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NO CHANGE IN THE CENTRAL CIRCUIT.

SPRINGFIELD IN THE LEAGUE

Backers of Dugan Will Build Park—Sale of Grand Rapids Club Pleases Fans and Magnates.

Springfield, O., will positively be a member of the Central league. The trouble which stirred up the magnates and officers of the league last week have been satisfactorily adjusted and all negotiations for a transfer of the franchise to Lima, O., Canton, O., and Marion, Ind., have been called off.

The settlement was brought about through the activity of President Carmen, who as soon as he received word that all was not as it should be in the Ohio city, took steps to learn the exact cause of the trouble and was notified that General Manager F. J. Green, of the Springfield, Troy & Piqua Railway company, had received word that the Springfield T. M. C. A. would fight Sunday baseball in that city. It was also learned that W. A. Dugan, holder of the franchise awarded to Springfield was alleged to be playing a holdup game with the Central league and the club. His play, it is said, was a threat to move the team to some other city if the plans for a baseball plant which he had prepared were not accepted.

In view of the fact that Dugan's plans called for a grandstand and club house on a major league plan they were rejected and Dugan started to carry out his threat.

Having heard this explanation the trouble was taken up with President John L. Bushnell, of the traction company, who is at Los Angeles, Cal., and he at once telegraphed back and forth, assured that his company would do anything within reason for the interests of baseball in Springfield. With this information in a statement from Manager Green, the matter was settled here (Springfield) and Troy is still "Troy."

Last of Syndicate Ball.

The sale of the Grand Rapids Central league franchise by Isadore Mautner, of Fort Wayne, and John I. Heenan of Terre Haute, to John Gansel, first baseman of the New York American league team, and Phillip Arnold, of Grand Rapids, has been completed, relatively in The Tribune, removes the last vestige of syndicate ball from the league and adds greatly to the strength of the organization. Every team in the league now is under home rule and private management and based by local capital. Mautner and Heenan will now devote their time to building or strengthening a team for Fort Wayne and Terre Haute and will undoubtedly make a strong effort to give Grand Rapids a pennant winning team.

Gansel resides at Grand Rapids and is personally popular in that city. Such being the case he will undoubtedly receive strong support. In the past and the Wolverine city will be counted on as one of the biggest money-making cities in the league this year.

Gansel's connection with an associated press through from New York assures Manager Griffith, of the Fishhawks, will not release Gansel and allow him to [illegible] at Grand Rapids [illegible] Griffith is now negotiating with the New York magnate which will allow him to wear a Wolverine uniform this year.

The sale of the Grand Rapids franchise was made on Friday and the negotiations were finished over the phone.

McGraw Signs With Louisville.

Teddy McGraw, the best shortstop in the Central league during the two seasons of the organization, has accepted terms with the Louisville American team. He signed a contract this week.

McGraw was sold to Louisville by W. A. Dugan, owner of the Marion team of last year, for the regular draft price of $500 and McGraw's release. The Marion team was also sold to Louisville but he has not been able to come to terms with Tebeau. The Louisville team this year will have a Central league contingent of McGraw, Kennedy, Ward, besides the above men, Spencer, Caskey, Powell, Ferguson and Coffey, of South Bend. Of the quartette, Coffey is the only man who has not accepted terms.

Rules for Championship Series.

Rules and regulations governing the championship series of baseball games each fall between the winning clubs in the National and American leagues were given out yesterday by Ban Johnson.

By the rules the leaves of the two clubs getting it out for the pennant will get 40 per cent of the gross receipts "from the first four games" of the series. As the series is to consist of seven games, it is apparent that the necessary-club rules evidently are framed with extreme caution to guard against hippodroming.

The main features of the document are as follows:

Seven games shall constitute a complete series. The national commission shall permission a schedule. Three games shall be scheduled in each of the cities of the contesting clubs. The commission shall determine by lot where the first three games shall be played. In case of a seventh game to decide the event the commission shall determine by lot which of the cities shall have it.

The national commission shall reserve the right to postpone the series at any time if it deems the interest of baseball demands it, and to decline one of the contesting clubs the winner of its championship regardless of the conditions existing.

The president of the National league and the president of the American league shall each select one umpire from their respective leagues, and the umpires so selected shall be assigned to duty and be subject to the order of the chairman of the national commission.

Each contesting club shall reserve the exclusive right to sell the tickets for games played upon its own grounds with reserve in the conduct of its business affairs in connection therewith, but the visiting club shall also be allowed its proportion of the proceeds, deducting taxes and facilities it may require to properly protect the interests of the club and its players. Provided, however, that the captain of the home team shall have authority to direct the police to determine whether the gate receipts be. This authority will be delegated to the umpires. If they fail to serve the umpire whose ——— It is to officiate behind the plate will decide as to the condition of the grounds.

Mass is In Disfavor.

Second Baseman Mass, the brilliant player who jumped the Staples team the close of last season and who expected to play at Akron, O., this year will return to the latter town and be with Akron in Wheeling. A dispatch from Wheeling says:

"Until just a few days ago, Hoiss Mass thought that he was coming to Akron to play ball next season, despite the fact that he had signed with Wheeling. Mass thought that he was on the wrong track altogether when he signed with Wheeling after having signed with Akron at the close of last season. He has been informed through the directors of the Akron club that he is not wanted in Akron if he does not play ball here. He has also been told he could not come to Akron and play if he would play for nothing. They don't like the treatment he gave the club and they don't think he is fair enough to play with the Akron club. Mass expects to play with the Akron club, but the only time he can do so is go to Wheeling. He will be placed on second base in the Central league."

Mighty Curtis For Sale.

"Gene Curtis is for sale. The Wheeling Baseball association will definitely dispose of the quondam terror to Cleveland, Chicago and Boston, Sunday, Feb., announced Wheeling Press.

"There is no doubt that Gene was once a mighty slinger, but as a fielder he—well what's the use of being a fielder? Curtis is the best pitcher in the Central league. He had altered the baseball lawyers like a menace and then there came a fall that at there dropped from the social heights to the depths of despair. Curtis is a fine fellow, history did nothing show such a complete reversal of form in one season as did Gene.

"Gene was the idol of Bridgeton, Steubenville and Wheeling. He was forced by all the baseball fans to be a Single Tenfooter for the baltimore features and nearly Sunday. The language of Bastian the newest, the Gene was the idol of the fans. The Gene was worshipped by the fans and the unassuming pitcher, Gene, Gene's latter was compelled to make the top-notch of ecstatic material and he had gone—Gone—Gone—