

Sporting News

SOMETHING DOING AT MCGRAW INQUIRY BEFORE NAT. LEAGUE

Giant Manager Ready to Back Up
His Actions and Does Not Fear
Outcome.

New York, Nov. 20.—Joe Villa, writing in the Evening Sun, says: When the board of directors of the National League takes up the Giants' memorable game at Ebbets Field in which the New York team was charged with indifference, the chief witness will be Manager John J. McGraw. The leader of the Giants has deferred his vacation trip in order to appear at the inquiry, which will be conducted in this city on Dec. 11. McGraw is prepared to give excellent reasons why he left the bench on Oct. 3, declaring that some of the Giants had disobeyed his orders. He will make it clear that, in his opinion, his players were not actuated by dishonest motives, but simply refused to play the game up to the required standard. McGraw, according to his closest friends, will offer in evidence a bundle of letters and telegrams received by him for a week or ten days before the final series with the Brooklyn, in which it was pointed out that unless the Giants won four straight games the honesty of the sport would be placed in jeopardy.

MCGRAW'S TESTIMONY.

McGraw will testify that before the game of Oct. 3 he addressed the Giants in the clubhouse at Ebbets Field and urged them to play their best. He offered to give each member of the team a suit of clothes and an overcoat, together with a cash bonus, if the Giants finished in third position. It is said that McGraw will show that \$5,000 or more would have been distributed among his men if they had beaten out the Boston Braves. In other words, McGraw is ready to convince the directors that

he did his best to make the Giants play winning ball against the Brooklyn.

Before he left the Giants' bench McGraw, it will be shown, first asked the consent of President H. N. Hempstead, which was readily secured. The Giants' manager probably will tell the directors some interesting details of the game, which convinced him that his players were indifferent to his wishes. Furthermore, he is expected to show that it was his idea to clear the owners of the New York Club of possible charges of complicity, also to prove that he, personally, did not countenance the ragged playing of his team. It is McGraw's intention to dispel the belief that the game was purposely "thrown" to the Brooklyn and to absolve his men of the charge of criminal negligence. He will stand on his original statement that the team didn't follow his instructions and that he did not care to be a party to what occurred.

The fact that McGraw will be sustained by the New York Club is important. President Hempstead will tell the directors that the Giants' manager did the right thing. When the directors learn the facts, therefore, it is believed that they will agree with many laymen that McGraw had the best interests of baseball at heart when he startled the fans with the charges that soon will be sifted to the bottom. The little field marshal regrets nothing and does not fear the outcome of the pending investigation.

Cyril Dennenny Now Suspended

Comes as no Surprise, as Young Fellow Has Declared His Objections to Playing With Torontos.

The announcement that Manager Livingstone, of the Toronto N. H. A. Club, has suspended Cyril Dennenny, the young left-wing player, comes as no surprise to those who know the player. Manager Livingstone re-

ceived a letter from Dennenny, in which the latter stated that he had a good position in Ottawa and was anxious to play for the team of that city and that he would not report to the Torontos, to which club he belongs. On receipt of this, the Toronto manager wired the player as follows: "You are being badly misled in Ottawa. Your job is only temporary, etc. However, letter received and you are now under indefinite suspension. If you wish to remain out, even for life, the Toronto club will offer no objection."

Those who know Dennenny are aware that the boy does not relish the idea of playing with the Torontos, and on numerous occasions, both last winter and after the close of the season, he expressed a desire to be with some other club. When Ottawa started a professional lacrosse team Dennenny was induced to play with the Senators, and he made his home there during the summer. He likes it in Ottawa and is anxious to stay, so the best thing Manager Livingstone can do is to try and come to some arrangement with the Ottawa club for the transfer of Dennenny. The Toronto owner did make several attempts, it is true, to consummate a deal with the Ottawa club, but when they were made it was felt by nearly everyone that they would be rejected.

In the first place he offered to trade Dennenny for Frank Nighbor. Now everyone knows that Dennenny is far from being a Nighbor, so it was no surprise when Ottawa passed this up without much comment, which is indeed something unusual for Ottawa papers. Then he offered to sell Dennenny for \$1,800, but there is not a hockey player in the game to-day worth near that amount.

If Manager Livingstone insists that Dennenny play in Toronto, and the boy finally decides to come here, then it will be Manager Livingstone who will be the loser. Dennenny will be playing against his feelings and his usefulness on the ice will not be of much value. A player who has not his heart and soul in the game is better on the bench than out on the ice. Dennenny, of course, is just a young fellow and has a lot to learn, but, being married, he is anxious to settle down in one place and not be shifted around from place to place. As he seems to have selected

Ottawa for his home, it would be well to let him settle there.

In adopting the new rule regarding the throwing of the stick, in which the referee is now called upon to award a goal, the N. H. A. officials will be sure to come in for some roasting this winter, especially as only one man will handle the games. Of course, it is a hard thing to overcome, this throwing of the stick, and if the new rule leads to trouble, the N. H. A. will probably adopt another one before the season is over. Rules are easy to make and the N. H. A. magnates are the busy little makers.

TEN MILLION TONS OF SHIPBUILDING NEEDED AFTER WAR

Big Boom for Steel-makers and Allied Industries—The Output in Recent Years.

From present indications shipbuilding will be among the first industries to show activity at the end of the war. The United States, Great Britain, Japan, Canada, Norway and Australia have entered as competitors in shipbuilding.

Before the war the world had just sufficient ships to take care of international commerce. There was a steady annual output to keep pace with the demand and with the normal maritime losses. This annual output of merchant vessels was as follows:—

Year	Number	Tons
1915	743	1,201,638
1914	1,319	2,842,753
1913	1,750	3,332,882
1912	1,719	2,901,769
1911	1,599	2,650,140
1910	1,277	1,957,853
1909	1,063	1,602,057
1908	1,405	1,833,286
1907	1,788	2,778,088
1906	1,836	2,919,763
1905	1,576	2,514,922

Since 1914, with the diversion of shipyards to naval construction, shortage of labor and other causes, the annual output decreased, leaving shortage of new construction, conservatively estimated at 3,500,000 gross tons. The amount of shipping destroyed up to the end of October verges on 3,500,000 tons. In addition to these ships to be replaced is the average annual building of nearly 3,000,000 tons, based on 1911-13 figures, and an indeterminate quantity of construction for ships in service due to incessant voyages and consequent extraordinary depreciation.

10,000,000 TONS NEW SHIPS. Destructions continue, and the improvement in the number of vessels launched has been comparatively slight. Therefore, if the war came to a sudden conclusion within a few months, shipbuilding yards would face the problem of constructing 10,000,000 tons of new ships with a capacity of about 3,500,000 tons, in addition to the ships under construction and on order in the current year, while the number of ships to be replaced increases daily. American yards have orders to keep them busy up to 1918. German shipyards are working on mammoth liners, some of which have been delayed since 1913.

According to an important American shipbuilder, in the construction of 10,000,000 tons of steamships, the quantity of structural steel, apart from machinery, would be between five and six million tons, and the copper requirements for foundry work without considering electrical equipment, dynamo, insulation, steam fittings, etc., would be about ten thousand tons. Machinery and electrical construction is so varied as to be beyond estimate.

Treated Her So Awful

That's Why Bullets Hit Where a Villan Should Have Been.

The villan was acting up awfully with the defenceless heroine, says a despatch from Hammond, Ind. He was choking her. In a minute or so he would throw her into the river. She struggled. She scratched. The fiend in human form who had her in his power sneered.

Slowly his fingers tightened about the fair, white throat. Well, anyway, John Sebastian couldn't stand it any longer. John had come over from East Chicago to have a good time. This was too much. Leaping up, John whipped out a revolver. A strange sound escaped him and the revolver spoke. It was his answer to the villan.

John was finally overpowered. Taken to the police station, his nerves were still upset. "I couldn't stand to see it," he wailed. "He treated her so awful."

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