

MEET TODAY

American League Magnates Will Attempt to Reach a Decision.

The American League meeting to perfect its organization for the coming season, to formally complete the signing of the 19-year agreement and to turn over in trust to President Johnson the ground leases and 50 per cent of the stock of the eight clubs in the league, will be held in Chicago today.

President Ivan Johnson stated last night that he had written Nick Young, of the National League, telling him why the American League must ask modifications in the national agreement. After President Hart, of the Chicago club, had presented the arguments of the American League at the National League meeting in December, it is claimed that the National League had absolutely refused to consider any proposition for a friendly conference.

In his letter President Johnson said: "The plan of the American League to occupy eastern territory has been well defined, and I think the men of the National League thoroughly understand our position in the matter. For two years we have been menaced by the possible formation of a league hostile to our interests, and a detriment in many ways to organized baseball. This annual agitation is hurtful and we purpose to so shape our organization as to checkmate it in the future.

"The club members of the American League are unalterably opposed to a continuation of the drafting system. We cannot renew our obligations under the present agreement. Should complications arise they will be of National League making. If fairness and common sense prevail there can never be any friction between the National and American Leagues."

The following magnates will be present at today's meeting:

Chicago, Charles A. Comiskey; Milwaukee, Matt Kilfen; Hugh Duffy; Detroit, James Burns; Cleveland, C. M. Somers, S. F. Kilfott; Philadelphia, Frank Pough, Connie Mack; Washington, James H. Manning; Baltimore, John J. McGraw, at the head of a delegation of six; Boston, represented by proxy.

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