

# BASEBALL AN ATHLETIC SPORTS

## DEMOCRATS GET THE BIG STICK WORKING

With It They Wallop the House-Schedule Ad Valorem and Also Specified.

Washington, July 16.—With "Uncle Joe" Cannon looking on and powerless to call the military to order or bring in a special rule shutting off base hits, the Democrats of the house of representatives walloped all sorts of tariff schedules out of the Republicans at American League park today, and won the most famous congressional baseball game on record by the thrilling score of 26 to 1, but the Republicans turned down that proposition once again.

The crowd which witnessed this game was as weary as the players from laughter. The throng present included most of the government officials. President Taft did not attend—he was at Chevy Chase with Vice President Sherman playing golf.

## LOOKING FOR CHANGES IN TWO LEAGUE TEAMS

Donton and Bowerman May Join Giants—Ebbetts of Brooklyn Wants Dahlen for Manager.

New York, July 17.—Judging by rumors that are flying around, important changes in the two local National League teams may be expected in a few days. If Manager McGraw and Mike Donohue can reach an agreement on the salary, which appears to be the only difference between them, the fans may see a new player in the New York outfield again.

## RESULTS OF GAMES IN THE BIG LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.		
Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Detroit	25	.615
Cleveland	24	.590
Boston	24	.583
New York	23	.565
Chicago	23	.565
St. Louis	22	.545
Washington	22	.545

Detroit, Mich., July 16.—Detroit and Washington played what is believed to be a record game for consecutive scoreless innings in a game which ended in a tie. The game being called at the end of the eighth inning, 0 to 0. Summers pitched for Detroit. He struck out 19 men and was at his best when errors put him at a disadvantage. Gray, for Washington, went into the ninth with a record of 10 to 1 against him. In the ninth, while pitching, he strained his side and was forced to retire. Detroit seemed to have the game won in the eighth when Kilmer went home on a sacrifice. But Gray and Washington started to leave the field. Umpire—Kerin called the team back, ruling that a force play had been made.

Cleveland, July 16.—Cleveland's winning streak was broken today. Philadelphia won 3 to 1.

Chicago, July 16.—Chicago today won the final game of the long series with New York.

St. Louis, July 16.—By winning the series, St. Louis took the series.

San Francisco, July 16.—Oakland won from Los Angeles today, 4 to 1, by landing on Nagles' shots in the fifth inning.

Sacramento, July 16.—Bunched hits off Baum in the sixth, two singles, a double and a triple netted four total scores.

Los Angeles, July 16.—Henley was able to hold the Vernons down to one hit after Truck Egan in the first inning made a home run.

Portland, July 16.—Bunched hits off Baum in the sixth, two singles, a double and a triple netted four total scores.

Spokane, Wash., July 16.—Seattle won from Portland today, 4 to 1.

Boston, July 16.—Boston won from Philadelphia today, 4 to 1.

Pittsburgh, July 16.—Pittsburgh won from Philadelphia today, 4 to 1.

New York, July 16.—New York defeated Cincinnati today in the first time of one hour and twenty minutes.

Boston, July 16.—Chicago made it five straight by winning from Boston today.

Philadelphia, July 16.—St. Louis-Philadelphia game postponed; rain.

At Omaha—R. H. E. Score: Omaha 13 5 Philadelphia 2 6 0.

At Lincoln—R. H. E. Score: Lincoln 6 8 0 Wichita 1 2 0.

At Des Moines—R. H. E. Score: Des Moines 5 12 1 Denver 0 1 2.

At St. Paul—R. H. E. Score: St. Paul 13 5 0 Topeka 1 5 5.

At Aberdeen—R. H. E. Score: Aberdeen 1 6 0 Vancouver 3 8 0.

At Indianapolis—Indianapolis, 1; Louisville, 3.

At Columbus—Toledo, 1; Columbus, 2.

At St. Paul—Minneapolis, 5; St. Paul, 1.

At Kansas City—Kansas City, 4; Milwaukee, 3.

HOGAN RELEASES THREE PLAYERS

Los Angeles, July 17.—In an effort to strengthen the Vernon Coast league team again, Hogan released three players and intends to let another go next week, and has scouts out to secure the best men available.

KETCHEL STOCK DOWN WHEN TALKING JOHNSON

On all sides you hear the question asked, "Will the Ketchel-Jack Johnson fight be carried out as originally planned, in view of the showing that Ketchel made against Billy Papke?"

It is a question somewhat hard to answer, says Harry Smith of San Francisco. Promoter Coffroth and Manager Willis Britt, representing Ketchel, declare emphatically that the fight will take place in October as originally planned and go on for as long as it takes.

Public opinion, however, counts for something when the box office receipts are to be considered, and the indications are that neither Coffroth nor the fighters will run headlong into the matter, without first having given the middle-weight champion another test to prove his right to meet Jack Johnson.

Before the fight of July 5 there were many who gave Ketchel a mighty good chance of beating Johnson. They figured on a good ring general and a man with no remarkable punch that Johnson would not be able to stand against him.

Some of these fight fans, however, when they heard that Papke and Ketchel shook their heads when it was suggested to them that Ketchel would stand a good chance against the negro.

Even admitting that he injured his hands, he would as likely hurt those same hands against Johnson. Stanley didn't have the punch to stow away against Nelson let alone Billy Papke or Johnson.

The exercise of moving around the ring in the first three rounds before Papke had marked him, tried the Michigan boy, that he must either be admitted that he was woefully out of condition or gone back in the boxing game.

There are few boxers who can give away forty pounds and still be considered a possible winner. Bob Fitzsimmons did this, it is true, but that was an exception to the rule. In the days of John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett and even to the later period of James J. Jeffries, there was no talk of matching middle-weights against heavyweights.

In the lighter classes, such as Joe Walcott among the welters and Joe Gans among the lightweights, the odds are lower because there would be no betting. He would figure a certainty to white Ketchel and the fight would lose the charm that goes with the big contests of the ring.

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Three world's swimming records met their doom at the annual water carnival held recently in the Susquehanna river at Harrisburg, Pa. Bud Goodwin, one of the cracks of the New York A. C., established two marks that will probably stand for some time.

In the 440 yard event Goodwin started against a strong field and after a wonderful exhibition of swimming crossed the finish line in 4 minutes and 29 seconds.

Later, in the mile event, he elapsed 6 minutes and 32 seconds off the old mark when he swam the distance in 16 minutes and 42 seconds.

In the 100 yard contest J. K. Shyrock of the University of Pennsylvania, intercollegiate 220 yard champion, covered the distance in the fast time of 51.4 seconds, lowering Charles M. Daniels' mark by 3.2 seconds.

Two CRACK SWIMMERS WHO HAVE MADE NEW WORLD'S RECORDS.

Major Leagues May Unite With Ban. Johnson on Top

The two major leagues combined, with Byron Bancroft Johnson as the president, is within the possibilities of the near future. The idea originated with President August Herrmann of the Cincinnati club, and already looks good to a majority of the clubs that go to make up no party of the first part of the national agreement.

In short, the idea is to have the two present leagues run by vice presidents with Mr. Johnson as the president of the combination at a salary of \$25,000 a year.

Then with the major leagues a party of the first part, and the National association (minors), a party of the second part, represented by their respective presidents on a national commission with August Herrmann as chairman, developed a working force in organized baseball that will fully protect the property rights of all interested.

With H. M. Sexton representing the minors and Ban Johnson the majors, baseball would be in the hands of the two ablest men in baseball today and both the majors and minors would welcome Mr. Herrmann as the third party on the commission.

WOULD PROTECT ALL

A combination of this kind would fully protect the interests of baseball, and make secure the great investments in those cities, building, or already built, such as Pittsburgh, New York and St. Louis.

It would be possible and feasible, in some cities, to put the games at one park, where two clubs are located in a city such as Boston, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis. With nonconformity schedules and games every day for six months the public would become familiar with the fine homes of the clubs and the expenses would be much less for the clubs interested.

The chances for new leagues to break into Chicago or Pittsburgh would be lessened, and the annual talk of "outlaw" leagues would cease to be a thing of the past all over the country for a new combination would strengthen the hands of the great minor organization that has grown very powerful during the last three or four years.

BENEFIT TO THE NATIONALS.

While on the face of the proposition, it might seem that the American league was getting a shade the better of the move, and might be the one anxious to see Mr. Johnson at the head of the combination with Mr. Herrmann all powerful, this is not so, however.

The American league has for eight years enjoyed a remarkable executive brain of a born leader, and the magnates of the National league are shrewd business men and are looking to their own protection and can realize how their interests would be protected and their property become more valuable with the new combination.

In H. M. Sexton of Rock Island, the president of the National association, the minor leagues have nothing to fear from a combination as above mapped out. It's absolutely for the best interest of baseball that the major leagues work in harmony, and still more so that the majors work in harmony with the minors, who control the game outside of the 11 cities controlled by the two major leagues.

It is safe to say that inside of two years from now at least \$10,000,000 will be invested in the two major leagues alone, taking baseball plants and players, twice that sum will be invested in the minor leagues, covering the territory from Maine to California. It will therefore take strong characters to handle the business for a break means trouble for all, and the leaders must be good politicians as well as good business men.

GREATEST OF GAMES.

The prosperity of the game is beyond the dream of a lotus eater. All the times and pastimes are there, sharks from the red-hot iron on the anvils.

Amateurs in Line With Professionals in Hanging Up New Time Marks.

More records fractured, new champions made and speed bursts until the crowd could hardly realize what was happening—that was the Salt Palace race meet last night. It has come to be quite usual for records to go glimmering at the saucer, but last night was an exceptionally heavy night and among the baseball world as Napoleon, was on his way to make one of the greatest baseball players that ever pulled on a uniform.

Hitting was always the strong point in the identity of this baseball giant. He led the league in 1901, 1902 and 1903. The first year that he was at the top in the batting list in the American league he had an average of .427.

They may talk about the Del Deltantys and their Sam Thompsons, who were noted for their pounding of the bat, but Lajoie could hit them as hard as any one living. His old years were in 1907 and 1908, when he had an average of .299 and .296. These were the only years that he hit over .300.

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He drove a cab one time and had to hustle to make a living. He never had any idea that he would be anything else than a cab driver until he mingled with the small kids around the baseball lot. Then he got to be a professional ball player, and for a while he was made a member of the Philadelphia club of the National league in 1896 and pounded the ball for an average of .328, away went the cab, and Larry Lajoie was born.

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