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Also Move to Compel Resignation of Herrmann, President of Cincinnati Reds, as Chairman of Commission

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Declarations that Ban Johnson, president of the American League, should be driven out of baseball and that August Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Reds and chairman of the National Commission, should resign as chairman of the commission, were made yesterday by prominent club owners who met to nominate a successor to Mr. Herrmann.

Colonel Jacob Ruppert, president of the New York Yankees, was emphatic in his statement against Mr. Johnson, while William F. Baker, head of the Philadelphia Nationals, was the spokesman in regard to Mr. Herrmann.

"Ban Johnson will be put out of baseball," declared Mr. Ruppert, who added: "The Chicago White Sox and the Boston Red Sox have aligned themselves with the New York club in this fight against the American League executive. We do not believe that any man who owns stock in a baseball club in the league should be head of that organization, and Mr. Johnson has admitted that he is a stockholder in the Cleveland club of our circuit."

"Furthermore, Mr. Johnson has acted arbitrarily toward the board of directors in several instances. He has refused to attend the special meetings which were called; he has failed to submit the evidence which he claims he has in regard to gambling at ball parks, and he also has declined to comply with our request to submit a statement of the financial affairs of the league."

"This is a direct violation of the constitution and by laws of the league. We believe that the time has come when the powers of Mr. Johnson should be curtailed and it is our intention to carry this matter through to the end."

Mr. Ruppert said that the board had obtained an abundance of legal talent to aid them in their fight against the American League head.

As to Herrmann.

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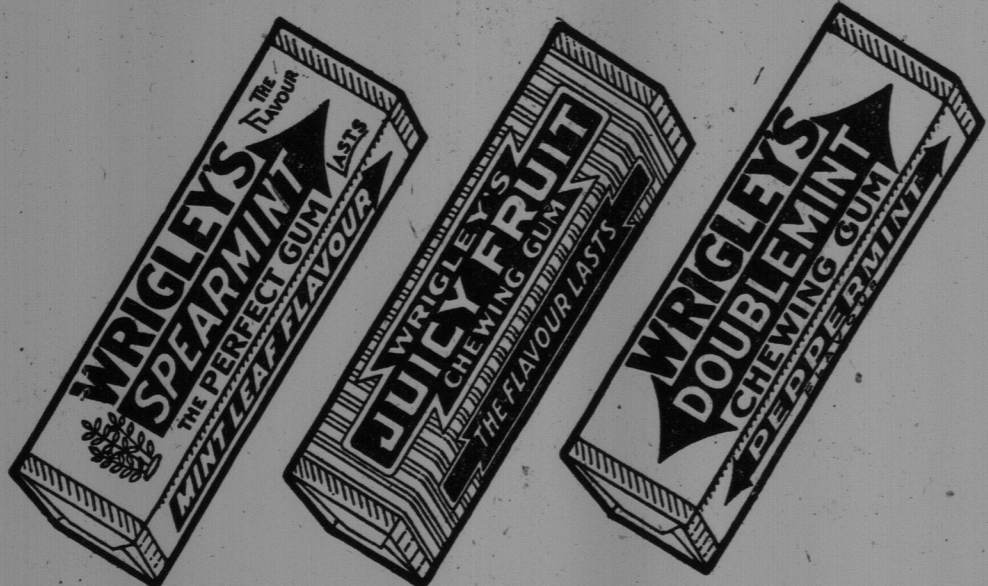
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the commission. It would not be fair for baseball for Mr. Herrmann to be judge on the commission when his club is one of these which will be a contestant for the world's championship. His resignation should be tendered immediately as this will greatly clear the way for the work for which we are here today."

Mr. Baker did not say whether Mr. Herrmann had been asked to resign. When advised that Mr. Herrmann had declared that he knew of no committee having been appointed to select a successor to him as chairman of the commission, Col. Ruppert acted as spokesman and said that the Cincinnati official was fully aware of the appointment of the committee. He said the joint committee which met yesterday was appointed in New York some time ago, to select a man to act as chairman of the National Commission. It consisted of four members, two each from the National and American leagues.

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The committee was in session for several hours yesterday, and when it adjourned announced that four names had been proposed for chairman, but none was given out for publication.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 17.—"I am ready to step down and out as soon as my successor is appointed, but I cannot do so until he is appointed," said Chairman Herrmann of the National Commission when advised of President Baker's statement as to the selection of a new chairman.

Direct C. Burnett Winner

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 17.—One of the most important stake races of the Grand Circuit meeting here this fall was decided today when Direct C. Burnett won the Hartman Hotel 211 pacing event in a hard four-heat race, dropping the second heat in 2:08 to Eve Abbie who came with a rush that Murphy could not meet. Eva's mile in 2:08 flat was the fastest of the races.

Goldie Todd and Direct C. Burnett met today for the first time this season, Goldie was not up to her best, and she was unable to get her nose ahead.

The Horse Review Futurity for three-year-old pacers was won by Julius De Forrest in straight heats from the favorite Goldie King. Peter Thornhill won the 215 trot without any trouble. This was rather a cheap race. The 2:08 pace went to Peter Elliott.



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