RACE FOR HOCKEY TITLE IS PROMISED

President Patrick Announces New Plan to Keep Interest Up to Season's End.

2 LEADERS TO BE MATCHED

Winner of Four-Game Post-Season Series to Be Association Champion and Will Meet Internationals for Highest Honors.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 31.—Teams in the three-club Pacific Coast Hockey Association which are running first and second at the end of the 1917-18 season next March will play immediately an extra four-game series for the association championship, Frank Patrick, president of the league, announced here today.

The leaders will play two games apiece on their home rinks in the post-season series and the total number of goals will determine the winner. Following the series the winning team will journey East to meet the champions of the International Hockey Association for the Stanley Cup.

Patrick said the new plan would keep all the teams in the race from the start. In the past, he said, clubs often had poor starts and although they wind up in championship form they are too late to compete for the honors.

Patrick announced the schedule for the remainder of the season as follows:

January 1, Portland at Seattle; January 4, Seattle at Vancouver; January 8, Seattle at Portland; January 11, Vancouver at Seattle; January 14, Portland at Vancouver; January 16, Vancouver at Portland; January 18, Portland at Seattle; January 22, Seattle at Vancouver; January 25, Seattle at Portland; January 30, Vancouver at Seattle; February 4, Seattle at Vancouver; February 6, Portland at Seattle; February 8, Vancouver at Portland; February 11, Portland at Vancouver; February 13, Vancouver at Seattle; February 15, Seattle at Portland; February 18, Seattle at Vancouver; February 20, Portland at Seattle; February 22, Vancouver at Portland; February 25, Portland at Vancouver; February 27, Vancouver at Seattle; March 1, Seattle at Portland; March 4, Portland at Vancouver; March 6, Vancouver at Seattle; March 8, Seattle at Portland.

ROWE HEADS SEATTLE TEAM

Metropolitans Ready for Battle With Portland Rosebuds Tonight.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Bobby Rowe, the "daddy" of the Seattle hockey team, will lead the world's champions in the first game of the 1918 season tomorrow night, when the Portland Rosebuds, Seattle's most dangerous rivals, attempt to increase their lead in the Pacific Coast race at the expense of the Metropolitans. Rowe was elected captain of the septet at a meeting of the players Monday, and the veteran defense man will endeavor to pilot the Mets to a victory in celebration of the honor.

With the Mets on edge after a week of the stiffest kind of practice hockey fans are expecting the lid to be lifted on the ice sport with an interesting struggle.

While not satisfied with his line-up, Lester Patrick, the new boss of the Mets, confidently expects the locals to give the visitors a stiff evening of it. The champions have not had time to get into the best of shape, but after watching his men in action the last couple of days Patrick declares he is not the least bit worried over the showing his lads will make. The men are in good shape, physically, and Manager Lester thinks that their combination play will prove a stumbling block to the Portlanders.

Patrick announced a change in the lineup given out Sunday. Jim Riley, who was billed for a wing position, will start at rover in tonight's argument, Cully Wilson taking his old position at end. Bernie Morris will keep his position at center, with "Doc" Roberts on left wing, Wilson in right and Rickey and Rowe at defense. Lester Patrick will warm the bench, but in case he is needed will be ready to step into the game at a moment's notice.

PENINSULA MIDGETS WINNERS

Piedmont Quintet Is Defeated in Fast Game, 19 to 6.

The Peninsula Park Midgets defeated the Piedmont Presbyterian Church quintet in a fast and exciting basketball game yesterday afternoon by a score of 19 to 6. The game was played in the Peninsula Park gymnasium.

Hudsmith, of Peninsula, was the big star of the match. Andrews did all the scoring for Piedmont.

Summary:

Peninsula.		Piedmont.
Westerman, 6	F	Andrews, 6
Weeks, 2	F	Doddrite
Snell, 3	C	Wilson
Osborn, 2	G	McIntosh
Hudsmith, 4	G	Miller

Referee—Pete Williams.

Indoor Doubles Title Decided.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—P. F. Dornheim, of Philadelphia, and Gerald Emerson, of East Orange, N. J., won the junior indoor tennis doubles championship in the finals of the tournament here today. The winning pair defeated Vincent Richards, of Yonkers, N. Y., and H. L. Taylor, of Brooklyn, in the limit of five sets. It was the fine driving of Dornheim, combined with the excellent lobbing of Emerson, that turned the tide in their favor.

South Parkway to Play Arleta.

The South Parkway Juniors will meet the Arleta basketball team on the Parkway floor tomorrow night. A large and enthusiastic crowd is expected, for there is much good-natured rivalry between these two quintets. The Parkway boys defeated Arleta two weeks ago by a single point. Either "Pudge" Brown or Art McKenzie will referee the game, which is scheduled for 8 P. M.

De Oro to Meet Otis January 10.

The date of the world's championship match at three-cushion caroms between De Oro and Otis has been settled definitely for January 10, 11 and 12. The match will be played in Havana, Cuba. Otis is playing for a stake of $250, and has been guaranteed a bonus considerably larger than this amount.

Hendricks to Manage Cardinals.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis Association team, today signed a contract to manage the St. Louis Nationals next season.

NOTED BILLIARDISTS SOON TO APPEAR IN PORTLAND

WILLIE HOPPE AND CHARLES PETERSON.

GRIGGS IS BOOSTED

First Baseman Newest Candidate for Baseball Manager.

FANNETTE LIKES STUMPF

Ex-Beaver Declared Best Fitted to Pilot Portland Team — Gus Fisher Still Leads in Popularity Contest.

BY FRANK BARTHOLOMEW.

For a man who had not received his initial vote up to the close of last week, big Art Griggs, Portland's first-baseman, certainly has made quite some showing in the popularity contest the Portland baseball club is conducting to obtain a manager for the coming season.

Witness a letter just received by Judge McCredie, giving Artie the heartiest kind of a send-off, and signed by all the following:

"We, the undersigned, loyal supporters of the Portland baseball team, do hereby petition you to appoint Mr. Arthur Griggs as manager of the 1918 team in the Northwestern League.

Griggs Held Man of Hour.

"Mr. Griggs, in our opinion, has shown himself to be the man for the position. He is a cool, level-headed player and, we are sure, would give Portland a team worthy of the town.

"As you know, Mr. Griggs has proved himself a very valuable man to the team, as well as a gentleman. His playing has been of the highest standard, and he is very popular among the fans and fanettes.

"Hoping you will see your way clear to appoint Mr. Griggs, and assuring you of our hearty support of next season's team, we remain respectfully yours, G. Krinkle, M. Graborm, H. L. Schook, L. W. Smith, George Klasheff, M. Graduro, G. Froehler, A. C. Ballard, J. W. Miller, J. L. Frahler, M. Kuzmanig, Herman Cohn, Eldon Parks, A. B. Beuson, S. A. Holden, F. F. Robertson, Charles F. Schad, Jack Graham, Newman Ward, Blaz Turic, Fred Meyer, E. R. Stein, M. Leitheiser, L. Zarkovich, Matt Lako, J. F. Kosdick, L. Skeque, W. Turic, M. Sumich, C. J. Hansen, Charles Afica, Emett G. Swigert, Philip Hant, Tim Sullivan, Earle Keith, A. Levan, J. Backs, John Kovalsky, A. J. Weber, M. McCue, William A. Maxwell, N. McIsaac, V. G. Bergstrand, F. W. Berens, W. McCarthy, R. Swapp, A. Jorgensen, C. N. Pape, A. Mikkal, S. P. Brigham, Gus Froude, Ben Halverson, Fred Boyce, Victor Mithoff, T. Shaver, Herman Broron, A. J. Thompson, Ed Curtin, Peter Herjeg, H. B. Hurst, F. P. Campbell, T. J. Foley, Nick Vocino, K. Gilliam, E. H. Curkell, M. Mithoff, L. R. Fisher, H. Lundenberger, F. Mittmas, Jake Newmeister, R. M. Collier, C. Cahn, William Wilde, Thomas Nelson, T. Wilde, A. Schad, C. Smikim, William Young.

A few more letters like that and Art likely is to be convicted.

Woman Gives Her Views.

Here is a card the judge received from a woman fan who pays her respects to some of the other candidates:

"Dear Judge McCredie: Am very much interested in your contest for manager and wish to cast my vote for Bill Stumpf. You will agree with me that said party is the best man for such a position, inasmuch as he is popular, cool-headed, dependable, steady, reliable and possesses a rare keen judgement not often found in ballplayers. He understands men better, perhaps, than Walt McCredie (I never did approve of Mac's driving disposition anyway) and I believe Mr. Stumpf would make an ideal leader for the boys.

"As far as Rodgers is concerned, he's a good man, but hardly the managing sort. Fisher, you know, is too old. What we need is a man with pep—someone the boys will look up to That's Bill Stumpf. Sincerely,

"FAIR FAN."

Bill apparently has made a hit somewhere.

Paddy Siglin has a staunch backer in Wilbur Underhill.

August Fisher, the Beavers' first-string catcher, has really made the best showing so far, however. Individual letters favoring the veteran Beaver are from Aletha C. Amend, E. H. Corlis, Lillian Hill, Charles McDowell, H. W. Adrian, R. E. Bondurant, Arden Sutherland and J. F. Amend.

Two circular letters are what give Gus his real advantage, though. The first is signed by Harry Johnson, M. B. Price, Arden Sutherland, L. J. Edwards, J. J. McGeary, Mrs. J. J. McGeary, A. Lundstrom, M. O'Neil, R. Comerce, L. Shea, E. A. Shea, T. W. Sutherland, William Breman, Mrs. H. Gouldstone, Amy Harris, A. C. Clawson, R. L. Collis, Scott Clawson, C. A. Stiver, K. L. Stever, L. K. Schmidt, H. O. Guissinger, Mrs. W. W. Carroll, Mrs. E. W. Hardy, H. J. Zidell, Irene Burch, Mrs. R. F. Osborne, Mrs. Mary James and Mrs. M. L. Smith.

The second bears the following signatures:

J. W. Lindsey, Relta Cushen, Mrs. H. E. Rosa, Rena V. Lindsey, Mrs. Bert Bell, Bert Bell, Sherman Bell, Albert Bell, W. W. George, Mrs. W. W. George, W. W. Meyer, Mrs. W. W. George, J. T. Thompson, A. W. Young, R. H. Duppeild, N. C. Merges, Charles E. Clay, Marion Palmer, W. William, D. Langdon, William G. Young, C. M. Oliver, J. I. Tresenriter, F. N. Miller, J. H. Palmer, Mrs. A. C. Beolf, P. A. Miller, Mrs. A. Rineberg, Herman Warner, O. C. Jenkins and F. A. Mutbrom.

And just to wind things up, along comes J. Mickelsen with a vote for Captain William Bill Rodgers.

NEW YEAR'S SPORTING EVENTS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Portland—Motor boat regatta in Willamette River, starting at 11 A. M.

Pasadena—Championship football, Mare Island Marines vs. 91st Division.

Seattle—Ice hockey, Portland Rosebuds vs. Seattle Metropolitans.

HOPPE TO BE SEEN HERE

BILLIARD CHAMPION TO APPEAR JANUARY 14 AND 15.

Exhibitions in Balkline, Fancy and Trick Shots to Be Given—C. C. Peterson Also to Come.

Willie Hoppe, world's champion of all styles of balkline billiards, is to give a two-day series of exhibitions in Portland with Charles C. Peterson, the greatest exponent of fancy and trick shots now before the public. The dates have been set for January 14 and 15. Exhibitions will be given during both afternoon and evening. The matches will be staged at the Bowie & Caldwell Billiard Parlors.

Immediately following these exhibitions by the world's greatest billiardists, Bowie & Caldwell will stage a three-cushion tournament between five or six of the best players in Portland.

A special high-run game will be played tomorrow night between J. H. O'Donnell and F. Earl Davis to decide the city championship. Both players established a high run of seven in the open contest held during the two weeks prior to Christmas, for which prizes or fancy billiard cues and turkeys were offered.

The game Wednesday night will be 30 points at three-cushion carom. These two players are acknowledged the best local amateurs at this style of billiard game and are warm rivals for the supremacy. A splendid and exciting contest is expected.

Champions of 1917 in Sport World.

Automobiling.
Ralph de Palma.

Baseball.
World's—White Sox.
Ohio—Reds.
St. Louis—Cardinals.
Minor League—Indianapolis.

Billiards.
18.1 and 18.2 balkline—Willie Hoppe.
Three-cushion—Alfredo de Oro.
Pocket billiards—Frank Taberski.

Bowling.
Five-man team—Birk Bros., Chicago.
Two-man—G. Satorius and W. Holzshub.
Individual—Otto Kalusch.

Boxing.
Heavyweight—Jess Willard.
Middleweight—Mike Gibbons.
Welterweight—Ted Lewis.
Lightweight—Benny Leonard.
Featherweight—Johnny Kilbane.
Bantamweight—Pete Herman.

Casting.
J. C. Illinghauser.

Checkers.
N. W. Banks.

College Sports.
Conference football—Ohio State.
Conference baseball—Ohio State.
Conference basketball — Minnesota and Illinois.
Conference track—Chicago.

Golf.
National open patriotic—Jock Hutchinson.
Western amateur—Francis Ouimet.
Western open—Jim Barnes.

Motorboat.
Miss Detroit II.

Roque.
Western—C. C. King.

Shooting.
Amateur all-round—M. Arie.
Professional all-round—Bart Lewis.
Professional—M. Clark.
Grand American handicap—C. M. Larson.

Skat.
John Stell.

Ice Skating.
Amateur—A. Staff.

Ski.
Professional—R. Omtvedt.

Swimming.
National 50-yard—P. McGillivray.
National 220-yard—N. Ross.
National 100-yard—Ted Cann.
National 500-yard—N. Ross.
National 440-yard—N. Ross.
National 200-yard, breast—M. McDermott.

Tennis.
National clay court singles—Sam Hardy.
National clay court doubles—Sam Hardy and Charles Griswod, Garland.
National patriotic singles—R. L. Murray.
National patriotic doubles—F. B. Alexander and M. Throckmorton.
Western patriotic singles—W. T. Hayes.
Western patriotic doubles—S. Hardy and C. Griswod Garland.
National squash singles—E. S. Winston.
National indoor tennis singles—H. Vosnell.
National indoor tennis doubles—F. B. Alexander and Dr. Rosenbaum.
National racquet singles—C. C. Pell.
National racquet doubles—J. W. Wear and G. H. Brooke.
Court tennis doubles—Jay Gould and A. H. H. Huhn.
Women's National singles—Molla Bjurstedt.
Women's National doubles—Molla Bjurstedt and Eleanora Sears.

Wrestling.
Heavyweight—Earl Caddock.

MITCHELL, STAR END, IS OUT OF GAME

Wrenched Knee Prevents Playing and Thus Gloom Pervades Marines' Camp.

ARMY PLAYERS ON EDGE

Camp Lewis Men Out for Scalps of Sailors—Hot Weather at Pasadena—Big Attendance at Contest Is Expected.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—While Pasadena and Los Angeles are agog over tomorrow's football classic between the Mare Island Marines and the 91st Division teams, Coach Hugh Bezdek and his Marine warriors were wrapped in gloom tonight when Trainer Bill Hayward announced it impossible for "Brick" Mitchell, star left end, to enter the fray. Mitchell wrenched his knee early in the week during scrimmage, and has been under the care of Trainer Hayward and two physicians, who have exerted every energy to put the injured member in such shape as to permit his starting tomorrow's game. But Bill Hayward gave up all hope tonight when he said Ambrose (Montana) would cavort at end.

Marines Have Last Workout.

Under the watchful eye of Bezdek and Hayward, the Marines worked out at Tournament Park this afternoon while Old Sol saturated the gridiron with his blazing rays. After Johnny Beckett demonstrated his ability to punt the ball for 60 yards or more, Bezdek sent the team through signal practice the remainder of the time. The boys showed plenty of dash. Quarterback Brown worked fast and the team appears to be in fine physical condition. Beckett's ankle is reported as all right.

Head Coach Stanton worked the Camp Lewis boys out at Tournament Park after the Marines took to the shower. Only light signal practice was indulged in, but it served to show the Army eleven to be in wonderful shape.

There has been considerable shifting around since the Marines played Camp Lewis at Tacoma. "Chubby" Snyder will be supplanted by Lane, California's star guard. McCrea, former Willamette University star, is carded for right end. The 91st Divisioners are considerably stronger than when they faced the Marines at Tacoma the early part of November and lost 13 to 0.

The weather, while beautiful for the Tournament of Roses, is regarded just the reverse for a football contest. The players are praying for cooler weather, but the forecast predicts "warm as usual."

Fully 25,000 people are expected to view the gigantic struggle. The sale of seats is unprecedented. Colonel Karmany, commandant at Mare Island Navy Yard, arrived tonight, accompanied by Major Randolph. They will be on the firing line rooting for the Marines tomorrow.

Close Contest Expected.

Willie Ritchie, boxing instructor, came over from Los Angeles tonight, and will take charge of the Army rooting section. Joe Addlemann, well-known Portlander, breezed into the Maryland Hotel tonight and talked football.

Considerable betting has taken place to date with the Marines on the short end. It looks like an even contest, and with the field fast there is no telling when the unexpected may happen. Both teams are about even in weight on the line, but Camp Lewis has more beef in the back field.

Lhe lineup:

Marines.		Camp Lewis.
Ambrose	L. E.	McCrae
Beckett	L. T.	Cook
Ridderhoff	L. G.	Christiansen
Toberg	C.	Russell
Hall	R. G.	Lane
Bailey	R. T.	Bartlett
Hanson	R. E.	Turner
Brown	Q.	McKay
Sanderson	L. H.	Kapple
D. Gardner	R. H.	Rommey
Huntington	F.	Monteith

BOUT IS NOT FEARED

A. SOMMERS TRAINS HARD FOR MILL WITH McINTYRE.

If Northwest Middleweight Champion Makes Good Showing He May Meet Origa Here.

Al Sommers, middleweight champion of the Northwest, started training yesterday for his bout with Chet McIntyre, Northwest heavyweight champion, in Seattle on January 8. He will work out daily with Muff Bronson and Harry Anderson at the Columbia Boxing Club for several days, and will then go to Seattle and wind up his training.

Sommers will be outweighed between 20 and 30 pounds, but expects to make up for the difference in weight by his aggressiveness and hitting powers. If Sommers wins he will have three Northwestern titles to his credit—the middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight. He will enter the ring weighing about 160 pounds and is confident that he will make McIntyre extend himself in their four-round battle.

Sommers has been going better the last few months than any time during his career. Al can boast that he has been defeated only twice—one time by a heavyweight, Lowe Simms, and the other by Mike Gibbons, regarded by many as the greatest middleweight in the world. In a return match with Simms Al came back strong and fought him off his feet, the bout ending in a draw. Among the Pacific Coast middleweights whom Sommers has met are Valley Trambitas, Jack Downey, "Mexican Kid" Carter, Frank Parslow, Romeo Hagen, Earl Miebus and Val Sontag.

If Sommers gets by or holds McIntyre to a draw he probably will be matched here with Battling Ortega, of Oakland, middleweight champion of the Pacific Coast, in the near future.

Joe Flanigan, who is managing Sommers, thinks that Al is too good for any of the boys at 158 pounds in this part of the country and predicts a bright future for his protege in the middleweight ranks.

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Benny Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, is up in arms over the criticism being heaped on his shoulders by some of the critics and followers of the boxing game for engaging in an occasional bout. Leonard claims that he is doing yeoman service for Uncle Sam, in that he is filling the coffers of the Army funds by giving a percentage of his purses.

"I've been directly responsible for $200,000 being turned into the Red Cross and soldier funds since our country entered the war," said the champion in New York the other day. "I'm doing my bit," he said seriously. "Doing far more than it is possible for most men to do. Besides, I am instructing for nothing at Camp Upton, for, you know, I am turning every penny of my salary into the fund for training-camp activities. I have also shared the biggest portions of my recent purses with various Army funds.

"For instance, in Philadelphia the other night I fought at a benefit given by the sporting writers of that city and turned every cent of my end over to them. In my bout with Gene Delmont at St. Paul recently one-third of my share went to the Red Cross. In Denver, when I stopped 'Sailor' Kirke, I agreed to allow the Elks, who promoted the show for the benefit of the Red Cross, to take half of the receipts, which amounted to $9000, for the cause. In Cleveland, when I fought Toughey Ramsey, they told me that the show was for a war fund. They offered me $4000 for my end and I told them promptly to cut it to $1500 for the benefit of the boys in khaki.

"Mind you, our hotel bills were fully $500 during our stay. I'm doing my bit for my country. Let some of those who are criticising me put on uniforms and do one-tenth as much for their country as I do."

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Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, who is stationed at Camp Sherman, Ohio, as boxing instructor to the thousands of Ohio and Western Pennsylvania selects in training there, takes a rap at the boxers who have been hurling defis at him.

The Cleveland boxer, who refers to his challengers as "ham-and-eggers," says that his would-be opponents would do far more good for Uncle Sam by offering their services to the United States to help teach the drafted men to defend themselves and thus help win a decision over "Kaiser Bill."

Kilbane says that before he came to the big cantonment he could not get a fight for love or money, and now he is being pestered with challenges from unknowns from all over the country. He asserts that he will remain in the camp and do no boxing until his services are dispensed with.

"THE HUSTLER" IS OUT

NEWSBOYS ISSUE PRETENTIOUS HOLIDAY EDITION OF 42 PAGES.

Signed Stories By Friends of Venders Make Attractive Reading and Friends Are Remembered.

"The Hustler," which is "The largest newsboys' publication in the world," is out in New Year style, 42 pages and cover, full of interesting and instructive articles and a big line of advertising, showing that business men appreciate the magazine. The issue reflects great credit upon Sam H. Wilderman, managing editor; Sam H. Gordon, city editor, and I. Edward Tonkon, advertising manager.

It is greatly to the credit of the newsboys of Portland that they have representatives with the ability to gather together material for a publication of the size and excellence of this one. It requires lots of hard work, mental and physical, as well as determination and a dogged persistence, to corral sufficient "copy" for the issue, to say nothing of the financial end of the project. But the boys have done all of these things and their paper is "out" and ready for distribution.

It is now up to "Abe" Shockett, circulation manager, to do his bit and see to it that it circulates.

In this issue are signed articles by friends of the newsboys, as well as poems, contributed by various of their admirers, among them being the following:

"A New Year's Toast," by Dean Collins; "Getting Down to Business," by Chester Allen Fritts; "Let Us Smile," by Sam H. Wilderman; "The Newsboy of Yesterday," by Ralph H. Mitchell; "A Reminder," by H. E. Thomas; "What I Would Have My Boy Do," by Fred L. Boalt; "'Bob' Stockwell's Luck," by I. Edward Tonkon; "Shooting Stars," by Frank Bartholomew; "A Tip From An Ex-Newsboy," by W. H. Warren; "The News Kid With the Smile," by Lin Davies.

In addition to the articles, there are cartoons by William Ferguson and Earl Larrimore and a great deal of news matter.

The editors of "The Hustler" have remembered a good many of their best friends and supporters by publishing their pictures with an appropriate word about each and give them credit for helping the cause.

BRIDGE LAW IS MODIFIED

German Alien Enemies May Cross River Now.

German alien enemies may use the bridges in this city in crossing from one side of the river to the other. They may either walk across these structures or they may ride across them in railroad trains, streetcars or other public conveyances, provided that when either walking or riding they shall remain in continuous movement. Under no circumstances will lounging or loitering by these alien enemies on or in the vicinity of any bridge or street within the prohibited zone along the river front be permitted.

United States Attorney Reames has received official notice of this interpretation by the Attorney-General at Washington of the President's proclamation of November 16, by the terms of which German alien enemies were specifically prohibited from approaching within 100 yards of the water front.

"The interpretation placed upon this regulation by the Attorney-General will not interfere with the work being performed either by the office of the United States Attorney or the office of the United States Marshal in protecting the restricted district," said Mr. Reames yesterday. "The purpose of the amendment is to permit a number of laborers to cross the bridges when necessary."

FIRST DIVISIONERS TO GET RECEIPTS

Eight Clubs Will Share in Players' Money Received From World's Series.

NEW PLAN IS EXPERIMENT

Winning Players to Get $2000 Each, Losers $1400 Each—Remainder of Prize to Be Divided Among Six Teams.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Teams finishing in the first division in the National and American League pennant races hereafter will share in the players' receipts of the world's series. This decision was reached at a conference here today between August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, representing the National League, and President Johnson, of the American League.

"The new plan of dividing the annual baseball prize means that eight clubs will share in the money instead of only the winners of the two league championships.

"Under the new scheme, players on the club winning the world's championship will receive $2000 each, while the losers will be awarded $1400 each. What amount the other six clubs in the two leagues will get has not been definitely decided upon, but it will be figured out according to a percentage basis," Chairman Herrmann said.

There will be no change in the method of deducting the players' share from the series receipts. They will continue to share in the first four games.

Although the present plan may not be permanent, it will be given a trial next Fall and will be permanent if it proves satisfactory. There probably will be several changes made, however.

"After awarding the winning players $2000 each and the losers $1400 each we will divide the remainder of the prize among the players on the teams which finish second, third and fourth," Chairman Herrmann said. "Originally we intended to place all of the 16 clubs on a percentage basis, but decided to make a flat sum for those who participate in the series."

The new arrangement is the outgrowth of an agitation which has been on for several years. When the world's series was conceived it was not thought that it would ever reach present day proportions. Those who drafted the early plans of the baseball classic believed the winning players might receive as much as $2500 in some years, but they never thought the individual players' prize would reach $3500 or $4000.

The series between Chicago and New York last Fall netted the players $152,888. The White Sox' share was $91,733 and the Giants' $61,155. Members of the championship White Sox got approximately $3600 and the defeated Giants approximately $1000 less.

MR. ELKUS CAN'T SPEAK

EX-AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY CANCELS PORTLAND DATE.

Ben Selling, Chairman of Committee to Raise $50,000 in Portland for Jews, Reports Progress.

Ben Selling, head of the organization formed to raise $50,000 in Portland for the relief of Jews in the war zone, received a telegram yesterday canceling the Portland lecture engagement of Abram Elkus, ex-Ambassador to Turkey. Mr. Elkus, who has been lecturing in California, was unexpectedly recalled to Washington. He had been scheduled to speak at the Auditorium next Sunday night.

The inability of Mr. Elkus to speak here will not affect in any way the work of the local committee in its campaign for relief funds. This will be carried on in an aggressive way until the $50,000 minimum has been reached.

The local committee has been advised by Felix Warburg that $800,000 was appropriated last week and is already in the field. It was distributed as follows: Poland, $200,000; Palestine, $300,000; relief work, $100,000; institutions, $100,000; hospitals, nurses, ambulances and doctors, $100,000; Roumania, $100,000; Saloniki, $50,000; Turkish Jews, $25,000.

New York has gone over the top, with more than $5,000,000, and the rest of the country is responding generously.

ROAD COMPLETION SOUGHT

Importance of Early Operation of Strahorn Lines Pointed Out.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—In the belief that since the Government has taken control of the railroads something may be done toward the early completion of the Strahorn lines to Bend and other interior Oregon points, the Klamath Commercial Club telegraphed Mr. Strahorn at Spokane asking what assistance, if any, that organization might give to further such a move.

Mr. Strahorn has replied to President J. W. Siemens, of the club, as follows:

"Have had the matter of Government operation up for some days in anticipation of the President's action, and am hopeful that something may be accomplished. I am informed, however, that we can make no headway until after many larger questions involved are disposed of, at which time I will gladly accept your assistance. There is no question about this action being distinctly favorable to such important and deserving projects as ours."

It will be pointed out t Government officials at the opportune time that with only one line of rail transportation up and down the Pacific Coast the protective equipment on the Coast might be easily demoralized. The completion of the link to Bend would furnish a second artery east of the Cascades which might prove of inestimable value in emergency. The building of the lines into the now undeveloped area of the state, moreover, will prove an important factor in increasing the country's food supply.

MR. JOHNSON TO SPEAK

REPRESENTATIVE FROM WASHINGTON TO BE AT AUDITORIUM.

Public Is Invited to Hear Patriotic Address—Entertainment for Soldiers to Be Provided.

Entertainment for the soldiers at the Public Auditorium tonight will be interrupted long enough for Albert Johnson, Representative in Congress from the state of Washington, to deliver a patriotic wartime address at 8 o'clock. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Congressional delegation that recently returned from a visit to the war zone in Western France. This fact, coupled with his known ability as a public speaker, insures a big attendance. No admission will be charged and a general invitation is extended to the public.

The meeting will be under the joint auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and the Four-Minute Men. The commercial body yesterday named the following committee to act as a reception committee and escort the distinguished visitor to the Auditorium: Edgar B. Piper, chairman; Mayor George L. Baker, Sherman R. Hall, Ben Selling, H. L. Corbett, F. I. Fuller, Hugh Hume, F. H. Strong and J. E. Wheeler.

At the Auditorium meeting Edgar B. Piper, chairman of the reception committee, will preside and introduce Mr. Johnson. The speaking will be preceded by a number of selections by an orchestra and some vocal music.

Following the address by Mr. Johnson the New Year's day festivities, which have been arranged for the entertainment of the visiting soldiers, will be resumed and continue until midnight.

VICTORY IS FORESEEN

BRITISH COLONEL PREDICTS DEFEAT OF GERMANS NEAR.

New Head of Military Drill at University of Oregon Says That America Must Finish War.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—That the United States and its allies will have practically won the world war by the end of the coming Summer is the prediction of Colonel John Leader, retired from active service in the British army as a result of wounds received in the battle of the Somme, who arrived in Eugene last night to assume direction of military drill at the university.

"During the Spring and Summer drives I predict that the great German line will be broken and the Boche will be forced to retire to their secondary line along the Meuse," said Colonel Leader. "The war, however, will not be over by that time, for the cleaning-up process will take two or three years, and this task will fall largely upon Americans."

Colonel Leader paid high tribute to the Americans he had seen in action, and his first request was that an incident concerning a young American in his regiment be published.

The young man gave the name of Cole and the address of his father as 500 Peach Tree avenue, Atlanta, Ga. Twice Colonel Leader recommended Lieutenant Cole for the Victoria Cross for exceptional bravery, once for risking his life in the repair of a trench-line railroad, when he sent his men to cover with the remark that "one man was a smaller mark than a whole battalion."

Lieutenant Cole, however, was killed before he was granted the cross. Along with his kit, Colonel Leader sent Cole's recommendations for the cross to the boy's father, but the packet was returned to him unopened.

"If you can print that story," the Colonel said, "it may help me find the boy's father."

Mrs. Leader, who has been through a number of bomb raids on London, and their two children accompanied Colonel Leader on his 6000-mile journey, which started from an English seaport early in December aboard an English boat that was turned back several times on account of U-boats.

ECONOMY PRACTICE URGED

Premier Lloyd George Gives New Year Message to Nation.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Premier Lloyd-George, in a New Year message to the nation, appeals to all at home to work hard, practice economy, save money and buy war bonds.

"It will lead 'ere long to safety for our own people and victory for our cause," he declared.