

SPALDING RESIGNS AT LAST

Relinquishes All Claim to Presidency of National League.

ENDS THE BITTER INTERNAL STRUGGLE

Magnates Tender the Place to William G. Temple of Pittsburgh.

Former Owner of Smoky City Club.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The National league base ball war is practically ended. A. G. Spalding has resigned his claim as chief executive of the big organization and the office will be tendered to William G. Temple of Pittsburgh. There will be no further contest in the league.

Mr. Spalding's letter of resignation was presented to the magnates at the second day's session of the peace conference at the Fifth Avenue hotel. The letter was presented by James Hart, president of the Chicago club.

The letter was addressed to the National League and Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs and reads:

Gentlemen: In accepting the presidency of the National league, to which office I was elected, I have accepted the duties of the office. I have accepted the duties of the office. I have accepted the duties of the office.

To promote, foster, elevate and perpetuate the game of base ball, the national sport of America.

To eliminate all objectionable features that may tend to degrade and demoralize the sport.

To cultivate among the players a desire for the highest ethical development that they may, by their skillfulness, integrity and gentlemanly deportment, both on and off the field, raise the game to a high plane and add lustre to and interest in the national game.

To establish a central governing body in which all professional base ball interests shall be properly represented, that body to be clothed with ample power to carry into effect these and other objects that tend to maintain the integrity and high standard of the game.

Impossible to Carry Out Platform.

Conditions have arisen which, in my opinion, make it impossible at this time to carry out all the principles embodied in the above platform and as no compromise or modification of these principles will be satisfactory to me, I have decided to resign the office.

I wish to emphatically declare that I am prompted in this action solely by the belief that prolonging a factional political warfare into the playing season would be detrimental to the game and to the national league in particular and to the professional base ball in general. Respectfully, A. G. SPALDING.

Thus ends one of the bitterest internal struggles that have ever shaken the National league and which threatened to wreck the premier base ball organization.

While Mr. Temple has not been formally elected to the chief executive office of the league it was decided unanimously to offer him the place.

Temple a Man of Means.

Mr. Temple was at one time owner of the Pittsburgh club, and is a man of large means. It was he who donated the Temple cups to be played for by the clubs finishing first and second at the end of the league season. He is known as a lover of the sport, but it was felt here tonight that he might possibly decline the honor tendered him because the league had decided to establish its permanent headquarters in New York, and he, being a business man, may not find it possible to spend all his time here. It has also been decided to make the office of president and secretary-treasurer separate. The latter office will be given to the best information, be tendered to N. E. Young. Mr. Young said tonight that he would accept the office, though it necessitated his coming to New York and establishing his office here.

Freedman and his followers contended that Spalding had never been elected president of the league and therefore could not resign. The matter was solved by a motion to simply consider the incident closed.

Talbot's Name Presented.

As concerning the work of selecting a president for the league the name of Edward B. Talbot, former owner of the New York franchise, was first proposed, but it was said that he could not accept the office and he would not be able to come to New York to live. Freedman and his followers made a proposition to do away with the office of president and for the appointment of a committee of three members, in whose hands the governing power of the league should be placed. There was instant opposition to this and a long drawn-out discussion. Freedman and his followers gave way and the matter of the presidency was again taken up.

Boden of Boston was mentioned, but declined. Hart proposed Harry Pulliam's name, but Pulliam in turn proposed William G. Temple of Pittsburgh. Freedman was opposed to the latter, but his man until such man had come before the meeting and announced his attitude and the nature of his policy in case of election. He said he did not want to vote for any man until he had talked with him and knew what he proposed to do to better the base ball situation. It was pointed out that Temple was a broad-minded man and one with a reputation for fairness and loyalty.

Freedman Demands to Know.

"There has been a lot of talk," said Freedman, "about taking my club away from me. I want to know what you propose doing about that. Does anybody want to take my club away from me?"

One of the Spalding followers disavowed any and all intention of a desire to take Freedman's club away from him.

The question of Mr. Temple was again taken up and an unanimous vote taken to tender him the presidency.

A telegram was sent to Mr. Temple, who is now in Florida, advising him of the action of the league and asking him if he would accept the presidency.

It was nearly midnight when the league meeting adjourned until tomorrow afternoon. Most of the night session was taken up in discussing the playing rules and schedule. It was decided to play under the same rules as last year. The foul-strike rule was incorporated in the book of rules. This rule was in force last season, but was not in the book of rules.

It was decided that the pitcher should not have more than one minute in which to warm up prior to any one inning before delivering the ball, he not being allowed to deliver more than five balls before play.

Boden, Robinson and Pulliam were named as a committee to decide on what ball is to be used the coming season.

Young, Hart, Ebbetts and Dreyfus were named as a committee to take the three playing schedules submitted, go over them and draft a schedule that they will probably submit to the meeting tomorrow.

NEW BLUES OUT FOR PRACTICE

Nichols Gets Into Game and Finds His Pitching Wind as Good as Ever.

KANSAS CITY, April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Sportman's park. Manning & Nichols' new base ball ground and athletic field, out on Indiana avenue, was a lively place this afternoon. It was the first day's practice for the new Blues, and all of the players who have reported for duty with

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Work on the improvements of the new Sportman's park is progressing rapidly. Rain the latter part of last week interfered for a day with the carpenter and other workmen resumed their labors Monday and are now going ahead rapidly. The grandstand is being erected and the seats are being set for the right bleachers, the left stand having already been completed. The fence is rapidly being put up and the tiling for the drainage is being put in. The outfield will be leveled off and rolled this week and everything will be in fine shape for the dedication of the new ground on April 10, when the Chicago White Stockings will be here to play the Western League.

MALLORY CARRIES THE DAY

Shows Himself Best Two-Year-Old

Memphis Track.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 3.—By winning the Gaston Hotel stake at four furlongs for 2-year-olds at Memphis today, Mallory, owned by George C. Bennett, the local favorite, proved that he is the best 2-year-old shown so far this season. The race brought to the post seven of the highest class young colts from the Schorr stable, a good-looking colt from the Schorr stable was a decided favorite at even odds. Mallory, a fine looking colt, was the favorite at even odds.

The colt is a fine looking youngster by Orlando-Miss Thomas, and has won his three starts like a star. He is the best of the start and couldn't ever get up with the leaders.

The Bennett stable had a field day, winning three of the six events with King Lady, Mallory and W. B. Gates. Results: First race, selling, five furlongs and a half, Drummond won, Lee Nutt second, King Tatus third. Time: 1:09.

Second race, six furlongs, selling, King Tatus third. Time: 1:14.

Third race, selling, four furlongs, King's Lady won, Philo second, Kerwin third. Time: 0:59.

Fourth race, Gaston Hotel stakes, four furlongs, Mallory won, Doctor Walker second, Poor Boy third. Time: 0:59.

Fifth race, selling, one mile and a sixteenth, W. B. Gates won, Trebor second, Campbell third. Time: 1:49.

Sixth race, selling, one mile and a half, Lady Wadsworth won, Harry Wilson second, Cadet third. Time: 1:36.

Books Lost Heavily.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Five of the events at Oakland today went to favorites and the books were hit hard. The track was heavily bet and the odds were considerably in favor of the favorites.

Janice was again installed favorite, this time in the mile and an eighth handicap. She tied in the stretch and was passed by Position and Colonel Ballantine, who finished in that order. Results: First race, six furlongs and a half, selling, Axminster won, El Pilar second, Candelero third. Time: 1:22.

Second race, one-half mile, purse, High Chancery won, Tom Mitchell second, Montezuma third. Time: 0:50.

Third race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling, Bernota won, Our Lizze second, Captivity third. Time: 1:20.

Fourth race, one mile and an eighth, handicap, Position won, Colonel Ballantine second, Janice third. Time: 1:56.

Fifth race, three-quarters of a mile, selling, Botany won, Isaline second, Jacqueminet third. Time: 1:13.

Sixth race, one mile, selling, Antelope won, Red Wald second, Horton third. Time: 1:23.

Four of the Choice Ones Win.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—First Chord, Tamarin, Cal Gary and Meisterreinger were the winning favorites at Benning today. Tamarin won the hurdle race easily and Orattus handily won the handicap. Results: First race, six and a half furlongs, Gold Pot won, Fontenau second, Hampshire third. Time: 1:24.4.

Second race, four furlongs and a half, purse, Glad Hand won, Celia second, Dewey D third. Time: 0:58.

Third race, six furlongs and a half, selling, Rainey won, Patchwork second, Ellis third. Time: 1:27.

Fourth race, one mile and a half, selling, Clifton Boy won, Passaic second, Larzard third. Time: 1:14.

Fifth race, six furlongs, purse, Meisterreinger won, Carroll D second, Imperialist third. Time: 1:22.

Sixth race, one mile and 100 yards, purse, Orontas won, Lamp O'Lee second, Ohnet third. Time: 1:37.

Sun Shines at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 3.—It was a beautiful day and the crowd was very large at the Exposition track. Results: First race, six furlongs, selling, Give Light won, Ordeal second, Nina B L third. Time: 1:20.

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