

MOGULS CONFIDENT PEACE IS AT HAND

Ban Johnson and Weeghman Feel Sure Hatchet Will Be Buried at Pow-wow

Reported That Edward Gwinner, of Pittsburgh Feds, May Purchase Athletics or Cleveland Club

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Confident that the baseball war is practically at an end, with only minor matters easy of adjustment to be arranged, leaders of the fight left tonight to attend the peace meeting at Cincinnati tomorrow. In the party were President Johnson, Charles Weeghman and President Chivington, of the American Association. Each said peace was assured.

Mr. Johnson declined to say definitely whether delay in the withdrawal of the Federal League's suit would hold up the peace pact's being announced as signed. At Cincinnati the National Commission, defendant in the suit, will consult Attorney George Williams, of St. Louis, one of organized baseball's counsel. To the absence of Keene Addington, the Federal League attorney, was attributed failure of the third league to withdraw the suit, as expected, today.

Mr. Weeghman confirmed reports that he is to get the Chicago National League club with the conclusion of peace. A meeting of directors of the Chicago Federal League club was held in his office this afternoon, but what took place there was not announced.

"Everything is set between organized baseball and the Federal League," said Mr. Weeghman, "looking toward a peace agreement. If we do not come together now we never will. The end, I hope, will come tomorrow at Cincinnati, when, if nothing unlooked for occurs, the deals will be closed.

"I will buy the Cubs and they will play on the North Side at the Federal Park and Joe Tinker will be the manager. So far as I know now, no one but the present stockholders of the Federal League club will be associated with me. Of course, this all hinges on what happens at Cincinnati."

None of the persons directly involved in the settlement of the war would confirm stories as to the details of the peace plans. That the meeting would be brief was predicted by President Johnson, who said it would probably begin about noon and be over by night.

Edward Gwinner, chief stockholder in the Pittsburgh Federals, will attend the Cincinnati meeting as well as other prominent men in the third league, according to Mr. Weeghman. Mr. Gwinner may take an active part in the Cleveland American League club's settlement, or may be a purchaser of part or all of the Philadelphia Athletics, it was hinted.