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Junior Circuit Moguls Ready to Remove Ban If Necessary to Preserve Harmony.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Byron Bancroft Johnson, founder and president of the American league since its inception 23 years ago, tonight was partly stripped of his power in organized baseball and threatened with deposition.

The club owners of the American league, meeting in joint session with the eight club owners of the National league, pledged to Kewauawau Mountain Landis, commissioner of baseball, a ban on Johnson's activities in the internal affairs of the league. The American league club owners also pledged that they would act on any measures which Commissioner Landis thought advisable, including the removal of Johnson if necessary.

The major league agreement was amended and American league club owners removed President Johnson as a member of the baseball advisory council, electing Frank J. Navin, president of the Detroit club, as Johnson's successor.

The following communication was presented to the joint major league meeting by Col. Jacob Ruppert of the New York American league club:

"We recognize that conditions have arisen that are gravely harmful to baseball and that must be intolerable to you, and that these conditions have been created by the activities of the president of the American league.

"While you were dealing promptly and efficiently with a most deplorable exception to baseball's honorable record, our president sought to disguise your action and cast suspicion upon the 1924 world series.

"One year ago you made known to us his presence various of his activities and it was our expectation and hope that the unanimous action then taken certainly would operate as a corrective but in this expectation and hope we have been disappointed.

"We do not extenuate these things or question their harmful effect on baseball. However, he has been president of our league since its inception and we ask you to again overlook his conduct and accept from us these guarantees:

"1. That his misconduct will cease and his immediate removal from office will follow.

"2. That legislation will be adopted that will limit his activities to the internal affairs of the American league.

"3. That any and all measures which you may deem advisable to secure the above will be adopted.

"As expressing our attitude toward your administration of the commissioner's office we tender you herewith a copy of the resolution unanimously adopted by the American league at its annual meeting in New York, December 19, 1924.

"Signed:

WALTER S. SHIFFER, Philadelphia.
 CLARENCE G. GRIFFITH, Washington.
 "BOBBY" QUINN, St. Louis.
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GIANTS GET WISNER FROM ROCHESTER

New York, Dec. 17.—John Wisner of the Rochester club, star pitcher of the International league, will wear a New York Giant uniform next season, it was announced today.

Wisner is six feet in height and weighs 165 pounds. He won 15 games and lost 15 last season. He is a right-hander.

Iowa Mentor Seeks Large Track Squad

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 16.—Two hundred and fifty men out for track is the goal set by George T. Bresnahan, coach of the University of Iowa, in announcing the plans for the annual track meet to be held January 4. A formal call will be made for this mixer for candidates for the indoor track and field teams.

Plans are being made whereby the student body may watch the progress of the campaign by means of a huge stop watch with a dial marked off in different divisions.

Minneapolis Team Wins

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—The Minneapolis hockey team won out over the Evelevt Reds here last night by a 1-0-0 count, giving the local team a clean sweep of a three game series, with the range men.

Increase Size of Rooting Section for Xmas Game

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Response to a call for graduates of the University of Missouri and other Missouri valley conference institutions has been so great that the size of the rooting section for the Christmas day game here, between the Missouri Tigers and the University of Southern California, has been increased from 100 to 800.

The Missouri Alumni association here will meet tonight to make arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the Tiger squad, which is expected to arrive here December 23.

Indoor Sports

Light and heat with gas. Entries for Tisana. Indoor sports. Talking about the records you made as a gas meter man before prohibition.



Ames Schedules Eight Football Games for 1925

MES., Ia., Dec. 17.—Eight games, including six with members of the Missouri Valley conference, one with a member of the Western conference and one with an Iowa college, are included on the Iowa State college football schedule for 1925 which has just been approved by the Athletic Council.

Five of the eight games will be played on State field, while a sixth will be played at Des Moines, which is only 30 miles from here. This fall the football season netted \$24,500. The home games proved much more profitable than the out of town games, Metcalf said.

It was also announced that Sam S. Williamson and George Hauser, will return as head and line coaches of the football squad. Williamson has been here three years while Hauser has had but one year at Iowa state. Both men have been hired as any member of the faculty of professional rank and will stay indefinitely unless removed for a definite reason.

The following is the revised schedule:

Sept. 26—Simpson college at Ames.
 Oct. 2—Wasson college at Ames.
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New York, Dec. 17.—"Mike" McNally remains an understudy, a substitute, despite 10 years of service in the major leagues, for the most part with world champion teams. Few men in the national game can even approach the record of this player, who, banded about by winter trades, has again joined a team of titlers, this time in Washington.

McNally's presence in the majors was noted in 1915 as a member of the Boston Red Sox. He was an infielder, a very fast baseman and an exceptionally good fielder. His weakness was hitting.

His first season, McNally participated in 23 games, batted for 151 and fielded for 981, an unpromising record. The next year he saw service in 87 contests, batted 29 points better and gained 73 points in fielding. The year 1917 saw him reach the 300 class as a hitter, his name appearing in 43 box scores.

When he returned from the war, the Red Sox found room for him and he had some part in 33 games in 1919, hitting for .267. His longest season came the next year, when he participated in 93 contests, batted for 356 and fielded for 350.

McNally again became a substitute when he went to the New York Yankees as part of a wholesale trade that included half a dozen stars. Many critics have declared that McNally fielded the Yankees' infield to the pennant. He played creditable ball in the world series, but his hitting was poor.

The following season saw him in only 52 games, but he led the third basemen of the year with an average of .383.

Last year he played 23 games at second base, leading the keystone men of the circuit with .985 average, and 14 at third, where he averaged .970. He batted .247.

The "eternal substitute" has the regular lineup that he ever has known, as Peckinpaugh, a veteran, may be unable to withstand the rigors of the campaign as the result of the leg injury he suffered during the last season.

Dempsey Says He's Gone Into Movie Business

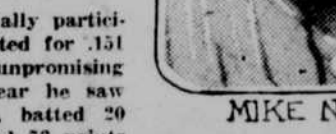
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The scene of today's announcement was the apartment of Estelle Taylor, motion picture actress, whom persistent rumor has it he will wed.

"I'm tired of this inactivity," the Los Angeles Times quotes the champion as saying, "and I've gone into business. I've already signed a contract with Miss Taylor and from now on I will handle all her film engagements.

Referring to frequently published reports that he will again appear in the prize ring to defend his title, Dempsey said:

"There have been a lot of rumors about me fighting Gibbons, White and others, but it is nothing but gossip." So far as he can see, the champion added, there is not a single fight on the horizon for him.



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Monte, Dec. 16.—Dixie La Hood, bluff, bantamweight, knocked out Phil O'Wood of Columbus, O., in the sixth round of a scheduled 12-round bout here tonight. In the semi-windup scheduled for eight rounds, Young Lundy, Salt Lake, lightweight, knocked out Bo Palmer of Billings in the second round.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 17.—The Hill-ways, local independent basketball team, easily defeated the Drake university quintet here last night, 37-9.

Butler Cagers to Play Iowa at Iowa City

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 17.—The Butler college basketball team left today for a game with Iowa at Iowa City Thursday. Coach "Pat" Page has constructed practically a new team since last season, three regulars having been lost through graduation last June.

"Dazzy" Vance Leaves for Training Camp

Anaheim, Cal., Dec. 17.—"Dazzy" Vance, star hurler of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who has been spending the winter here, left last night for Clearwater, Fla., the spring training camp of the club. Vance was employed as a salesman here by his brother, Fred Vance.

Director of Athletics at Wooster Says Public Tired of Lucky Plays That Enables Weak Grid Team to Win

Wooster, O., Dec. 17.—L. C. Eades, director of athletics at Wooster college, has started a quiet but vigorous campaign to bring before those interested in football, both the general public and college leaders, what he considers the "menace of the forward pass."

Eades is an advocate of the rushing and kicking game and asserts that the unrestricted use of the forward pass has put the gridiron game in the category of "an outdoor basketball" contest.

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Following last night's practice, Coach Gwinn Henry announced that the cold mist and driving wind had made the workout of practically no value, and that unless conditions improved today, the squad would move indoors. An all-night rain, which turned to sleet and then to snow was the answer, and this afternoon will find the Missouri squad at work in the College of Agriculture's livestock judging building on the campus here.

Skating Safe at Five Parks

"Oh, Skinny! Skatin's good!" The long-expected announcement from the park department that the ice at Riverfront, Hanscom, Fontenelle, Miller and Kountze parks is safe for skating, came this morning.

The recent cold spell made the ice at the above named parks in good condition for the steel blade performers.

Turner and Gifford parks are not ready for the ice skaters, according to the park department.

Carter Lake is dangerous. Numerous air holes at Carter lake makes skating very dangerous.

JONES IN CHARGE OF CAGE TOURNNEY

Ira Jones, city recreational director, will have charge of the sectional basketball ball tournament which will be staged in Omaha late in February to decide the championship team that will represent this section at the annual state tournament in Lincoln.

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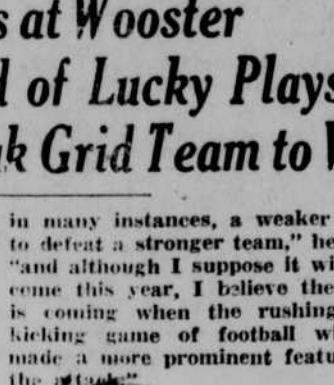
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"Those big Swedes," said Ed, "wouldn't let the birds come in. They fired when they were way out. They stood up in the blind. They made cripples. The thick-headed, hair-thatched, Swedish numbnuts," etc., etc., etc.—in fact, Ed called them all kinds of names and emphasized the fact that they were of Swedish origin.

Then Elmer broke loose, and in his excitement, reverted back to his childhood tongue.

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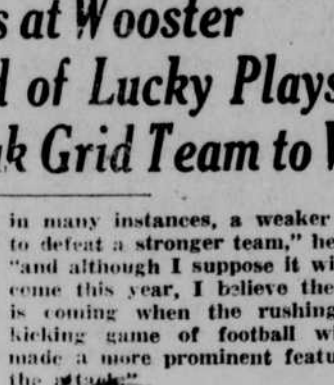
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Ed Lawler, the grandpa of baseball, was up on the Platte river on a duck shoot and found that the ducks were all pulling on the opposite side of the river, where a bunch of fellows from Stromburg were shooting. Their methods disgusted Ed. He told Elmer about it.

"Those big Swedes," said Ed, "wouldn't let the birds come in. They fired when they were way out. They stood up in the blind. They made cripples. The thick-headed, hair-thatched, Swedish numbnuts," etc., etc., etc.—in fact, Ed called them all kinds of names and emphasized the fact that they were of Swedish origin.

Then Elmer broke loose, and in his excitement, reverted back to his childhood tongue.

Ed is now of the opinion he pulled a longer and that it never pulled a Swede about another bunch of Swedes. In fact, Ed is now trying to learn a speech of apology in Svenska tongue in order to pacify his old pal.

AD SANTEL PINS DERN TO CANVAS

Salt Lake City, Dec. 17.—Ad Santel of Wichita, Kan., defeated Ed Dern, Salt