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NEWS OF SPORT

NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE FORMED YESTERDAY

United States Baseball League Organized in New England—Is Placed in Class C.

Boston, April 24.—A temporary organization of the United States Baseball League was effected at the United States Hotel today by representatives from eleven New England cities from which an eight-club organization is to be created.

Dana E. Spalding of Boston, presided at the meeting, and in the temporary organizations, was elected president, with J. M. Foley, of Boston, vice-president, and Frank L. Sheffield, of Providence (R. I.), as secretary.

The cities represented were Boston, Salem, Newport, Woonsocket, Portland, Biddeford, Dover (N.H.), Manchester (N.H.), Fitchburg, Taunton and Providence.

The circuit will be finally decided upon at a meeting next Sunday, by the committee composed of Col. Wm. Lgvery, of Salem, Ben Anthony, of Newport, and Eugene J. O'Connor, Jr., of Boston.

Class C. protection with a salary limit of \$1,200 will be asked for from the National Baseball Board.

JOHANSEN WINS FROM CROWLEY

New York, April 24.—Thure Johansen, of Sweden, defeated James J. Crowley, the former long-distance champion of the Irish-American A. C. in a professional match race today over the full Marathon distance. The Swede won by a little over two miles in 2:39.42 4-5, which was excellent time, considering the stiff wind that blew.

The contest, which took place at Celtic Park, (L. I.), attracted 10,000 spectators.

ABOUT THE BOXERS.

Al Delmont has accepted an offer to box in Baltimore next month.

Joe Coster and K. O. Brown will meet in New York tonight.

Monte Attell and Joe Wagner box in New York next Wednesday night.

Gunner Moir, ex-heavyweight champion of England, ran out of a match in Australia and returned to England.

Jim Barry is back in Chicago and declares that Langford can defeat Johnson. Barry is now drawing the color line.

Battling Hurney, who backed out of a match with Matty Baldwin, has signed to box Frank Picato in New York, May 5.

Jim Burge, the Australian fighter, who was prominent in the game a number of years ago and was called "Iron Man," because he could stand so much punishment, died of consumption in Sydney, N. S. W., the other day. He fought several battles in this country, his best one being a 50-round draw with Kid Lavigne.

Aleck McLean, manager of Matty Baldwin, states that the story that the latter flunked out of a match with Picato in Boston is wrong. McLean is anxious to match Baldwin with Picato at 133 pounds, weight in at 6 o'clock. Picato claims to be a lightweight and here, McLean says, is his chance to show it. He is willing to give Picato any kind of inducement to make the match. There will be no trouble about getting a club to stage the bout, as there are two now willing to put it on.

Leo Houck, the Philadelphia lightweight who is to meet Dave Deshler at the Boston Armory A. A. Tuesday night, arrived in Boston Friday. Houck has never appeared at the Hub before. He is rated as the best lightweight in Slowtown. He has defeated boxers considered first class. Deshler is certain to make him display all he knows about the game.

DIAMOND DUST.

The Doves are making good the hope that they were weak at the bat and anything but run-getters.

The Pirates keep right on winning, just as if they meant to get the bunt ing once more this season.

The electric score board erected at the Chicago National League grounds was in operation Tuesday. It is 250 feet in length.

Last season the Red Sox and Athletics were evenly matched, and as both have practically the same teams the games this season should be unusually interesting.

Blackburn, the exhortstop of Providence, now with Hugh Duffy's White Sox, up to date has not shown any of his 1909 form.

Ed Barrow got off to a good start with his Montreal team. Big Jim Wiggs pitched for the Royals and was effective enough. He has been tried by half a dozen big league clubs and it is a safe bet that his erratic ways will hold him out of the Montreal team before the first of August.

MIKE DONLIN WANTED TO HELP GIANTS AT BAT

McGraw Realizes that his Team is Weak with the Stick—Mike Not Doing Well on Stage.

New York, April 23.—Local fans became very much interested when the story was spread that Mike Donlin had been reinstated by the National Commission. The fact that the Giants have not started to hit the ball, in the way that pennant winners should, is evident to all. In consequence a mighty slugger of Turkey Mike's 1908 ability would be a welcome addition to the ranks of McGraw's men.

At present there is nothing that stands in the way of Donlin's joining the team, but the permission of the National Commission and of Mike's condition to get in the game. When President John T. Brush, of the New York Club and Donlin met last spring they came to an agreement as to the amount of salary Donlin would receive for the year, in case he decided to play. At that time Mike agreed to give his final answer by March 15, and join the team at Marlin Springs. When that date came around Donlin announced that he had decided to not play ball again.

Donlin has not violated any rule of organized baseball during his lay-off. He has not signed a contract with the New York club but is held under the reserve rule. President Garry Hermann of the National Commission, announced some time ago that Donlin would be reinstated at once whenever he filed a petition.

Manager John McGraw's stand in regard to Donlin was expressed by him yesterday.

"A team to win the championship needs good batsmen. With Mike Donlin at his best there is no team in the country that wouldn't be glad to see him."

So it seems certain that if Donlin can get in condition to play ball by the middle of May he will once more be found in the line-up of the Giants.

Chicago, April 23.—After a session of the National Baseball League, held here Friday, it was announced that Mike Donlin would be reinstated when he made a formal petition.

Donlin said tonight that he would fill out his petition. The former Giant's outfielder said that he would start work at once to get into condition, and might join the Giants about the middle of May.

"I cannot say definitely just when I will join the New York team. I do not know whether or not I can get in condition. McGraw wants me to come back, and I will be glad to get back myself."

The play "A Certain Pasty," in which Mike has been appearing at the Garrick here with his wife, Mabel Hite, has not been a hit, so it is reported.

MONCTON WANTS CALLAGHAN

St. John, April 25.—The Moncton Y. M. C. A. baseball club is anxious to secure the services of Callaghan, who pitched for St. Peter's last season. A representative of the Moncton club was in the city on Friday and made Callaghan an offer of a position in Moncton, but the tall boy has not yet decided whether he will make the move.

Pat Toole will captain the St. Rose team in the Inter-Society League this year. He should fill the position well, as he is one of the hardest-working, cleverest and gamest catchers to be found about the city.

(Note—Callaghan played in Fredericton several years ago, pitching for St. Dunstan's in the City League.)

AIRSHIP REVIEW

Hamburg, April 22.—The German airship fleet arrived here about 4 o'clock, a landing being made in a field outside the city. So soon as the squadron was sighted Emperor William entered an automobile and started for the landing place, which he reached before the airship's descent.

Empress Augusta Victoria and Princess Louise also witnessed the arrival as did thousands of visitors from Frankfurt and other nearby cities. Three companies of infantry were engaged to keep the crowd back as the machines settled to the ground.

Col. Laverty has sent Bill Freeman of Manchester, N. H., an invitation to put a ball team in the United States league, but Bill says he prefers a county league.

They say that Bud Sharpe has beaten Jack Flynn for the Pittsburgh first-base job, and that Flynn will be sent to Jersey City when waivers have been secured. That does not sound probable. There are several worse first-basemen in both big leagues than the former Leaf.

HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER ON TRADE MATTERS

(Standard of Empire)

In view of last month's negotiations between Canada and the United States, the result of which will prove at once a justification of Canada's fiscal policy and a tribute to the statesmanship of her leaders, the following very interesting expression of opinion, for which we are indebted to the Hon. Geo. E. Foster, the well-known ex-Minister of Finance in the Dominion Government, has special value, and will be certain of careful consideration from our readers in every part of the Empire. Mr. Foster is in the front rank among experts in Canada's finance and commerce.

Two recent developments in Canadian fiscal history may be of interest to your readers—the removal of the surtax upon German exports and the attitude of President Taft as regards the status of Canada's exports to the United States after March 31, 1910.

First as to the German surtax. When, after the denunciation of the Belgian and German treaties is 1898, Canada granted a preference to imports from the Mother Country, the action was hotly contested by Germany, who insisted that her products should enjoy the same favorable entry into Canada as those of Great Britain.

Canada contended that she had a perfect right to give what favors she chose to Great Britain and her sister Colonies, and also pointed out that Germany received the same treatment as all other foreign countries.

The German Government backed their contention by exacting on imports from Canada the maximum rates of tariff, instead of the lower conventional rates hitherto enjoyed. These high rates were in some cases practically prohibitory.

An interesting correspondence ensued, at the instance of Canada, between the British and German Governments, in which the latter went so far as to intimate that so far from exempting Canada, any other Colonies acting similarly would be likewise penalised, and that persistence in this course by the Colonies might result in the conventional duties being withdrawn from Great Britain herself. This drew from Lord Lansdowne a caustic rejoinder and a plain intimation that two could play at that game.

Germany however, declined to withdraw the penalisation of Canadian products, and resort was had to Article 7 of the Canadian Customs Act which reads as follows:—

"Articles which are the produce or manufacture of any foreign country which treats imports from Canada less favorably than those from other countries may be subject to a surtax over and above the duties specified in Schedule A., to this Act, such surtax in every case to be one-third of the duty specified in the general tariff in such schedule."

This was proclaimed in force November 28, 1903, and from that date German goods entering Canada were liable to the general duties, plus 33 1-3 per cent. of the same.

The following figures show the effect of these two impositions:—

German imports into Canada.	Canadian exports to Germany
1902 ... \$10,823,169	\$2,692,578
1903 ... 12,282,637	2,097,699
1908 ... 8,163,047	2,374,607
1909 ... 6,050,317	1,476,552

Trade between Canada and Germany fell off one-half, whilst Canadian trade with other countries increased from 1902 to 1909 by 35 per cent.

For some time efforts have been made through the German Consuls here to bring about the removal of the surtax, and these resulted in an agreement having been made by which the surtax has been removed, and German goods now enter Canada under the general or maximum tariff whilst, on the other hand, Canada's products as respects 25 items of the German tariff enter that country at the conventional, or lower rates.

The results, therefore, are these:—1. Germany reverts to her former position under Canada's general tariff as regards the whole list of her exports to Canada.

2. Canada reverts to her former position under Germany's conventional tariff, on a limited, but important list of her exports, covering flour, grain, fruits, timber, cattle, meats (except bacon), leather, and pulp.

3. Germany abandons the contention that British Colonies must give foreign countries the same trade advantages that they grant to the Mother-country.

4. It is a condition of this arrangement that it is provisional that it shall form a basis for negotiating a general convention between Canada and Germany, and that it may be discontinued by either party thereto, if, after a reasonable time, such general convention has not been consummated.

Lake St. Charles, La., April 23.—Fanned by a high wind a fire which broke out here late today, swept over twenty or more blocks, several hundred buildings were destroyed and a property loss estimated at about \$3,000,000 was sustained. Two thousand persons have been rendered homeless.

PARLIAMENT VOTES RAILWAY SUBSIDIES

St. John Valley Railway and York and Carleton Railway Provided for Among Several Others.

Ottawa, April 24.—Railway subsidies for this session include no new votes. The former votes are renewed, amounting to a total of 2,982 miles, which if built will involve government aid to the extent of \$19,084,800.

In New Brunswick the subsidies are: To the International Railway Company of New Brunswick, for three and a half miles of railway.

For a line from Grand Falls to St. John, not exceeding 228 miles.

For a line from Connors, at the terminus of the Temiscouata to a point on the boundary line between New Brunswick and Quebec, at the foot of Beau Lake, not exceeding 13 miles.

To the York and Carleton Railway Company for a line from its present terminus to a point on the National Transcontinental Railway, not exceeding nine miles.

For a line from Plaster Rock to Riley Brook, not exceeding twenty-eight miles.

GOGGIN FINED \$50

St. John, April 23.—In the police court yesterday afternoon, Charles I. Goggin, proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel, was found guilty of the charge of keeping a bawdy house. A fine of \$150 or three months in jail was imposed. D. Mullin, K.C., announced that the case would be appealed to a higher court. Last night he said that he had not decided on the course he would pursue in the matter, as there were two or three open to him.

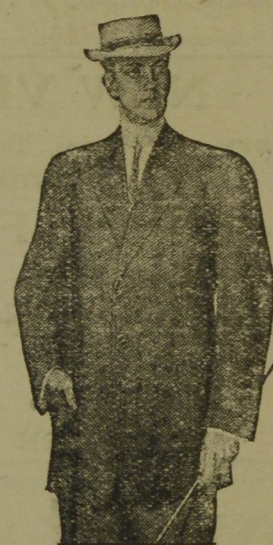
"I guess I'll go back to the country," said the gentle grandmother.

"What's the trouble?" inquired her son-in-law. "Aren't we treating you right?"

"Yes. But the baseball season is here and I won't be able to resist the temptation to see the games."

"Well, that's easy."

"No. If I am seen in the grand stand looking hale and hearty I'll be almost sure to spoil somebody's excuse for being away from the office."



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