

CLEVELAND'S MAYOR ASKS FANS' SUPPORT

Calls on City to Give Returning Indians Big Welcome—Club Fights Scalpers.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 7.—Despite two defeats by the Brooklyn team, winners of the National League pennant, the Cleveland Indians will receive a big ovation from thousands of Cleveland fans when the team reaches home tomorrow to begin a four-game series here with the Dodgers, beginning Saturday.

Mayor W. S. Fitzgerald gave an official aspect to the welcome home by issuing a proclamation today calling upon Clevelanders to do honor to their team.

"They will win the series if Cleveland backs them as it backed them in the pennant fight," said the proclamation. "I ask that Cleveland on Friday show in every way possible its appreciation."

The proclamation closed with the suggestion that automobile sirens and factory whistles be sounded at noon "to urge the team to victory."

Thousands of fans are expected to throng the station when the team reaches home and a demonstration is looked for that will outdo anything of the kind the city has ever witnessed.

It was expected tonight that Manager Speaker and his men would reach here about 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The distribution of box and reserved seats to those holding allotment cards continued today, long lines of fans filing past the ticket windows from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Business Manager Barnard of the local club estimated tonight that more than eighty per cent. of the box and reserved seats had been called for.

Drastic steps to check the "scalping" of world's series tickets were taken by officials of the Cleveland Club today following information from Columbus that two tickets for all four games, originally allotted to a Cleveland man, had been sold in Columbus for \$120.

The original price of the pair of tickets was \$35.20.

Not only these two tickets, a statement of the club officials said, but six tickets allotted to three other persons whose names were submitted by the Cleveland man will be canceled and the purchase price refunded upon the return of the tickets.

The statement gave the numbers of these tickets and the public is warned not to purchase any of them. They will be stopped at the gate if possible, but if the holders of these tickets get past the gate they will find the seats wired up so that it will be impossible to occupy them.

No ticket "scalping" has been in evidence in the vicinity of the park since the allotment of tickets began, but it was said there was considerable selling of tickets in downtown cigar stores and hotel lobbies.

Individual fans of small means who had to buy two tickets for each of the four games and who had only expected to use one or two, peddled their surplus tickets among their friends, and some of them were not above turning a profit on the "unloading" process.

Club officials announced tonight they were making every effort to find traces of "scalping" by either amateurs or professionals.

"I have had twenty men out today trying to buy tickets to discover whether the tickets have been bought as an investment," Business Manager Barnard said.