

# LEAGUE HEADS TO PLAN NEW RULES

### Baseball Leaders Worry Over Too Many Lost Baseballs In 1925

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Amidst the greetings of old baseball friends, the excited chatter of reminiscence and the exploding of rumors, the magnates of national league have begun their annual winter meeting.

While the corridors of the hospitable old Waldorf Astoria overflowed with faces familiar to the national pastime for a score and more of years the owners of the eight clubs of our major league baseball circuit met behind closed doors upstairs. The meeting will be continued Wednesday afternoon, after memorial services in memory of many national leaguers who died during 1925.

Somehow the friendships of baseball men seem more enduring than those in other branches of sport, and all day long the gilded, high-ceilinged corridors rang with cries of "hello, there, Johnny," "well, well, howdy, Jim," as heroes of yesterday, including many who helped bring baseball to the position of prominence it occupies today, renewed acquaintance and swapped yarns of "good old days," on the diamond.

The national league, at its adjourned meeting reached no very startling decisions Tuesday. Perhaps the most important had to do with a recommendation to the joint rules committee that pitchers be permitted a limited use of resin next year.

President John Heydler had just finished explaining that the number of baseballs used during the past season reached the unusual total of 46,164, or 3,847 dozen. This, he said, is 245 dozen more than were used by the national league in 1924, and more than double the number required in 1920, when the players disposed of 1,520 dozen.

"We agreed it was about time something was done to curb this," said Heydler, who then went to explain that one way in which this might be done would be to permit pitchers to use resin, under control of the umpires. He said this recommendation would be made to the joint rules committee in January or February, when the latter body will meet at Heydler's request.

Besides reducing the number of balls a pitcher now requires, the use of resin would soon have its effect upon the hitting. Not only would a twirler require fewer spheres in the course of a game, but his effectiveness would be increased.

# SCOUT MOVEMENT GETS UNDER WAY

### Troops in Various Parts Of County Met Last Friday Night

Scouting is getting well organized in Klamath Falls, according to E. O. Nord, local scout executive. Friday evening there were scout meetings held in various parts of the county, as follows:

Troop One of Klamath Falls was under the leadership of M. R. Borland, assistant scoutmaster. S. P. L. Swansen is getting some good patrol competition under way, and the boys are advancing rapidly in scoutcraft. Howard Barahiel, one of the Round Table special instructors, was on hand and gave instruction in semaphore signaling. The scout executive was present and delivered to the boys their drum and bugle equipment, flag and other property. George May was named bugler, Ronald Ulrich drummer. Troop One is going right ahead.

Troop Four, under the leadership of Frank Moser, held a very good meeting. Howard Metcalf, special instructor of the Round Table, helped the boys on their tenderfoot subjects, specializing on knots.

Meetings were also held at Bonanza under the leadership of James Lubke and C. A. Kieler, and at Chilquinn under the leadership of W. C. Balfour, Frank Bell and DeFore Cramblett.

Monday evening Troop Two holds its meeting at the Presbyterian church, under the leadership of Percy Murray, William Mueller and Dr. Cole.

Troop Three meets at the Sacred Heart Academy under William Canton and D. R. Vandenburg. The Scout executive plans to visit both troops.



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