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YANKEES TO STAND PAT ON CONTRACTS

Huston Declares There Will be No Yielding to Demands of Hold-outs — Mistake in Hoyt Case.

(New York Times.)

A flat declaration of war, with no reservations, was declared against all holdouts by the Yankees yesterday. Colonel Tillinghast Huston, who returned yesterday from the Washington meeting of the American League, was the spokesman for the local club, and the colonel spoke in accents firm and warlike.

"You can say for me," said Colonel Ruppert's partner, when he was asked about the holdout situation, "that the Yankees have done everything they can do and can do no more. We've gone the limit—and a thousand miles beyond. It no longer is a question of what we want to do. Even if we wanted to meet the exorbitant demands of some of the players, we couldn't. We can't raise a single figure and still conduct this club in either a profitable or businesslike way.

"I've seen every contract which has gone out of this office, and I can tell you that our salary list this season is larger than last year's—must larger. I've also seen some of the requests that have come back from some of our players. They were fabulous, almost beyond belief. And that despite the fact that we have been what we consider liberal in every case. We couldn't pay some of the salaries asked and still run our club."

The mystery surrounding the recent declaration of White Hoyt, that he had been sent a contract calling for $200 less than in 1921, was explained by Colonel Huston. It seems that the wrong contract was sent to the Flatbush youngster.

Right Contract Mailed.

As soon as Hoyt perceived the fact that he was scanning John Doe's document, he sent it back to the club, and the right contract was mailed to him.

"Further than that, I know nothing of the alleged interview with Hoyt," Huston said. "It is absurd to think for a moment that we would reduce Hoyt's salary. My own theory is that the reporters in Philadelphia misquoted him, or told only half of the story, neglecting to add that the $200-minus contract belonged another player."

Colonel Huston's ultimatum takes on special interest because it is the first utterance of either of the Yankee owners since the Washington meeting, where they, together with Manager Miller Huggins and Business Manager Ed Barrows, went over the entire payroll, taking up each individual case and discussing it to the fullest. Huggins is understood to have suggested a change here and there, and these alterations were adopted. In light of the above, Huston's statement may be taken to reflect the final stand of the Yankee owners.

How the situation will be met is still somewhat in the dark. Huggins, who was supposed to have hit the trail of the hold-outs, is now in his home in Cincinnati and has closed his expedition after Frank Baker and Chick Fewster had yielded to his arguments. The Yanks, it appears, are disposed to stand pat on their changes at Washington, not a contract to be changed by as much as the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t."

Owners Are Determined.

"If the players will not come in," said Huston, "they will have to stay out. There won't be any war to the teeth, or anything like that. But we have laid our very best figures before them, and if there is to be any yielding it will not be on the part of Colonel Ruppert or me. You can put that down as final."

Although Colonel Huston seemed incensed by the demands of several of the stars, Business Manager Barrow declared that the situation this year is no worse than that of any other, a double-edged remark. The Yankees, he said, are not unduly worried about the Hot Springs squad, which is due to assemble at the Arkansas spa next Friday. Each of the players will leave from his home, and the Yankees will not concern themselves, said Barrow, about those men who do not sign and therefore do not leave. Babe Ruth and the five regular pitchers are among the sunsigned members of the Hot Springs contingent.

The Giants yesterday received the signed contract of Pitcher Malone, a right-hand twirler obtained last year from the Knoxville Club of the Appalachian League. His first name is Perce, which is discouraging, but not necessarily fatal.

FIVE-MILE EVENT WILL TEST STAMINA OF WORLD'S FASTEST

Indications are that the Canadian professional skating championships to be held on the East End rink next Friday and Saturday will be one of the greatest advertisements St. John ever has had. All of the skaters who will perform in the big St. John meet are known all over the world. McLean, for instance, is known in Europe, where he raced Mathieson.

Never before has such a galaxy of speed skaters come together within the confines of the Dominion of Canada. In the olden days of "pro" racing in St. John—in the days of the late Hughey McCormick, Fred Breen, G. W. Campbell, Fred Bailey, and others—match races between two skaters were the vogue. In this case, however, four famed skaters will compete in a series of events that will embrace the sprints and the long distances.

It has been the contention of some followers of skating in St. John that the skaters of the present day are not strong in long distance skating. However, the five mile race that is on the card for the St. John meet will prove that the stars of present day skating can skate the long grinds as well as the short events. McGowan is a demon at the long races, as he proved in the international amateur championships two years ago, winning the points largely by taking the long races. He then went to the professional ranks. He is not only a skater but a boxer and has been under the tutelage of Mike Gibbons, the renowned St. Paul middleweight.

McGowan, by taking the five-miler in a desperate battle last Thursday at Saranac Lake, won the international professional title. Edmund Lamy, much to the surprise of the close students of skating here, took second place. This proves that Lamy is in wonderful shape. In the half mile, Lamy clipped a fraction of a second off his old amateur record, made fifteen years ago when international amateur champion.

Art Staff is out for revenge and wants to take the Canadian title. He was beaten out for the international title by ten points by McGowan. McLean also hopes to take the Canadian title, as does Lamy. The men who will compete in the local meet are the four highest point winners at the international meet this week. It seems likely that St. John will get the international professional meet for 1923 also, in addition to the amateur meet.

Lake Placid, N. Y., Feb. 17—An agreement entered into here today between nine of the best known professional skaters. The right to the American professional outdoor skating championship title will finally be decided on the greatest number of points won in races at Endicott (N. Y.) tomorrow and Sunday, and at a professional meet here on Monday and Tuesday. The skaters who entered an agreement to race for the professional title under these conditions were Everett McGowan, who won the professional meet at Saranac Lake this week; Arthur Staff, of Chicago, who won the professional title here last winter; Bobby McLean, of Chicago; Edmund Lamy, of Saranac Lake; Norval Baptie, of Minneapolis; Ben O'Sickey, of Cleveland; Don Baker, of New York; Clarence Carmen, of Boston, and Morris Wood, of New York.

This action is in accordance with a suggestion made by Staff previous to his defeat by McGowan this week. It was said here to automatically classify the Saranac Lake meet this week as one of several professional events without having final effect upon the title of American champion.

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THE MARITIME SHOE WHOLESALERS ELECT OFFICERS

Harold Rising is President and Ralph Hayes Secretary — Look For Improvement During Coming Year.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Shoe Wholesalers Association was held in the Union Club on Thursday afternoon with the president, C. S. Mitchell, in the chair. While the review of the last year was not particularly cheering it was felt that there had been some improvement in the business in the last few weeks and it was believed a steady improvement could be looked for during the coming year. Routine business was transacted and reports were given of the formation of the Dominion Shoe Wholesalers Association with headquarters in Montreal. Previously there were only associations in Montreal and the maritime provinces. The maritime representatives on the Dominion association are S. C. Mitchell, manager of the Ames, Holden, McCready, Limited, and C. S. Sutherland, of the Amherst Boot and Shoe Company.

The meeting elected Harold Rising of Waterbury and Rising Limited, St. John, as the new president and Ralph Hayes, of J. M. Humphrey and Company, Limited, as secretary. Among those present were H. H. Crosby, of Yarmouth, C. S. Sutherland, Amherst; B. W. Turner, of Turner and Company, Charlottetown; Col. A. E. Massie, Dominion Rubber System, Ltd.; H. W. Rising, Waterbury and Rising, Co., Ltd.; C. S. Mitchell, Ames, Holden McCready; Percy Humphrey, and Ralph Hayes of J. M. Humphrey and Co., Ltd.; E. J. Fleetwood, of the Fleetwood Footwear Ltd., and J. Neal, of the Kaufman Rubber Co., Ltd.

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MONDAY:—CHARMING DECEIVER and TOONERVILLE COMEDY.

FREDERICTON HIGH DEFEATS ROTHESAY

Fredericton High School won their second game in the Interscholastic Hockey League on the Rothesay open air rink yesterday afternoon, when they defeated Rothesay Collegiate by the score of 1 to 0. The score indicated the play, which was very close, there being no scoring in the first two periods. In the third period Keene made a brilliant rush down the ice and scored the only goal of the game. Keene, Sterling and Hickson starred for Fredericton and Kitchen and Gibson for Rothesay.

Games This Evening.

There will be no senior game this evening. Instead, Y. M. C. A. intermediates and Y. M. C. I. intermediates will clash as a main attraction, while St. Jude's vs. Business Boys will furnish the fun for the balance of the evening.

HEXATHALON TRIALS.

On the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium floor last evening, trial events were begun in preparation for the Canadian Y. M. C. A. Hexathalon meet. The events contested last night were the 160 yards potato race and the pole vault, and about twenty of the seniors competed.

In the potato race, Herbert Weekes was high man, going the distance in 45-1-5 seconds. In the pole vault, R. B. Turner jumped six feet, two and one-half inches; Herbert Weekes, six feet and one-half inch, and C. Peters, five feet, ten and one-half inches. The trials will be continued on Monday and Friday evenings of next week.

From the results last night, the prospects seem bright for the local Y. M. C. A. to annex the banner, which was won by them in 1920 and by Calgary last year. On Thursday evening the dormitory boys held trial heats. George Hudson jumped five feet and three inches in the high jump, and John J. Murray threw the shot a distance of thirty-seven feet and eight inches. The trial are being conducted under the direction of Captain William Bowie, physical director of the Y. M. C. A.

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