

FEDS OF ST. LOUIS GRAB EDDIE PLANK

Famous Twirler Discarded by Connie Mack Signs Out-law Contract.

FORMER OWNER NOT SORRY

Though He Admits Plank Has Seen Better Days Athletics' Manager Says Pitcher's Arm Is Still Good—Cash Deal Secret.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—Edward Plank, the Philadelphia Athletics' left-handed pitcher, signed a contract today to play with the St. Louis Federal League club.

GOLDMAN LANDS BIG TWIRLER

Connie Mack Says He Was Through With Plank Anyway.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—Eddie Plank, of the Philadelphia Athletics, today signed a Federal League contract.

Harry Goldman, treasurer of the Baltimore club, came here and obtained the star pitcher's signature to a general contract, but it was not made known to which club in the Federal League Plank would be assigned.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—"I wish him the best of luck," said Connie Mack today, when told that Eddie Plank had signed a Federal League contract.

"Are you sorry to see him go," Mack was asked.

"Oh, no," he replied. "I was through with him. He was after the money and was quite willing to go to the Federals."

"He was a wonderful pitcher," Mack said, in speaking of Plank's 13 years' service with the Athletics, "and he is a good one yet."

That Plank would jump to the Federals was not unexpected here. Manager Mack started the baseball world shortly after the conclusion of the world's series by announcing that he had asked waivers on Plank, Chief Bender and Jack Coombs. All the American League clubs did not waive on Plank and Bender and agents of several of them visited Plank at his home in Gettysburg in unsuccessful efforts to have him remain in the American League.

FIELDER JONES IS PLEASED

Manager Says Now He Won't Have to Worry Next Season.

"Nothing pleases me more than to learn that Eddie Plank has signed a St. Louis Federal League contract," said Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Fed, last night when informed that the former Philadelphia Athletic twirler had signed his signature to a contract. "He is a credit to any man's team," he continued, "and I still think that he is the greatest left-hander in the business."

"Several teams have been angling for him and it is indeed a pleasure to think that he has placed his confidence in the Federal League. I telegraphed East yesterday, giving my opinion of Plank. I have not received official word of Plank's signing, but I expect it tomorrow."

"While I was not sure Eddie would jump to the Federals, it was known to me that he wanted to play with either St. Louis or Chicago."

"With Plank on my staff and the squad of comers I have I need not worry about the way the St. Louis baseball aggregation will go next year. Plank is just the man who will be the backbone of the twirling department and his headwork will help the youngsters a great deal."

CHRISTMAS GAME IS LIKELY

Chicago Team Would Play and May Also Meet Other Squads.

Portland football followers may yet see a football game here either Christmas day or New Year's day. A telegram received by Captain Conville, of the Multnomah Club eleven, from Walter P. Steffen, of Chicago, said that the Cornell-Hamburg Athletic Club aggregation was "desires of meeting the local squad on either day."

Many old stars are playing with the Eastern contingent and all important teams of the Middle West have fallen before the onslaughts of the clubmen. Walter P. Steffen, who sent the telegram, was captain of the Chicago University footballers in 1908 and he was a candidate for all-American honors at the quarterback position.

BAKER'S CLAIM DISALLOWED

By Purchase Portland Releases Yantz and Clarence Smith.

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 2.—The National board of arbitration of the Professional Baseball Leagues gave out today decisions relating to minor leagues in the United States and Canada.

The Springfield, Ill. franchise in the Three-I League has been transferred to Rock Island.

Claims were disallowed in the case of Baker, Or., against Edmonton, Canada, with regard to player Sutherland for 1914, and H. G. Greek against Vancouver, B. C.

The following players have been released by purchase: By Portland, Or., George Yantz, to Venice, Cal.; Venice, Cal., Clarence Smith to Portland, Or.; by Ottawa, Canada, Fred Carrow to Chesham, Wis.; by Montreal, Canada, Dale to Cincinnati.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

MOE SAX will be the leader of the 1915 football team of the Jefferson High School. Twenty letter men appeared at the meeting yesterday, which resulted in the election of the popular halfback. Sax has been on the squad for the past three seasons and is one of the best players on the eleven.

The election of captain for the basketball team of the Christian Brothers' Business College Alumni will be held in the school gymnasium tomorrow evening. Charles Winters is managing the

squad and he is out to obtain games with any fast out-of-town aggregation. The first journey will be taken to Harmony, Wash., Saturday night. The team includes the following players: Bartholmey, Powers, Burger, Hughes, Williams and Van Hoomston.

The Peninsula Park gymnasium has been the scene of some exciting basketball games. The Seniors defeated the Portland Trade School representatives, 67 to 26. Donna E. Jewell was the star, throwing 17 baskets for the winners.

Because of the heavy rains last Saturday several of the scheduled games for the Peninsula Park grounds had to be postponed and two were forfeited. The regular Peninsula Park eleven proved a 14-to-9 winner over the eleven called Podunks.

Henry Pfander, director of the men's classes at the Peninsula Park field house, is becoming more popular with the youngsters, as now 176 are registered in the junior department and more are coming in each day.



Eddie Plank, Once Star of Athletics, Now to Try Arm in Federal League.

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This body, it was reported, was formed at a meeting called recently by the University of Pennsylvania rowing authorities and attended by the managers of the Cornell-Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Navy and Columbia crews.

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Mohawk Bouts Tomorrow.

The Mohawk Athletic Club will give a smoker in its clubrooms on Union avenue and East Pine streets a week from tomorrow night. Four fast bouts have been secured already and the matchmaker is trying to obtain the services of enough boxers to make four more affairs. The first bout will start at 8:30 o'clock and the officials will be announced later.

Columbia Wants Football Again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—A mass meeting of the undergraduate body, which it is hoped will lead to the restoration of varsity football at Columbia University, was held today. More than 2000 students attended and were invited to subscribe toward a football fund or report as candidates for a Columbia team in 1915.

Tigers Elect Pittsburger Captain.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 2.—Frank Glick, of Pittsburg, today was elected captain of the Princeton football team for 1915. He played on the freshman team here and for two years has been a member of the varsity, playing at halfback and quarterback.

Dartmouth Man Makes Good.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Walter B. Elick, of the Dartmouth 1911 team, was re-engaged today to coach the Washington and Lee University football squad next season.

Carlisle Indians Win a Game.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 2.—Football: Carlisle 20, Alabama 2.

WAITRESSES TO GET \$11

Wage Commission Fixes Limit for Women in Hotels.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 2.—Eleven dollars for waitresses and \$9 for other female hotel or restaurant help were the weekly minimum wage recommendations made tonight by the conference called by the State Minimum Wage Commission.

These recommendations include a provision that no employer shall deduct more than \$2.50 a week for meals, \$2 for a room or \$5 for both room and board. These recommendations will go before the Industrial Welfare Commission for adoption or rejection, which it is considered virtually certain that it will be adopted.

Mrs. Fred Beagle, of North Yakima, employe, alone voted against the \$11 recommendation, while Mrs. Amelia Berry, of Seattle, employe, and Miss Janet Moore, of Olympia, representing the public, voted against the \$9 recommendation.

The commission today for the first time exercised its authority to subpoena witnesses. Six Olympia restaurant waitresses and hotel maids were called to testify. The average estimate of expenses for the "average girl," as made by the conference employes, was \$14.95 a week, or \$776 a year.

DR. WEBSTER PRESIDENT

Former Minnesotans, Reorganized, to Convene Monthly.

In reorganizing, another active state society has been added to the list listing in Portland. Minnesota comes to the front, with Dr. J. M. Webster as president. Samuel Olson was chosen vice-president. L. W. Cronke secretary and Mrs. J. N. Sykes treasurer at the first regular monthly meeting held in Cottillion Hall Tuesday evening.

An entertaining programme by members of the society was given and refreshments were served. The society will hold its meetings to the second Wednesday of each month, beginning January.

MUTS GIVE MORE CHEER

Several thousand toys, candies, nuts and fruit will be distributed to the poor. The police band and other bands will play.

FUND STARTED BY LENORA ULRICH GROWS TO \$384.55 BY MATINEE SALE.

Charity Show Planned.

Many poor families were guaranteed sumptuous Christmas dinners yesterday through the efforts of the Muts, Lenora Ulrich, three other members of "The Bird of Paradise" company and three Sorority girls.

Miss Ulrich and three other members of her company, which is appearing at the Hellig Theater this week, sold dolls at the Benson Hotel Tuesday and \$351.55 was raised. There remained 26 dolls unsold and Miss Ulrich proposed offering these for sale at yesterday's matinee of "The Bird of Paradise."

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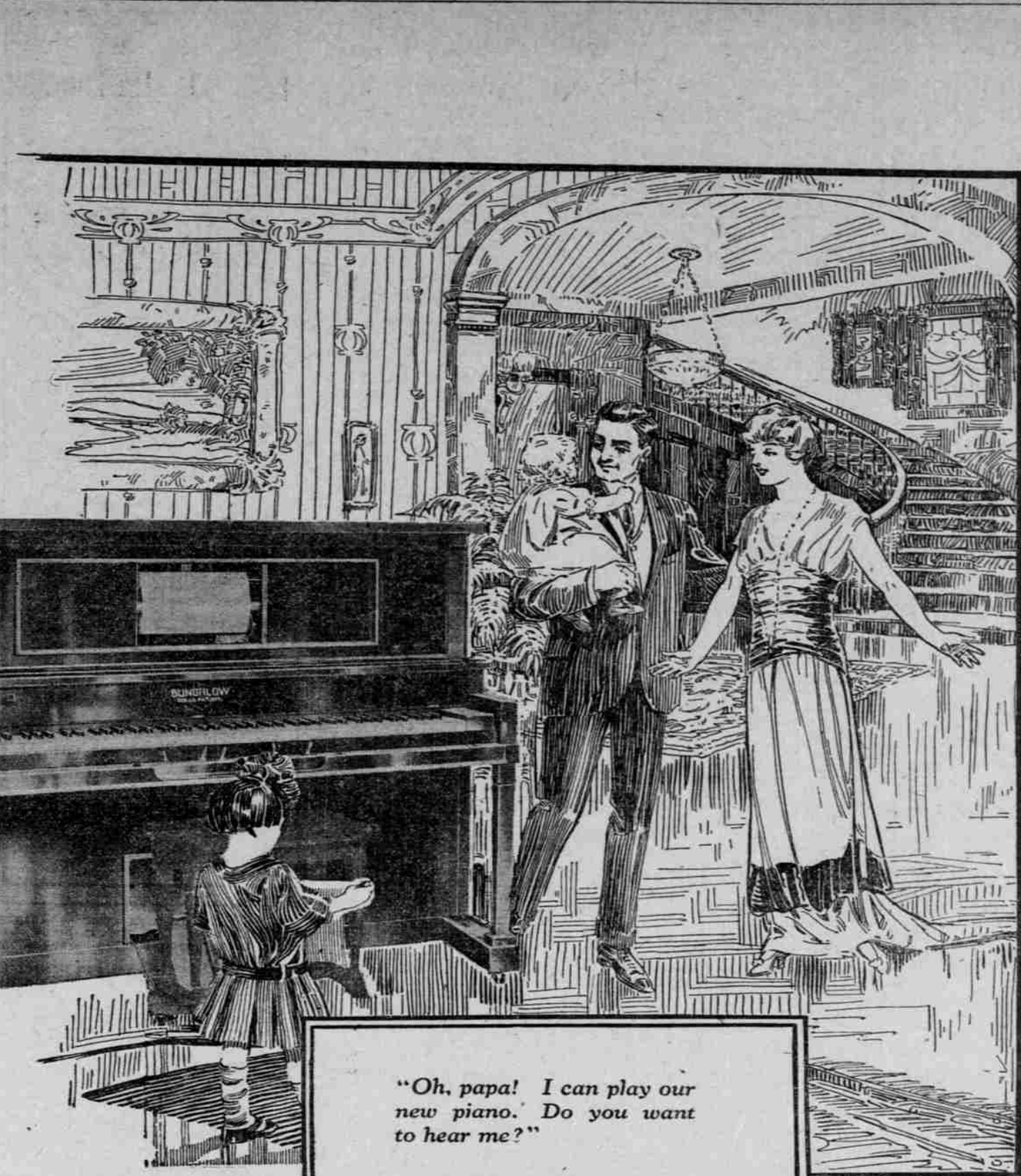
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"Oh, papa! I can play our new piano. Do you want to hear me?"

We publish here a long list of Player Pianos which must be sold at once, as almost every day we take in exchange from three to five Player Pianos of various makes, and often they accumulate until we hardly know what to do with them. Nearly all of these makes can hardly be told from new. They are just like new and in perfect guaranteed condition. These Player Pianos have been exchanged for the world's best—the Chickering Player Piano or Chickering Artigraphic, or the "choice of Uncle Sam's Navy"—the Autopiano—the modern Player Piano, with perfect music-roll tracking device, metal tubing, etc. A great many of them have rubber tubing and a lot of clap-trap buttons, pointers, levers, etc. This is the reason we are willing to dispose of them at such exceptionally low prices. It is not necessary to have all of these confusing and complex attachments when you own an Autopiano, an Eilers Player Piano De Luxe, or the Nation's oldest and best—the Chickering. The famous Bungalow Player Piano, the high-grade Player Piano now sold at manufacturers' prices, has the metal tubing, perfect music-roll tracking device, and the many exclusive features which has made this particular Player Piano the most popular on the Pacific Coast. It is sold exclusively by Eilers.

- Two \$800 Wheelock Player Pianos, each.....\$395
One \$1000 Kimball, 65-note Player Piano.....\$427
Three \$500 Pianola Player Pianos, Combination, 65-88 note.....\$314, \$322
One \$800 Bailey Player Piano, 88-note, for only.....\$193
Two \$725 Wheelock Pianos, ea. \$425
Six \$627 Pianola Player Pianos, each.....\$265 and \$285
Six \$875 Marshall & Wendel Player Pianos, each.....\$555
Three \$300 Bungalow Player Pianos, natural finish, each.....\$496
Two \$775 Steger & Sons' Player Pianos, natural finish, each.....\$345
Eight \$1000 Krell Auto Grand Player Pianos, natural finish, each.....\$769
Six \$1050 Krell Auto Grand Player Pianos, Mission oak, each.....\$757
Four \$1050 Krell Auto Grand Player Pianos, flamed oak, each.....\$757
One \$1050 Krell Auto Grand Player Piano, flamed oak.....\$757
Five \$650 Stegk Pianola Player Pianos.....\$435 and \$370
Four Weber Pianola Player Pianos at.....\$635, \$546, \$470, \$328
Six Pianolas, \$275, \$237, \$186, \$142, \$120, \$85

Christmas Shopping Made Easy at Eilers. Manufacturers' Emergency & Surplus Sale means a much less price than heretofore advertised, for the Piano Manufacturers' Representatives, Ellsworth, Barnes & Davey, are now making the prices under a special agreement with Eilers Music House that each time they sell two pianos Eilers Music House agrees to buy three surplus pianos.

A Sale of Stools and Benches

Stools 65c, 75c and 85c each for stools that sell regularly for \$2.65. A few of the \$5, \$2.50 and \$3 values for \$1.10, \$1.25 and \$1.45. Some of the benches above referred to are player piano benches, some with music cabinets and some without. A great many are solid Mahogany, Walnut or Oak, some finished, while some are unfinished and can be finished at our factory right here in Portland to match any furniture that you may have.

Benches Regular values, \$8.75, \$10 and \$15, now to be sold at \$2.75; some only \$1.20 and \$1.60 some of the most expensive at \$3.35 and \$4.20. All colors of stools, Oak, Walnut or Mahogany. Some must be refinished, and we can do this at our factory on very short notice, and to perfectly match any color of furniture. These will go quickly. Get yours while they last.

Broadway at Alder Store Open Evenings Until 10 o'Clock

SPECIAL SALE OF MUSIC ROLLS AND TALKING, SINGING AND DANCING RECORDS. Rolls, new 88-note, 22c, 28c and 32c; also 65-note Rolls at 6c, 7c and 8c. This offer is for cash only. 2-minute cylinder records 10c, 51 per dozen; 4-minute records, 20c or \$2 per Dozen. Ask how you can buy your special 75c disc records for 35c at Eilers.



Start Your Payments After Christmas

Any time in January or February, 1915, will be satisfactory to us. We will take your old piano in exchange. Bring this advertisement with you; it is worth \$25, the same as cash. We will deliver free of any cost to you Christmas morning. You simply make your weekly or monthly payment. Cash down payment not necessary.

Caution

We shall sell every instrument in this great stock before this, Portland's greatest piano sale, closes, and the end is bound to come very soon, for the crowds of enthusiastic piano buyers are selecting many pianos daily. The manufacturers make the prices, and when the makers determine to get rid of a certain number of pianos, there is not a firm anywhere that can duplicate the low prices.

The manufacturers' agreement with the Eilers Music House is that every time their representatives sell two pianos the Eilers Music House agrees to buy three more of their surplus pianos which have accumulated on account of the recent stagnation. Under this agreement the Eilers Music House takes the surplus stock from seven of the world's largest and best-known makers of high-grade pianos, and the manufacturers' representatives—Ellsworth, Barnes & Davey—are now in charge of the selling campaign of the big piano house.

Thus the Nation's largest institution is now selling the most costly of all makes at what they cost and some for even less. But this sale cannot last long. There are no duplicates. Immediate action is imperative. Come at once.

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section of the United States today is the Middle West, particularly the States of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. In the East business is poor. Asserts Mr. Towle, and in the South the cotton situation prevents great prosperity. He found conditions in California to be good, but as he only arrived in Portland yesterday noon, he has been able to form no conclusion as to business in the Northwest.

Mrs. Towle accompanies her husband.

BAKER IN LINE AS HEAD

Nomination Brings Out No One to Oppose Theater Manager.

If no dark horse arises George L. Baker will be president of the Portland Ad Club in the coming year, succeeding Charles F. Benz, for in the nomination of officers yesterday none was nominated to run against him.

Mr. Baker is first vice-president, which office he has held for the past year. W. D. Whitcomb was nominated without opposition for the office of secretary-treasurer, which he already has held for two consecutive years. In the offices of first vice-president and second vice-president there will be a contest. In the first between Harry O'Bryan and Russell D. Carpenter, and in the second between G. A. Benedict and N. G. Pike.

The biggest field of competition, however, is in the election for directors where there are 18 candidates entered

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With commodious quarters—splendid equipment—perfect service and efficient management, the announcement is made that owing to the many calls from couples and families—the American plan will be adopted for resident guests.

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