

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE AND MAJOR ONES AGREE

"Jumping" not Permissible According to Arrangements Just Effected.

Cleveland, Waddel, who had signed San Francisco, Feb. 2.—A provisional agreement was reached today between the Pacific Coast Baseball League and the two major leagues. The coast league refuses players for next season already signed. The only player over whom there was serious contention was Dillon, of Los Angeles. It was finally agreed, however, to settle the dispute over him out of court. Gochenauer, of Cleveland, who has signed with Harris, was released by

with and accepted advance money from Connie Mack, was surrendered by Portland. The coast league is to be placed on equal terms with big leagues; that is, big leagues cannot draft its players, and it may make its own salary limit only on concession by the coast league. The agreement is to abide by the contracts of other leagues. Before the agreement becomes final it must be ratified by the national association, whose board meets in about two weeks.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND ARE ARRANGING TO INTERVENE

New York, Feb. 2.—In the best informed political circles here the opinion is expressed that a peaceful solution of the Russia-Japanese affair is assured, cables the Paris correspondent of the Times. A diplomatic arrangement has been reached, the dispatch continues, between the French minister of foreign affairs and the British ambassador here by virtue of which it is agreed that both the French and British governments will bring strong pressure to bear upon Japan to induce her to accept the terms of the new

Russian note. The language in which this note is to be couched has been submitted, the correspondent avers, to both the French and British foreign offices and is recognized to be the most conciliatory in effect.

Should Japan not yield to the French and British representations other European powers will add the weight of their persuasions to the same end and then if Japan continues recalcitrant all the responsibility for war and its consequences will rest upon her and Europe will wash its hands of the business.

ACTION OF THE MILITARY RESULTS IN DAMAGE SUITS

Victor, Colo., Feb. 2.—Damage suits aggregating \$1,000,000 growing out of military control of this district since the miners' strike was inaugurated several months ago, will be called up before District Judge Lewis here today. The defendants are Governor Peabody, Brigadier-General John Chase, formerly in command of the troops in the Cripple Creek district; Colonel Edward Verdeckberg, at present in command; Majors Thomas H. McClelland and Naylor. In all suits

for \$400,000 damages are pending against Governor Peabody personally. General Chase appears as a defendant in nearly all of the remaining suits for \$600,000. Judge Lewis will today set those cases for trial. He will also designate the date on which numerous criminal charges now on file will be heard against Adjutant-General Sherman M. Bell, General Chase and others connected with the state militia in its enforcements of the decrees of martial law issued by Governor Peabody after the miners strike was begun.

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Robert G. Langdon, the petitioner, asks the court to issue a mandatory injunction ordering the city officials named to investigate the conditions attending the manufacture and distribution of the illuminating gas of every company in the city of New York. A report was made to the governor a few days ago by the state meter inspector declaring that out of nearly 73,000 meters here one out of every five was defective in favor of the company.

Examination of the Manhattan records of the coroner's office showed that in November 25 persons were asphyxiated by gas, in December 23 and in January 38, making a total of 86 for the three months. Coroner Scholer asserts that the figures are almost as high in the other boroughs of Greater New York. The coroner declares that his experience in hospital work formerly showed that persons lying all night in a room partly filled with gas frequently recovered, but that now the victims almost invariably die after breathing the fumes an hour. As a rule the cases investigated by the coroner showed that the victims had gone to sleep with a light burning low; that the pressure let up, extinguishing the flame and then was renewed, causing the suffocation of the sleeper. The coroner is now preparing a report on the subject which he will hand to the mayor.

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