

# BASEBALL WAR AT CRISIS NOW

## PREPARING FOR BIG BOWLING CONTEST



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Winning scores at past tournaments:

Year	Five	Two	Indivi-
1901	2720	1203	648
1902	2792	1237	619
1903	2819	1227	683
1904	2737	1184	647
1905	2793	1213	651
1906	2794	1247	669
1907	2775	1164	624
1908	2927	1254	699
1909	2972	1304	691

Chicago has won a majority of the five-man events to date. In 1901 the Standards, Chicago, won; 1902, Pidelias, New York; 1903, O'Leary's, Chicago; 1904, Anson's, Chicago; 1905, Gunther's No. 2, Chicago; 1906, Furniture City, Chicago; 1907, Furniture City, Chicago; 1908, Bonds, Columbus; 1909, Lipmans, Chicago.

An indication of the growth of the A. B. C. is in the increase in the amount of money offered every year for competition.

Year	Amount
1901	\$4,592
1902	2,600
1903	4,137
1904	11,610
1905	12,418
1906	12,497
1907	20,460
1908	21,362
1909	25,000

Special to The Standard. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—Already they are preparing for the annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress, scheduled to take place in this city Feb. 26 to March 15, inclusive. The managers in which teams of 14 Brunswick tournament alleys are to show that the congress at last decided wisely.

Certainly, if preliminary preparations are worth anything, the 1910 tournament will eclipse its predecessors. One thing is sure, and that is no tournament was ever held in a building so well adapted to the purpose as the Wayne gardens, where it is proposed to put on the 1910 show.

I just want to say a word about this Wayne Gardens as a bowling alley. The building proper is 318,500 feet. That section in which the tournament will be rolled is 218 feet in length—room enough, all will admit, for alleys and grandstand. And there is to be a Brunswick tournament alley and a stand for which everyone can see every man roll.

Heretofore when the A. B. C. put on the big show, bowlers were compelled to roll by artificial light, by day as well as by night, but the Wayne Gardens is a glass enclosed building. Here artificial lighting is unnecessary after the sun goes down.

The Detroit Bowling Tournament company, organized to conduct the tournament promises to knock the slivers out of the prize money offer and Dad Myers, secretary, enthusiastically assured me \$25,000 would be in sight when the pins begin to fall.

Myers also looks for a record breaking entry. "I expect fully 400 teams of five men each," he said, and added, "the number may exceed this."

The Boosters. Back of the company which will operate the tournament is the gang of boosters now making Detroit one of the best advertised cities in the land. Headed by Milton Carmichael, who operates a rapid-fire publicity bureau, these men are maintaining a campaign calculated to let every bowler in the land know all about the 1910 tournament.

The Wayne Gardens is easy of access, being across the street from the Michigan Central depot and within 10 minutes walk of the hotel district. One hostelry in fact, is connected to the gardens by an arcade.

It is planned to distribute 15,000 entry blanks before the day entries close, Feb. 11. "We will put them in-

to every bowling alley on the continent," said Carmichael.

Special tournament rates will be made by the passenger associations and the assurance given that money will be paid 24 hours after the events close.

In addition to the 14 tournament alleys, six additional alleys, in every respect the same, will be laid upon the ground floor of the gardens, so competitors may practice in the same atmosphere and under the same conditions to be found in the tournament hall. This is an advantage not to be overlooked.

Although not the intention of the operating company to permit women to roll upon the tournament alleys, it has been suggested that they roll upon the alleys downstairs, and a tournament for them may be put on.

"I'd like to see Mrs. Mae Butterworth of Watertown, N. Y., meet Mrs. Gertrude Hall, and some of the noted bowlers," said Secretary Meyers. "I'll guarantee to get a cup emblem of the championship of the United States for them, and I am sure such a match would attract attention."

The first entry has been received. It came from the Old Dutch team of Louisville, Ky., and took in everything from soup to nuts. One five-man team, three doubles and six individuals entered and the money is up.

One point which will attract the bowlers is that every five man team will be used by the two men teams, and later by the individuals. Thus no team will have an advantage by reason of shooting at pins which have been subjected to an all-day bombardment, which is apt to make them fall easier.

### TOO MANY IFS FOR "ITS" IN VOLLEY BALL

If the Its had only played the third game first and if it might have defeated the Invincibles in the Y. M. C. A. volleyball league match played yesterday afternoon in the association gym, but as it was they were defeated by two points to one. The first two games went to the Invincibles by scores of 21-14, and 21-16, but in the third game the Its put it all over their opponents, winning by a score of 21 to 3.

The Its were handicapped by being short two of their regular players, A. L. Bogart and George Roberts, the former having been transferred to Montreal and the latter being on the sick list. Their places were taken by Brown and Hazen.

The teams lined up as follows: Invincibles Left Wings. McAlpine, A. A. Graham, S. W. Anthony, R. A. Armstrong, Centre.

A. B. Coho, Right Wings. Blizard, Combs, Brown, Hazen, Mr. E. J. Robertson, physical director, acted as referee.

### FIGHT POSTPONED.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—The ten round bout scheduled to take place between Frank Picato and Ad Wolcott before the Pacific Athletic Club in this city tomorrow, has been postponed until December 31. Picato's manager asked for the postponement asserting that Picato was suffering from an attack of grippe. He forfeited \$200 which he put up to insure Picato's appearance.

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Ban Johnson, President of the American League Out With Statement Against Ward's Election—The Cause of it All.

New York, Dec. 13.—"If a break comes in the ranks of organized baseball which will put an end to the prosperity enjoyed by the club owners this year," said a National League man who favors the election of John A. Heydler to the presidency, "the man primarily to blame is Charles W. Murphy of the Chicago Club. Ever since Murphy got hold of the Cubs and made a pot of money there has been friction. The Chicago magnate has spared nobody in his criticism. He has been at loggerheads with Ban Johnson, president of the American League, for instance, for a long time. The National Commission has been called in to consider Murphy's case more than once, the ticket scalping muss in connection with the world's series of 1908 being the first serious tangle. When Murphy was recently fined \$500 for tampering with a certain minor league player, this being the penalty inflicted by the commission, was the first to put his name to this decree, thereby convincing Heydler and Johnson of his moral courage. Heydler also had nerve enough to force several members of the Chicago team for rowdy conduct during the last series with the Pitts-burghs.

Laid Foundation. "In short, Murphy laid the foundation for the present trouble, and in so doing he provided ammunition for Brush, who has been a bitter enemy of Johnson for years. Brush, hitherto in the minority though in control of the biggest money making club in the National league, is the man who has purposely brought about the present crisis, believing that he has a chance to embarrass Johnson in view of the latter's positive declaration that he will not sit as a member of the commission if John M. Ward is elected instead of Heydler. Brush and Murphy were the first to put their heads together, and they soon found an ally in Ebbe, of Brooklyn, who has some fancied grievances against Heydler, the chief one being that Heydler upheld his uncles in actions rendered against the Brooklyn last season. The impression will not dawn that Brush and Murphy together helped forget to swing the Philadelphia deal in order to create a deadlock at the worst. Brush knows how to play baseball politics and his face is sure of the vote of Robison, of St. Louis. Why? Well, that is a puzzle, but it must not be overlooked that Brush allowed Roger Bresnahan to go to Robison's club as manager last year, a deal that surely weakened the Giants.

"True it is that the Giants got Murphy and Raymond as a part of this deal, but at the same time it is recalled that many persons said Brush had secured a piece of the St. Louis club, a charge that Brush subsequently denied.

"If Brush can show five votes for Ward when the time comes therefore, he will make it unpleasant for Johnson and Heydler, unless these men have a trump card. If Heydler and Johnson stand by Johnson and Heydler, the ball war."

## ST. PETER'S WIN IN BOWLING

St. John the Baptist Outfit Defeated by Three Points—Telegraph Wallops Standard—Other Games.

In a good game rolled on St. Peter's Alley last evening the St. Peter's five defeated the St. John the Baptist team capturing three points. The winners upset a total of 124 timbers and snowed the St. J. B. quintette under more than a hundred pins. St. Peter's showed championship class in all but their first string which was rather under the average. Hurley was high man with an average of 93.13. The scores follow:

St. Peter's.		
Crowley	86	88
Hurley	84	104
Doherty	81	76
Downing	79	77
Bain	65	91
359		436
St. John the Baptist.		
Hennessey	90	75
Littlejohn	94	81
McGinnis	88	79
Gliffiths	79	86
McNeil	78	73
400		374

TELEGRAPH WINS. Considerably weakened by the absence of O'Connor, one of their best men, and with those who were present a little off color, the Standard played in the newspaper rolled, yesterday afternoon. The Canterbury street aggregation taking all four points and winning out with the comfortable margin of 79 pins.

The game strengthened the Telegraph's hold upon first place while it now looks as though the Standard would have to "divvy" up for that lunch.

The scores yesterday were:

Standard.		
O'Leary	81	86
McNeil	85	76
Hazen	61	76
O'Connor	71	65
298		303
Telegraph.		
Corr	91	87
Barbour	76	65
Barry	77	103
McGinley	71	86
315		335

Margin for Telegraph, 79 pins. The roll off on Black's Alley last evening was won by C. Linney with a score of 104. The prize was a brand new carving set. This evening the Insurance men and Two H's will meet when a good game is expected.

After the year's races ended for the time of the time of the 3 feet of the Thistle, The Field then says:

This is the brief history of what may be called the first race of the season. It was the late George L. Schuyler, as the sole surviving owner of the cup won by the yacht America at Cowes on August 25, 1851, made a donation of the cup to the New York Yacht Club as a perpetual challenge cup for foreign countries. It will therefore be seen that

## YANKEES MUST RACE LIPTON

English Yachting Papers Enthusiastic in Their Demands for an America Cup Contest—What the London Field Says.

New York, Dec. 13.—Since his return home Sir Thomas Lipton has made several statements regarding his position on America's Cup affairs and has stated that while he has no definite promise from the New York Yacht Club that his challenge will be accepted he is satisfied that when his challenge is sent a race will be arranged. He says, too, that the challenge will come next March and that it will be for a yacht 90 feet on the water line, to be measured according to the rules of the New York Yacht Club.

The British yachting papers devote considerable space to the America's Cup and they argue that the New York Yacht Club in fairness must accept such a challenge. That club, however, has a way of doing as it pleases and criticism does not make it alter its stand. There are many members of the club who maintain that the cup is for speed only on a certain water line length, 90 feet, according to the deed of gift, and these members argue, "if it is for speed only on a given water line length, why has there been a tax on sail area and why have the races been sailed with time allowances? If only one factor, length is to be limited, then the first yacht home should be the winner."

A Good Fight. When the challenge comes it is probable that there will be a good fight in the club and if those who favor fair sailing have increased in numbers since the last challenge was acted on and if they can outbalance the steam yacht owners who seem to dominate the cup, then there will be a race for the cup.

The London Field, which in former years has not been a keen supporter of Sir Thomas Lipton, has recently bolstered up the London Field regarding the cup. In a recent issue it was very fully into the question and makes the argument the London Field has the cup won by the schooner America at the Royal Yacht Squadron regatta at Cowes in the year 1851. The race was around the Isle of Wight. There was no time allowance in the race, no limit to tonnage, or any kind of displacement restriction. Then it refers briefly to the races sailed for the cup in the time of the 3 feet of the Thistle. The Field then says:

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there is no connection whatever, but the deed of gift attached to the cup in 1857 by Mr. Schuyler and any counter claim may have attached to the race under the flag of the Royal Yacht Squadron when the cup was won in 1851. Nevertheless the deed of gift converting the cup into a perpetual challenge cup is not an ungenerous document, nor does it contain any terms prohibiting a fair race or debaring any club from challenging for the cup. Far from it. It contains a clause which, if both parties are agreeable, will always enable a fair race to be arranged.

### No Cause to Grumble.

"No one can grumble at such a deed being attached to a challenge cup, because it is obvious that if any trophy is originally put up by a club for a challenge cup, or if it is desired to convert any old prize into a perpetual challenge cup, some deed defining the conditions thereof must be attached to the trophy. The deed of gift of 1857, the America's cup contains the following clause: 'The club challenging for the cup and the club holding the same may, by mutual consent, make any arrangement satisfactory to both as to the date, course, number of trials, rules and sailing regulations, and any and all other conditions of the match in which case also the ten months notice may be waived.'"

"We now come to what may be described as the second era of the history of the America's cup, namely, its history subsequent to Mr. Schuyler's original deed of 1857 and the several subsequent challenges above referred to: after the deed there followed Lord Dunsay's two challenges with Valkyrie II, in 1862 and 1863, and Valkyrie III in 1865; then Sir Thomas Lipton's three challenges with Shamrock I, in 1899, Shamrock II in 1901 and Shamrock III in 1903. There have thus been seven challenges. The deed of 1857, then Sir Thomas Lipton's five, in each of the races since the date of Mr. Schuyler's deed the clause of mutual consent, which we have quoted above, has been brought into operation, inasmuch as by mutual consent the rules and sailing regulations and any and all other conditions of the match have been those of the New York Yacht Club."

"It is therefore perfectly obvious that if Sir Thomas Lipton issues another challenge for the America's cup, requesting that under the above rule, and sailing regulations and all other conditions of the match should be those of the New York Yacht Club as they exist today and no man can

make a fairer or more simple offer. Lord Dunsay's and his own challenges in the seasons of 1892, 1895, 1899, 1901 and 1903 were accepted under the New York Yacht Club rules as they existed in those years. As it was possible to apply the existing New York Yacht Club rules to the America's cup from 1892 to 1903 it is absurd to argue that it is impossible to apply the existing rules of the New York Club to a race for the America's cup in 1911.

### Easy to Accept.

"In fact of the words of the mutual clause in Mr. Schuyler's deed, which are such as to make it not only possible but very easy to the New York Yacht Club to accept a challenge for the America's cup the position of that body should it refuse would be untenable." The Field then refers to the suggestion that Sir Thomas should put up a new trophy for races between yachts that conform to his idea of what a racing craft should be. This suggestion was made by a former commodore of the New York Yacht Club, and in his paper he says, "It is difficult to see how another race can be arranged unless Sir Thomas Lipton is prepared to accept the conditions laid down in the deed of gift." It then points out that as the donor of the cup is dead his consent to modifications cannot be obtained. "To this the Field says:

"Sir Thomas does not ask for any modifications whatever. He asks for fair conditions such as the late Mr. Schuyler described in the mutual clause of his own deed, and the New York Yacht Club is unwilling to arrange such conditions the ones remains entirely upon that body. He wishes to race under the N.Y.C.'s own rules and surely any body of sportsmen can hardly refuse such a straightforward offer. To suggest that Sir Thomas Lipton or anybody else should put up a new trophy for competition between British and American yachts as a sort of substitute for the America's cup is foolish, and moreover Sir Thomas, as a member of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, the leading Irish and Scottish clubs and the Yacht Racing Association, has done all that a representative British yachtsman can do in building a 33 meter racing yacht of a type he considers desirable to support European racing."

"It is unnecessary after all he has done to deny him the right of another fair race for the America's cup. If the New York Yacht Club wishes that prize to continue to stand as the premier international trophy for competition between American and British yachts it may be prepared to accept a challenge for it under its own rules. If it does not desire that the late Mr. Schuyler's wishes in this respect should be carried out the cup must continue to rest in the possession of the club as a sort of memorial to the history of various duet types of racing vessels."

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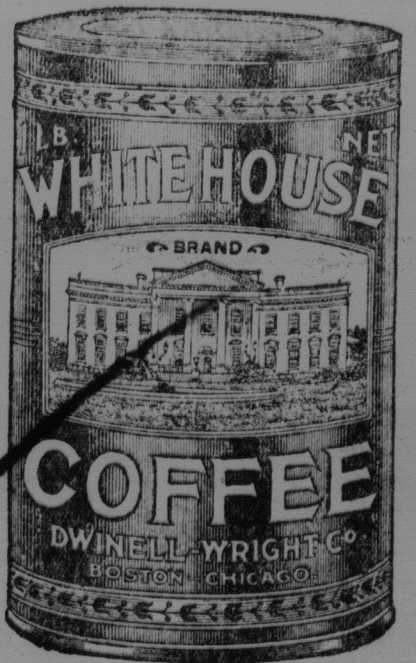
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