

# Sports

## NATIONAL LEAGUE OWNERS SATISFIED

### Existing Conditions In Baseball Declared To Be All Right

New York, Dec. 8.—Satisfaction with existing conditions in baseball was voiced by the owners of the National league clubs who gathered here today for their annual winter meeting.

"Everything is all right. This is just a little social gathering," said Garry Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati club.

"Routine business is all that we have to consider," John A. Heydler, president of the league, said.

Part of the routine business will be the consideration of a proposal that the regular playing season be ended so that the world's series games can start on October 1.

With the exception of Barney Dreyfuss, president of the world's champion Pittsburgh club and a veteran schedule maker, all of the owners are said to be in favor of an earlier closing next fall.

The club owners also may consider a suggestion that no encroachments be permitted on playing fields for world's series games. The field was so short in Pittsburgh last fall that two batters went for homers.

Dreyfuss, who has a hunch that the Pirates are going to be in the series again next fall, is said to be against this proposition also.

While it has been discussed only in whispers, the National league magnates may line up to block any attempt of the American league to place its president, Ban Johnson, back on the throne with Commissioner Landis and John Heydler.

Last winter when Landis demanded a showdown in his feud with Johnson, the American league owners put him on his sore spots by removing Johnson from the advisory council and putting Frank Nevin, Detroit owner and vice president of the league, in his place.

It was reported that the American league owners think that a year of humiliation was sufficient discipline for the war-like Ban and that he should be put back on the board.

Of all the officials gathered for the three days meetings only the Cleveland club representatives admitted that they didn't have a couple of trades pending.

"We haven't anything to trade or sell," E. S. Barnard, president of the Indians, said.

It was reported that the New York Giants would announce today that they had secured Gabby Hartnett, star catcher, from the Chicago Cubs.

Miller Huggins, manager of the Yankees, denied that he had made a deal with the St. Louis Browns for Marty McManus.

### Rocky Kansas Wins Light Weight Title

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 8.—(United Press)—Rocco Tozze, a squat little underling Italian who sold newspapers at the depot 14 years ago and who has been in more than 200 ring battles as Rocky Kansas, was sporting the crown of the world's light weight champion today.

Kansas, the pride of Buffalo, won a 15-round decision from Jimmy Goodrich, another Buffalo native, last night before a crowd of 10,000 spectators and won the title he has been seeking for 14 years. He won nine rounds and had enough of a margin on points to overcome a desperate rally that Goodrich made in the last two rounds.

There is no doubt that he will be recognized as the champion because Goodrich had been accepted as the titleholder by the International Boxing federation and the National Boxing association.

### Alabama Team To Leave For Coast Next Week

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Dec. 8.—(United Press)—Alabama's champion football team will leave next week for the annual Tournament of Roses game at Pasadena, on New Year's Day.

Formal announcement that Alabama has accepted the invitation to represent the east against a Pacific coast eleven was made last night. Coach Wade will take a full squad and plans to leave early enough to give his men a chance to get acclimated.

The Pacific team that will play against Alabama has not been selected.

# FIELD GOALS

By MARK M. UPP

Tonight's attraction—Leaders vs. Huntington Athletics at Catholic high gym. This battle ought to attract a large crowd of fans.

The Reformed church team will make its debut tonight in the preliminary to the Leaders-Huntington game. The Preble Independents will form the opposition. Rev. Fladderjohann is center for the church team.

The announcement that Kendallville high school will dedicate a new gymnasium next Friday night is good news for other teams in this part of the state. For several years, teams have dreaded their games in the Kendallville bull-pen and some schools have even refused to schedule games in Kendallville on account of the poor gym. Kendallville has put out good teams for several years and the school deserves the new gymnasium. The team defeated the fast Laporte quintet at Laporte last week-end, 30-21. The Yellow Jackets play in Kendallville January 9.

"Decatur's Yellow Jackets seem to be starting on the wrong side of the column, having lost their fourth straight to Auburn Friday night, 45-28. Kirkland's Kangaroos also won over the Yellow Jackets but it was Decatur's first game of the season and by the time the Ditz crew play Decatur they should have a well balanced team. 'Sport Shorts' is predicting a close game when these two meet."—Sport Shorts in the Berne Review.

Since there was no by-line on the following poem which appeared in Rip-Offs, Bluffton News, we suppose Rippy is guilty:

"It's easy enough to be a good sport  
When you're ringing your shots with a swish.  
But the player worth while  
Is the one who can smile  
When he misses the whole darn kabish."

Wells county has eight high schools and each school has a gymnasium. Adams county has ten high schools. Only three of them have gymnasiums and two play in halls. Four teams drive to this city and use the old high school gym and one goes to Berne and uses the Berne floor. While the leading teams in Adams county are able to cope with those in Wells county, the teams in Wells county are, as a whole, stronger than those in this county. The answer is obvious.

### LEARN A RULE A DAY IF YOU'D UNDERSTAND THE PLAY.

Believing that a little reviewing of the rules of basketball will help most of us fans to better understand the game and to be better fans, we have decided to print one rule each day in our column. Today's rule: "A player shall not interfere with a player who is returning the ball into the court from out of bounds; that is, no part of his person shall be outside the court." A technical foul. Penalty one free throw.

See you at the game tonight.

## GRANGE'S BANK ROLL IS GROWING

### Wheaton Iceman Pockets \$370,000 In One Day For Doing Various Things

New York, Dec. 8.—(United Press)

With checks in his pocket for \$370,000, representing one day of labor in the big town, Red Grange, the Wheaton ice man, left last night for Washington to play some more football and make some more money.

After knocking off \$30,000 for playing Sunday against the New York Giants at the Polo grounds, Grange spent a few hours signing contracts and examining certified checks.

He got one check for \$300,000 for signing a contract to make one moving picture, with the stipulation that he was not to be the sheik.

He received \$12,000 for allowing the use of his name on a sweater.

He received \$10,000 for authorizing the manufacture of a Red Grange doll.

He received \$5,000 for endorsing a make of shoes, another \$5,000 for writing that he liked a certain brand of ginger ale, and \$2,500 for endorsing a Red Grange cap.

He was offered \$10,000 to say that he preferred a certain kind of cigaret, but he refused on the ground that he didn't smoke but he accepted \$1,000 as a reward for saying that if he smoked he would smoke the brand.

The former Illinois star has 30 more games of football to play and it is understood that he has been guaranteed \$10,000 per game.

### ADAMS COUNTY STANDING

	W	L	Pct.
Berne	6	0	1000
Catholic High	2	0	1000
Hartford	6	1	.857
Jefferson	1	1	.500
Kirkland	3	5	.375
Kirkland	2	5	.286
Monroe	1	3	.250
Pleasant Mills	0	1	.000
Geneva	0	4	.000
Decatur	0	4	.000
Monmouth	0	4	.000

### WELLS COUNTY STANDING

	W	L	Pct.
Rockcreek Dodgers	8	0	1000
Lancaster Bob Cats	5	0	1000
Union Center	3	2	.600
Ossian	4	4	.500
Bluffton Tigers	3	3	.500
Liberty Center	3	3	.500
Petroleum Zippers	2	5	.286
Chester Center	2	6	.250

Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison spent the day in Fort Wayne visiting with friends and relatives.

## LEADERS PLAY HERE TONIGHT

### Local Independent Quintet Meets Fast Huntington Athletics

One of the best basketball games of the present season is in prospect for tonight when the Decatur Leaders meet the Huntington Athletics at the Catholic high school gymnasium. The Huntington team holds one victory over the Leaders' this season, having defeated the locals 27-24 in a game at Huntington a few weeks ago, but the Leaders have strengthened their lineup since that time and are now playing an improved brand of ball. Last week they handed the fast Muncie Reitz team a 36 to 25 defeat on the local court. The Leaders' starting lineup tonight likely will be Mendenhall and Miller; forwards; Christen or Shirk, center; and Kenedy and Crist, guard. Ray "Candy" Miller, the big back guard who was an all-conference selection while playing at Purdue and who was a regular on the Huntington American Legion team when that quintet was in the field, is with the Athletics this season.

In the preliminary game tonight, the Zion Reformed church team will play the Preble Independents. The Rev. A. R. Fladderjohann, pastor of the Reformed church, will play center for the church team. The pre-tim will start at 7:15 o'clock and the big game at 8:15.

### Football And Cycling Are Held More Innocent Sports Than Basketball

New York, Dec. 8.—According to decisions handed down by three of the city's magistrates football and

six-day cycling races are more innocent sports than basketball.

Representatives of the professional football teams which played here on Sunday were arrested for violating the Sunday law and discharged.

The "bike riders" met a similar reception.

Magistrate Jean Norris, a woman, felt differently, however. She fined

five basketball players \$10 each for playing on the Sabbath at New Madison Square Garden.

—The Daily Democrat—Your Paper

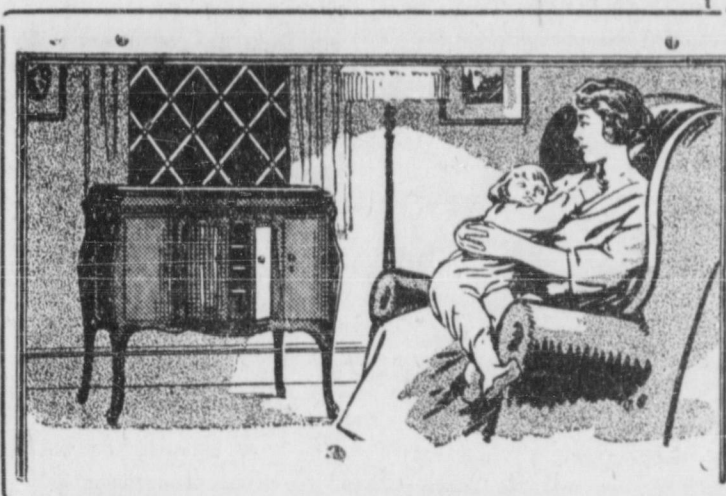


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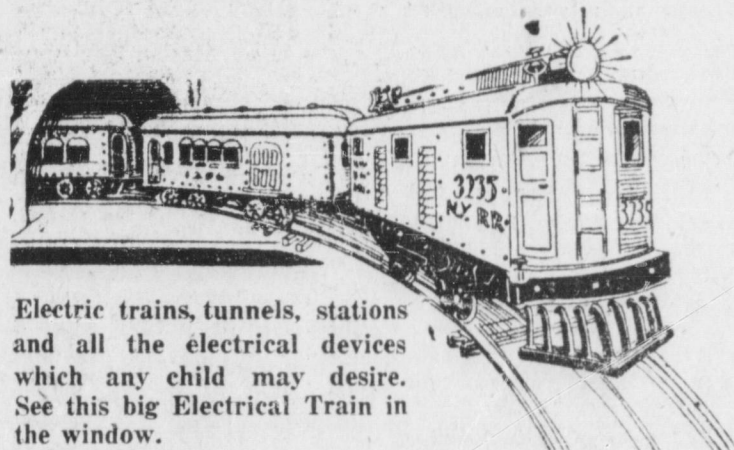


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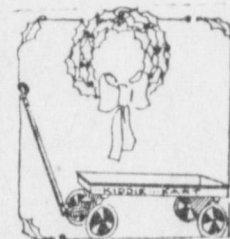
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### Electrical Gifts for

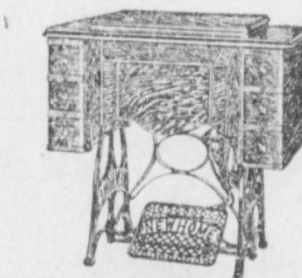
## MOTHER

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