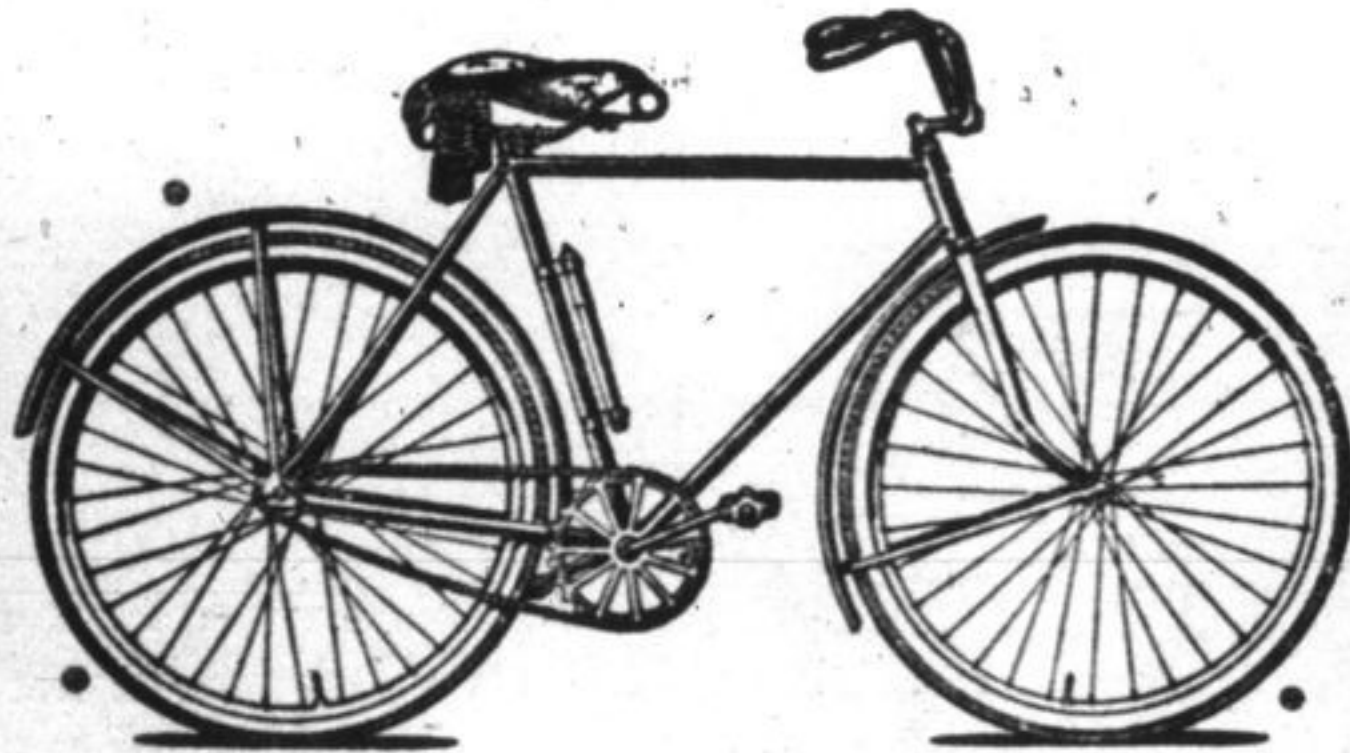


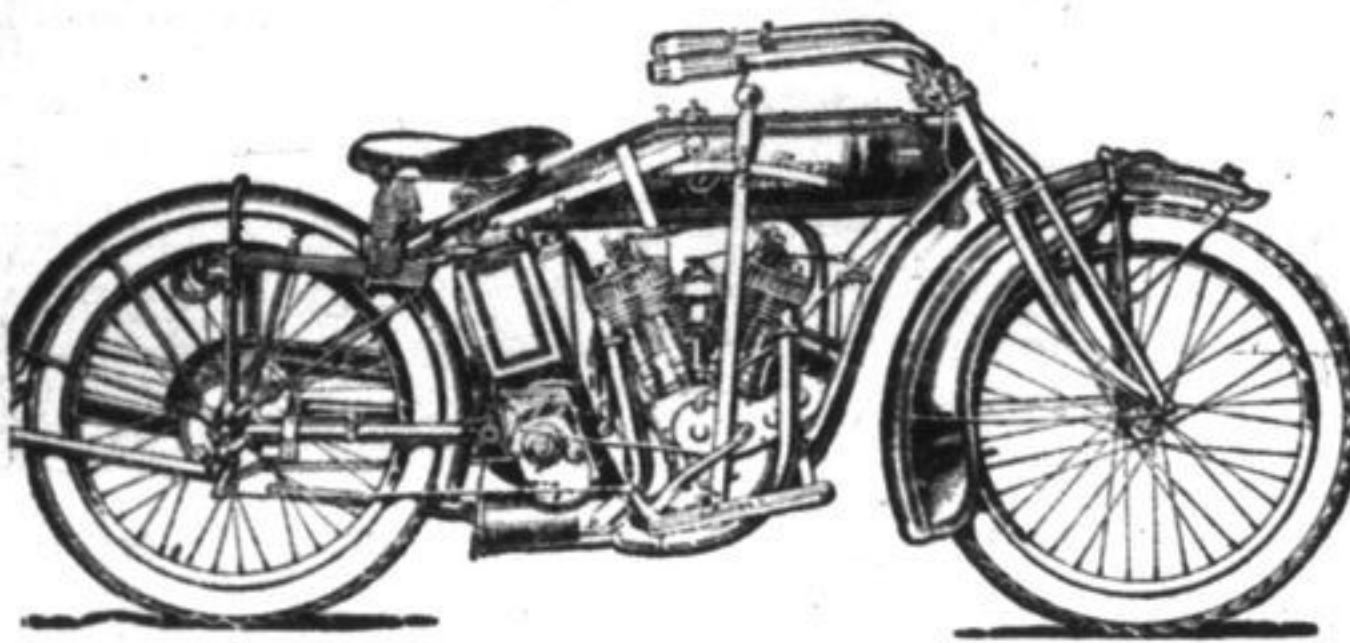
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UGLY SCANDAL IN NATIONAL

THE DIRECTORS UPHOLD TENER AGAINST MCGRAW

McGraw Charges Discrimination in Favor of Phillies and is Expected to Make Revelations Concerning National League's Umpiring System.

The New York National League club was coldly turned down by the directors of the National League, that body voting to uphold President John K. Tener in his action of giving Manager John J. McGraw of the Giants \$500 and sentencing him to sixteen days' vacation for striking Umpire "Bill" Byron after a game in Cincinnati recently. President Harry N. Hempstead of the Giants immediately filed a second appeal with the league against the severe punishment which President Tener had inflicted on McGraw.

The directors only answer was that, according to the rules, there is no appeal from the President's decision on suspension and fines, the only appeal being in the case of a player expelled by the head of the league. Then the seven directors of the league voted that President Tener had been fully justified in inflicting the severe penalty on the Giants' manager. Umpires Byron and Quigley were both present at the meeting. They were not invited to speak.

The directors will meet again when Manager McGraw has been ordered to appear before the board and explain several interviews which he is alleged to have made against President Tener. In these interviews McGraw is credited with charging Tener with showing favoritism to the Philadelphia club at the expense of the Giants. The whole scandal will be thrashed out again, when it is expected that McGraw will set off a large assortment of fireworks among the directors on the umpire question.

Those present at the meeting were August Herrman, Cincinnati; Percy D. Haughton, Boston; W. F. Baker, Philadelphia; Barney Dreyfus, Pittsburgh; Branch Rickey, St. Louis; Charles H. Ebbets, Brooklyn; Charles H. Weeghman, Chicago; and Harry H. Hempstead, New York.

Not since the early days of baseball has a trial of greater importance held the attention of the magnates. But two other events of a similar character in the history of the National League can be said to have had equal interest. These were the expulsion in 1877 of players Devlin, Hall, Nichols and Craver for throwing baseball games in the important series for the benefit of gambling cliques, and the elimination in 1912 of Horace Fogel, President of the Philadelphia club, who criticized the conduct of the national game and charged discrimination against his club.

Griff is Willing to Sell.

One report from Washington has it that Clark Griffith is so discouraged because of the poor success of his team and consequent jars with certain of the club directors that he is willing and even anxious to sell his interest in the club and retire. It does not seem to be denied that Griff sounded Fielder Jones on a proposition to take over his interest, but Jones declined, saying he could not see Washington as a baseball city. Another plan of Griff's was that the two of them go in together buying out the other stockholders and running the team in partnership.



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ED. BARROW TRYING

To Match Leonard and Kilbane to Fight in Toronto.

The New York Times says: Efforts are being made by Edward G. Barrow, president of the International League, to arrange a match between Benny Leonard, world's lightweight champion, and Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, featherweight champion.

According to the reports, Barrow intends, if he is successful in his negotiations, to stage the contest in the baseball park of the Toronto club at Toronto, Canada. The International League President is said to have offered the sum of \$15,000 for the bout, but Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, has not as yet given any indication of his attitude in the matter. Gibson is waiting on news from Washington regarding Leonard's entrance into the army or navy.

The Missing Ingredient.

There's many a lad in the bushes today

With an arm good enough in the majors to stay; There's many a boy with the brains and the speed

Of the sort that follows up yonder all need;

He has feet that are fast, or a well-controlled curve,

Or a hard-hitting stick, but he hasn't the nerve.

There's many a man who comes up from the bush

And tries for a place in the crush and the push;

He is there with the stuff, and he knows all the tricks,

But after a while he goes back to the sticks;

Should you seek why his course from the Big time should

swerve,

You will find that it's simply—he hasn't the nerve.

There's many a boxer we see in the ring,

With a Vulcan-made fist and the style of a King;

He's a marvel to watch as he works in the gym,

And we figure the best will all fall before him;

But he's through in the ring, with no fame to preserve—

When it came to the test he was lacking in nerve.

So we grumble at luck, and we cavil at fate

If we stare on through life at a minor league gait;

We charge all misfortune to ingrowing luck,

And we never once think of an absence of pluck;

And a bush leaguer's lot is the best you deserve

When you've got all the stuff, but you're lacking in nerve!

Great Britain Bans Dog Shows.

Dog shows in Great Britain have been abolished through the operation of a Defence of the Realm regulation recently issued in spite of the protests of dog owners throughout the kingdom. The occasion for the prohibition was the point raised that dogs, and particularly those used for shows, were consuming too much food which was required for men. Coupled with it were complaints of the over-running of the kingdom by tramp and mongrel dogs. So the order abolishing tramp dogs and, with them, the dog show, was issued. The Ladies' Kennel Association members unanimously pledged themselves to feed to none of their pets food fit for human consumption, in hopes of preventing the blow.

With the order went one requiring the registration of all dogs and the killing of those not registered under a stiff fee. British fanciers are in consequence flooding the American market with offers of show dogs, many of them champions of many breeds at prices which would have seemed absurd even so lately as a year ago.

Toledo fans are up in arms over the showing of ~~Redent~~ Bedient's club, and the critics are panning the players in rare style. Pitcher Bedient has, according to reports, deserted the club. One critic remarked that Bedient had hidden himself some where in New York State to escape army service. Cy Barger, the former Rochester first baseman, has succeeded Mike Donlin as manager of the Memphis club of the Southern League. After an absence of a year or so from active participation in athletics, "Ed" Fabre, Montreal, is coming back.

TY. COBB BATTLES BACK INTO LEAD

Georgian Deposits Speaker From Premier Batting Position.

For the first time since August, 1916, Ty Cobb is leading the American League in batting. Coming from behind with a rush, the Detroit star deposed Tris Speaker, of Cleveland, to whom he surrendered the championship batting honors last season. The Georgian's average is .353, according to unofficial figures. Speaker is three points behind him. Cobb has driven out 61 hits in 47 games, including twelve doubles, nine triples and one home run. Roth, of Cleveland, is the leading base stealer with 17. Chapman, Cleveland, holds the sacrifice hitting honors with 29. Weaver, of Chicago, leads in runs scored with 36. Boston is showing the way in team batting with an average of .242.

Leading batters who have participated in half of their club's games: Cobb, Detroit, .353; Speaker, Cleveland, .350; Rummel, St. Louis, .333; McInnis, Philadelphia, .321; Slater, St. Louis, .308; Veach, Detroit, .304; Wambagans, Cleveland, .301; Chapman, Cleveland, .297; Strunk, Philadelphia, .294.

A single point separates Burns, of New York, and Roush, of Cincinnati, tied a week ago, for the leadership of the National League. Burns leads with an average of .343. The New Yorker also is leading in runs scored with 35 and is pressing Zelder for stolen base honors, being one behind the Chicagoan, who has 12. Wheat, of Brooklyn, and Doyle, of Chicago, are tied for sacrifice hitting with 12 each.

Hornsby, of St. Louis, is giving Cravath a race for home run honors. Hornsby having five and the Philadelphia star six. Philadelphia is leading in team batting with .264.

Leading batters who have participated in half of their club games: Burns, New York, .342; Roush, Cincinnati, .342; Jack Smith, St. Louis, .336; Cruise, St. Louis, .333; Fischer, Pittsburgh, .327; Kauff, New York, .317; Hornsby, St. Louis, .317; Zimmerman, New York, .309; Wheat, Brooklyn, .306; Whitte, Philadelphia, .302; Kihner, Philadelphia, .301; Groh, Cincinnati, .290.

Not Popular in Cincinnati.

John McGraw claims to be popular in Cincinnati. But judging from the following letter written by Rev. Fred N. McMillan, of Redville, to President Tener, the Giants' pugnaeous leader isn't very well liked:

"Do we go to the ball parks to watch a sportsmanlike contest or to witness such an exhibition of rawdism as characterizes the gatherings of toughs and thugs? No such language is heard, no such scenes are witnessed when Stallings, Moran, Mitchell, Huggins, Callahan and Robinson come here with their teams. There is a growing impression that the officers of the National League tolerate things from McGraw which they would not tolerate from other men, and this impression has its effect on the standing and success of the national game everywhere."

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