

SEALED IN DOUBT

Harris Has Not Completed Deal for a Club.

BACKERS KEEP IN THE DARK

California Man Admits His League Will Have Harder Time Than in Portland, but Says It Will Establish a Club.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Manager Harris, of the San Francisco baseball team, has been in consultation all day with the promoters of the new Seattle league. Nothing definite has been done as yet. Another meeting will be held tomorrow, and it is conceded by all concerned that unless an agreement is reached there is a fair prospect of the Seattle end of the new league dropping out. The Seattle men have no organization as yet, so far as the public knows, and they refuse absolutely to make public the names of the prospective backers until after the meeting tomorrow.

Manager Harris says the Pacific Coast League holds the advantage in Portland, but admits that the Pacific Northwest League holds the upper hand here. "Dude" has the advantage here," said Mr. Harris, "because he gave you good ball last year; he has his park and has signed up most of his team for next year. The managers of the new team will have a hard time getting a good team here, but I feel sure they will do so before the season opens."

Apparently Mr. Harris has more faith in the success of the new Seattle team than have the men who are supposed to back it. As one of them said last night: "We do not care to drag the names of business people into this thing, for if the whole deal falls through they would not like the notoriety." Mr. Harris will not admit for one moment that there is any possibility of the deal not going through.

WHEN WILL LUCAS BEGIN?

Has Done Little So Far but Make Promises.

The thing that is interesting the local fans is, when is President Lucas, of the Pacific Northwest Baseball League, going to do something to checkmate the moves of the Pacific Coast League? Lucas has been aware that trouble has been brewing in the Portland camp for over a month, yet, with all, he has done nothing but secure option on grounds. After a very stormy and tempestuous beginning, the Portland Baseball Association of the Pacific Coast League has started on its journey for success, and has all hands on board. The grounds are secured, the directors chosen, the officers picked, and players reserved, and in fact everything had been done except arrange the schedule, a matter that will be attended to at the league meeting in San Francisco next month.

And yet, while all these preparations have been made, Lucas has had but one policy, and that has been a dilatory one. He has announced that he will do things when he really commences, but the public thinks it has a right to know when he is going to start on this commencing business.

As the matter now stands, Portland really has no Northwest club, and all that President Lucas has to do is to begin to form the new company, if he is going to form it. He says that there is not the slightest doubt that the new company will be formed; that it will be backed by Portland people, and that it will give the Pacific Coast people a run for their money. He also says that in case Portland people do not care to take the stock he has plenty of people outside the city who will be only too glad to subscribe, just for the sake of being in the San Francisco league, Hank Harris.

But with all this talk, Mr. Lucas has made no definite arrangements for the future of the Portland club, and from indications he will make none for some time to come. The people of Portland who are interested in baseball are like the people from Missouri—they will have to be shown.

There is, however, one side of the matter that has not been discussed, and that is, Lucas may not have the power to go ahead and start up the new league, as the annual meeting of the Northwest League, which will be held in Seattle in February, he may have to have official sanction, and in that case, the reason for his delay is apparent.

As the matter now stands, the Pacific Northwest League has gone to the wreck heap as far as Portland is concerned, and in place of the Portland baseball club of the Northwest League there is now in this city the Portland Baseball Association of the Pacific Coast League. The new club is practically the same as the old one, with the same players, and the back of it. Where is Mr. Lucas?

PITCHER HOGG AND HIS ARM.

Pitcher Hogg, of the Seattle team, who broke his arm by a wild pitch against Portland last September, is now recovering at Pueblo, Colo. Hogg has been reserved by Dugdale for next season, but there seems to have been some difficulty between the writer and the manager, and as a result Dugdale announced that Hogg was no longer fit to go in the game. Hogg wrote to Andy Anderson the other day, and among other things he said his arm was as good as ever, if not better, and that he would be in the game again next season without a doubt.

GREAT GAME IN PROSPECT.

Even Chances in Multnomah-All-Oregon Contest.

Although the weather conditions are not conducive to first-class football, the Multnomah and All-Oregon eleven are hard at work in anticipation of the big Christmas game, and the young gridiron giants will be ready for the best game of the year. The Multnomah players went through a training practice last night, and the visitors held two secret practices during the day. Manager McMillan reports his men in good condition and believes that they will put up a speedy, scientific game tomorrow. He is not over-confident of defeating the Oregon team, for he realizes the strength of the collegians, and knows that there will be no weak spots in their line-up.

Captain Ziegler and his team-mates are drilling themselves on the fine points of the game, and hope to put up a genuine exhibition of college football. Several changes have been made in the Oregon line-up, and, on the whole, the team will be much stronger than on Thanksgiving day. The alumni players have infused a spirit of confidence into the undergraduates, and that confidence will doubtless enable the "varsity" men to put up the best game of the year. Jackway, the once famous left tackle, is regaining his old form, and ought to make things interesting for Martin Pratt, his old-time rival. Side-line cranks are paying for fair weather, but it will take an extraordinary amount of "Oregon mist" to keep them

FAVORITES GET LEFT.

Close Finishes at Ingleside, Minder Carrying Off Honors.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The racing at Ingleside today was marked by close finishes and the defeat of favorites, only one first choice getting home in front. The weather was fine and the track good. Minder carried off the riding honors by landing three winners. On two occasions he beat Ranch a head when the latter boy was on favorites. The Major was favorite for the 2-year-old event, and appeared to be winning, but Minder stole up on the rail with the well-placed Lady Jocelyn and won by a short head. Minder's owner clever ride was on Diderot in the closing number.

In the dispute between H. L. Haskell and D. Cox over the services of Jockey C. Bell, the stewards decided that Haskell is entitled to the bowing to a prior contract. The results: Seven furlongs, selling—Hungarian won, Huch Miller second, Nannie Nolan third; time, 1:20. Futurity course, selling—The Weaver won, Malapina second, Blackthorn third; time, 1:24. Five and a half furlongs, selling—Lady Jocelyn won, Ranch second, Little Margaret third; time, 1:09. Mile and a sixteenth, selling—Ishtar won, Artilla second, Galanthis third; time, 1:50.

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Discipline on New Orleans Track.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The stewards have recommended that entries of horses belonging to the firm of Hatfield & Owens be refused for the remainder of the meeting, and also that the suspension of Jockey Hicks be continued indefinitely. The summary: Five furlongs—Falling Light won, Sweet Nell second, Candaneer third; time, 1:10. Seven furlongs, selling—Paul Creyton won, Tilden second, Play Like third; time, 1:20. Mile and a sixteenth, selling—Yeuva won, Charles Ramsey second, Nettie Regent third; time, 1:50.3-4.

Mile and a quarter, handicap—Major Marvin won, Buck second, Jesse Jarbo third; time, 2:30.4-5.

Mile and five furlongs—Hayward Hunter won, Lady Chorister second, Cogswell third; time, 1:52.1-2.

One mile—F. F. line won, Willful second, Handsome third; time, 1:43.

Commissions on California Races.

Accepted, Portland Club Cafe, 15 Fifth street. Direct wires from tracks.

OFFERS MUNROE A KNOCK-OUT.

Jeffries Challenges the Butte Wonder for Four Rounds.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 23.—Clark Ball, manager of James J. Jeffries, today asked a forfeit of \$1000 which he will pay Jack Munroe, amateur champion heavy-weight of the Pacific Coast, if he can stay four rounds with Jeffries in a battle for a knock-out.

Munroe secured the decision and \$250 here last Saturday night by staying four rounds with the champion of the world and is the hero of the hour. The bout may be pulled off here this week. Jack Munroe tonight stated he would not meet Champion Jeffries. "My condition is wholly unfit at the present time," he said, "and I am not going to attempt to fight any one, let alone Jeffries or Fitzsimmons. I propose to devote myself to diligent training, and in a short while any one who wants can challenge me."

Jeffries and his manager are apparently determined to secure another go with the miner before they leave Montana, and it is said the forfeit will be increased to \$5000 if necessary.

"KID" McCoy Is Exonerated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Norman Selby, the pugilist, known as "Kid" McCoy, has been exonerated from the charge of stealing a \$1000 bill from David Lamar. In withdrawing the charge today, Lamar acknowledged that he had been the victim of a practical joke perpetrated by some friends of his with whom he was drinking in the "Kid's" saloon.

GOLF.

Tomorrow, Christmas day, there will be a bogey golf competition for men at the Waverly country club, a place which has been introduced in the East, that only certain holes unknown to the players will count. Saturday afternoon there will be a mixed foursome contest, and on New Year's day contests for both men and women will be held.

DEWEY AT SAN JUAN.

Flags, Parade and Salvoes of Artillery Greet Him.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 23.—Admiral Dewey arrived on board the Mayflower at 5:30 this morning. Thousands of people thronged the wharf. The city and public and private buildings were decorated with flags, and the city fired a salute. The Admiral was escorted by artillery, infantry and mounted police to the palace, where a reception was held. The palace was thronged with officers who attended the big private reception tonight, given by Governor Hunt in honor of the debut of his oldest daughter, Elizabeth.

Battle-Ship Maine Completed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The recent order of the Navy Department to hurry up the finishing touches of the battle-ship Maine has been followed out at Cramp's shipyards, a World dispatch from Philadelphia says. With steam up the battle-ship lies in the Delaware River, ready to go into commission. Her hull is painted a dazzling white from stem to stern, while at night hundreds of tiny electric lights made her decks as bright as day. Four 12-inch breech-loading rifles, 6 6-inch rapid-fire guns, 6 3-inch rapid-fire guns, 8 6-pounders, 6 1-pounders, 2 Coits, 2 main rapid-fire light guns and 2 submerged Whitehead torpedo tubes form her complement.

Admiral Rodgers on Leave.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Rear-Admiral Frederick Rodgers has been granted three months' leave of absence, which he will spend with his family on the Continent. On his return to the United States in April next he will relieve Rear-Admiral S. Barker of the command of the North Atlantic squadron as the relief of Rear-Admiral Higginson, who will be placed on waiting orders.

ROB CROWDED SALOON.

Masked Men Commit Bold Deed in Sioux City.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 23.—The town of Hubbard, Neb., was the scene of a 20-armed hold-up tonight. Two men heavily armed entered a crowded saloon and robbed everybody in the place, looted the cash register and made their escape. The amount secured is unknown.

ROBBERS DYNAMITE HOUSE.

Owner Killed While Wife and Servant Escaped Injured.

FORBES IS THE WINNER

NEIL CLAIMS A FOUL, BUT DOCTORS ARE AGAINST HIM.

San Francisco Bantam Makes Brave Battle, but Is Outplayed by the Chicago Boy.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 23.—The championship bantam contest between Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Frankie Neil, of San Francisco, before the Reliance Club tonight ended in an unsatisfactory manner in the seventh round. Neil claimed that he had been hit below the belt and danced against the ropes for a second and then fell to the floor. He was carried to his corner, and while in the ring he was examined by two physicians. They stated that they could see no evidence of a foul, but would give a positive opinion in an hour. Referee Smith said he would reserve his decision for an hour pending the report of the club's physicians. The public was divided as to whether a foul blow was struck.

Neil made a brave battle for seven

rounds and took much punishment. Forbes proved to be a general in the ring and constantly kept his opponent in the ropes and in the rushes and fierce fighting that Neil made a showing. During the entire fight Forbes was composed and landed well-placed blows, and it looked as though he would surely win. At the finish Neil claimed to be in great pain but, outside of the alleged injury, he showed little punishment.

At the end of the hour the physicians decided that Neil had not been injured by a foul blow. Referee Smith then declared Forbes the winner of the contest.

RECEIVES GREETINGS OF CARDINALS.

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eral Government. Secretary Wilson wired the following reply:

"There is no disease in Connecticut. Federal quarantine remains on Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The State of Connecticut has also a right to quarantine against Massachusetts, but do not think removal of quarantine from Connecticut increases danger to your state. Shall do everything possible to confine disease. Work of killing affected herds well advanced."

RICE CROP A FAILURE.

Distress Throughout the Orient Consequence of Drouth.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 4, via San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Reports of poor crops and prohibitive prices for the staple native goods reach the Hong Kong Telegraph from all quarters. Great distress is reported from Amoy and Swatow, while similar accounts reach that paper from Singapore and other southern points. Kwangsi and Kwang Tung have experienced similar failures, with the result that the Canton situation here.

As for the Philippines, the rice crop in Pangasinan, Camarines and other minor provinces has been a failure. Saigon, the chief exporting port for the Philippine supply, has also suffered in its crop, through the drouth, and the market there has advanced practically 50 per cent since the beginning of the year. At present that district is bare of rice and is trying to cancel contracts. It is said that soon no rice will be obtainable until the new crop comes in February.

CHOLERA IS SPREADING.

Rages Unchecked in Southern Provinces—Many Deaths at Ho Ho.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The transport Thomas brings news of a new cholera outbreak in the Philippines. When the ship left there 30 cases of cholera were reported daily. Army surgeons arriving on the Thomas say the disease is raging unchecked in the southern provinces. In the Philippines the disease is very heavy, and the authorities seem powerless to check the epidemic.

FORM A CIGARETTE TRUST

Americans Buy Big Factories in Mexico City.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 23.—It is now practically assured that the American-English syndicate, with headquarters in London and Chicago, will purchase three large cigarette factories in this city. A deposit of \$50,000 gold to guarantee the trade has been made.

The companies to be taken over by the Americans are the Buena Vista, \$4,000,000 capital; La Cigarrera, with a capital of \$1,700,000. The third is a private concern. The total amount of the deal is about \$11,000,000. The payment will be partly in cash and partly in mortgage bonds. The purchasing company will be known as the Mexican Tobacco Corporation, and rumor ascribes to the syndicate the purpose of buying up all important cigarette factories in the country. Government action to prevent a total absorption of this industry by foreigners is rumored.

Reyes Steps Out of the Race.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 23.—General Reyes, Minister of War, has resigned. This is considered a move of far-reaching political significance, as it practically leaves Senator Limtourt, Minister of Finance, alone in the race for the Presidency of the Republic.

Forgotten Books.

Era.

The world, we have been assured time and again, knows nothing of its greatest men. Perhaps it is equally ignorant about its greatest books. Are we quite sure that the idols in our literary pantheon are arrayed in their due order of precedence? That the list of precedence change, and who shall assert that these prevalent at any given time are the final ones? The books of the Bible themselves have

experienced the narrowest escape from what might have resulted in their total loss. The most notable example is that of Deuteronomy, which disappeared from the Jewish world for over a century. The story of its rediscovery by the High Priest Ezechiah during the reign of good King Josiah is set forth in the Old Testament. Shakespeare was practically forgotten in the days when Addison wrote his "Account of the Greatest English Poets," with never a mention of the name of the very greatest. Yet it was very shortly afterward that Shakespeare was resurrected. Fitzgerald's "Omar Khayyam" and Blackmore's "Lorna Doone" dropped still-born from the press and later won a sudden popularity by accident.

WILSON ANSWERS ODELL

Says There Is No Danger of Infection From Connecticut.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Wilson received a telegram this afternoon from Governor Odell saying that the New York authorities wished to act in harmony with the National Government, but would be obliged to quarantine everything coming into New York State unless absolutely assured of protection by the Federal Government.

The Secretary replied, according to one of his confidential sources, that "nothing of that kind" was the case, that the quarantine of children was largely taken out of her hands, and that she could not bear to see them spoiled by "the hypocrites of the court." What she complained of in the Prince was his intemperance, his infidelities, and, as her partisans affirm, his cruelty of disposition. They affirm that he has had for years a liaison with an actress named Bastok, and it is reported that at a review of troops at Grimsby, a couple of years ago, the Prince fell from his horse, intoxicated, in front of his regiment.

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FOUND OUT BY HER HUSBAND.

Princess Then Went to Salzburg.

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—The flight of the Crown Princess of Saxony is the absorbing topic of the day here. All kinds of sensational reports are in circulation. When she left Salzburg, accompanied by her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, the Princess went to Munich, where a French tutor awaited her. Her brother was also joined there by a beautiful Viennese woman, and the two couples proceeded to Brussels and thence to Geneva.

It appears that when the Crown Prince returned recently to Dresden after his flight, he was met by the French tutor, who had been secretly corresponding with the Princess and the French tutor, whose former relations with her had created a scandal resulting in the tutor's expulsion from Saxony. Besides disclosing the couple's relations, the letters revealed another scandal. Immediately afterwards the Princess left her home and went to Salzburg. The fact that she took a trunk filled with jewelry and other valuables indicates that she was prepared for an emergency.

It is reported that Archduke Leopold Ferdinand has written to Emperor Francis Joseph, renouncing his rank and dignities as a member of the Imperial house, and saying he will become a civil subject. The whole of the Princess' career is replete with scandal, dating from the time when she started to accompany the help to the throne on a tour of the world. He only got as far as Colombo, where he was sent to leave the ship on account of his scandalous behavior. The Archduke has since been mixed up in a number of affairs, and was confined for some months in an asylum.

Archduke Leopold Ferdinand intends to take the name of Leopold Wolfing. Besides formally renouncing his rank and dignities as a member of the Imperial house, he has resigned his commission in the Austrian Army. It is expected he will marry his Viennese companion; his relatives prevented him from taking this step more than several months ago.

The Archduke was at one time secretly betrothed to Donna Elvira, the second daughter of Count Carlo, who eloped with Count Filippo Folchi in 1898. He is regarded as weak mentally. He professes extreme radical and anarchistic views.

HAVE LONG BEEN QUARRELING.

Domestic Discard of Old Duke—Prince and Archduke Fought.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Tagblatt's Dresden correspondent says: "The difficulty between the princely couple dates from prior to King Albert's

SHE IS FOUND AT GENEVA

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decided to accept the estrangement of the Princess and her husband as irrevocable. They have made the Cabinet privy to the circumstances of the Princess' flight, as they see them, and a decree of divorce is talked of as a necessary sequence to the Princess' resolution to leave the court forever.

This determination the Princess announced to her husband early in November, after one of their frequent scenes. She also confided her intention to separate herself from the court and all its "artificialities" to a few of her intimate friends, and discussed with them "the impossibility of her longer enduring the artificial etiquette of the court and the forced companionship of a man who was loathsome to her."

The Princess wrote to her mother at the end of November that it was her purpose to leave the Crown Prince and give up the prospect of the Queenship, which, instead of being attractive, the Princess regarded as a detestable burden. She formally told members of her entourage that she was going to visit her parents at Salzburg. The letter of the Princess to her mother brought the Archduchess immediately to Dresden. She implored her daughter to reconsider her determination and to make her her of an unpleasant situation for the sake of her children, and see as little of the Crown Prince as was permissible.

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DOG SAVED MASTER'S LIFE

When a Mad Bull Had the Farmer Down He Came to the Rescue.

Indianapolis News.

George Wilson, who lives on his farm in Exvint township, ten miles west of Kokomo, owes his life to the heroism of a faithful shepherd dog, which added him to escape death while under the hoofs of a furious bull. It is Mr. Wilson's seriously hurt and his physicians say his chances for recovery are none too good.

Mr. Wilson, who is 60 years old, was leading a Hereford bull from his barn. In an unguarded moment the animal was loose and rushed at the farmer. The animal was so enraged, but it plinked Wilson against the barn.

The shepherd was at his master's heels, and when the bull rushed at Wilson the dog leaped at the flank of the bull. But the mad bull forced the farmer to the ground and began to tramp on him with his front hoofs.

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