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LATE NEWS BY WIRE.

A LESS FAVORABLE OUTLOOK FOR CONSOLIDATION.

Players' League Capitalists and Players Calling a Halt--Latest Phases of the Situation.

GENERAL SPORTING INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THE LINES BREAKING.

A Growing Revolt in the Players' League Against Consolidation.

Special to Sporting Life.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—There are grumblings that threaten to break out with volcanic force at the meeting of the Players' League which will be held in the Fifth Avenue Hotel next Monday. All of the clubs are not satisfied with the present negotiations for consolidation. The dissentients claim, with considerable reason, that the gentlemen who represented the Players' League in the recent conference with the National League have exceeded the powers vested in them as a committee. Strong exceptions are being taken to the present proceedings.

CAPITALISTS KICKING.

These objections are not confined to the players, who are opposing the idea of playing in teams with the Brotherhood deserters, but they reach out among several of the most influential capitalists in the Players' League. They say they want a compromise, but that compromise must be one which will restore thorough harmony in base ball, and not one which will leave a ranking among three-fourths of the people who did lend their support to the national game during the season just finished. Under the present conditions, they say, the situation would be just as bad as it will be if the war is continued until one league or the other is fought to a standstill.

AN EMPHATIC PROTEST.

An evidence of the dissatisfaction was shown in the following dispatch, which was received yesterday by Col. E. A. McAlpin, one of the leading stockholders in the New York Club and president of the Players' League:

"PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16.—Col. E. A. McAlpin.—If the New York newspapers quote the dealings between the New York National League and Players' League clubs correctly, we, in common with other Players' League clubs, are being placed in a false position before the public, and our players and our League is being injured. We are far from being satisfied with the Players' League first, last and all the time, and protest against the injurious reports being sent out from New York about our club.

WARDEN BROTHERS.

It is possible that the Players' League clubs have been deceived by some of the English printed in this city and extensively telegraphed over the country, and that when they understand exactly what has been done they will be perfectly satisfied. President McAlpin informed a World reporter last Tuesday that he would not be a party to any compromise that was unsatisfactory to a majority of the Players' League clubs.

OTHERS TO TAKE A HAND.

It is probable that many of the gentlemen who Messrs. Spalding, Byrne and Day last week were continued as a Players' League committee at the National League meeting. Arthur Irwin has been empowered by the directors of the Boston Players' League Club to represent them, and Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and probably Cleveland and Brooklyn will object to the proceedings that are now in progress. It does not follow that negotiations will be stopped, but there is every indication that the Players' League will decide to discontinue overtures for a kind of compromise which cannot be made without "throwing down" some of its staunchest supporters.

WARD'S VIEW.

Ward returned to the city to-day from Williamsport, Pa., and was interviewed. The World reports him as follows:

"I do not begin to believe all the things I have read. The clubs of the Players' League authorized the appointment of a committee to confer with a committee from the National League and report to our central board. It had no power to decide anything without the ratification of the entire body of clubs. The members of that committee would not exceed their power, and certainly no club of our League would do anything contrary to the will of the majority. There are no Benedict Arnolds in the Players' League. Every friend of the national game favors a settlement of the present disastrous warfare, but any arrangement that would rest the condition of affairs could be no settlement at all. The persons who are attempting to represent the entire difficulty settled upon terms laid down by the National League, are not only misrepresenting the Players' League, but they are placing the negotiations in the way of an ultimate amicable adjustment."

FROM A LEAGUE STANDPOINT.

Neither is everything smooth in the National League. President John B. Day, of the local National League Club, said yesterday that no further steps would be taken towards amalgamation with the Players' League Club until after the National League meeting. Said he:

"Our future course will be guided by whatever action the League may take, and it does not hinge entirely on the wishes of the stockholders of the club. I should very much like to see one club in New York leave the National League and join the Players' League, but it would have to be a National League club. Over in Boston it will not be a case of amalgamation, but rather of purchase and sale. Either the Tri-State or the Philadelphia club will be the one that they will make an arrangement with them whereby both clubs will continue. Soden and Conant will never go in with their rivals nor take them into the National League Club."

What Mr. Day said about the Boston situation.

He says it is also true of Chicago. The Spaldings are willing to buy out the Players' League interests at a reasonable valuation, but will not agree to a consolidation on the co-partnership plan. According to A. G. Spalding's expressed views he is inclined to be rather stiff just at present.

Philadelphia Views.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—J. E. Wagner, president of the Philadelphia Players' Club, said last evening that he did not believe a satisfactory arrangement between the League and Players' League could be arrived at. Said he:

"What are the inducements offered? Absolutely nothing. It requires no mutual agreement to do away with the conflicting playing dates. Either side could have avoided that. We are not afraid of the League stealing any of our players for two years to come, because they all signed three-year contracts. A few exhibition games would be the only direct benefit of a compromise. The Philadelphia Players' Club does not propose to be forced into a circuit with Columbus, Louisville and St. Louis. Neither does the Boston Players' Club."

A. J. Reach, president of the Philadelphia League Club, said yesterday that unless the compromise could be reached on a satisfactory basis he would be in favor of the club continuing in the same line as this year.

Said he:

"The people behind the Brotherhood club admit that they have learned a great deal about base ball the past season through practical experience, but they now think they know it all. Another year, or two of the same kind of experience will show them how little they know now."

No Amalgamation at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 17.—Manager Hanlon, of the Pittsburg Players' League Club, said last night that, notwithstanding reports from New York, a consolidation of the National and Players' Base Ball League is still very

doubtful. He says that it is impossible unless the National League people put up as much cash as the Players' League—\$40,000. The trouble everywhere, he says, is that the National League people are too exacting. They must come off their high horse or negotiations will end.

No Sign of a Meeting in Boston.

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—There promises to be a very warm time at the special meeting of the Players' League in New York City on Monday next. The move of the New York Club has agitated the body to the very foundations. This club has virtually amalgamated with the New York League Club, and is, therefore, out of the ranks of the Players' League. Inquiries at the headquarters of the Players' League club in this city yesterday revealed the fact that there had been no conference between the leaders of the two Boston clubs, and as far as was known none had been arranged.

Conference at Cleveland.

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Allegations That the Armistice Resolution Has Been Violated Already.

SPECIAL TO SPORTING LIFE. CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 17.—Doyle, the star catcher of the Columbus Club, has signed a contract with the Cleveland Players' League Club for 1891. This news will be received by the Columbus people with surprise, as they were certain that he would remain there another year. The contract was signed late Wednesday night.

WON'T BE BOUND.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 17.—Manager Hanlon, of the Pittsburg Players' Club, who returned home to-day from a trip after new players, says that he has received no official notice of the agreement made at the New York conference, and will therefore pay no attention to it. He has been trying to sign Alvord, of the Toledo Club.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Special to Sporting Life.

Tim Hurst has re-signed as manager of the Minneapolis team.

The first meeting of the new board of managers of the Athletic Union will be held in Philadelphia on the 26th inst. The board will then decide whether the record of 9-4-5, for 100yds. made by John Owen at the championship meeting, will be allowed to stand.

Jake Schaefer and Eugene Carter will give their first public exhibition in Chicago Saturday night, at the style of ball-line billiards invented by Henry Rhines. The lines are drawn diagonally across the table from cover to cover, and the rules governing the game, in the main, are the same as those followed with the ordinary ball-line. The result of the experiment by the two experts may cause something of a revolution in the style of game to be adopted by champions.

The Harvard foot ball team was beaten Thursday by the Boston A. C. team by a safety touch down made by one of its own players. Until the very last minute of the game neither side had scored. There had been plenty of slugging by both sides and the men were decidedly the worse for their rough treatment. Just before the game was called the ball was kicked across Harvard's goal line and the wearers of the crimson were forced to make a safety, thus giving their opponents two points. No other points were scored by either side.

THE PROPOSED SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

A Date Fixed for a Meeting to Organize—A Winter League for Experimental Purposes to Be Started, Etc.

GALVESTON, Oct. 13.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—McCloskey's scheme of a new Southern League is rapidly assuming shape, and we have fixed upon Nov. 20 for a meeting at Dallas. What will be the outcome is hard to say, but Galveston will be on hand ready to do her share. The plucky backers of the local club are not afraid to tackle it again, and say they will keep on trying until base ball is made a permanent success in this State.

There will be so many ball players wintering in the State that a move has been made to give the "fans" a chance at the sport this winter and revive the interest. Clubs will be organized in four or six cities, which will exchange dates with each other. The professionals can obtain work in the cities and by playing several games a week can pay expenses and keep in good form for next season. Works, Pender, Huston, Flaherty, Peoples, Rogers and other of our ex-Leaguers are expected here soon and then our ball-hungry souls will be satisfied. It has been several months since we have had a ball game, and almost any kind of a game would be acceptable now. The boys made a nice little stake out of the Saturday and Sunday games of last winter and there is no reason why they should not do it again.

To say that the local enthusiasts are delighted with Luby's work in Chicago would be putting it mildly. It is not surprising as a bit, however—it is just what we expected. Jack is a ball player from the ground up, and a conscientious, industrious worker. Success does not enlarge his ego, and he will always be the same big, good-natured, overgrown boy. He was a tower of strength to Anson this year and next season will find him one of the star twirlers of the business.

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THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

How Johnson's Knowledge of Base Ball Was Questioned.

Al Johnson is a good story teller. One of his choicest stories, given in his best vein, relates to the old days in Cleveland, and is as follows: "I was standing on a corner one night with Mike Maloon and Jim McCormick, when one of the characters of Cleveland came up. He was a wild base ball fiend, and his one hobby was to see Gillespie on the Cleveland team. "I see," said he, "and Mr. Johnson spoke with a rich brogue, that the Providence gang got the best of you again. You are all right here in a few exceptions. You need a new third baseman, and Gillespie! Ah, there's the lad, do you mind?" "Then McCormick introduced him to me. 'Of course you know Captain Anson,' and the son of Erin shook my hand proudly. 'Av course,' he replied. 'I know'd I'd see you somewhere, but I couldn't just place you. You are hitting pretty well now, Mr. Anson.' " 'Well, I replied, 'Brothers is first, I'm second and—' but he was a lap ahead of me—'Gillespie's third!' he exclaimed.

A few nights later I met him again, but somebody had put him on and in reply to a remark of mine he said:—'Ah, go long wid you, you're a boss card! You don't know a base ball from a bin egg!'"



MICHAEL J. KELLY, Manager and Captain of the Champion Boston Players' League Team.

A WINTER LEAGUE. THE RESERVE LISTS.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO HAVE SOME GOOD BALL.

A Four-club League Organized With Regular Schedule--Eastern Players of Note Engaged, Etc.

Mr. Marco Hellman, the projector and general manager of the Southern California Winter League, arrived in Philadelphia during the week and secured the team which is to represent Mr. Hellman's city, Los Angeles, in the new league. There will be four clubs, stationed at San Diego, Coronado, Riverside and Los Angeles. The first named three clubs will have teams composed altogether of players from the present California League. The Los Angeles team, which will be under Mr. Hellman's personal charge, will be composed of pitchers Darby O'Brien and Knell; catchers Milligan and Lou Hardie; first baseman Carroll, of Pittsburg; infielders Smalley, of Cleveland, and Tom Burns, of Chicago, and possibly, Corcoran, of Pittsburg, and Love, of Boston; and outfielders J. J. Conroy, W. R. Wilmot, C. Carroll, E. E. Foster, and J. J. Conroy, of Philadelphia. Forerunners of the team will be Bill Brown, of New York.

This team will leave Philadelphia the last week in October in a special car, which will take the party straight through to Los Angeles. The season will begin the first Sunday in December and run to March 15. Three games will be played each week. One thousand dollars will be hung up in prizes for the best individual batting, fielding and base-running records—\$150 for first and \$100 for second man in each department. Sheridan and Gaffney will be the official umpires; the former has already signed and Gaffney has promised to do so. Mr. Hellman is enthusiastic over the project and is confident that it will be an artistic and financial success.

Captain Comiskey has nearly perfected all arrangements for his base ball visit to the Pacific slope this winter. He has engaged two special Pullman palace cars for his two teams, and will go out in first-class style, and he and his aggregation will leave St. Louis, Oct. 26. Only five members of the present all-star Chicago team will go on the trip. These are Dwyer, Boyle, Ryan, Baldwin and the Captain himself. The other members are Mullane, McPhee and Harrington, of the Reds; Pat Tebeau, of the Cleveland; Mike Kelly, of the Boston Brotherhood; Ed Crane, of the New Yorks; King, Crooks, of the Columbus team; McAleer, Hoy, the mutes; Tommy Burns, catcher Corcoran, short stop McGraw, pitchers Day, Anderson and Wheeler. Wheeler is still in the city trying to get his back salary which amounts to \$240. Billy Higgins arrived home from Syracuse Sunday morning. Lawson leaves for Florida next week where he will manage a club all winter. Billy Day is expected home from Pittsburg shortly.

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WILMINGTON BRIEFS.

Players Wintering in Delaware's Chief City--The Outlook for Next Season, Etc.

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 15.—Quite a number of prominent players make this city their winter headquarters, viz, Tom Flanagan, late of Milwaukee; second baseman, Billy Higgins, third baseman Billy Newell, pitcher Lawson, catcher Corcoran, short stop McGraw, pitchers Day, Anderson and Wheeler. Wheeler is still in the city trying to get his back salary which amounts to \$240. Billy Higgins arrived home from Syracuse Sunday morning. Lawson leaves for Florida next week where he will manage a club all winter. Billy Day is expected home from Pittsburg shortly.

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With a salary limit of \$1000 per month a club could keep well afloat, and make money too, but what is the use of talking about salary limits. Such was never kept in good faith, and will hardly ever be kept so.

Ex-Manager Wehrle, of the defunct Wilmington Club, who it was thought would try and organize a club for '91, has abandoned the idea and returned to his home.

Wilmington patrons will not even see the Brotherhood clubs play exhibition games, as no one could be found here that would guarantee the management what they asked for.

AMBITIOUS ERIE.

The City Eager to Enter into a League of Heavy Calibre.

ERIE, Pa., Oct. 15.—Preliminary steps are being taken here to organize a base ball club for 1891, upon a basis that will insure its success. A large stock company is being organized at \$100 a share. It is hoped to effect a league which will include Buffalo, Cleveland, Rochester, Syracuse, Toronto, Toledo, and it is the intention of a league of such pretensions. The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania and New York League will be held in Bradford October 28, when the matter of consolidation with the International League will be discussed.

Riddle, Chas. Snyder, A. Knox, E. O'Neill, J. Daily, B. Conroy, E. Green.

The following named players reserved by the American Association clubs for the season of 1890, but who refused to contract, are still held under reservation for 1891:

M. J. Griffin, Thos. Quinn, Mat Kilroy, C. E. Comiskey, E. Cunningham, J. O'Neill, J. Boyle, W. Robinson, C. King, J. Milligan, M. E. Baldwin, D. Orr, P. Cook, H. Vaughn, J. Ewing, L. A. Browning, Wm. Shindle.

ZACH PHELPS, President-Secretary.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 10.—In accordance with the terms of the Articles of Qualified Admission to the National Agreement, notice is hereby given of the following reservations:

Denver.—E. J. McNabb, Wm. M. Kennedy, C. H. Trumpy, Thos. J. Flood, Chas. L. Reynolds, Jos. H. Lobbeck, A. Park Wilson, Wm. H. McClellan, Wm. D. White, M. P. Whitehead, J. J. McGlone, Jno. Messitt, J. B. Curtis, Geo. Tredway.

Kansas City.—J. H. Manning, Jas. Donahue, J. B. Gunson, P. B. Swartzell, Jas. Conway, Frank Pears, Elmer Smith, W. Carpenter, Dan Stearns, Hugh Nicol, Jas. Burns, Wm. Hoover, Willard Holland.

Milwaukee.—J. J. Morrissey, Patrick Welch, A. P. Albert, T. J. Norman, Robt. J. Pettit, A. Dalrymple, A. G. Shock, Clark Griffith, J. Thornton, Jas. Kenwick, Wm. F. Krieger, A. C. Jantzen, Robt. Westlake, Jerry Hurley.

Minneapolis.—Dan. Minnehan, M. W. McQuaid, F. B. Killen, C. E. Petty, Jas. Twohey, Jno. Ryn, Martin Duke, J. G. Mitchell, Frank Miller, Jno. E. Carroll, D. E. Dugdale, Frank Day, E. J. Hengle.

Omaha.—Wm. H. Clark, Wm. Urquhart, C. H. Willis, E. H. Bittelborg, Wm. Fagin, D. C. O'Connor, Wm. Hanrahan, Jos. Walsh, E. E. Cleveland, J. J. Canavan, W. L. Works, Wm. Moran, Phil Knell, J. Newman.

Lincoln.—J. F. Macaulay, John Clino, Ed. Flanagan, J. P. Patton, M. Brimblecome, D. B. Phalen, Wm. Traffey, Wm. Hart, Chas. Hoover, Wm. Hemp, J. F. Roach.

St. Paul.—J. E. Powell, Henry Seibel, Frank Gonia, R. B. Black, Wm. C. Crosley, J. Devlin, T. Broman, A. Shellbass, W. W. Wier, H. Kappel, E. C. Glenn, Jos. Strauss, Jas. Cotter, — Bell.

St. Paul.—J. Meekin, W. Mains, F. Schmitt, F. Underwood, P. J. O'Brien, C. Abbey, Jas. Daly, J. J. McLaughlin, P. L. Murphy, M. J. Trost.

Omaha and St. Paul both claim the right to reserve Jacob Stenzel.

M. J. ROCHE, Secretary.

ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION.

JERSEY CITY, Oct. 10.—Following is the list of players reserved by the club of the Atlantic Association in accordance with the provisions of the National Agreement and supplementary articles:

Harrisburg.—J. Jones, W. Eagan, J. Cox, R. Gamble, W. Summers, L. Gibson, J. McCormick, E. Kirkrod, H. Vallee, F. Grant, H. Jennings, T. Getinger.

Philadelphia.—W. J. Campion, J. Meister, C. Jones, E. Kennedy, G. Staltz, A. F. Donohue, J. Graham, C. F. McCaffrey, C. S. Smith, G. Winkleman, M. Cross, H. M. Koons.

Newark.—D. Murphy, R. Childs, J. Fitzgerald, J. Rogers, T. F. McDermott, M. Mansell.

New Haven.—T. W. Corcoran, J. F. Doran, L. A. Gilliland, W. F. Horner, T. H. Cabill, P. E. Pettes, F. Lang, C. J. Doyle, D. J. Lally, J. A. Cudworth, J. A. McKee.

JAMES N. BRADEN, Sec'y.

THE TRI-STATE LEAGUE.

A Meeting to be Held for Final Settlement After Closing of Season.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Oct. 14.—A meeting of the Tri-State League will be held the coming week to close up its affairs for the season. Wick Taylor, of the Youngstons, has received a proposition to join a new league, as will be seen from the following letter:

"MARIETTA, Pa., Oct. 11.—Wick Taylor, Esq.—Dear Sir:—What is the matter with you people joining our base ball league? Say Youngstown, Oil City, New Castle, Erie, Bradford, Jamestown, Olean and Meadville. Take the matter in consideration and let me know at once. The A. S. League is the only one of the Tri-State League at Akron shortly will close up all affairs of the past season, and until that time it is probable that no answer will be given. The circuit which Youngstown will enter next year is even more perplexing than either of the major leagues. The past season has not been a success financially, and to top the business over it is understood that Wheeling will be given second position in the race. To secure that place they must have played games on the inside of the bus and the local team must have been like the driver. There is no doubt that a favorable reply to Mr. Striffler's letter will be sent, as the proposed circuit would be a paying one and much better than any yet entered by the local enthusiasts. Most of this year's men have intimated a desire to return next year, and with some improvement, Youngstown will make a good paying town.

WHEELING WIRINGS.

The Local Club in New Hands--The Owner's Hopes and Plans, Etc.

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 14.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—Nate Biel, former owner and manager of the Wheeling Base Ball Club, last week parted with his interest in the concern to William McLaughlin, who will hereafter control its destiny. Mr. McLaughlin desires to have his club enter into a stronger association, and will make a big effort to become a member of a league which will include some important cities in New York and Pennsylvania. He thinks such a radical departure will pay much better, for Wheeling people have been educated to a first-class article of ball and are not satisfied with that put up by Tri-State clubs; we have seen most of the big clubs and have turned out not a few stars ourselves, consequently we are more likely to patronize what is of the finest variety. May the gentleman succeed in his intentions.

We had the female aggregation last Wednesday, and about all Wheeling attended, not a bald-headed man in town being absent. The girls did fairly well for girls and nearly got away with a local nine that was put up against them; but on general principles it strikes me that they would do better execution by wielding the disrag than the bat.

Ward had better stick to his engagements hereafter. After agreeing to give an exhibition here with his nine and the Pittsburgh club he failed to put in an appearance on account of the rain, which after all only hid the dust a bit. McLaughlin has no further use for the Brotherhood. In order not to disappoint the crowd, the New York National League Club, which was laying over here, played a game with the local club; they also played next day, winning both games. It is the intention of Manager McLaughlin to have other clubs come here before they disband.

Base Ball a Go in England.

Speaking of his trip to England, Mr. A. G. Spalding said the other day:—"Was my European trip a success as regards base ball? Yes, it was. The game is becoming very popular across the water, and I have hopes of international games at no distant date. The foreigners seem to catch the craze without much effort, and the success of the game among them is assured."

Base Ball Pays at Yale.

The Yale base ball management makes the following report for the past year—Receipts, \$12,302.00; expenditures, \$8968.02; balance, \$3334.07, of which sum \$2500 was presented to the Yale Field Corporation for the liquidation of its debt, leaving a net balance of \$834.07.

FIRST OF THE SEASON

A DOUBLE CONTRACT TRANSACTION BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

Pitcher Thornton, of Milwaukee, the First Player to Sign Two Contracts For Next Year.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 14.—Otto Floto, the agent of the Players' League, who has been industriously engaged for several weeks trying to get Western Association players to sign Brotherhood contracts, on October 8 succeeded in getting pitcher Jack Thornton to attach his name to a contract to play with the Philadelphia team of the Brotherhood next season. The fact that Brotherhood agents have been tempting Thornton, Griffith, Shoch and one or two other members of the Milwaukee team for some time with flattering offers has been well known, but Thornton's action was a surprise all around, especially as he is already under contract to play in Milwaukee next year. His signing with the Brotherhood is going to lead to a fight in which he and the Philadelphia Club will represent one side and the Milwaukee Club the other, unless the matter is amicably settled before Thornton's services are needed. If it comes to a fight the Milwaukee men will have the best of it, and pitcher Thornton will find himself in rather an embarrassing position.

A PERSONAL CONTRACT.

Under the workings of the National Agreement no club can sign a player for the following season until after Oct. 20. There is nothing in this, however, to prevent personal contracts. On Sept. 5, Thornton made a personal contract with the president of the Milwaukee Club whereby, in consideration of \$1 and a promise that he should receive no less than \$1800 a year for his services, he agreed to give his services to the president of the club from Jan. 1, 1891, to Jan. 1, 1892, for the purpose of playing ball or performing any other duties that the president of the club might assign him to. This contract was drawn up by one of the leading lawyers of the city, and it is claimed that under it Thornton can be held strictly to the Milwaukee Club, or rather to the president of the club, and that it will hold good before a civil court. The contract differs in this respect from the ordinary base ball contract which is said to be invalid before a court of law. On Jan. 1 the Milwaukee Club president will notify Thornton that his presence and services are required at such and such a time. If he fails to respond, action will at once be taken to enjoin him from playing with any other ball club or working in any way that will result in his profit or gain.

A DIFFERENT STORY FROM CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Otto Floto returned to Chicago yesterday with the contract of John Thornton, the crack pitcher of the Milwaukee Club, to play in the Brotherhood next summer. The Chicago Club has a contract with the Brotherhood, and agreement some transfer to Chicago officials came here. Floto is said to have been in the city for some time, and is now in the city.

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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.

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Instead of imitating the example set by THE SPORTING LIFE and foregoing comment calculated to further irritate, instead of allaying, the long-existing inflammation, the press, and particularly that portion of it devoted to the League cause, has teemed with injudicious and irritating comment.

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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 expressed himself in very hopeful tones upon the prospects for a settlement of the base ball war. Said he:

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"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.'

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The players-to-day, regarded purely from a Sportsman's 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 admirably watched the marvelous skill with which those crafty manipulators have squeezed themselves out of tight places and put apparently triumphant faces 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 foot 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, strengthened 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 have injected in the Players' League the 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.

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 meddling 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.

To have the players directly represented in the deliberations of the rival magnates, which will carry such important and far-reaching consequences for one of the parties in interest—the players—may not be palatable to the National League, may be distasteful to the Players' League capitalists, may disarrange some of the pet schemes of both parties and may perhaps even entirely prevent a satisfactory readjustment. But it is right, and the Players' League magnates cannot afford, either as gentlemen or business men, to do anything but what is right. Honor should, and does in the long run, count as much in base ball as in any other business, and if there can be no peace with honor better let the war go on.

We repeat, it was a wrong from the capitalists to their partners, the players, to exclude them from the first conference at the bidding of an antagonistic power. If this be repeated at future conferences it will be a cowardly and disgraceful "throw-down" of the players by the capitalists, a violation of every rule of fair-dealing and a complete subversion of the fundamental principles of the Players' League. Such an act will rob the organization of all that gave it color, form and life, alienate from it such public sympathy and support as it now enjoys, strip it of all sentiment and leave it bare as a mere speculation, without the redeeming distinction of long and honorable services in behalf of the game itself, such as the National League possesses and enjoys.

Moreover, such a sacrifice of the players to expediency and as the price of peace would cast an indelible personal disgrace upon the capitalists in 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.

We believe the players are no less anxious for peace than are the capitalists. THE SPORTING LIFE and all lovers of the game, and who will show it if given a fair chance. Indeed, they may prove the largest factors in bringing about a satisfactory settlement, as they have frequently demonstrated that all such business wisdom is not monopolized by magnates. But they must have a share in bringing about that settlement, for the protection of their very large interests, not as automata or silent partners, but as free men upon equal basis.

ANXIOUS AND INDIGNANT PLAYERS.

Agitation Among the Players Over the Unexpected Turn of Affairs—How They Feel—Imprudent Talk and Action of Capitalists, Etc.

If the dickering between the Players' League and the National League lead to no result it will have left some scars in the Players' organization where hitherto all was unity and good feeling, as the majority of the players, because they were exceedingly active in behalf of a compromise, evidently discounted the effect the capitalistic conference would have upon the players of the Players' League and attempted to break the fall Sunday editorially as easily as possible. It said: "One of the most serious difficulties in the way of a compromise is the disposition of the Brotherhood deserters. Not only are these men under displeasure of the Brotherhood players, but they are as cordially disliked by the Players' League capitalists. They 'brow down' their fellow-players and the capitalists at the same time and both equally hard. I started in the fight with the Brotherhood players and I will stay to the finish with them. I fully understand their feeling, but this is a time when they should use good judgment. Subserviency to public demand is necessary, for the public supports the game. The Brotherhood's honest members have nothing to fear. The fact that they were honest will be known to the public eye. Let the Brotherhood call a meeting and settle upon a line of action. No one can doubt its ability to cope with the question successfully. While it is true that, since the defection of Cincinnati from the National League, the new League has nine-tenths the best of the battle, the fact remains that the National League is still a factor in base ball, and the new League cannot afford to make the same mistake made by the National League last spring. No matter what may be said, I know the Brotherhood is consulted on every move made by the Players' League, and the Players need have no fear that they will be obliged to make any more concessions than the National League or the Players' League capitalists. 'Inch for inch' is the basis named by A. L. Johnson, and it is the only proper one."

PLAYERS IN OPPOSITION.

This feeling of the players was made evident to A. L. Johnson on Sunday. He had gone to Boston for the double purpose of attending the Boston's benefit and explaining things to the backers of the Boston Club, who incidentally had been in the Boston and New York play into his confidence. Of this interview he says: "I called the players of both clubs into the Boston Club house and told them exactly what had been done. They objected strenuously to the idea of playing with the men who deserted the Brotherhood last winter, and were indignant at John Ward's expressed willingness to play with them. Julian B. Hart and General Dixwell were also present and heard what I had to say." Mr. Johnson declined to say, however, whether any of the players had refused point blank to play with the deserters, although he also told me that O'Rourke had made a pretty strong argument against any pardon of the deserters. It can be stated here that the Philadelphia players have expressed themselves in unmistakable language against any dicker with the jumpers.

POURING OIL ON THE WATERS.

President McAlpin, however, on Monday, spoke in tones calculated to soothe 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 base ball 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. If not, there can be no compromise."

TALCOTT LESS CONSERVATIVE.

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

"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 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.

"It will repeat. Every penny that has been promised to a player will be received, 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 'Hello, my boy.' 'What had you to say to all our arrangements?' another asked 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 moves."

CONTESTS WITH THE ALL-STAR.

On Tuesday, the 14th, the Chicagoans put in an appearance at the All-Star game, which broke up in a row in the ninth inning. When the Chicagoans went to the bat in the closing inning, the score stood 9 to 6 against them, and it was growing very dark. The Chicagoans scored three runs, tying the score. With runners at third and second and two out, Rhines, who gave the base decisions, called the game on account of darkness and the Cincinnati players left the field. Darling ran in from third base, scoring the tenth run, and Baldwin gave the game to Chicago. The score:

Table with columns for Cincinnati (CIN) and Chicago (CHI) statistics including runs, hits, errors, and pitchers.

On Thursday, the 16th, the Cincinnati and Chicago played at St. Louis, the Cincinnati winning by 8 to 6. Base hits—Chicago 12, Cincinnati 10. Errors—Chicago 5, Cincinnati 2. Pitchers—King and Mullane. Umpire Sheridan.

The Boston and New York teams played at Troy, Oct. 8, before over 1500 people, which was a large crowd considering the cold, wet weather and the 50-cent rate. "Buck" Ewing was unable to play, and Big Digger was the pitcher for the home team. Brown and Vaughn took their places well. The latter never caught better in a championship game. Boston had an easy win. Daley was too much for his opponents. O'Day was effective, but gave way to a local amateur, Link, in the fourth, and while the newcomer did well for an amateur, he was hit hard in the fifth and eighth innings. The score:

Table with columns for Boston (BOS) and New York (NEW YORK) statistics including runs, hits, errors, and pitchers.

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EXHIBITION GAMES.

The exhibition season of the Players' League, like that of all other base ball leagues, has not been as successful as it might have been, owing to the unreasonable weather and lack of interest. The results of the games played up to date will be found appended:

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HIT BY PITCHER—SWETT, QUINN. UMPIRE—CONNELLY. TIME—1:27.

A GAME AT HOLYOKE. The Boston and New York teams played at Holyoke, Mass., Oct. 9, before a large crowd. The champions won easily. They gave John Ewing a taste of their batting ability by hitting for 21 with a total of 37. Dan Brothers, Nash and Quinn put in long, timely drives that won the game. Runners, Gumbert and "Toby" Lyons did the pitching for Boston. The score:

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and his team play ball, and an interesting game they witnessed. This was the first time Ward played at his home since he became a professional, and among the immense throng that assembled to greet him on the Athletic Grounds were many ladies who had never before witnessed a game of ball. The Pennsylvania State College, where Ward was once a student, and the Bellefonte Academy gave a half-holiday to permit the students to participate in the occasion. The playing on both sides was ably witnessed by the crowd, and Daly filled the points for Brooklyn, while Mitchell, of the Minneapolis nine and a Centre county boy, pitched a superb game for the Bellefonte nine, supported by Cook, of Brooklyn. Ward had many chances, which he accepted to the delight of everyone.

On Tuesday the Brooklyns played at Renova against a local team in the presence of a very large crowd. The grounds are not enclosed, and in spite of the unfavorable weather the entire town, men, women and children, turned out, headed by the local band. The visitors marched in uniform from their hotel to the ground. The score was 8 to 5 in favor of the visitors. In the evening the local club tendered a complimentary hop and band concert to the Brooklyns.

On Wednesday the Brooklyns played before 1500 at Williamsport. An ovation was tendered John M. Ward, who partly began his base ball career in that city, playing on the entire town, men, women and children, turned out, headed by the local band. The visitors marched in uniform from their hotel to the ground. The score was 8 to 5 in favor of the visitors. In the evening the local club tendered a complimentary hop and band concert to the Brooklyns.

CHAMPIONS HONORED.

A Rattling Benefit and Substantial Testimonial Entertainment For Boston's Pennant Winners. The Boston, champions of the Players' League, returned to their native health, in company with the New Yorks, on Saturday, Oct. 11, and were warmly welcomed. Carriages and tally-hos bearing the Boston and New York teams and their friends, and headed by Reeves' band, paraded through the principal streets before the game. There was an immense crowd around the hotel at the time of departure, and the route there was much applause and cheering, and the sidewalks were lined with people, while every window was filled with observers.

When the teams arrived at the ground they proceeded to center field. The line was then formed with the Boston on the right and the New Yorks to the left of the band. The clubs marched finely, and the cheering increased in vehemence as the clubs neared the grand stand. The cheering did not cease for some time after the clubs had halted. All the players removed their caps and listened to the remarks of Col. Charles H. Taylor, of the Boston Globe, who occupied a seat in the front row of the grand stand. That gentleman made the following remarks, which were loudly applauded:

"I have been requested to present to you this pennant which you have just earned after many months of hard labor. It has not been an easy victory. Your competitors have been foremost worthy of your steel. You are a part of the grandest aggregation of ball players that this country has ever known, and the standard of base ball which you have had never before equalled.

"In this campaign you have shown a capacity to govern yourselves which has silenced your critics. There has been a fewer rumors and even of indignation have been unknown. "I congratulate you upon your success. It has been a credit to the great national sport which you represent, to your League, to yourselves as individuals, and as a club, and to the city of Boston, which you have so ably and so successfully represented."

Captain Kelly then snatched the bunting and dashed for the flag-staff in centre field, the members of both nines accompanying him. All hands encircled the staff, and in a twinkling the beautiful banner waved gracefully to the breeze amid resounding cheers. The players then gave hearty cheers for the Players' League, for the flag, for Gen. Dixwell and for the Boston and New York clubs.

Practice was then given, and a 550 play was called by Umpire Essenden, with the Boston at bat. Every Bostonian received the warmest kind of a welcome, and the crowd that gathered in the evening was the largest kind of victory for the New Yorks, who out-batted and outfielded the Boston, who clearly had an off day. The score:

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At the beginning of the fourth inning Tom Brown and Storey ran bases against him, both making the four of the bases in 14-25. The score card souvenirs of the game were very handsome, and contained fine group portraits of the players.

The pennant is a beauty. It is of white bunting, and lettered as follows—"Boston Champion Players' League, 1897."

The Indoor Benefit.

On Sunday night, Oct. 12, the Boston Players received an ovation that has not fallen to the lot of a local team in the history of the game. Music Hall was insufficient to hold all the admirers of the victorious champions who wished to honor them by their presence at their testimonial. The interest in base ball may be divided and even lessened, but this night's exhibition would seem to dispel the idea that the national game had ceased to be popular. The Boston players appeared in evening attire and presented a fine appearance that called for much favorable comment. They were seated in the front rows, intermingling with the members of the New York Club.

In the vast audience were many ladies. The theatrical profession was largely represented and nearly all the members of every company in town were there. Many of the out-of-town clubs were represented, notably the New Yorks, among the attendants, and one of town people was very large. There were present many friends of Captain Kelly from Paterson and New York. Prominent among the spectators was Mr. John Kelly, the umpire, and conspicuous on the stage was the gift of this gentleman, an immense stand of the choicest of flowers, which completely covered a good sized table. There were also present members of the Harvard University Base Ball Club, the famous tennis experts, the Sears Brothers, Nick Bunge and his son, of New York; umpire John H. Gaffney, pitcher Haddock, of the Buffalo Club; President Albert Johnson, of the Cleveland Club; Arthur Dixwell, Canavan, of the Omaha Club; Murray, of the Quincy (Ill.) Club; Herman Long, beside many other representative base ball lights.

The programme included recitations by Messrs. E. J. Rice, Joseph Haworth, James B. Radcliffe, Maurice Barrymore, M. T. Callahan, Harry Fisher and Master Willie Edinger, songs by Messrs. W. H. Monahan, Miss Flora E. Layton, the Olympic quartette and Messrs. Evans and Hoey, cornet solo by Miss Lizzie A. Howie and selections by the Electric Banjo and Guitar Club. In almost every case encores were demanded and accorded.

At the close of the programme the Bostonians marched on the stage, the orchestra playing "Hail to the Chief," while the audience applauded and cheered. The orchestra then played Reeves' "Brotherhood March" and the entertainment was over.

The pleasure of the fine programme was in (Continued on fourth page)

BASE BALL PLAYERS' LEAGUE.

(Continued from third page.)

no small measure augmented by the fine orchestral music furnished by Mr. John Mullally and a fine band of musicians...

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...

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 reenacted...

O'Neill, Pittsburgh 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..."

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 shot fired at J. Palmer O'Neill through the Pittsburgh Post: "The Players' League people, in a base ball sense, are not in it with Al Johnson..."

These confiding mortals who imagined that the recent resolution was practical acknowledgment by the National Agreement people of the Players' League's right to its players...

The Cleveland Buffaloes threatened to rebel if Duryea was placed against them during the recent season in Cincinnati.

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

Ad 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 opposite grounds.

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

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.

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

While the Buffaloes were playing at Reno, Pa., last Tuesday, Dave Orr, the big, good-natured first baseman, was stricken at the Ward House with paralysis of the left side.

The Pittsburgh Club will release these men: Second baseman Kuehne, second baseman Robinson and pitcher Galvin.

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..."

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...

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

"The Sporting Life's" recent pointer that "wolfing" 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-grade ash.

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 fiction fight can result in a Chicago what earthly sense 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.

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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 Pittsburgh 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 Chicagoans, 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 this season, and that was an exhibition game, when he broke his nose.

In the Players' League there are thirty-two pitchers who have pitched in more than ten games. As soon as the championship season closed Ken Oberholtzer himself, continually from the Boston team and practically turned it over to Billy Nash.

Joe Visner, of the Pittsburghs, made three home runs this season, all of them on the home grounds. The Boston Players' League Club outfielded their opponents in every series, and outbatted opponents in every series except the Cleve-lands.

Brothers has been playing ball nine years, and has made 1402 base hits and 896 runs. The best batting in the Players' League series was done by New York and Brooklyn against Buffalo, each having an average of .324.

Capt. Kelly's team did their best batting against Buffalo, .321, and their lightest hitting, an average of .271, in the Philadelphia series. The Pittsburgh Press says that when President Nimick, of the Pittsburgh League Club, returned from New York "he told a very sensational story to the effect that Pittsburgh would be dropped from the Players' League circuit while the National League circuit would remain as it is present; he also went on to say that a syndicate desired a franchise to place a National League club in Cincinnati; also, that Al Johnson was present and that he said as long as he got away with a whole skin he did not care what became of the Players' League and the men back of it."

The Press could not have reported Mr. Nimick correctly, particularly as to the alleged Johnson remarks. Albert L. is not that kind of a man. Mike Kelly was presented with a magnificent floral piece by his admirers in Paterson, N. J., Monday week, Alderman John Curtis, Jr., making the presentation speech.

In the last series at Chicago Ward injured his side internally to such an extent that he has been crippled ever since. He suffers greatly from the injury, which appears to be either a bad strain or a broken rib. Jimmy Fogarty thinks the Pittsburgh crowd are the oldest and most critical in the Players' League. Of this matter Fogarty says:—"You need to be making dozens plays every day in the week to keep Pittsburghers in good humor. You can't tell the difference it makes to a ball player or a club when the public and press are supporting them. Here you keep harping away all the time, and the men have not the same confidence in themselves they would otherwise have. The press could coax the public into a good humor and secure a more indulgent treatment of the players when they are in hard luck."

Holiday and Harrington on Saturday signed an agreement consenting to a transfer to the Philadelphia Players' League. Jake Beckley stands third as a sacrifice hitter in the Players' League. Cunningham won his first game for the Cincinnati last Saturday. The little fellow has always pitched with splendid effect against the Reds, but for some reason or other he could never win. Two years ago he pitched a fourteen-inning game against the Cincinnati which Long John Reilly won with a home run hit to the right field embankment.

The right field fence at Exposition Park in Pittsburgh deprived Beckley and Visner of a dozen or more home runs this season. The proudest man in St. Louis to-day is Willie McGill's father. Secretary Brunell went to Cincinnati last Saturday to adjust some local matters. While there he paid the Buffalo players off and disbanded the team.

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PHILADELPHIA POINTERS, The End of the Athletic Club—The Team Disbanded and the Ground Fixtures Sold by the Sheriff—Mulvey to Be Prosecuted—General Local News and Gossip.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—The misfit team which has been masquerading under the name Athletic, in order to enable the old officials to show up from the scene, if possible, disbanded last Monday, after receiving the unparalleled feat, started by the old team, of sliding clear to seventh place from the top. To the best of our recollection, no major league club ever made such a disgraceful fiasco, both in a playing and a business sense. The final games of the season were with the Rochester and Syracuse clubs. Neither of these got their guarantees—indeed, Syracuse received but \$45 for three games, all that was taken in at the gate. Whittaker & Co. absolutely refused to pay the guarantees and compelled the visiting clubs to what came in at the gate or not play at all. They accordingly played the games under protest and have since asked for the expulsion of the Athletic Club from the Association. They also intimate that they will seek redress in the courts.

SHARSH'S TRIP EXPERIENCES. Manager Sharsig started on the Western trip with his pick-up team and a capital of \$245 contributed by Shellenburg, Whitaker and a few other stockholders and friends of the old club. That sum was just sufficient to enable him to reach Louisville, and had it rained, the team would have been stranded at the start. Luckily, for Sharsig, never over the weather, the team was paid after the trip and together with unpaid guarantees deducted at Toledo ate up all the Louisville profits and barely enabled the team to reach home after the last Syracuse game with a balance of \$9.81. The players were paid each game and besides some salary arrears were paid Connor, Piddie, Stecher and Carman. So, on the whole, Sharsig pulled through on the trip exceedingly well. Had it rained at Syracuse though, the club would have had to advance the funds to get the team home.

THE GROUND FIXTURES SOLD. The last act in the drama was played last Monday, when the teamless club was also deprived of a home, as the Sheriff sold the grand stand, the open seats and fences on the ground. The sheriff's sale was held under judgments obtained by the city for back rent amounting to \$1201.51, and for a claim for lumber furnished by Walton & Co., amounting to \$435.00. Deputy Sheriff Algeo appraised the seats, building and fixtures on the ground at \$765, but they only brought a trifle over \$600. The successful bidder gave his name as John Dolan. Whom he represented is a mystery. Guessing is in order.

There were very few people present when Deputy Sheriff Algeo began the sale, and the only base ball men on the ground were Manager William Sharsig and Col. John J. Rogers, of the Philadelphia (N. L.) Club. The latter was present to purchase the folding chairs for the Philadelphia Club. The bid was made by Mr. Dolan, Superintendent Johnny Ryan who has had charge of the grounds ever since their erection, seven years ago, and he took great pride in keeping them in perfect order.

PROCEEDING AGAINST MULVEY. The Philadelphia League Club, after waiting an entire season in order not to incur the Philadelphia Players' Club or to have its motives misconstrued, on Saturday last took legal action against third baseman Mulvey for retaining \$1250, which he had received from them by what they alleged to be "fraud, deceit and false pretenses." The affidavit of suit is signed by William J. Shettsline, who states that he is a defendant in a pending proceeding with Mulvey as to an engagement with him for the season of 1890, beginning April 1 and ending Oct. 31. Mulvey, he says, fixed the terms upon which he would play, at \$275 per week, \$1250 of that amount was paid to him in advance. On the next day, Mr. Shettsline continues, he met Mulvey by agreement and a contract was signed and the sum of \$1250 was paid to him in advances and Mulvey gave a receipt for the same.

Continuing, Mr. Shettsline avers:—"On Dec. 13, 1889, Mulvey declared and promised to the officers of the Players' League Club of Philadelphia to play base ball with them for the season of 1890, which Louisville and the Philadelphia Base Ball Club, and that they could rely on him keeping his promise, and not keeping his promise to play with the Philadelphia Club."

Mr. Shettsline then states that Mulvey has refused to play with the plaintiffs, and is still engaged in playing with the Players' League and has retained and converted the sum of \$1250 to his own use and has not returned the same. In conclusion, the plaintiff states Mulvey lives in Providence, R. I., but that he is playing in this city to-day (Saturday), they petitioned the court to issue a capias for him, and to bring him up to answer the complaint.

A deputy sheriff arrested Mulvey last Saturday at Forepaugh's Park, after a game had been played for the benefit of the ground attaches. J. Earle Wagner was hunted up and offered to become surety for Mulvey, but could not be accepted, as freehold security is required and the Wagner brothers' wealth is otherwise invested. So the entire party came down town, and after chasing around for several hours, finally found the man they were looking for at the residence of Mr. Wagner then Mulvey's bond and he was released from custody. At one time it looked as if Joe would have to spend Sunday, at least, in jail. The matter put all parties to a great deal of trouble, owing to the warrant being served late on the last day of the week. This was annoying to Mr. Wagner, but he had little reason to complain after the forbearance of Messrs. Reach and Rogers for an entire season.

THE PLAYERS' TEAM DISBANDED. The Philadelphia Players' team was disbanded Wednesday. Griffin went to his home at Utica for a few days. He, Milligan, Buffington, Knell and Fogarty are going to California this winter. Mulvey goes to Providence, R. I., to see Mrs. Mulvey and Pickett, and to see Ben Sanders will go to his Virginia home, hunt quail for a month, and then resume his studies in the Vanderbilt University. Wood, Husted and Hallman, and probably Cross, will winter here. Shindle lives at Gloucester and will remain there.

AMATEUR CRACKS BANQUETTED. As a mark of appreciation of their good work during the past season the Riverton base ball team were tendered a dinner by a few of the club members, at the Union League, last Saturday night. The room in which the dinner was served was tastefully arranged and the table set with twenty-four covers was a work of art. An elaborate menu was served, and taking in all in the whole affair reflected great credit upon the gentleman who arranged it.

After the substantial things had been disposed of, toasts were in order, to all of which good responses were made. As the evening wore on and the speakers got warmed up to their work, wit and humor flowed thick and fast. The most interesting speech of all was made by Manager C. L. Flanagan, who, after thanking the team for their efforts in a few choice words, read the individual records of the members. As a whole they showed a standard of excellence seldom if ever attained in the amateur ranks.

The one thing that tended to mar the evening's enjoyment was the announcement that Lew Groff, their plucky catcher, had decided to go into the professional ranks. He has signed a contract with the Chicago Club, of the National League. In this Philadelphia loses one of her foremost amateur catchers and the Riverton Club the best they ever had. Another thing was the resignation of Fred Moon from the regular team. He has played for many seasons, taking care of the keystone of the infield—second base—during his good work he helped to gain many—by a long way—the greatest fielding victories.

Amateur players who were present were Edwin Wood, C. L. Flanagan, G. M. Taylor, John

C. S. Henry, Henry W. Hare, E. B. Howell, David H. Ellison and many others. LOCAL JOTTINGS. Decker, of the Pittsburghs, is going to winter in Philadelphia. Pitcher Esper, of the Phillies, has become a Benedict. The honeymoon is being spent right here in town.

Crawford, the young fellow, who played short field for the Athletics in the last few games showed up most promisingly. That "misfortune never comes singly" is the experience of Manager Sharsig. His benefit was prevented by rain last Tuesday and then set for Thursday. Wednesday was a beautiful day, but Thursday it rained once more. The benefit is now set for Saturday, and it is to be hoped there will be no further disappointment in store for Sharsig. The benefit has given him a great deal of worry, because the friend who on his own responsibility engineered the benefit had neglected many important details, even failing to request the Philadelphia players to lend their services. Verily, these are tough times for Sharsig.

About 200 people saw the players of the Philadelphia Brotherhood Club play a game for the benefit of the ground-keeper at Forepaugh Park last Saturday. F. C. R.

COLUMBUS CHATTER.

Manager Schmelz Should be a Happy Man—Columbus Has Won the Series From Every Team—As to Chicken Wolf's Alleged Boast.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 14.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—Well, Columbus has made a magnificent record, and by brilliant team work has pushed St. Louis out of second place just as easily as if it had all been out and dried. To be sure it is but by the breadth of a hair, but it answers, and St. Louis can exclaim in a word that he is not so much as Romeo and Juliet," after receiving his death wound. "It is not as wide as a church door nor as deep as a well, but it serves."

Yes it does serve. It serves to make Herr G. Hasenpfeffer Schmelz one of the shrewdest managers on the ball field to-day. Not that he is entitled to any credit for the good team gotten together on the Columbus payroll, for Al Buckenberger is fairly and honorably entitled to all that, but he is a manager in all that the term implies. He took the team when it was all sixes and sevens and brought it from near the bottom to second place by a series of managerial manipulations that must make him feel proud indeed, if, indeed, it doesn't prove that he has rare tact and judgment as a manager. He turned the same trick for Columbus in 1884, and brought that famous team from the bottom to second place, and having done it twice under nearly similar circumstances, I am sure I claim nothing for him he is not fully entitled to.

EX-MANAGER BUCKENBERGER. As for "Buck" I am anxious to go on record as saying that I regard him as being one of the sharpest and keenest observers of first-class talent there is in the country. Wherein he is weak is his heart. "Buck" is too readily influenced by the soft, oily talk of the men under him, and has not the knack of judging at all times for himself, or if I may modify that statement I would say does not govern as if he had the knack. If he were to meet his men upon the plane of business at all times, and not attempt to influence them into his management, he would, I feel sure, make one of the most brilliant managers in the country. He is comparatively young yet and may soon learn to distinguish between sentiment and business, and when he does he will be a towering success.

HAS WON EVERY SERIES. Although Columbus has not won the pennant, she has done one thing of which she may well be proud. Columbus has won the series from every team in the Association, and in that she stands out alone. There is a record that is hard to beat, and one that demonstrates that had Columbus been under the guiding hand of Schmelz thirty days sooner than she was there would have been a battle royal between Columbus and Louisville for supremacy. I entertain no feeling of revenge against Louisville, nor do any of my readers in this city, much as outsiders would have their readers believe. I have frequently written that I was proud of Louisville, having at one time been a resident of that beautiful city, and therefore have more than a passing interest in its welfare.

I have, and do now, condemn all methods leading towards a published supremacy that are not clothed in the garb of honesty, and if the chance is had to beat, and an opponent accedes to the leadership of American Association clubs was not by virtuous then I dip my pen in caustic to write it down, precisely the same that I would if my own home team, which I champion, had secured the supremacy through the same source. I repeat what I have so often heard, and even then I would throw no weight, even if I could, with it, if the records on neutral grounds did not bear me out. I say, long live Louisville and its team of champions, and may they always make their companies feel how studiously and close to rest they are in the race.

AS TO TOLEDO. I am surprised, and I might add sorely disappointed, at the close of the Toledo team. I had rated them higher and still hold them so, and I should have felt that they had secured their deserts if they had quit the race just one notch lower than Columbus, for I believe them to be, next to Columbus, the strongest aggregation of ball players in the American Association. They were not, in my humble opinion, handled right. Louisville are made of the right stuff, and are adamant winners under ordinary circumstances, and could, I sincerely believe, do up Louisville on neutral grounds five games out of seven. Again I insist, while thinking over the fight just closed in the American Association and fully considering the playing strength of the different teams, that "the battle is not always to the strong, etc."

CONCERNING JOHNSON AND GASTRIGIT. I marvelled much at the statement I saw printed a short time since, made, as alleged, by "Chicken" Wolf of the Louisville team, in which he boastfully claimed that no matter how hard others might try to lead the batters of the Association, he had a friend in Louisville, scorer of the team, who would see that he (Wolf) led them all.

This I am inclined to accept only with many grains of distrust, because I do not think any scorer would be so foolish as to make such a contract with, or for, any player, and I certainly do not think the gentleman who does the work at Bourbonville would do such a thing. Wolf's batting qualities, and the statement, as alleged, was made to Ralph Johnson, who has been doing such elegant work with the stick for Columbus. It was intended by Wolf to make Johnson sore and may have had that effect, but I do not think the end sought will justify the means, assuming that all is true. Johnson is a power with the stick and the boy has driven in many a winning run this season by his free hitting.

Gastrigit is another decidedly strong man for Columbus, in fact for any team. He has steadily pitched in all seasons to the front, and if I mistake not is now regarded as one of the most desirable pitchers in the Association. He was held back all last season, just as Easton has been this, and I am free to predict that next year Easton will have secured just as enviable a position as has Henry Gastrigit. I think Easton is one of the most deceptive curve pitchers there is in the base ball business, besides that he has speed. The one thing he lacks is coolness, and I think he will have acquired all that by '91, which will make him a great fielding pitcher. The trick of the great fielder the other day in shutting Toledo out without even the slightest semblance of a hit, was a rare one. It was great because the Toledo team, in my opinion, is the second strongest in the Association and has a whole nest of hitters in it.

Just one word to my friend, Mr. Ferris, your Toledo correspondent. He is a just man, and therefore an acceptable one in base ball matters, where there are so many who are inclined "toward" partiality. He makes one peculiar statement, however, when he refers to the omission of Columbus from the list of clubs that are to meet in the new proposed National League. He has had considerable success so far.

It may, however, be conjectured if it would not be more advisable to form a league after the idea sketched in last week's issue. Financially I believe it would be more profitable.

ONE ITEM. Manager Hanlon, of Pittsburgh, is in town after Hoy, Mack and Wise. He may get Mack and Wise.

What Powers Evaluates a Point. Manager Powers, of Rochester, has raised a point which he thinks would put a quietus upon efforts to reorganize the American Association under its present name. He says the Rochester Club and others which it is proposed to drop cannot be legally disbanded because they have complied with all regulations, and the only way to get rid of them is to withdraw and leave behind the name and franchises of the Association. In that event, he says, the club can be filled out with Detroit and similar clubs.

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BUFFALO BUDGET. Misleading Rumors—Buffalo Giving Up Hope of Retention—The Bisons Pleased Over the Cincinnati Games—The Team Paid Off and Disbanded—An Effort to Join the National League in Progress.

BUFFALO, Oct. 15.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—Among other revelations brought forth by this eventful year in base ball, is the exceeding elasticity of the magnates' intentions. I doubt if ever before so many contradictory statements were actually made by base ball leaders as during the present year. A person has become so fearful of placing trust in what he reads, that he feels that the only safe way for him to cast his belief into is to form his own opinion of matters and stick to it. If he has any way posted in the game, he is liable to come out far more clear-headed and free from mental exhaustion than if he lets his ideas run on every passing rumor. It may not be exactly moral to assert on fact to-day and the direct opposite to-morrow, but it evidently answers all purposes. The doughty secretary of the Players' League some time ago positively stated that he would not be an addition to the circuit of the Players' League to form a ten or twelve-club organization.

A few days ago he said to a Pittsburgh man that it was quite possible that Buffalo might yet be retained and one more club added, making a ten-club circuit. This is not likely, and was doubtless said for a blind. It is known that no league with a ten or twelve-club circuit ever made money. Unwieldy as a twelve-club league must be, and awkward as a ten-club organization, the schedule must necessarily be, it could not be otherwise. The American Association tried one year with twelve clubs and made a dismal failure. The clubs were so numerous that the public became confused from the incessant changes. In the International 1887 was the scene of a ten-club circuit, and the schedule was a sorry sight, even after taking a long time in conceiving. The clubs were obliged to make more frequent and less lucrative trips, which broke up Birmingham, Utica and Oswego before the season ended. So, under the best conditions, it is considered that any extra addition is contemplated; in fact, there is no available city with which Buffalo might pair. St. Louis is undoubtedly out of the question, and Baltimore is

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Ed Beecher made the most base hits, 160, and leads the team with 304. Hoy and Wise closely follow, with Clark and Mack just behind. Hoy was the only man to score over one hundred runs, he having 107. Wise had 96 and Mack 94.

Wise leads in two-base hits, with 30; Beecher has 24 and Rowe 22. In three-base hits Beecher and Mack each have 12 and Wise 11. Rowe follows with 10. In home runs drives Sam Wise also leads, having 5; Beecher and Halligan each have 3; Clark, Rowe and Twitchell each 2, and Hoy, Rainey and Fantz each 1. It is noteworthy that the hard-hitting Bisons only managed to score 20 home runs during the season.

Of course Hoy leads in base-stealing. He placed 38 in his credit, and is followed by Wise with 22, and Irwin with 19. Jack Rowe leads in sacrificing and is well toward the top in the entire Players' League in that respect; he has 48. Mack has 33, Beecher 29, Hoy and Irwin each 27 and White 26.

Mack, Hoy, Rowe, White and Fantz all bettered their fielding records of 1889. This was the case with the Cincinnati players to White, whose exhibitions equalled those of some years ago. Clark's work also stamps him as one of the greatest fielders in the country, being able to shine in almost every position on the diamond. Hoy and Mack are already known to all as two of the best players who ever donned a uniform. John Irwin's work has also been of a high order.

IT HAS BEEN BELIEVED that Buffalo was thoroughly a Players' League city, and undoubtedly was so last summer, but the well-founded statements relative to the request by two Buffalo men, who are capable of supporting a ball team, to the National League to place a team here, is attracting wide and favorable comment. The conference of last week between the three major leagues may possibly render Buffalo's request invalid. However, it is not definitely arranged that the proposed alliance will be made, and, in the event of its falling through, there will be a fair prospect of Buffalo's becoming a member of the National League, and being well placed in the Cincinnati-Buffalo-Wolf league, however, a first-class team, and the National League is not possessed of any superabundance of desirable players who are unresigned. Much enthusiasm might be raised over a fifth place (say) League team, judiciously selected and judiciously handled. The proceedings at the meeting on the 22d inst. will be anxiously awaited.

BASE BALL. THE ALLIED LEAGUES

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 meeting 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 a time, as the developments in the major leagues may be such as to redound to 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 among 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 hops 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, be 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 notoriety it confers. This is meat and drink to him.

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. Cavanaugh, Willis and Works will be Omaha's outfield next season. Dave Howe, 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 sixty 239 times in 1900, and the Pittsburgh's twenty-one phenominals allowed opponents 302 hits to 1000 times at bat.

Anson won his last seven 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 Pittsburgh 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 gamest 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 championship race of the Pacific Northwest League closed Oct. 15 with Spokane first, Tacoma second, Seattle third and Portland fourth. Hick Carpenter, who wasn't good enough for Cincinnati, has made 131 runs for Kansas City and leads all Western Association players in run-getting. 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 Clinton.

is out of reach. He has re-signed with Milwaukee. Barnie is somewhat disappointed at the result of his brief Association campaign, but now regrets having secured Welch, McMahon and Robinson. Every time a manager or magnate is seen 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 war 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 it. 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 Foutz 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 Frazier 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.

Charles Hurlahan was one within an ace of the blacklist during the Omaha's 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. Ernie 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 Pittsburgh 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, Manager 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 west." Col. John I. Rogers figures the losses of the past season in the two big Leagues at about \$500,000—\$200,000 for the Players' League, and \$300,000 for the National League.

Syracuse now longs for an International League. The games played in the old International League were as "tidy" 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.

Valentin H. Ketchum has lost all the money 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. It is worth the money to win that series, but 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 Victrolas. The meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the Western Association 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 Ottumwa Club, one Hogriever, 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 George Hardard 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 telegraphed Secretary Brown:—"Congratulate the members of the Chicago League Club for me, and say that second place for a new team is more than satisfactory. Next year the pennant."

Doing a 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. Clevelanders insist that in Jake Virtue they have the finest first baseman on earth. The conference at the Fifth Avenue Hotel of all the leagues was the first oasis found in the Sahara of quarrel.

The old League grounds at Cleveland will be cut into residence lots. A wide avenue will be run directly through the outfield. The new grounds are in a location that will never be destroyed by the laying out of any street through them. Minneapolis has released Joseph Dowie. The annual meeting of the Western Association will be held at the Millard Hotel, Omaha, Oct. 22.

The Louisville Club is accused by the press of jealous Western rival cities of having fanned 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 white horse.

At Hartford last Monday ex-pitcher John Henry, late of the New York Club, best a local sportsman named James P. Clana in a "spite" dash for \$300 a side. Henry gave Clana 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-

resented 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 Pittsburgh Players' League Club was after Glenalvin but could not secure him. At least, that's what they say in Chicago. Doubtful, very.

The Pittsburgh League Club has so far signed nine men—Miller, Anderson, Smith, Day, Berger, Ryan, Decker, LaRue and W. Gumbert. The only 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 Fantz would do if he held three kings and there was a stack of blue chips in the center of the table. There would be no dealing in futures in the case of Fantz, and there is a great deal of 'futures' about Buck."

A Baltimore correspondent writes:—"The firing 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' for the Reds in 1897?"—Times-Star. That is rather rough on Rhines, Harrington, Reilly, McPhee, Latham, Holliday, Marr and Mul-lane. But perhaps it is too true. Barnie complains of the unimproving in the Association and says his team received the worst treatment within his recollection on the last Western trip. Barnie dislikes Doolan especially.

"Chic" Wolfey, 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, Hartford 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, 25 sacrifice hits and 12 stolen bases in a fielding average of .888.

The best game arranged for Manager McGinnis 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 country if the war does not end. Gus Creelley, who played short for St. Louis while Shorty 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 Louisville Club, denies that he is going to play in Pittsburgh next season. He says:—"I was layed low 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.

Pitcher Goodall, of Louisville, owes Manager Manning a barrel of apples, the result of a wager on the championship race. Magnates should cease calling Stern, of Cincinnati, a "base ball speculator." People who live in glass houses cannot afford to throw stones. The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania and New York League will be held in Bradford Oct. 28, when the matter of consolidation with the Interstate League will be passed upon.

Manager Manning is much opposed to Kansas City leaving the Western Association. The Western Association Club has been a success, and it is wished to be true to the goose that laid the golden egg. There may be a consolidation of the Pacific Northwest and California base ball leagues next season. The corporate name of the Kansas City Ball Club is still the "American Association Base Ball Club of Kansas City, Mo." It will be changed this fall to the "Kansas City Base Ball Club."

A Cook County League is to be organized in Chicago to take in suburban towns. Each faction in this senseless war can now be compared to a hen after his own meat, with the motive of an express train not quite so belligerent, but having a heap more sense. Kansas City can hardly afford to enter either of the big leagues, even if invited, as Sunday games are absolutely necessary to existence. All the money made this season was due to Sunday games.

Kansas City fans have presented Elmer Smith with a gold-headed umbrella. Herman Long is but a shadow of his former self and will need a winter's rest to put him in shape again. 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 exhausted in their demands. A Twin City League, with three clubs in St. Paul and three in Minneapolis, is to be organized. Charles Buckenberger, assistant treasurer of the Columbus Club, will run a skating enterprise at Recreation Park in Columbus this winter.

Will Hoover, of Kansas City, is a Mason of many degrees. Manning is an Elk of high standing. Thayer Torreyson has gone to Texas to play in Dallas with Ramsey, Fuller and others. John B. Day characterizes Jim O'Rourke as a blatherskite, and adds:—"For my part Attorney O'Rourke can stay in Bridgeport and practice law, if he finds clients, for the remainder of his life. We want ball players on the New York team, not lawyers. There will be plenty of good ball players in the market next season."

It has been learned that J. Palmer O'Neill tried to sell George Miller to Cincinnati when the Reds were in the National League. Jim Mutrie says if the two clubs are united next year he will invent a new war cry that will put "We are the people" in the shade. The Cleveland and Boston clubs are negotiating with Joe Knight, late of Cincinnati. The Brooklyn team was not permitted to play a Sunday game at Kansas City, though it wished to do so.

While it may dispel a little of glamour from the game to consider it as a business rather than a sport, no sensible man can fail to admit that the sport has grown to proportions where it is a business, and to live and prosper it must be conducted as such. The greatest essential element in the settlement of the war

and-take spirit. That spirit doesn't appear to be overwhelmingly present. Barnie can afford to smile. No matter what deals are made, Baltimore must be counted in. Conflicting dates are a thing of the past. Thousands of dollars have been lost in the war that was fought this summer. The haughty stockholder and the bold player are now neck and heels, and they both agree that in order to restore the national game to its old standard, they will have to compromise, forget past wrongs, bury the hatchet, and smoke the pipe of peace.

Possibly there are ball players in the profession who have sons old enough to play base ball, but as yet no progeny of a professional tinker has donned the uniform to make a living. The American Association conferees do not figure extensively in the pending settlement. They take part, but they are ready, and are willing, to agree to any deal that can be engineered to the satisfaction of the two big leagues.

Among the well-known players who will spend the winter at their homes in Baltimore are Foutz, of the Brooklyn Club; Sommer, of Baltimore; the Childs brothers, and Beatin, of Cleveland; Horner and Dickerson, of New Haven; Roussey, of Newark, and Carl, of Wilmington. The Rochester disbanded in Baltimore Wednesday.

Blaine says Gilbert and Welch have quite ready made legal contracts. It is believed this part of the programme is but an idle and silly boast. The Orioles must have a fortification of their pitching strength, but it will be very unlikely to come from that direction unless there should be a consolidation of the two Chicago clubs, and King should be found superfluous, all of which is exceedingly improbable. The consolidation of three organizations into two will very likely furnish Baltimore with opportunities to secure some desirable players from it.

THE SURPLUS. It is not anticipated that any pitchers will be of the calibre of Silver King, for the simple reason that Baltimore is so situated in the controversy that it has nothing to compromise—nothing to give and take. There is no concession to be made to the Orioles, and very likely they will have to be satisfied to gather in the crumbs that fall from the rich banqueting table. This should be pretty good, but it will not be the cream. Skimmed milk from a rich lactal feed is pretty fair cow milk, but better than that depends upon the milk of human kindness from the breast of a base ball manager who never heretofore furnished a promising regimen of diet. If Brooklyn's two clubs consolidate, or New York's and others, it is plain to be seen that there will be superfluous basemen and fielders and batteries, but they will unquestionably retain the best and offer the others to clubs wanting them. In the event of the promised compromise Baltimore would be in

a FASTER CLASS and would be obliged to travel the pace set by the others or suffer in patronage. Under those circumstances the team would require a first baseman. Powers is an excellent man for the position, but he has not done the greater part of the season, but he has some few deficiencies that would have to be made good. His throwing is decidedly weak, and not by any means up to the mark of major ball in accuracy. He is alert and quick in his movements, but much throwing time is lost in preliminary motions. He is neither the best of base-runners or batters, but he is an observant and thinking player—quick to see points and avail himself and his team of their advantages. It is not that he is not a good player, but that he would have to compensate his deficiencies in other parts of his round work. It is believed all this has reluctantly forced itself upon many critical patrons here in the latter part of the season during the series in the American Association. Reluctantly, it is said, because Powers is an earnest, pains-taking player who has fairly

to the hearts of all, and people are slow to confess even to themselves, any weakness in a favorite. A new second baseman will also be necessary. Mack is not to be depended upon in his habits, and may fall just at a critical period in the pennant race when every man of the team should be upon the sharpest edge. His late relapse which has consumed many playing days and involved a fine of \$75 would have cost several thousands of dollars to the club, had the circumstances of Baltimore's being in the American Association been different. As it was, the loss of a few games more or less made no material difference, as the team really was not in the contest for the pennant, and the fluctuation in the playing had no decided interest to the public. Besides, Mack is cratic to handle at his best, and with only one strong point, and that is fielding. It is unfortunate for him that he should

FALL FROM GRACE near the close of the season, when new contracts are contemplated and when there is a saying that a short stop is required, and wanted bad, too. This position has been a weakness in the Orioles nearly the whole time of their existence, and should be given particular attention at this time and settled. This place is so important and develops such pretty tactics in an expert that it is one that should command itself as involving nothing but the best talent. It is the central point for all eyes of spectators, and when well filled is susceptible of furnishing more real concerted joy to the average crowd than any other play on the infield. Perhaps a Ward or a Long or a Shindle is not available, but from the available material it would be common business prudence to secure the very best at any reasonable investment. A left fielder will be found necessary if the team is to be well balanced. Good, old Joe Sommer is

A PROBLEM to many patrons. Here is a man whom the gods have endowed with all the attributes of a perfect ball player. With model habits; with none of the small vices or larger ones; domestic in his tastes, and faithful in all that pertains to the development of a fine physique, he is daily outplayed by bachelors who take to the streets of themselves, and occasionally bombard the ball fiercely, but with it all is notoriously not a game winner. Whether his nervous composition is such that he cannot rise to the occasion at a crisis, or whether a critical situation rattles him, is unknown to only himself, if even to him, but the fact is such, and is demonstrated season after season. Electrifying plays are common with this hero of the grassy left and the stands alternately bow down in homage or noisily cheer him to more daring feats. But it is no go—he is not a game winner—for he is not a game winner any more. It is proposed to play Ray in that position, and steady practice in that place may develop him into one of the best. He has all the attributes to make one and it would be unfortunate indeed if he should fail. He is a fine batter, and for that one feature is one of the most popular members of the team. Patrons are

UNUSUALLY AMIABLE in forgiving or overlooking any lapses in fielding in his case, for he electrifies them when he steps to the plate in that quiet confidence which is a part of his very nature. Ray has played right field, but not at any time long enough to become well acquainted with the position. He will fill it admirably, be a fixture there, and with the assistance of pitcher Ray in that position, and steady practice in that place may develop him into one of the best. He has all the attributes to make one and it would be unfortunate indeed if he should fail. He is a fine batter, and for that one feature is one of the most popular members of the team. Patrons are

ROCHESTER RIPPLES. End of the Season—A Disappointed Constancy—Causes of the Team's Low Standing—General Comment and Gossip. ROCHESTER, Oct. 16.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—The Association campaign is over and Rochester ends fifth in the race—the same position in which last year's club finished. The club ought to have done better—there is no denying that—but neither Manager Powers nor the players can be held responsible for the poor showing. It is due entirely to the penny wise and pound foolish manner of conducting business pursued by the owners of the club. This policy has been followed throughout the season, and the wonder is not that the club ended as low as it did, but that it ended at all.

NO BLAME FOR PLAYERS. If the team had been strengthened before the first Western trip, when the boys were lame and injured, the Rochesterers would have finished well towards the top. Their poor showing and the fact that the management has lost money cannot be deemed the fault of the players. They boys have done their best under discouraging circumstances, but the business management has been very shortsighted. But there's no use in going into details. Everyone knows what's been the matter.

NOTES. The Rochesterers wound up the season at Baltimore Sunday, but that was not a common, everyday defeat, but a shut-out, and that, too, with only one hit to their credit. Will Rochester be in the Association next season? is the great question in local base ball circles now. The Rochesterers ended this season as they began it—with defeat.

In the first Philadelphia game Bob Barr had the misfortune to break a finger in attempting to catch a foul fly, in consequence he had to retire from the game, and Fields finished it out. Big Jim Fields, our first baseman, pitched the second Athletic game, and won it easily. Miller had poorer success against his old enemies, the Baltimore, than against any other club in the Association. He participated in three games, losing them all.

The many friends of Joe Visner are pleased to see that he has made such a good record in the Pittsburgh Players' Club. He led the League in three-base hits, and stands well up in batting and fielding. Paul Cook has also done himself proud with John Ward's Wonders.

McClellan did not accompany the team when they left Philadelphia, but joined the team at Baltimore, and in a game against the Orioles allowed them but one hit. The sophomore and freshman classes of the University are having some spirited games of ball on the campus.

Of the different American Association clubs that have visited Rochester this season we have picked out a team which we consider would be about the strongest of any that could be selected, batting and fielding being considered.—Gastight, Healy and Barr, pitchers; O'Connell, Robinson and McClellan, catchers; Ward, first base; Childs, second base; Alvord, third base; Key, short stop; Wolf, Johnson and Welch, fielders, with McCarthy and Grim as substitutes.

The outlook for an American Association club in this city next season looks rather bad, but we will undoubtedly be represented in some league, and it now looks very much as though the old International would be revived. A very strong circuit could be formed for this League with Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and Toronto in the East and a number of good cities in the West to select from. There is an opportunity for Secretary Williams.

The men who have represented Rochester in the Association the past season will not be seen in this city again this year, and they have many friends who wish them success wherever they may go or what they may do. THE SPORTING LIFE correspondent wishes to see the number of the team for court-

BALTIMORE BULLETIN.

The Situation of the Monumental City in the Pending Deal—Needs of the Team—A Warning to the Capitalists—The Players' Rights Must Be Guarded.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 15.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—In the scheme for compromise there is nothing in particular for Baltimore to do. "Barkis is willin'." The Orioles have no rival team to consolidate with, and therefore there are no negotiations in that direction. The city has merely to await the result in other places, and, if they are successful, accept the representation in the organization to which it is assigned. In the meantime it has to produce a team of sufficient merit to compete with a good major league, and that is being looked to as far as can be done under present circumstances. Mr. Walz has gone to Chicago, with the object, it is asserted, to sign pitcher Silver King, but it would seem to be the wildest of goose chases, in view of the joint resolution passed at the New York meeting, pledging each of the three main organizations not to sign the players of the other for a certain period of time. The violation of this

ARMISTICE would be a serious matter and likely to throw the offender entirely out of the pale of future proceedings. This would be enough to block the negotiations, and, if the players' legal contracts. It is believed this part of the programme is but an idle and silly boast. The Orioles must have a fortification of their pitching strength, but it will be very unlikely to come from that direction unless there should be a consolidation of the two Chicago clubs, and King should be found superfluous, all of which is exceedingly improbable. The consolidation of three organizations into two will very likely furnish Baltimore with opportunities to secure some desirable players from it.

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a FASTER CLASS and would be obliged to travel the pace set by the others or suffer in patronage. Under those circumstances the team would require a first baseman. Powers is an excellent man for the position, but he has not done the greater part of the season, but he has some few deficiencies that would have to be made good. His throwing is decidedly weak, and not by any means up to the mark of major ball in accuracy. He is alert and quick in his movements, but much throwing time is lost in preliminary motions. He is neither the best of base-runners or batters, but he is an observant and thinking player—quick to see points and avail himself and his team of their advantages. It is not that he is not a good player, but that he would have to compensate his deficiencies in other parts of his round work. It is believed all this has reluctantly forced itself upon many critical patrons here in the latter part of the season during the series in the American Association. Reluctantly, it is said, because Powers is an earnest, pains-taking player who has fairly

to the hearts of all, and people are slow to confess even to themselves, any weakness in a favorite. A new second baseman will also be necessary. Mack is not to be depended upon in his habits, and may fall just at a critical period in the pennant race when every man of the team should be upon the sharpest edge. His late relapse which has consumed many playing days and involved a fine of \$75 would have cost several thousands of dollars to the club, had the circumstances of Baltimore's being in the American Association been different. As it was, the loss of a few games more or less made no material difference, as the team really was not in the contest for the pennant, and the fluctuation in the playing had no decided interest to the public. Besides, Mack is cratic to handle at his best, and with only one strong point, and that is fielding. It is unfortunate for him that he should

FALL FROM GRACE near the close of the season, when new contracts are contemplated and when there is a saying that a short stop is required, and wanted bad, too. This position has been a weakness in the Orioles nearly the whole time of their existence, and should be given particular attention at this time and settled. This place is so important and develops such pretty tactics in an expert that it is one that should command itself as involving nothing but the best talent. It is the central point for all eyes of spectators, and when well filled is susceptible of furnishing more real concerted joy to the average crowd than any other play on the infield. Perhaps a Ward or a Long or a Shindle is not available, but from the available material it would be common business prudence to secure the very best at any reasonable investment. A left fielder will be found necessary if the team is to be well balanced. Good, old Joe Sommer is

A PROBLEM to many patrons. Here is a man whom the gods have endowed with all the attributes of a perfect ball player. With model habits; with none of the small vices or larger ones; domestic in his tastes, and faithful in all that pertains to the development of a fine physique, he is daily outplayed by bachelors who take to the streets of themselves, and occasionally bombard the ball fiercely, but with it all is notoriously not a game winner. Whether his nervous composition is such that he cannot rise to the occasion at a crisis, or whether a critical situation rattles him, is unknown to only himself, if even to him, but the fact is such, and is demonstrated season after season. Electrifying plays are common with this hero of the grassy left and the stands alternately bow down in homage or noisily cheer him to more daring feats. But it is no go—he is not a game winner—for he is not a game winner any more. It is proposed to play Ray in that position, and steady practice in that place may develop him into one of the best. He has all the attributes to make one and it would be unfortunate indeed if he should fail. He is a fine batter, and for that one feature is one of the most popular members of the team. Patrons are

UNUSUALLY AMIABLE in forgiving or overlooking any lapses in fielding in his case, for he electrifies them when he steps to the plate in that quiet confidence which is a part of his very nature. Ray has played right field, but not at any time long enough to become well acquainted with the position. He will fill it admirably, be a fixture there, and with the assistance of pitcher Ray in that position, and steady practice in that place may develop him into one of the best. He has all the attributes to make one and it would be unfortunate indeed if he should fail. He is a fine batter, and for that one feature is one of the most popular members of the team. Patrons are

In the deal, compromise, consolidation, amalgamation, or whatever it is chosen to be called, perhaps there should be

PATIENT WAITING for results, and nothing be said having a tendency to ignite the inflammable material now gathered together, but fair warning is given that any unreasonable invasion of the rights of the players will receive an energetic kick from this direction. Both capitalists and players assumed to join the great revolution in the interests of reform in methods and in the conditions of the personnel, as well as for good business reasons, and neither side should throw over the other at this critical period. The capitalists should, while protecting themselves, protect those players who have faithfully stood by them, and anything less than that would not only be a misfortune, but disgraceful, as well. The capitalists and players went into this thing with mutual interests, and perhaps the players risked the most in casting their all upon this die. The season 1899 was a most unfortunate one for them, and now all should not be lost, and it is hoped, will not be. There is confidence still that all will be right in this direction, but if it is not, and there is a large-sized, vigorous kick from Oriolewood, please forgive T. T. T.

CHICAGO GLEANINGS.

Spalding Confident That the War Will Be Settled—His Non-committal and Discreet Attitude—Stern, of Cincinnati, Scored—Premature Capitalistic Yell, Etc.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—With arrangements pending for the settlement of all difficulties in the base ball world there is very little to be said by your correspondent at this time. Not but that there is much to say. On the contrary, I might fill a column or two with most interesting reading matter this week, but it would be premature and now, unless there is some plan which now seem certain to be realized. One thing, however, may be pretty confidently anticipated, and that is that after Oct. 22 the base ball war of 1899-90 will be forever a thing of the past. Until the return of President Spalding and the conference in New York I for one had little hope of an adjustment. Indeed, as the end of the season approached chances for compromise or adjustment seemed to me to be growing beautifully less. Events of the past ten days, however, have completely changed the aspect of things, and now, unless there is some wholly unexpected slip-up, the season of 1891 will not be characterized by the deplorable features that have marked that of 1890 as the most unfortunate in the history of the game.

THE ENCOURAGING FEATURE.

The one fact that gives the tinge of a probability to the current reports of intended adjustment is that for the first time since the inauguration of the strife, the business men of both sections—the capitalists, those who have their money invested in the rival organizations—have come together, without any of the silly sentiments and now charges, to discuss the fight at the outset, and have gotten down to business. That such a meeting, and that some such action as probably will be taken, would ultimately be the outcome of all the trouble, has been the belief of most of the successful business men I have talked with. It has been all well enough, from the Players' standpoint, for the player to make his little bluff and declare that the Players' League intended to run the National League out of the business, no matter how long it took to do so. The player, in his organization, has characterized the man to pay salaries, or traveling and operating expenses. And now the people who, by virtue of their capital invested, have the sole right to say "Stop" or "Fight it out," have asserted themselves, and the player, plainly speaking, "isn't in it."

CAPITAL'S TRIUMPH.

Some time ago I had occasion to remark that capital was a hard thing for talent or labor to buck against. I expressed the belief that in this base ball war, as in all other revolts of talent or labor against capital, that capital would in some way work its way to the top and win. Now, think the record of the next

BASEBALL. CALIFORNIA LEAGUE.

Games to be Played. Oct. 19, Oakland vs. Stockton at San Francisco, Sacramento vs. San Francisco at Sacramento.

The expected has happened, the Senators have been overhauled, and to make the matter worse, by two clubs almost simultaneously.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton, San Francisco.

Games Played October 2.

Oakland vs. Sacramento at San Francisco. Oct. 2.—The Senators could not withstand the batting which Oakland brought to bear upon the question of run-getting.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton, San Francisco.

Games Played October 3.

San Francisco vs. Sacramento at Oakland. Oct. 3.—The players put plenty of dash into the game, owing perhaps to the unusually large attendance.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton, San Francisco.

Games Played October 4.

Stockton vs. Oakland at Stockton Oct. 3.—The Oakland took the game by hook, their opponents making more hits and fewer errors and scoring more runs.

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Games Played October 4.

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with the hits the record of earned runs would have been very large. Phenomenal fielding was the order of the day for the Frisoes, Levy, Wilson, Ebricht, Hanley and Fudger doing some very pretty work.

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VICTORIOUS LOUISVILLE.

The Association Pennant Won by a Wide Margin—The Series With St. Louis—Talk of the Future—Notes and Comment.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 14.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—The conference of base ball leaders at New York attracted more attention here last week than any other event in base ball.

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But It is Shot Pretty Full of Holes—Glad of Fourth Place—Where Toledo Boys Will Winter.

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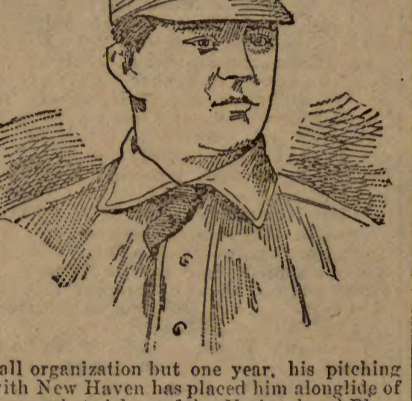
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Sketch of Doran, His New Left-Handed Pitcher.

John F. Doran, the crack pitcher of the New Haven (Atlantic Association) Base Ball Club, who assisted materially in winning the pennant of 1890 for that team and who will play with Johnny Ward's Brooklyn wonders this season, it is said, is one of the youngest pitchers in the list of noted professionals.

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BASE BALL EXHIBITION CONTESTS PROFESSIONALS SHOWING THEIR SKILL AT VARIOUS POINTS. Record of Games Played by National Agreement Clubs Since the Pen-nant Season Closed.

Appended will be found scores and other particulars of the many exhibition games participated in by the various National Agreement clubs since the close of the various championship campaigns.

Table with columns for team names (e.g., Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee) and statistics (e.g., runs, hits, errors).

THE PENNANT WINNERS MEET. The pennant winners of the Western Association and the Illinois-Iowa League played an exciting game at Ottumwa Oct. 6.

Table with columns for team names (e.g., Ottumwa, Kansas City) and statistics.

ANSON'S MEN WHITE-WASHED. The Chicagoans played the Milwaukee again on the 7th inst. and were badly beaten.

Table with columns for team names (e.g., Chicago, Milwaukee) and statistics.

A TEAM THEY COULD BEAT. The Pittsburg League team played an amateur team at Pittsburg Oct. 8 and found in their opponents they could really monkey with.

Table with columns for team names (e.g., Pittsburg, Oakland) and statistics.

CHICAGO SHUT OUT AGAIN. On the 8th inst. at Milwaukee the Chicago League team was shut out for the second successive time.

Table with columns for team names (e.g., Chicago, Milwaukee) and statistics.

THE FAMOUS TEAM DISBANDED—A Poor Outlook For Base Ball in Jersey's Chief City. Newark, N. J., Oct. 14.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—The Newark Club has disbanded.

A BOSON VICTORY. The Boston team played at Springfield, Mass. Oct. 9, and had to play to win as the home team put up a good all-round game.

Table with columns for team names (e.g., Boston, Springfield) and statistics.

THE BOSTONS AT FALL RIVER. On Oct. 10, at Fall River, Mass., the Boston League Club beat the local amateur team.

Table with columns for team names (e.g., Boston, Fall River) and statistics.

EARNEST RUNS—Boston 1. Two-base hits—Brooklyn, Smith, Long, Gomez, etc.

CHAMPIONS BEAT CHAMPIONS. The Brooklyn League champions met and easily defeated the Western Association champions at Kansas City, Oct. 11.

Table with columns for team names (e.g., Brooklyn, Chicago) and statistics.

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RIVALRY FOR THE REDS. The Story Overlooked For a More Interesting Topic—'A Pence'—Still There Is Money Behind It If the War Continues.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 14.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—While the flag of truce is flying little attention is given to the rumor that Cincinnati is not to be surrendered without a struggle.

CINCINNATI'S LIFE IN LEAGUE COMPANY. Cincinnati was very brief. Gently pushed out by sectional legislation in '80, one year of renewed bliss in that body, after a seasonal deal in the history of the conflict.

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CHADWICK'S CHAT. A New Light Thrown Upon the Question of Arbitration—The Capitalists Bear All the Costs of the Players' League Campaign While the Players Take the Dollars.

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'Messrs. Ward and Brunell are beginning to see things from a new light apparently. Ward is said to have remarked in relation to the course pursued by the National League:

'Of course I'll admit that last spring it was their place to refuse all offers of this kind, for they thought they had us beaten. But now it's different—the game is in danger, I'll admit.'

'What brought about this state of affairs?' was asked. 'Well, the fight has disgusted many patrons. You will notice it everywhere.'

A despatch from Cincinnati, dated Oct. 7, says Secretary Brunell, of the Players' League, before leaving for home said: "I approve the demand of the press and public for a cessation of hostilities, which has done so much harm to the game."

They will all come to their senses in due time. The nerves of the pocket have been rudely jarred this past season, and the shocked parties don't relish it.

This is what I read in a Philadelphia paper last week:—"George Washington Bradley is now night watchman in a Chestnut street carriage store." It is not so long ago when pitcher Bradley and catcher Miller—originally from the Easton, Pa. team—were regarded as one of the crackest battery teams of the professional ranks. But that was in the days of the underhand throw delivery of the ball to the bat. Base ball heroes of yesterday are of little account to-day, and to-morrow they may be relegated to the list of retired veterans. Colts are in the ascendant nowadays, and deservedly so in a majority of instances.

The New York Sun, in an editorial commentary on the purchase of the Cincinnati Club and its team by the Players' League capitalists, made a good point when it said:—"The purchase of the Cincinnati Club players was directly antagonistic to the cardinal principles of the Brotherhood. From its very inception the Brotherhood attacked the National League and made one of its strongest points on the sale and exchange of players. It was claimed that the manner in which players were transferred from one club to another was nothing more or less than a robbery, and the chief object of the Brotherhood would be to avoid all such things."

Evidently Mr. Talcott has not been much worried over the difficulties incident to the conference meetings the past week. Early on Friday morning last a fire broke out in the great fire-proof "Gerlach" apartment house in New York City, in which Mr. Talcott's rooms, and during the period of temporary excitement of the fire Mr. Talcott slept soundly, as did Mrs. Frank Leslie and the President's son, Russell Harrison, who also have apartments in the "Gerlach." The fire was confined to the scullery department. Mr. Gerlach, who lives on the eighth floor, sent out a fire alarm and proceeded to arouse the tenants, and some of them went down to the street floor. But others refused to vacate their apartments, telling Mr. Gerlach that they were paying for fire-proof quarters and that he was responsible if they were harmed.

If running a team of Brotherhood players, under Players' League co-operative rules, will not disturb the serenity of a Players' League magnate, an ordinary fire underneath one's rooms in an apartment house is not likely to do it.

I notice that in a trial in base-running at Boston last week that Stovey and Brown, of the Boston Braves' League team, were the round of the bases in 12.55. This is decidedly fast work in running 125yds. for the straight lines cannot be followed in making the circle, and consequently more than the exact 120yds. around the bases has to be run. In making a home run after a hit, however, it takes 16s. at the quickest. In fact, 16s. is good time.

Mr. Davis, Ward's official scorer this past season, informed me yesterday that Ward told him that he would be the manager of the Brooklyn Bridgegraves in 1891 and captain the team. This will be news for the Brooklyn Club players. Is what Ward says in this matter true, Mr. Byrne?

I am glad to hear that the Boston League Club is going to have a benefit at the Congress street grounds in Boston. Jack serves one for the attention he has given the field this past season.

George Hall, the old Atlantic player of the seventies, played at right field in the Royal Arcanum Club in the Hurst benefit match at Washington Park recently. He has not played ball until this year since 1878.

I met the old Atlanta infielder Webber last week in Brooklyn, and, singularly enough, who should join us but the veteran manager, W. H. Cammeyer, of the old Union Grinders, who is a man in his seventieth year. I almost fancied I could hear the cry of "Clear the field, gentlemen," as I looked at him. Webber has been on the New York police force for twenty-one years and has been retired on a pension for faithful service.

HENRY CHADWICK.

TROY TIPS.

Honor For the New York Champions—Poor Ball By Brotherhood Clubs—Local News Items.

TROY, Oct. 14.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—The base ball season in this city is over. The champions were duly awarded and the pennant presented, and most of the players have gone to their homes. On the 8th the boys had a grand reception and ball, which was a fitting close of their successful season.

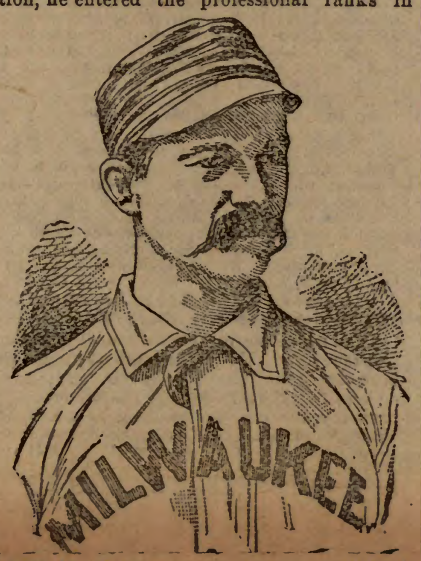
The credulity of the average Albanian is something pitiable. After the close of the championship season the remnants of the Troys played a series of exhibition games with the Albanians. Surfeited with victory over Albany all season, Trojans took no interest in these exhibitions and the champions generously allowed the Albanians to win a few games. The glib Albanians gloated over their surprising success, and now "Rad" quotes figures to show that the tail-enders are superior to the champions. But he does not include any of the eighteen or twenty championship games between the two clubs in which the figures were over helmingly in favor of Troy. I have always given "Rad" credit for good sense and discernment, but his assertion that the Albanians could win the championship in any league, except the three major bodies, "hands down" is a disgrace to the worth of his opinions with the great army of readers of THE SPORTING LIFE.

The New York and Boston Players' League teams gave an exhibition here last Wednesday which was discredit to both clubs, and especially so to the New Yorks. They charged fifty cents admission and double price for the grand stand. The attendance was large, and it was due to the fine assemblage of these great teams should at least be to many ball. A few of the players seemed to have some regard for the people, but the others made a farce of the game, and expressions of dissatisfaction were general. Governor Hill attended the game and said it was the poorest he ever witnessed.

The Boston National League team and the Troys played a good game here on the 6th, Boston winning 4 to 3.

On Sunday a large crowd turned out to the game between two picked mines of local professionals who are home for the winter. The game was a close one, with Stiles—left catcher; Devlin, pitcher; Beck—first base; Hanrahan, second base; Miller, short stop; Parks, third base; Mincham, left field; Gunshannon, center field; Gentlemen, right field; West Side—Inglis, catcher; Fagan, pitcher; Fitzgerald, first base; Eagan, second base; Goodryder, short stop; Barry, third base; Remsen, left field; Messitt, center field; Lynch, right field. The game was well played, the East Side winning 7 to 6. The boys realized handsomely from the gate receipts, and will play again next Sunday, when the West Side will be strengthened by the addition of pitcher Darby O'Brien, Darts, of the Cleveland, and Curtis, of the Douvers.

Billy Inglis, of the Aurora Club, of the Illinois-Iowa League, brought home a beautiful and costly silver cup, which was presented to him by the club for having made the best general average of the team for the whole season. Inglis has made a fine showing for his first year out.



ALBERTS, THE CRACK INFILDER OF THE MILWAUKEE CLUB.

A. G. Alberts, third baseman and all round player of the Milwaukee Club, is in the front rank among the leading players of the Western Association. He is in his twenty-eighth year, 5ft. 6in. high, and weighs 180 pounds.

Let the conference committee at its next session take the following resolutions:—1. That the life of the future of their financial existence. Without the countenance of the daily press they cannot live. It is that which has built them up. It is that which can alone enable them to successfully pass through the trials and tribulations of the revolutionary campaign of 1890.

I had quite a pleasant chat with Buck Ewing at Nick Egan's last week in regard to the experience gained during the past season in the work of managing base ball teams, and I found that he was in full accord with my views relating to the fallacy of expecting to get through team work out of players who at the same time that they occupied subordinate positions on a club team also held stock in the club and acted as player-directors.

I took occasion to compliment his brother John for the excellent work he had done in the box this season, and especially for his good humor under trying circumstances, which was in such striking contrast to ill-temper exhibited by one other pitcher of the team. I told him I hoped he would succeed in bringing about a union of interests between Messrs. Day and Talcott, which Buck is striving for. As for the players of one league refusing to play with the other in opposition to the league, I told him that that was merely a question of money interest, which would settle itself. It does seem a little inconsistent to me, to find players of the Brotherhood League, who do not hesitate to play in company with such fellows as Pickett and Mulvey, kicking at keeping company with Glascock and Denny. They forget that not a player objected to associate with the old contract breakers of the Union Association. But then, I suppose it was not the player's ox that was gored that time.

While I was chatting with Ewing, Gore came up and joined us. He looks remarkably well, and I saw no outward indication of the alleged excesses he had indulged in. From my chat with Ewing I surmised that the noted captain and catcher of the old-time Giants was anything but reluctant to see an end made to the base ball war of 1890. Buck apparently realizes that the co-operative play in base ball is a failure, and he wants to see a reorganized and improved professional club government take the place of such socialistic schemes.

A game of foot ball played recently between the Yale and Wesleyan teams was marked by the presence of a son of Secretary of State Blaine as referee and a son of ex-Secretary of State Bayard as umpire. Singularly enough, the contest was characterized by severe slugging, and three of the contestants had to be carried from the field seriously injured.

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WHERE THE PLAYERS WINTER. Some of the ball players have already begun to pack up their traps and plant them away for next season. After the exhibition games with Watertown and Madison none of the boys, except those who will live in the city, can be found about. Poorman, Dalrymple, Alberts and Clausen will live in town; Pettit is likely to go to Meriden, Ct., and play polo during the winter; Welch goes to Zanesville, O.; Morrissey to Janesville, Wis.; Jantzen to Chicago; Krig to Chilliott; O'Brien to Washington; Griffith to Normal, Ill.; Welch to Bellaire, O., and Renwick to Calumet, Mich. Only three men have so far signed contracts, most of the Milwaukeeans preferring to wait till spring before getting placed. Thornton is secure for 1891, having signed a civil contract and not a base ball document, while Renwick and Clausen are also on the list.

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BASE BALL.

THE ASSOCIATION.

END OF THE NINTH CAMPAIGN OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Louisville Wins Her First Championship--The Record for the Entire Season in Detail, Etc.

The ninth annual championship season of the American Association came to an end during the week. The Louisville team, after a long and hard struggle, captured the pennant, which is the first time any Louisville professional team ever achieved such an honor.

The Columbus team, which individually was considered the strongest in the Association, finished a good second, taking that position from St. Louis in the very last week of the campaign.

The Toledo team finished fourth--a very creditable position for a new team. This team also lost valuable ground at the start, and was not strengthened until too late to overtake the leaders.

Rochester finished just a neck behind Toledo. This, also, was a strong team, and was exceptionally well handled; but the meddling of an incompetent directory hampered the management and demoralized the team.

The Syracuse team finished sixth, thanks to the inglorious finish of the Athletic team. The Stars were strong in spots and handy with the bat, but always more or less weak in the battery department.

The Baltimore team started in handicapped by the Brooklyn record, which it had to accept as a weak team. The latter difficulty was, however, soon overcome, as by a lucky chance the Athletic break-down enabled the management to strengthen the Baltimore team to such an extent that during the last month it fairly held its own in the race.

The record below is complete and correct for the season of 1890:

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Out. Rows include Athletic, Brooklyn, Columbus, Louisville, Rochester, St. Louis, Syracuse, Toledo, Baltimore.

Games Played Thursday, October 9.

ATHLETIC VS. ROCHESTER AT PHILADELPHIA Oct. 9.—Steecher was wild, giving no less than eight bases on called balls. First baseman McArthur served hits off his delivery.

Games Played Friday, October 10.

ATHLETIC VS. SYRACUSE AT PHILADELPHIA Oct. 11 (P. M. AND P. M.).—The visitors won both games with ease. The so-called Athletics indulged in their usual display of soul-barring ball playing, fielding in the most ragged fashion and batting like boys.

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Cardth, O'Connor, Three-base hit—Johnson. Stolen bases—Doyle 2, O'Connor, Sneed, Double play—Doyle, O'Connor, Sneed. Struck out—Doyle, O'Connor, Sneed, Doyle, O'Connor, Sneed, Doyle, O'Connor, Sneed.

BALTIMORE VS. SYRACUSE AT BALTIMORE Oct. 9.—Baltimore won from Syracuse by timely batting and good all around playing.

BALTIMORE VS. ROCHESTER AT BALTIMORE Oct. 11.—Darkness ended the game after six innings. Titcomb pitched in great form and held the Orioles down to one hit, but German fared badly.

LOUISVILLE VS. TOLEDO AT LOUISVILLE Oct. 9.—The Toledo, with Healy in the box, shut the champions out and played an errorless game. Goodall was batted hard and often.

LOUISVILLE VS. TOLEDO AT LOUISVILLE Oct. 11.—The game was a sure winner. The Cuylenons hit Sprague hard after the fifth, and it was lucky bunching of hits together with his wildness that won the contest.

ST. LOUIS VS. COLUMBUS AT ST. LOUIS Oct. 10.—By losing this game the Browns' great lead over their rivals. Both sides played for blood.

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Games Played Sunday, October 12.

COLUMBUS VS. TOLEDO AT COLUMBUS Oct. 12.—Gastright pitched a marvelous game and shut out Toledo without a safe hit. Smith was hit hard at opportune times. The Toledo team was at the mercy of Gastright and nothing resembling a hit marked their eight innings' play.

LOUISVILLE VS. ST. LOUIS AT LOUISVILLE Oct. 12.—The Cuylenons took a lead in the first inning and held it until the fifth, when the Browns tied the score.

ATHLETIC VS. SYRACUSE AT PHILADELPHIA Oct. 12.—The Athletics were easily beaten by the Stars. The visitors took kindly to the curves of Sterling. In five innings they hit the ball fifteen times and batted out twelve runs, unassisted by a fielding error.

Games Played Monday, October 13.

COLUMBUS VS. TOLEDO AT COLUMBUS Oct. 13.—The local championship season closed with this game, which was poorly played, so far as Toledo was concerned. Healy was hit hard and his support was miserable.

Games Played Tuesday, October 14.

LOUISVILLE VS. ST. LOUIS AT LOUISVILLE Oct. 11.—Up to the seventh inning the score stood 3 to 1 in favor of the home club.

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How the National League Officials Have Had to Come Down--Talk of Consolidation--Will Pittsburgh Only Have One Club?--A Favorite Player's Release Talked of--A Future Sensation Promised.

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Final Games Played Wednesday, Oct. 15. BALTIMORE VS. ROCHESTER AT BALTIMORE Oct. 15 (P. M. AND P. M.).—These games ended the Association season. They were witnessed by about 600 people. The first game was a slugging match. Score: BALTIMORE, A. B. R. P. A. E. ROCHESTER, A. B. R. P. A. E.

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WILL THERE BE A COMPROMISE? Just now the main point of interest in local base ball circles seems to be the question of whether or not there will be a consolidation of the two local clubs. Now, of course, I have only been able to get the main part of my information on this topic from what I have seen in the papers. From those it would seem that the Players' League people imagine they have had everything their own way and that no power on earth can keep them from always being the victors. At the meetings held so far the new club officials put on such high and mighty airs that the National Leaguers were unable to do anything with them.

I am in favor of the Players' League, but I would like to have that body remember that there may be a change in the tide of public opinion before long, and the parties who are now counted among the favorites may be retired to the rear ranks. Judging from what has happened in the past it would be by no means surprising if the National League would some day be again the great favorite in the eyes of the fickle public that it once was. Such changes have happened before and I would not be surprised to see them come again.

I have a big sensation that I think will be an admitted surprise in the world of base ball, but as yet it is not quite ready to be made public. It will come, though, in a very few weeks, and then, when it does, some people had better take care to keep away when the fall comes. ELLA BLACK.

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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 under the following agreement...

It is also understood and agreed that all games of this series shall be played under and governed by the following rules...

The first game, which was to have been played Thursday afternoon, was prevented by rain from the postponement of all games...

PITTSBURG PENCILINGS.

Why the First Compromise Conference Failed—Some Gossip on Values—The Eastern Season—A Western Phenomenon—New York.

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 Pittsburgh clubs to coalesce...

Manager Hecker is reported to be out for players, but how about that New York agreement? Duke is alleged to have been secured three weeks ago...

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

S. B. P., Rochester, N. Y.—Under a rigid interpretation of the bat A will win, as Gleason was in the box part of the game...

in the hearts of the old enthusiasts, men who shouted themselves hoarse in the good old days when there was an exciting game...

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 netted \$100...

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...

M'KINLEY BILLS. President McCallin declares that he admires President O'Neill for the game fight he made under the circumstances...

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Anderson, the Oakland pitcher spoken of last week, was wild and couldn't get them over the plate the day he pitched against the League nine...

WILL THEY GET TOGETHER AGAIN? It is hinted that Representative Rea has a good deal of the confidence of affairs in the National League club...

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 into a meeting if Secretary Brunell is on hand...

CONSTANT READER, Charleston, S. C.—Reach & Co. and A. G. Spalding & Bros. publish books on that subject. Ward's book is worth reading also...

WILSON, Rochester, N. Y.—Clarkson did not play as short stop at any time. STAKEHOLDER, Oakland, Cal.—They never fought each other.

CLEVELAND CLIPS.

Local Sentiment Against 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...

LEAGUES WILLING TO MAKE PEACE. The Cleveland National League management is on record as being fully prepared to carry on the fight for another season...

MR. HOWE'S VIEWS. 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...

CHANCES FOR THE DEAL. What are the prospects of the deal being made? Well, so far as we can judge, they are not so bright as they seem to be...

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?"

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NEW YORK COMMENT.

The Natural Desire of the Players to Retain a Grip on Base Ball Affairs—The Outlook For Consolidation—Everything Figured Out to One Man's Satisfaction, at Least—Fooled on Stern, Etc.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—It really begins to look as if the angels of peace were hovering over us and that the base ball war would soon be a matter of history.

There seems to be little doubt that a majority of the players are opposed to a compromise. The League is opposed to a compromise, except in certain contingencies. This is particularly true of the members of the Brotherhood, and that organization is to hold a meeting in this city within a few days to discuss the matter.

Should the deal go through, the Brotherhood, while it would still have some importance, would not have any further control of the business, and beyond its utility as a beneficial organization, would cease to be a power.

STERN CATCHES IT AGAIN. Aaron Stern seems to have deceived everybody again. He had said that I was misled by his repeated denials in public and his repeated telegrams to League officials of the same purport.

HE HAD A PERSONAL CONTRACT WITH MCPHEE and could have held him another year if he continued in the club. But the syndicate would have any part of him. They wanted the whole club or nothing.

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a list which will not be found to much out of the way when the time comes.—Ewing, Buckley, Clarke and Murphy, catchers; Rusie, Sharratt, J. Ewing, Welch and Keefe, pitchers; Connor, first base; Richardson, second base; Denny, third base; Glascock, short stop; Gore, Tiernan, Slattery and Johnson, fielders; Whitney and Bassett, extras.

THE BROOKLYN SITUATION

Something in the Line of a Consolidation Looked For.—The Magnates of the Two Clubs Said to Have a Thorough Understanding of the Matter—Talk of Figures Exhibited—Location and Disposition of the Players Considered—General Comment.

BROOKLYN, Oct. 15.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—Between the world's championship series and the probable doings of the peace conference the people interested in base ball in this city have quite enough to keep them guessing and their tongues going.

FOUND ONLY A NUGGET. But to get beyond Ward it has been stated that the profits and expenditures of the National League clubs for some seasons past have been scanned by the magnates of the Players' League, and that a prolonged whistle of surprise is the result.

THE MATTER OF LOCATION. When I quote the National League club officials as being in a gracious mood for a settlement I do so on their acknowledgment that peace is the solution to the problem.

ONLY THEY CAN TELL. Just how far they have gone toward a settlement none can quite tell but themselves, there are so many little ifs, buts and general hitches liable to bob up that it may be weeks before they can arrive at final conclusions.

FATE OF THE PLAYERS. The matter of the disposition of the players is too deep and intricate to wrestle with. The Bridgegroves are complete as a champion team, and where they could be strengthened other than in centre field, or behind the bat, it would be difficult to determine.

SOME LITTLE BITS. The sad news that little Dave Orr had been struck with paralysis while the roses prompted warm words of sympathy from all sides here and the hope that the stroke would prove of a slight character.

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THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

"POOR JONATHAN."

The new and novel Millocker Opera Makes a Hit in New York. Carl Millocker'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.

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 the millionaire, 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.

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

DEIGHTFUL MUSIC. The music is delightful. There are two numbers in the opera, the solo of "Harriet," "Wilt Thou My True Love Be," and her duet with Rubygold in the first act far outshone anything that has been heard in comic opera for several years.

THE PERFORMANCE. The performance was excellent. Lillian Russell, although showing no more spirit in her acting than heretofore, scored a great success by her brilliant singing in the role of Harriet. Her waltz song in the second act was repeated three times.

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. The central idea on which the story of "Suzette" is founded resembles that of "Si J'ai le Roi." "Suzette" is a poor village girl who wishes she was a boy. She is turned into a boy by her guardian, and the Marquis of Volz-vauchou hears her express her wish as she goes to sleep.

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THE DRAMA.

"THE SILVER SHIELD."

Rosina Vokes Introduces a New Comedy. "The Silver Shield," a one act comedy, by Sydney Grundy was done for the first time in this country at the Euclid Avenue Opera House, Cleveland, O., Oct. 3, by Rosina Vokes. It was originally acted at the Strand, London, Eng., May 19, 1885.

Musical Notes. J. Barton Key has joined the Charles E. Locke forces. Dan Packard and Bessie Tannehill have joined the Amnia 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 at the Metropolitan 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.

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.

Miss Dora Becker, violinist, who has heard here a few years ago, and has been studying with Joachim during the past few seasons, will be heard again in our concert rooms this winter. She has been favorably received in Berlin.

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BILLIARDS.

GLEANINGS FROM GOTHAM.

Pertinent Comment on the Proposed Tournament—The Exclusion of Native Talent—Interesting Items of News. NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—Crepitation is inseparable from caroming, but the peculiar snap in this paragraph is a kind of billiard crepitation that needs re-buking.

The tournament will take place, even if there should be no other competitors than Schaefer and Slosson. Those two will draw a great house when they come together.

Common sense and the English language go to their ruin together in that blatant, brazen, bald, bold defiance of popular sentiment. Room-keepers have asked merely that Schaefer and Slosson institute the balking championship by a match of one game as Slosson proposed to do last April.

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BASE BALL.

KANSAS CITY BRIEFS.

Satisfied to Remain in the Western Association—Brilliant Prospects of the Latter—Some Interesting Figures, Etc. KANSAS CITY, Oct. 14.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—About the only item of base ball news here is that the Brooklyn Club is going to play in this city next week.

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AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

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 Annoton 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 annual business meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union was held at Washington, Oct. 11, ninety-three clubs being represented by delegates.

THE MILLS PLAN ADOPTED. The committee which for six months past had under consideration the plan of a G. Mills for the reorganization of the Union made their report, recommending that the plan of reorganization be carried into effect as soon as possible, and it was decided to do so in April next.

PROTESTS ENTERED. In the "hundred" event was opposed by such speedy sprinters as Weston, 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 than second and third, both of whom really got home inside of the regulation ten seconds.

MANHATTAN'S TRIUMPH. The Manhattan A. C. made good their claim to the plaque, the victories of their representatives gaining for the club 78 points to 35 for the New York A. C., 18 for the Detroit A. C., 15 for the Acorn A. C., and single figures for the other organizations taking part in the games.

ATHLETIC GAMES AT ORANGE. The fall 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 (3rd), winner; time, 10.5-5. Martin Simpson (1st), 2d.

POINTS. C. H. Sherrill has returned to New York City from his European trip, looking hearty and well. Jack Carlock, the wrestler, is laid up with broken ribs. He was trying to stop a runaway horse attached to a buggy and was knocked down.

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