John Mc Graw Topples From High Pedestal

Giant Leader Overestimated His Strength When He Challenged President Tener—Review of Encounter

If the McGraw incident of the week did anything, it certainly disproved the common fallacy that John McGraw was the biggest man in the National League. There were many persons who believed that as a religion. In McGraw's famous "alleged" interview attacking Tener he was quoted as stacking his record up against that of the National League President, as a player, a business man and what he did for the National League. As for Tener, McGraw asked, "What did he ever do but take orders?" But we admit that was repudiated.

Some of McGraw's worshippers chuckled when they read this. When a National League meeting was called to try McGraw they indignantly said: "Why, they don't dare suspend McGraw for the season; it would break up the league."

All of Tener's methods in handling the case are not above criticism. He permitted a statement to be given to the public in which innocent sporting writers were made falsifiers of the truth and were charged with writing "scurrilous interviews." But Tener must be given the credit for the way he handled McGraw. He did not dignify McGraw's challenge and compare his own record as a member of Congress and Governor of the second largest State in the Union, against McGraw's record as a pugnacious manager. He refused to even comment on the interview, but when the National League directors were assembled, he said:

"Gentlemen, John McGraw said so and so; what will you do about it?"

McGraw Learns His Lesson

Every one knows what they said. They gave McGraw the alternative of being suspended for the season, if it was not expulsion from baseball and a loss of a $50,000 per annum job, or to charge the newspaper correspondents with "dreaming" the scurrilous interviews. And every one knows what he did—McGraw turned against the persons responsible for his position in baseball in order to save his own scalp.

McGraw's challenge of Tener's authority was the most stupid thing he has done in his entire career. Like many of his admirers he far overestimated his own strength and importance. He evidently expected to get by with it, but he was called. And when he was called in a far different way than he supposed like many of his immediate disciples, he believed that the National League not dare put the skids under him.

He also failed to take into account the makeup of the men who would back Tener. The Philadelphia club was immediately concerned in his repudiated charges, and every one in baseball knows how Dreyfuss of the "Hello, Barney" incident, and C. Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, adore McGraw. He had a fine chance to get off easy with those men.

National League Responsible

In a way the league iteself was responsible for letting the belief get around that McGraw was "cock of the walk" by not calling him when he made charges against his team in the Brooklyn series of last fall which decided the National League pennant.

When the fall and winter meetings went by without McGraw being asked to explain what he meant by his famous Brooklyn interview the same cry went up: "They dare not ask him what he meant. He has something on the league directors."

As a big man in baseball McGraw tottered from his lofty perch last week. He is badly humiliated as any individual in baseball has been in many years. One may just imagine a man of McGraw's temper being forced to sign the statement he signed last Tuesday to hold his job.

McGraw now is just a manager who has won five pennants, nothing more. He has exhibited great ability to lead ball teams, but has had the fattest bank roll in baseball behind him. That he has shown genius as a leader none can take from him. But when it comes to being a big man, John J. McGraw has faded from the sporting screen. He started something of his own free will which he could not finish, and when he was called he flunked. McGraw will long regret his attack on the honesty of the men who give the public its baseball news.

Fans Not Deceived

In a baseball way John K. Tener came out of the mess of last week a bigger man than he had been before. He showed he had more power than many persons believed and that he would exert that power when rilled.

Tener, however, would have been a bigger man had he chosen some other way to settle this affair than to help McGraw make falsifiers out of men who have devoted their careers to stirring up business for the organization of which Tener is the head—men who are responsible for the success of the national game. Few baseball men realize what newspaper publicity has done for baseball, and it isn't any 50-50 proposition, as Tener in a speech once implied.

Should the newspapers stop printing a line of baseball, major league franchises would not be worth the paper they are printed on. Should the big news agencies cease running standings of the clubs, what would become of baseball? Perhaps Tener might have thought of that before he made McGraw's repudiation public, or had it drawn up in the language which was used.

And is any one in the National League so stupid as to think that the public was deceived? Does Tener or any of the club owners believe that anyone believes those so-called "scurrilous" articles were faked? The public may answer Tener's league in a way that will make Tener regret McGraw's repudiation ever was sent to the press.

HOLLAND SWARMS WITH REFUGEES

Deserters From Ranks of German Army Join the Stream of Fugitives

SPY SYSTEM RAMPANT

Country Only Now Awakening to Danger of an Open Frontier

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The Hague, Netherlands, June 30.—(Correspondence)— Thousands of deserters, mostly from the German army, now are swelling the stream of refugees pouring into Holland from adjoining countries Holland has become a great place of refuge for fugitives fleeing from the terrors of the German front, food hardships or the German military regime.

So numerous have these war refugees become that a weekly periodical, called "The Combat," has been established at Amsterdam to carry on a revolutionary socialist propaganda among them. A society of deserters has been formed in Holland, apparently by German agents in order to discover the names of deserters and exert pressure on their families to induce them to return to Germany. Returning deserters no longer are shot but are sent to the front.

The country is overrun by a small army of spies, persons of both sexes, whose work is to spy into Dutch affairs, to spy upon the belligerents and sometimes to spy upon one another.

These refugees, deserters and government agents, added to escaping prisoners of war of virtually every Entente nationality, fugitive Poles and other peoples of Eastern Europe, fleeing from forced labor and other evils have swelled the immigration flood until the problem of what disposition to make of these foreigners has becme acute in Holland.

There are many decent men among the deserters who, made desperate by the sufferings and slaughter at the front, or rebelling against their government's system, or policy have shaken the dust of their fatherland from their feet. Quite a number are convalescent men who were ordered back to the front. A great number are undesirables to whom many crimes are attributed. Some become smugglers, but wholesale banishment from the frontier regions now virtually has closed this profession to them. Police control of them is very inadequate.

Proud of its traditional hospitality, Holland opened its frontiers freely to all comers, but public opinion and the government has discovered that there are formidable dangers inherent in this aggregation of immigrants.

What might not happen, Hollanders often ask themselves, if Holland suddenly became involved in the war with all these vast numbers of foreigners spread all over the country, many of them of the worst or at least of the most doubtful character?

Infectious disease repeatedly has been introduced. The great exodus of Belgians brought typhus and dysentery; Austro-Hungarian emigrants from Galicia, on their way to join relatives in America, and suspected smugglers from that province brought smallpox; escaped prisoners of war from infected German camps and others occasionally introduced diseases like spotted fever and meningitis. In each case the disease was quickly checked.

Now, however, smallpox has a real hold in parts of Germany, as well as in countries farther east, and it is pointed out how easily this and other scourges may be brought across the frontier.

The Prime Minister, Cort van der Linden, announced a few days ago that the increased influx, and the bodily condition of persons entering the country, had necessitated more drastic sanitary measures. Barracks are to be erected at five different points of the frontier, where all Germans, entering the country, of whom the great majority are deserters, will be disinfected, while a camp is to be erected for the accommodation of dangerous or undesirable elements among deserters. As regards the national danger, the minister of war, Major-General N. Bosboom, endeavored to reassure public opinion in parliament a few days ago by declaring that, if Holland became involved in the war, it would be made evident that the government was far more conversant with the position as regards foreigners, and had taken far more adequate precautionary measures, than most people thought.

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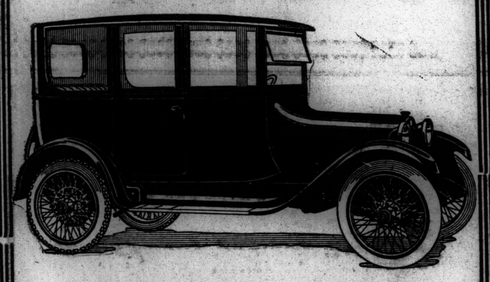

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(From Our Own Correspondent)

At the league meeting on Monday evening the topic on "Honesty" was taken by Mr. R. Frayne, which proved very interesting. Miss M. Norrie gave a solo. Duets were given by Misses Burril, Allan, and Blundell.

Mr. Ellis was presented with a book of Tennyson's poems by the League. The address was read by Miss A. Hawley. Mr. Ellis will be greatly missed, as he has been a willing worker in the League.

Rev. Mr Plyley was also presented with an address and purse by the congregations of Brant and Cainsville. Mrs. Plyley was presented with a box of stationery by the Ladies' Aid.

Both pastors made very fitting replies, and a pleasant social time was spent. Rev. Mr. Plyley and family are moving this week to their new home in Hickson.

Miss A. Hawley's S. S. class, "The Gleaners," and their girl friends had a very enjoyable picnic on the O. I. B. grounds on Thursday.

Our new pastor, Rev. Mr. Downs and family, are moving in the parsonage this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dick, Delhi, spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs H. Griswold's.

Mr. Eric Watson, Toronto, spent the week-end in our village.

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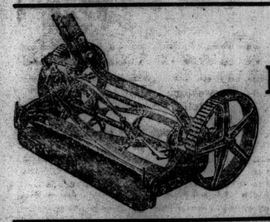

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