

Ban Johnson, for 27 Years President of American League, Resigns

VETERAN DECLINES OFFER OF PENSION

NEW YORK, July 8.—(AP)—Under strong pressure exerted by a majority of the club owners and chiefly because of ill health, Ban Johnson today resigned from the presidency of the American league. He will quit the office he has held since the founding of the circuit twenty-seven years ago, not later than November 1, and probably much sooner.

Simultaneous with his abrupt resignation, which the club owners accepted "with regret," the 61-year-old executive, in a characteristic gesture, refused a proposal that he become "president emeritus," and retire on full pay under a contract which still has eight years to run at an annual figure of \$40,000.

In rejecting an arrangement which would have meant \$320,000 for the life of the contract, the veteran stipulated in his 33-word statement of resignation that his compensation will "end upon my retirement."

Who his successor will be the club owners did not decide today at their suddenly called special meeting here. It was believed the magnates were prepared to name one of their own members, E. S. Barnard, president of the Cleveland club, but decision on his choice, if it has been made, was withheld in view of the indefinite tenure of Johnson's reign.

CALIFORNIA GIRLS WIN OREGON TITLE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Marion Williams, southern California champion and Louise McFarland, national girls' champion, of California, rivals for the Oregon state women's singles tennis title, teamed today to capture the state women's doubles championship in the Oregon state tournament.

The new champions defeated Marion Green and Mrs. L. K. St. Verly in straight sets in the first of five decisions in the tournament, 6-2, 6-1, thereby deciding the key and giving California its first state title this year.

UPAN ADAM. Illustration of a man in a suit, with a speech bubble saying "Phillies' ball pen has an awning. In the old days the boys would have preferred a rail."

LURE OF TITLE TOO GREAT FOR BOBBY



By MARION KENDRICK

ATLANTA (AP) — Golf, it would seem, has a greater hold upon a certain promising young law student than he has been willing to admit.

Having been shorn of the American amateur and open championships, the latter only recently, and suddenly realizing he did not relish the idea of being without a golfing crown, Bobby Jones hastened to the Royal and Ancient club, St. Andrews, Scotland, to defend his British open title.

Last fall, after having made golf history by holding the American amateur and open and British open all in the same year, Bobby Jones said he would not go back to Great Britain. In January, he came out with the rather unexpected statement that thereafter golf was a secondary matter. His law studies came first.

DETROIT, July 8.—(AP)—Babe Ruth's 27th home run of the year helped the Yankees gain an even break in a twin bill with the Tigers today, New York taking the closing battle by 10 to 8, after dropping their opener by 11 to 8.

said. Besides, was it not about time for a man with a wife and two children to give more attention to the serious business of preparing for a profession, he reasoned.

Washington broke its long losing streak here today by taking both ends of a double-header from Cleveland, 7 to 4, and 4 to 3. Speaker's hitting was a factor in each defeat of his former team.

CLEVELAND OUTBATTED WASHINGTON IN THE FIRST GAME, but poor base running and coaching cheated the Indians out of three runs while errors gave the Senators three.

CHICAGO, July 7.—(AP)—The Boston Red Sox copped the first of the series with the White Sox here today, banging out a 11 to 5 victory.

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, July 8.—(AP)—Bobby Jones' stock in next week's open golf championship at which he will defend his British title, has been boosted by many points as a result of three practice rounds of 68, 73 and 70, which he has played over the two St. Andrews courses on which the British classic will be decided.

OPPORTUNE SINGLE WINS FOR OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Cal., July 8.—(AP)—Oakland increased its lead in the Coast league race by scoring a 4-2 victory over Portland, today.

LOS ANGELES, July 8.—(AP)—The Hollywood Stars appear to have changed, for the time at least, into comets, rising higher today in the Pacific Coast league percentages with a twin victory over Los Angeles by scores of 14 to 3, and 4 to 3.

JACK KNOCKS GOLD TWO SPARRING PUGS

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Saratoga Lake, N. Y., July 8.—(AP)—Although obviously "under wraps" after a 24-hour break in the training grind, Jack Dempsey today knocked out two sparring partners in between elementary lessons in the art of flat-cuffs.

Mechanics Big Bat Slams Out Victory. With the heavy hitters of Valley Motor in fine form the Bishop nine went down to defeat 8 to 1 in a commercial league game last night at Oxford park.

LOS ANGELES, July 8.—(AP)—The mechanics' victory puts them in striking distance of the league title.

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SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—(AP)—Young Harry Williams, negro welterweight, of San Diego, stopped Freddie Mack, of Seattle, in the fifth round of their scheduled ten-round bout at Dreamland Rink tonight.

NEW YORK, July 8.—(AP)—Leaving his Broadway hotel before breakfast the fighter who thrives on city training started his first day of work in New York by running circles around the reservoir in the park nearby.

NATIONAL National League Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Chicago 47 27 .635, Pittsburgh 44 27 .620, St. Louis 40 32 .556, New York 40 36 .523, Brooklyn 36 39 .480, Boston 29 41 .414, Philadelphia 30 44 .405, Cincinnati 28 48 .368

PITTSBURGH, July 8.—(AP)—The Chicago Cubs strengthened their hold on first place by turning back the Pirates today 1 to 0. Charley Root holding the Corsairs to one single, by Gooch, in the eighth.

BOSTON, July 8.—(AP)—Greenfield pitched effectively against the world champion St. Louis Cardinals today and Boston won, 3 to 2. The Braves fielded well behind the pitcher. In the fifth, Bancroft singled to drive in two runs.

NEW YORK, July 8.—(AP)—The Giants whipped the Robins today by 6 to 2. Benton keeping nine Brooklyn hits well distributed.

STORM STRIKES ARIZONA. Property Damage Expected to Total Thousands of Dollars.

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 7.—(AP)—Property damage totaling thousands of dollars, caused principally by high winds, and demoralization of the water users' power system leading to Phoenix from Roosevelt House Mesa and Mormon Flat dams, was wrought tonight by one of the worst storms to visit central Arizona in years.

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