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CONSOLIDATION TALK

THE OUTLOOK FOR SUCCESS NOT
VERY BRIGHT.The Old Magnates Spoiling Their
Own Plans--Changing Situation in
the Players' League, Etc.

A week ago there was at least a probability of a successful settlement of the existing differences in the base ball world and of a radical reorganization. To-day the prospects for settlement are so dubious that it may be safely predicted that little or nothing will come out of the pending negotiations. This change in the situation is due to a variety of causes:

Instead of imitating the example set by THE SPORTING LIFE and foregoing comment calculated to further irritate, instead of allying, the long-existing inflammation, the press, and particularly that portion of it devoted to the League cause, has teamed with injudicious and irritating comment. The League's own official weekly organ has not abated a jot of its customary vilification of the Players' League magnates and players, while other League organs everywhere have made the conference the occasion for sheets of triumph, eulogies for the League and contumely for the Players' League, which was systematically placed in the position of a supplicant for peace at any price.

Then, too, the magnates, with the exception of a couple of long-headed men, have been even less discreet than the newspapers. From one source comes a quibble over an empty name, which could be changed again in three others raise can-
seceded players, calculated to arouse resistance from that source; others again manifest such an overwhelming desire for getting the best end of any deal that may be suggested as to block further negotiations, while in quarters where terms have been or will be made not the slightest disposition has been evinced to conciliate other parties in interest. Under the circumstances it is no wonder that little progress has been made, and that, on the whole, the factions are almost as wide apart as they were before the famous conference.

New York is the only point at which anything like an understanding has been reached, and here the work was done so quickly as to lead to the suspicion that a prior understanding must have been arrived at even before the conference, and that the haste after that meeting was for effect upon the rest of the clubs. This very hasty and the injudicious talk and newspaper comment that accompanied the New York deal had a contrary effect from what was intended, and instead of expediting matters has aroused the suspicion of the other Players' clubs and the fear and opposition of the Brotherhood.

As a result, Bos' on, Philadelphia and Chi-
cago will probably unite against any consolidation that means the wiping out of the Players' League, while Brooklyn will probably also be swung into line with these clubs on this issue. These clubs can undoubtedly check further consolidation deals and prevent any absorption of the Players' League by the National League. If they stand together, as we are told they will, they can also prevent any serious disruption of the Players' League, no matter if one or two of the clubs should decide to consolidate. With Brooklyn, Bos-
ton and Philadelphia hanging together, the New York Club, which is believed to be ready to lay down, could not by any consolidation with the New York League Club make any irreparable breach in the circuit, and could not deliver even its players, which would be available for another club either in New York or some other Eastern city, such as Baltimore, Chicago in the West would hold the other clubs in line in that section and make it possible to easily secure a successor should either or both Cleveland or Pittsburgh be consolidated. These four clubs also own the controlling interest in the Cincinnati Club, and could easily hold it in line with them, and with Chicago and Cincinnati a Western circuit need never be in need of a member.

The New York Club may consider itself the key to the situation, but, as a matter of fact, it can only speak for itself and only deliver itself. An impression is abroad that the New York Club has a finger in some of the other clubs, and that a "Wall street syndicate" controls the Players' League. This statement has been steadily disseminated by League people. Nothing could be wider of the truth. The New York Club has no financial interest in any other Players' League club. Not a New York dollar is invested in any club except New York and Cincinnati (in fact, Chicago money has done more for the Players' League than New York money), and every club stands upon its own bottom and is controlled by home capital except Cincinnati, which is the property of a syndicate independent of the Players' League until the stock can be disposed of in Cincinnati.

Under these circumstances it will be seen how little ground there is for the prevalent belief that the New York Club controls the Players' League and that its coming or going is of vital import. It is really but

one link in the great chain, and under ordi-
nary circumstances is less essential to the Players' League than Chicago in the West or Boston in the East. To-day Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago or Brooklyn hold the key to the situation, and with many possibilities and resources at command, unitedly can nullify all that New York, any other club, or, indeed, all of the other clubs combined, may do.

The tenor of events during the week has made such a combination more than likely; in fact, it has in all probability already been made. If it has, and the consolidation scheme fails through, the League people have but a number of themselves and their over-zealous and indiscreet newspaper shouters to blame. Instead of laying low, saying nothing and keeping up at least an appearance of good will and friendship until their scheme was sufficiently advanced to warrant comment, they and their followers have talked and acted more like dictators to a beaten foe than like warriors eager and willing to treat with a formidable opponent on even terms, and bring to an end, upon mutual footing, a conflict damaging to both parties and the game itself. We looked for less bungling work by the Leaguers after their diplomatic victory over the Players' League.

This is an impartial review of the situation as it exists to-day and given without comment upon the merits or demerits of the consolidation scheme, as THE SPORTING LIFE is entirely willing that the rival magnates should settle their differences in their own way, particularly as the majority of them "know it all," and good advice would be wasted upon them.

The most important news of the pending deal and details of the various moves made during the week are appended:

YOUNG CONFIDENT.

That There Will Be Little Trouble in Agreeing Upon Terms.

President Young, of the National League, upon his return to Washington from the New York meeting exposed himself in very hopeful tones upon the prospects for a settlement of the base ball war. Said he:

"At the recent conference of base ball magnates at New York it was conceded by all present that another season like the one just ended could not fail to result disastrously, not only to the national game, but to the financial interests of the gentlemen who are behind the leading base ball teams in the United States. While it was in no sense a meeting of the League, it was deemed advisable for me to be on the ground in case a session of our organization should become a necessity. During the course of the consultation, while it was demonstrated that the National League is amply able to carry on the war inaugurated at the beginning of the season of 1890, still there would be no sense in giving base ball a blow from which it might not recover for ten or twenty years. Accordingly it was with a harmonious spirit that the capitalists of base ball came together and went over the ground relative to the season of 1891.

"What the name of the association shall be is a matter of secondary importance, and did not weigh anything in comparison with other and more important topics. But it is very likely that there will be two organizations evolved from the three associations which will be represented at the meeting to be held at New York on Oct. 22, and that one will be termed 'The League' and the other 'The Association.' Teams representing both organizations will probably be placed at Boston and Chicago, but only one team will be permitted in the other cities, among which will be Washington. All the preliminaries have been arranged, and nothing remains now but to carry out plans according to some definite conclusion, and this will be consummated at the next conference."

THE FIRST MEETING.

The Rival Magnates Come Together in Pittsburgh Without Result.

The first meeting of rival local magnates took place in Pittsburgh last Monday, and the result was not such as to encourage any excessive hope that conflicting interests in the various double-club cities can be very easily reconciled. A press dispatch details the meeting as follows:

"The first meeting of the Players' and National League representatives here to form a combine resulted in a draw. President Nimick and J. Palmer O'Neill represented the League, and Wm. McCallin and Secretary Brunell embodied the authority of the Players' club. As the first step to a combine the National League representatives handed in a statement of assets to the club, which was to be submitted to the new concern. Among these assets were \$700,000 blown in on Row and White, a like amount on Dunlap, not one of whom is now in the club; also a round sum paid for men who are now with the Players' club. The Players demanded that the old League grounds and men and available assets only be considered, and the old League managers retorted with a long statement of what had been lost during the past season. A half in negotiations was called here, and all hands decided to adjourn until Saturday, hoping to hear from the New York meeting in the meanwhile. President O'Neill, of the Nationals, says that the only question that separates the clubs is one of price, and they will surely come to that at the next meeting. This has been definitely decided upon at a joint meeting of a committee from each club."

A BRIGHT CHANCE OF UNION.

On Wednesday the Pittsburgh Times said: "There is still a remote chance that Pittsburgh's base ball clubs will be brought together. Presidents McCallin and Nimick and Director Kerr had an extended talk yesterday in the latter's office on Church street. The result of it was the belief expressed by Messrs. McCallin and Kerr that the matter had better be left to the New York meeting, Oct. 22.

"Nothing will be done by either of the three organizations looking to signing players for 1891 until it is determined what will be done, but everything will be subordinated to rousing the national pastime from its lethargy and placing it where it properly belongs. Magnates on both sides know that the people demand a treaty of peace, and the sooner it is brought about the better it will be for all concerned. These are ~~examples~~ of the ~~best~~ ~~men~~ ~~to~~ ~~hear~~ of the conference."

SPALDING HOPEFUL.

He Has Found the Players' Capitalists Better Than They Were Painted, Etc.

Upon his return to Chicago President A. G. Spalding at once made the target for numerous interviews upon the base ball situation. To them all Mr. Spalding expressed himself in a hopeful strain. Said he Tuesday:

"Yes, the base ball men of the country are wearing a decidedly compromising complexion just now. I have just returned from New York, where I stopped on my way home from Europe, and have had an opportunity of seeing the base ball pulse. As chairman of the Arbitration Committee, I do not feel at liberty to express an opinion regarding the matter until after our meeting on the 22d of the present month, but I will say that I am very hopeful of better things. The New York conference was undoubtedly a splendid thing for the game."

"I and other League men met the Players' League people and found them to be perfect gentlemen, while they, I think, did not go away with the impression that we have horns. In fact the meeting had the effect of putting us all in better humor, and the kind feelings towards one another will go far towards solving the problem. As I said before, the cry is for peace. The almost unanimous impression was that this disastrous base ball war must end, and both parties are willing to make all reasonable concessions to bring about a compromise. Between now and the meeting, a week from Wednesday, there will be considerable work done. The various clubs of both leagues will hold meetings, and express themselves for or against a compromise, and these discussions will be reported to the conference, thus giving us the benefit of local opinion. Then, of course officials and backers will not be idle, and matters will be in such shape before we convene that a decision can be speedily reached."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Magnates Failing to Realize That a "Rose by Any Other Name Would Smell as Sweet."

The most serious obstacle at present in the way of further negotiations seems to be the insistence of the Players' League people that the National League shall change its name. This does not meet with the views of a majority of the League people and there may be a split over the part of the owners of the Pittsburgh Players' Club.

THE MEDIATOR'S TASK.

Thurman Tells How He Came to Undertake the Work of Reconciliation.

Before Mr. Allan W. Thurman, of Columbus, the man who acted as mediator and brought the two factions together, left New York for his home, he explained to an interviewer how he came to undertake the role he successfully played. Said he:

"I didn't come East to meddle with base ball affairs, but I came on legal and personal business. However, I am a base ball lover from the ground up to the air hole in the top of my hat, and this disastrous fight of the factions has troubled me a good deal during the last summer."

"Well, you see, shortly after I got to New York I met in the course of events some of the local Brotherhood people or backers, and I was struck with the fact that they were not only elegant gentlemen in private life, but men of decided business capacity. I knew the League people were also men of pre-eminent character and business pluck."

"Thus it came to me that there was no reason why these gentlemen should not be brought together as business men and try to effect a harmonization of the base ball interests. I saw that each was too proud-spirited to make the first advance."

"I asked myself why I should not become mediator. One day while talking to Mr. Talcott I made a bold plunge right into the middle of the subject and asked he would meet Mr. Day and talk the situation over if I got Mr. Day's consent to meet him. Mr. Talcott at once said he would. That much settled, I went to Mr. Day, and without telling him I had seen Mr. Talcott I asked whether he would meet the latter gentleman with me if I could arrange it. Mr. Day, without hesitation, said he would—he could see no reason to refuse."

"The New York Sun says editorially:

"The name for the senior organization among professionals should be the National League."

"That was the title when base ball was at the top of its prosperity and reputation. It signifies the league of no man or of no party of men, but of the national game, and it signifies it better than any other title can. Whoever is against

its use is against the national game to the extent of working more for his own prejudice than for base ball. Its adoption will stand for nobody's triumph or nobody's disappointment, but for a common sense view of its meaning and unequal interest in what it represents. Let it be the National League, and then we shall all either play ball next year or go and see other fellows play it."

The Philadelphia Inquirer, like the above-quoted New York paper a staunch League paper, says:

"If the Players' League insists upon the change of name at the coming conference on Oct. 22 there will be no compromise, as the National League will never, under any circumstances, consent to change a title which is synonymous with the success of the national game. This was decided at the League meeting on Friday. The National League has been the leading base ball organization of the country for fifteen years. It took hold of the game at a time when it had lost all prestige, and it brought it to its highest standard and popularity in 1889. The Players' League is an organization one year old, but in that year its opposition to the National League and the principles it advocated has resulted in the loss of interest to such an extent that it will take several years to regain lost ground. Wherever base ball exists which will be settled upon professional base ball as the outcome of this after a most expensive year's war."

"Expensive? Why, yes. There has been half a million of dollars lost by professional clubs in this disastrous fight during the year just past, directly and indirectly. Do you think one or two men's pride or the fact that some fear of what a few players might think, will be permitted to continue this fight with another loss of half a million, and maybe more, next year? Yes, and further disgust the public?"

"Well, I presume not. The two weeks' intermission will serve to allay all the inflammation which may just now appear on the surface."

"Just watch how nicely all will be adjusted and how the public will praise the plucky men who made the good fight and then were sensible enough to accept an honorable offer of settlement which would recompense them in part for what they lost."

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BASE BALL.

PLAYERS' LEAGUE.

A SUDDEN TUMBLE INTO A DEEP AND WIDE PITFALL.

Present Unenviable Position of the New League--Wrong to the Players --The Proper Course For the Capitalists.

The situation to-day, regarded purely from a Players' League standpoint, is not so cheerful for that organization as it was a week or two ago, and it is just possible that the gentlemen who endeavor to run the Players' League and who possibly flattered themselves that in one short year they had mastered not only the art of base ball management but all the labyrinths and intricacies of base ball politics and diplomacy, may to-day have a less exalted opinion of their own abilities. It is also more than possible that they entertain a greater respect than ever before for the old National League. At the start they underrated that sturdy old organization's fighting and organizing ability, and were lucky to make a draw of the fight. Not satisfied with that they tried their fledgling hand at diplomacy with the experienced League men, who are veritable masters at that branch of base ball, and, as was expected by those who for years have admiringly watched the marvelous skill with which those crafty manipulators have squeezed themselves out of tight places and put apparently triumphant foes into them, the new magnates got a black eye. Now, like the man who undertook to monkey with the harmless looking mule, they are not quite so handsome, but they know more.

A week ago the Players' League held the key to the situation, undoubtedly had its foe on the run, presented a strong front, had the confidence of its players and friends, and was in a position to either dictate terms of peace, carry on the war or terminate it even without a compromise. To-day all the advantages of the expensive Cincinnati deal are thrown away, the Players' League is placed in a humiliating position before the public and before its own players, and the erstwhile beaten foe actually appears to the public eye as the dictator of peace and the conservator of the game itself.

Viewed from all sides and under every condition, the situation may be summed up thus:

I.—If the consolidation scheme into which the Players' League entered is consummated, the Players' League, with its principles, its capitalists, its players and its appurtenances, will be absorbed by the National League—under another name, perhaps, but the National League still—and all that it fought for will be lost to players, capitalists and base ball, and everything will revert to the old condition, with, perhaps, some immaterial improvements in methods.

II.—If the consolidation scheme fails, the onus for the failure will somehow be saddled upon the Players' League, and it will be placed before the public in a false and unenviable light; moreover, the failure will have shaken the confidence of the public in its power and stability, strengthen the belief that it cannot succeed, and deepen the conviction of many that the old League will inevitably beat it out, either through force or diplomacy.

III.—If consolidation fails, the League will be injected in the Players' League's seed of discord. Where before all was trust and unity between the capitalists there will now be suspicion and contention, the players will probably never again have their former confidence in the integrity and sincerity of their partners—the capitalists—now that a disposition to "throw them down" has been revealed, and consequently their enthusiasm for and loyalty to the organization will be vastly affected and the temper will find them even easier prey than heretofore. In other words, the Players' League has weakened its hold upon its own players and made it easy for the League to manipulate them should consolidation fail. How correct this proposition is will be demonstrated after Oct. 26, when the armistice expires.

This is the exact situation the Players' League now finds itself in, consequent upon its dallying with League diplomacy, but especially for weakly permitting itself to be entangled into excluding the players from representation upon the conference committee. From a League standpoint this was a proper move, because that organization never has and probably never will recognize the right of the player to a share in the government of the organization. But for the Players' League, whose fundamental doctrine is "players' rights," and whose very name is a synonym for this underlying principle, to refuse the player representation at the very first really important conference in the history of the organization was perfectly absurd; indeed, it was the crowning blunder of the season, and one from which the Players' League, if it shall survive the present contest of wit and cunning with the League, will suffer in future in many ways.

There may be ways out of the dilemma the Players' League finds itself in, but THE SPORTING LIFE cares not to point them out; neither has it any advice to give, since that would probably be wasted, as in the past, and it may be that the Players' League capitalists are sick and really willing to be "absorbed." Indeed, the capitalists who used each other up in their efforts to wipe each other out and monopolize the business, could be left to mend their broken fortunes in their own way, but for one weighty consideration—the effect such mending will have upon a third and just as important party, viz., the players. In their interest a few words of wholesome advice to the capitalists is absolutely necessary.

Laying aside all consideration of players' short-comings, of reorganization, of past or prospective losses, we say that, in honor and decency, there ought not to be and there cannot be any settlement of the conflict with the National League by the Players' League capitalists without the advice, consent and assistance of the players, who are, under the constitution of the Players' League, equal partners in the organization with the capitalists. True, the latter have borne the losses and are therefore entitled to exceptional consideration, although they assumed that risk as well as the chance of profit when they understandingly entered the business and put their capital against the players' skill and services. But the players in this enterprise also assumed a risk, and a larger one proportionately than the capitalists. The latter simply invested more or less of their surplus wealth, while the players left a sure thing and staked their all—their means of livelihood and their professional future—upon the success or failure of the movement; and the majority stood by it through serious discouragements and, in many instances, at great pecuniary sacrifice. They fulfilled their part

of the contract with the capitalists to the best of their ability, and the partial failure of the movement was due quite as much to the blunders of the head-strong and pugnacious capitalists as to the shortcomings of the players, either as stars, stockholders or playing directors.

The risk, interest and blame being equal, the players are entitled to equal consideration with the capitalists and a voice in the settlement of the base ball issues both as a matter of right and justice as co-partners in the enterprise, and as a means of protection when their vital interests are at stake. It is conceded that should the Players' League maintain its existence the relation of the capitalists and players will have to be readjusted, but that doesn't enter into consideration now. When the readjustment is made let it be done decently and in order like the dissolution of any other co-partnership. Under the provisions of the present constitution that binds capitalist and player alike, under the compact between these two parties, the players at the present time are entitled to a voice in the government of the League and the determination of its policy, and necessarily to a place on its committees.

And now, more than ever, should they have a voice in the matter of re-adjustment, because not only may all that they have worked for and achieved be jeopardized, but their interests and services, singly and collectively, will be the largest factor to be considered in every deal, their professional status be more or less involved, and their entire future changed for better or worse.

TALENT LESS CONSERVATIVE.

Vice President Talcott, however, who is hand in glove with McAlpin, was much less conservative in his utterances. A *Sun* reporter had an interview with him and prints the following aitement it:

"Vice President Talcott says he is still under the belief that a compromise between the two leagues will be effected, but he could not state positively upon what basis a settlement will be made. 'I have no fear but that what the players will be satisfied with any deal that may be made,' said he. 'They certainly must admit that they have been treated with the utmost consideration. When the New York Club disbanded I can conscientiously say that every man will receive the full amount that is due him. Upon the other hand, I must also confess that the players, as a general rule, have behaved admirably, and treated this whole affair in a business-like manner.'

"The Players' League, however, will hardly pay over the prize money promised to the several clubs?" queried the reporter.

"I will repeat. Every penny that has been promised to a player he will receive, less, of course, a deduction for improper conduct and other offenses. There will be no prize money paid out, for the simple reason that it was not taken in at the gate. The law of the League states that there cannot be any prize money considered until after all expenses are paid. But there will not be the slightest trouble on this point, and I have yet to meet the first player who has referred to the profit or prize money subject at all."

After Tuesday's conference between the rival club magnates, at which consolidation seems to have been practically agreed upon, Mr. Talcott again reverted to the players' question. A New York paper says of his second interview:

"Director Talcott, as he walked out of the meeting, greeted me with 'We're all very happy. We have had no trouble at all in understanding one another, and in a very short time a definite arrangement will be made whereby New York will be represented by one first-class club.'

"Do you think any objections made by Brotherhood players against men in the National League will be considered?"

"Well, I have an opinion, but I would rather not say anything on the subject just yet. Of course, there are a number of valuable men in the National League ranks whose services it would be hard to dispense with. Something must be done, and speedily, too. The public demands the best playing talent in the country, and the owners of a new club in this city must consider this fact thoroughly before making any move."

By Wednesday, however, Mr. Talcott had slept over the matter, and on Thursday he modified his utterance considerably, as the *Herald* quoted him as saying:

"The players have got to be considered. We have the new club to be incorporated," said the director, "and that will take a great deal of time and patience. It is possible, though, that President Day and the owners of the New York Brotherhood Club will have things settled before the general conference meeting next Wednesday."

POURING OIL ON THE WATERS.

President McAlpin, however, on Monday, through his official mouth-piece, the *World*, spoke in tones calculated to soothe the capitalists and players and to allay the fears of the latter. Said he:

"I am certainly in favor of any settlement that can be arranged without the sacrifice of any of the principles upon which the Players' League was founded, for I am convinced that these principles are as essential to the success of baseball as the cessation of the present strife. Furthermore, I shall insist that the players, as a part of the new league, shall have a voice in any understanding that may be reached between our organization and the National League. I shall probably call a meeting of the Players' League for the 21st inst., at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. There will then be a perfect understanding between player and capitalist as to any subsequent proceedings."

Will the committee which represented the Players' League last week be continued?"

"That I cannot say. It will rest with the sixteen members of the central board of directors—the board being composed of eight capitalists and eight players."

"Yes, I think it would be a great stroke of policy to harmonize the multifarious base ball interests, and I feel sure the Players' League will meet its opponent half way, but whether the National League will go that far is a question."

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"Vice President Talcott says he is still under the belief that a compromise between the two leagues will be effected, but he could not state positively upon what basis a settlement will be made. 'I have no fear but that what the players will be satisfied with any deal that may be made,' said he. 'They certainly must admit that they have been treated with the utmost consideration. When the New York Club disbanded I can conscientiously say that every man will receive the full amount that is due him. Upon the other hand, I must also confess that the players, as a general rule, have behaved admirably, and treated this whole affair in a business-like manner.'

"The Players' League, however, will hardly pay over the prize money promised to the several clubs?" queried the reporter.

"I will repeat. Every penny that has been promised to a player he will receive, less, of course, a deduction for improper conduct and other offenses. There will be no prize money paid out, for the simple reason that it was not taken in at the gate. The law of the League states that there cannot be any prize money considered until after all expenses are paid. But there will not be the slightest trouble on this point, and I have yet to meet the first player who has referred to the profit or prize money subject at all."

After Tuesday's conference between the rival club magnates, at which consolidation seems to have been practically agreed upon, Mr. Talcott again reverted to the players' question. A New York paper says of his second interview:

"Director Talcott, as he walked out of the meeting, greeted me with 'We're all very happy. We have had no trouble at all in understanding one another, and in a very short time a definite arrangement will be made whereby New York will be represented by one first-class club.'

"Do you think any objections made by Brotherhood players against men in the National League will be considered?"

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Moreover, such a sacrifice of the players to expediency and as the price of peace would cast indelible personal disgrace upon the capitalists of the Players' League, all of whom in their private capacities are undeniably gentlemen of honor as well as wealth, and the finest men collectively base ball ever knew. They cannot afford to do ought but stand by the players who stood by them, and who have a moral and legal right to their protection and consideration.

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By Wednesday, however, Mr. Talcott had slept over the matter, and on Thursday he modified his utterance considerably, as the *Herald* quoted him as saying:

"The players have got to be considered. We have the new club to be incorporated," said the director, "and that will take a great deal of time and patience. It is possible, though, that President Day and the owners of the New York Brotherhood Club will have things settled before the general conference meeting next Wednesday."

EWING'S POSITION.

Captain Ewing has no scruples about playing with Brotherhood deserters. This was made evident last spring at the Cleveland meeting, when he actually proposed to make an effort to sign Glasscock, the man most cordially hated by the Brotherhood men. When remonstrated with at the time Ewing replied that "he didn't care whom he signed or played with so long as he could get a winning team."

In the negotiations between the two New York clubs Ewing is alleged to have played a part as go-between. A reporter saw Ewing after Tuesday's meeting and to him Ewing said that matters looked very bright for consolidation, and that in all likelihood the main obstacle toward such an event would be removed by transferring the objectionable players in the National League to other places outside of the new League. Ewing is grieved because the capitalists yielded to the old League's ultimatum, that no players should be taken into consultation or consideration. They are also exercised over the fact that consolidation will throw them into competition and companionship with the players who deserted the new League last winter and profited by their treachery while the loyal men heroically refused to feather their nests at the expense of their comrades and the men who had put up their cash in good faith. The New York *World* which has been exceedingly active in behalf of a compromise evidently discounted the capitalistic conference which would have upon the players of the Players' League and attempted to break the fall last Sunday editorially as easily as possible. It said:

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no small measure augmented by the fine orchestra music furnished by Mr. John Mullally and a fine band of musicians, which rendered several choice selections during the evening. The stage was under the able direction of Mr. H. M. Pitt. The souvenir programmes were very appropriate, containing fine group likenesses of the Boston nine.

The returns of both the benefit game and the Music Hall concert were very satisfactory, and the boys will probably net \$250 each thereby.

News Notes and Comments.

A special meeting of the Players' League has been called by President McAlpin for Monday, Oct. 20, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, at which the report of the conference committee will be received and acted upon. It will be the liveliest meeting the Players' League ever had.

And history is repeating itself, just as was predicted a week or two ago.

Let nobody underestimate the depth or volume of the feeling that exists among the players against the men who threw them down last winter and by that act made the Players' League season a comparative failure.

We hear no more of principles. It has all narrowed itself down to a question of cold dollars and cents.

Secretary Brunell, of the Players' League, has decided to locate the office of the secretary of the Players' League in Pittsburgh next season. His reason for doing this is that the point is the most central one in the circuit and within a day's ride of any of the cities composing it. This announcement is premature. First ascertain whether there will be a Players' League next season.

The Pittsburgh *Times* announces positively that the Pittsburgh Players' outfield next season will be Wolf, Hanlon and Hoy.

The old tragedy of the injustice of the master, the revolt of the subject, the bitter struggle and the subsequent victory of the sovereign power has been re-enacted. And this time the field of sport, the base ball diamond, has been the battle ground.

O'Neill, Pittsburgh's League Club manager, is quoted by the Pittsburgh *Chronicle* as saying: "At the conference meeting it was agreed not to give out any of the talk. The matter in the morning papers was given out by a Players' League man, and is not correct." Does O'Neill know Al Johnson that he dares to impugn his veracity?

So far from standing Al Johnson on his head, Anson became quite chummy with the big Cleveland. Thus we live and learn.

The fine Italian hand of Charles H. Byrne can be plainly seen in the armistice resolution.

Mr. Johnson says that he is perfectly willing to sell his club to Messrs. Howe and Robinson in Cleveland and take hold of the Cincinnati Club, of which he is part owner.

Here is a short hit at J. Palmer O'Neill through the Pittsburgh *Post*:—"The Players' League people, in base ball sense, are not in it with Al Johnson. In him are centred the brains of the entire organization. The New York people are imposing-looking gentlemen, but there their usefulness seems to end."

Here are two choice morsels from the New York *Herald*:—"If John Ward goes to Cleveland or Cincinnati he will take pitcher Hemming and second baseman Bierbauer with him. * * * There is now little doubt that Glasscock will play short stop for the new New Yorks." Neither event will come to pass. Put a railroad spike in that.

Those confiding mortals who imagined that the Byrne resolution was practical acknowledgment by the National Agreement people of the Players' League's right to its players are referred to the official reserve notices published on our first page. It will be seen that the old organizations still claim the players who left the League "without permission."

Not a League club has yet been heard from that will agree to go into the American Association. The Players' League is to do all of the sacrificing in that direction.

Tim Murnane, one of the staunchest Players' League men in the world and as fearless and honest a writer as ever put a pen to paper, intimates pretty broadly in the *World* that treachery is rife in the Players' League, and squints plainly towards New York.

The Players' League is willing to make concessions, but for every inch it concedes it demands an inch from the older body. On no other basis can an adjustment be reached.

Eastern Park, Brooklyn, has captured the Yale-Princeton Thanksgiving Day foot ball game. It was a great fight between the two Brooklyn managements, and the new one was successful.

The Cleveland Players' threatened to rebel if Duryea was placed against them during the recent series at Cincinnati.

Manager Hanlon, of Pittsburgh, is said, by the Pittsburgh players, to be on the road for players. Well, he can do no business until Oct. 26 under the joint conference resolution.

Old Gumbert has returned to Pittsburgh to resume his position as clerk in the Prothonotary's office. He is one of the lucky players who is able to turn his time to account and profit during the winter season.

The despised Buffaloes won two games out of three from the Cincinnati, and on opposing grounds, too.

If the compromise idea prevails, over one hundred major league players will be turned adrift. That is what Allen W. Thurmans says.

Cincinnati *Times-Star*.

A meeting of the New York Players' League Club was held in the Post Office last Monday afternoon. Postmaster Van Cott presided and Col. E. A. McAlpin, E. B. Talcott and Roger Connor were present. Money was raised to defray all expenses of the club up to Nov. 1, and there was a discussion over a basis of consolidation to propose to President John B. Day, of the local National League Club.

It was a mistake to send the Players' League teams to Cincinnati to buck against the Latonia races with mere exhibition games.

Instead of being praised by the people of Buffalo, the managers of the Buffalo Club have lawsuits to defend at the end of the season. The ways of the tail-enders are filled with scorns and thorns.

The Pittsburg Club will release these men: Pitcher Morris, third baseman Kuehne, second baseman Robinson and pitcher Galvin. Manager Hanlon has said they will have to go, and the men are all very angry over it. They say they will report their cases to the Players' League and the Brotherhood.

The Pittsburg team disbanded last Saturday night and Jake Beckley immediately left for his home.

It is the "moneyed view" that has sickened the enthusiasts who cared only for the game and in the years of past prosperity didn't care for men who got their own so long as they received an equivalent in good ball.

The Players' League will hold its annual meeting at the Fifth Avenue Hotel Oct. 20th.—New York *Herald*. Not so. That is merely a special meeting of the board of directors. The annual meeting will be held in Pittsburg Nov. 11.

While the Brooklynes were playing at Newark, Pa., last Tuesday, Dave Orr, the big good-natured first baseman, was stricken at the Ward House with paralysis of the left side. While there is nothing to cause alarm, he will be several days before he will be able to move around, and still longer before he recovers the full use of his powers. His wife was at once telegraphed for. Everybody will wish the genial fellow speedy and entire recovery.

Great preparations had been made at Hartwood last Tuesday for a game between the Boston and New York teams, but rain necessitated a permanent postponement.

The Brooklyn players have presented their captain and manager, John M. Ward, with a diamond ring.

The New York *World* says:—"If the base ball war is not settled put it down as a sure thing that next spring some of the leading

college teams will be found playing exhibition games with the new League."

A New York despatch to the Philadelphia *Press* Wednesday said:—"The players in this city connected with the Brotherhood and Players' League feel as if they had been badly treated since the question of consolidation was first proposed. While having the utmost confidence in the capitalists, and believing that if a reconciliation is brought about they will not be such awful sufferers, still they think that they should be represented at the approaching conference, and will try hard to gain their point."

The players were amazed and puzzled at the uncertain and wavering attitude of the New York *World*.

The indiscreet and boastful talk of the League magnates would lead one to believe that they cared less for consolidation than did they for putting the Players' League into a false position and stirring up dissension in its ranks.

The Pittsburg Club is reported to have signed the crack Minneapolis pitcher, Martin Duke. Minneapolis papers claim that Duke also signed with Minneapolis and signed the latter contract first.

The SPORTING LIFE's recent pointer that "wolfgang" was beginning in the Players' League wasn't so far out of the way, eh?

Long John Reilly is on the lookout all the time for a wagon-tongue or a cart-shaft from which to make a bat. He inspects the many double team trucks and carts on the streets, looking for a good piece of second-growth ash.

It may be stated that whatever five clubs agree to do in the Players' League the other three will be obliged to submit to it.—New York *Star*. More than that. Six out of eight clubs or twelve out of sixteen votes in the Central Board of Directors will be required.

NO MATTER HOW THE DEALS ARE MADE ONE OF THE TWO NEW ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE, AS THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS TO FORM TWO SUPERIOR ORGANIZATIONS. THE SECONDARY ORGANIZATION WILL BE THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, WHICH WILL HAVE TO DEPEND UPON SUNDAY GAMES FOR EXISTENCE.

Will there be no trouble transferring players from the present major league to a secondary and cheaper organization, such as the proposed new American Association will be?

For a man who owns but one fifth interest in a losing ball club John B. Day has a good deal to say, both as conferee and employer.

Director Talcott says he will never submit to the name "National League" for the new organization.—New York *Herald*. What, never? We'll see. The fiercest fighters are not always the gamest, as this base ball war has demonstrated.

Richardson of the Boston, did not miss a single fly ball last season.

Editor Dickinson wobbled about in a painful manner for a few days, but found his bearings again on Thursday and is now sailing a straight course once more.

Without considering partisan feeling at all how could any team composed of such antagonistic elements as Brotherhood men and deserters ever win a pennant or make even a decent showing? When a mere fact fight can rend a team like Chicago what earthly show would there be for harmony and team work in a "consolidated" team?

Last week Al Johnson said:—"The great danger at present is that the National League, seeing our willingness to end all strife, may construe it as an evidence of weakness and insist upon conditions which we cannot consistently accept." His words were prophetic.

The New York and Boston teams were to have played a number of exhibition games next week, but these were cancelled and the tour brought to a close Friday at Paterson, N. J., Kelly's former home.

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under the new order of things."—New York *Herald*. Not so fast. The "new order of things" has not yet been instituted and there may be "many a slip betwixt cup and lip."

The Pittsburg League Club is willing to engage Jimmy Galvin, of the Players' Club, should that club let him go.

In victories Radbourn leads all the Players' League pitchers, while Tener brings up the rear.

The Chicago, during the St. Louis exhibition season, were in charge of George Munson. Of all the Player-magnates Ned Hanlon is the least talkative.

Joe Quinn has been the steadiest player on the Boston team. He has missed but one game, when he broke his nose.

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THE PRESENT SITUATION OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pending the Next Special Meeting--
The Outlook For the Association
--Minor League Prospects.

The National League met again, after our report closed last week, on Friday morning, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, to receive the report of the conference committee, and considered it for two hours and a half, when the body adjourned to meet again at the same place Oct. 22. Just how the report was received could not be learned, but there was doubtless a most interesting discussion. From those interviewed, however, after the meeting it was learned that the League was on a more solid basis than had been expected and that there was not a magnate but who, from a personal standpoint, had a burning desire to fight the battle out, but it was the opinion that the public demanded a compromise and that as the people supported base ball they should be considered more than the personal feelings of the magnates. They were perfectly willing to do everything in the power of the League to bring about a compromise.

INDEFINITE PLANS.

What the League will do if the efforts of consolidation or compromise fail is not clear, and probably the delegates don't know themselves, as they have deferred all further action until after the 22d. It was stated, however, that there was no lack of applications to fill the vacancy caused by Cincinnati's sale. In Cincinnati it is stated two entirely separate syndicates have offered to place clubs in the League in direct opposition to the Cincinnati Players' League Club. One of the gentlemen interested in the new Cincinnati organization is said to be worth \$6,000,000, and is anxious to put up quite an amount to down the new Brotherhood Club of that city. Indianapolis is also willing to fill the breach if necessary.

THE ASSOCIATION.

For the American Association the only hope at present is the completion of the consolidation scheme. That would lift it, or rather the best clubs in it, out of the depths of despair and make it once more the strong and popular organization it formerly was. If the pending scheme fails it will be a difficult matter for the Association to satisfactorily reshape its circuit, especially in the East, where it will be almost impossible to revive the Athletic Club. It is not likely that Rochester, Syracuse and Toledo can stand the major league pace another season, and other cities even as good as these cannot be readily secured. The next few weeks will be big with importance for the American Association.

GENERAL MENTION.

The annual meeting of the Western Association is to be held next week, at which the circuit will be re-shaped. The Association will, however, find it advisable to defer definite action on membership for time, as the developments in the major leagues may be such as to reward the advantage of the Western Association. Who knows but what St. Louis and even Louisville or Columbus may yet be thrown into the Western Association.

The Atlantic Association officials talk of reorganizing for next season, but the outlook is very hazy for this organization. Its future depends entirely upon how the affairs of the big leagues shape themselves.

Appended will be found the news, gossip and comment of a week's event National Agreement clubs, officials and players:

News Notes and Comment.

The League is certainly standing by the Association more staunchly than the Association stood by the League.

In the proposed new American Association Sunday games can be played in all but two cities.

Von der Ahe always falls on his feet and bobs up in every deal. He seems to have fastened himself upon the game for good.

Allan W. Thurman will suggest to the American Association that himself, Mr. Von der Ahe and Barnie, who attended the New York meeting, made a regular committee representing that body.

Manager Loftus is now not sure that he will take a team to San Francisco this winter. His wife does not care about making the trip; besides, in the present condition of base ball affairs, he wants to be near the scene of action.

Von der Ahe out of base ball would be like a fish out of water. He likes the business for the excitement it affords and the novelty it confers. This is meat and drink to him.

In these degenerate days of base ball, if a player has a fine bat he had better put an iron anchor and a padlock to it. "Bat swiping" is considered legitimate, and nearly everybody in the profession is ready to nail a good bat every time there is a chance.

President Byrne has signed every member of the Brooklyn team except Caruthers, Foutz and Burns.

Both Rhines and Harrington are believers in massage treatment for players' arms.

Caravan, Willis and Works will be Omaha's outfit next season.

Dave Rowe, it is thought, will be either with St. Paul or Lincoln next season.

Terry and his partners kept opponents batting averages down to 2.29; Boston's pitchers were hit safely 239 times in 1900, and the Pittsburg twenty-one phenomenons allowed opponents 323 hits to 1900 times at bat.

Anson won his last eleven games from Jim Mutrie's team and lost six of the first eight.

In the National League Boston had the best batting average in the Cincinnati series, and Pittsburg the poorest against Philadelphia.

It is said that Mike Roche is not a candidate for re-election as secretary of the Western Association.

J. Palmer O'Neill made many injudicious remarks this season, but he certainly deserves credit for making the game's kind of a fight under adverse circumstances.

Captain Anson wants the war of extermination to go on to the bitter end, but his friend and business partner, Mr. Spalding, is not such an avowed fire-eater and intimates that he has no desire to die with his boots on."--Chicago Herald. Anson has lost a great deal personally through the war, and we do not think he is more eager for further war than any other magnate.

The champions in race of the Pacific Northwest League closed Oct. 15 with Spokane first, Tacoma second, Seattle third and Portland fourth.

Rich Carpenter, who hasn't good enough for Cincinnati, has made 131 runs for Kansas City and leads all Western Association players in runs.

Pitcher R. J. Murphy, formerly of the New York League and Brooklyn Association clubs, was arrested at Tompkinsville the other night on the complaint of his wife Ellen, who charges her husband with non-support. He was locked up at police headquarters, Stapleton, awaiting examination before Justice Daniel Cornell at Clifton.

"It will be to the advantage of some of the big clubs to keep an eye on Clausen, the promising young pitcher of the Milwaukee Club, who in his work against the Chicago Club demonstrated his proficiency as a twirler."--Philadelphia Inquirer. Clausen

is out of reach. He has re-signed with Milwaukee.

Barnie is somewhat disappointed at the result of his brief Association campaign, but nowise regrets having secured Welch, McMahon and Robinson.

Every time a manager or magnate is seen even nodding to a player of a rival league a rumor is started that a deal is on or that the player will jump.

One of the two applications for membership in the League from Cincinnati was, it is said, that of the Cincinnati Street Railway Company, which owns the old Union Association grounds and controls all the street railroad lines in that city. The company's property is estimated at \$2,000,000.

By Thanksgiving the base ball may be settled to the satisfaction of all. If so, it will be truly a day of Thanksgiving for base ball men.

Curt Welch has a disabled arm, due to sliding.

Columbus wants to be in any deal that may be made, and is willing to do almost anything to get there.

The total shortage of both Cleveland clubs is not less than \$55,000, and probably more.

Manager Leadley, of Cleveland, has returned to Detroit with full power to engage any men through the winter whom he may care to. Two positions on the infield and two in the outfield will be strengthened.

Columbus is the best located city in the country for any organization having an Eastern and Western division. It breaks the jump and enables them to use all the days.

President Frazer, of Syracuse, says he will never submit to the disbanding of the American Association. He wants to put his club in a twelve-club league. Unfortunately for Frazer he will have little or no say in the final settlement of the base ball troubles.

There is going to be row in the Western Association over the question of division of gate receipts. The weaker clubs want percentage, while Kansas City, Milwaukee and Minneapolis are going to make a fight for guarantee and threaten to bolt if the percentage plan is adopted. This is the old National League fight repeating itself in a minor league.

There is another curious fact that has developed in this season's base ball business. The players that were enticed from the American Association into the Brotherhood, in nearly all cases, show up stronger than the old League "stars." Hard rap on the stars, isn't it?--Cleveland Leader.

Three clubs, Boston, New York and Philadelphia, had a batting average of over .300 off Palmer O'Neill's pitchers.

"Reddy" Hanrahan came within an inch of the blacklist during the Omahas' last trip to Minneapolis. He threatened to assault Manager Leonard for not seeing that his last \$50 fine was remitted. Leonard invited him to proceed with his pugilistic intentions, but he thought better of it and drew away.

The Players' League is not the only organization to have a "king" player. Crooks, of Columbus, has had the same ridiculous title conferred upon him.

Outfielder Curtis, of Denver, will manufacture base ball bats in Denver this winter.

Derby O'Brien is the only member of the champion Brooklyn team whose name appears among the twelve leading batters of the League.

Berger, of the Pittsburg League team, is certainly a rising player.

J. Palmer O'Neill is a unique figure in base ball.

When asked his opinion on the question of a compromise, Mauger Mutrie said: "I think the managers and players should express no opinion in the matter, but I will say that I think a team could be selected from the two New York clubs that could beat the world."

Col. John I. Rogers figures the losses of the past season in the two big Leagues at about \$500,000--\$300,000 for the Players' League, and \$200,000 for the National League.

Syracuse now longs for an International League. The games played in the old International League were as "lidy" as any seen in the Association this year, and gave as good satisfaction.

The most surprising change was Lovett's improved pitching this season. He was below par last year in the Association.

Valentine H. Ketcham has lost all the time he cares to in base ball, and if Toledo is in any circuit at all next year somebody else will have to pay the fiddler.

Catcher Townsend, under his agreement with the Baltimore Club to leave when the college term begins, has returned to his medical studies in Philadelphia.

Among the assets of the Detroit Club was a tub, a grindstone and some glasses.

Columbus didn't win the Association championship, but it won the series from every other club in the Association which is better than the champion Louisville did.

Kansas Cityans think that with the addition of one more pitcher their team would be strong enough for the National League; at least, they did think so before the recent series with Brooklyn.

Elmer Smith won twenty-one out of the thirty games he pitched for Kansas City this year.

The ticket sellers, ticket takers and ushers at the Cincinnati Park have presented President Stern with an oxidized silver cigar case, filled with the best Victorias.

The meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the Texas League will be held at Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 1, instead of Oct. 20.

Young Eddie Von der Ahe has enough of base ball and is going into the grocery business in St. Louis.

Manager Manning recently picked up the left fielder of the Ottawa Club, one Hogrefe, who, in Manning's opinion, is soon to develop into a great player.

There is a big difference in the official and unofficial averages. Anson stands eighth according to Mr. Young's figures, and twelfth in the unofficial averages.

It is said that Joe Gerhardt next season, besides acting as captain and second baseman of the St. Louis Club, will also look after the financial end of the team. But then Von der Ahe is very changeable.

A. G. Spalding did not know until he arrived in New York on the 9th, what a splendid finish Anson had made. When informed, he at once telephoned Secretary Brown: "Congratulate the members of the Twin City League for me, and say that that second place for a new team is more than satisfactory. Next year the pennant."

Zimmer's work of the past summer has done one thing for the good of managers. It has demonstrated that the time is past when it is necessary to carry a surplus of back stop talent.

Will Hoover, of Kansas City, is a Mason of many degrees. Manning is an Elk of high standing.

Herman Long is but a shadow of his former self and will need a winter's rest to put him in shape again.

Ex-Manager Buckenberger is now employed in the rooms of the Wayne county (Mich.) Republican Committee in Detroit. Al is a hustling Republican worker.

Johnson, of Baltimore, broke his little finger in practice the other day.

Manager Barnie's proposed California trip may have to be abandoned, as some of the players he expected to take along are too excited in their demands.

A Twin City League, with three clubs in St. Paul and three in Minneapolis, is to be organized.

Charley Buckenberger, assistant treasurer of the Columbus Club, will run a skating enterprise at Recreation Park in Columbus this winter.

Clawdians insist that in Jake Virtue they have the finest first baseman on earth.

The conference at the Fifth Avenue Hotel of the various Western rival cities of having fatigued attendance all season and of doctoring official averages in order to bring in Wolf as batting leader.

To be shut out twice in succession by Milwaukee was rather a tough dose for Anson's wirywings.

All batting, fielding and base-running averages floating around at the present time are not official. They aren't worth the paper they are printed on as matters of record. THE SPORTING LIFE prints only official averages after the season closes.

Boston's League team did their heaviest batting against Pittsburg, and the champion Brooklyn did their best stick work in the Cleveland series, in which they won 17 of the 20 games, while Boston won but 13 out of 20.

At Hartford last Monday ex-pitcher John Henry, late of the New York Club, beat a local sprinter named James F. Kenne in a 100-yards dash for \$300 a side. Henry gave Kenne a start of two yards and then won by 4ft. in 10s.

There are ten men in the National League with averages of over .300, and five of them were in the American Association last year.

It is said that the Association is to be re-

presented at next week's conference meeting by Phelps, Thurman and Von der Ahe. These represent the clubs which expect to be included in the deal. Where does Barnie come in?

The Pittsburg Players' League Club was at Glenalvin but could not secure him. At least, that's what they say in Chicago. Doubtful.

The Pittsburg League Club has so far signed nine men--Miller, Anderson, Smith, Day, Berger, Wilson, Decker, LaRouque and W. Gumber. There is a slight difference between the salary offered and asked by Burke, but this will be settled as soon as the League conference is over.

Says the Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Some of our 'steamed' contemporaries have gone into the business of 'hows.' Now, why not make some practical suggestions? Instead of asking 'How would Buck Ewing draw in Cincinnati?' inquire what Jay Faatz would do if he held three kings and there was a stack of blue chips in the centre of the table. There would be no dealing in futures in the case of Faatz, and there is a great deal of 'futurity' about Buck."

A Baltimore correspondent writes: "The finding and suspension of 'Reddy' Mack by Manager Barnie was an act of discipline which should have been carried out long ago. Mack's behavior has been something unbearable of late, and even before the club went on the trip he was afraid to show up at headquarters for fear they would 'get on' to him. There were several other members of the team in the same boat, but they escaped detection.

"Cincinnati has been promised 'the pick' of Buffalo. Are they fixing up that 'eight hole' that is rough on Rhines, Harrington, Reilly, McPhee, Latham, Holliday, Marr and Mulane. But perhaps it is too true.

Barnie complains of theumping in the Association and says his team received the worst treatment within his re-election on the last Western trip. Barnie dislikes Doesscher specially.

"Chic" Hoffer, who caught for the New Haven Club this season, says he is open for an engagement. According to agreement made at the time of signing last spring, Hoffer avers that the New Haven Club cannot reserve him for next year.

Burns and Cooney, of Chicago, have been presented with handsome lockets by Chicago admirers.

Jerry Denny is, probably, the greatest disappointment of the season, with only a batting average of .212, 23 sacrifice hits and 12 stolen bases and a fielding average of .888.

The benefit game arranged for Manager McGuinnigle will be played at Washington Park Tuesday, Oct. 28. By that time it may be possible to see the two Brooklyn teams pitted one against the other.

The general work of Pinckney, of Brooklyn, is the best of any third baseman in the country. He stands ninth in batting, with an average of .309 and second in fielding of the National League third basemen, with an average of .932. He also stole 47 bases.

Buffalo wants the League to take it into the camp if the war does not end.

Gus Creeley, who played short for St. Louis while Shorley Fuller was ill, is a Mound City boy.

Jack O'Connor tells one of the prize stories on Larry O'Dea. The little son of Erin was giving Jack an awful deal on balls and strikes and Jack protested. "I might as well call 'em on you, Jack, you ain't hitting them," was the response.

Manager Guy Hecker will winter in Oil City.

Wolf, of the Louisville Club, denies that he is going to play in Pittsburg next season. He says: "I have played ball in Louisville all my life and I prefer to end my base ball career in that city."

There had been so much mid-season talk that Cincinnati would change corners that when the promised move was made it was received as a matter of course. Cincinnati holds the record as the champion emigrants of the base ball world. They have occupied berths in the Association and rival leagues in their two seasons.

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At present the indications are that if the Players' League insist that the National League shall abandon its name there will be no consolidation or deal consummated.

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BASE BALL.

INTER-LEAGUE GAMES

CONTESTS BETWEEN LOUISVILLE AND BROOKLYN ARRANGED.

Conditions Under Which a Series of Nine Games Will Be Played Between Champion Teams.

Presidents Byrne and Parsons met at Louisville, Oct. 12, for the first time since last winter and made the following agreement to govern the coming series to decide what is called the "world's championship," but which this year will establish nothing more than relative superiority of the League and Association, since an equally strong, if not stronger, competitor—the Boston Players' Club—is excluded from competition, which to establish a world's championship, must be open to all.

"It is agreed that the Brooklyn Club, of the National League, and the Louisville Club, of the American Association, having won the championship of their respective associations, will play a friendly series of games, not to exceed nine in number, to decide the world's base ball championship. It is also understood that the club first winning a majority of such games shall be entitled to be called the world's champion of 1891.

"The price of admission to all games shall be fifty cents and to grand stand twenty-five cents extra, and in case of Louisville twenty-five cents extra, and in case of Louisville Club the latter club is authorized to charge sixty cents for pavilion seats. The umpires agreed upon to officiate in this world's series are John McQuaid, selected by the Louisville Club, and Wesley Curry, selected by the Brooklyn Club, and it is also agreed that in the event of either of said umpires failing to report for duty at any game the umpire present shall be hereby authorized to umpire said game.

"It is also understood and agreed that all games of this series shall be played under and governed by the joint playing rules governing all National Agreement clubs. The following is the schedule of games we hereby agree to play:

—In Louisville—Thursday, Oct. 16; Friday, Oct. 17; Saturday, Oct. 18; Monday, Oct. 20; Tuesday, Oct. 21, to be left as an open date. In Brooklyn—Thursday, Oct. 23; Friday, Oct. 24; Saturday, Oct. 25, and Monday, Oct. 27. If the ninth game is necessary to decide the series the place and date will be determined hereafter, but the above schedule shall be followed precisely in a regular championship series."

It was also understood that the courtesy of each ground should be extended only to the press. On account of the lateness of the season and the factional fight of the season the games are confined to Louisville and Brooklyn.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

The first game, which was to have been played Thursday afternoon, was prevented by rain to the disappointment of all Louisville. In explaining the loss of two games out of three at Kansas City President Byrne, of Brooklyn, said: "We made no heroic attempt to win the two games at Kansas City, as the boys were afraid to run any chances of injuring themselves and were anxious to keep in good form for the world's series. The grounds at Kansas City were damp and slippery, and the boys were afraid to take many chances in running bases. Notwithstanding their precautions, however, Collins wrenched his knee very badly. The Brooklyn Club is in excellent condition for the coming series, and is going to win the championship."

PITTSBURG PENCILLINGS.

Why the First Compromise Conference Failed—Some Gossip on Values—The Exhibition Season—A Western Phenomenon—News, Etc.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 15.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—They didn't talk business. This is the reason in a nut shell of the failure of the owners of the rival Pittsburg clubs to coalesce according to orders from headquarters at their conference Monday night. Just imagine both clubs putting a value on their good will, something proven to be worth next door to nothing in the fight of the season just ended.

Wonder whether they computed the value so much per head—likely turnstile count, perhaps. This meeting on Monday night, judging from all that can be learned, was a find-out talk. Mr. Rea would make a thrust at Mr. O'Neill. The latter would parry and then let a spear slide back. Then there would be a lull to allow the contestants to smile at how cleverly they had handled themselves. All accomplished, it seems, was a placing of values, speaking from a watered stock standpoint, and the stirring up of a little ugly feeling by Secretary Brunell, who represented the Chicago owners.

The spectated secretary couldn't resist giving out some of the amusing claims made by the National League men; loss of White and Rowe, Conway and other men, and the money invested in the club since its inception, say \$30,000 at least. This is certainly no way to patch up matters. As a lover of the game Mr. Brunell certainly erred, but leaving this aside for a moment, let me say that there will be no amicable understanding unless both sides make concessions. The National League can't certainly ask for \$30,000 worth of stock in a consolidated company, for the Players would certainly and properly want as much if not more. Imagine a club in Pittsburg paying a fair dividend on \$175,000 capital. It would have to be way up to even pay 3 per cent. on its profits. The National League has \$20,000 worth of notes which it has been carrying for several years past. Likely these will be included in the one company.

WILL THEY GET TOGETHER AGAIN?

It is hinted that Representative Rea has a good idea of the condition of affairs in the National League club and talked freely, asking Mr. O'Neill some questions no one would care to answer—cross-examiners, as it were. In fact, he told Mr. O'Neill just what Mr. O'Neill would do with his grounds, etc. This made the National League a little hot under the collar, but they adjourned in a good humor, and were in such a condition until the next morning, when Secretary Brunell's leakings were noted.

Another conference has been called for Saturday evening, and it will be interesting to note if President O'Neill keeps his promise not to go to a meeting if Secretary Brunell is on hand. The Pittsburg president was met this morning and asked to give a little idea of the gathering. He said: "When we first got together I said: 'Gentlemen, my understanding is that this is to be but an informal talk, and is it understood that what is said here shall not be handed out to the newspapers?' There was a general assent and then we started. Now, Mr. Brunell, as soon as we leave, gets hold of two reporters, men who have always and still champion the Players' cause, and tells them how smart he acted; that is the queries he put to me. Of course, he colored it up Players' League, but had given my replies his master would have been robbed of considerable of its thunder, and I certainly object to talking business with a man of this kind. I am told that these Chicago men, Messrs. Auten and Addison, own the controlling interest in the Pittsburg Players' Club. That carries out your claim that all the capital stock has not been taken by Pittsburgers. These gentlemen would do well to get another representative to 'talk business for them.' The National League men think, even in case they cannot arrange details with the Pittsburg owners, they will not be entirely left in the way the general conference committee will decide the situation. The news here is that Ward has cast aside the players and is aiding the capitalists to get out. Is that correct? The New York coalition to-day sort of strengthens this."

PLEASES MORE THAN ONE.

A feeling of general satisfaction floats about because it is reasonably certain that the war is over. There are five months ahead in which the base ball fire may be stirred up

in the hearts of the old enthusiasts, men who shouted themselves hoarse in the good old days when there was an exciting game. During this long winter there will be no contract jumping, no star casting, which disgusted hundreds last snow time, and what is better it will give a chance to work up a fifty cent admission in this city once more. My reasons for fifty cent admission, one might say. Well to elevate the game, take away that large following of hoodlums which tend to bring disgust to the best class of patrons. "That's the worst crowd I ever played before," said Tim Keefe one day, after his appearance before a crowd at Exposition Park. When a player didn't do exactly right up would go a yell, "Put in so and so," and even in the face of the mass playing, having been doing magnificent work in previous contests. This kind of hoodlumism will disgust both player and spectator.

THREE GAMES NET ONE HUNDRED.

The exhibition season of the League nine has been a financial success, that is if you strain a few points, for three games have been netted nearly \$100. The expenses have been light, and this is pretty nearly all velvet. One game netted \$28, another \$37.50, and so on to make up the \$100. The weather was mean at McKeepsport and Homestead.

President O'Neill said this morning: "There is no money in the exhibition series. We knew that, but being called to the New York meeting prevented me from meeting all the players and settling up with them, otherwise they would have been let go home long ago. They can go. We haven't any further use for them."

This will please many of the players; but hold, it may not unless something else is given, for read the following:

WANT TO GO HOME.

"If Palmer would only leave us go home." This has been the wail of almost every out-of-town man in the League nine for the past ten days. Even some of the men living here have the fever. They want to get away, to hunt or something else. Every morning the gang has gathered at the corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street and waited for the genial, suave president of the Pittsburg National club. Along comes he. Every player brightens up and one by one they side up and strike him, with a look of woe on their countenance. "I'll see you in an hour," says he, and they walk away looking like a man who isn't satisfied. One hour, two hours, three hours pass, and they don't see him. Next day same old racket.

A most amazing scene occurred yesterday. John Smith, Phenomenal John, stood by himself on one corner looking the picture of despair, just like a man who gets up from a poker game way out, and then says he isn't disgusted because he lost the money but because he lost the opportunity of winning. "Smith wants to go to his home and see his wife and babies," said Sam LaRoque, who, with Sales, Staley and others, ornamented another corner. Crossing the street that moment was a well-dressed man wearing side whiskers. Who is he? It is the worthy president. John Smith smiles sweetly when he approaches, extends his hand and then proceeds to brush a little dust off the worthy president's coat.

The gang breaks down, and one yells, "More on the other side, Smith." That was Monday; Smith is still here. Brushing the dust off didn't work.

M'KINLEY BILLS.

President McCallin declares that he admires President O'Neill for the game fight he made under the circumstances. He means how he pulled the club through the season.

There is a letter at Al Pratt's for Freddy Miller, the McKeepsport short stop.

Sam LaRoque has invested in some good togs to carry to his Canadian home. He will not have to pay tariff on them.

Fred Carroll was in a quandary to-day. He could get a round trip ticket to Fresno good for six months, for \$16, but as he is going to be married this winter he didn't know by what route he would return. He finally bought a single trip ticket to Chicago.

Jeems Galvin threw away his cane to-day and hobbled along Fifth avenue in good style. Jeems declares he will play with the "Faugh-a-Ballahs" next season.

Elmer Cleveland is stopping in Johnstown just now. He will remain there the biggest end of the winter.

Frank Killeen grew stouter during his sojourn in Minneapolis.

Benny Stephens writes me from Meadville, the Budd House, where he is chief clerk. He declares that he is really glad he didn't receive that last telegram from J. E. Powell, of Sioux City, after the treatment he received from Powell. "Meadville," says Ben, "is a great ball town for its size." Hanlon would do well by making dates here early in the spring. The Brotherhood club is well thought of here, and would draw well. Frank A. Strifler of the Budd House, can give him dates. Strifler is a clever base ball man."

Sam Barkley has an automaton of a judge charging the jury going in his show window. Sam says this is the judge who laid down the law in his famous case.

"If there is a consolidation I guess I will have to go back to Barnie," said Tommy Quinn to-day.

Manager Hecker has been in Oil City for several days.

Messrs. Howe, Robison and Hawley have returned from the East, and are apparently well satisfied with the outlook. I asked Mr. Howe, who is one of the most conservative men in base ball to-day, what he thought of the situation and whether he looked for a settlement.

MR. HOWE'S VIEWS.

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It is impossible to get at the exact figures on attendance, as the reports have been more or less doctored. A conservative estimate of the actual paid attendance gives the League the advantage by a ratio of not less than 3 to 2, and this in spite of street car service to the League park, which has not been equalled for badness since Cleveland has had a team. The streets leading to the park have been torn up all summer, owing to the construction of the new cable railroad, and passengers have been taken around a circuitous route, and at times transferred. Johnson's street car service has been perfect, and to his credit it may be said that his management of the park and his patrons has been beyond criticism.

The fact remains that the old League has more than held its own in Cleveland, and Mr. Johnson's failure is due to causes beyond his immediate control.

LEAGUE BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

What would you suggest as a basis of settlement? Will the stock of the clubs be consolidated in each city, or will the League or Brotherhood buy out those stockholders who object to such an arrangement?"

That is a matter for the gentlemen interested in the clubs to determine among themselves. I should say that an arrangement might be made for transferring and consolidating interests that would be mutually satisfactory."

"In that event would Cleveland remain in the National League?"

"Most assuredly. There could be no compromise to which we would agree that would take Cleveland out of the National League, and we know we can depend upon the support of our associates."

"If Mr. Johnson took his club out of Cleveland would the National League club take his grounds?"

"I do not see how we could do so. While there would be advantages in such an arrangement we do not believe our patrons would consent to it. We draw most largely from the territory in the vicinity of our present grounds and where the new park will be located. There is no cross-town road, and the bulk of our patrons would be seriously inconvenienced. I think it would be very bad policy for us to change the location of our grounds."

"How will you harmonize the two facts among the players? Will not this prove a serious obstacle in the way of a compromise?"

PLAYERS TO BE DISREGARDED.

"The players will have to adapt themselves to the situation or get out of base ball. Immense financial interests cannot be jeopardized for the sake of petty quarrels among the players. It may not be possible to play some of the men together, but we are in favor of each club in the League waiving its rights to all players now under reserve and who are playing with the Players' League, which would leave these men free to join any club in the League they saw fit. Now, there are some of the old players of the Cleveland Club with Mr. Johnson whom we would not have in our team, but we would be perfectly willing to have them go to some other League club."

Mr. Howe takes a fair and manly view of the situation. He is willing to fight, if necessary, but also willing to declare peace in the interests of base ball. So far as I am able to learn from other sources this is the general sentiment in League circles, and with the moneyed men of the Players' League as well. Even John Ward, whose whole heart and soul is with the Brotherhood movement, is willing to end the struggle. The players, who have no financial interest in the game beyond getting their salaries, which they know will be forthcoming so long as moneyed men are back of them, howl against associating with "traitors" and are keeping up appearances of the utmost confidence. There will be a compromise, whether the players want it or not, and the men who talk the most now will have to do the greatest amount of caving when the deal is completed.

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS.

S. B. P., Rochester, N. Y.—Under a rigid interpretation of the bet A. will win, as Gleason was in the box part of the game, although the presumption is that the better meant that Gleason should be the pitcher regularly assigned to the game; that is, to start it, at least.

CONSTANT READER, Charleston, S. C.—Reach & Co. and A. G. Spalding & Bros. publish books on that subject. Ward's book is worth reading also. The latter is published by the Athletic Publishing Co., Eleventh and Arch streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

J. P. M., Charleston, S. C.—Luby has beaten the pitchers' record for consecutive victories with twenty straight. The best previous record was nineteen straight, made by McCormick, of Chicago.

OSLOZER, Louisville, Ky.—Your question is ambiguous. If you mean percentage of victories A. wins, as on Sept. 27 Louisville's record was .661, Brooklyn League's .653 and Boston Play-offs' .639.

M. S., New York.—(1) On the first deal the party must take the card turned up. (2) A card turned up during a draw cannot be accepted. (3) The entire hand must be shown.

MCCORMACK, Trappe, Md.—No particular points take precedence. The counts are—Cards three, big casino two, spades one, each one and little casino one—eleven all told.

I. W., Lockport, Ill.—The exact amount of their salaries is only known to the players respectively.

T. A., Utica, N. Y.—The games go on record as championship games and are included in our table.

WILSON, Rochester, N. Y.—Clarkson did not play as short stop at any time.

STAKERHOLDEN, Oakland, Cal.—They never fought each other.

J. M. MURRAY, New York.—This will cost you \$10.

W. R. SWIFT, Towanda, N. Y.—Griffin.

S. C., Rochester, N. Y.—A. wins.

CLEVELAND CLIPS.

Local Sentiment Arent the Situation—A League View—League Terms Plainly Stated—General Local News.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 15.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—The base ball situation in a nutshell is this:—Both sides are sick of the fight and anxious for a settlement, but are unwilling to be the first to offer concessions for fear of being accused of weakening. The public is disgusted with the whole affair and wants a settlement on any terms. The party that refuses a compromise will incur the wrath of the base ball public, and will suffer in consequence.

The struggle between the two rival leagues may be likened to a rough-and-tumble fight between two men over a piece of ice. By the time they have fought each other into a state of total demoralization and the victor turns to claim his prize he finds that the sun has come out and melted the ice. Both contestants are much the worse for the encounter, and the object in dispute has completely disappeared. So with the struggle for base ball patronage, it kept up another season the successful league will find that the much-coveted prize has vanished before the heat of public disgust and subsequent indifference. However much the contestants may dislike to admit that they are beaten, the fact remains that an end must be put to the fight, or the object to be attained will be utterly worthless by the time the question of possession is decided.

The men who have financial interests at stake are in favor of a settlement. The players, who are not obliged to go down in their pockets to pay for the privilege of being considered plucky fighters, are opposed to any compromise. They want absolute victory or nothing. As Mr. Johnson says, base ball has ceased to be a matter of sentiment, and the player who remains stiff-necked is very much in danger of being ground to pieces between the millstones of public sentiment and financial expediency.

LEAGUE'S WILLING TO MAKE PEACE.

The Cleveland National League management is on record as being fully prepared to carry on the fight for another season, but the stockholders will not allow sentiment to stand in the way of a compromise that is necessary to the existence of the game. One thing only they insist upon, and that is that Cleveland must remain in the National League. It has been amply demonstrated during the past season that this is a League city. At the New York meeting it was conceded that the Cleveland League Club had made the best fight against the Players' League opposition of any club in the circuit, and that the National League would stand by the gentlemen who had stood so successfully by their colors. Mr. Johnson has made a plucky fight, but he has had the worst of it almost from the start.

It is impossible to get at the exact figures on attendance, as the reports have been more or less doctored. A conservative estimate of the actual paid attendance gives the League the advantage by a ratio of not less than 3 to 2, and this in spite of street car service to the League park, which has not been equalled for badness since Cleveland has had a team. The streets leading to the park have been torn up all summer, owing to the construction of the new cable railroad, and passengers have been taken around a circuitous route, and at times transferred. Johnson's street car service has been perfect, and to his credit it may be said that his management of the park and his patrons has been beyond criticism.

LEAGUE BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

"What would you suggest as a basis of settlement? Will the stock of the clubs be consolidated in each city, or will the League or Brotherhood buy out those stockholders who object to such an arrangement?"

That is a matter for the gentlemen interested in the clubs to determine among themselves. I should say that an arrangement might be made for transferring and consolidating interests that would be mutually satisfactory."

"In that event would Cleveland remain in the National League?"

THE STAGE.

THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

"POOR JONATHAN."

The New and Novel Millicker Opera Makes a Hit in New York.

Carl Millicker's opera, "Poor Jonathan," which has had such phenomenal success in Europe, was produced in English for the first time in this country at the New York Casino Oct. 14, the cast being filled by the regular company, headed by Lillian Russell. "Poor Jonathan" proved to be a novelty in a double sense, for it is entirely unlike the comic opera of the period with which Manager Aronson's company has become identified. Although classed among the latest comic opera successes of Europe, it is, in fact, a comedy, the action of which is interrupted at intervals by the introduction of musical numbers, and it severely tested the dramatic powers of the Casino company. The music is by Carl Millicker, and the German libretto by Julius Bauer and Hugo Whitman, the English translation being by John P. Jackson and Ralph A. Wedle.

STORY OF THE OPERA.

The story of "Poor Jonathan" deals with the tribulations of an American millionaire, and the scenes are laid in New York, Monaco, and West Point. The first represents the residence of *Rubigold*, the millionaire, in New York. It is a palatial drawing room, called by the Casino management "The Lemon Saloon," thoroughly modern in its construction and furnished elaborately. Here *Rubigold*, disgusted with the desertion of his favorite protege, *Harriet*, resolves to commit suicide. His cool *Jonathan*, whom he has discharged, is also bent on self-destruction, but the two come together and compare notes, the result of which is that *Rubigold* transfers his fortune to *Jonathan*, who assumes all its responsibilities, and both start life anew. It is agreed between them that should either sing or hum the ballad sung by *Harriet* before her departure it is to be regarded as a signal that *Rubigold* is again weary of life, and both are to die.

Jonathan marries his sweetheart, *Molly*, and, with *Rubigold*, departs for Monte Carlo, where the scene of the second act is laid in the famous casino during the gambling season. Here *Jonathan* falls in love with *Harriet*, who has become a prima donna. *Rubigold*, deserted by his friends, follows *Harriet* in her travels, and finally, in despair, attempts to sing the fatal song, but is prevented by *Jonathan*, who is enjoying his wealth and has no desire to die. The third scene is *Jonathan*'s country residence at West Point, showing a panoramic view of West Point. Here *Jonathan*, who has been deceived by his alleged friends, hums the fatal song. *Rubigold*, who is acting as his steward, reclaims his fortune and secures *Harriet* and everything ends merrily.

THE CAST.

The costumes of the ladies in "Poor Jonathan" are the latest Parisian fancies, after designs by Worth, Felix and de Grimon. The men wear modern clothes and the *habits de couleurs* recently introduced at a ball in Paris.

The chorus contains the usual number of voices, but its duties will be light, the entire production depending on the work of the principals. The cast is as follows—*Harriet*, Lillian Russell; *Molly*, Fanny Rice; *Miss Big*, Miss Grant; *Miss Hunt*, students at the Women's Medical College; *Eva*, Davenport, Grace Golden, Rose Wilson; *Arabella*, Countess Novelsky's sister, Sylvia Thorne; *Tolosa*, *Quickly*, an impresario, Edwin Stevens; *Rubigold*, a wealthy American, H. McDonald; *Catalucci*, a composer, Charles Campbell; *Professor Dryander*, A. W. Tams; *Francois*, steward at *Rubigold's*; *Max Figan*; *Langley Holmes*, Edgar Smith; *Brodstone*, James Maas; *Court Novelsky*, Frank Ridder; *Jonathan Tripp*, Jefferson De Angelis.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

The opera marks a new departure in comic opera, and forms a link between the efforts of Gilbert and Sullivan and the old-fashioned works of such men as Genée and Suppe. The authors of "Poor Jonathan" have made a bold attempt to combine comic opera with comedy.

In Europe the attempt has, as we know, been crowned with success, and though the verdict in New York was not quite unanimous, it was on the whole favorable to the new venture. Apart from the lyrics, which are neat and clever, there is not much to praise in the libretto. The first and second acts are over-loaded with cheap humor and the plot drags at times. But there is at all events a story of a kind in the book and a moral.

DELIGHTFUL MUSIC.

The music is delightful. There are two numbers in the operetta, the solo of *Harriet*, "Wilt Thou My True Love Be," and her duet with *Rubigold* in the first act which far out-shine anything that has been heard in comic opera for several years. It is long since such graceful, melodious and chaste writing has been heard outside of a Sullivan score.

There is also *Jonathan's* waltz song, describing his unlucky gifts, and afterward worked into the finale of the second act. This, too, is a taking piece of Viennese dance rhythm, and will become popular. Some clever writing occurs in the second act when *Rubigold* strives to remember *Harriet's* song, and hits on almost everything that begins like it except the "Gobbler" duet from "The Mascotte" and "You Do Not Love Me, No."

THE PERFORMANCE.

The performance was excellent. Lillian Russell, although showing no more spice in her acting than heretofore, scored a great success by her brilliant singing in the role of *Harriet*. Her waltz song in the second had to be repeated three times. Jefferson de Angelis made his first appearance at the Casino in the title role of the operetta, and jumped at once into rapture. He deserved it, for he worked like the proverbial beaver. Harry McDonough was a little over-weighted by the part of *Rubigold*, but he did his best to rise to the occasion, and really excelled his best previous efforts. Fanny Rice, Eva Davenport and Edgar Smith deserve mention for good work, and Edwin Stevens was excellent as an impresario.

The costuming of the piece successfully demolished the long-established fallacy that opera cannot be given in modern dress. The chorus never looked better, and the comedians' antics were all the more funny when performed in dress suits. The cadet costumes in the last act were picturesque, and the young women of the chorus drilled capitally.

A NEW COMIC OPERA.

Minnie Palmer's Company Produce "Suzette" in New York.

Herrmann's new theatre in New York opened last Saturday evening with "Suzette," by the Minnie Palmer Opera Company, which includes, besides Miss Palmer, Harry Hilliard, Charles Dickson, George Lauri, A. W. McCallin, T. J. Cronin, Miss Bertha Ricci and the Misses Walton, Vant, Prince and Martinez.

The central idea on which the story of "Suzette" is founded resembles that of "Si j'étais roi." *Suzette* is a poor village girl who wishes she were a boy. She is turned out of decay by her guardian, and the Marquis of *Tolosa* hears her express her wish as she goes to sleep. He administers a drug which keeps her asleep, has her removed to his castle, dresses her in boy's costume, and when she awakes has her surrounded by people, who try to persuade her that she is the Marquis and that the Marquis is her valet. She is not deceived, but pretends she is and turns the tables on the nobleman.

This libretto has what many others lack—a plot. Unfortunately it has nothing else. A skeleton is necessary, but it is not much of a form without flesh and blood. The dialogue proved to be wretched stuff, cheap, coarse and at times even ridiculous, and the lyrics were written by some person who imagines poetry to be rhymed prose. The name of the librettist was not printed in the programme. Such modesty is as rare as it is circumspect.

The music is by Oscar Weil, an American composer. It is graceful, fluent and tuneful, but it is unfortunately deficient in those qualities of dash and incisiveness which fix operetta melodies in the public memory. There are three or four numbers which have some vivacity, but they will hardly form the backbone of a successful score.

The performance was only tolerable. The "star" of the occasion was Miss Minnie

Palmer, a charming young woman, who, to say the least, does not appear to be in her element in operetta. She has a pleasant little voice, but is hardly what an audience expects from a prima donna, and she indulges in bravura exhibitions which are not edifying. At times Miss Palmer's acting was very enjoyable, and she was a delightful picture in her *Marquis* costume.

Among the members of the company whose work was passably good were Bertha Ricci, Harry Hilliard, C. S. Dickson and A. W. F. McCallin. The chorus and orchestra were good; the scenery and costumes were excellent.

Musical Notes.

J. Barton Key has joined the Charles E. Locke forces.

Dan Packard and Bessie Tannehill have joined the Alpina Opera Company.

"The Khedive," a new comic opera, by Louis and Miah Blake and Harry B. Edwards, is shortly to be produced at New Orleans.

Gustave Hinrichs began his English opera season in Harlem last Saturday night with "Ernani." The company was well received.

Richard Stahl and Webster C. Fulton, of "The Sea King," have commenced work on a new comic opera, which is promised to be a great novelty.

Fraulein Aus der Ohe's season begins in San Francisco on Nov. 13. She will give a number of recitals in the West—Chicago and some Michigan towns—before that date.

Several changes are in prospect among the ranks of the Pauline Hall Opera Company. Jos. S. Greensfelder, the stage manager, has retired and is succeeded by Murry Woods.

According to sworn testimony given in legal proceedings the other day, Mr. W. S. Gilbert has received £50,000 in eleven years as his share of the profits of the London Savoy Theatre.

It is said that Henry E. Abbey is organizing a comic opera company for next season, of which Lillian Russell is to be the star. Miss Russell's contract with the Casino expires next May.

It is stated that M. Maurel will next year

undertake a starring engagement in this country, playing the leading parts in such operas as "Zampa," "Le Songe d'une Nuit d'Ete," "Don Giovanni," and "Rigoletto."

Mme. Patti writes from Wales that she is going to Russia at the special invitation of the Czarina. In fact, her engagement partakes of an official character, it having been concluded at the instance of the Russian court.

Alfred Cellier will soon start for Melbourne, where he will conduct a series of operas to be produced by J. C. Williamson. In the spring he will return to London to compose the music for W. S. Gilbert's new comic opera.

Victorian Sardou has turned his 60th year, and Sarah Bernhardt has begun to dye her hair.

London takes kindly to Bronson Howard's comedy, which American play-goers know as "Hurricanes," but the English title of which is "Truth."

The Kendals began their second American tour at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in New York Monday night in "The Squirt." They were warmly greeted.

E. J. Henley has a divorce suit on his hands and has also quarreled with his manager, J. M. Hill. "Joe" Holland has been engaged to succeed him in "The Reckless Temple" Company.

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The Tioga Race Meet—A String of New Men Out of the 3:30, 3:20 and 3:10 Classes—Valuable Prizes for the Inter-Club Races.

A pleasant afternoon greeted the contestants at the races given by the Tioga Athletic Association on their grounds at Westmoreland station last Saturday, and the schedule of events as run off was very interesting. A fair audience, among whom were many ladies, was in attendance, and they applauded the performances of their friends among the contestants to the echo. And well they might, for a more wholesale cutting-out of riders from the various time classes has seldom been seen. Men who rode in the novice and 3:30 classes cut their time down close to three minutes, and in the mile safety handicap two men who were eligible to the 3:30 class, riding from the one hundred and ninety yards mark, did their distance in 2:36 and 2:37, equivalent to 2:56 for the mile. The surprise of the races, however, was the laying out which Hazleton received at the hands of Taxis. The latter's rest has apparently done him a world of good, and he was never riding in better form. On the other hand, it is asserted by Hazleton's friends that his condition is not up to his standard, but this is hardly borne out by the quarter mile between Taxis and himself, which was run in thirty-eight seconds, both men riding all out, while Hazleton had at least ten feet advantage of the A. C. S. N. man in the start. The truth of the matter is that Hazleton, while a wonderful rider, has not the physique of Taxis, and riding as he does, almost entirely on nervous force, it is a marvel that he should be the winner he is. He has a remarkable spurt, getting into his way very quickly, as was evinced by the way in which he stole a march on Taxis in the first half-mile ordinary, which was declared a dead heat, Taxis winning the run-off. He and Taxis are two men of whom Philadelphia may well be proud.

The track was in fine condition, being by long odds the best in this vicinity, and it is a cause of regret that the Tioga grounds afford no facility for grand stand and dressing room accommodations. The latter fault can be easily remedied, but the erection of a suitable grand stand is almost impossible owing to the lack of room between the track and fence. Safe as the track is, with its easy turns, a number came to grief, but fortunately, although severely shaken and bruised, none were seriously injured. The summaries were as follows:

One mile novice, safety—O. W. Dalsey, 1st; G. M. McDaniel, 2d; time, 2:17-2.

One mile, 3:20 class, safety—W. W. Taxis, 1st; J. R. Hazleton, 2d; time, 2:30-4.

Taxis led on the first lap, Hazleton on the second, and the former won by a split second.

One mile, 3:30 class, safety—J. H. Draper, 1st; Van Deusen, 2d; time, 2:38-4.

One mile, 3:20 class, safety—F. B. Marrott, 2d; time, 3:13-2.

Second heat, 3:20 class, safety—W. W. Taxis, 1st; J. R. Hazleton, 2d; time, 3:07-3.

Final heat, 3:20 class, safety—W. W. Taxis, 1st; J. R. Hazleton, 2d; time, 3:07-3.

Half-mile State championship, ordinary—A dead heat between W. W. Taxis and J. R. Hazleton, on the running of the tie the two men ran on a royal loaf with a full spurt by Taxis. Time, 2:17-2.

One mile, three minute class, ordinary—J. H. Van Deusen, 1st; J. H. Draper, 2d; time, 2:58-4.

One mile, 3:30 class, safety—The first heat was won by D. R. Perkinson; F. B. Marrott, 2d; time, 3:13-2.

The second heat fell to C. W. Daleson, with Hinds, of Baltimore, 2d; time, 3:22-4.

Final heat, 3:30 class, safety—D. R. Perkinson, 1st; C. W. Daleson, 2d; time, 3:20-4.

Two-mile handicap, ordinary—J. R. Blane on (scratch), 1st; Van Deusen, (200 yards), 2d; time, 5:40-4.

One mile, three minute class, safety—J. H. Draper, 1st; Kelly and Draper, 2d; time, 2:17-2.

One mile, 3:30 class, safety—First heat J. C. Donnelly, 1st; Louis Geyrl, 2d; time, 3:07-3.

Second heat, 3:30 class, safety—C. W. Daleson, 1st; Final heat, 3:30 class, safety—D. R. Perkinson, 1st; C. W. Daleson, 2d; time, 3:07-3.

Quarter-mile dash, ordinary—W. W. Taxis, 1st; M. J. Bailey, 2d; time, 40-4.

One mile, handicap, safety—D. R. Perkinson (scratch), 1st; G. L. Baldwin, (100 yards), 2d; time, 3:35-2.

One mile, 3:30 class, safety—J. H. Draper, 1st; G. M. McDaniel, 2d; time, 3:17-2.

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ATHLETIC.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Five Contests in the A. A. U. Meeting at Washington—The Amateur 100 Yards Record Lowered at Last—The Results in Detail.

The third annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union for the decision of the national championship in field and track events was held at the grounds of the Columbia Athletic Club, of Washington, D. C., at Angelotan Island, in the Potomac River, on Saturday, Oct. 11. The weather was not of the most favorable character, being cloudy, with a somewhat chilly air, but there was no wind to affect the performances of the contestants, who included the flower of the amateur athletic fraternity of the States. The grounds generally and the running path in particular were in admirable condition, and, taking into consideration the quality of the material engaged in competition, the atmospheric conditions and the nature of the ground, there was every reason to anticipate some remarkable performances.

NEW RECORDS.

It is not likely, however, that anyone imagined that the meeting would be rendered memorable by the reducing of the 100-yards record below "evenes," to surpass which has for years been the ambition of all high class sprinters. Yet this oft attempted feat was accomplished on this occasion, the performer being John Owen Jr., the fleet Westerner, who duplicated his victory of last year, and placed the mark at 9.4-5s., which exactly equals the professional record of the late H. M. Johnson and Harry Bethune. In addition to the official time-keepers, the referee and a couple of other experienced amateur athletes held watches on the event, and they are stated to have agreed exactly, while a re-measurement of the path proved it to be a trifle over full length.

This achievement was supplemented by the creation of a new record at throwing the "fifty-six," Queckbner heaving the missile a distance of 32ft. 10in., and securing revenge for his defeat by J. S. Mitchell at the Canadian championship meeting. Unless it should prove that the runway for the long jump was slightly down hill, as asserted, Al Copland will also take his place among the record smashers, he having won that event with a jump of 23ft. 3in. Here the assault on the records terminated, although F. Ducharme, also of the City of Straits, equalled the best time ever accomplished for hurdling over a distance of 120-yds. 16s. The victory of Ducharme in both the hurdle events proved a big surprise, and were most creditable, while no one will be inclined to question the correctness of the clocking when it is known that he finished in front of both Copland and Williams, who at the Canadian championship meeting ran a dead heat (the former penalized a yard) in the same time made by Ducharme.

PROTESTS ENTERED.

In the "hundred" Owen was opposed by such speedy sprinters as Fred Westing, Luther Carey, Mortimer Remington and F. W. Robinson, everyone of them able to run in even time, so that it will be seen that the winner had to use his legs for all they were worth every foot of the distance, and then he only won by a foot, with not much more between second and third, both of whom really got home inside of the regulation ten seconds. The starter was George Turner, regarded as the best pistol firer in America, and who has officiated with satisfaction at many professional match races and handicaps. As usual, the path was roped off, each starter having a lane in which to run parallel to those of his competitors, so that there was no possibility of foul play or interference of any kind.

Several of the participants in the day's sports were protested, the New York A. C. charging Copland and Queckbner, of the Manhattans, with professionalism, and the M. A. C. retaliating by entering protests against Mitchell on the same ground, and Nickerson, who won the high jump, on the ground, that he was not a member of the N. Y. A. C. The contests generally were well worth going a long way to witness, and served to excite the enthusiasm of the spectators, who packed the stands and heavily fringed the track, to a high pitch. The absence of "Willie" Day from the five mile race made the event a gift to T. P. Connel, who was in excellent form and would have given the Jerseyman a good race. After an absence of some years from the track, Frank Murray appeared in the three mile walk, and to the surprise of the great majority, he easily won the contest, thus resuming the title which he laid aside three years ago. He was most heartily cheered at the close.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Walton Storm introduced a resolution that hereafter no club belonging to the Union shall pay the expenses of the members to any meeting other than for the annual championships, nor provide any other than the regular club trainer for the work of preparation, and he supported the resolution with an effective speech. It was referred to a committee consisting of C. F. Mathewson, W. B. Curtis and Julius Harder. Mr. Curtis then introduced a resolution providing for the return of the championship plaque to its donors, and the doing away with trophies the possession of which was to be decided by points, which was referred to the score committee.

NEW OFFICERS.

The new board of managers elected to serve for the ensuing year is made up of the following gentlemen:—Judge Stern, Buffalo A. C.; Judge Tighe, Varuna B. C.; Harry McMillan, A. C. S. N.; W. B. Curtis, N. Y. A. C.; W. B. Kurtz, Warren A. C.; George W. Carr, M. A. C.; James E. Sullivan, New Jersey A. C.; W. Scott, Pacific Coast A. C.; C. E. Matheson, Berkeley A. C.; G. B. Morrison, Boston A. C.; F. W. Janssen, Staten Island A. C.; Howard Perry, Columbia A. C.; F. W. Eddy, Detroit A. C.; A. D. Hartwell, Pastime A. C., of St. Louis, and Julius Harder, Turn Verein, N. Y. After the convention adjourned the newly-elected board went into private session and elected the following officers:—President, Harry McMillan; first vice president, F. W. Eddy; second vice president, George B. Morrison; secretary, J. E. Sullivan; treasurer, Howard Perry.

Athletic Games at Orange.

The final handicap games of the Orange (N. J.) Athletic Club were held Oct. 11 on the Orange Oval. Results follow:

One hundred yards run.—A. M. Minott (2nd. start), winner, time, 10.3-5s. Martin Simpson (1st. start), 2d.

One mile ordinary bicycle.—H. C. Wheeler (scratch), winner, time, 3m. 45s. W. Rafferty (150-yds. start), 2d.

Two hundred and twenty yards run.—A. M. Minott (6th. start), winner, time, 24.2-5s. H. N. Bradley (6th. start), 2d.

Throwing base ball.—H. K. Toler, winner, 296ft. 6in. M. Flack, 2d, 277ft. 8in.

Four hundred and forty yards run.—Martin Simpson (50-yds. start), winner, time, 55s. F. C. Reynolds (250-yds. start), 2d.

Two miles safety bicycle.—H. C. Wheeler (scratch), winner, time, 3m. 29s. S. L. Beals (scratch), 2d.

Eight hundred and twenty yards hurdle race.—B. L. Harrison (250-yds. start), winner, time, 31s.

One hundred and eighty yards run.—W. Vandekuft (370-yds. start), winner, time, 2m. 23s. F. M. Cauvin (350-yds. start), 2d.

Running broad jump.—B. L. Harrison (3ft.), winner, actual jump 18ft. 10in. H. N. Bradley (1ft.), 2d.

Pointers.

C. H. Sherrill has returned to New York City from his European trip, looking hearty and well.

Jack Carkeek, the wrestler, is laid up with broken ribs. He was trying to stop a runaway horse attached to a buggy and was knocked down.

Joseph Firth, of Phillipsburg, defeated Chas. McGowan, of Pottstown, in a 100-yards dash for a purse of \$100 at Easton, Pa., Oct. 11. Time, 10.1s.

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