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HOW AMERICAN LEAGUE STARTED OCTOBER, 1900

Had to Fight for a Place in the Sun, But Has Bested the National.

The American league as a full fledged major circuit, passed its 15th milestone last week, for it was on October 14, 1900, that the magnates of Byron Bangor Johnson's infant institution held a meeting in Chicago and decided to expand by placing clubs in the big eastern cities. American league history really goes back to 1879, when the Northwestern league was launched with clubs in Dubuque, Omaha and Rockford, Dubuque, which had Charlie Radbourne, Charley Comiskey, Tom Loftus and Ted Sullivan in its line-up, annexed the first bunting of the parent body of the American League. Toledo captured the flag when the Northwestern was revived in 1883, and Grand Rapids, Duluth and Oskosh were league leaders in the succeeding years. In 1888 the league became the Western Association, and Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City, and Sioux City were the pennant grabbers while the organization operated under that name. In 1892 the title was changed to Western League, with Columbus the winner. In 1894, Sioux City again gained the banner. Between 1895 and 1899, inclusive, Indianapolis won the pennant three times, and Kansas City and Minneapolis held the honors in the other years.

It was in 1900 that Ban Johnson, the shoestring magnate, launched his ambitious scheme to change the Western League into the American League. During the first season under that name the league had clubs in Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Buffalo and Minneapolis. The American was a near-major circuit in 1900, but it fell short of the ambitions of Johnson and his fellow conspirators against baseball peace, and at the October meeting in 1900 the old organization wound up its affairs and start-

ed a new deal. In planning their eastern invasion the American League backers did not seek a war with the National League, but they must of felt sure that it would come.

BUFFALO WAS DROPPED

As a result of that memorable session, Connie Mack sold his interest in the Milwaukee club and was awarded the Philadelphia franchise. John McGraw and Wilbert Robinson were awarded a Baltimore franchise, and Jim Manning was given the Washington Club. Later, when the National League decided that it was to be war, the Johnson league decided to drop Buffalo and put a club in Boston. Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Kansas City were also dropped to make room for the eastern clubs.

The American League chiefs believed they were doing the National League a favor by heading off the American Association competition, but President Young and his associates didn't see it that way, and when the National League held its meeting the American league was ignored, just as if it wasn't in existence. Throughout the 1901 season the war raged merrily to the disgust of the fans, but to the great profit of the players, some of whom jumped back and forth many times, and were never certain one day what league they would be playing in on the morrow. At the close of the 1901 season, it was seen that the Milwaukee club couldn't hold its own with the other cities and the franchise was transferred to St. Louis. The Beer City fans were not to be blamed however, for the club had finished last in the race, and was a fitting parent for the humble Browns. Baltimore was also a thorn in the flesh of the new organization, and when it was decided that it was necessary to have a club in New York in order to assume full major league stature, the Baltimore franchise was the one transferred. McGraw and Johnson had fought constantly, and John had jumped the league and took several players with him to the New York Giants. With the addition of New York, the American League reached its permanent and present form.

How Connie Mack Foiled Cap. Anson

Once upon a time—in the days of long ago—"Cap" Anson hammered a ball over the fence but refused to advance further than third base, although he was entitled to a home run, and his team were three runs behind at the time. Why?

Well, in those days the catcher played back until there was a man on base. Connie Mack happened to be the catcher that day and Whitney was the pitcher for the club opposing the Chicagoans. Anson figured that if he lingered on third sack, Mack would have to move up back of the batter and Whitney would be forced to pitch slower. Anson knew that one run would be useless to his side and he thought that slower pitching might enable his men to stage a batting rally.

However, Connie foiled the shrewd Anson by taking a long chance and refusing to move up until after Pfeifer had been thrown out at first. Then he took up his station back of the batter and Ed Williamson fanned, leaving Anson stranded on third, despite the fact that he had made a home run drive.

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DEATH SUMMONS ROBERT B. WARD

Brooklyn Federal League Club President Expires After a Brief Illness.

New York, Oct. 19.—Robert B. Ward, head of bread companies bearing his name in many cities, but most widely known as a leading figure in the Federal baseball league, and as president of the Brooklyn club, died last night at his home in New Rochelle, after a brief illness, at the age of 63 years.

Mr. Ward, a life-long baseball fan, became one of the chief financial supporters of the Federal league at its inception in 1914. He was chosen vice-president of the league, then organized the Brooklyn club. Mr. Ward bore a reputation as a true sportsman, and cheerfully supported the efforts of his associates in the league to spend money lavishly in its war on organized baseball. He was also credited with financing the Colonial Athletic Association before that league in England. He was strongly opposed to Sunday baseball and never permitted the Brooklyn club to play on the Sabbath.

A BIG BLOW TO FEDS.

The Federal Baseball League suffered a heavy loss last night in the death of Owner Robert B. Ward of the Brooklyn team. The deceased was one of the big men in the outlaw circuit, and rumor had it that he not only financed his own club, but two others as well in that league. It would not be surprising if Ward's death was the beginning of the end of the Fed's.

Mamaux Has Speed, But Does Not Think

Barney Dreyfuss has been criticized in certain quarters because he claimed that he paid Al. Mamaux only \$200 per month the first season he was with the Pirates. "The story is not true," said the Pirate boss recently. "Al did not get \$200 per month. He was paid only \$125, and he was satisfied with it, because he realized that at that time he was worth no more than that. He was only a green kid then and absolutely no knowledge of the big league methods, and was glad to get a chance to learn at any price. As soon as he developed a bit his salary was increased. He is now only 21 years old. I know a thousand men ten years his senior who would be glad to earn what he is getting today."

U. S. SHARES SERIES DIVVY WITH TEAMS

Philadelphia and Red Sox Players Must Pay Income Tax, So Collector Rules.

Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—Baseball players must pay income taxes the same as other citizens. That they are subject to a heavy fee is shown by the ruling of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn, at Washington, who announces that the Philadelphia National League players and the Boston Red Sox must pay 1 per cent. of their world series proceeds above their legal expenses.

Collector Ephraim Lederer said that the local revenue collectors will lose a large sum through the Phillies' inability to win the classic event of baseball. The Philadelphia National League club through President Baker, will remit its tax in a few days, while the Red Sox will turn their taxes into the coffers of the Hub city.

Collector Lederer points out that the world series is not a gratuitous event, for those fortunate enough to participate in the games, so that the players are taxed 1 per cent. of their receipts. The revenue taxes are paid for those players whose salaries are guaranteed by the club officials.

Cleveland Possesses Largest Ball Parks

Not the Yale bowl nor the new speedways nor any of the new marvels of seating capacity built or now building in this country for money making purposes can boast of being the country's largest show place.

That honor belongs to the Brookside amphitheatre, Cleveland, which will accommodate 100,000 persons. Woodlands, another amphitheatre, is being constructed in the same city, is almost as large.

In these places the amateur champion baseball finals of the city are played to near capacity crowds. Last year over 80,000 persons saw one contest, according to conservative estimates.

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BARROW WANTS TWO MORE CITIES

Springfield and Hartford Are Being Sought by the International League.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 19.—E. W. Wicks, president of the Jersey City club of the International League, was in Springfield yesterday looking over conditions here with a view to getting this city and Hartford into the International League for next year. Mr. Wicks said his league had not decided what franchises would be shifted if Springfield and Hartford are taken in.

After a long conference with W. E. Carey, president of the Springfield Athletic Association before that league suspended operations, Mr. Wicks said he would report favorably on Springfield to President E. G. Barrow of the International League. He said he had come to this section as the personal representative of President Barrow, and would go over the situation in Hartford to-day with James H. Clavin, who was the owner of the Eastern Association franchise in that city.

Mr. Wicks stated that it was the intention of his league to go to the meeting of the National Association in San Francisco next month with a proposition that the International League be given permission to place clubs both in Springfield and Hartford. Neither Springfield nor Hartford had clubs in organized baseball this year, but James H. O'Rourke, of Bridgeport, Conn., who was president of the Eastern Association, claims the territory is held by that organization and cannot be encroached on by any clubs in organized baseball.

Foster Won Pennant For Houston Club

George Foster, the pitching star of the Red Sox, once got \$100 in small change for smashing out a circular swat. Foster was with Houston, in the Texas League, in 1912. The final game of the season was played in Houston against the San Antonio team. There was a difference of only half a game between the clubs, and to the winner of that combat went the championship.

It seemed that the entire population at Houston was at that game, rooting for the home gang to beat the hated San Antonio crowd of diamond stars.

Well, the ninth inning came along—and the score was 2 to 0 in favor of San Antonio. It seemed to be all over but the formality of awarding the pennant to the home team. "But wait! Don't go home yet. There's a single for one of the Houston boys!

The crowd waited patiently, but with a feeling of despair, as the pitcher, carrying him through, he was unable to do anything when he finds that he has to use his head to win."

OUR STRICKEN HEROES ARE CALLING TO YOU-- THEY MUST NOT ASK IN VAIN--GIVE!!!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, the Motherland has asked her Daughter Colonies for aid for her Red Cross work. Wounded men in the hundreds of thousands, from every part of the Empire, including Canadians, are being cared for by the British Red Cross Society. The strain on their funds is enormous—so much so that they are in danger of exhaustion.

From the Marquis of Lansdowne, President of the Society, a great appeal has gone forth, and, by order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Sir John S. Hendrie, Thursday, October 21, has been set aside—as it will be in every city, town and hamlet in the British Empire—and men, women and children will be asked to give liberally to the funds of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John on that day.

Ontario Has Promised to Raise \$500,000

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COMMANDER AT DARDANELLES IS RECALLED HOME

General Sir Ian Hamilton Ordered to Return to England at Once.

London, Oct. 19.—General Sir Ian Hamilton, who has commanded the British land forces in the Mediterranean since the campaign against the Dardanelles was undertaken seven months ago, has been recalled "to report." He will be succeeded by General Sir Chas. Carmichael Monro, who commanded a division of the territorial forces when the war opened. Until General Monro arrives at the Dardanelles, General Birdwood will command.

The Press Bureau statement announcing this change is as follows: General Sir C. C. Monro has been appointed to command the Mediterranean force in succession to Sir Ian Hamilton, who is returning to England to report. Pending General Monro's arrival Gen. Birdwood commander.

The withdrawal of so high a commander as General Sir Ian Hamilton, who has had complete charge of the land operations at the Dardanelles, is the first event of its kind in the British army since the war began.

It is not the first change of importance, however, to take place at the Dardanelles. The present French commander, General Serrail, succeeded General J. E. Gourard, who had succeeded General A. G. L. d'Amade. Gen. d'Amade was recalled for special duties by the French War Office, and at present heads a military mission in Russia. General Gourard was severely wounded.

General Hamilton is one of the veteran fighters of the British army, he having seen service in the Afghan War of 1878, the Boer War of 1881, the Nile Expedition, various campaigns in South Africa, and the South African

War, in which he was chief of staff to Lord Kitchener. He is 62 years old. Major-General Charles Carmichael Monro, who was born in 1860, was appointed commander of an army corps last January. He entered the army in 1879 and served with distinction in South Africa in 1899-1900. Later he commanded a division of the territorial force.

Major-General William R. Birdwood was wounded in battle last May on the Gallipoli front. He has a record of splendid service in the Boer War, being mentioned many times in despatches for heroism. In that war he suffered severe wounds.

HARRISBURG

Mrs. F. C. Braithwaite is spending a few holidays with friends in Detroit. Miss Nugent of Hamilton was the guest of Miss Cherry over Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Wrecks of Hamilton was the guest of her parents here a few days last week.

Master Fred McNabb, son of G. T. R. foreman McNabb, while picking apples, had the misfortune to fall and break his arm.

Mr. A. Hazell and Mr. S. Hill of

Middleport, spent Sunday last with friends in the village.

Mrs. Herbert Rouse of Brantford, was renewing friends in the village one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Vrooman of Hamilton were the guests of their parents here on Sunday.

The many friends of Mrs. James Dargie, who underwent a serious operation in St. Joseph Hospital, Hamilton, will be pleased to know that she is slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Gage, of Bartonville, were the guests of their parents here a few days last week.

Mrs. R. Bunting of Ocean View, Va., is spending a few weeks the guest of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Vrooman.

Large quantities of turnips and grain and pigs are being daily shipped from this station.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bishop, who have been visiting with friends in and around the village for the last week, left for their home on Saturday.

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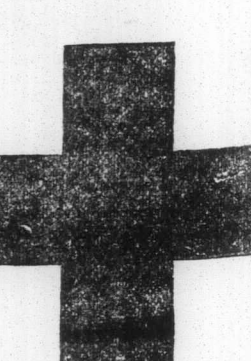
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