

PURIFIED GAME OF BASEBALL TO FOLLOW THE CHAOS OF WAR

New Era To Come With End of Great Conflict Is Joyous
Prediction — Heydler Boom on Secretary-Treasurer
Popular Choice As Tener's Successor.

When the war lords of Germany and Austria decided the time was ripe to start their big push on that fatal afternoon in Potsdam in July, 1914, writes "Sporting" in the New York Sun, one Hun, with a little more foresight than the others, coyly remarked: "If you throw a match into that powder keg there is no telling where the sparks will fly."

In all probability the sparks flew even further than this Hun knight dreamed of. For instance, never having heard of professional baseball in America, he hardly could have been expected to see a spark light among the honorable members of the National commission in the summer of 1918 and raise all sorts of havoc. There is no doubt that many things the world over will get a thorough overhauling after the war. They are being put through the crucible now and will come out purified and refined.

In the new era which will follow the war from the present outlook professional baseball will have a new form of government with a new set of leaders. The old national agreement is obsolete and it seems time for men like Johnson and Herrmann to fade from the sporting scene.

Among the real lovers of baseball there would be keen regret over the finding of the National commission, of which he was a member. It will be remembered he permitted Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics, to start a civil injunction suit to set aside the commission's findings in the Scott Perry case.

Friends of Tener also realize he was too big a man to tolerate the peanut politics which have come to the front in the National League. As a former United States congressman, a former governor of the second greatest state in the Union and a man who had shown unquestionable financial sagacity as a bank official Tener would have had a number of lucrative positions to select from if he had not taken the time to devote to the National League tendered him the presidency of the National league a year before his term expired.

Tener Fond of Game.

Sentiment and a great fondness for baseball influenced Tener when he decided to accept the offer made him by the National League club presidents. He always had been fond of his ball playing days, and when a candidate for the governorship of Pennsylvania his campaign managers stressed the fact that he had risen from the baseball ranks to the halls of Congress.

To what the chairman of the National League baseball it is hard to say. When his four year term as president expired baseball had weathered one season of war, but the outlook for 1918 even then was dubious. At this time an opportunity came to Tener to take charge of a young company with great promise which offered inducements he could not afford to resist. However, at the solicitation of a number of his club owners Tener agreed to remain in office, giving as much time to National League duties as he could spare from his other activities.

The arrangement was a poor one and for this reason Tener declined to be re-elected for any number of years, but only agreed to serve further as the National League executive with the expressed stipulation that either the league or he could withdraw from the compact at any time during the year. Tener soon saw such an arrangement could not be lasting and would have retired before he did had it not been for the progressive element in the league which was anxious for him to lead a fight against the reactionaries. He was also unwilling to leave the league at a time of great stress. The Scott Perry case forced an issue in which he decided he could not remain in office and hold its dignity.

Heydler Is Able.

If the National League has any wisdom left it will consider only one candidate for Tener's successor, and a man who can do baseball more good than a dozen Robert Browns, namely, its able secretary-treasurer, John A. Heydler. John Heydler has one unique claim to distinction. He is the only baseball magnate who never has been passed. The National League has always been a sort of a pet subject for the sports writers to fire their harpoons into and it has received many a grilling in the last ten years. But when the league was panned as a whole or in part the writer invariably added: "This goes for all of them but John Heydler."

The perpetual Robert Brown of Louisville, who is the Bryan of baseball, again is running for the National League presidency. He is a Herrmann man pure and simple and has the endorsement of Herrmann, Dreyfus and Ebbetts. It is significant that it was this trio that Tener last winter named as the three reactionaries who had failed to grow with the times, and were continually thwarting the efforts of the progressive element in the league. It was largely to lead the fight against this group that Tener consented to retain the National League presidency this fall.

A change of presidents also may not be far away in the American League. Ban Johnson had a stormy meeting out in Cleveland in which a statement was given out in which Charles Comiskey, Harry Frazee and Clark Griffith declared they were through with Johnson's Caesarism, and that his "rule or ruin" policy had gone entirely too far. Since then Comiskey has given out an interview, in which he claims he knew nothing of the statement in question, but the news association

which gave out this statement was not the kind to add Comiskey's name to a statement he did not stand sponsor for. There is no doubt that Frazee and Griffith meant exactly what they said.

Johnson Arouses Patriots.

Johnson has been losing strength for some time. Many baseball followers believe that the worst blow given to baseball during the entire war was when Johnson offered a suggestion last winter that 15 players on each team be exempted from military service to keep baseball alive during the war.

The haste with which Ban Johnson verbally closed the ball parks after Secretary Baker's order, without consulting his club owners, also got him "in bad." Though New York did not endorse the statement repudiating Johnson, it was known that officials of the Yankees did not feel particularly kindly towards Johnson over his hasty action in the matter, which left New York even with no umpires to finish the series with St. Louis.

It is to Johnson's credit, however, that he advocated closing the season on August 22, so that the entire world's series might be played by September 1, and that baseball could stay within the limit given it by Secretary Baker. However, the Ban Johnson type of executive is fast disappearing from American business affairs. Granting that Johnson at one time was a most capable executive and did much for the American League, the old blustering "what will you have" executive is of the past.

Out in the West they already have started a boom for Clark Griffith as president of the American League. The Washington manager has come very much to the front during the war by his activities in connection with the Griffiths and Ball Fund. This has made him the friend of every soldier in the country, and would make him an ideal president for after the war conditions. As a player, manager and club owner Griffith would be a splendid man to head the American League, as he would be as solicitous for the welfare of the player as for that of the club owner.

Even if Johnson survives the present attempt to unseat him, the handwriting is on the wall, and the post bellum days will find a new American league president in the chair. A new chairman also seems certain for the National commission. The chairman of the commission at present is largely dependent on peanut politics in the National League. If Herrmann is successful in electing Brown, his presidency, he is certain to continue as the National commission chairman, as he always could depend upon the vote of Brown, and also is now very close to Johnson, in view of point developments in baseball.

As chairman of the commission Herrmann gave the deciding vote in the Scott Perry case against the American League, but Gerry does not seem to be annoyed at Johnson, permitting Mack to take the case to court. However, even though Tener is out of office, it is doubtful if the men whom Tener listed as his progressive, will elect a protégé of Herrmann's as their president. For this reason Herrmann's hold on the commission is in doubt. He may last until after the war, when an entire reorganization of the national agreement unquestionably will be made, which will make provision for a neutral chairman.

Tener would make a splendid chairman under such circumstances if he could spare the time to take the office. Being a former player he could represent the side of the player as well as the magnate. A commission consisting of John Heydler and Clark Griffith would be a great combination, and one which would have the confidence of the entire sport.

CAMPBELLTON

Mr. and Mrs. H. Vernon Ramsey, who have been visiting Mr. Ramsey's parents in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, have returned home.

Mrs. W. E. Harverstock, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dyer, at their summer cottage, "Idle-whistle," has returned to her home in North Sydney.

Mrs. Burke and children, who have been spending the summer with Mrs. Burke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McAllister, Gerard street, have returned to their home in Clairmont, New Hampshire.

Mrs. Downey, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Water street, has returned to her home in Joggins, N. S.

Miss Gladys Johnson of Québec is the guest of Mrs. James Smith.

Mrs. Andrew Anderson of Fredericton is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson.

Mr. George Stables and daughter, Miss Helen Stables, Mrs. J. Stables and Mr. and Mrs. Elder of Chatham

are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dyer, at their summer cottage, "Idle-whistle," in North Sydney.

Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson and little son, Billie, and baby Ruth, of Hampton, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Wilkinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron, Water street.

Major Wm. Montgomery and Mrs. Montgomery of Dalhousie, were in town this week guests of Mrs. Montgomery's mother, Mrs. D. O'Keefe, O'Leary street.

Miss Lou Mann of Tide Head left last week for Montreal where she will enter the General Hospital as nurse-in-training.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarke, who have been the guests of Mrs. Clarke's parents, Judge H. T. McLatchey and Mrs.

Each Has the Punch.



CHICAGO BEATS BOSTON 3 TO 1

(Continued from page 1)
Comiskey Park, Chicago, Sept. 6.—The Chicago Nationals evened up the world's series today by defeating the Boston Americans three to one. Tyler's pitching was largely responsible for

the result, but on several occasions he was rescued from threatening situations by fine fielding. Bush, who pitched for Boston, was unsteady.

Mays probably will be selected to face the Cubs in the third game of the world's series here tomorrow, according to Manager Barrow of the Red Sox tonight.

"Today's game was a tough one to lose, especially as we nearly broke it up in the ninth inning," Barrow said. "The Cubs had the better of the breaks, I think, and piled up a lead in the second inning too great for us to overcome. I do not mean to take credit away from Tyler, who pitched great ball, and deserved to win. I expect to start Mays tomorrow and hope to make it two to one."

McLatchey, returned this week to their home in St. John.

Mrs. Alex. Mowat who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Fraser, in Dalhousie, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson spent a few days of last week with friends in Dalhousie.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Scott of Dalhousie announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Draper, to Lieut. Alfred Allen Putman of the Canadian Engineers, Toronto, son of the late Alfred and Mrs. Putman of Matland, N. S. The marriage will take place early in September.

Mr. Harry Calder of Matapedia, Que. spent last week with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne and two little sons, who have been the guests of Mrs. Payne's sister, Mrs. D. F. Matheson, have returned to their home in Halifax.

Mr. James W. Patterson spent part of last week with relatives and friends in Moncton. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Davies, Highfield street.

Miss D. Richardson, who has been visiting friends in Newcastle and Chatham, has returned to her home at Athol.

Mrs. Fred Shirley and Mrs. Uland Killam spent a few days of last week with friends in Bathurst.

Miss Freda Davison has returned from a visit with friends in Dalhousie.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Sept. 6.—The weather man smiled on Fredericton on Monday last (Labor Day) much to the delight of citizens and visitors of whom there were many, who came to spend the holiday in town. Thirteen gentlemen of Woodstock came to enjoy a golf competition with the local players, and certainly the view from the club and the links were looked prettier. At noon a luncheon was given to the players. A committee composed of Mrs. George Taylor, Mrs. Chas. Hall and Mrs. W. J. Scott, looked after the affair and much credit was due for the dainty manner in which the tables were arranged. Profusion of sweet peas adorned the tables, and the mantel-piece was banked with the same fragrant flowers. In the afternoon large numbers drove to the club for tea, after which the visiting gentlemen returned to Woodstock by automobile. Among the visiting gentlemen were Dr. Sprague, Messrs. A. D. Holbrook, W. R. Jarvis, George Mitchell, A. E. Jones, T. M. Jones, George Balmain, H. V. Dalling, F. B. Art, Rev. Frank Baird and Rev. A. S. Havel. Three matches were played, all of which resulted in a tie. The Fair held by members of the labor council, and assisted by ladies of the Red Cross, proved to be a most successful undertaking. The grounds were illuminated by red, white and

—By Ripley.

KEYSTONE KING MAKES BIG HIT WITH SOLDIERS

Army Officers, French and American, Are Enthusiastic Over Future Diamond Tilt.

Paris, Sept. 4.—Johnny Evers is over here.

The star of a thousand memorable American baseball struggles stepped from a transport into France on a Thursday and on a Sunday afternoon he was out there covering the middle bag for the army ambulance team with such pep and ginger in his movements that the soldier team leaders in the now famous Paris League, took the short end of an 8 to 6 score.

The ring of Evers' bat against the old-fashioned horsehide sounded as much as merrily to the crowd of yelling doughboys who cheered his play as it used to back in the good old days of the Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance combination of the pennant-winning Chicago Cubs. And among the boys in khaki and the cheering was more than one loyal Cub rooter who yelled himself hoarse at the exploits of the red-headed player from Troy, N. Y., who had come across seas in the uniform of a Knights of Columbus secretary.

The effect of Evers' entry into the athletic work of the Knights among the American fighting men already has had results. The last of the eight runs which Johnny helped the Army Ambulance team to score scarcely had clattered across the plate when the stalwart frame of another American baseball hero bobbed up in the crowd and the peppery Evers was shaking hands with the equally indomitable Hank Gowdy, among the very first of the major league baseball players to get into khaki and who have been over here so long now that his soldier companions say he speaks French without even a trace of the Yankee accent acquired during his years of service with the champion Boston team, which he quit to get into the war league.

Evers Arranges Series.

Out of the first conference between Evers and Gowdy, which was held with a crowd of whooping, yelling soldiers camping on their trail, were a series of games at American hospital centres as a means of

entertainment for wounded Yankees, who so far have not been able to enjoy many outdoor diversions.

Army officers, French and American, are enthusiastic over the scheme and the games, it is understood, soon will be under way, with Evers as one of the star players, and with Gowdy in the line-up also, whenever the old Boston catcher can drag himself out of the trenches long enough to exchange a gas mask for the old steel face covering used behind the bat.

Evers already is laying plans for bringing over here whichever of the champion American teams that wins the approaching world series. If they come the world's series winners won't have things all their own way. With Evers and Gowdy as a foundation the army lads have enough major league material to put a real team of contenders in the field against the world champions, and it's a hardy lot of ball players who are wearing the khaki in Uncle Sam's legions.

Soldiers Are Interested.

The suggestion to have the world series winners come to France for a set of games with an all-army team has aroused a tremendous amount of interest among the soldiers, and the American officers are as enthusiastic over this suggestion as they have been over the plans for a series of games that are to be played for the entertainment of the wounded boys in the hospitals.

Evers' advent into the work that is being done for the soldiers along the athletic lines by the Knights of Columbus has lent new spirit to the task. He played in Sunday's game with all his old-time skill and the roars of the rooters could be heard for many miles beyond the field where the game was played.

Already Evers, because of the brilliant game he put up has been dubbed by the soldiers "Big Bertha," which is the name they have given to the long range gun which has been shelling Paris intermittently. But there were mighty few Americans in Paris on Sunday who knew whether the original "Big Bertha" was piling shells into the French capital or not. They were all too busy mingling their shouts with those of the soldiers at the ball game.

Joe, the orange-outant, is still a star around the Lasky studio. Robert Vignola happened into a set where the simian was working, and looked at him critically for a moment: "That's what I call momentary with the film industry," he remarked.

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