

John B. Booze Talking: "I Can Lick Any One Guy But Not a Whole Nation"

"National League Zimmerman's Aim," says an "evening headline" which leads one to hope that Heinie is a better shooter than a baserunner.

AGREEMENT SCRAP OF PAPER; MINORS WILL TROT SINGLE

Except for Agreements on Territorial Rights and Player Contracts, Big and Little Organizations Are Parted for First Time Since 1903; Three-Man Commission to Continue for Period.

By Jack Veiock
NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(I. N. S.)—The national agreement—the compact which has been the backbone of organized baseball since 1903, is but a scrap of paper. Henceforth the minor leagues will go it alone, independent of the majors, except for certain agreements as to territorial rights and the respecting of player contracts. The minors have won their fight for independence and they are satisfied. The "grace" with which the majors consented to part company with their little brothers came as a big surprise, but it is evident today that the major leaguers believe the new system is well worth trying out. There is no indication that a baseball war will follow the severance of relations.

The ballplayer who comes up to the major leagues in the future will have to hold his own. No more players will be drafted from the little fellows and the minor league magnates will enjoy the privilege of keeping their ball club intact if they see fit. Won't Hold Them Back. It is not the intention of the minor leaguers to hold desiring players back, however. Ringleaders among them claim that conditions will be adjusted which will be perfectly fair to the player.

For the time being, the minors will work with the majors as in the past. But their leaders are busy today lining up plans for strengthening their organization. The minor league today will continue to be known as the National Association. Things Pointed to Split. Had the major leagues taken occasion to fight the demands of the minors, there would have been a split-up just the same. Joe Tinker of the Columbus club, and Al Tierney, chairman of the minor league committee, said the minors were ready to pull away and wanted their freedom. They claim that 50 per cent of the minor league club owners were ready to quit unless they had their way.

The national commission, which has so long conducted the affairs of the majors, is going to continue in power, and it is considered doubtful whether or not there will be a single change in its personnel. Ban Johnson won a victory in his fight for the continuance of the three-man tribunal, and it looks today as though August Herrmann will continue in power. Herrmann will remain as chairman indefinitely, though committees will be appointed to select a new candidate. May Kick Salary Up. The storm of unfavorable comment which followed the action of the National League in setting a salary limit of \$11,000 a month for the 1919 season is expected to bring about a change in plans. It is believed that the ruling will be rescinded. Manager John McGraw of the Giants says the rule will never stand. "Personally, I can't see the salary limit for a minute," said McGraw today. "In my estimation, it will never be put in force."

The American league will hold its annual schedule meeting at the Biltmore today. Jimmy Cashill. And, finally, Evans opened a yellow envelope containing a wire from Phil Gossman, asking him to arrange half a dozen bouts in the Northwest with Lou Tendler, the Philadelphia crack, who is considered Benny Leonard's chief lightweight opponent. Tendler wants two bouts in Portland, if possible. Evans will talk it over with Salt and Shanklin when he goes to Seattle Sunday.



PLAYING in "big league" form, Ira Thomas defeated J. C. Archer 25 to 21, in one of the best three-cushion games ever staged here, at the Rialto Parlors Thursday night. Thomas set a new high record for tournaments when he ran seven three-cushion shots in a row. The best previous run was six billiards. Not content with distinguishing himself with a high run of seven billiards, Thomas also ran up four runs of three. He completed game in 52 innings. Four other matches were played Thursday, resulting as follows: Class A: Joe Davidson defeated J. M. "Dad" Howland, 30 to 17; class B: J. J. O'Brien defeated A. Welch, 25 to 13; class C: P. Brown defeated E. M. Hutton, 20 to 14, and J. C. Fisher defeated P. Setrit, 20 to 13 billiards. Davidson ran game in 68 innings against Howland. The latter is a 35 point man in class A, but did not put up his usual strong game Thursday night. Brown scored a high run of 5 in his match with Hutton and ran the 20 billiards in 50 innings. Fisher went him a few better in his match with P. Setrit, making the 20 billiards in 53 innings. Setrit scored high run of three. All of the games were exceptionally fast.

'Fod' Weds, Which Means 'Fod' Buys Fodder for 2 Now

University of Oregon, Eugene, January 18.—Harold "Fod" Mason, star third baseman of the Oregon nine two years ago, and well known in other branches of varsity sport, will not return to Oregon's diamond this year because of the fact that he was married Wednesday, to Miss Zoe Cornett, a freshman at the university last year. "Fod" was a junior last year, leaving school in the spring to enlist. He has since received his commission in aviation and has been flying in this country for several months. He and Mrs. Mason are in Eugene visiting now on their way to Miss Cornett, where he has accepted a position. Mrs. Mason's home is at Prineville. The marriage occurred at the groom's home in Portland, and comes as a surprise to their many university friends. Miss Molla Bjursted for the third successive year heads the women's lawn tennis players' ranking list.

Harvard Star Is Finally Listed Killed in July

Boston, Mass., Jan. 17.—(I. N. S.)—Missing since July, Lieutenant George McKinnock, star back on the Harvard football team of 1914-15, and well known athlete, is now officially reported as having been killed in action. His home was in Lake Forest, Ill. During the midst of terrific fighting he was dispatched on a dangerous mission from which he failed to return.

RING BODY DELAYS IN SUPPORT

Boxing Commission Unable to Agree on Whether to Indorse Private Promoter or Charity.

By R. A. C.
Rumor has it that the boxing bill, which was to have been sponsored by the boxing commission, allowing 10-round bouts in Oregon, with a referee's decision, and with the clubs in the hands of private promoters, will not go through. It appears that there is a split in the ranks of the commission over that bill and the indorsement of the so-called McFarland bill, which would eliminate the private promoter, put the conduct of boxing in the hands of a city commission, as at present in Portland, and give the net receipts to charity.

Charity Idea Would Appeal. With the proper man at the head of such a commission in any city of the state that desires boxing, the charity idea will appeal to the fans. One feature of the charity measure from the standpoint of the fan, is the lack of competition, which is the life of the game. Each private promoter tries to outdo his rival, and even though he loses money on the show, the fans get the benefit.

However, an efficient matchmaker under the McFarland bill, might keep interest at the highest pitch in providing cards of increasing interest. The fans themselves are the barometer and any charity outside of the patriotic one of helping the returned soldier, will hardly be benefited unless the fan is given a run for his money. As long as high class talent is provided the fans will go to the boxing matches, even though the net receipts go to provide new rings for the bezelers of the residents of Eugene.

Commission Delays Support. The commission at its Thursday night meeting decided to let the matter rest until Dr. Geller, who is leaving for California, could have a talk with Secretary Walter Honesman, who is now in San Francisco, following which the commission will take a definite stand to get behind the private promoter bill or the charity boxing measure. It is understood that some of the old-time promoters, who spent their money and put the game on its feet here, only to see the boxing commission take it over and apply the net receipts to the Oregon soldiers' and sailors' fund, are ready to lend their support to the charity bill, on the ground that they would be crowded out, anyhow, if the bill ready for presentation in the senate from Multnomah county passed and placed the promoting in the hands of the city commission. However, this is hard to verify, for the boxing commissioners say that somebody is jealous of their success and is causing the rumors to float on the morning breeze.

Rangers Win Glasgow Cup. The Ranger's soccer team of Glasgow, Scotland, have for the thirteenth time captured the Glasgow cup.

PORTLAND BOXERS IN GREAT DEMAND THROUGHOUT LAND

Manager Bobby Evans Has Received Call for His Stable to Battle in Alberta, Great Southwest and the Prosperous Northwest; Lew Tendler Asks for Dates in Portland.

By R. A. Cronin
THE facets on "Diamond Bob" Evans' joolery sprinkled blue, red, orange and green shafts of light all over the Evans' physiognomy Thursday and completely camouflaged the spaghetti as it untangled itself deftlike from the Evans fork and disappeared behind the Evans ivory at Leighton's Athletic club. Evans was about the city exhibiting a pawful of letters and telegrams with ramifications covering an eccentric ellipse encompassing Philadelphia, Edmonton, Portland and Brownsville (not the Oregon town but a burg in Texas). All of which leads the ubiquitous Evans to think that his fame as a manager of boxers and matchmaker has spread like the flu to the remote corners of the north temperate zone. Probably the only reason Evans has not heard from Timbuctoo or Rarotonga is that the mails are from three weeks to six months in arrears, somewhat after the fashion of coal bills and laundry obligations.

The most remarkable thing about the whole business is that Evans hasn't a champion in his stable, yet by the ebullient accent on the bureau line of talk that he poured forth the promoters fell head over heels in their efforts to sign up the stable, including the currycomb, halters, mange cure and hypodermic needle. Caruso Dan Listens. In the first place the omnipresent young Evans got the ear of Dan Salt of Seattle, and when Dan hung up the receiver Kid Herman had replaced Harry Anderson as the opponent January 21 in Seattle of Johnny McCarthy. Muff Bronson had been signed to joust with Chet Neff or Frankie Tucker, and Billy Ryan to cavort with Bud Ridley. Then the proximate Evans opened a telegram from Dick Turpin, the Brownsville promoter, and read where the long horn wanted the services of Billy Mascott in two 10-round contests, one with Johnny Coulton, former bantam champion, and now boxing instructor at the cantonment there; the other with Bobby Burns, the southern bantam. It will be no new thing for Mascott to crawl into a ring with Coulton, as he met Johnny twice here a couple of winters ago in the old four-round trail. Burns will be a stranger.

Two Wanted in North. Shifting from the warmth of the South to the chill of the North, we find that Evans has lined up bouts for Tillie Kid Herman and Muff Bronson with Kid Scaler's clubs in Calgary. There will be three whites for the Mexican, four rounds at Calgary, 10 rounds with a middleweight named Ross at Edmonton and a scrap at Lethbridge. For Bronson, the biggest chance of the year is available, a bout with Clonie Tait, lightweight champion of Canada. This will be in line with Muff's intention of visiting his home at Winnipeg in the near future. Bronson was at the ticket office yesterday preparing to purchase two for San Francisco, one for the better half, when Evans chanced to drop in to send a ticket to San Jose to Herman and talked Muff out of his intention.

Shanklin After Pair. On top of all this Evans has been in communication with George Shanklin, the Tacoma promoter, who is figuring on using a duo of the Evans' performers for his card the first week in February, choosing from Herman, Bronson and Spanish Joe Gorman. Gorman could have shown in Tacoma next week but Evans didn't want to send him in a

Harry Anderson To Box McCarthy In North Again. Seattle, Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Harry Anderson has been matched for a return battle with Johnny McCarthy of San Francisco, according to announcement made here today. Anderson is anxious to prove that his draw decision with the southerner at least can be repeated and perhaps turned into a win for the Seattleite. Anderson also probably will be pitted against Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, in an exhibition match when the title holder comes here next month. Joe Gorman of Portland is trying to get a match here and it is expected he will be pitted against Bobby Harper or some other good 128 pounder.

George Sisler First Brown Within Ring. New York, Jan. 17.—(I. N. S.)—George Sisler signed a contract for next season yesterday, according to a statement of Bob Quinn, business manager of the St. Louis Browns.

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BASKETBALL

THE Jefferson high school basketball quintet defeated the Hill Military Academy team Thursday afternoon on the Jefferson floor by the score of 30 to 8. The guarding of the Blue and Gold team was excellent, the cadets converting but one goal from the field. Pollard making the basket in the second half after he had replaced Dagg. Smith and Coulter, two of the best players of the Jefferson team, were out of the game. Burton and Froud were the high point scorers for the winners, each making eight points. The line-up: Jefferson: F. (4) Hill: Burton (8) (4) Hayden (1) (1) Anderson (6) (1) Dagg (1) (1) Louman (1) (1) Berg (1) (1) Gram (1) (1) Spare (1) (1) Steele (2) (1) Pollard (1) (1) Boderider (4) (1) Page (1) (1) Toney (2) (1) Spare

The Multnomah Amateur Athletic club basketball quintet will line-up against the Oregon Aggies Saturday night at Corvallis. Manager George Dewey has been putting on the players through a series of hard workouts in preparation for the Aggie contest. This game will mark the opening of the O. A. C. season and a hard fought contest is expected. Dewey plans to take eight players to Corvallis. A return game with the Aggies will be played a week from Saturday night on the Multnomah floor. The South Parkway basketball quintet is practicing for its contest with the "Fighting Medics" of Camp Lewis on the Y. M. C. A. floor next Tuesday night.

The Nob Hill quintet, composed of Interscholastic league players is desirous of arranging a game with the South Parkway team. Dave Wright, of the Lincoln high school, is the manager of the Nob Hill players.

MINGLING with the magnates at the New York meeting, the Tanks, Red Sox and Browns are bidding for Bobby Roth, of Cleveland. Ty Cobb, who arrived here to talk terms with Hughie Jennings, says he will play ball for Detroit unless his demands. He declines to name his figure. Ernie Shore and Dutch Leonard have advised the Yankee management that they are ready to talk about signing the papers.

Won't Fly From Seattle. W. E. Boeing of Seattle has wired President Graham Gless of the Waverley Golf club, that he will be unable to make his contemplated flight from Seattle to Portland Saturday, owing to the fact that the Seattle factory is turning out so many seaplanes that it is unable to give any attention to the land planes at present. Boeing says he will make the flight later.

Columbia University wants a stadium for greater athletic competition.

PORTLAND MOGUL FAVORS DRAFT BUT BREAK SATISFIES

Judge McCredie's Record in Sending Players to Big Leagues Shows He Never Stood in Their Way; Coast League Could Wreck Big Show if War Came.

"THE more I think about the situation brought about by the split between the majors and minors, the better it looks to me and the more I think it will help baseball all around," said Judge McCredie.

"The draft has never found the Portland club in the position of opponents, for a look at our past record will show that we never stood in the way of a baseball player ready to advance into the majors. In fact, Portland has sent more players to the majors since the McCredies have been in baseball than any other club in the game.

"Our policy was always to let 'em go where they could benefit themselves. The elimination of the draft doesn't give a chance to the ball player where a club owner has no interest in the player other than in his services. I know of one ball player of major league caliber who for 10 years was a major league pitcher and each year a draft was put in for him, but some other player was always lucky to be drawn. However, I believe the policy of the last few years on the part of other club owners is to send the boys up when they are ripe, regardless of the sale price.

"I don't think there will be a baseball war, for it would ruin all the minor league clubs but the Coast league, which is too far away from the center of activities to be harmed.

Coast Could Beat Majors. "The Coast league was the only league in the history of the game that dictated conditions to the majors when it entered organized baseball in 1903, after going independent. The circuit with Seattle and Portland added, is big enough to fight the majors and we could afford to take 60 per cent of their players away from them if we wanted to go out and skirmish for ourselves.

"The only ones we could not take would be their high priced stars. Sixty per cent of the players in the majors get no more salary than they do in the Coast league and we can run a month or two longer out here, all of which is attractive to the ball player.

Player Limit Too Large. "The 21 or 20 player limit is all right. The majors need have no fear that a minor league club will hold up with more players than the majors, for no club can keep up a salary roll greater than the gate receipts. A few angels may be found who will shell out the coin, but after a year or so they get tired. There is no danger to the majors of any serious trouble in this respect, for no minor league

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