

N. H. A. WILL NOT OPERATE DURING SEASON OF 1918

Annual Meeting Held at Montreal Saturday Night—Association Will Remain in Existence.

Montreal, Nov. 11. — The National Hockey Association will not operate this winter, but the N.H.A. will continue as an incorporated body and will hold its annual meeting next season. This was decided upon at the adjourned annual meeting held at the Windsor hotel, this city, Saturday night. The five clubs affiliated with the N.H.A. last season were represented. The meeting was presided over by Secretary Frank Calder in the absence of President Frank Robinson. There was not change in the Toronto club situation and that club still remains the property of Eddie Livingstone, whose representative, J. F. Boland, informed the meeting that if the association operating the Toronto club intended to remain as a member with equal rights with the other clubs. Quebec also was anxious to remain in the running, as were the two local clubs and Ottawa, if the N.H.A. were going to operate this winter.

BIG BUGS BACK UNION LEAGUE

New York, Nov. 10. — Garry Herrman, Governor Tener and Ban Johnson, who comprise the National Commission, are strongly in favor of the proposed Union League of Professional Ball Clubs. For that reason, the protest of President Hickey, of the American Association, against the formation of the new circuit is expected to fall flat.

Practically all the major league magnates have privately endorsed the scheme and many of them are going to Louisville for the big conclave next week prepared to use their influence in behalf of the four American Association seceders—Toledo, Louisville, Indianapolis and Columbus. The big leaguers realize that something must be done to keep the minors alive, and in their opinion the formation of the Union League is imperative.

In spite of Hickey's noisy protests in behalf of the Kansas City, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Minneapolis clubs, it is believed that certain concessions, calculated to satisfy all interested parties, will be made before the Louisville pow-wow ends. Meanwhile the Union League promoters are confident of the outcome.

Sporting News

WASHINGTON WILL STAY IN BIG LEAGUE

In Spite of Losses, Club Management Will Remain in the Running—Decreased Attendance.

Washington, Nov. 10. — Clark Griffith's Washington team drew such small crowds at home this year that other American League clubs were somewhat alarmed. It was rumored some time ago that Washington would be eliminated from Ban Johnson's circuit to make room for Toronto or Brooklyn. But President Minor of the Washington club has finally put an end to these reports by declaring that he and the other owners are prepared to go ahead as usual next year.

"Washington will remain in the American League for all time," said Minor today. "Our club is on a sound financial basis, and our losses are not worrying us a bit. We will neither sell out nor consent to a transfer to some other city."

Minor says that the losses of the Washington club this season amounted to little or nothing, and stockholders are not complaining. He seems to think that the decreased attendance figures in the capital are due to the war, while he has kept thousands of Uncle Sam's employes away from the ball park.

HOCKEY FOR U. S. SOLDIERS

Boston, Nov. 10.—There is a move in New York to popularize hockey at the various army, camps and forts. Boston, too, would welcome hockey games between service teams, but the men may be transferred to southern camps or abroad before the snow flies.

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PROMOTERS TO FIGHT ANTI-BOXING LAW

Regulation in New York Goes Into Effect on 15th—Test Cases Probably Will be Made.

New York, Nov. 10. — As the doom of professional boxing in New York state approaches, fistie promoters are devising ways and means to circumvent the law which after November 15 makes boxing illegal.

It is certain that a number of boxing promoters will attempt to hold bouts under the old club system in vogue before the Frawley law was enacted. At least two well known local fistie impresarios will make a test of the constitutionality of the club system. It is the intention of the promoters to attempt to hold at least one and possibly more important matches shortly after November 15.

One well known promoter said: "We will go right ahead and hold bouts under the club system and if the authorities interfere we'll test the law to the limit."

None of the promoters is so pessimistic as to believe the authorities will put the pastime entirely out of commission. They figure that if there is apparent a deep-seated public demand for boxing they will be permitted to hold contests unmolested.

WALKER NOT BADLY WOUNDED

Boston, Nov. 10.—Reggie Walker, the 1908 Olympic sprint champion, was not seriously wounded, and is probably back with his regiment in France by this time. He was hit by a piece of shrapnel under the temple.

In a cheery letter to W. L. Sinclair, of the Sporting Chronicle, Walker writes:

"The week I had over the top I'll remember to the end of my life. I was blown up twice, which experience, I assure you, is not very pleasant."

NEW PROV. SECRETARY ELECTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Camrose, Alta., Nov. 10.—Hon. G. E. Smith, the new Provincial Secretary, was elected yesterday by a majority of 981 over James Minor.

UNION LEAGUE EXPECTED TO CAUSE TROUBLE

Clubs Left Out Will Raise a Howl—Pacific Coast League Ready to Ask for Like Privileges.

Protected by the national agreement and with the draft removed the new union baseball league with Ed. Barrow as president will be the nearest to a major organization that could be possibly be imagined. There is little doubt but that the new circuit will begin operation next season no matter what opposition develops. The clubs left out in the cold, notably Providence and Rochester in the International, and Milwaukee, St. Paul and Kansas City in the Association will fight the merger vigorously—that is to be expected, but the promoters of the new league are determined to go through with the venture. It is also anticipated that the Pacific Coast league will butt into the argument. The coast circuit is not likely to remain idle which privileges are granted to the insurgents which are denied them. Indications all point to a merry baseball war. Hickey's league is already making plans to place teams in the cities which are interested in the union league. The International will hardly go as far as that. They will probably demand compensation of a financial nature.

AXWORTHY DIED LAST WEDNESDAY

Lexington, Nov. 10. — Axworthy, 21½, one of the most noted trotting stallions and sire of champion trotters, died Wednesday at Robert L. Nash's Mansfield farm of strangled hernia.

Axworthy was 25 years old, being foaled in 1892, and was bred by A. B. Darling, Ramsey's, N. J. As a 3 year-old he gained a record of 2:15½ at Terre Haute, Ind., in September, the late John H. Shults at his famous 1895, and soon became the property of breeding establishment, Shultshurst Farm, Portchester, N. Y.

At the midwinter sale eight years ago Mr. Shults sold the horse at the Garden, the purchaser being the late William Simpson, owner of Empire City Stud, Cuba, N. Y. The price paid was \$21,000.

Several years before his death, Mr. Simpson transferred part of his breeding operations to Kentucky, including Axworthy, which had been in charge of Mr. Nash during the entire time and used extensively for private and public service. At the close of the 1916 racing season Axworthy had sired nearly 170 standard trotters, the most notable among them being the world's champion race mare, Hamburg Belle, 2:01¼.

TOO MANY BALLOTS
Essex, Ont., Nov. 10.—A meeting of South Essex Liberals to select a candidate broke up in disorder last evening, when it was discovered on the second ballot that four more ballots were cast than there were delegates present. Hon. G. P. Graham, whose name was placed in nomination is the most likely choice. Another meeting will be held shortly.

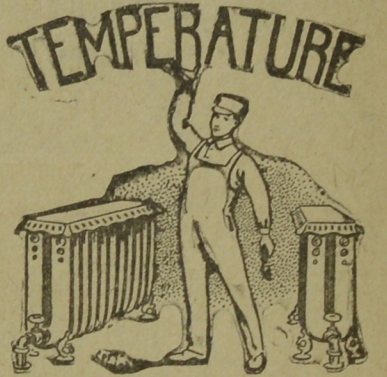
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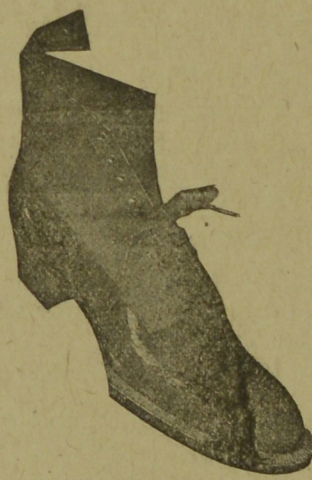
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