

JOHNSON'S FIGHT IN BASEBALL FIGHT Insurgent Directors Ousted at American League Meeting.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—American League baseball club owners, flanked by attorneys, battled for some hours today in their annual meeting...

Row Begins Quickly.

The session opened with a meeting of the old board of directors, consisting of Ruppert, New York; Dunn, Cleveland; Conroy, Chicago; and...

Mack's Resolution Tabled.

During the meeting Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia club, moved that a resolution be adopted providing for a fine of \$1000 for any club which...

Herrmann Sings Swan Song.

Before the National League club owners concluded their meeting today, Chairman August Herrmann of the national commission stated that he was willing to resign from that position...

Frank Pitching Hit.

Should the National League decide to hold this season at Chicago, the National League will go there, too, for the same reason.

PASADENA MISSING LINK

WORLD WAITS PATIENTLY FOR FOOTBALL DECISION.

Action of Coast Conference Taking New Year's Game Under Wing Seems Wise Move.

What's doing in Pasadena with the football committee of the tournament of roses, is foremost in the minds of those who are still clinging to football remembrance of the season and who are still thirsty for more gridiron tonic.

One thing is certain, that the committee will have to hurry and make a definite decision if it hopes to keep up the precedent and stage the annual contest New Year's day.

The fact that the Pacific coast conference took the staging of the East vs. West interconference game out of the hands of the southern promoters is highly gratifying, when one looks over the muddy conditions developed this season.

The railway administration threw a man-sized monkey wrench into the works when it voted to suspend the plan to take a ship to New Orleans and then take the Southern

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SALE OF SENATORS PLEASES CIRCUIT

Sacramento Fans Look for Big Year in 1920.

MOREING BOYS POPULAR

Essick and Killefer Sound Call for Training March 1—Angels May Visit San Diego.

With the Moreing brothers, Lewis and Charley, at the helm of the Sacramento ball club, the fans of that city are preparing themselves for a great season of the national pastime in 1920.

The dicker which turned the Senators over to the Moreings was the biggest baseball deal ever pulled in Sacramento and the regarded by the fans as one of the most important happenings that has taken place in that city for the good of the game in years.

Lewis Moreing is the big man who agreed to assume the debts of the club and the stockholders in turn agreed to pass their holdings over to him. The indebtedness, it is claimed, is about \$100,000.

Bill Rodgers as manager, and the two now have their heads together in Sacramento. With Lewis Moreing will be included his brother Charley Moreing in the handling of the team.

The league long had hoped the Moreings would come into control, as it has been proved that individual control is more successful than divided ownership.

Last season the Sacramento club established a record for baseball by drawing more people during the entire season and the population of the city in which the team is located. There was not a team in the country that exceeded such figures, and yet the reports show that the Senators did not make money. This is attributed to poor business control.

The "call to quarters" will be sounded by managers Bill Essick of the Vernon Tigers and Wade Killefer of the Angels, March 1. The Angels are thinking of training at San Diego and the Tigers will camp on themselves at Washington park, the Coast League lot of the Los Angeles club. Bill Essick is following his winter occupation in Los Angeles by tuning and selling pianos.

The announced retirement of Jack Fournier, Los Angeles first baseman, may be as much of a "retirement" of players in the winter time turn out. Some stars retire in the hot stove league and are the first on the training ground in the spring. More money also is gained in some cases by these "retirements." Should Fournier quit, the Angels will be dealt an awful blow. He was better last season at first base than ever before.

When the time comes for the worst fielders in the game, but he improved in such a manner it was a surprise to him and Earl Sheeley of Salt Lake for initial sack horse of the league. Fournier hit .328 last season.

In the official averages issued on the batters of the National League last season, the Tigers are the best known to the Coast League fans. They are followed by Philadelphia, 284; Ivan Olson, Brooklyn, 278; Dave Baneroff, Philadelphia, 272; Charley Hollocher, Chicago, 270; Morris Rath, Cincinnati, 264; Charles Pick, Boston, 245; George Cuthshaw, Pittsburgh, 242.

The official average of the National League show Forrest Cady, catcher of the Sacramento club, played in 34 games last season for the Philadelphia team and batted for a total of 214. Cady was with Philadelphia for just the start of the season and was injured in an accident which held him back a bit after he recovered. Cady, next season, is expected to be a great help to the Senators in handling pitchers. He did not join the Senators soon enough last season to display his real worth to the team. When he was catching with the Boston Americans he was regarded as the best receiver in the game.

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