

# 'Loyal Five' Declare Base Ball War Against New Circuit

## Prepared to Give Battle, Declares Ban

### American League President Says Clubs Will Be Established in Chicago, Boston and New York.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 9.—War to a finish was declared here today by President B. B. Johnson of the American league and his five "loyal" club owners in the fight against the formation of a new 12-club league.

President Johnson declared that clubs would be established in Chicago, Boston and New York next season to take the places of the clubs that have joined the "new National league."

"We are prepared to give them all of the battle they want," President Johnson declared. "The American league is going about its business and will have clubs in the eight cities which have composed its circuit for years. We will not back up for a second."

**War is Best Cleaner.**  
"War, in my judgment, is the best cleaner. I am for it as I believe it will clean up base ball like it cleans up everything else. What the game really needs is to be cleaned of some of its undesirable club owners, who have been a detriment because they openly allowed gambling in their base ball parks."

"The National league never had any stomach for a fight. It is an impossible organization," he continued. "Its politics ruined the old national commission because John K. Tener, the former league president, could not get along with Chairman Herrmann of the commission."

"The five clubs in the American league which remained with me are the only decent element in the major leagues. They have fought with me to stamp out the gambling evil. I got no assistance whatever from the others."

**Was to Address Meeting.**  
President Johnson was to address the minor league officials this afternoon. Ben Shibe and Connie Mack of the Philadelphia club, Mark Griffith of Washington, Ben Quidley, vice president of the St. Louis club; Frank Navin of Detroit and Richard Lane, secretary of the Cleveland club, were in the party with the American league executive.

George W. Miller of Chicago, attorney for the American league, declared today that the National league and the three American league clubs which withdrew went into the meeting in Chicago yesterday determined not to treat with the majority members of the American league on any basis but the Lasker plan.

"I talked with the eleven club owners for two hours," Attorney Miller said. "I suggested that we not decide at that time whether we reject or accept the Lasker plan. Our club owners were opposed to the Lasker plan for the National league, but they were in favor of it for the American league club owners the minority of the American league could upset the desires of the majority. I suggested that we get together. It was impossible."

**New League a "Joke."**  
Bob Quinn, personal representative of Phil Ball of the St. Louis Americans, said "a 12-club league is a joke. It can't be done."

Branch Rickey, vice president of the St. Louis Nationals, said "a base ball war would be ill-advised. I sincerely hope spatters can be adjusted to the satisfaction of both sides."

The invasion of the major league officials overshadowed the affairs of the minor leagues, but they went into convention determined to oppose adoption of the Lasker plan for base ball reorganization.

M. H. Sexton, president of the National Association of Minor Leagues, joined with the minor league officials, who expressed opposition to adoption of the Lasker plan. He said he was confident the minor leagues would "steer clear" of the major league political situation.

**Should Select Experienced Men.**  
"If is absurd," he declared, "to think there are no base ball men fitted to take charge of the sport, and that we must seek men outside the fold to govern this sport. We have men who have spent 20 years in the game and are fully capable to serve on the new National commission. Why should we select men who are unfamiliar with the inside workings of base ball?"

"I feel sure that the minors will vote to stay clear of the dispute which threatens to disrupt the majors. We have got along pretty well, and until there is harmony within the ranks of the majors I do not think we should take sides."

"Just because a few players were found dishonest is no reason why the management of base ball should be judged dishonest. It is ridiculous to think that we should be so incapable of handling our own affairs that we should need the assistance of Judge Landis, General Wood and others mentioned for appointment to the high tribunal."

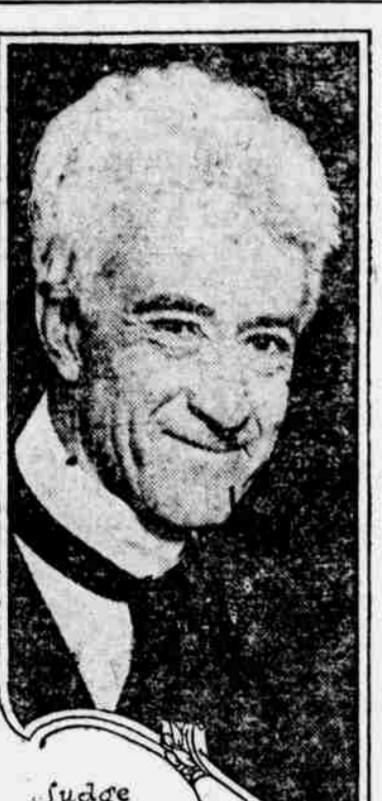
**Elliott to Meet Prehn.**  
Des Moines, Nov. 9.—Guy Elliott, Collins, Ia., welterweight and Paul Prehn, inter-medial middleweight, will meet in a handicap wrestling match at Collins, on the night of November 16. Prehn agrees to throw Elliott in ninety minutes or forfeit the match.

**'Babe' Ruth Will Play In New Ball League, Is Edict of Huston**

New York, Nov. 9.—Determined to take "Babe" Ruth home run king into the new base ball league formed yesterday in Chicago, regardless of claims made by leaders of the "loyal five" that he belongs to the American league under former contract, was expressed today by Vice President Huston of the Yankees.

"They won't get anything like as close to Ruth as the crown prince got to Paris," he said.

## Appointed Chairman New Base Ball Body



Judge Landis

Federal Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, who Monday night was tendered the chairmanship of a new base ball board of control at a salary of \$50,000 a year, Judge Landis said he felt honored by the offer and asked time to consider it.

## Saints May Lose Berth in League

### Lack of Interest in Western League Ball at St. Joseph Said to Be Cause.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 9.—Club owners of the Western league held their annual fall meeting here yesterday and adopted tentative plans for the 1921 campaign. There is a possibility that St. Joseph, Mo., may lose its franchise as a result of the lack of interest there last season.

President Tearney was empowered to complete the circuit for the 1921 season and indicated that the St. Joseph franchise might be awarded to another city. Nothing definite in this regard will be done, however, until the schedule meeting after the first of the year.

The club owners also decided to lengthen the 1921 playing season two weeks longer than the last season. The pennant race will be opened a week earlier than usual and close a week later, but a 154-game schedule will be played the same as last season. Under the new arrangement, a large number of double-headers will be eliminated.

The 1920 season was the biggest from an attendance standpoint in the history of the league. President Tearney's report that the eight clubs drew 600,000 persons. This is an increase of 50 per cent over the 1919 season. The Tulsa club led in individual club attendance with 134,000.

Rejection of the Lasker plan of base ball reorganization in the minor leagues seemed probable tonight. Claiming that the proposed plan, adopted by the National League club owners and three American League clubs in Chicago, provides for government without representation, the advance guard of minor league officials declared they would oppose every move of the major leagues to take over the minor leagues.

The stand was taken that the minor leagues are capable of governing themselves and that they would continue to direct their own affairs.

Paul H. Fultz, president of the International League characterized the action taken in Chicago today as "childish."

"It seems to me to be conclusive evidence that the eight national league clubs and the three from the American league need somebody to run their affairs," Mr. Fultz said. "The minor league leagues was a 'childish' piece of action. However, it will have no effect on us. We shall continue to take care of our own interests as we have done in the past. There will be no change of the minor leagues adopting the Lasker plan."

A. R. Tearney of Chicago, president of the Western and Three-I leagues, and an aggressive leader in minor league affairs, definitely committed himself as opposed to the Lasker plan. He declared that the minors are not suitably represented.

**Christy Mathewson Recovering Health**  
New York, Nov. 9.—After a year's fight against tuberculosis Christy Mathewson, one-time major league star pitcher, today was reported recovering at Saranac Lake. Although he still spends his days reclining in a darkened room and his strength will not permit of the fresh air cure, the affected right lung has improved under gas treatments, his fever has vanished and he is gaining in weight and strength, his physician said.

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW about The Sporting World?**

Answers to Yesterday's Questions.  
1. To determine fielding averages divide the total of putouts, assists and errors into the total of putouts and assists.  
2. A passed ball is not scored as an error.  
3. A catcher does not get an error on a wild throw to catch a runner unless the runner advances another base on the throw.  
4. A batter is out if the ball hits him as he misses the strike.  
5. Ritchie hasn't won a decision over Leonard.  
6. In 1917, the Stanley hockey cup was won by the Metropolitans of Seattle, Wash.  
7. In doubles tennis players must receive the service alternately.  
8. Robert A. Gardner was runner up in 1918 when Evans won the amateur golf title.  
9. Michigan's eleven in 1919 lost to Ohio State, Chicago, Illinois and Minnesota.  
10. Princeton beat Yale in 1919, 11 to 6, because of a misdirected lateral pass.

**New Questions.**  
1. When did Babe Ruth smash Cobb's record of 147 runs scored in a season?  
2. How did Ruth make his 148th run of the 1920 season?  
3. Where did Ft. Worth, of the Texas league, finish in 1919?  
4. How many times has Ft. Worth won the pennant?  
5. How many points did the United States score in the Olympic track and field events?  
6. What nation was second in the Olympic track and field events?  
7. Did Molla Erlendson lose a set in winning the national women's tennis title?  
8. Did the United States win the tug of war in the 1920 Olympiad?  
9. What was Jess Williams' race?  
10. How long was Stanley Ketchell middleweight champion?

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## Minor Leaguers Are Opposed to New Lasker Plan

### Executives of 21 Leagues Meet at Kansas City for Annual Meeting—All Are Against Reorganization.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 9.—War clouds loomed dark for the proponents of the Lasker plan for base ball reorganization when the presidents and club owners of the 21 minor leagues of the nation met in convention here today to vote on the proposed civilian tribunal as the supreme governing body of organized base ball.

When the committee of three appointed by the "new National league," organized yesterday in Chicago, arrived here to present the Lasker plan for the consideration of the 21 minor league club owners and the three club owners of the American league in displacing the present structure of the major leagues in favor of a 12-club league governed by a civilian tribunal, consisted of Garry Herrmann, chairman; Barney Dreyfuss and Charles H. Ebbetts. These representatives were prepared to offer the minors the opportunity of selecting an associate member of the national board of control under the Lasker plan.

**Minor Leaders Opposed.**  
Thomas J. Hickey, president of the American association; avDid L. Fultz, head of the International league, and A. R. Tearney, president of the Western and Three-I leagues, all recognized leaders in minor league affairs, were unanimous in expressing their disapproval of the Lasker plan.

"To have the major leagues select the officials to govern us, would be merely to go back to the old system from which the minors withdrew last winter," President Hickey said.

"The major leagues do not have to select the members of the new commission for us. We are capable of taking care of our own affairs. Twenty-one minor leagues finished the 1920 season and 37 are ready to start next season."

"We employ more players than do the major leagues combined; we have at least as much money invested and never will consent to a scheme by which we will have no voice in the selection of the men to handle our affairs."

With a revolutionary movement sweeping the major leagues, the minor leagues themselves started a campaign involving a shakeup within their own organization.

The movement contemplated the removal of John H. Farrell of Auburn, N. Y., who has been secretary and treasurer of the association since its formation 20 years ago, and the election of M. H. Sexton of Rock Island, Ill., as his successor.

**May Promote Sexton.**  
Sexton for a score of years has been a dominant factor in minor league affairs. For several years he has been president of the National Association of Minor Leagues, an honorary office without salary. His supporters claim to have enough votes to insure his election. It is planned to vote him a salary of \$7,500 and move minor league headquarters from Auburn to Chicago.

Exposure of crookedness in the world's series of 1919 has been a greater benefit to the minor leagues than the major leagues, in the opinion of President Fultz of the International league.

"The banishment of the guilty players, the exposure of the whole vicious plot, will impress on our young players the seriousness of their duty to the game more than any talks by the managers and older players could convince them," said Fultz.

**Shannon Wins Over Jack Lawler in Bout**  
St. Louis, Nov. 9.—Eddie Shannon of Portland, Ore., was given the newspaper decision over Jack Lawler of Omaha, Neb., in an eight-round bout here last night. The men are lightweights.

**Grid Injuries Prove Fatal to Missouri Boy**  
St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 9.—Edward Behn, 22, of St. Louis, left half back on the Missouri School of Mines eleven, died in a hospital last night of injuries received in a game with Warrensburg normal school team at Rolla, Saturday. Behn's spine was fractured when he was tackled.

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## Big Boxing Bout To Be Held July 4

### Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Nov. 9.—Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier will fight on July 4, in an outdoor amphitheatre not many minutes removed from Manhattan. This information comes from an authoritative source and the official announcement is expected to be made in a few days.

The temporary structure will seat in the neighborhood of 100,000 persons and the prices will probably range from \$5 to \$10, with the choice ringside places bringing all sorts of fancy prices.

Speculation is rife as to where this monster showground is to be located and while many think the Polo Grounds will be the spot selected, there are others who think that the \$1,000,000 quarrel will be sent over to Jersey.

The promoters are as yet most reticent about announcing the date and place for the fight of the century, but Tex Rickard is very hopeful that the contest can be staged on Independence day and the genial Tex does not anticipate any trouble about obtaining the necessary license, and with a location seating 100,000 persons, Tex believes that prices can be arranged within the means of all fight fans.

**Bout Ends in Draw.**  
Tulsa, Ok., Nov. 9.—Jack Thompson of Philadelphia and "Pinky" Lewis of Oakland, welterweights, boxed a 12-round draw here Monday night.

## "Kid" Schlaifer Defeats Leahy In Third Round

### Local Welterweight Floors Opponent With Left to Stomach, Followed by Snappy Jab to Jaw.

Fighting with a style that smacked strongly of Mike O'Dowd, "Kid" Schlaifer, Omaha welterweight boxer, knocked out Jack Leahy of Winnet, S. D., in the third round of their scheduled ten-frame bout, the main event of an athletic show staged last night by the Douglas County Post of the American Legion at the City Auditorium.

Schlaifer did everything to his northern opponent the Marquis of Quebec rules would allow. He spent a minute of the first round in getting set for Leahy's left jab and after evolving a defense for that poke proceeded to make the evening a sorrowful one for his foe.

The Omaha fighter started the fighting by handing a stiff jolt on the Dakota boy's jaw, Leahy returned by sending over a left that landed on Schlaifer's ear. The latter planted another blow on his opponent's jaw and then whipped over a right under the heart, and followed like a flash with the same fist to the jaw. Leahy crumpled up in Schlaifer's corner and took the count of eight. Both boxers were on their feet when the bell sounded.

**Takes Count of Seven.**  
During the second round, Schlaifer backed Leahy into the formers' corner and showered the northerner with rights and lefts to the face. Leahy tried to stave off the attack of his opponent, but accidentally stepped out of the ring. Schlaifer then repeated his performance of the first stanza and planted his left in Leahy's stomach. Leahy fell to the floor and was on his hands and knees when the bell ended the round, as Referee Tommy Ryan's arm swung on the count of seven.

In the third round Schlaifer started forcing the fighting continually and pounded Leahy steadily about the stomach until the latter dropped to the canvas for a count of nine. He shifted his attack to the face as soon as his opponent was on his feet and soon had him hanging on. The Omaha boy again sent over his left to Leahy's stomach and followed with snappy rights and lefts to the face. Leahy crumpled up on the canvas and took the count.

Schlaifer was a veritable wildcat in action and refused to be forestalled in his battering attack. In the three rounds the local Hebrew sent over coolly with left and right jabs as Leahy rushed in to land. The "Kid" worked hard at close quarters, but at a long range was at a disadvantage.

**Bruno Wins Decision.**  
"Young" Bruno was awarded a decision over "Kid" Flood in a six-round preliminary, the first event on the card. The bout was a give-and-take affair throughout. Bruno used a short left jab that rocked Flood's opponent several times during the mill.

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## Important Bout to Be Staged This Week

### November 10—Billy Britton against Mel Stevenson, 10 rounds at Camden, N. J. November 11—Jimmy Lanning against Dudley Steels, 10 rounds at Iowa, Kan. November 12—Benny Leonard against K. O. Loughlin, 12 rounds at Camden, N. J. November 12—Ritchie Mitchell against Joe Benjamin, 10 rounds at Milwaukee. November 12—Pinky Mitchell against Eddie Kelly, 10 rounds at Peoria, Ill. November 12—Ned Coogan against Rocky Kansas, 12 rounds at Baltimore.

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## 50 Planes Are Entered In Pulitzer Air Speed Race

### New York, Nov. 9.—Fifty planes already have been entered for the Pulitzer trophy airplane speed race at Mitchel field on Thanksgiving day, it was learned today. Officials of the Aero Club of America expect that Sadi LeCointe, winner of the Gordon Bennett cup at Etampes, France, in October, will enter within the next few days.

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Heard a bird in the Adolphus hotel say that when he comes off the west border he figures he's close home to Baltimore when he's across the Lone Star state! Talk about "jumps"! Try a few, say the one between Texarkana and El Paso!

Pete, everything grows big down here—business as well as folks' hearts! I like the way they never forget! Here I was walking on Main Street yesterday when as fine a type of man as ever wore one of those broad Texas smiles came up to me. "How are you, lieutenant?" says he. "Maybe you'll call back that day at Camp Dick when I brought over that bunch of Camel cigarettes for the boys," he continued. Right then and there a Camel conference opened!

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