

SPORTS

WORLD TOURIST BASEBALL PLAYERS ARRIVE HOME

Greeted With Much Noise at New York Port — Made Nearly \$100,000 On Trip.

New York, March 6.—The world grand American baseball players, who came home today in a snow storm, while harbor craft tooted and envoys from the Federal league figuratively waved enticing contracts, the Giant White Sox combination drew into Quarantine shortly after 8 o'clock.

FEDS LOSE FIRST BOUT
The Federal league representatives were unable to obtain passes to board the Lusitania to greet the travelers down the bay. Organized baseball was more fortunate in having obtained revenue cutter passes in advance and a delegation was able to board the ship before she came to her pier.

NOISY GREETING
The ferry boat Niagara chartered for the occasion and laden with fans steamed down the bay to greet the tourists. Men and boys on board dressed in baseball uniforms, waved flags and waved flags to the band played. A light snow was still falling as the Lusitania nosed her way up the river. The ball players stood at the rails cheering while in response to the welcome and one of them unfurled a huge American flag. In a final concert on the liner last night Herman Schreier sang, German songs and Mike Donohue displayed his talents in an entertainment.

STARTED OCT 18
The Giants-White Sox baseball touring party sailed in Cincinnati on Saturday Oct. 18 where the first game of the long schedule was played against the Cincinnati club. From their the players traveled in a special train by easy stages to the Pacific coast, playing frequent games en route. Doubtless the financial success of the trip were early removed by the unexpectedly large attendance and when the squad sailed from Seattle on Nov. 19, thirty-two games had been played in thirty-three days.

The party arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 8, four days later a route was laid out from Japan, the tour carried the tourists to China, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Europe and England.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT GAMES
During the foreign part of the tour the largest attendance was recorded in Japan, Australia and England. The biggest gate receipts were collected at the game played in London on Feb. 28 when 10,000 spectators including King George witnessed the defeat of the Giants by the White Sox in a sensational eleven inning game. This game officially closed the tour, the sailing from Liverpool on Feb. 27.

MADE NEARLY \$100,000
More than twenty games were played during the trip and the list would have been larger but for rain at Paris, Rome and several cities in China and Japan. Notwithstanding these setbacks the financial returns were far in excess of expectations and the profits are estimated at nearly \$100,000.

PLAN FUTURE TOURS
Tentative plans have already been made for future tours during the winters of 1914-15 and 1915-16. South America, Africa and part of the territory covered during the present tour will be revisited.
Many of the players enrolled in the present party have expressed their willingness to embark under similar conditions for the future. A mapped out tour is being planned.

NEARLY ALL GEL OFFERS
Nearly every player received some sort of offer from the Federals by wireless. None, however, announced any intention of signing. Dick Egan, the Cincinnati second baseman recently sold to Brooklyn, promptly signed with the latter club. This speaker said he would sign with the Boston and Doolan made the same promise to Baker of Philadelphia.

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Dark Cloud In The Background
New York, March 6.—Behind the welcome home extended today to the returned world touring Giants and White Sox, there were matters having to do with plans for war against the new Federal league, occupied the attention of the major league in the councils of organized baseball.

TO SETTLE EVER'S CASE
At the National league meeting final disposition of the Evers case was expected to be announced during the day. The report that Charles P. Taft, who purchased the holdings of Charles W. Murphy in the Chicago Cubs was expected to arrive in town during the day to meet with those who purchased added interest to what action the National league would take with reference to the future ownership of the Chicago club.

The victory in the lecture caused by the retirement of Murphy was another matter for consideration. An informal meeting of the National Commission was also held to be one of the chief features of the day.

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SHURTLEFF WITHDRAWS FROM TOURNAMENT

First Game Played in J. M. U. Gymnasium — Students Hold Meeting—100 Visitors Here—Mil. likin Favorite.

Coach Ashmore received a telegram from Manager Shodgrass of the Shurtleff basketball team Thursday afternoon, stating that the Shurtleff team would not participate in the tournament at Decatur which opened this afternoon. Shodgrass gave the reason for the withdrawal of the Shurtleff quintet, that the men were not in condition on account of sickness and in jury.

He stated that the Upper Altun team finished all except one of her scheduled games and then disbanded. It is the opinion of a number of the officials of the Illinois Intercollegiate association that on account of not participating in the tournament the Shurtleff team will hereafter be barred from the association.

MEANS BETTER GAMES
This withdrawing of Shurtleff will necessitate some changes in the schedule, but these will be arranged so that the Milikin Wesleyan game will be played tonight as scheduled. There will be two games at every session and if anything the absence of the Shurtleff team will tend to make the games of a better class, said Coach Ashmore.

LINCOLN TAKES PLACE
Coach Ashmore telegraphed to all of the teams to be here at 1 o'clock this afternoon if possible to attend a conference to rearrange the schedule. Lincoln will probably take Shurtleff's place throughout the tournament and as Lincoln has a much stronger team than Shurtleff this will raise the standard of the games.

100 VISITORS HERE
The Lincoln team arrived this morning on the 10:30 Illinois Central. McKendree arrived on the eleven o'clock Walcott from St. Louis. The Charles ton Normal aggregation came in on the 9:00 Illinois Central. The other teams arrived this morning.

Nearly 100 out of town visitors are here for the tournament.

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Kick Him for Us
A Los Angeles writer says "The Coast league extends thanks to the fans for signing Garrett Bush, undoubtedly picked as the worst umpire in the world. The cheer will now sing 'Never kick an old friend till he is lying down'."

Chiefs Now "The Blues"
Manager Joe Tinker has officially designated the Chicago Federals the Chicago Blues with the O. K. of First Street West. The Chicago team will wear blue stockings and blue trimmed uniforms.

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