

# Major League Club Officials Fear Another Baseball War

## Five American Teams Said to Be Responsible

### "Declaration of Principles and Not a Declaration of War," Heydler—Plans for Reorganization.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—If the action of eleven major league baseball club owners last night in going on record as favoring abrogation of the national agreement which governs professional leagues, results in a base ball war, the responsibility will rest with the five American league clubs which have not yet signified their intention of taking part in the proposed reorganization of control of the game. President John Heydler of the National league said tonight in a statement:

"The eight National league clubs and the three American league clubs—Chicago, New York and Boston—did not declare a war when they advocated control of the game by a tribunal of three men not financially making a declaration of principle in order to save the game, Mr. Heydler said."

The action taken at Monday night's session was the culmination of careful and dispassionate deliberation of men of unquestioned sincerity and honesty of purpose and who are determined that in no other way can the revision of base ball government be accomplished, the just demands of the American public be met."

"The men who have so pledged themselves constitute not only eleven-sixteenths of major league membership, but they represent more than three-fourths of the capital invested in the sport. They have charted their course and have compacted to see it through at all hazards."

**Do Not Want Base Ball War.**  
"Their's is a declaration of principles—not a declaration of war. Protective measures and ways and means, however, have been provided for any eventuality."

"If it does mean war, then the responsibility for war rests with those who deliberately chose to remain aloof from the council of their friends and business associates at this time when the integrity of the game is at stake."

"I wish to reiterate that at no time has it been the purpose of the National league to be, or to in any manner interfere in or endeavor to dictate to the American league or any of its component clubs as to the conduct of their own affairs. We have confined ourselves solely to extending cordial invitations to their presence and the club owners to meet with us."

**Door of Welcome is Open.**  
"Rather than war, I say the door of welcome is wide open and we again plead with all to take their proper places in line and so present a united front in this fight for the common good."

"Speaking more personally, I do not understand why such men as Clark Griffith, Connie Mack and Robert Quinn did not attend. They are thinking men and base ball represents their life work. I imagine they either do not fully understand the proposition or do not appreciate the seriousness of this situation."

"Probability of a base ball war was freely discussed by base ball men today, many of them called to testify before the grand jury investigating the base ball scandal. While President B. B. Johnson of the American league refused to be interviewed, friends of his declared an attempt was being made to oust him from the American league presidency. Men who were not favorable to Johnson said his apparent opposition to reorganization was simply a continuation of his opposition to the club owners who sided against him last winter."

**Would Be "Starved Out."**  
Some base ball men professed to see the solution of the problem in the meeting of minor league officials at Kansas City, November 9, saying that whichever side the minor side with would win, for the other side would be unable to obtain ball players and would be "starved out."

The 11 owners who attended yesterday's conference, however, have signed an agreement that they will stick together and form a 12 club league if the other five American league clubs and President Johnson do not join them in the reorganization plans. An ultimatum was issued giving the five clubs until November 1 to make known their decision."

The 11 owners will not make known their final policy in the matter until November 8, however, when another meeting will be held here preparatory to presenting the matter to the minor league meeting the next day at Kansas City."

Although the general outline of reorganization was expressed in the meeting yesterday and resolutions adopted, no definite step toward re-arrangement of major league clubs was taken, it was stated. The threat of the 11 clubs represented to form a 12-club league, in case the other five-American league bodies did not acquiesce in the reorganization, included the selection of some city not named to complete the circuit.

**Compliments President Heydler.**  
The National league today adopted a resolution complimenting President Heydler of the league upon his stand taken at reorganization plans and expressed a vote of thanks.

He made the following statement: "It was deeply regretted that neither President Johnson nor any representative of the Washington, Detroit, Cleveland or St. Louis American league clubs was present. No word was received from Mr. Johnson or from the clubs mentioned."

"It was the unanimous opinion of those attending the meeting that the reorganization of base ball should be forthwith proceeded with, and plans immediately prepared to that end."

"The meeting felt that the public demanded for public control was such that those present had no right to deny immediate fruition of the same, and all dissent was heartily in accord with the action adopted, believing that through the carrying out of the same, base ball would be given a rebirth with the American public."

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## Man of War Will Not Be Present at Dinner Given in His Honor

Philadelphia, Oct. 19.—Man of War, Samuel D. Riddle's great thoroughbred racer, will not attend a dinner in his honor, planned for by the Waldorf-Astoria, New York. On behalf of himself and the horse, Mr. Riddle has declined the invitation of his New York friends.

"We wouldn't think of such a thing," Riddle said today. "There has been some talk of having Man of War at such an affair, but I would not hear of it. We are sportsmen, not sports. There is a big difference, so the dinner is off."

hall scandal had been completed. The five clubs not represented yesterday had aligned themselves with Johnson in previous American league controversies, in one of which last year the minority tried unsuccessfully to oust the president.

## Los Angeles Grand Jury Starts Probe in Coast Ball Scandal

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 19.—The Los Angeles county jury today sent a telegram to H. W. Lane, owner of the Salt Lake City team of the Pacific league, asking him to procure for it a deposition from William Ruml, former member of Mr. Lane's team. The deposition was wanted, it was said, by Foreman James Irving of the grand jury, in connection with the investigation of charges of corruption in the 1919 pennant race.

Frank Stafford of the district attorney's office, said that in addition to asking for a deposition from Ruml, the grand jury was seeking information from certain other players now in Salt Lake City.

## "TWO AND THREE" Putting the Next One Over. By "BUGS" BAER.

It is rumored around that the Carp-Levinsky fight was spiked. The boys who dropped a bit on Bat chirp that the thing looked like what was left of the picture of Mona Lisa was c. out and rolled up.

Maybe it was a frame and maybe it wasn't. The only wrong thing about the thing was stacking Bat up against a roughness young chap like Carp. The most active squawkers are the nonactive members who didn't see the international scuffle. The Battler didn't have any more chance than a pugnosed antater, but though he could stick 12 rounds by the grace of Queensbury and the help of his new shoes. The Bat always did fight with his gears in reverse, but that night there was too much knuckle traffic in the ring. He took enough drumming on the chin to stop a whole parade of Bat Levinsky's, but the bluffs who lost on him will always claim that he folded up like a orchestra sea.

**Thought He Could Stick.**  
Dan Morgan probably knew that Bat was through, but took a chance with his own jack that Bat would be around to hear the curfew at the end of the twelfth. If you keep poking your meal check under the cashier's head it is going to get punched out sooner or quicker. Bat believed himself that he had enough classic dancing in his repertoire to do a different clog each act for twelve rounds. But he was through in Philadelphia after chewing off more of Dempsey's right than he could eat. He was never any tougher than a fish of calf's foot jelly, as he comes from the Isadora Duncan school of pugilists. Anybody who is punched by Dempsey ain't licked for that fight or that week. He is licked for life.

**Bat Through Years Ago.**  
So it wasn't Carpentier that stopped Levinsky. It was Dempsey, who said he would use nothing but boy scout punches on the Battler, but forgot all about it in the heat of the dance. Since then Bat has been knuckle shy. Levinsky was never a slugging. All he had was his defense, like the island of Heligoland. Both of them are dismantled now. The lads who are claiming that Bat pulled a Ponzi on 'em are entitled to a mourner's chorus. But they're wrong.

The works wanted to see what Carpentier could do and were willing to pay to lamp him fighting anybody. As the Romans said, Veni, Vidi, Vichy. We paid, we saw, we drank mineral water.

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## Murphy's Trotter Trots Home First

Peter Manning, Piloted by Stokes, Wins Feature Race of Grand Circuit Affair.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 19.—Peter Manning had things his own way in the 2:14 class trotting contest which featured the Grand Circuit card today, winning first money in the \$2,500 stake race in straight heats, piloted by Stokes. The Murphy gelding's best time was 2:06½, in the final heat.

Little Watts, with Russel driving, was an easy winner clear through the three heats of the 2:16 class trot, a special event for southern horses, for a purse of \$1,000 with \$500 added money. Best time, 2:17½.

The fourth event, the 2:15 pace, also for southern horses and for a purse of \$400 added money, was taken in straight heats by Comswegehual, now owned by R. L. Williams, Groveton, Ga., and driven by his owner. Best time, 2:14½.

In the second heat of this race, Prince Regal, an Elberton, Ga. horse, piloted by Rogers, spilled and piled up just after rounding the quarter post. The pacer and his pilot were able to limp in.

**Summaries:**  
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 19.—Summaries: 2:14 class, trotting, three heats, purse \$1,000.  
1st heat: Peter Manning, b. s., by Stokes, 2:06½.  
2nd heat: Peter Manning, b. s., by Stokes, 2:06½.  
3rd heat: Peter Manning, b. s., by Stokes, 2:06½.

2:16 class, trotting, special, three heats, purse \$1,000.  
1st heat: Little Watts, b. m., by Russel, 2:17½.  
2nd heat: Little Watts, b. m., by Russel, 2:17½.  
3rd heat: Little Watts, b. m., by Russel, 2:17½.

2:15 class, pace, three heats, purse \$400.  
1st heat: Comswegehual, dr. g., by Di-rect Hit (Williams), 2:14½.  
2nd heat: Comswegehual, dr. g., by Di-rect Hit (Williams), 2:14½.  
3rd heat: Comswegehual, dr. g., by Di-rect Hit (Williams), 2:14½.

**Rickets and Rhines Win in Cue Tourney**  
Chicago, Oct. 19.—W. D. Rickets of Flint, Mich., defeated M. A. Long of Los Angeles, 125 to 86, and B. F. Rhines of Akron O. won from Erwin Rudolph of Sayre, Pa., 125 to 86, in today's play in the national pocket billiard tournament.

**Giants Release White To Oakland, Cal., Team**  
New York, Oct. 19.—The New York National league club today released Albert J. White, infielder, to Oakland, Cal., under option.

**"Y" Team Wins Title.**  
The "Y" volleyball team defeated the Council Bluffs Y. M. C. A. squad for the intercity championship, three games out of five.

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW about The Sporting World?**  
Answers to Yesterday's Questions.  
1. In foot ball, if players of the opening sides catch a forward pass at the same time, the ball goes to the side which put the ball in play.  
2. The Pacific coast foot ball championship was undecided in 1919, the Universities of Washington, California and Oregon being almost equal claimants.  
3. William M. Johnston won the Pacific coast tennis championship in 1919.  
4. Gardner won the national amateur golf championship in 1909 and 1916.  
5. Griffin boxed a 10-round non-decision bout with Herman at Ft. Worth July 4, 1919.  
6. Willie Ritchie was born in San Francisco.  
7. Forty-two thousand, six hundred and twenty is the largest crowd that saw a world's series game. That crowd attended the game at Cincinnati October 7, 1919.  
8. Faber has not pitched a no-hit game.  
9. Joe Wood pitched a no-hit game against St. Louis July 29, 1911.  
10. Wood came into the majors with Boston in 1908.

**New Questions.**  
1. How many clubs were in the National league in 1876?  
2. How many pennant-winning teams in the National league were managed by A. G. Spalding?  
3. How many years did the National league have 12 clubs?  
4. How many pennants did Frank Chance win as manager?  
5. Has Johnny Griffith, Ohio welter-weight, been knocked out?  
6. Did Benny Leonard box on the coast in 1917?  
7. When did Ullman go a quarter mile in 1:27?  
8. How many times did Dan O'Leary defeat Edward Payson Weston in six-day walking contests?  
9. How many times did Edward Payson Weston walk across the country from coast to coast?  
10. What record did James Bradd, English golfer, make in driving a golf ball?

## Joe Stangle Loses to John Pesek—Omahan Knocked Out in Match

Sioux City, Ia., Oct. 19.—John Pesek of Nebraska, was awarded the decision in a mat bout last night with Joe Stangle of Carroll, Ia., after the two men had wrestled one hour and three minutes.

Stangle suffered an accidental knockout and was unable to go on with the match. He was behind Pesek and procured a head hold. In his attempt to free himself, Pesek rose to his feet. With Stangle perched on his shoulder, Pesek became unbalanced and fell backwards, planting an elbow in Stangle's stomach. The Iowan was completely knocked out and unable to go on. Pesek also was stunned by the fall.

## "Y" Cross-Country Run Next Month

The annual Y. M. C. A. cross-country run will be staged next month for the first time since the war. The run will be conducted under the rules of the Athletic League of North America. Distance runners from schools, universities and colleges in Nebraska and Iowa will compete in the event.

**K. O. Loughland Wins.**  
Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 19.—(Special)—K. O. Loughland of South Hazleton defeated Steve Lato of Hazleton in an eight-round bout here yesterday.

## Tilden Taken Seriously Ill At Sioux City

Lanky Philadelphian, World's Tennis King, Has Attack of Appendicitis—Cancel Exhibitions.

William T. Tilden, II, world's champion tennis player, who hails from Philadelphia, will not play in exhibition matches at the Omaha Field club this afternoon as was previously announced. The lanky racket wielder was taken seriously ill in one of his games at Sioux City yesterday afternoon and was immediately sent to his home.

The announcement that Tilden would not be able to appear in Omaha today, came as a disappointment to local followers of clay courts. A large crowd of Omahans was expected to witness the Philadelphia and his partner, Samuel Hardy of New York, in action against Ralph Powell and Will Adams, present and former city champs, respectively.

According to word received from Sioux City Tilden is in a serious condition and may not be able to appear on the court again for some time. The world's tennis king had an acute attack of appendicitis following his match with Samuel Hardy, in which the latter won in two straight sets with scores of 6-2 and 7-5.

## Walter Mails, Indian Hero, Kissed by Two Girls of Sacramento

Ogden, Utah, Oct. 19.—Kisses from two young women of Sacramento, greeted Walter Mails, pitcher hero of the Cleveland Indians, upon his arrival in Ogden yesterday on his way to his home in Sacramento. Harold P. Spencer of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce headed a delegation which met the ball player here. The young women who saluted Mails were Katherine Whitney and Charlotte Moses.

Tilden and Hardy defeated Charles Carey and Ralph Oliver of Sioux City, in a doubles affair, 6-0 and 6-2.

According to Samuel Hardy, who arrived in Omaha last night, Tilden had not been playing up to his usual form for several days.

The two national tennis stars were enroute to San Francisco, where they were to meet William Johnston and Watson Washburn. From San Francisco the party was scheduled to sail November 10 for Australia, where the Americans would enter into competition for the Davis cup.

**Kansas City Cue Artist Defeats Matuso, 125-118**  
Chicago, Oct. 19.—Franklin of Kansas City won from Matuso of Denver, 125 to 118, in the national pocket billiard tournament last night.

## Ebbets Not to Testify at Ball Investigation

Dodgers' Owner and Harry Frazee Deny Knowledge of Gambling—Will Return Later if Wanted.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—When the special grand jury investigating gambling in organized base ball resumed its investigation today, Charles Ebbets, owner of the Brooklyn Nationals, and Harry H. Frazee, president of the Boston Americans, were excused as witnesses.

Both Ebbets and Frazee told Hartley P. Replage, assistant state's attorney, that they had no information about gambling, but expressed their willingness to return later if they were wanted.

Before leaving the state's attorney's office, Mr. Ebbets said he was impressed with the work of the grand jury and hoped that it would be possible for it to recommend the adoption of the Lister plan for the reorganization of base ball.

Mr. Ebbets, whose club won the National league championship this season, made the statement that he expected to retire from base ball. He said he would retire when he received the price, which he did not name, for his National league franchise and park.

"I have been in the game for 38 years," Mr. Ebbets said, "and think it's about time for me to quit. I am 61 years old now and want to retire."


## Play in Hand Ball Finals This Week

Ed Lawler and Eddie Dygert will play Fred Hauffman and Pete McGuire in the finals in the Y. M. C. A. doubles match for the hand ball championship. The finals will be played Friday.

The singles match in hand ball will start November 5. More than 40 players have entered the tournament.



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## CIGARETTES

Winston-Salem, N.C. Monday

Dear Peter:

Bet you a horse and lot you'd stay in W-S a month if you ever got to know folks here like I have. Between business and Reynolds factories and a bully time—well my date book has been bubbling over! And, I'm still running into facts that would stagger even your imagination, old football, with all your kick!

Pete, take it straight from government figures direct to you that every work day in the week R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. buys from our Uncle Sam enough revenue stamps to pay for a duplicate of the handsome new Winston-Salem post office building! Ever hear of such a thing?


And, if you want to get an eyefull of an Army of more than 15,000 people, be down in the Reynolds factory district when the whistles blow! Looks like more folks than you ever saw at a Princeton-Yale football game! Never saw such a cigarette firing-up time in my life!

Peter, everytime you light a Camel in the future, call back on what I've slipped you about Camels—absolutely the greatest cigarette at any price—for quality, for refreshing flavor, for mellow mild body, for freedom from any unpleasant cigarette aftertaste or odor! It's worth the busiest smoker's time to compare Camels with any cigarette in the world! Camels are simply a revelation! You know that.

I'll spill you a lot more just as quick as I get a whack at you across the dinner table!

I'll open my eyes in Atlanta tomorrow! In the meantime here's a wad of bet wishes I have in stock!

Yours  
Shorty



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