

LINKER OPENS ROAD FOR PLAYERS

Federal Manager Starts on Visit to Homes of Stars of Big Leaguers.

OTHER HEADS TO FOLLOW

Knabe and Brown to Make Similar Pilgrimage—Ex-Cincinnati Shortstop Answers Fling Made by President Murphy.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The long-promised raid on the major leagues for baseball talent has begun in earnest by Federal League interests, according to Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago club, who left tonight on a trip which, he says, will take him to the homes of many players who have won fame in the National and American leagues.

Tinker refused to name any of the players he intended to visit and to say where his first stop would be. Tinker left a few hours after the return here of President Murphy, of the Chicago National League club, who in Cincinnati at the National commission meeting. The Cub president asserted he learned there that Tinker's disregard of rules governing drinking was one of the reasons why he was released by the Cincinnati club.

"Last season was my most successful year in baseball and if I thought my success was due to drinking I would spend more time at the bar," was Tinker's reply. "I know, league rules stop in hitting. I was not such a hard drinker that the Brooklyn club hesitated to pay \$25,000 for my services without consulting me. Murphy himself had a conversation with me after the Brooklyn negotiations had started and in violation of the National agreement. He said he had paid \$10,000 for the services of Roger Bresnahan and hinted that he thought highly of my ability to play ball."

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Walter Johnson, the famous Washington pitcher, has refused an offer of \$20,000 for three years and a bonus of \$10,000 made him by Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federal League team. Tinker announced today that he was "was sorry, but had already signed with Washington and would not jump his contract."

A similar offer was made Joe Wood, the Boston American pitcher, but he also declined because he had already signed with his team, "King" Cole, who gained fame as a member of the Cubs' pitching staff in 1910, and who was drafted by the New York Americans from Columbus last Fall, was signed today by Manager Tinker.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—"The major leagues will take no concerted action against the Federal League, but each club will be expected to look after its own interests," President Hempstead, of the New York National League club, asserted today on returning from the meeting of the National Baseball Commission in Cincinnati last night.

"We do not regard it seriously," Hempstead said. "Though the league may get a major league player here and there, it is not a serious matter. Sixteen of the Giants have signed their 1914 contracts, Hempstead announced.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The Chicago Federal League baseball park will have a seating capacity of 20,000, and will be larger than the average park in the major league, according to plans announced today. Architects prepared plans which call for a single-deck grandstand with a seating capacity of 15,000, of which 8,000 will be box seats. Pavilions at either end of the grandstand will give an additional capacity of about 4,000, and with the bleacher space available it is believed more than 20,000 can be seated. The new ball park will be ready for the opening of the 1914 season, league officials say.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 8.—Fred Carisch, catcher for the Cleveland American League club, who is visiting here, today refused an offer from the Kansas City Federal League club. Carisch said he would remain with Cleveland.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 8.—License to incorporate was issued to the Federal League baseball club of Chicago today by Secretary of State Woods. The capital stock is \$200,000, and the incorporators are C. A. Weeghman, J. A. Gilmore and W. M. Walker.

LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 8.—George Tyler, pitcher of the Boston Nationals, said today that he had received three offers from the Federal League and accepted he would accept if he were traded to St. Louis.

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 8.—Tommy Leach, outfielder of the Chicago Nationals, who is wintering here, waiting to join the team for Spring training, denied yesterday that he had been offered the managership of the Pittsburgh Federal League Club.

Rose Signs with New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Charles Rose, the Texas League pitcher acquired last Fall by the New York American League club, signed today a contract for 1914.

Ringside Briefs

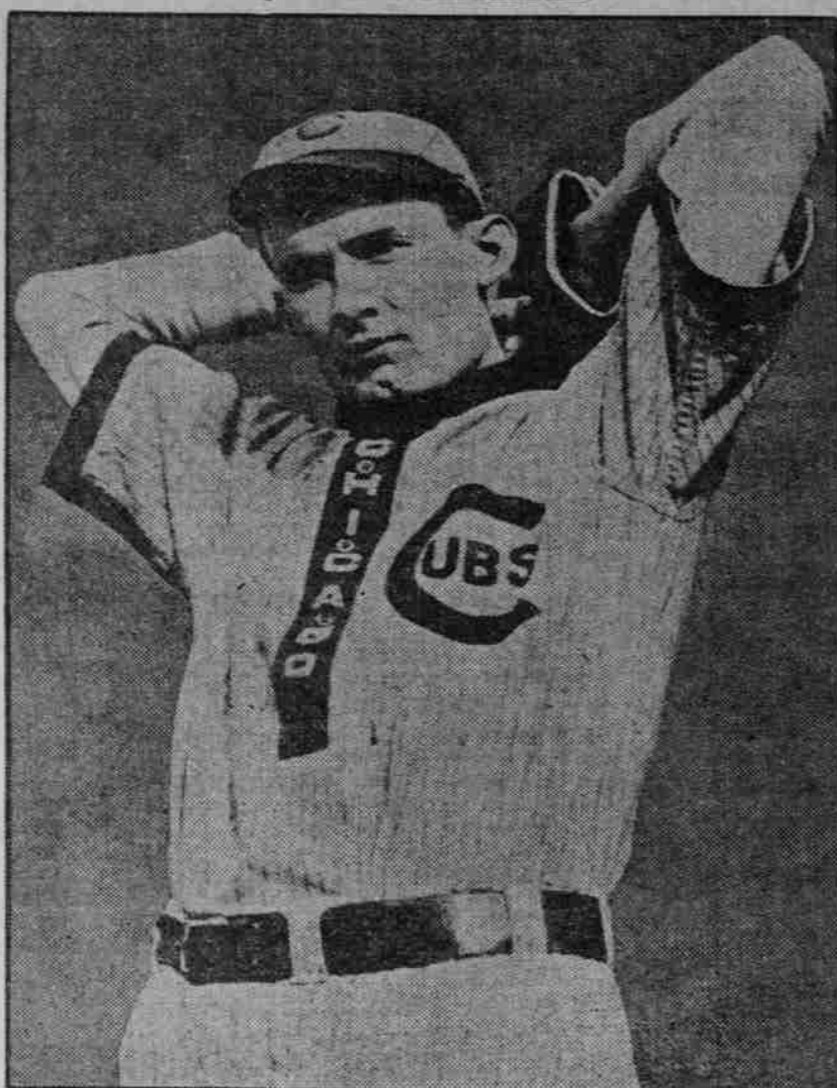
RALPH GRUMAN, the Portland featherweight, will leave for San Francisco January 25. Gruman now is hunting ducks and incidentally getting a little of the "next to nature" stuff. He will come in from the hunt today and leave for a farm up the valley, where he will "rusticate" a week or two. Gruman was offered a purse of \$50 for a match on the coast, but as it was the only one in sight it would be just about have paid expenses and no more, so Gruman left it alone. He has some good matches in sight down South.

While Gunboat Smith is being hammered and lamented all through the West, the East has gone to the other extreme. They hail Smith as the real champion. They think that the champions of the older days were not so vastly superior. In fact, the New York Sun in particular thinks that Smith is really clever.

Freddie Welch's outpointing of Johnny Dundee at New Orleans on New Year's Day was declared one of the cleverest exhibitions in a year. His speedy little left fist kept Dundee's face looking like a boiled lobster.

Patsy Kline, a young featherweight from Newark, N. J., would like to get a good crack at Champ Kilbane. He believes that if he had the chance there soon would be a new champion.

PORTLAND PITCHER WHO CALLED AT FEDERAL HEAD-QUARTERS YESTERDAY.



ZERRAN ZEQUEL HAGERMAN.

RIP SEES OUTLAWS

Rumor Says Hagerman Is Negotiating With Federals.

WE WON'T FRET—M'CREDIE

Portland Magnate Not Perturbed by Report That \$2500 Pitcher Is Ready to Jump—Story of Shift Is Not Confirmed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Rip Hagerman, pitcher for the Portland team of the Pacific Coast League, was one of the callers today at the Federal League headquarters. It has been reported that the Cleveland American League team has been angling for Hagerman.

No one at the Federal offices would say that Hagerman had been offered a berth with the outlaws, but his presence at this time is considered significant, and it would not cause any surprise among the fans here who are watching the trend of events if Hagerman's name were found in the list of Federal players.

"We won't worry about jumps to the Federals," said Walter M'Creddie, when told of Hagerman's call at Federal headquarters last night. "Hagerman is a valuable man, but I really am not seriously perturbed over reports of his possible jump."

Hagerman worked the last season before coming to Portland with Lincoln, where he made a good record in three years. M'Creddie paid \$2500 for Rip last year and does not believe he was "stung."

Borton Also Approached. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 8.—Baker Borton, ex-first baseman for the Chicago Americans and of the New York Americans, said here tonight he had been approached by three Federal League clubs with offers to sign a contract for the next three years. Borton recently was sold to the Venice club of the Pacific Coast League.

PLAYERS ARE SATISFIED

FRATERNITY GRATIFIED OVER SETTLEMENT OF DEMANDS. Victory Gained in Cincinnati Conference Would Have Been Impossible One Year Ago, Says Committee.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The committee that represented the Baseball Players' Fraternity before the National Commission in Cincinnati this week issued a statement tonight expressing satisfaction at the granting of so large a proportion of their demands, and pleasure at the attitude of baseball's highest tribunal toward the players. The statement reads: "We believe that in the Cincinnati conference the ballplayers won a victory which a year ago could not have been dreamed of. Twelve of our requests were granted, though modified, and two withdrawn. Eight or ten of them were vigorously opposed, but with the utmost frankness and good feeling."

"We met far more opposition from the minor league representatives than from the National Commission, and thus were unable to do as much for our minor league members as we had hoped. But even as it is they will be materially helped. "These representatives, we felt, were sincere in their belief that an undue hardship would be placed on them unless some requests were modified, and as we had no disposition to bring this about we waived the points. "The treatment accorded us, except in the offensive attitude of one of the conferees, was all that we could have asked. We were met in a fair, cordial and dignified manner, which, in view of the strained relations previously existing, was gratifying in the extreme."

The statement was signed by John F. Henry, Edward M. Reubach, Jacob E. Daubert, John B. Miller, Ray W. Collins and David L. Fuitts. Amateur Athletics. The Comets basketball team of the Young Men's Christian Association, which won the Portland Academy freshman 12 to 4, on the Portland Academy floor yesterday. Loder and Meade featured for the Comets and Coffey played the best game for the freshmen. The

Comets have lost but two games out of ten attempts.

The Sellwood Tigers have several open dates and they would like to arrange games with basketball teams averaging 130 pounds. Call William Stewart at Sellwood 1892 after 7:30 o'clock at night.

The Albina Boys' Club basketball team is going out for the 100-pound championship of Portland and it is ready to meet any quintet at the weight in the city. The East Side team has three games to its credit, with no losses. Call Woodlawn 2882 and ask for Jake to arrange a game with this team.

The Newsboys' Club gymnasium will be the scene of a basketball game between the Newsboys and the second quintet of the Jefferson High School. The third squad of the Jefferson High will battle with the second aggregation of the Newsboys as a preliminary game. The fund derived from the games will be used to buy apparatus for the Newsboys' Club.

The Hill Military Academy gymnasium will be the scene of a basketball game between the Jewish Boys' Athletic Club quintet and the Academy team tonight. For games with the Jewish Boys call Manager Schwartz at the Franklin Hotel, between 11 A. M. and noon.

The Jefferson High School soccer team defeated Captain Tannensee's Lincoln High squad, 3 to 1, on the Jefferson High grounds Wednesday afternoon. The playing of Captain Kyle was too much for the West Siders. The work of the defeated team, was the feature of the day.

THREE SWIM RECORDS FALL

100-Yard, 100 and 220-Yard Marks Are Lowered at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Three world records—the 100-yard, the 100 and 220-yard—were broken tonight in the swim for the Central Amateur Athletic Union championships, first held here at the Illinois Athletic Club. H. J. Heber and Perry McGillivray were the record-breakers. Heber won the 220-yard race in 2 minutes 21 seconds. The record was held by C. M. Daniels, of New York, in 2:26 2-5. Heber also lowered the 100-yard record in this race, making the distance in 2:07 2-5, on the work of the defeated team, was the feature of the day.

TIME OF CLASSIC IS LOWERED

Detroit Grand Circuit Feature Put in 2:14 Class to Gain Entries.

DETROIT, Jan. 8.—The Merchants and Manufacturers' stake of \$10,000, the blue ribbon event of horseracing here and generally considered the most famous classic of the trotting turf, was changed today from the 2:24 to the 2:14 class. The announcement was made by officials of the Detroit Driving Club, under whose auspices the Grand Circuit race meetings are held here. The stake was established in 1889. The change is made to suit conditions, as it is said, more horses will be eligible under the new arrangement.

GIANTS WIN, 4-3, IN 11 INNINGS

Chicago White Sox Defeat Victoria, 16 to 3—Teams Go to Adelaide.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 8.—The New York Giants today defeated the Chicago White Sox, 4 to 3, in an 11-inning game. The Chicago team in a game against a Victoria nine won, 16 to 3. The American visitors afterward left for Adelaide.

Jewish Boys to Play Hill. The Jewish Boys' Athletic Club basketball team will play the Hill Military Academy team tonight on the Academy floor, Twenty-fifth and Marshall streets. This game will be the second game for the Academy boys and a fast game is looked for.

The Y. M. C. A. Hustlers have organized for the season and would like to hear from any 135-pound team in the city. For games with Hustlers, call Herbert Gunthers, March 3441, between 5 and 7 in the evening. Long Auto Race Planned. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Local automobile men started a movement today for a road race from Spokane to Walla Walla, July 4, for cash prizes, the race to be run by Palouse, Lewiston, Pomeroy, Dayton and Watsburg in order to avoid crossing the river on ferries. The race may be made an annual feature.

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BERRY IS WILLING

Krueger's Shift to Federals Not to Be Opposed.

CONTRACT NOT YET SIGNED

Coast League Unable to Pay Price Offered by Outlaws, but Player Will Not Jump Without Approval of Owners.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Art Krueger has not signed a Federal contract. Such was the statement issued today by Krueger and George Stovall, the two most interested parties in the contract offered me by Stovall looks good," said Krueger today. "He offered me a contract calling for \$3000 a year for three years. This is more money than the Coast League can give."

"I didn't want to sign the Federal League contract until I saw Henry Berry. Both Dillon and Berry have treated me square and I want to talk to them first."

"I am not a holdout, nor am I seeking more money from the Angels. For I realize I am getting a top salary in the Coast League. The Coasters cannot afford to pay salaries of \$3000 a year and I cannot afford to overlook the opportunity."

"Stovall will have a good team and I think the Federal League will be a success. They have plenty of money behind them, the pick of the class AA circuits and three or four major league towns."

"Indianapolis and Kansas City drew enough at the box office last year to pay the expenses of the league. They will draw more this year. Crowds attending the Federal League games will be larger all over the circuit."

Henry Berry today said he would take no action in case Krueger went to the Federals.

"It is up to Krueger entirely," said Berry today. "If he wants to go to the Federal League, I will do nothing to prevent him. My only regret is that if he goes to the Federals I will not have an opportunity to prove to the fans that I was right in trading Leber for him. Krueger is the better ballplayer and I believe he will strike his old stride next season."

"If any of the other players in the Angels want to go to the Federals I will not do anything to stop them."

Berry would not set a valuation on Krueger, but it is known that the Angel leader considers Krueger to be worth at least \$2500 to the Seraphs.

FIGHT PROMOTER DISMISSED

Willard Case to Be Made Clear-Cut Issue, Says Prosecutor.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—To make the prizefight accusation a clear-cut issue before the jury, Joseph Ford, Deputy District Attorney, dismissed all charges against Thomas J. McCarey, promoter, today when the case went to trial, and indicated that the same action would be taken with reference to all de-

endants except Jess Willard, the pugilist, whose contest at Yoron, August 22, with John Young, resulted fatally for the latter and resulted in the present court proceedings. There are nine defendants besides McCarey and Willard.

Ford said it was his purpose to use McCarey and the other defendants who are to be dismissed as witnesses to prove that the Willard-Young contest violated the state anti-prizefight law.

Centralia and Chehalis to Meet. CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The Centralia and Chehalis basketball teams will clash for the first time this season at the local high school gymnasium tomorrow night. It will be the first high school game for both teams, Centralia having played only two Tacoma aggregations. Both fives are fast and a good game is anticipated. Centralia has signed up for a return game with the Christian Brothers of Tacoma, who were defeated by the locals a week ago.

Yale Wants Man for 34 Jobs. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 8.—A single paid graduate manager for all the athletic teams at Yale, in place of the 34 men now occupying managerships or assistant managerships for the various branches of sport, is advocated by the Yale News today.

Raymond Signs with Seattle. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 8.—Tealey Raymond today signed a contract to manage the Seattle Northwestern baseball team during the 1914 season. Raymond won the pennant for Seattle in 1912, but failed last year.

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