

FEDERAL FRANCHISE DECLARED LIABILITY

Chairman of National Baseball Commission Testifies.

BALTIMORE CLAIMS DENIED

Witness Says Holdings of Plaintiff in Damage Suit Are Worth Absolutely Nothing.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Declaration that the franchise of the Baltimore Federal league club was a "liability instead of an asset" and "worth absolutely nothing," was made by August Herrmann, chairman of the national baseball commission, in testifying today in the \$200,000 damage suit of the Baltimore club against the National and American leagues and certain officials of the defunct Federal league.

Mr. Herrmann was on the stand the entire day, and concluded his testimony just before the District of Columbia supreme court, which is hearing the case, adjourned until Monday.

Players Are Valueless.

The Baltimore club, Mr. Herrmann testified, had no players of value with the exception of one man. He did not give the name of this player.

"We gave them an opportunity to dispose of all their players by sale or otherwise," the witness said, in reference to negotiations with the Baltimore club, following the signing of the baseball peace agreement.

"In my judgment they had no players that any club would want to purchase. Some of the Federal league clubs had a few players of value. In my opinion the Baltimore franchise was not worth a dollar. They had no circuit, no players of any value and the expenses were too great and the attendance was not good."

Portions of an address given by Chairman Herrmann at a dinner tendered to the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues by the Columbus league, at the Columbus club in Columbus in November, 1912, were read to the jury. In the course of his address Mr. Herrmann was quoted as saying that he had a "right to engage in it in any capacity that they please without any interference on the part of those engaged in organized baseball."

Club Is Represented.

Mr. Herrmann said representatives of the Baltimore club were present at the New York conference when the Federal league signed the "peace pact" with the two older leagues and at that time made an effort to obtain a franchise in either the National or American league. Chairman Herrmann said he told the Baltimore representatives that as matters stood at that time many clubs in the east as either league desired.

The national commission, he said, was given full power to act in the matter and it turned over the proposed franchise to Baltimore as place in either of the older leagues. The commission promised, however, he said, to use its influence in getting Baltimore into the International league. There was no thought of conspiracy, he testified, and "nothing whatever was done to hurt Baltimore."

SENIOR CHASE SET FOR TODAY

Portland Hunt Club Event Will Start on Borsch Road.

Under the direction of the master of fox hounds, Natt McDougall, the senior closed paper chase of the Portland Hunt club will start at 3 o'clock this afternoon on the Borsch road at its intersection with the Garden Home road. With every indication for a large entry list and with competition growing keener as the chase season is nearing its close, the race for honors today will bring out a large following of interested members of the club.

The chase, Claude V. Bowman and Harold A. Mayer, have selected a trail about six miles in length, with several good jumps and water hazards. The chase will start at the clubhouse in front of the Gerlach residence, and it will be so laid that the start and finish may be witnessed by the crowd which do not get over the course. The best route for automobiles to go to the start is via Terwilliger boulevard, Capitol highway and the Garden Home road, which intersects the Capitol highway immediately after crossing the railroad track at Multnomah. This route should be followed to the distance to its intersection with the Borsch road. As usual, tea will be served at the clubhouse following the chase.

This evening the clubhouse again will be the scene of a large gathering when the junior members of the club hold a dance as part of their membership drive. Dancing will begin at 8 o'clock. The chaperons are Mr. and Mrs. Natt McDougall and Mr. and Mrs. James Nichol.

The monthly letter to the members giving important club news and the list of events will be mailed the middle of next week.

CHICAGO LOSES TO ANGELS

Score of 2 to 1 Decides Salvation Army Benefit Game.

LOS ANGELES, April 4.—The Chicago National league baseball team was defeated, 2 to 1 by the Los Angeles team of the Pacific coast baseball league at a Salvation Army benefit game here today.

William G. McAdoo, formerly secretary of the treasury, pitched the first ball after which the game developed into a pitchers' battle. Douglas, on the mound for the Cubs, pitched fair ball, while Fitterer of the Angels surprised the crowd with his perfect control. Crawford of Los Angeles and Pick of Chicago each made a triple. Score: R. H. E. Chicago... 1 0 1 Los Angeles... 2 1 1 Batteries—Douglas and O'Farrell; Fitterer and Lapan.

SWIMMING RECORD LOWERED

Norman Ross Wins Indoor Half-Mile Event in 10:55 2-5.

CHICAGO, April 4.—A new half mile indoor swimming record was established by Norman Ross in an open meet at the Illinois Athletic club last night. Ross, formerly of the Olympic club at San Francisco, but now swimming unattached, made the distance with a turgid crawl stroke in 10:55 2-5.

In this performance the Californian also is said to have lowered seven intermediate records. The former half-mile indoor record was 11:14 1-8.

Boston Defeats Detroit.

ALBANY, Ga., April 4.—The Boston Nationals today defeated the Detroit Americans in an exhibition game. Score: R. H. E. Boston... 13 10 1 Detroit... 9 15 5 Batteries—Scott and Truesdell; James Erickson and Yelle.



BEAVERS, CAMP DESERTED

THREE PLAYERS LEAVE AND ONE HAS TONSILLITIS.

Del Baker Gives Pitchers Work-Out.

San Francisco-Chicago Game to Be Witnessed Today.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

BEAVERS' TRAINING CAMP.

Crockett, Cal., April 4.—(Special).—The Portland Beavers' training camp looked somewhat deserted today, although all of the warriors who turned out for practice went to their work with plenty of vim.

Red Oldham and Dixie Walker left last night for Los Angeles; Frank Rapp, southpaw, took a jaunt to San Francisco for a final conference with Jimmy Hamilton, manager of the Peoria club, who is anxious to land Rapp for his team, and Guy Cooper, instead of starting north for Portland, is still in the city, because he says every move he makes gets him further from his home in Georgia.

Manager McCredie may release Art Ritter, infielder, to the Peoria club before leaving here Sunday morning. The Beavers' manager had intended taking Ritter south, but on account of Paddy Signin, advising he would report here Sunday morning, McCredie, who could not see his way clear to take six infielders on the trip, decided to reduce the number by one. Bogart will fill the utility role.

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RESTA TO ENTER TACOMA RACE

Cliff Durant, Eddie Hearne and Louis Chevrolet Included.

TACOMA, Wash., April 4.—Dario Resta, noted automobile racer, has notified a Tacoma committee that he will enter the auto race to be held on the Tacoma speedway July 4, 1919.

Other well-known drivers entered are Cliff Durant, winner of the recent Santa Monica race; Eddie Hearne, who placed second in the Santa Monica event, and Louis Chevrolet, veteran winner.

Durant won the Tacoma race last year. His name has been seen here before in the annual speed contest.

The races this year are to be a part of a peace jubilee celebration planned by Tacoma.

FISH HATCHERY SITE WANTED

Plant to Be Located on Willamette River Above Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., April 4.—(Special).—A state fish hatchery to cost \$5000 soon will be erected on the Willamette river above Eugene, according to announcement of Carl Shoemaker, state game warden, who was here yesterday in company with Frank Warren, member of the state fish and game commission.

The last legislature made an appropriation for this purpose and a site soon will be selected by the warden and commissioners. They will be back here within two weeks, they said, and bring with them Master Fish Warden Clanton to assist in selecting the site.

CHICAGO WOMEN WIN DOUBLES

Mrs. B. Husk of Newark Wins Individual Championship.

TOLEDO, April 4.—Mrs. G. Butterworth and Miss F. Steib of Chicago won the doubles of the National Bowling association here yesterday with a team score of 1042.

Mrs. R. Husk of Newark, N. J., bowled a score of 212, and J. J. bowled yesterday and the championship in the individual.

The five women event was won by the Minor Butlers of Toledo on the opening night of the tournament with a team score of 2436.

Forty-five women teams performed in the tournament, which closed last night.

Pete Herman to Fight 8 Rounds.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—Pete Herman of New Orleans, bantamweight champion, and Kid Regan of this city, will fight an eight-round bout here on April 17, it was announced last night.

TWO SHOTS SCHEDULED

FRANK M. TROEH TO DEFEND HERCULES TROPHIES.

Charles Leith Challenger in Event Set for Tomorrow—H. E. Poston to Compete April 12.

Two special events for the Portland Gun club have been announced. Tomorrow at the Everding park traps Charles Leith of Woodburn, Or., will challenge match for the Hercules trophies, all-around amateur championship trophy. Troeh won the Hercules trophy emblematic of the all-around amateur championship of America, at the grand American handicap shoot in Chicago last year.

In a special shoot on January 26, Jess Troeh won the trophy from Frank M. Troeh. Poston arrived in Portland later was declared no race because it was not shot under the conditions called for.

On January 28 four shooters competed against Troeh and it developed that only one challenger can shoot against the holder of the trophy at one time.

On April 12, a week from this Sunday, Frank Troeh, who is also holder of the Hercules trophy, will defend it against Challenger Hugh E. Poston, well-known San Francisco professional scatter-gun artist. Poston has won the trophy several days ago and immediately challenged Troeh for the open trophy.

Following are past holders of both trophies, and times defended:

Hercules trophy emblematic of the amateur all-around championship:

E. L. Bartlett, St. Louis, September 10, 1914.

Fred Plum, Atlantic City, September 12, 1915.

Ed Plum, Pinehurst, N. C., January 17, 1917.

J. R. Jahn, Pinehurst, N. C., January 20, 1917.

J. R. Jahn, Davenport, Ia., April 20, 1917.

J. R. Jahn, Waterloo, Ia., May 29, 1917.

A. H. Winkler, Wausau, Wis., July 28, 1917.

Mark Art, Chicago, August 18, 1917.

W. C. Clark, St. Louis, August 19, 1918.

F. M. Troeh, Chicago, August 3, 1918.

Hercules trophy emblematic of the open all-around championship:

Homer Clark, St. Louis, August 19, 1914.

Homer Clark, Chicago, August 17, 1915.

Barb Lewis, August 18, 1917.

J. R. Jahn, June 10, 1918.

J. R. Graham, Chicago, August 12, 1918.

F. M. Troeh, Chicago, August 3, 1918.

In order to qualify for either trophy a shooter must place high gun in the following events:

Fifty targets, 18 yards.

Fifty targets, 20 yards.

Fifty targets, 25 yards.

Twenty-five doubles, 16 yards.

The same number of events and targets have to be shot for amateur championship trophy.

PHILADELPHIAN SWIMS FAST

Anna Wright Travels 100 Yards in 1 Minute 32 1-5 Seconds.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—Anna Wright of the Philadelphia Turners made the fastest time ever recorded in this country in a 100-yard backstroke swimming race for women here last night, but the time, 1 minute 32 1-5 seconds, will not stand as a new American record because she made it in an exhibition match.

The Philadelphia Turners of the Meadowbrook Swimming club and a University of Pennsylvania star won the 100-yard middle Atlantic A. A. U. championship for men in minute 1-5 seconds.

The middle Atlantic A. A. U. fancy diving championship for women was won by Elizabeth Becker, Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON PLANS FOR MEET

University Will Entertain College Men During Meet.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—University of Washington students already are making plans for the entertainment of college men from up and down the coast who will gather here May 31 for the Pacific coast intercollegiate track and field meet.

Six institutions, California, Stanford, Washington State, Oregon, Agricultural college and Washington, will be represented on the Seattle oval during the meet. It is expected that the largest crowd in the history of the local track will be present.

Washington alumni are to hold a monster reunion on the same day the big meet is held.

SCHOOLBOY DEFEATS TILDEN IN INDOOR SINGLES.

Richardson and Tilden Defeat Alexander and Rosenbaum in Indoor Doubles Event.

WORLD'S RECORD CREATED

NEW YORK, April 4.—Vincent Richards of Yonkers, N. Y., won the national singles indoor tennis championship tournament here today, defeating William T. Tilden Jr. of Philadelphia in a five-set match by scores of 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

The victory of Richards, a schoolboy, was a sensational climax to the tournament. Tilden, runner up in the national grass court championship of last season, with his greater physical advantages and tennis experience, was easily outplayed by the youngster's speed and strategy.

Playing Is Brilliant.

Richards came to the net with a sprinter's dash and once at the barrier blocked off Tilden's return into the corners of smashed the ball back with such terrific power that the tall Philadelphia was unable to control the sphere when he got his racket on the ball. When Tilden gained the net, Richards, in back court, repeatedly made gets that appeared impossible to the spectators.

Richards, a 16-year-old, has created a world's record for the courts. In less than a year he has won six national championship titles. The list includes: Doubled at Forest Hills, junior boys' singles at Forest Hills, junior doubles with Harold Taylor at Forest Hills, junior singles indoors at 7th regiment army and the two victories today.

Rosenbaum's Form Poor.

Richards on his side of the net and Alexander in his court were the brilliant performers in the doubles. The two engaged in many interesting rallies, the victor having little to offer the better of it at finding the openings. Dr. Rosenbaum was not up to form and his frequent netts at critical times were costly to his side. The rallies were spirited and fiercely fought, although Richards and Tilden, fatigued from their long battle in the singles, were not aggressive enough to compel an earlier decision.

The complete scores:

National indoor championship singles (final championship round)—Vincent Richards, University Heights Tennis Club, defeated William T. Tilden II, Philadelphia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 and 6-4.

National indoor championship doubles (final and championship round)—Vincent Richards and William T. Tilden II, University Heights Tennis Club, Philadelphia, defeated Frederick B. Alexander and Dr. William Rosenbaum, West Side Tennis club and New York Tennis club, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 3-6 and 6-1.

TURN VEREIN TO ENTERTAIN

PROGRAMME WILL BE GIVEN AT HEILIG TONIGHT.

Elaborate Features Arranged Under Personal Direction of Professor Genserowski Are on Bill.

The Heilig theater will be the setting for the annual gymnastic exhibition of the Portland Social Turn Verein tonight at 8 o'clock, under the personal supervision of Professor Genserowski.

An elaborate and extensive programme has been prepared. A number of special features are on this year's programme and promise to out-rival anything ever attempted in previous Portland Turn Verein exhibitions.

The outstanding feature of the entertainment will be in the nature of a "welcome home" dance in honor of soldiers from the front. Those who will participate in this specialty, which has been worked out and composed by Professor Genserowski, will be Nadine Haehnel, Cornelia Bavor, Gladys Goldstaub, Elaine Schilling, Ethel O'Brien and Cecilia Leick.

More than 500 pupils of Professor Genserowski will take part in the entire programme, with more than 350 represented in the grand march.

Complete programme follows:

Polkaux, folk dancing, first class; "Gone with the Wind" to Our Boys; free-hand exercise and step, first class; folk dancing, first class; dumb-bell exercises, "Over There," first class; rhythmic steps with song by the Arion Portland Social Turn Verein and light exercises, first class; apparatus work, horizontal, parallel bars, horse, second boys' class; rhythmic steps with song, Gilbert's classical and fancy step, second girls' class; seniors on the horizontal bar; wand exercises, combined second and third class; Cornelia Leick, Cecilia Baron, Nadine Haehnel and Gladys Goldstaub. This dance is in honor of the returning boys of the Portland Social Turn Verein. It has been composed by Professor Genserowski; pyramids on three horses, senior class.

2 OREGON PLAYERS RETURN

Baseball Squad Strengthened by Wilson and Rhinehart.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 4.—(Special).—Dwight "Chief" Wilson, varsity baseball pitcher of last season, returned to college today and will greatly strengthen the prospect and the lemon-yellow on the diamond this spring.

"Bill" Rhinehart, former freshman shortstop, also is back in college, having just returned from service overseas. The return of Wilson to the fold will give Huntington at least two twirls to bank on this season, as he has Francis Jacobberger, freshman twirler of last season, among those present.

Present at the freshman team two years ago and established quite a reputation as a fielder and batter.

Beall Defeats Roberson.

PINEBURST, N. C., April 4.—Irving S. Roberson of Rochester, N. Y., the north and south champion, was defeated in the second match round of the north and south championship golf tournament here yesterday, losing to Edward C. Beall of Uniontown, Pa., four up and two to go.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. Phone Main 7070, A 8025.

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TRACK NOW HOLDS INTEREST

Arrival of New Men at O. A. C. Improves Outlook.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 4.—(Special).—Track continues to absorb the attention of athletes and fans to a great degree at O. A. C. The arrival of experienced track men this week has been the signal for additional interest. Maurice Snook, formerly a track man for Jefferson high school of Portland, registered yesterday in college. He is a sprinter and will be an addition to the freshman squad.

Reno Banks, a former O. A. C. boy, has completed registration. He already has made good on the Corvallis campus in pole vault and high jump, in which he entered two years ago here. Daily practice continues under the direction of Coach Hargis with a record turnout each session.

Nationals Defeat Americans.

COLUMBUS, Ga., April 4.—(Exhibition) R. H. E. Detroit Americans... 0 6 0 Boston Nationals... 5 8 1 Batteries—Cunningham, Ehmke and Ainsmith; Rudolph, Filligan and Wilson.

Shipbuilders Want Game.

The Cornfoot shipbuilders baseball team would like to line up a game with some fast independent team for tomorrow. Any team looking for a contest can arrange such by calling Hughie McKenna, Woodlawn 4537.

Mobile Secures Players.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—Homer Somma, outfielder, and William Brown, first baseman, yesterday were released to the Mobile club of the Southern association by the St. Louis Nationals, it was announced here.

Miss Sarah Strathem, of Brigeton, N. J., has resigned as Cumberland's county's first and only woman rural letter carrier one week of service, concluding that the work is not to her liking.

THORNDYKE 2% KEPTON 2%.

May be worn with four-in-hand or bow.

