaton college at Wheaton. Feb. 24—Northwestern college at Armour. Feb. 27—Hillsdale at Hillsdale, Mich. March 2—Lake Forest at Lake Forest. March 6—Chicago Tech college at Armour. March 13—Concordia at Fort Wayne, Ind.

NO DANGER OF LEAGUE BREAKUP, COUNSEL STATES

Attorney Answers Queries to Ban Johnson; Says Breach Will Heal.

BY I. E. SANBORN.

No danger to the structure of organized baseball or to the championship season of 1920 exists in the factional fight of the American league, according to Attorney George W. Miller, to whom President Johnson of the volcanic circuit referred all questioners yesterday on his return from the New York arena.

The only damage the belligerent three club owners can do the next diamond campaign is to refuse to open their parks and put teams in the race, and it is not believed they will cut off their own income to injure the league.

"The American league will continue to function in the interests of clean sport," said Attorney Miller yesterday, "in spite of all efforts to hamper President Johnson in the performance of his executive duties.

All in Legal Form.

"At my advice the league meeting was held in New York where the minority interests could not attack its legality or prevent definite action. A new board of directors was elected as provided in the constitution, and the annual meeting was adjourned subject to call of the president, all in constitutional form.

"Some time later, after the three dissenting club owners have had time to cool off and realize their mistakes, another meeting will be held in legal form and whatever business is necessary to conduct the coming baseball season, will be transacted. That meeting will be called by the president and the time and place will be designated by him. We expect the three minority owners to attend it, but if they do not, it will not prevent preparation for playing baseball next season and the minority can rest assured its interests will be protected.

Ban Holds Office Firmly.

"The action of the retiring board of directors at their meeting in advance of the league session contains no danger to the welfare of baseball or the continuation of Mr. Johnson in the presidency.

"When the three members of the board of directors voted to unseat President Johnson from the chairmanship of the board and make Comiskey chairman in his place, they nullified all their subsequent acts. The constitution expressly provides that the president shall be ex-officio chairman of the board of directors.

"It was their purpose, of course, to compel Mr. Johnson to sit and listen to everything they wanted to say and to all the resolutions they wanted to pass tying his hands, while Comiskey acted as chairman. In trying to rub it in, they rubbed out all the effect of their action.

"Loyalists" Mild and Gentle.

"At the league meeting which followed there were no unfriendly disposition in evidence on the part of Mr. Johnson or the five majority club owners. There was not one word spoken by them to widen the breach. Messrs. Comiskey and Ruppert talked until voices failed them, and when they were through the league proceeded in quiet and orderly fashion to elect a new board of directors as provided by the constitution.

"If there had been no split in the league there would have been nothing significant about the choice of the St. Louis, Detroit, Philadelphia, and Washington clubs to act as a board of directors. It has been the usual procedure for the clubs to alternate annually on the board and the election previously has been a matter of routine.

Chicago Assured of Sport.

"The appeal taken in the Mays case was made with the belief that the final court decision would be in favor of the maintenance of discipline and good order on the field and among the players. The patrons of Chicago may rest assured nothing that happened at the New York meeting is liable to deprive them of their favorite sport next summer."

YANKS START NEW FIGHT.

New York, Dec. 13.—New legal action against Ban Johnson, president of the American league, was started today by the New York club. An order was obtained from Supreme Court Justice Lydon asking that Johnson and the Cleveland American club appear in court here Dec. 17 to show reason why an open commission should not be created to take open testimony of officials of the Cleveland club. The officials named were James C. Dunn, Walter McNichols, and E. S. Bernard, president, secretary, and business manager, respectively.

The object of the move is to ascertain the exact nature of Johnson's alleged holdings in the Cleveland club. The order was obtained on the affidavit of Col. T. L. Huston, part owner of the Yankees, and Charles H. Tuttle, one of the club's attorneys. Huston in his affidavit charges that Johnson's interest in the Cleveland club influenced his actions in the Carl May case. A statement by the New York club said the action was taken in self-defense because of Johnson's eleventh hour appeal to Justice Wagner's decision in the Mays case.

INDOOR FOOTBALL COMES NEXT.

Tornadoes and Slays, independent heavy-weight football elevens, will clash in what is expected to be one of the hardest struggles of the season at Dexter Park pavilion Sunday afternoon.