

BASEBALL PLAYERS THREATEN STRIKE

Ultimatum Is Sent to Head of National Commission by Big League Fraternity.

WAR SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Ban Johnson Says American Magistrates Will Fight to Finish and All Parks Will Close—Dispute Over Kraft Is Cause.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Organized baseball and the Baseball Players' Fraternity appear to be on the verge of an open break regarding Clarence O. Kraft, who recently declined to obey an order by the National Commission to report from the Newark International League Club to the Nashville club of the Southern Association, and was suspended.

The disposition of this player has been the source recently of both correspondence and interviews between the representatives of the National Commission, the National League and the Players' Fraternity.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Players' Fraternity yesterday, David L. Fultz, president of that organization, was instructed to prepare a letter, which is generally termed an ultimatum from the fraternity to organized baseball.

The letter is quoted. "August Herrmann, Chairman National Commission—Dear Sir: Inasmuch as organized ball sees fit to continue its violation of the Cincinnati agreement, which agreement is a part of every player's contract, the board of directors of the Baseball Players' Fraternity has authorized me to inform you that on and after Wednesday, July 22, the members of the organization will no longer consider themselves under contract."

President Ban Johnson, of the American League, who arrived in this city yesterday, today called a meeting of the American club owners here tomorrow morning. In an interview this afternoon Johnson stated that an order calling for a strike of American League players, if carried out, would cause the immediate closing of all American League baseball parks until such time as the players agree to return under such conditions and penalties as might be imposed by the league.

President Tener, of the National League, was absent from the city and Secretary John A. H. H. declined to discuss the case or state what action would be taken by the National League.

Other Violations Charged. President Fultz, of the fraternity, issued tonight a lengthy statement defending the stand of the Players' Fraternity. It stated that the Kraft case, while now the main point at issue, was only one of the causes of difference between the federation and organized baseball. It declared that the "Cincinnati agreement" entered into between the players and the magnates last year, had been violated by club owners dozens of times, and that a few of the magnates "have not even made a pretense of living up to the agreement."

It added that players had been released without the required preliminary notice, or suspended without pay and no reason for their suspension assigned, and that Secretary Fultz had presented a Board of Arbitration, to whom five or six cases of players' claims had been submitted, had not acknowledged receipt of their money.

Federal's Influence Denied. The idea that the Federal League was in any way backing the Players' Fraternity was scouted by National and American League magnates. President Ban Johnson, of the American League, said he received his first intimation of the proposed strike yesterday afternoon. Mr. Johnson said: "The club owners of the American League are a unit in this matter. Kraft case does not affect the American League."

"It is a purely National League matter, and I cannot say anything regarding the case in particular. It appears to me that to satisfy the Players' Fraternity it would be necessary to violate the National agreement. 'It's about time that this fraternity nonsense should end. We have been very lenient with Mr. Fultz and his associates, but they have gone too far and we intend to call them to account. You can say for me that if the American League players, or a majority of them, obey a strike order on Wednesday under the American League club will close its gates, no matter what it may cost us."

"Kraft belongs to the Nashville club and that club has a just claim on him. There is no way out of the present tangle unless a major league club buys Kraft from Nashville. 'I understand that President Farrell, of the New York Americans, is ready to buy Kraft, but personally I hope he does not close the deal until after Wednesday, so that the American League can call the fraternity's bluff.'"

CASE IS EXPLAINED TO TEAM Chairman Herrmann Asks Cincinnati Players to Decide. CINCINNATI, O., July 20.—Shortly after receiving word from President Fultz, of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, Chairman Herrmann, as president of the Cincinnati baseball club, called the members of the team together and recited to them his version of the controversy. Mr. Herrmann said: "The friction between the National Commission and the Baseball Players' Fraternity has arisen over the decision that sent Player Kraft to the Nashville class A club. Kraft was originally drafted from Nashville by Brooklyn, then transferred to the Boston Nationals and later signed a contract with the Newark International League club. 'Nashville immediately put in a claim for his services under section 10 of what is known as the Cincinnati agreement. This provides that any class A player drafted by a major league club can be claimed by the class A team from which he was drafted, providing he is sent back to the minor league. 'I do not believe that a case of such

SNAPSHOT OF ONE OF THE LARGEST DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE PACIFIC COAST HANDICAP TOURNAMENT AT THE PORTLAND GUN CLUB GROUNDS AND SQUAD 18 IN ACTION.



California's Representatives, Heading From Left to Right: Grant, Dick Reed, Oliver, Poston (Kneeling), Willette, Howard, Ogilvie, Havens, Knight, Haight, Gilmore, Riley, Mrs. E. C. Grant, Gray Holahan, Dods and Packard. Squad 18, Just Flanking the Last Round on Trap Three, Left to Right: White, Henry W. Metzger, President of the Portland Gun Club; Troch, Nickerson and Edmundson.

minor importance as this is justification for any such ultimatum as Mr. Fultz issued. In fact, I suggested to him by letter that this case be taken up by a committee or committees from each side and threshed out and an amicable agreement reached, which I have no doubt could be done. 'I have put this case up to you in as fair a manner as I know how. Now as far as the federal and organized baseball, it is my desire to know if you boys, members of the Cincinnati baseball team, will no longer consider yourselves under contract to this club after Wednesday. In all fairness to me, and I believe you will be fair, I want to ask you to let me know by tomorrow night your decision, so that in case you intend to abide by the terms of Fultz' letter I can notify our patrons that there will be no game of baseball at the park on Wednesday. 'The ballplayers, after holding a 15-minute session, told Mr. Herrmann that they have received no information from Mr. Fultz on the subject and in case they did they would consider the matter further and would let him know their decision by tomorrow night.

ATHLETICS TO STICK TO CLUBS Several Say They Will Not Desert, Regardless of Fraternity. PHILADELPHIA, July 20.—Both Ira Thomas, captain of the Philadelphia Athletics, and J. Collins, of the Chicago Americans, who are delegates of their clubs to the Baseball Players' Fraternity, said today that they would not desert the organization at New York yesterday. The world's champions are members of the fraternity, but it is reported that only one of them has paid his dues. Several of them declared they would stick to their club.

MANY WOLVES OUT OF GAME Hospital List Long Enough to Add Surgeon as Extra Man. SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—(Special.)—If the "20-man" limit does not prohibit the Wolves from carrying an extra man in the form of a physician, the Sacramento club would do well to carry one, as the club has a hospital list that would take up the full time and talents of a good doctor and a few trained nurses. "Daddy" Rohrer was so severely shaken up when he was jammed into Wolverton's team it is carrying the largest hospital list of any club in the league. Wolverton's team is carrying the largest hospital list of any club in the league. Last Saturday Stroud had a finger on his pitching hand split and he will be out of the game for at least a week. Steward is still laid up from a collision at the plate with Mize last Thursday. Young has a split finger. Lynn is under the weather. Orr has a bad ankle, while Jimmy Shinn is far from right yet. Van Buren has a bad hand, while Eddie Hallman is suffering from a twisted ligament in one of his legs. Gregory has been suffering from malaria nearly all season and Hannah has been overworked.

COOS BAY DEFEATS C. A. SMITHS. NORTH BEND, O., July 20.—(Special.)—The Coos Bay baseball team defeated the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing Company's nine Sunday before a large crowd of fans, 2 to 1. Osborne and Thomas were the battery for Coos Bay and Marks brothers for the mill aggregation. The game was the best of the season in this city.

SOUTH BEND DEFEATS PE EIL. SOUTH BEND, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—In a 12-inning pitchers' battle here yesterday the South Bend Giants defeated Pe Eil 7 to 6. South Bend used an Indian battery, Stanley Charley and Johnson George, and Pe Eil had Katula and Jack Inland.

SEMI-PRO SERIES ARE PLANNED Elimination Tournament for Portland Title May Start Sunday. Crack semi-professional ball teams of Portland will be given a chance to settle their annual question of supremacy if the plans of W. W. Metzger, business manager of the Portland Coast League club, materialize. Mr. Metzger contemplates staging an elimination tournament, to start next Sunday and terminate with the final game Sunday, August 9, at McCredie Park. 'I haven't completed my arrange-

ments yet," said Mr. Metzger last night, "but if these teams are willing to get together, I am willing to promote the series. I want to have the strongest teams chosen by the sporting editors of the newspapers of the city. 'My scheme is to stage double headers each Sunday, now that the Northwestern League club is gone. Some of the team which doubtless will be entered are the Piedmont Maroons, Knights of Columbus, Mandal's All-Stars, Hubbard's Colored Giants, Spranger's Giants, Columbia Hardware and one or two others. 'That looks good to me," said A. E. Bartholemey, manager of the Piedmont Maroons, when asked if he would be willing to enter. 'Every fall there is a clamor about the championship and my boys will willingly enter to settle the question. 'My team ought to be one of those chosen, for it is one of the strongest in the state."

Bud Anderson Is Better. VANCOUVER, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—Bud Anderson, the lightweight boxer, who submitted to an operation of a serious nature and whose life hangs in the balance, according to his physicians, was slightly better today. Only Anderson did he undergo enough to learn he had been operated upon. When taken to the hospital, a host of friends besieged the building in an effort to see him before the operation, and his room was banked with flowers.

Baseball Statistics. STANDINGS OF TEAMS. National League. W. L. Pct. New York 47 22 3.68 Brooklyn 36 41 4.68 St. Louis 46 40 3.85 Philadelphia 37 42 4.63 Cincinnati 39 44 4.70 Pittsburgh 35 43 4.49 American League. W. L. Pct. Philadelphia 45 22 6.69 Chicago 43 40 5.18 Detroit 47 29 5.47 St. Louis 44 40 5.24 Cleveland 43 40 5.18 Washington 44 39 5.29 Boston 39 44 4.69 Federal League. W. L. Pct. Chicago 49 24 5.06 Buffalo 39 39 5.00 Indianapolis 43 37 5.38 Kansas City 37 47 4.49 Baltimore 44 37 5.48 St. Louis 39 44 4.63 Brooklyn 43 39 5.29 Columbus 37 47 4.49 American Association. W. L. Pct. Chicago 49 24 5.06 Buffalo 39 39 5.00 Indianapolis 43 37 5.38 Kansas City 37 47 4.49 Baltimore 44 37 5.48 St. Louis 39 44 4.63 Brooklyn 43 39 5.29 Columbus 37 47 4.49 Pacific Coast League—Portland at San Francisco, Los Angeles at Sacramento, Oakland at Venice League—Ballard at Victoria, Seattle at Tacoma and Spokane at Vancouver.

SCATTER-GUN MARK FIRST DAY'S SHOOT

"Scatter-Gun" Experts From Many States on Range of Portland Gun Club.

SEATTLE TAKES HONORS

Professionals Make High Point but in Amateur Class, La Grande Divides for First Place in Programme of Events.

BY EARL R. GOODWIN. Yesterday was a big day at the Portland Gun Club grounds at Jenne station, on the Estacada carline, when 117 crack "scatter-gun" artists from all parts of the country appeared for the opening shoot in the ninth annual Pacific Coast handicap tournament. Tomorrow will conclude the tourney, and when the main event is called in the morning, the present record of 128 contestants is more than likely to be shattered.

For some reason or other the scores made yesterday were much below the average, but two shooters, both professionals, being able to break away more than 140 clay pigeons out of a possible 150. L. H. Reid, of Seattle, was the high man with a record of 146, while E. J. Morgan, of Seattle, was second with five less to his credit.

Two tied for first honors among the amateurs, E. E. Ellis, another shooter representing the Seattle Gun Club, and L. Rayburn, of La Grande, both heading the list at 135 "dead" birds. Seattle Sends Many Shooters. E. C. Gilmore, of the Pastime Gun Club, of San Diego, had a mark of 131 out of a possible 150, while his teammate, J. F. Dods, was in the same class. The Seattle Gun Club had the biggest representation of any one organization, 16 shooters being on the grounds. The California delegation contained 15, including one woman, Mrs. C. E. Grant, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Grant also has the distinction of being the only woman shooter competing and her mark yesterday was 104, less than her husband, C. E. Grant, put to the discard. Of the two trappers who traveled the greatest number of miles to reach the grounds, E. G. White, of Ottawa,

Canada, finished the day with 135 to his credit, while T. E. Doremus, of Wilmington, Del., had an off-day, breaking but 110. Both are professionals. Traps Have Busy Day. Twenty-three full squads of five shooters each kept the four traps going continually from 9 o'clock yesterday morning until after 5:30 o'clock last night. The preliminary handicap to the main Pacific Coast handicap will be a special added attraction today, along with the regular second day's shoot. The first squad will take its place promptly at 9 o'clock, as five 20-targets will be on the regular scheduled programme throughout the day.

Plans have been made by Superintendent Matthews, of the local gun club, to take care of all who wish to witness the shoot, and women are especially invited to attend. The accompanying table shows the results of yesterday's shoot.

PORTLAND WINS VOLLEY BALL Successful Local Team Returns From Washington Series. Volley ball players from the business men's gymnasium classes of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association have returned from a series of games in which they defeated the Y. M. C. A.'s of Seattle, Tacoma and Hoquiam. The matches at Seattle and Hoquiam were close, but Tacoma was a walk-over.

Three games at Seattle lasted more than two hours, an indication of close and exciting play. The Portland players were: Captain Cunningham, E. J. Munnell, W. E. Nash, M. M. Ringler, E. E. Pike and Dr. B. Brooke. In the following scores Portland's are given first in each instance: Hoquiam, 21-25, 21-14, 17-21; Tacoma, 21-2, 21-10; Seattle, 21-14, 17-21, 21-19.

DEER SLAYING INVESTIGATED State Game Warden Hides Many Miles in Search of Direct Evidence. SALEM, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—State Game Warden Evans returned today from Douglas County, where he investigated reports that deer were being killed in wholesale quantities in and out of season for commercial purposes. Mr. Evans, with two deputies, rode a horseback 200 miles, and though he obtained no direct evidence, he is convinced that the law has been violated.

"We were told," continued Mr. Evans, "that loads of 300 and 400 pounds had been brought to various markets on pack horses. Mr. Evans rode many miles along Fish Creek in the Eastern part of the county in the hope of finding streams for fishing in the state and Mr. Evans says there are large stretches in the wilderness in which no one has fished. 'What is the use of taking the trouble to find these places," added the game warden, "when fishing in the stream is so fine at easily accessible places?"

MACKSBERG TAKES TITLE Fourteen Innings Settle Chautauqua Championship at Gladstone. GLADSTONE PARK, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—Fourteen innings of seasonal baseball this afternoon gave the Chautauqua championship to Macksberg after a long, hard battle with the Oregon City Commercial Club. In the first of the 14th Oregon City slipped up, and, on a hit and a combination of errors, Macksberg sent five runs across the plate. The score: Macksberg 5, Oregon City 3. R. H. E. M'burg, 8 12 50rs. City, 3 7 4 Batteries—Burdon and Mulkey; Baker and Burdon; Gray and Gray. The Chautauqua League standing is as follows: Played Won P. C. Macksberg 10 5 500 Oregon City 10 3 500 Molalla 10 4 500 Clatskanie 10 4 500 Estacada 10 4 500 The handsome silver cup was presented to the Macksberg team this evening.

UNION GETS VALLEY PENNANT Season Closes With La Grande Second and Cove and Elgin Tied. LA GRANDE, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—With Union clinching first place in the Valley League, a six-team organization, closed its season's schedule Sunday. La Grande finished in second place, Cove and Elgin tied for third, Imbler is fourth and North Powder last. Imbler defeated La Grande here today 6 to 4, with Bell pitching for the visitors. This is Bell's third consecutive victory. Elgin won at home 9 to 3 over Cove. Union defeated North Powder 3 to 2.

Two Games Give Local Team Advantage of Small Margin. UNION, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—By defeating the North Powder team for two straight games, Union is now at the head of the Valley League by a small margin. The game here yesterday was snappy, with few scores and hits. Union won by the close score of 3 to 2. The final game, which decides the championship, will be played Sunday with the La Grande team at Union.

Lyle Shut Out by White Salmon. LYLE, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—White Salmon won a no-hit game from Lyle yesterday, score 2 to 0. Stockton pitched for White Salmon. He won his second shut out in succession, having defeated Hood River last Sunday 4 to 0, allowing but three hits. Stockton has won 10 games for White Salmon and lost three.

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