

# BASEBALL ILLS LAID AT DOOR OF DEPRESSION

## Landis Sums Up Situation

GALVESTON (Tex.) Nov. 13. (AP)—Kenesaw Mountain Landis, commissioner of baseball, believes there is nothing wrong with the game except "depression."

"Steel, factories, railroads, newspapers, agriculture, live stock, baseball—we all rode down together and we'll all ride back together," he said today.

Landis arrived here for the annual convention of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues and was met by W. G. Bramham of Durham, N. C., president, and members of the executive committee of the association. They all echoed his belief that baseball's troubles would end as soon as the ills of business and industry are remedied.

"A man can't go to a baseball game when he doesn't have any money," Landis said. "He can't have any money as long as he doesn't have a job."

The league presidents cited instances of capacity crowds turning out to games last season when the gates were thrown open without charge or admission prices were reduced to a nominal figure on special occasions.

"That shows," Landis said, "that the American people still love the great game of baseball. Many of them now are peering over the fence or through it and they will return as a paid customer as soon as they have any money."

The commissioner declared other sports were not cutting into the baseball attendance.

"Golf is in the same boat with us," he said. "Memberships in fashionable clubs which once cost \$5000 now are down to \$250."

"One sport isn't hurt by an increase in popularity of another sport. We like to see other games prosper. When a man takes a liking to one sport, it usually enhances his liking for all of them."

League presidents, club officials, scouts and players from every section of the nation came to discuss their own future and that of the game. The convention proper will not open until Wednesday, but the executive committee already has started consideration of questions before it and plans to meet again tomorrow.

Landis was host at a luncheon to Bramham, Alvin Gardner of Dallas, Warren O. Giles of Rochester and Dale Gear of Topeka, presidents, respectively, of the Texas, International and Western leagues, and members of the executive committee.

## Phillies Land Oana in Trade

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13. (AP)—The Phillies of the National Baseball League today announced a trade with the Portland (Or.) club which brings Outfielder Henry K. (Prince) Oana, who led the Pacific Coast League in extra-base hits last season, to the Phils in exchange for three players and cash.

Frank Ragland, a pitcher, and Jimmy McLeod, infielder, both obtained from the Albany (N. Y.) International League club last year, are two of the players going to Portland. The third man, whose name was not announced, will be sent to the Coast in the spring. The amount of cash was not announced.

Oana, a six-foot, 198-pound ball player, turned in a batting average of .332 in 174 games last year. He played with the San Francisco Seals in 1929, with Globe, in the Arizona State League, in 1930, and went back to San Francisco in 1931. He was traded to Portland at the end of the 1932 season.

## Bill Reinhart Ill With Flu

EUGENE (Or.) Nov. 13. (AP)—Taken ill after a scouting trip to California two weeks ago, Bill Reinhart, head basketball and baseball coach and freshman football mentor at the University of Oregon, was removed to a hospital here today for observation. Reinhart caught cold in his shoulder, fractured during his football days at Oregon. Neuritis set in, and his physicians said his cold had developed into influenza. His condition was described as painful but not critical.

