

Baseball Chaos in the Leagues

Talk of New Union Baseball Going Thru as Outlaw League

Speculation at Louisville on What Will Become of American AA and Our Own International That Has Only Five Clubs Left.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 14.—If the three leagues go on now it will have to go as an "outlaw" league. Organized baseball turned a deaf ear to the pleas of the American Association, president of the Three Eye League, and Ed. Barrow, president of the International League, today, the National Association voting down the resolution to readjust all minor leagues by 11 to 2. The Pacific Coast League did not cast a vote, due to the illness of President Baum. Otherwise, the score might have been worse. Immediately after the National Association turned down the resolution, the American Association was holding a meeting. It was held around that time, but the differences and that they would go ahead, some concessions having been made. One rumor had it that Tom Chivington, who arrived on the scene at the psychological moment, would represent Tom Hickey. It was stated that owners Wathen, McGill and Bresnahan will agree to continue under that arrangement. There was another rumor that Ed. Barrow would replace Hickey, but this was quashed when it became known that Barrow has a three-year contract with the International League. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the American Association held another meeting and adjourned immediately to meet in Chicago on Dec. 17. No concessions had been made; Hickey is still president and this is just as it was before all of this league talk started.

The slap in the face that certain American Association owners, Al. Pearson and Ed. Barrow received at the hands of the National Association does not rest well on their stomachs and there may be something doing in the field before the winter is far advanced, and there is a possibility that the thing might go over the top. The American Association, if the conditions are the same as heretofore, will be almost unworkable for Wathen, Bresnahan and McGill.

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NO UNION IN LEAGUE VOTE DEFEATS IT

Resolution to Redistrict Minors, Voted Down.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 14.—Settlement of the factional dispute which threatened to disrupt the American Association and pave the way for the formation of a new league appeared to be assured tonight.

The rival factions were brought together after the National Association of Baseball Leagues voted down, 11 to 2, a resolution at its convention today to readjust the minor leagues of the country. The vote was taken after the American Association had tentatively decided to open their season about May 1—three weeks later than the opening date of a year ago—and the possibility of reducing the player limit.

President Hickey said a meeting would be held in Chicago on Dec. 17 to decide on plans for next season.

Barrow Led Fight.

Edward Barrow, president of the International League, brought the fight to readjust all leagues to the floor of the convention today. He offered an amendment to a resolution which provided for readjusting of only the smaller leagues. The proposal was received with a storm of protests, and half a dozen league presidents attacked it as it was being read.

H. H. Sexton, president of the National Association, decided there could be no withdrawal of the Louisville, Indianapolis and Toledo clubs from the American Association, nor the formation of a new league, without the unanimous consent of all the clubs in the two organizations.

"It would have been criminal to destroy the American Association, which represents an investment of \$8,000,000, with the majority of the club owners against it," he said.

President Barrow was unwilling to fight to make any prediction as to whether the organization would take the field next season.

The club owners will meet in New York on Dec. 10 to take whatever steps are necessary.

Barrow said that "I haven't a word to say." Barrow said that "The merger plan apparently has fallen thru. I think it would have been a good thing for the game, especially in the war-time conditions we must face."

Pledges Major's Support.

August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, appeared and pledged the support of the major leagues to any cause that would be of assistance to the minor organizations. He declared that baseball in general was facing a critical situation.

The next season will be a serious one, both in the major and minor leagues, and there will have to be a retrenchment everywhere if we hope to survive. The minor league owners need a plan. The major league owners need a plan. It is to our mutual interest that we should work together. I can say in all confidence that the National League is considering a policy of retrenchment which involves the reduction of a player limit. I am sure that the reduction of a player limit will be a necessary step to the betterment of the game.

J. W. Ford of Fort Dodge, Iowa, president of the Central Association, one of the leagues forced to suspend last season, said that he would support the plan to readjust the leagues to protect their player rights.

W. L. Blewitt of Seattle, president of the Northwestern League, declared that his league would face a serious problem in starting next season if the leagues had taken the cream of the players from his organization and still endeavored to look like a major league.

Barrow Led Another.

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Stop Good St. Michael's College Outfit in Hard-Fought Game.

Dents are very much in the running for the Mullock Cup. St. Michael's College made an effort to stop the Dents yesterday at Varsity Stadium, and for the first fifteen minutes it looked as if they might pull the trick. The final score was 6 to 1 for Dents and the winners were getting better every minute of the game.

The Dental kickers more than hold their own with the shifty trio from St. Mike's and after the first half the Dental line was air-tight.

In the first quarter the Dents' line was anything but tight. They were bucked all over the field and it was more good luck than anything else that stopped St. Michael's from getting over the line. St. Michael's forced a fumble in this session and the second half the Dents were out-punting their opponents. Dents kicked over the line in the third quarter and a St. Michael's attempt to run it out, but dropped the ball, and the Dents promptly fell on it for a try that was not converted. A fumble in the last quarter brought Dents score up to six, and with St. Mike's held scoreless after the first quarter it ended 6 to 1.

The teams: (6)—Flying wing, McLaren; Dents (6)—Flying wing, Griffin; quarter backs, Edwards, Stone, Griffin; quarter backs, Roberts; scrummers, Bell, Butler, Fraser; inside wings, Long, McGowan; middle wings, McLaughlin, Graham; outside wings, Letellier, Staples.

St. Michael's: (6)—Flying wing, Brown; halves, McDougall, McIntosh; Lee; quarter backs, Finnerty, scrummers, O'Leary, Gullies, Kelly; inside wings, Robbins, McGavin; middle wings, Greece.

NEW PRO HOCKEY LEAGUE IS O. K.

Still Discussing Whether Toronto or Quebec to Be Fourth Club.

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—It is now stated that the eastern professional hockey clubs will not lift the curtain and reveal their plans until the latter part of this week. The Quebec club, it develops, was given a week to make up its mind. Manager Ken Quinn and his associates are now at work in the ancient capital, and whether they will decide right away, they may not notify Secretary Frank Calder until Friday or Saturday.

It is understood that another meeting of the delegates will not be necessary. Wanderers, Ottawa, Canadiens and Quebec have authorized Secretary Frank Calder to draw up the schedule, and it is now being arranged. It is arranged, of course, for Wanderers, Canadiens, Ottawa and Quebec, but the extent of Quebec dropping out, Toronto will be substituted. It is understood that a new organization operated by the Toronto Arena Company, Secretary Rosenthal of the Ottawa club, stated last night there were no new developments and that everything now rested with the Quebec club. He predicted that the Quebec club would decline to resume, explaining that M. J. Quinn and his conferees at the close of last week's meeting had appeared particularly cheerful.

Meanwhile there is considerable suspense with regard to the players of the Quebec and Toronto clubs. Should Quebec drop out, the Ottawas will make a bid for Dave Ritchie, their lightning defenseman player. Wanderers, it is said, will make room for Harry Munnery, while the two Montreal clubs will draw for Jack Malone and Jack McDonald. Russen Crawford, Jack Marks, George Carey and one or two others will likewise be dis-

LEGALIZED BOXING ENDS IN NEW YORK

Bouts Must Now Be Conducted on the Membership Club Plan.

New York, Nov. 14.—At midnight tonight the Frawley Law, which for over two years permitted ten-round boxing bouts to be held at licensed clubs everywhere in New York State, became obsolete. After being on the statute books since July, 1911, the Frawley measure was passed during the closing hours of the 1917 legislative session at Albany.

In future, or until such time as some other measure may permit a revival of the sport in places where public admission fees can be charged, glove contests in Greater New York, or elsewhere in the state, will be confined to chartered clubs under the "membership" plan, which was in vogue here during the interim between the lapse of the Frawley Law and the enactment of the Frawley measure.

According to the annual reports of the New York State Athletic Commission, patrons of the sport in the last six years have paid about \$5,000,000 in admissions to ring contests and exhibitions held under the Frawley Law. The state tax of five per cent, and later 7½ per cent, on these receipts, which has been paid into the state treasury, amounted to about \$300,000. The banner year under the Frawley regime was 1916, when the receipts, including the big gate for the Ward-Moran bout at Madison Square Garden, amounted to \$1,066,468, and the state tax, \$79,955.

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SOCCER NOTES

The Queen City Soccer League resumed and refereed for Saturday are: Senior-Torveyms v. Riverdale, at Dovercourt Park (referee, Hunter); Matthews v. Parkviews, at Queen Alexandra School (Armstrong); Junior-Earlscourt v. Danforth, at Earlscourt School (Osborne); Juvenile-Old Country v. Brooklyn, at Lappin avenue (Robinson).

At a meeting of the Provincial Soccer League yesterday, an application from Wychwood to enter the Mappin & Webb Shield competition, run by the league, was granted, and the draw in which will be played on Saturday, resulted: Sunderland v. Wychwood (referee, Kerr); Toronto Scottish v. Royal Flying Corps (referee, Hunter); Wychwood team will be strengthened by several of the ex-Irish-Catholic players, and should give Sunderland a good run for the points. The first annual cup of the league will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, at which the Robertson Shield and other trophies will be presented.

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