

# RECKLESS MONEY SLASH OF GIANTS HAS MEETING GASPING

## MINORS ARE IN ADJOURNMENT

Oppose Sexton's Plans for Retrenchment as Too Drastic.

\$75,000 FOR ROOKIE

**BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 7.**—After meeting to appoint various committees to take care of routine business, the minor leagues adjourned for 24 hours this afternoon.

The convention of the National Association turned over to a "wind session" in the hotel lobbies with financial talk in nothing less than six figures.

Reckless expenditure of cash by the New York Giants made all the "little fellows" figure they had something better than an oil gusher in their basements.

**Giants Buy.** Right on top of the \$150,000 Groh deal, the Giants also made public a deal whereby they will turn over four players to the Indianapolis American Association club for Ralph Kiner, outfielder. As a part of the deal the world's champions gave the Indianapolis club the holdings in the Marlin Springs training camp.

Judge Landis, commissioner of baseball, added his celebrated presence to the dignitaries leaning against the posts in the hotel lobbies.

The commissioner issued a brief statement in which he said the Ruth case was closed and that he figured his verdict was just to all parties concerned.

**Retreat Rule.** It was learned that the commissioner will not seek a repeal of the rule Ruth violated, which prohibits members of a championship club from barnstorming. Judge Landis is to address the convention at the annual banquet tonight.

It is understood that he will tell the magnates that baseball is going on fine and that the game is in fine condition.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 7.**—The New York Giants have purchased Charles O'Connell, first baseman and outfield star of the Pacific Coast League from the San Francisco club for \$75,000—the highest price ever paid for a minor league player—it was announced here today.

O'Connell will be delivered to the Giants, Manager McGraw said, at the end of the Pacific Coast season.

**OPPOSE RETRENCHMENT.** **BUFFALO, Dec. 7.**—Many of the minor league players taking issue today with M. H. Sexton, president of the National Association, who laid stress on the need of retrenchment.

Most of the club owners said that baseball men made money last season all over the "bush league" territory and that the game is not on or near the rocks.

Mr. Sexton in his speech set forth certain facts concerning the management and maintenance of minor leagues, which, he declared, are vital to their success. He calls for a general curbing of expenses which will save thousands of dollars if carried through.

There must be strict observance of the salary limit, he said, and the double umpire system must be abolished wherever possible and the enormous expenses incurred by free and unrestricted use of baseball must be cut. The players are to be transported in tourist sleepers instead of standard Pullmans. Hotels of the less pretentious sort are to be patronized and such luxuries as training trips are to be strictly limited.

It was estimated that the average cost of operating a class A team approximated \$100,000. A class A club close to \$400,000 a season down the line. It was pointed out that the average cost per game was entirely too high for the patronage of the leagues in question.

**ON THE SPORT TRAIL.** The bankers will meet again this afternoon in an effort to form a hockey league for the season. Ice accommodation is a problem to be overcome, but it may be decided to play a part of the schedule on open rinks.

Church leagues are still to be formed. Ottawas are looking for a man to fill the position of right wing, and they want one that has been seasoned. Hamilton Tigers have offered Tommy McCarthy, but the Capital City does not want him.

"Vote for King and Country," said Goldie Procter, when he stepped into the dressing-room of the Hamilton pros. Tuesday morning. "I didn't know Country was running," chimed in the irrepressible Mickey Roach.

Hamilton will go into the opening game Saturday evening next week with a little edge in condition over the Ottawas. The champions have not been on ice yet, while the Tigers have been skating for over a week.

St. Patricks pulled off the greatest hockey coup in years when they signed John Boss Roach to play in the role. St. Patricks' officers made him offer after offer and when he accepted he gobbled hook, line and sinker. His salary will be \$2,000. His contract will run into years with a jump of \$200 each year.

St. Pats are seeking some U. S. hockey stars. They have a scout in Pittsburgh trying to get Joe McCormick and Herb Drury to sign contracts. Both of these players are barred from amateur ranks in Canada and the United States, and it will not be at all surprising if they come to Toronto for the winter.

Auro Lees and Gussies are having a battle behind scenes. Goalkeeper "Gladie" Thompson is the man the teams are fighting about. Last Saturday Thompson played for Auro Lees and made himself solid with this team. Thompson becomes more valuable in the Granite ranks as a result of Roach turning pro. Tuesday. Roach was one of

## Any Golfer Anywhere Can Beat Col. Bogey If---

If He Follows Evans' Recipe Based On Experience of Twenty Star Players.

### WOULD END HYPOCRISY IN HOCKEY.

**MONTREAL, Dec. 7.**—"The reason I made the affidavit against Bonhard," said Raoul Latrelle, "is that I feel it is time the hypocrisy in amateur hockey should end. I did in my little way all I could to encourage the game. I helped as I thought the promising young players, and I never got any thanks for what I did, and was treated badly by them in the end. I have a mind to back up my affidavit. I never made a secret of putting the players. Many saw me do so and my wife aided me in getting ready the accounts. The Royal Bank holds some of the checks with which I paid them at times, though often I paid in cash."

### P. S. Hockeyists To Organize

Meeting Next Week Likely, Says Athletic Director.

A meeting of the principals of the public schools will be held shortly to form a Public School Hockey League. Dr. J. P. Bryant, director of athletics, stated last evening that he had not set a definite date yet, but the meeting would in all probability be held some time next week.

By holding the organization meeting next week and getting the league down to a sound working basis, pick-play would have plenty of time to pick players.

Lack of accommodation will again face the league this year. However, it is generally thought that there will be a centrally-located open rink where all the games will be played.

More attention will be given the youngsters this winter and this will be one of the best things that can happen for future hockey interests in London. The Alert Club, which has junior and intermediate teams entered in the O. A. A. series this winter, will have some of its players at each game, either refereeing or coaching the boys along.

With experienced players, the stars will get some idea of how hockey should be played and consequently London will have heaps of material for future hockey.

**Just Between Us**  
By C. L. S.

The announcement of the formation of a huge military athletic body for Canada means that it will be a big factor in the formation of future Olympic teams.

The question of expenses, which is a big one for amateur clubs, for there is little revenue from track sports, would be partly solved by militia units going in for sports on a non-profit basis. The men's pay for military training could be used, as is being done in a good many of the units, for the promotion of games of all sorts, buying equipment and financially backing the teams representing the unit.

Ruth is scrambling a bit about the Landis decision, but after a few days will find that baseball has laws just a little more stringent than speed laws even, and that he has run foul of them enough times to know he doesn't hold half the terrors for judges that he does for perspiring pitchers.

In these dog days of sport, even a six-day bike event cuts a yawn in two. He was a wicked wing shot. He'd follow in, you bet!

Most golf link architects are fortunate in that they don't have to play over their own courses.

The minor league magnates are going to say in Buffalo, "Miss Salary List meet Mister Expenses."

Willie Hoppe has so many billiard titles that he probably doesn't know he's dropped one.

Eugene Criqui, the French featherweight, who is coming across soon, has a silver jaw. That's a variation to the assortment of glass ones.

One of the biggest differences between fighters and politicians is that the former can't get a recount.

Governor Miller of New York State has shown that the gloomy forecast regarding the future of boxing in that state, owing to the squabbles of managers and promoters have no foundation.

In an interview with newspapermen, Gov. Miller said boxing had nothing to fear from him, if its good conduct was continued. He repeated his faith in the boxing commission.

A great array of wrestlers are now on this side of the water. George Calz, Italian champ, is a recent arrival, and now the Belgian champion has arrived to make his headquarters in Toronto. They are all hot on the trail of "Biscuits," but mostly after the dollar.

**LANDIS SPEAKS AT MINOR GATHERING**

**BUFFALO, Dec. 7.**—Judge K. M. Landis tonight addressed the largest gathering of baseball men he has faced since he was made high commissioner of the national game. There were owners, officers and players from the 25 leagues in the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, and a goodly sprinkling of major league representatives in the company about the tables in the assembly room at the minor annual dinner when he was introduced.

Just before 10 o'clock the team of Brocco and Goulet endeavored to steal a lap, but they were unable to shake off the other riders, and finally gave it up. DeRuyter was leading when the riders settled down to the regular grind. The teams of Grenda and Belland and Bello and Gaffney were still one lap behind the leaders, while that of Billand and Alavoline was two laps behind.

**TEAMS BUNCHED IN BICYCLE RACE**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 7.**—Twelve teams were still bunched for the lead when the half-way mark was reached in the annual six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden tonight. Each had covered 1,249 miles, eight laps at 10 p.m. the seventh hour, as compared with the record for that hour of 1,428 miles, two laps, made by Drobach and Lawson in 1914.

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## Some Units Want Outside Men Allowed in Indoor League

Suggest Amendment to Eligibility Rules, Allowing One or Two Civilians of Experience.

It is possible that the executive of the Garrison Indoor Baseball League will be asked to consider an amendment to the eligibility rule in the near future. The amendment will ask that at least one and possibly two outside players be used with a rider to the effect that they must be experienced players.

Some of the units are already feeling the need of proper coaching, and the addition of two experienced men would aid greatly in developing the players.

**Aid to Development.** The object of the league is, of course, to develop the material within the units, and this would be attained, it is argued, to much better advantage with the aid of a few outside players.

At present, some of the units are in the advantageous position of having veteran players on their strength, and it will have the effect in time of making the race a runaway unless some of the teams are bolstered up.

**ENGLISH FOOTBALL RESULTS.** **LONDON, Dec. 7.**—(By Canadian Press).—Football games played in England were decided as follows:  
English League: Second Division, Crystal Palace 1, Wolverhampton 1.  
Association Cup: Fifth Qualifying Round.  
Re-played ties:  
Gillingham 2, Northampton United 1.  
Exeter City 0, Bristol Rovers 2.  
Sheff. 2, Bishop Auckland 1.  
Rugby Union.  
Military Academy, Woolwich 14, Army 20.  
County Championship at Richmond.  
Surrey 31 Middlesex 5.  
Northern Union.  
Yorkshire 8, Australasian 24.  
Salford 0, Oldham 23.

Average speed of a homing pigeon in calm weather is 1,210 yards a minute.  
Library of the House of Lords in England contains about 60,000 volumes.  
Dec. 16, it was announced tonight.

**TECS TURN BACK TIGERS IN ST. ANDREW'S LEAGUE**  
Tearmouths beat the Tigers in a St. Andrew's League game last night by the score of 24 to 20. The game was forced overtime before the teams could break the 20-all score. McLean and Scott starred for the winners, while Cox and Davis were the bright lights for the Tigers. The teams:  
Tearmouths: forward ..... Cox, 12; Mercer ..... forward ..... Davis, 10; Scott, 14 ..... centre ..... McLean, 3; Stephens ..... defence ..... Stephens; Hord ..... sub ..... Manuel.  
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**O'DOWD MEETS GIBBONS.** **NEW YORK, Dec. 7.**—Mike O'Dowd, St. Paul middleweight, has been matched with Mike Gibbons, for a ten-round non-decision bout in the Twin City. Dec. 16, it was announced tonight.

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