

RUMOR OF 'SEALING' BIG SERIES PROBED

White Sox Owner Investigates Alleged Offers.

GAMBLING IS MENTIONED

Comiskey, Retaining Faith in His Men, Reiterates Offer to Pay \$10,000 for Proof.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—It was disclosed today that Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, and Manager Bill Gleason, met in New York recently on the occasion of the annual meeting of the American League and compared notes on investigations of the rumors that some White Sox had conspired for a financial consideration, to lose the world's series to Cincinnati last fall.

J. D. O'BRIEN IS SELECTED

American ex-President Secretary of New York Nationals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Joseph D. O'Brien, of Milwaukee, ex-president of the American association, has become secretary of the New York Nationals league club, it was announced today.

He succeeds J. B. Foster, who has held that position eleven years. Mr. Foster, when asked about his resignation, said he preferred to make no statement.

Baseball on the Inside.

BY HILLY EVANS. THERE are yet rumors in the two major leagues as to how the balls shall be put in play? Does each league have the same rule?

The major leagues use different systems. In the American league the game is started by putting into play six new balls. When these have been used, the umpire goes to an underground box, which contains his supply. In this box are any old balls, which the umpire might regard as fit for play and a dozen new ones. He then uses up any of the old ones, which must be practically new, and after using them up, takes nothing but new ones from the box. In the National league the umpire starts, I believe, with four new balls, and then as he needs them they are supplied from the press box. I believe the official scorer is in charge of the balls, and his job consists of new ones entirely. The two systems tend to prevent jockeying by the home team, as to what balls shall be put into play.

Where did Chicago get Pitcher Wilkinson? he is a right-hander. I never knew he was with the club until I saw his name in the lineup of one of the world series games. He has ever had a major league trial prior to joining the White Sox?

Wilkinson was secured from the Columbus team of the American association. He is a right-handed pitcher, and appears to have a lot of promise. I am told four major-league clubs were after him and that Joe Tinker allowed them to make their selection. He picked the Sox and landed a share in the big series. Wilkinson once had a heavy contract with the Cleveland club. He joined the Chicago club five or six weeks before the close of the season and turned in several creditable pitching performances.

A bet has been made that in the American league the home team sometimes bats first, and you are asking for your opinion. Can you recall an American league game in which this was done, and can you mention a particular date this last summer as an example?

It is contrary to custom for the home team to bat first. During my 14 years with the American league I have never appeared in a game in which the home team went to bat first. Several years ago the Chicago club was in a losing streak. In an effort to kill off the Jinx Manager Griffith sent a right-handed pitcher to bat first at Washington, but to no avail. That is the only incident of such a nature that I can recall.

A play was made at home and the catcher threw the ball to third to which base a runner was advancing on the play at home. The shortstop was covering third, and on leaving the base handed the ball to the third baseman, but in a manner not detected by any of the opposing team. Prior to this play a ball had been fouled out of the diamond, and the runner returned toward the pitcher perhaps a half minute after the third baseman had received the ball. The pitcher was told by the shortstop to hand the ball to the umpire, but before this was done the runner, on seeing a ball in the pitcher's hand stepped off the base, and was tagged by the third baseman. I, who was the umpire, ruled the runner out.

The moment the ball which had been fouled off was thrown back on the field, the umpire should have called time. After having called time, it was necessary that the pitcher be returned to the pitcher, and he get in his position on the rubber. That would have been the only way really the only fair way to handle the situation.

Tender May Go to England.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Law Tender, the Philadelphia lightweight, who is one of Benny Leonard's most persistent challengers, is another boxer who plans to go overseas in search of bouts. Tender has received an offer of \$15,000 for two contests in London, his opponent being a player by the promoter when Tender reaches England.

Reds May Be Fined.

It is rumored that some of the champion Reds are likely to be nicked for a fine, as there is a rule prohibiting exhibition playing by members of the pennant-winning outfits.

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Successful Career Credited to Hard Work; Philadelphia Fans to Observe Pilot's Birthday.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Cornelius McGillicuddy—better known as Connie Mack—will be the oldest manager in the major leagues next season, if indeed, he is not entitled to that distinction at this very moment. On December 23 Connie will observe his 57th birthday, as the baseball season will not get underway until late next spring. He will be closer to 58 years of age when he takes up his duties for the 1920 campaign.

There are several magnates in the majors who are Connie's seniors, but there are no managers. And with his increasing years, the Athletic's directing genius seems to lose none of his cunning that enabled him to annex several pennants and so many world's series.

In many ways Connie Mack is one of the most remarkable figures in American sport. Thirty-five years have passed since Connie broke into baseball, and during that time he has seen the game in several of its most interesting phases. He has been connected with the sport during a time it developed its greatest players, too, so that in building for the future he has something of value in the way of knowledge by which to measure future greatness.

Although his career has been a long and successful one, it was obtained at the expense of hard and conscientious work and from the first has borne the hallmark of honesty in every particular. Unlike some of the great managers baseball has had, Mack has never had a scandalous business end of the game, nor in that department wherein craft is expected to manifest itself in the matter of trading. Mack's fame has come through his ability to make ball players and also through his uncanny ability to handle them so the best results could be obtained.

Philadelphia fans permitted Mack's birthday to pass almost unnoticed in 1918, but there will be no repetition of that condition this year, because there is a committee already at work on plans for a great celebration for the "Sphinx of the Diamond." Philadelphia fans claim Mack has been one of the city's best advertisements and next week they are going to show their appreciation in a substantial manner by the presentation of a cement relations between Connie and the "City of Brotherly Love."

Mails May Coach High Schoolers.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Walter Mails may coach the Sacramento high school baseball team this coming season. Yesterday Walter was asked if he would help get the students into condition for next year and he gave his consent. Mails has coached and managed other teams and has established a reputation in that phase of the game.

Albany Class Teams to Play.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Plans are being made for a series of three games for the class basketball championship of the Albany high school. The series will be played next week if weather conditions permit. The first night the freshmen will play the sophomores and the juniors will battle with the seniors. The winners of each of these contests will play for the championship on the following night.

Moore and Wilde Would Draw.

Although Jim Moore has been defeated by Emmet Wilde, another battle between the Memphis scrapper and the English flyweight champion would undoubtedly be a great drawing card.

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Rodgers' trip east is doubly significant. It means that the Mornings, in ways like wires in baseball affairs, are going to untie the purse strings and allow the boss to gather a winning club if the miracle can be performed. It means that the other seven clubs in the Pacific Coast league might just as well realize that the Solons will be in the race from the drop of the flag to the final bell.

Bill Piercy again will be in a Sacramento uniform if Rodgers can get the New York American league team. Piercy is one-ballplayer who does not wish to participate in the big show. Bill has been up "there" and was bounced around quite a bit, and the speed-ball thrower would rather be a star in the Pacific Coast league than not knowing where he stands in the major circles.

There also may be a chance of Bill Rodgers filling the vacancy left by "Babe" Pinelli at third base. Bert Niehoff, who started last season with the Angels, is out of a job and a free multiple by his manager, who is asking for a little information about signing with the Senators.

Charley Mullen, ex-pilot of the Seattle ball club, has probably quit baseball for good. Mullen is still a member of the Purple Sox, but does not expect to answer the rollcall next season. Mullen is a business man, though he is not likely to encounter very serious opposition in his wandering about the country. He has a full quota of capable gloved men in the lighter divisions, but the classes above him contain very few men of real ability.

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Center. Hohenzollern of Potsdam—A successful center must be proficient in two ways, offensively and defensively. Offensively, Hohenzollern is without an equal. He is the center of the most offensive movement known to the history of the universe. Polecat and Mustard-Gas are close rivals for the second team, but offensively speaking, Hohenzollern is in a class by himself. Defensively, Bill is a wizard. His great intuition in Holland was the masterpieces of the late campaign.

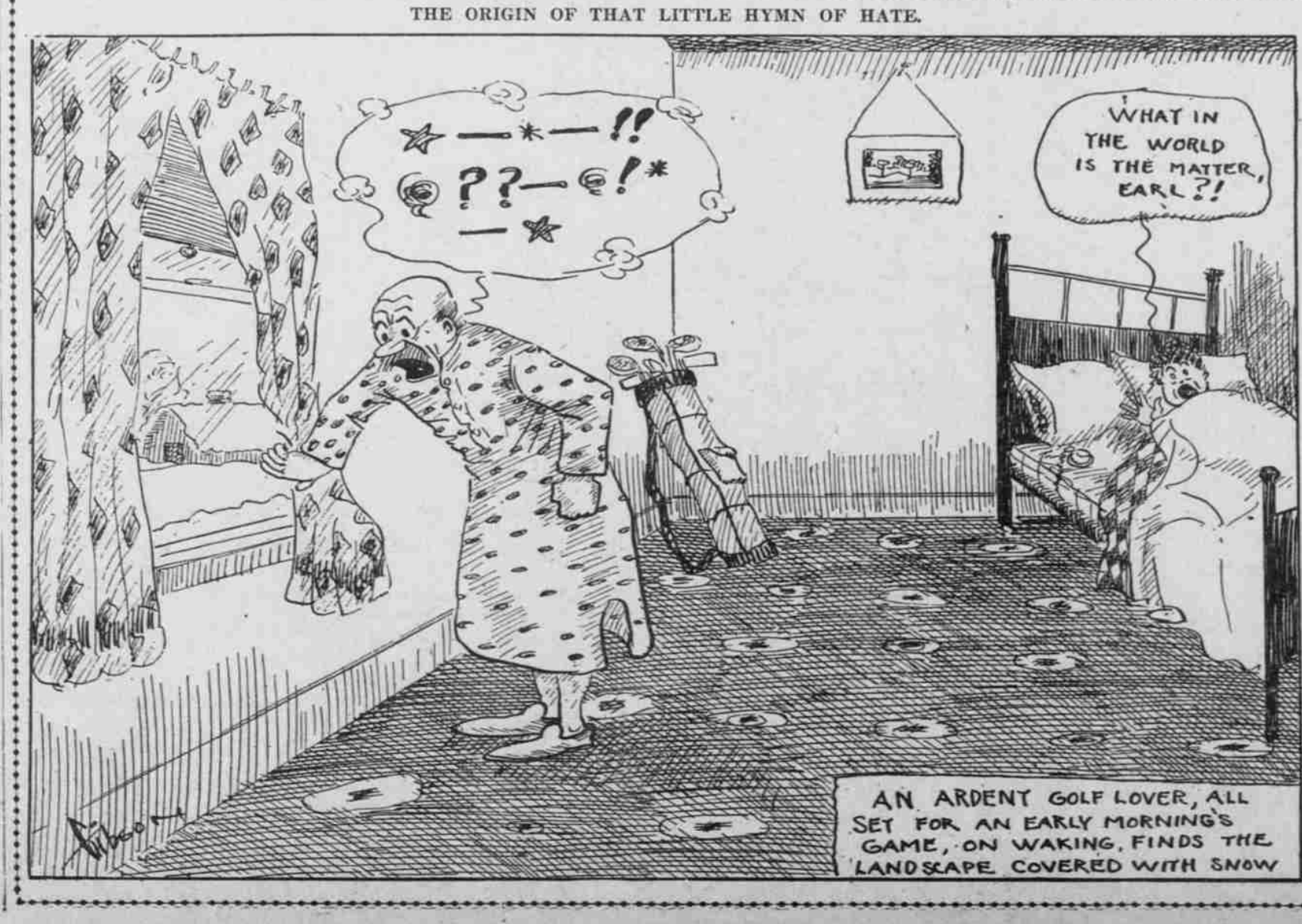
Guards. Streeter (Capt.) of Streeterville and D'Annunzio of Flume—Streeter is selected captain of the team because he admits. He is now guarding Flume, so long that it got up and moved. He shines in a silk hat, but his chief strength is his language—strong in two ways, language and garlic. He once wrote poetry, but is now in the publicity business. He is now guarding Flume, but expects to fall before a bombardment of photoplay contracts.

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