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FEDERAL LEAGUE IS WARNED

President Herrmann Warns it to Keep Off the Grass.

RESERVE CLAUSE IS LEGAL

In His Annual Report He Says the Reserved Base Ball Will Take Strenuous Measure to Protect Its Interests.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 8.—A distinct warning to the Federal league not to infringe on what clubs in the national agreement consider their rights is given in the annual report of August Herrmann, chairman of the national base ball commission, made public today.

The Federal league, which operated clubs in 1913 in territory occupied by national agreement clubs, did not attain prosperity or prestige, says the report. A passive policy has been pursued by the commission and the leagues directly affected, toward that organization, but if the contractual and reservation rights of national agreement clubs are not respected by its (Federal league) promoters, it may become necessary to employ strenuous measures for the protection of the interests of major and minor league clubs.

Rivalry will not be resented so long as league and club rights are not ignored, but illegal and unsportsmanlike interference with, and utter disregard of established privileges of national agreement clubs will justify the adoption of vigorous defensive measures.

Herrmann's statement is regarded as the answer of organized base ball to the projects of the Federal league, whose spokesmen, including President James A. Gilmore, have declared that while they will respect actual playing contracts held by national agreement clubs, they

will disregard the much discussed reserve clause, which they hold to be illegal.

Will Welcome Inquiry.—Touching on the Gallagher resolution in the lower house at Washington, the report says:

"The introduction of the Gallagher resolution in the house of representatives was the forerunner of newspaper discussion of a congressional inquiry into the methods and purposes of professional base ball as operated under the national agreement. This measure, however, died in the committee to which it was referred. As there has been no agitation on this matter recently, I assume that those who were behind it have concluded not to make further efforts in that direction.

"The attitude of the commission relative to this investigation was promptly and clearly defined. A thorough and impartial inquiry by congress, or the federal or state courts, will be welcomed by all connected with the game, in full confidence that the result will demonstrate that national agreement base ball is conducted on sound business principles, with due regard to the constitutional and statutory privileges and rights of all parties engaged in it."

World's Series a Success.

The report states that the world's series of 1913 was conducted in a spirit of true sportsmanship; ticket scalping was minimized, and the New York club was cleared by the district attorney of that city of conniving with scalpers. The Chicago series was a success, says the report, but the Cleveland-Pittsburgh series suffered a lack of patronage because application for the sanction of the national commission was too long delayed, resulting in a detrimental effect on publicity. The St. Louis series "was a failure from every standpoint." It was not played under the auspices of the commission and came to no decision because of a row on the field, Herrmann states.

Correspondence of the commission was heavier than during the preceding year, but the number of decisions required of it was smaller. The appeal of decisions from the national board increased despite the fact that the percentage of reversals in former years was small. The commission still has twenty cases under consideration.

Among the base ball men in the city are B. B. Johnson, president of the American league; John Heydler, secretary of National league, and Barney Dreyfus, president of the Pittsburgh National league club. These three came from French Lick Springs, where they worked on the schedules of the National and American leagues. They announced that playing dates for the two major organizations had been agreed on, but declined to make public any details for the schedules beyond the fact that the season will open on April 11.

Mr. Herrmann was re-elected chairman of the commission and John E. Bruce of Cincinnati and St. Louis was again chosen secretary.

Governor Tener of Pennsylvania made

his initial appearance as the National league member of the commission.

Hosts of base ball men from all parts of the country were here today. The minor league magnates were in the majority.

Among the leading lights of base ball who are attending the meetings are President Navin of Detroit, Secretary Bernard of Cleveland, Robert Hedges of the St. Louis Americans, Miller Huggins of the St. Louis Nationals, Owners McMill and Hendricks of the Indianapolis and Denver teams, W. B. Neal of the Philadelphia Nationals, Umpire Rigler, Mike Sexton, Bobby Quinn of Columbus, M. E. Justice of Keokuk, Ia.; Thomas Chivington of the American association, Manager Herzog of Cincinnati, Robert McRoy, George Tebeau of Kansas City and President Wathan of Louisville.

A committee from the National Board of Minor Leagues went into session at 2:30 o'clock. This committee will hold a joint meeting with the National commission later in the day to take up and conclude the preliminary arrangements for the meeting with the committee from the commission with the players' committee tomorrow.

Federals Are Not Seared.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 8.—E. E. Gates, counsel for the Federal league, after reading the Herrmann report today, said:

"All that is contained in this report by way of threats has been stated time and again since the Federal league began its operations. It has not yet thrown fear into the hearts of either the players or the owners of the Federal league.

"It seems to me," said Mr. Gates, "that Mr. Herrmann ought to have been a little more explicit in just what he means by the statement, 'established privileges of national agreement clubs.' Is it possible that organized base ball through its years of tyrannical rule and usurpation has secured certain rights and immunities which do not belong to other organizations in the country?"

"The public should remember the numerous attempts that were made last summer to induce Federal league players to jump their contracts. We have said over and over again that we will not attempt to get any player to break a contract, in spite of the actions of the major league clubs last summer in trying to do themselves what they would term 'unsportsmanlike.'"

Hartzell May Manage Denver Base Ball Team

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Roy Hartzell, the handy utility man of the New York Americans is likely to go to the Denver Western league team as manager, according to reports in local base ball circles. Owner McMill of Denver wants Hartzell, it is stated, and is about to visit Manager Frank Chance of the Yankees, in California, to try to arrange a deal for him.

Iowa Will Play Maroons Oct. 17

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Iowa authorities today closed a contract with the Chicago management to take October 17 on the Maroons' 1914 football schedule. The game will be played at Chicago, Minnesota and Iowa are negotiating for a game, and may agree upon October 24 at Minneapolis. The Iowa athletic board is said to want October 21 instead of the former date, and also asks that the Gophers come here in 1915.

MILES IS URGED TO BECOME CANDIDATE FOR LEAGUE HEAD

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Following the announcement of A. C. Felt of Superior that he will not accept re-election, C. J. Miles of this city, has received a number of letters urging him to become a candidate for president of the state base ball league at the annual meeting, which will be held in Kearney next Wednesday.

Mr. Miles is considering the matter and will probably become a candidate. His business affairs are so arranged that he could devote ample time to the work. He is a thorough base ball man, has been the guiding hand of base ball in Hastings for the last two years and knows vice president of the State league, which places him in line for succession to Mr. Felt now that the latter is to step down.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The Columbus Base Ball association decided today to push the candidacy of C. E. Pollock of this city for the presidency of the State Base Ball league at the meeting at Kearney on Wednesday.

OHIO BACTERIOLOGIST DIES OF GLANDERS

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 8.—Clanders, a disease peculiar to horses, caused the death last night of Andrew M. Jensen, aged 38, an assistant in the bacteriological department of Ohio State university. He was infected by glanders bacillus while working in the laboratories and was ill twenty-two days.

CHAMPION TRAP SHOT IS DEAD

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Jan. 8.—J. C. Crearing, winner of the national champion trap shooter, died here last night. He was 41 years old.

MEYERS FIRE IN TECUMSEH PROBABLY INCENDIARY

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Following two days of examination some ten days ago Chief Fire Commissioner Riggell of Lincoln has completed a day or so more in taking evidence into the cause of the fire at Dick F. Meyers' on the night of December 15. Mr. Meyers is a farmer living southwest of this city, and on the night stated his barn and contents were destroyed by fire. Three head of horses and a mule colt were in the barn. The fire commissioner sent a veterinary surgeon to the Meyers place to examine the animals, and he found their skulls had been caved in. The heads were brought to Tecumseh for future use if wanted. Mr. Meyers and members of his family, as well as a neighbor or two, were before the commissioner and their evidence was taken. Mr. Meyers had \$700 insurance on his barn and about a like amount on the contents.

SUCCESSFUL FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT CERESCO

CERESCO, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The annual Farmers' Institute was held here Friday and Saturday. Friday was corn day. Prof. Pillely of the university judged the exhibits and gave a talk. Saturday the women held a large meeting. 179 were present to hear Mrs. Emma Reed Davison's talk in the afternoon on "Diet and Disease." There was a fine display of cooking and sewing. Saturday afternoon was given over to the coin show. A large number of entries were made, especially in the class 2 years old and under 3 years. The winner in the weaving class was a full sister to the weaving winner, their mother being a 1,600-pound Clydesdale, which won first prize at this last show, held here, H. J. Gramlich acted as judge. Extension plans were laid for next year's meeting. John Wallin was re-elected president and D. S. Ethel, secretary.

The "Mischief Quartet" and Its Work.

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TOWNSHIP IN HOLT COUNTY IS RESURVEYED

KOLA, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The resurvey by the government of the southwestern part of Holt county, for which the settlers had been working since the year 1907, has just been partially completed. Township 25, range 15, west, the extreme southwest township of Holt county, has just been completed, but the resurvey of the township immediately north of this has been deferred until spring.

Townships 25 and 26, ranges 15 and 16, west of the sixth principal meridian, were the last townships in Holt county, as well as the last in that part of the state, to be homesteaded owing to the remoteness from railroad, and at the time of settlement the original survey was almost entirely obliterated, the actual corners being known only on the claims of a very few of the earliest settlers.

In many instances running the actual lines between the sections has not made any material difference beyond moving fences a few rods one way or the other, but in some instances the value of a section has proved to be considerably more or less than was supposed on account of substituting a tract of level land for hills which were thought to be included in that section, or vice versa.

In a few instances claim shacks which

Notes from Beatrice and Gage County

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The fine bugalow belonging to Macie Goble of South Beatrice was destroyed by fire Saturday night with most of its contents. The fire started in the basement from an unknown cause. The loss is placed at \$5,000, with \$1,000 insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Goble moved into the building two weeks ago. Recently his slaughtering and lard rendering plant was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Isabella Wymore, wife of the late Samuel Wymore, for whom the town of Wymore was named, died at the home of her daughter at Fairbury, aged 85 years. The body was taken to Wymore Saturday for interment.

Clinton Schyver of Salem, Mo., and Mrs. Gertrude Curran of Galesburg, Ill., were married here Saturday evening by Rev. J. M. Darby. They left today for Grand Junction, Colo., to make their home.

STEALS REGISTER WHILE STOREKEEPER IS EATING

F. Krawetz, 204 North Twenty-fourth street, reports to the police that while eating supper Sunday evening in a dining room at the rear of his store, a thief entered the front door, stole the cash register and, taking it to a vacant lot across the street, forced it open. The register contained \$2.

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