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THE BASE-BALL SCRAP

BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES--UGLY CHARGES

CONCERNING TICKET SALE

New York, Dec. 4.—Official intercourse between the two major baseball leagues ceased upon the adoption of a resolution to that effect by the American League, except so far as the American League deems itself obliged to deal with the National under the national agreement, and, in the words of the resolution, "as may be requisite for the safeguarding of its territorial and player rights." Thomas J. Lynch, president of the National League, after reading the resolution, said that the only intercourse that there ever had been between the leagues came under this exemption.

There seemed to be considerable doubt in President Lynch's mind as to just what construction to place upon the American League's action. There was a multitude of reports to explain why it had been adopted. One had it that the resolution was the American League's answer to the statement last night of August Herrmann, chairman of the National commission, that little headway had been made in the investigation of the world's series ticket scandal. Ban Johnson, president of the Americans, said that the resolution spoke for itself. It follows:

"Resolved, That the American League will continue to exercise its privileges and observe its obligations under the national agreement, but will decline to have further official intercourse with the National League except so far as may be requisite for the safeguarding of its territorial and player rights.

"Be it further resolved, that the American League will not be represented in another series for the championship of the world or in any inter-league event unless accorded sole charge of the sale of tickets to games played on its grounds under an arrangement and with the understanding that it shall not assume responsibility for the conduct of the business department of games at the park of the other contesting club."

"What does it mean?" asked President Lynch, after reading it over twice. "The American League never had any official intercourse with the National League outside of their committees—including the schedule committee—which meet as the national agreement requires them to. So far as world's series tickets are concerned, the national commission for the first time gave the clubs this year the full right to sell tickets to the world's series games in their respective cities. What was the result? Every newspaper man in the country knows of the scandal which followed. The Philadelphia club, under the ruling of the commission had control of the ticket sale in their city yet the commission has found that the scalpers were busy there, too.

"Now, as to the last few lines of the resolution, I cannot understand how the American League could ever assume responsibility for the conduct of the business department of any other department of the National League or any of its clubs on their home grounds."

There was a long discussion of the resolution before the American League adopted it. F. J. Farrell of the New York club introduced it and C. A. Comiskey of the White Sox seconded it. The vote was unanimous and copies signed by Ban Johnson were sent to President Lynch of the National League and the National commission.

Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburgh club and other National League men who were seen today seemed to hold the opinion that the "break" did not threaten a baseball war, pointing out that it would not involve working relations of the National agreement. He added that baseball would go on as usual.

A LYNCHING IS FEARED

NEGRO TENANTS OF JOHN DIXON ARRESTED FOR BRUTAL MURDER OF THEIR LANDLORD AND HIS WIFE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—John and Hack Ross, negro tenants on the farm of John Dixon, near Shelby, N. C., were arrested today for murdering Dixon and his wife. A lynching is feared.

Fire in Wilmington, Delaware. Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14.—Fire destroyed the warehouse of the Marshallton Iron and Steel Co., with a loss of five thousand dollars.

400,000 POUNDS

OF TOBACCO ON THE WILSON MARKET--A FINE EXHIBIT OF GOLDEN WEED

\$650 WORTH OF PRIZES

The Wilson tobacco market held one of the biggest brakes in its history today, and so great was the pressure of tobacco that much of it went over until tomorrow's breaks.

There were piles after piles of the golden weed for exhibit in Wilson's famous tobacco fair, and it was good tobacco too, and sold high, the average at this writing, being estimated at around eighteen cents for the entire break of 400,000 pounds.

The judges were moving through the tobacco this morning in order to award the valuable prizes which amount all told to \$650, offered by the business men, and the Tobacco Board of Trade.

P. D. GOLD, JR., TO INSURANCE PRESIDENTS.

Discusses Life Insurance And the Younger Companies.

New York, Dec. 4.—At the fifth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, now in session at Hotel Astor, this city, Mr. P. D. Gold, Jr., of Raleigh, North Carolina, president of the American Life Convention and first vice-president and general manager of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, of Raleigh, North Carolina, addressed the association on "The Influence of the younger Companies." Other speakers are Hon. W. A. Day, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and former Assistant Attorney-General of the United States under President Cleveland; F. W. Potter, of Springfield, Ill., president National Convention of Insurance Commissioners; L. Goldman, of Toronto, Canada, representing the Canadian Association of Life Underwriters; Charles Jerome Edwards, ex-president National Association of Life Underwriters, New York; Hon. William H. Hotchkiss, Superintendent of Insurance, New York.

Mr. Gold in his address defined the status of the younger companies in their various States and the interest of their policyholders in the life insurance business. He contended that the local companies are one of the strongest factors in America for educating the policyholders to their interest in life insurance, and that unwise and unjust legislation against life insurance companies could be best prevented through the power of the policyholders of the young companies which are closer to the people in the various sections.

The American Life Convention, of which Mr. Gold is president, is composed of over eighty companies. One year ago the companies of this organization had insurance in force of over seven hundred million, and at the end of that year had increased to over a billion of insurance and he claims that with the end of the present year same would show an increase of nearly one and one-half billions of dollars. He pointed out the strength of this organization, with companies located in thirty States of the Union. His speech was well received, and there was a large attendance—insurance companies from all over America being represented. Hon. Jno. R. Hegeman, president over the meeting of the association. It will continue in session tomorrow.

Charter for New Railroad.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—The charter of the Goldsboro Seven Springs and Swansboro Railroad Company was filed today with the secretary of state. As set forth in a telegraphic story last Saturday the road will extend from Goldsboro to Swansboro, a distance of 70 miles. The capital stock of \$1,500,000 has been paid in, and construction is expected to begin at once. A digest of the charter, as filed by the secretary of state today.

Goldsboro, Seven Springs, and Swansboro Railroad Company; to build, operate and maintain a railroad from Goldsboro, Wayne county, to Swansboro, Onslow county, passing through the counties of Wayne, Lenoir, Jones and Onslow; the length of the road will be about 70 miles; the authorized capital is \$1,500,000, and the incorporators are Frank Thompson, Jacksonville, N. C., one share; T. H. Pritchard, Swansboro, one share; M. H. Allen, Goldsboro, 100 shares; John D. Longston, Goldsboro, 100 shares; T. H. Pritchard Transportation Company, Swansboro, 198 shares; R. C. Griffin, Goldsboro, 100 shares; Wm. A. Robertson, Goldsboro, 100 shares; and N. P. Young, Goldsboro, 100 shares.

FARMER'S UNION RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

DELEGATES VISIT OUR TOBACCO WAREHOUSES AND INSPECT TOBACCO FAIR

DR. MOORE'S ADDRESS

The trains last evening and this morning brought delegates to the Farmers' Union Convention until it was estimated there were 500 or more the guests of our beautiful city.

They were met at the trains by a reception committee from the Chamber of Commerce and shown to their homes.

The opening session of the convention was held in the court house this morning at nine o'clock.

The convention was called to order by President H. G. Q. Alexander of Matthews, N. C., Secretary and Treasurer E. C. Fairies of Charlotte and also at his desk.

The other state officers present were: J. M. Templeton, Vice President, Cary, N. C.; Secretary and Treasurer, E. C. Fairies, Charlotte; State Organizer, J. Z. Green, Nashville; Business Agent, J. R. Rives, Sanford.

The Wilson county officers are as follows: President C. E. Brame, Vice President, W. H. Lamm, Secretary L. E. Robbins.

The roll was called, committees were appointed and the convention was organized and settled down to business.

National President C. S. Barrett, was recognized and escorted to the rostrum.

There were several addresses while waiting for the committees to report and President Barrett's address on the cotton holding movement was interesting. He stated in substance that the plan submitted by the financiers was not in line with the proposition he laid before them, and he thought they wanted too much and their restrictions were harder than the farmers would be willing to submit to. He urged the farmers to reduce their acreage, raise their living and thus get in position to hold their cotton on the farms.

Mr. Wilson a delegate from the State convention in Mississippi addressed the convention on the different modes of farming.

Rev. Mr. Duke endorsed what President Barrett said and also talked about farming.

Mr. E. C. Hudson, of the State agricultural department spoke on soil improvement.

This afternoon the social meeting was opened in the Lyceum theatre with President Alexander Graham in the chair.

The addresses of welcome by Mayor Dickinson and Col. Bruton, President of the Chamber of Commerce, were most felicitous and breathed a warmth of cordiality and happy greeting that caught a responsive chord, when President Alexander feelingly responded on behalf of the convention.

The music under the direction of Mrs. S. P. Spiegel was an inspiration and the choir filled the auditorium with melody. It was a fitting and happy beginning for the convention which holds here during the next few days.

The address of Dr. E. G. Moore, of Elm City, was a gem. A speaker of most eloquent parts he quite surpassed himself and brought down the house.

Yesterday afternoon the Opera House was crowded with delegates and spectators and President Alexander presided.

Rev. Mr. Duke offered a feeling prayer asking divine guidance for the convention and God's blessing upon the people of Wilson and the delegates assembled.

Pres. Alexander introduced Mayor Dickinson as the head of the city government of Wilson.

Mr. Dickinson, said in part, that as Mayor of Wilson it was his pleasant duty to extend to the North Carolina Farmers Union a cordial welcome.

"While we have had several conventions to hold here none had given the people of Wilson more pleasure, because Wilson owed in a large measure its success to the farmers of this section.

A great many of our citizens and best business men were brought up on the farm and there were a great many young men in the city who

to make a slave of the farmers of the South.

Mr. Alexander made a fitting response to Col. Bruton's address and then followed the music under the direction of Mrs. Spiegel. A number of pieces were rendered by students of the Atlantic Christian College.

The Address of Dr. Moore. The address of Dr. E. G. Moore, of Elm City delivered late yesterday afternoon in the Opera House was a gem. He was eloquently introduced by Dr. Alexander, President of the Farmer's Union.

We wish we had space to reproduce it in its entirety. An ornate and beautiful speaker at all times commanding a vocabulary of beautiful English that flows from his lips with the ease and motion of a swiftly moving stream, he quite surpassed himself on yesterday. For rhythm, and resonance and beauty of diction the distinguished physician of our sister town is hard to beat, and as the pulsing tides of his eloquence echoed and re-echoed through the large auditorium that was crowded to its doors, his beautiful periods were frequently interrupted with vociferous applause, for he caught his farmer friends with his first utterance and held their undivided interest to the close.

To attempt a synopsis of his address would be a cruel sacrifice of beautiful simile, sentiment and word painting. Suffice it to say that being a farmer as well as a practicing physician and moving among the farmers daily, ministering unto them in sickness, meeting with them upon the common plane of humanity, or in sympathy when the icy hand of death visits the household, his heart beat in unison and his words of expression seemed to convey some of his feelings as he described the farmer at his fireside, in the field, or communing with nature and with nature's God. Alternately the sun shone and the flowers bloomed, and the gentle breezes blew and the showers descended upon the parched earth causing the plants to raise their heads and drink it in as it was poured out from Heaven's cornucopia. You could see it all while the doctor talked, and the farmers delegates carried home something to think upon and were thankful that they had heard the speech of Dr. Moore, breathing as it did hope and cheer and a fragrant optimism that went home to the heart of every one that heard it.

Dr. Moore dwelt upon the value of the rural delivery and its encouragement of good road building thus aiding the rapid transmission of intelligence and the betterment of the rural districts.

The speech of Doctor Moore closed the social exercises at the Opera House and in the evening the delegates met in the Court House and continued their business session.

The election of officers was entered into which resulted in the re-election of all the state officers as follows:

President, H. G. Q. Alexander, of Matthews, N. C.
J. M. Templeton, Vice-President, Cary, N. C.
Secretary and Treasurer, E. C. Fairies, Charlotte.
State Organizer, J. Z. Green, Marshallville.
Business Agent, J. R. Rives, Sanford.

After this session the delegates by invitation repaired to the Lumina and Amuse Theatres where a special entertainment of vaudeville and moving pictures had been prepared for them. The delegates expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the entertainment.

The convention opened this morning with President Alexander in the chair. The election of an executive committee for the ensuing year was in progress when we went to press with the one o'clock edition.

The farmers looked over our tobacco market today and a sight of beauty greeted their eyes. Many of them had never seen before pile after pile of golden weed, and it was good tobacco too, for it was brought especially for the tobacco fair today, when the business men and the Tobacco Board of Trade will give away \$650 worth of prizes.

We have heard quite a number of the delegates state that they are immensely pleased with Wilson and the cordial reception and entertainment by our people.

Notes of the Convention. President Alexander makes an admirable presiding officer.

Wilson is honored and so is the convention by having President Barrett of the National Association, as our guest.

We find the officers of the Union clever, and courteous gentlemen, and especially are we under obligation to Secretary Fairies and his assistants for news matter of the convention.

Most of the morning session of the convention was consumed in the selection of the Executive committee. The following were elected:

Messrs. W. G. Crowder, of Wake, W. B. Gibson, of Iredell, C. C. Wright, of Wilkes, I. P. Coggins, of Chatham, and W. H. Moore, of Pitt.

The feature this afternoon was the address of Mr. R. A. N. Wilson, of Mississippi, who explained the warehouse system and the cotton holding movement in his state.

THE JUDGE-SHIP CONTEST

GOVERNOR KITCHEN DELUGED WITH LETTERS--EXAMINING CAREFULLY EVERY

CANDIDATE PRESENTED

(By W. J. Martin.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Letters are coming in by every mail and telegrams at all hours of the day to Governor Kitchen importuning him to appoint one or another of the aspirants for the Superior court judgeship for the first district to succeed Judge George W. Ward, whose resignation is to take effect December 31. The governor is going carefully through the endorsements that are coming in but will give no intimation as to when he will make the appointment. Col. W. C. Rodman and Stephen C. Bragaw of Washington, are the leading candidates and the only ones known to be actively in the field at this time. The district includes Currituck, Camden, Gates, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Beaufort and Washington counties. And there are a number of very capable and eligible lawyers from among whom the governor can pick the next judge for the district.

The city of Raleigh has just had a suit instituted against her demanding damages for alleged injuries sustained through imprisonment in a damp and unsanitary cell and failing to provide medical attention for the prisoner so that erysipelas developed. E. W. Hill, is the plaintiff and Policeman Barrow, of this city police force is a co-defendant with the city for having inflicted the wound with his bill that developed the erysipelas Hill's imprisonment was for drunkenness at one time and for breach of the peace at another.

The state board of public buildings and grounds has decided to set up the splendid bronze statue of Dr. Chas. D. McIver, soon to be completed, in Capital Square, on the triangular plat between the Fayetteville street entrance to the square and the well, one of the most prominent locations that could have been chosen, it is said.

State vs Chas. Murphy, from Yancey county was an especially notable opinion in a list of seventeen just delivered by the Supreme court, Murphy being now in the death cell of the State's prison under sentence to be electrocuted for the murder of John Simmons, Dec. 21, 1910. The Supreme court grants a new trial on account of error in the charge of the trial judge as to the plea of Murphy that he was so intoxicated that he was incapable of first degree murder. The court holds that this plea should have been considered as to whether he was too drunk for premeditation and design to kill.

COTTON TODAY. New York, Dec. 14.—Jan. opened 8.66, March 8.76, May 8.87, July 8.97, Dec. 9.04.

At noon Jan. was 8.69, March 8.81, May 8.92, July 9.04, Oct. 9.15, Dec. 9.14.

Liverpool closed Dec. Jan. 4.82, Jan. Feb. 4.92 1-2, Apr.-May 4.87.

Spots Wilson market 8 1-2. At 2 o'clock cotton was Dec. Jan. 8.76, March 8.87, May 8.98.

STOCKS. New York, Dec. 14.—U. S. steel was the strongest feature at the opening of the market. The common opened at 67 with a three fourths gain and went up one and one fourth. The preferred up 5-8. Copper group strong. Penna. gain one fourth, B. & O. half.

The other issues made fractional gains. The curb was strong. Americans in London were higher and firm.

PROVISIONS. Chicago, Dec. 14.—Wheat opened May 97 3-4, Dec. corn 63.

At 11:30 May wheat was 97 1-8, Dec. corn was 62 7-8.

At 2 o'clock May wheat was 97 2-8, May corn was 63.

Indianapolis, Dec. 14.—Federal attorney Miller hopes to end the dynamite probe before January first. Indictments of men higher up are expected.

The entertainment this evening will consist of a visit to the Atlantic Christian College, where a fine musical program has been arranged.

Tomorrow at 12:30 they will be guests of the Farmers' Cotton Oil Company, Messrs. F. N. Bridgers and Graham Woodard, managers, who will serve them with delicious barbecue done to a turn in the Banner warehouse.

Tomorrow afternoon the delegates will see Wilson in automobiles, the autoists of Wilson having placed their machines at the disposal of the farmers under the direction of Mr. J. C. Hales.