

### NATIONAL COMMISSION PLANS WORLD'S SERIES

**Johnson Not Sure That Athletics Will Win American League Pennant.**

NEW YORK, July 17.—Although neither the American nor the National league pennant is the personal property of any team as yet, Ban Johnson and other members of the National commission are beginning to plan for the world's series of 1913. The American league president during his recent visit here said:

"While the Athletics now have a big lead, nothing is certain in baseball. I notice that Mack still is seeking pitchers, so I'm safe in saying he is not ready to sit back and wait for the National league winner's onslaught. Cleveland, Washington and Chicago are very much in the race."

President Johnson stated that in case the Athletics and Giants did win their respective league championships the world's series will be played on alternate days in New York and Philadelphia. Should the winning teams be separated by a greater distance of travel than these two cities then the series would be played two games at home and two abroad.

Relative to the games, he said, that in future the world's series schedule would be adhered to and the tie game played on the next return to the city in which it occurred.

He further stated that hereafter all umpires in the world's series would receive \$1,000 each for their work, in accordance with the policy established after the close of the 1912 play.

According to Johnson interest in the world's championship play this autumn will be keener than ever. Applications for series seats already are being received from many states and foreign countries. One letter was from five Americans now living in Chile, who wrote they were planning to spend their vacation as spectators at the world's series, providing they could be assured of securing seats.

### FORWARD OFFICER UNDER ARREST

BERLIN, July 17.—Lieut. Muller, of the 107th infantry is doing three days' time in his barracks for not recognizing the fact that the Kaiser is supposed to be all-wise, that is, knowing everybody of the million men that compose his army. Muller, having good connections, was invited to an imperial hunt, and seeing the Emperor from afar, he spurred his horse, rode up to him, parried short in the best possible fashion and saluting, introduced himself, "Lieut. Muller of the 107th infantry."

The Kaiser happened to be in a jovial mood and bawled out in German equivalent for "Delighted," adding, "I suppose I don't have to mention my name."

"Your Majesty's most obedient," said the lieutenant, as he urged his horse away, backward of course, for it's against the rules to let a majesty see one's back.

The same evening Muller's colonel sentenced him to three days' arrest, after admonishing him in this fashion: "Don't you know that the Kaiser is supposed to know by name every officer and soldier in the army? If his majesty hadn't been feeling well this morning and if he had complained, I would have court-martialed you. Always remember that the Kaiser is all-wise."

Still some people wonder that William considers himself the chosen instrument of the Almighty.

### BUNCOMBE COUNTY BRANCH IS FORMED

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD  
HERE LAST NIGHT.

This County Affiliates With the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association—Outlook Good.

The Buncombe county branch of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate association was formed last night following an adjourned meeting of the members of the Asheville Merchants' association, and the following officers were elected: President, L. B. Rogers; vice president, J. D. Earle; secretary and treasurer, Archibald Nichols. An executive committee of seven members of the local branch will be appointed by the president at an early date, and under the provisions of the motion authorizing the appointment of this committee the officers will be included as members.

The organization was perfected following a brief address by Hubert Ramsour, organizing secretary of the state association, who has been here for the past several days conferring with the business men and manufacturers of the county relative to the organization of a branch in Buncombe county. He reviewed the work of the state association since its organization several weeks ago, and declared that North Carolina is discriminated against by the railroads. He quoted statistics to show that no state in the Union has higher freight rates than this one and stated that the growth of the commonwealth is being hampered as the result of unfair rates. He paid a high compliment to Governor Craig, who is working for better rates, and predicted that with strong county organizations this state will soon be in a position to demand better rates and to see that its demands are granted. Mr. Ramsour was greeted with enthusiasm and the indications are that the Buncombe county branch will take an active part in the fight for more equitable freight rates.

The members of the association are planning to gather data for the use of the state association in the fight for lower freight rates in North Carolina, and those who joined the association last night intend to confer with other citizens interested in the question in an effort to increase the membership.

Mr. Ramsour probably will spend the remainder of the week in Asheville to aid the members of the local branch in the collection of data for use in demanding better rates, and before returning to High Point for a conference with President Fred N. Tate, he will visit other counties of this section of the state for the purpose of forming organizations. He is well pleased with the outlook here and is firm in the belief that the Buncombe county branch will be able to take a prominent part in the statewide fight which is planned.

### CONFERS WITH ASHUBST.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Thomas E. Hayden, special prosecutor of the Cammett-Diggs white slave cases in San Francisco, conferred today with Senator Ashurst, who, at the instance of California Democrats, had protested to Attorney General McPherson against Hayden's retention. The situation remained unchanged. Ashurst assured Hayden his only objection was his lack of experience as a prosecutor. Hayden referred the senator to one criminal case he had conducted.

### COMMISSION ROUNDS UP WORK INTO REPORT TO GOVERNOR AND ADJOURNS

Representative Williams  
Pleads for Consideration  
of Tax Reform.

### DEFICIT FOR STATE

RALEIGH, July 17.—(Special.)—The constitutional amendment commission tonight rounded up its work into final report to the governor, to be presented tomorrow, and adjourned. The adoption of amendment proposals on final reading was finished this afternoon.

The first proposal called today was No. 3, as to pay of members of the legislature. It was amended to prescribe \$600 per term of two years with mileage instead of the original \$6 per day, and adopted. The commission discussed the initiative and referendum proposal at length. Representative Williams appealed that this and all now essential proposals be voted down to get through most especially proposals for tax reform and judicial reform. He said he was told today in the state treasurer's office that the deficit for this year and next year under the present revenue act will not be less than \$400,000 in spite of the fact that the legislature thought its provisions would take care of the state's running expenses easily. The state is, he said, facing a financial crisis, and to burden the tax reform issue with multiplicity of amendment proposals would defeat these vital matters.

Mr. Bailey offered an amendment that the initiative and referendum shall not apply to changing the constitution and said he would support it with this amendment. This was adopted and the proposal passed 9 to 11.

Proposal 12, to require reading the Bible in public schools, passed 11 to 3. Proposal 16, as to homestead exemption, was defeated, 5 to 7, leaving the constitutional exemption as at present. Proposal 18, allowing the legislature to divide fines and forfeitures between towns and counties, was lost 9 to 6. Proposal 19, for six months instead of four months, minimum terms of schools passed unanimously. Proposal 20, as to poll-tax payment and voting and residence period for citizenship, was defeated.

### RESULTS YESTERDAY.

- National.**
  - At Brooklyn 2, Pittsburgh 4.
  - At Boston 4-1, Chicago 2-6.
  - At Philadelphia 4-2, Cincinnati 2-9.
  - At New York 2, St. Louis 4, First game.
  - New York 3, St. Louis 2. Second game.
- American.**
  - At Cleveland 1, New York 7.
  - At Detroit-Boston, postponed; wet grounds.
  - At St. Louis 0, Washington 1.
  - At Chicago 5, Philadelphia 2.
- Southern.**
  - At New Orleans 5, Atlanta 5. Ten innings.
  - At Mobile 0, Birmingham 0. Nine innings; rain.
  - At Memphis 3, Chattanooga 0.
  - At Montgomery-Nashville, wet grounds.
- International.**
  - At Jersey City 1, Baltimore 5.
  - At Montreal 2, Buffalo 7.
  - At Toronto 5, Rochester 4.
  - At Newark 1, Providence 6.
- American Association.**
  - At Milwaukee 2, Columbus 1.
  - At St. Paul-Toledo, rain.
  - At Minneapolis-Indianapolis, rain.
  - At Kansas City 3, Louisville 4.
- South Atlantic.**
  - At Charleston 1, Savannah 0. Seven innings by agreement.
  - At Albany 9, Macon 7.
  - At Columbus 2, Jacksonville 4.
- Virginia.**
  - At Richmond 5, Norfolk 0.
  - At Portsmouth 3, Newport News 7.
  - At Roanoke 8, Petersburg 6.
- Appalachian.**
  - At Knoxville 3, Bristol 2.
  - At Middlesboro 5, Morristown 4. Eleven innings.
  - At Rome 1, Johnson City 2.

### WEBB FAILS TO CONFER WITH SENATOR OVERMAN

Is Awaiting Arrival of Congressman Gudger and Cameron Morrison.

(By George H. Manning.)

WASHINGTON, July 17.—State Chairman Webb did not confer with Senator Overman again today regarding the contest for the district attorneyship. He is understood to be gathering all his endorsements together and awaiting the arrival of Congressman Gudger, of Charlotte, and Congressman Morrison, of Asheville. When they arrive it is intended to call on Senator Overman in a body and demand that he name his choice for district attorney. Mr. Morrison has been expected for two or three days but has not shown up, and word was received that Congressman Gudger will attend a rally at Black Mountain and will not reach Washington until next Wednesday. If neither shows up, Chairman Webb will either "have it out" with Senator Overman or leave for home without seeing him.

Jacob A. Long, of Graham, and James T. Dick, of Mehane, called on Congressman Stedman today to urge Dick's appointment as postmaster.

Major E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, recently appointed minister to Costa Rica, and Lynn B. Williamson, of Graham, are visitors.

### AMERICAN ENVOY MAY NOT RETURN

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flicting. The varying situation from day to day, the complexities of Mexican politics, the necessary caution in wording telegrams for fear of leaks—all these obstacles have made it difficult for the embassy officials and the consular service in Mexico to describe conditions intelligibly.

The first step in the policy of securing first-hand information, it was officially explained, is the summoning of Ambassador Wilson. Secretary Bryan, it was announced, would be in Washington when Mr. Wilson arrives, cancelling any lectures that might conflict with the engagement. No criticism is advanced here against Ambassador Wilson for failing to supply all the information desired by the president and his advisers, the difficulties of communications being taken into consideration. While it is reliably stated that the president hoped after personal conversations with the American ambassador to formulate a definite policy toward Mexico, administration officials are by no means sure their opinions will be crystallized immediately, as the uncertainty and constant changes in the situation may produce additional complications.

The president has made it clear to those who have discussed it with him that his mind is open on the proper time for recognizing the de facto government in Mexico and there is no definite determination to extend recognition after October elections. It is altogether possible that the United States may await a return to stable conditions, inasmuch as the Carranza rebellion, according to state department reports, is growing rapidly and the constitutionalists admittedly control so large a portion of the Mexican republic.

### PERSHING'S SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—Major General Bell, commanding the Philippine department, warmly praises Brigadier General John J. Pershing for the manner in which he conducted his campaign to disarm the Moros. It is not the first time that Gen. Pershing has been mentioned in despatches, and when the history of the Philippines comes to be written it is probable that to the fighter from Missouri will be given the credit for doing the biggest share of the "rough work" incident to the pacification of the islands.

General Pershing has been fighting in the Philippines the greater part of the past ten years. In 1906 he was singled out by President Roosevelt in one of his messages to congress for his distinguished services in his fights against the Moros in the Lake Llanos country. There his senior officer being incapacitated, the command of the battalion devolved upon him. Captain Pershing was away from civilization and almost cut off from communication with the outside world. For months he kept open his base of operations, supplied his own subsistence and, with his men, fought every day and part of the night. He started at the lower end of the lake and fought clear around its circumference, exterminating hostile natives or making peace with their chiefs. Gen. MacArthur, then in command in the Philippines, recommended him for promotion to brigadier general as the only recognition commensurate with his actual services. Thereupon the president Captain Pershing over the heads of 842 officers of higher rank and made him a brigadier general in the regular army. Except in the case of General Funston, who was made a brigadier general from the volunteers after his capture of Aguinaldo, there is no other instance upon record where bravery and efficient service have been so promptly and so extensively rewarded.

The latest dispatches from the Philippines indicate that the recent fighting has been as severe as any that marked the early career of General Pershing in the islands. For days the American troops have been fighting in the mountain fastness with savages numbering between 5,000 and 10,000. Hand to hand combats have been frequent, in which not a savage surrendered, and the encounters were ended only by escape or death.

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In the Superior Court.  
HATTIE WARD  
vs.  
F. L. WARD, Notice.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Buncombe County for the purpose of securing a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the said defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior Court of Buncombe County to be held at the Court House in said County on the 2nd Monday before the 1st Monday in September, 1913, the same being the 11th day of August, 1913, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This July 10, 1913.

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