Public To Have Eye On Each Big League Meeting

By Jack Velock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—When the National and American leagues hold their annual meetings here and in Chicago on December 12 the baseball public, and particularly that part of it which represents minor leagues, will have an eye on each meeting and an ear close to the ground for first-hand reports of the attitude of the big fellows toward suggestions which will be offered by the National association.

For the first time in its history the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, which includes all the recognized minor leagues, stood upon its underpinning this year and became bold enough to make a number of recommendations for the betterment of baseball in its own immediate circle.

The minors want it understood that they are not making demands. They have merely adopted resolutions to be placed before the big leaguers at their winter sessions, and they are living in the hope that favorable results will follow.

The biggest thing asked for by the National association as a whole is the sanction of a new baseball court of appeals by the majors. Minor leaguers do not want to erase the present national commission, but they believe that they should have some voice in the controversies between themselves and the majors.

For this reason they will ask that a new board of appeals be formed, consisting of two major league representatives, two minor league members and a neutral member, the body as a whole to decide all cases in dispute between minor and major league club owners.

Men high up in the national game have said many times that the minor leagues could gain concessions from the majors if they would but ask for them. And the plan for minor league representation on a new board of appeals seems likely to be given support by the majors, since it does away with the much-talked-of idea of disrupting the time-honored national commission.

Another appeal to be placed before the major leagues at their December meetings has to do with the lifting of the draft from the three Class AA leagues. This recommendation, backed up by the national association as a whole, will extend the privileges of the Pacific Coast league, the American association and the International league. If it is sanctioned by the two big leagues these three big minors will enjoy freedom that they have been looking forward to for years.

What Class AA club owners want is the right to build up strong teams and retain their players as long as they see fit. They will not ask equal drafting privileges with the majors, and they do not expect to be given a rating on the same level. They hope, by having the major league draft lifted from them, to create a better market for their stars, and to enjoy the right of selling players to whom they pleased, instead of being forced to sell their best talen each fall or lose it in the draft at a much smaller price than they could get otherwise.

The sentiment of minor leagues as a whole in supporting their three big brothers in this move has been prompted by the belief that in lifting the draft a better market will be created for ball players of all classes, and this with no great hardship of the majors.

Two or three years ago Class A and B leagues would have flatly refused to support such a move, but the task of boosting Old King Swat to his former high plane of prosperity is a big one, and the minors have come to the conclusion that they can afford to grant concessions to each other in order to gain their ends.

Army-Navy Game is Fixed for Nov 24 Next Year At N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The Army-Navy football game will be held at the Polo grounds next season on Saturday, November 24, according to present plans. Last year when the game was the subject of much controversy between Army and Navy officials, it was suggested that hereafter the service teams play in New York and Philadelphia in alternate years. According to this arrangement the navy would next season choose Franklin field.

It is understood, however, that the navy is now in favor of playing here next year on account of the increased seating capacity and excellent arrangements at the Polo Grounds. It is likely the two service elevens will decide to play here every year.

Next year's game will conflict with the Harvard-Yale game at Boston but in the following year, 1918, the game will be played on November 30 the Saturday following Thanksgiving day. The Army-Navy date is the Saturday in November closest to Thanksgiving day each year.

Bosses To Map Out 1917 Schedule

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Representatives of the Western Conference will meet here today to map out the 1917 schedules. A lively tilt is expected in the discussion of 1917 football dates. There is considerable interest in the bids for dates which will be made by the "small fry" teams and the "big guns." Whether the so-called big schools will ask games with the smaller ones is a matter of speculation since Ohio State, a small institution, hammered its way through to the championship. Whether small eastern elevens will be on the schedule for early season games also was to be discussed.

Jolly-Chenoweth Five Goes Down to Defeat at Gomer

The Jolley-Chenoweth basket ball five, played their initial game last night at Gomer and went down to defeat by thre oaut of 25-14. The local lads lacked team work, in which the country boys surpassed them.

The locals would like to meet some team in Lima or surrounding towns. After a little more practice the basket tossers will be in fit shape to meet stronger teams than that of last evening.

MATHISON AND WOOD TO GIVE EXHIBITION RACES

NEW YORK, Dec. 2—Oscar Mathison and Morris Wood, hailed as champion speed ice skaters of the world and of America, respectively, will shortly begin a tour of the large cities of this country, to give exhibitions. At each rink they will race each other and at the end of the trip will return to St. Nicholas rink of this city, to compete for the championship or the world.

Lerch New Captain Of 1917 Squad

Members and their Parents Enjoy Social Held Last Eve.

Edison Lerch, fullback on the Lima high school foot ball squad was last night elected captain of the warriors for 1917. The meeting was held at Laux dancing hall, where the parents as well as the members of the team, passed a very enjoyable evening.

Lerch's playing was remarkably good the past season, and in picking him, his teammates have made no mistake. Both of the high school's touchdowns in the Thanksgiving day game were made by Lerch.

Coach Hill was presented with a gold watch chain by the members. Although the team went through an unsuccessful season Hill put considerable time in trying to get his boys into shape. Earl Keating, who held the captain position, will graduate this spring.

Coach Hill will call a meeting of the athletic association to discuss who will be awarded "L's."

CUBS GET NEW INFIELDER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Frank George Murphy, a Joliet semi-professional infielder, has been signed to a Chicago Cub contract. He is a right hander but bats from either side of the plate and tallied .400 in 29 games in which he played last season.

RUCKER WILL SCOUT FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—George Napoleon Rucker, according to John J. McGraw the greatest southpaw that ever curved a ball over the home plate, received his unconditional release from the Brooklyn club yesterday afternoon. Nap will not quit base ball entirely, for President Ebbets, who returned from his trip to New Orleans on Wednesday, announced that his former star would act as scout for the National league champions in the future.

REFUSES TO SIGN 1917 CHICAGO CONTRACT

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 2.—"Irish" Meusel, former star outfielder of the Birmingham club of the Southern league, today said that upon orders of Dave Fultz, president of the Players' Fraternity, he had refused to sign a 1917 contract with the Chicago Cubs. Meusel is one of the members of the executive committee of the fraternity and his action is taken as evidence that the fraternity is sincere in its demands that the players have a voice on the national commission.

JOE RIVERS TO TAKE A CHANCE WITH MITCHEL.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Joe Rivers, the Mexican lightweight, will meet Ritchie Mitchell, of Milwaukee, at Milwaukee on December 8. Mitchell wants the weight to be 133 pounds at 3 o'clock, but it is believed he will consent to one pound less, as Rivers has stipulated he will fight only at 132.

FIGHT RESULTS

NEW YORK—Charley White of Chicago, defeated Stanley Yoakum, the Denver lightweight, in a ten round bout.

Jo Steers knocked out Johnnie Williams of Philadelphia, in the fifth round.

Johnny Hays outpointed Joe Paul in ten rounds.

Danny Foy, a local lightweight, shaded Young Paddy of Paterson, in ten rounds.

Joe Dillon stopped Joe Cross in the second round.

Young Tootie knocked out Young Gallagher in the second stanza.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Jimmy O'Hagan, the Albany, N. Y., middleweight won from Hugh Ross in a 12 round affair.

Scott In Line For Big Title

Scott High, Toledo, who refused Lima warriers a game this season, gained the right to play Haverhill (Mass.) Hi for the high school championship of the United States, when they defeated Waite High by an overwhelming score of 57-0. By the loks of things the local squad ought to be glad that they didn't come in contact with the upstaters.

Scott is scheduled to leave Toledo Friday night, December 8, for Haverhill, where the championship game will be played, Saturday, December 9.

11th ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD DECEMBER 28

NEW YORK, Dec. 2—The eleventh annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association will be held at the Hotel Astor on Thursday, December 28. The executive committee will meet on Wednesday evening, December 27. At the regular session, in addition to the usual reports, a preliminary report from the committee appointed to investigate the effects of intercollegiate competition is expected.

BICYCLE RACES TO BE HELD DECEMBER 17-23

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Alfred Grenda and Reggie McNamara, both of Australia, are the riders most recently signed for the six day bicycle race to be held at Madison Square Garden, December 17-23. Grenda won the last two races at the Garden, also winning this year's Boston race, while McNamara has been in the money for the past three years in the New York races.

With Grenda, Goullet, McNamara, Hill, Drobach, Walthour, Kaiser and a few other lesser lights booked to ride this year, Manager Chapman will start Monday teaming up the men. It is expected that by the time of the race at least 17 teams will be ready to face the starter. Several of the foreign riders are still holding out, including Oscar Egg.

Church League Fives Ready For Opening Games

(By "BUCK.")

The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium floor will be the scene of the opening games of the Church League Basketball season this evening, when the six teams entered for the race will take the floor in an effort to pull down the first game, and thereafter keep their slate clear as did the Market street team two seasons ago.

For the curtain raiser the German Reformed and South Side Church of Christ will furnish the excitement. The management of the Reformed five is building up a strong club this season and will endeavor to keep up in the running throughout the season. As to the South Side five they will have their usual clever tossers.

The second game of the evening will be between Grace M. E. and the First Christians. This contest is expected to be the most interesting on the program. In pre-season games the Grace quintet have showed considerable speed and are picked as the winners of the season. Many fans will be disappointed if the M. E. boys do not come out on top at the close.

Market street will probably be the only team that Grace cagers will have to be on the lookout for, for if they keep up the pace they have set in previous years they will be hard to catch. The Market street squad meets the Central aggregation. This is Central's first year in the league and they might spring a surprise.

As a whole the teams in the circuit are well balanced, and fans can look forth for some real clashes.

Each team is scheduled to play ten games during the season, with two cups being awarded, one for the first placers and the other for the seconds. Both cups are awarded by the physical department of the Y. M. C. A.

Bowling

The Gazette bowling five seems to be getting very popular on the alleys and are taking on all comers and not only that but are beating them. Last night they stalked up against the A. C. C. five and came out on the long end of a 1769-2692 score. Long did the heavy work for the newspaper men.

Gazette

Gardner	178	167	232	
Long	176	212	210	
Hardesty	145	172	164	
Smith	209	151	212	
Probst	161	189	191	
Totals	869	891	1009	2769

Allen County Club

Betts	168	194	189	
Kennedy	127	125	168	
Smiley	224	182	199	
Dillon	199	196	187	
Bryan	169	199	166	
Totals	887	896	909	2692

QUADRUPLETS, RECORD IN STATE CONTEST

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 2.—Tennessee and Mississippi are rivals for the biggest baby crop. Recently the wife of Clarence T. Jones, a prominent architect of Chattanooga, Tenn., became the mother of triplets, three girls. A day or two later the wife of J. T. Cleveland, a farmer living near Love, Miss., became the mother of four children, two boys and two girls.

Amalgamation To Be Discussed

CHICAGO, Dec. 2. — Proposed amalgamation of the American Association and the International league will be discussed at the annual meeting of the former at Indianapolis, December 8. Formal call for the meeting was issued today from the offices of President Tom Chivington.

The plan is to take four clubs from each circuit and form a league which by courtesy would be known as a major. It is improbable that the plan will receive approval.

President Chivington's fate also will be decided at this meeting. His contract expired this fall and there is a move to oust him.

Hearing Power of Cat.

The acuteness of the average cat's sense of hearing is proverbial, but it is a proverb that needs qualifying. For example, many white rats are absolutely deaf, and though the idea may appear absurd at first sight, it is believed by some students that the color of a cat is associated with its sense of hearing. Among several imported Persians, or long-haired cats, from abroad, not one white one in the number has been able to hear the slightest sound. Of course, there are white cats that could hear, but they have been the exception, and that applies as much to the short-haired pets of the fireside as to the aristocratic long hair of the shows. Moreover, the white cats dullest of hearing are those with blue eyes.

Jingles From Sportland

By Jack Velock.

The Punch in the Game.

A fighter nicked a sport ed for a pass,
And scurried out to see a foot ball game;
He watched the battle on the lime-lined grass,
As shivers shook his weather-beaten frame.
He saw the flying fist that laid him flat—
Said he: "Both fame and fortune would be mine
"If only I could pull a punch like that."

Proving there is no good reason why Willard or Sharkey wouldn't make good foot ball coaches.

Boxing and foot ball go by different names—they are so similar.

We hear on good authority that Elmer Oliphant will make the 1917 All-American if he attends Yale.

A base ball scribe tells us that poor pitching killed off the Giants. He might have added that it also killed off the Cards, Cubs and Reds.

By the way, the eastern foot ball title is decided at last. It lies between Pitt, Brown and the Navy.

Willard Peach, Michigan end, was laid up with a punch received on the head in the Penn game. Had he been a second baseman or an outfielder he wouldn't have minded a trifle like that.

News From Harvard.

The team returned almost intact,
Though Casey had a busted nose
And someone else a cleat-torn back—
They fell and did it, I suppose.

Dario Resta may retire from the racing game. He may re-tire in time for the next race.

In order to keep Chicago from falling hardest, New York will stage another six-day bike race soon.

Ice tennis may be played here this winter. A case of forty love, freeze out or bust.

We hear that Jess Willard will forsake Chicago for Los Angeles. This ought to carry SOME weight with Los Angeles.

We know now that Yale and Harvard play for blood. The gate at New Haven amounted to only about $160,000.

NOVELIST SUES PRODUCERS OF "ARMS AND THE GIRL"

CHILLICOTHE, O., Dec. 1.—Burton E. Stevenson, local novelist, has brought suit in the New York federal court for $5,000 and royalties against the authors and producers of "Arms and the Girl," charging that the play is a dramatization of his "Little Comrade" published in 1915.

WAR SHELL MAKER FILES PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 2.—Samuel E. Blair, war shell maker of Bucyrus, today filed a petition in bankruptcy in federal court. Blair's liabilities are given as $314 among which a $16 saloon account figures. He says he has no assets.

TALKS ON THRIFT

OUR NATIONAL BILL FOR THE NEEDLESS.

So eminent an authority as Dr. Eliot of Harvard has compiled the following table as showing the amount spent annually by the American people for "things that are not bread."

Intoxicating liquors	$2,200,000,000
Tobacco	1,200,000,000
Jewelry and plate	800,000,000
Automobiles	500,000,000
Confectionary	200,000,000
Soft drinks	120,000,000
Tea and coffee	100,000,000
Millinery	90,000,000
Patent medicines	80,000,000
Chewing gum	13,000,000
Total	$5,303,000,000

If a national board of efficiency experts were called upon to cut down these expenditures and cut out the needless, great differences of opinion would arise. The man who is addicted to liquor would call liquor a necessity. The tobacco user would claim the same for the weed. The imbiber of soda and soft drinks would claim the same for his indulgences and the patent medicine man would tell you that you will surely die if you do not take Dr. Blanks nerve tonic. The woman with a sweet tooth would say she could not do without her box of candy, and the habitual chewer of gum would tell you that chewing gum was good for the digestion and place that as a necessity of life; while the tea and coffee fiend would surely find life not worth the living if the morning and evening draught were missing from the menu. But be this as it may, we must conclude that an enormous amount of money is spent for frivolities that give us no lasting pleasure, and do no permanent good.

We can never hope to get away from habit, for we are all creatures that do things because we have always done them, and even admitting that frivolity habits give employment to a large number of people, the harm done is often greater than the resultant good.

As a rule we do not spend our money in large amounts, but in small sums. A certain lawyer who had been unable to save any money and at 45 found himself a thriftless man, endeavored to analyze the reason for his inability to get ahead. For a month he kept track of his spendings and found that his money got away from him in driblets—a nickel here and there, dimes and quarters handed out on every side until the sum total was amazing. It is surprising how much our frivolity bill is when we come to reckon it up. And if you are unable to save money it may be because of wasteful habits. In fact many people would not dare to keep an expense account, lest the figures prove facts they do not care to face.

Every street railroad in the country, every summer resort, every soda fountain, every cigar store and every saloon lives by virtue of the knickel and dime multiplied indefinitely. But in the multiplication of nickels comes the millions.

The lesson we all need to learn (and it is not an easy one) is the art of conserving little things. If you doubt the facts above stated and fear to face them in cold figures, gets a little pocket bank and every time you are tempted to spend money for that which is unnecessary, drop it in your little bank and watch the results. They will prove interesting if not surprising.

RATES OF TAXATION

In pursuance of law, I, W. E. Tussing, Treasurer of Allen County, Ohio, do hereby give notice that the number of mills levied on each dollar of property listed for taxation within said county for the tax year 1916, is as follows:
FOR STATE PURPOSES: Sinking Fund, .0025 mill; University Fund, .0025 mill; State Common School Fund, .055 mill; State Highway Improvement Fund, .3 mill. Total State Levy, .45 mills.
FOR COUNTY PURPOSES: County and Election Fund, 1.19 mills; Judicial Fund, .11 mill; Poor Fund, .07 mill; Children's Home Fund, .13 mill; Bridge Fund, .24 mill; Building Fund, .16 mill; Memorial Building Fund, .15 mill; Soldiers' Relief Fund, .17 mill; County Road Fund, 1.40 mills; County Ditch Fund, .03 mill; Blind Relief Fund, .07 mill; Mothers' Pension Fund, .09 mill; State and County Highway Fund, .29 mill. Total County Levy, 4.10 mills.

	TOWNSHIPS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Corporations.	TOWNSHIP, CITY, VILLAGE AND SCHOOL LEVIES. Township	Township Road	Incidental School	Other Special	General	Public Health	Public Safety	Public Service	Hospital	Library	Sinking Fund and Int.	Cemetery	Firemen's Pension	Police Relief	Total Local Levies	Total State, County, Township, City, Village and School Levies.	Total December Tax	Total June Tax	
		M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
1	Richland Township	.67	1.33	2.45												4.45	9.00	4.50	4.50	1
2	Bluffton Village School Dist.	.67	1.33	6.45												8.45	13.00	6.50	6.50	2
3	Bluffton Village	.67		6.45		.80	.05	.47	.70			2.51				11.65	16.20	8.10	8.10	3
4	Beaverdam Village Sch. Dist.	.67	1.33	4.05												6.05	10.60	5.30	5.30	4
5	Beaverdam Village	.67		4.05		.05	.23	.33	1.22							7.45	12.00	6.00	6.00	5
6	Monroe Township	.33	1.60	2.72												4.65	9.20	4.60	4.60	6
7	West Cairo Vil. Sch. Dist.	.33	1.60	3.92												5.85	10.40	5.20	5.20	7
8	West Cairo Village	.33		3.92		.67	.17	.77	1.00							7.85	12.10	6.20	6.20	8
9	Sugar Creek Township	.40	1.45	6.40												8.25	12.80	6.40	6.40	9
10	Marion Township	.27	.52	2.86	.20											3.85	8.40	4.20	4.20	10
11	Landeck Rural School Dist.	.27	.25	2.46	.20											3.45	8.00	4.00	4.00	11
12	Delphos City School Dist.	.27	.52	4.66	.20											5.65	10.20	5.10	5.10	12
13	Delphos City	.27		4.66	.20		.15	.06	1.13		.23	3.05	.06			10.45	15.00	7.50	7.50	13
14	Spencer Township	.65	1.14	3.26	.60											5.65	10.20	5.10	5.10	14
15	Landeck Rural School Dist.	.65	1.14	2.46	.60											4.85	9.40	4.70	4.70	15
16	Amanda Rural School Dist.	.65	1.14	1.86	.60											4.25	8.80	4.40	4.40	16
17	Spencerville Vil. Sch. Dist.	.65	1.14	3.86	.60											6.25	10.80	5.40	5.40	17
18	Spencerville Village	.65		3.86	.60	.37	.04	.46	2.16			3.51				11.65	16.20	8.10	8.10	18
19	Amanda Township	.39	1.60	1.66	.40											4.05	8.60	4.30	4.30	19
20	Shawnee Rural School Dist.	.39	1.60	1.26	.40											3.65	8.20	4.10	4.10	20
21	Amanda Rural School Dist.	.39	1.60	1.56	.40											4.25	8.80	4.40	4.40	21
22	German Township	.22	1.57	2.06	.40											4.25	8.80	4.40	4.40	22
23	Shawnee Rural School Dist.	.22	1.57	1.26	.40											3.45	8.00	4.00	4.00	23
24	Elida Village School Dist.	.22	1.57	6.46	.40											8.65	15.20	7.60	7.60	24
25	Elida Village	.22		6.46	.40	.82	.17	1.50			.48					10.05	14.60	7.30	7.30	25
26	Bath Township	.35	1.45	2.25												4.05	8.60	4.30	4.30	26
27	West Minster Rur. Sch. Dist.	.35	1.46	5.85												7.65	12.20	6.10	6.10	27
28	Jackson Township	.82	1.18	2.65												4.65	9.20	4.60	4.60	28
29	West Minster Rur. Sch. Dist.	.82	1.18	5.35												7.35	12.40	6.20	6.20	29
30	Lafayette Vil. Sch. Dist.	.82	1.18	5.25												7.25	11.80	5.90	5.90	30
31	Lafayette Village	.82		5.25		.22		2.16								8.45	13.00	6.50	6.50	31
32	Auglaize Township	.70	1.30	3.25	.40											5.65	10.20	5.10	5.10	32
33	Jackson Rural School Dist.	.70	1.30	2.65	.40											5.05	9.60	4.80	4.80	33
34	West Minster Rur. Sch. Dist.	.70	1.30	5.85	.40											8.25	12.80	6.40	6.40	34
35	Haford Village	.70		3.25	.40	.85	.15	3.30								8.65	13.20	6.60	6.60	35
36	Perry Township	.34	1.06	1.85												3.25	7.80	3.90	3.90	36
37	Perry Rural School Dist.	.34	1.06	1.45												2.85	7.40	3.70	3.70	37
38	West Minster Rur. Sch. Dist.	.34	1.06	5.85												7.25	11.80	5.90	5.90	38
39	Shawnee Township	.18	1.01	1.26												2.45	7.00	3.50	3.50	39
40	Lima City			4.46			.10	1.15	1.60		.15	.09	1.67		.07	8.65	13.20	6.60	6.60	40

W. E. TUSSING, County Treasurer
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We are now ready to collect the December Taxes.