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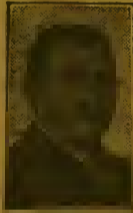
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## WORLD'S SERIES!

Despite the Uncertainty as to the Winner in Each Major League, the National

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Cincinnati, O., October 5.—The National Commission has been hampered in its plans for the starting of the World's Championship series because up to date the winner in each league is not yet declared. Heretofore the contestants in the world's series have been so well determined about a week before the close of the major league races that the Commission could safely proceed with its arrangements of dates and other details. This year the National Commission's hands have been tied. In order not to be caught napping, the Commission, after a conference last



A. Herrmann

week, decided to frame up schedules for every possible contingency, providing for any one of three cities in the National League and any one of four in the American. In this way the schedule for the series can be announced as soon as the championships are determined. This was accomplished at an all-day session last Wednesday by Messrs. Herrmann and Pulliam. In addition, admission tickets have been printed for any possible combination that may result out of the first three clubs in the National and the first four in the American, so that no time may be lost when the winners are finally known. It was announced to-day at Commission headquarters that if neither Chicago teams get into the World series, the Cubs and White Sox will play a Chicago City championship series under the auspices of the National Commission. In St. Louis there will be no post-season series, the St. Louis American players having voted the proposition down. In Philadelphia, Boston and New York there will also be no post-season series this Fall.

### SCHEDULE ARRANGED

For the World's Series Contestants, No Matter Who Wins.

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Cincinnati, O., October 6.—According to Chairman Herrmann, of the National Commission, if the Giants win the pennant, as now seems most likely, the world's series will begin in New York on next Friday, October 9, probably, and not later than Saturday, anyway. The Saturday game is sure to be played at the Polo Grounds. If the White Sox should win in the American League a Sunday game will be played in Chicago, the two teams, the umpires, officials and newspaper men being rushed from New York to Chicago on a special train running on the same schedule as the Twentieth Century Limited. The Commission has arranged for such transportation. Of course, if Cleveland wins in the American League no Sunday game will be played, and probably no attempt will be made to play on Sunday in Detroit. The



BLAINE DURBIN

Pitcher of the Chicago National League Club

Blaine Durbin, the young south-paw pitcher of the Chicago National League Club, has had a very limited but highly successful career. He is only 23 years old. His home is in Fort Scott, Kan., where he learned to play ball on the sand lots. Later he played with the St. Benedict's College at Atchison. In 1904 he branched out professionally with the Fort Scott team in the Missouri Valley League. In 1905 he became a member of the Joplin, Mo., team when the Missouri Valley League changed its name to the Western Association and rearranged its circuit. With the Joplin team Durbin developed rapidly and in the 1906 season he was the star pitcher of this league. During the season he pitched in 24 games, of which he won 21. His record included 10 shut-outs and only an average of five hits per game were made off him. He also pitched in the sensational 20-inning game of September 4 with Webb City, in which neither team scored a run. In August of 1906 the Chicago National League Club purchased his release. He has been a member of the team ever since, though used only as substitute pitcher and outfielder.

Commission has drawn schedules for every possible contingency, and will make an official announcement as soon as the winning teams are determined.

### THAT CUBAN TRIP.

All Arrangements Perfected by Manager Bancroft, of the Reds.

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Cincinnati, O., October 5.—Manager Bancroft, who will take the Red barnstormers to Havana, Cuba, on November 1, has completed the arrangements. The transportation money has been received and the team

was selected last week. Here it is: Pitchers, Spade, Dubec and Campbell; catchers, Schlei and McLean; first base, Hoblitzel; second base, Huggins; third base, Lobert; short-stop, Hulswitt; left field, Kane; centre field, Dubec or Spade, and right field, Mitchell. This team, augmented by Ewing and possibly by Otto Knabe, will tour the Central States previous to their sailing for the South in November. They will play at Parkersburg, W. Va., on October 4; Gallipolis, October 7; Charleston, October 8; Montgomery, October 9; Scarboro, W. Va.; October 10, and Dayton, October 11. October 5 is still open. Engenio C. Jiminez, under whose auspices the Reds are to play in Cuba, sends their schedule, which is as follows: Brooklyn Royal Giants, November 7 and 8; Havana

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and other Cuban clubs, November 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29 and 30.

### CLEVELAND PREPARING

To Entertain Scribes at World's Series If Naps Enter It.

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Cleveland, O., October 5.—Carpenters took measurements for the enlargement of the press box at the Cleveland ball park on Friday. In case the pennant is won and part of the world's series is played in Cleveland, it will be necessary to accommodate close to 100 newspaper men, and Secretary Barnard does not wish to have any such farcical handling of the base ball writers as there was at Detroit last fall, when the newspaper men were forced to climb a forty-foot ladder and try to write on an unprotected roof. It is Barnard's intention to have the new press boxes just as well equipped as the one now in use. In fact, there will be press boxes, one on the first base line and one on the opposite side of the grand stand. Of course, they may not be needed, but Barnard is preparing for what may happen.

### ATLANTA CAPTURES.

Manager Smith Secures Two Highly-Touted Players.

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Atlanta, Ga., October 5.—Manager Bill Smith has landed two players for the Atlanta Club and has his clutches on another one. They are as follows: Pitcher Brown Rodgers, bought from Cincinnati, catcher Vincent Campbell, bought from the Chicago Nationals, outfielder Dick Bayless, to be bought from the Cincinnati Club. Vincent Campbell is well-known through the South as a football player. Last year he was one of the most brilliant players in the South. Campbell left Vanderbilt in favor of playing baseball with the Cubs. He was not quite in the world's championship class, but will make Smith a star player. Brown Rodgers is a pitcher Smith has had his lines out for for some time. He is practically certain to make good with the Crackers.

### FOR TIRED PLAYERS.

Joe Cantillon Will Open Winter Home in Sunny Tennessee

Union City, Tenn., September 28.—Ground was broken to-day on what is said to be intended by Joe Cantillon, manager of the Washington Base Ball Club, as "the greatest winter home for tired ball players ever built." The structure is located near the great fishing and hunting grounds of Reelfoot Lake, in the sunken lands district noted for its big and little game. Scores of major and minor league ball players will assemble there in the cold months.