

Minor Baseball Heads Prepare to Fight Battle Against Major League Club Owners

Outlook for Peace in Big Leagues Slim

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CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—(U. P.)—National and American league club owners, in annual meeting here today, were to make a final attempt to dovetail their plans for reorganization of baseball.

Sessions of the two leagues, scheduled for 10 o'clock, will merge and formulate a definite program for submission to minor leagues in Kansas City tomorrow, if hopes of both factions materialize. There was no sign of a rift in either side early today, however, and talk of a baseball war was revived with fervor.

The Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox will participate as part of the National league sessions today. They contended they were members of the league and that the American league has ceased to exist since the other five clubs did not signify acceptance of the Lasker plan for reorganization of baseball by November 1.

The threat of organization of a 12-club league will be carried through today, National league interests announced, unless Baseball union and Cleveland clubs consent to join their meeting before noon.

"The door of the meeting will stand open for one or all of them to enter," John Heydler, president of the National league, explained, "but we will make no further professions of peace."

"We are willing to make concessions to avert a disastrous baseball war—we don't want war and we know the public doesn't—but we can't back-pedal," he said, "and we will not receive a committee from them and consider any counter proposal or any suggestions they have. We all agree that baseball should be reorganized and there should be some way to get together."

Others were not hopeful of a compromise, following a night of conferences with Clark Griffith and Thomas Shibe of the "loyal five." Griffith took the same position Johnson has held—that the five remaining clubs constitute the American league and should not agree to decisions of the New York, Boston and Chicago clubs.

The American league meeting was postponed until 11 a. m. to give Jacob Ruppert a chance to attend. Ben Johnson and his followers didn't have much to say at the meeting, but they wanted to give him a chance anyway.

Informal conferences between Johnson, Griffith and others were held during the morning.

The Congress hotel management, with an eye to safety of its furniture, arranged for the two meetings to be held in extreme ends of the building, one on the first floor and the other on the top floor.

Following conferences with other "loyal" American league magnates during the morning, Clark Griffith, owner of the American league club in Washington, said in case there is a baseball war and a new organization of 12 clubs is formed, the American league will start three new clubs. These, he said, will be placed in Chicago, Boston and New York, where the American league clubs which have favored reorganization are located.

Griffith said promoters for the three new clubs had been obtained and sufficient money was in sight to insure success.

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Canadian Vets. Won. Lost. Tied. Pts.
Kerns 2 0 1 5
Clan Macleay 1 1 1 4
Peninsula 1 1 1 4
Multnomah Guard 0 2 0 0
Standiford 0 2 0 0

TWO tie games were played Sunday in the Portland Soccer Football association and all the contests were highly exciting. Kerns and Clan Macleay staged a 1-1 tie on the Franklin high grounds. Peninsula scored 3 goals against 3 for the Canadian Veterans on the Columbia park gridiron, while Multnomah Guard broke into the win column by noting out the Standiford Shipbuilding corporation eleven 3 to 2 on the Vancouver barracks parade grounds. Emil Tauscher, the Kerns goal tender, has had but one goal shot against him in three games and that was by the Clan Macleay Sunday. Rudolph Weiss and Foster flyther, both halfbacks, were the big defensive stars with Tauscher, while Bill Ferguson, last year with the Peninsula champions, registered the only marker credited to Kerns Sunday.

At the end of the first half in the Canadian-Peninsula engagement the Peninsula boys were leading 3 to 1, but the Vets came from behind with a rush and evened up the count and at the same time held the champions scoreless.

Next Sunday's schedule calls for three more games. Clan Macleay vs. Kerns meets Peninsula at Franklin bowl. Canadian Vets vs. Standiford at Vancouver barracks. All games will start 2 o'clock. President P. Chappell Browne will announce the referees later.

Oregon Women Plan Athletics for 1921

University of Oregon, Eugene, Nov. 8.—With the completion of the new Woman's building, the University of Oregon will have some of the best athletic equipment in the country. Ollie Stoltenberg, president of the Woman's Athletic association, reports that a bigger athletic program is planned than ever before. The new swimming pool, hockey field, outdoor gym and up-to-date athletic apparatus give the girls a wonderful opportunity for doing some real work.

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SPORT NOTES

COLUMBIA PARK'S football team administered a 46 to 0 walling to the Kenilworth Park representatives on the Columbia Park gridiron Sunday afternoon. Long runs by Bigelow and the ability to grab forward passes by "Butts" Lind featured for the winners, while "Hoody" Smith was the offensive and defensive star for the Kenilworth eleven. Captain Poff of Columbia Park suffered a broken ankle.

Manager Timer and his Columbia Park squad will go to The Dalles Thursday to meet the American Legion team of that place as a part of the Armistice day celebration program. Next Sunday Columbia Park will play Albina, starting at 2:30 o'clock.

The St. Johns Juniors had no trouble defeating Piedmont, 39 to 0, in a fast, clean game of football played on the St. Johns grounds Sunday morning.

Jackson Park took a hard fought game from North Park by a 13 to 9 score on the Twenty-fifth and Raleigh street grounds Sunday. Sax was the big light for the winners, while Jack Mills was the main spring of the North Park delegation. For games with Jackson Park call Sam Colton, at Marshall 1559.

Centralia, Wash., Nov. 8.—One more walling was handed to the Centralia high school football team and this time it was at the hands of the Olympia high eleven, 77 to 0, Saturday. The local backfield had no trouble making yardage at will.

Chehalis, Wash., Nov. 8.—The 1920 football championship of Southwestern Washington, so far as the high schools are concerned, has been won by Chehalis, according to those in charge of the local team. Chehalis won from Aberdeen 44 to 3 here Saturday afternoon, in a much more exciting game than the score indicates. The first half ended 3 to 0. In the third quarter Barney Day intercepted a forward pass and ran 95 yards for a touchdown. No team as yet has been able to score a touchdown against Chehalis. The local play at Vancouver against the high schoolers on Thursday and on Thanksgiving day the annual Centralia-Chehalis engagement is slated to take place.

Pittsburg, Nov. 8.—(U. P.)—Richie Mitchell, Milwaukee light weight, Saturday night inaugurated America's finest boxing club, Motor Square garden, by registering a clean-cut victory over Ray Priel, Pittsburg's leading lightweight.

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Santa Clara Team May Play Whitman

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 8.—The Santa Clara university eleven may yet make a trip north this year. This information was made public here following the victory of Coach "Nig" Borleske's Whitman college team over the University of Montana Grizzlies Saturday when it was learned that the Whitman mentor has been in communication with Graduate Manager O'Connor of the Santa Clara team during the last week. While negotiations have not progressed to definite proposals as to date, Coach Borleske revealed the fact that the southerners had made him an offer in response to his telegram asking for suggestions as to what would be needed as to a financial guarantee.

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Minors Want Voice on Commission Cal Ewing Mentioned for Position

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 8.—With the Lasker plan a dead issue among the "little fellows," delegates began arriving today for the annual convention of the National Association of Minor leagues with the avowed purpose of fighting for representation on baseball's highest tribunal. The minors, whose meeting opens tomorrow afternoon, are unprepared to entertain the Lasker plan, but will hold out a welcoming hand should the "big fellows" come to Kansas City.

WILL FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

One thing was certain on the eve of the minors' meeting and that was their desire for representation on the national baseball commission. No plan, not carrying this concession to the minors will be adopted nor will the minors throw their support to either faction in the Heydler-Johnson dispute without it. An overwhelming majority of the minors oppose the Lasker plan or any other plan creating an independent tribunal for baseball.

For the first time in 20 years the "little fellows" have an opportunity for an equal voice in the management of baseball and they will "fight to the last" before accepting any compromise which eliminates minor league representation. The plan which will find most supporters among the minors is the continuation of the present national baseball commission, with the appointment of a minor representative to fill vacancy created by Garry Herrmann's resignation. The Lasker plan is tabooed for the minors want practical baseball men in control, with one of their own number named for a post on the triumvirate.

WILL TALK DRAFT

The minors have four candidates for the national commission, any one of which would be acceptable to the "little fellows." These are Michael H. Sexton, president of the National Association of Minor leagues; David H. Fultz, president of the International league of the players' fraternity; Al Tierney, president of the Western and Three Eye circuits; and J. Cal Ewing, president of the Pacific Coast league.

If the majors adjourn their Chicago meeting to come to Kansas City, the draft law may prove to be the main topic for discussion. The minors' ultimatum on this subject is a \$5000 draft price, with the majors limited to class AA leagues. This is double the price last in effect. The minors have continued to fight with their own organizations and fared well. They are just as willing to continue without major league participation as with it.

HOLD TRUMP CARDS

If the majors meet with the new price and a new working agreement is adopted between majors and minors, the "little fellows" will boost draft prices between leagues within their own ranks. For example, the \$1500 price existing now for the drafting of class A players by class AA clubs would probably be raised to \$2500, and so on down the line.

Another subject due for lengthy consideration and in which "war clouds" are ominous is a minor league offensive against the industrial "outlaws." Scores of clubs lost valuable players to the industrial leagues at the beginning of last season, particularly the Western and International leagues. The minors have not forgotten and will adopt stern "reprisal" measures against the industrialists.

On the whole, the atmosphere of tomorrow's meeting will be a "mind your own business" attitude by the minors. If the majors come to Kansas City there will be excitement, with the minors holding the trumps.

Fultz' Re-election Opposed

Kansas City, Nov. 8.—(I. N. S.)—President Robertson and Manager "Hook" Witte of the Buffalo International league club were en route here today to fight all efforts to oust David H. Fultz as president of the International league, according to a telegram made public here today. This was the first public intimation that efforts were being made by club owners in the Eastern circuit to defeat Fultz for reelection.

Western League Heads Meet

Kansas City, Nov. 8.—(I. N. S.)—A forerunner of the big meeting of minor league magnates was scheduled for this morning when the directors and club owners of the Western league were to meet in pre-convention discussion of the Lasker plan. President Al Tierney was to call the meeting to order before noon. He refused to state what action his club owners would take on the plan to reorganize baseball.

series which was allowed by a vote of the faculty in October. Athletics, on an intercollegiate scale, are on trial at Reed, after an athletic isolation which dated from the college inception in 1911. The second game will be played with Pacific university at Forest Grove, November 20.

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