COMMITTEE PASSES ON BASEBALL RULES

Heydler, Johnson and Farrell Complete Work of Codifying Interleague Laws.

SETTLE THE PLAYER LIMIT

Provide for Enforcement of Draft Regulations and Conduct of Landis's Office.

The committee named by Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis a few weeks ago to draft and codify new interleague working rules for organized baseball, Messrs. John A. Heydler, Bancroft B. Johnson and John H. Farrell, met yesterday, at Mr. Hedler's offices in this city, to pass upon the completed results of their labors and found them good. The Presidents of the two major leagues and the Secretary of the association of minor leagues have drawn up a simple list of statutes which reduces to the lowest terms and clarifies a mass of detail deliberately omitted when the recent agreements were framed between the major leagues and between the majors and the minors.

One of the salient features of the new code, which is dealt with almost at the outset of the document, is the player limit rule, provision for the enforcement of which is made. Each club is to be allowed to carry on its roster forty players during the off season and twenty-five from May 1 to Sept. 1. In this number, according to the new laws, players held by a club under the elastic band of an optional agreement must be counted as members.

Incidentally, parsimony will have to be exercised in the matter of these optional agreements, for a limit is set upon them by the new regulations. Each big league team may have hereafter only eight men thus farmed out and subject to recall before the trading season begins. Class AA leagues find a six-player limit imposed. Bodies of Class A rating will operate under an allowance of five athletes thus retained, and the limit for Class B is four and for Class C three.

Provision is also made in the body of rules for the enforcement of the draft regulations, as well as working plans for the conduct of the office of Judge Landis, Commissioner of Organized Baseball.

Five leagues have rejected the principle of the draft. These are the three Class AA organizations, the New International, the American Association and the Pacific Coast League; the Western League, of Class A rating, and the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa League, better known as the Three I, which is a Class B body. Clubs of these leagues will not be allowed to exercise on teams of leagues of inferior status the privilege which they deny to bodies of higher rating. Nor will they be able under the laws made public yesterday to acquire a drafted player within a year of the time when he was drafted.

The following players of the Yankee squad are to leave New York for the training camp at Shreveport, La., at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon over the Pennsylvania Railroad: John Clifford, Alex Ferguson, Tom Godfrey and Ed Le Pard, pitchers, and Ed Grassick, catcher. Trainer Woods and Groundkeeper Schenck will be in the party also, as will a round dozen or so of sport writers representing New York newspapers. Charles McManus and Mark Roth of the Yankee executive staff will be in charge of the expedition.

At Harrisburg, Pa., Joe Munson, outfielder, and Scout Joe Kelley will board the train. Sid Agnew, outfielder, and Charles Agnew, a catcher just signed by Bob Shawkey, will swing into line at Philadelphia.

Colonel Ruppert, President of the club, and Business Manager Ed Barrow will not start South until about March 1. Colonel Huston, part owner of the team, is to go from Dover Hall, Ga., and Manager Huggins from Cincinnati.

Other recruits aside from those mentioned above are to go to Shreveport directly from their homes. The veterans will swing aboard the train on Saturday, March 5.

Word was received yesterday at the Giants' offices by Secretary Joseph D. O'Brien from Mike Gonzales, the backstop, now at his old home in Cuba, that he would accompany Manager McGraw and George Burns to San Antonio, leaving Havana late next week.

A game has been arranged between the Giants and the Princeton Tigers, to be played at the Polo Grounds on Monday, April 11. This will take the place of the usual pre-season battle with the Yale nine, which is prevented this year by the Southern trip of the Blue team.

Two more training season games have been scheduled for McGraw's men. On Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, in the very earliest stages of the workcut exercises, the Giants are to play San Antonio on that team's diamond. A week later, on March 12 and 13, they meet the Detroit Tigers on the same field.

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