IS COAST LEAGUE IN SECRET PACT?

McCredie Says He Wants No Contract Jumpers Owing to "Certain Agreement."

KRAPP COULDN'T RETURN

Case of Art Krueger Recalled When He Sought Outfielder's Job From Berry and Latter Declined to Listen.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Have Pacific Coast League magnates entered into a secret agreement not to treat with contract jumpers?

Possibly not.

Walter McCredie, Portland manager, dropped a significant remark yesterday, however, and other developments of the past fortnight would seem to bear out this theory.

"Would you take Gene Krapp back from Buffalo if offered you" a questioner fired at McCredie.

"No, I would not," replied Mack. "I cannot take him because of a certain agreement, and I don't think I want him, anyway."

McCredie then shut up like a clam and would volunteer no further remarks on the mysterious "certain agreement."

He did add, however, that he wouldn't have anything to do with any of the athletes who jumped the Portland club for the outlaw Federals. These hurdlers were three in number, Chadbourne, of Kansas City; Berry, of Pittsburg, and Krapp, of Buffalo.

Whether this "certain agreement" referred to by Manager McCredie is simply a mutual affair between Coast League moguls, covering only those who jumped the Coast League, or whether it is even more drastic, remains to be seen.

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A few days ago Art Krueger, a Coast League outfielder, who jumped the Los Angeles club, applied to Henry Berry, of San Francisco, for a job and Berry turned him down cold.

Several other jumpers from the Coast League undoubtedly will be out of berths this coming season, and may try to break back into the Coast League ranks.

Burton, of Vernon; Johnson, of Los Angeles, and Kenworthy, of the Salt Lake club, may continue their careers in the big leagues, despite the amalgamation of the Federal League with the two organized majors.

The rest of the Coast contingent, however, unquestionably will be consigned back to minor league clubs. Among these athletes affected will be: Krapp, Berry, Chadbourne, Krueger, Goodwin, Ehmke and Koves, former Beaver, who jumped the Rochester club of the International League.

Walter McCredie is of the opinion that Jimmy Johnston and Joe Gedeon, of this Winter crop of broad jumpers, will not be claimed by the big leagues in the division of the spoils turned over to Harry Sinclair.

Neither Johnston nor Gedeon has yet worn a Federal League uniform.

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Walter McCredie leaves for San Francisco tonight to attend the Coast League meeting. While in California he expects to look over a young pitcher named Manoah. Manoah had a trial with the Seals last Spring. Charles Birdsall, a police sergeant in San Francisco, wrote Scout Jimmy Richardson several days ago about the youngster and Mack's scout turned over the letter to him.

Scout "Jeems" also has been in correspondence with Ray Alexander, the big Idaho phenom, who had his left hand nearly shot off in an accident last year.

Alexander reports that his hand gives him no further trouble, and he expects to report to the Beavers about June 1, along with Hartman, of Washington State College. Alexander is the star pitcher on the College of Idaho nine. His home is at Caldwell.

MONARCHS TO MEET DENTISTS

Indoor Baseball Contest at Armory Will Be Double-Header.

The Monarchs and Union Dentists will meet in the first game of the indoor double-header this afternoon on the Armory floor. The other half of the double indoor baseball bill will be furnished by the Transportation and Armory clubs. The first game is scheduled for 1:30. The schedule of the City Indoor Baseball League for the rest of the season follows:

January 9—Union Dentists vs. Transportation Club, Monarchs vs. Armory.

January 16—Union Dentists vs. Armory, Monarchs vs. Transportation Club.

January 22—Monarchs vs. Union Dentists, Transportation vs. Armory.

January 30—Monarchs vs. Armory, Transportation vs. Dentists.

February 6—Monarchs vs. Transportation, Dentists vs. Armory.

February 13—Dentists vs. Monarchs, Armory vs. Transportation.

February 20—Transportation vs. Dentists, Monarchs vs. Armory.

February 27—Monarchs vs. Transportation, Dentists vs. Armory.

8000 AT TIA JUANA RACE MEET

Light Rain Makes Course Soggy and Prevents Good Time.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 1.—Despite adverse weather conditions, a crowd of more than 8000 persons attended the inaugural race meet of the Lower California Jockey Club at Tia Juana, Mexico, this afternoon. A light rain early this morning made the course soggy and slow time was recorded in each of the six events.

Prominent sporting men from Los Angeles and San Francisco, and race-track enthusiasts from Juarez, New Orleans and Eastern cities, were here for the opening. The meet will continue for 100 days.

RIVERSIDE POLO TEAM WINS

Coronado Four Is Sent Down to 16-2 Defeat at San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 1.—The Riverside four easily defeated the Coronado team at Coronado this afternoon, 16 to 2, in the inaugural polo match of the season. The home players exhibited poor teamwork, while their opponents were adept in this particular.

The playing of Captain Hugh Drury, of Riverside, was a feature of the game. Major Ross scored the two goals for Coronado. The teams will meet again Monday.

Jake Stahl May Buy Cleveland Club.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—J. Garland (Jake) Stahl, former manager of the Boston and Washington clubs of the American League, will purchase the Cleveland Americans, it was reported today, if satisfactory financial terms can be arranged.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE ELEVEN, WHICH VINDICATED WESTERN FOOTBALL BY DEFEATING BROWN UNIVERSITY, 14 TO 0, AT PASADENA, CAL., YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Washington State College Football Squad, Front Row, Left to Right—Langdon, Doane, Applequist, Michael, Hanley, C. Boone and Brooks. Middle Row—Durham, R. R. Boone, Fishback, Carl Dietz, Stites, Captain Clark, Herried and Bangs. Back Row, Left to Right—Coach William H. "Lonestar" Dietz, King, Loomis, Zimmerman, Finney, Assistant Coach Tom Tyrer and Physical Director J. Frederick Bohler.

WEST EQUALS EAST

Intersectional Game Victories Now Evenly Divided.

ONE TIE SCORE INCLUDED

Edge for Honors Is Believed With Pacific Seaboard Teams Because of Weakness of Occidental. Any Might Have Defeated.

INTERSECTIONAL GAMES EVENLY DIVIDED.

Eastern Victories.

At Portland—Syracuse 28, Oregon Aggies 9.

At Los Angeles—Syracuse 32, Occidental 6.

Western Victories.

At Lansing, Mich.—Oregon Aggies 28, Michigan Aggies 6.

At Pasadena, Cal.—Washington State 14, Brown 0.

Tie Game.

At Missoula, Mont.—Montana 6, Syracuse 6.

"It never rains but it pours" goes for football during the past season. Not for many years had there been an intersectional gridiron clash until this Fall and then there came five of them in a bunch.

And, capped off with Washington State's unexpected victory over Brown University yesterday, the Pacific Coast may well feel proud of the profess of her teams on the lime-ribbed field of glory.

Two of the five intersectional games were Western victories, two were Eastern wins and one was a tie score. While this gives the East an even break, the West is entitled to the edge because of the Eastern victory scored by Syracuse over Occidental College, of Los Angeles, as it was merely a fill-in game on the Syracuse trip. Any of the Pacific Northwest teams could have licked Occidental 25-6, the Syracuse score.

Equality With East Proved.

So, in reality, the only tests of strength between the two sections showed two wins for the West, one for the East and one tie score.

Yesterday's Washington State victory proves conclusively that there isn't much difference between the teams of the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards.

Brown defeated Yale, 3-0; Carlisle, 13-7; Rhode Island State, 28-0; Williams, 33-6; Vermont, 46-0; tied with Trinity, 0-0, and lost to Harvard, 14-7, to Syracuse, 6-0, and to Amherst, 7-6.

Harvard and Syracuse were rated as among the top-notchers of the East, and yet Washington State defeated Brown by one touchdown more than either Harvard or Syracuse.

Washington State, Washington and Oregon, on the other hand, all ranked superior to the Oregon Aggies, who lost to Syracuse and earlier defeated the Michigan Aggies.

Montana was not a member of the Northwest Conference. Washington State met Montana, however, walloped the Missoulans 27-7, and Montana turned around and put it all over Syracuse in their 6-6 tie game. Coach O'Neil, of Syracuse, admitted his team was lucky to tie, as Montana had the ball inside their five-yard line three or four times.

Washington State's rise this past Fall was meteoric. In 1914 Washington State lost to Oregon and the Oregon Aggies by the same score, 7-0; lost to Montana 16-0; lost to Washington 45-0, and defeated Whitman 7-6 and Idaho 3-0.

Carlisle Formations Are Tried.

Last September Bill Dietz, a former Carlisle Indian star, succeeded Johnny Bender as coach. He had Bender's entire squad back in uniform, and he brought with him a lot of the Carlisle formations, and between the two the Washington Staters were transformed into a wonderful aggregation. They did not lose a game all Fall.

At the jump the Pullmanites startled the enthusiasts by defeating Oregon 28-9; proved this was no fluke by defeating the Oregon Aggies 29-0; walloped Montana 27-7; fell upon Idaho 41-0; trounced Whitman on an icy field 17-0, and wound up its official season by humbling Gonzaga College at Spokane some 38-0 or thereabouts.

Carrigan's Strategy Gets Grover's Goat.

Carl Mays Gives Fans "Inside Dope" on Why the Modern Alexander the Great Failed to Baffle Red Sox in World's Series Last Year.

BASEBALL wiseacres have been doing much wild speculating over Grover Alexander's failure to baffle the Boston Red Sox in the world's series last October.

Well—here's the real inside dope on why big Alex didn't look so good for the Phils.

According to Carl Mays, a member of the Boston Red Sox pitching corps, who makes his home in Portland, a bit of strategy on the part of Manager Carrigan, of Boston, put the skids under the big Philadelphia pitcher in his second start.

"Alexander is a remarkably fast worker," explained Mays. "He never stalls around the box. As soon as the ball is thrown to him he winds up and let's 'er go back at the batter. Most of his games are played in less than 1:50.

"Carrigan noticed this and instructed our boys to take a strike or two and then step out of the box to rub dirt in our hands or argue with the umpire just as Alex was prepared to pitch.

"It was something new for Alexander. He was used to pitching. When we forced him to hold the ball he got as nervous as a young filly. As a result he didn't have his same stuff. It worked to some extent in our first game, when Alexander beat us, 2-1, but it worked even better in his second start, when we beat him."

Pitcher Mays was warmed up in a couple of the games ready to go in as relief but did not connect. He drew down close to $4000 for his share of the world's series spoils, however, and he is sporting around in a new Buick roadster. Mays expects to leave this car in Portland when he goes East next Spring, because he owns another car in Boston.

OREGON CITY FIVE WINS, 25-13

High School Alumni Quintet Is Sent Down to Defeat.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The Oregon City High School basketball team today defeated the alumni team at the Armory, 25 to 13.

Green, center for the high school team, and Milliken, forward, played a steady game, the former scoring four baskets in the first half and Milliken making four baskets and two fouls in the last half of the game. Farr and King, of the high school team, also played consistently.

The lineup follows:

Oregon City High School—Center, Green; forwards, Milliken, Mass and Claire Miller; guards, Farr and King.

Alumni—Center, Wilson and Hankins; forwards, Morris, Hatten and Beattie; guards, Yerhus and Dambach.

The Dalles Beats East Side, 20 to 9.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A gridiron aggregation composed of high school players and alumni defeated the East Side Athletic Club, of Portland, augmented by Clark, of Whitman College, on Amstan Field this afternoon, 20 to 9. The visitors made yardage only once.

Lewis-Brennan Bout Is Draw.

BUFFALO, Jan. 1.—Ted Lewis, the English welterweight, and Willie Brennan boxed 10 fast rounds to a draw here today. Brennan was the aggressor throughout and at times appeared to have a shade, but Lewis earned even honors in the closing rounds.

Lightweight Harvey Gets Decision.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 1.—Johnny Harvey, New York lightweight, was given the decision in a 12-round bout with Willie Beecher, also of New York, here today. Beecher was badly beaten in every round. The weights were Harvey, 134½; Beecher, 136.

LITTLE MITT ARTIST IS ANXIOUS TO SHOW HIS WARES.

Abe Gordon.

The little newsboy boxer, Abe Gordon, steps to the front with a challenge to Jockey Bennett, the Northwest bantamweight champion, for a bout in the roped arena. Gordon declares that he stands ready to take on Bennett at any time providing Jockey will make 112 pounds. This would be giving Bennett the better of the weight argument by six pounds as Gordon mixes at 103 pounds. Abe declares he has received an offer to go to Los Angeles and box Danny Solomon, the crack 101-pounder of that city.

PARK TEAM IS VICTOR

On Two-Inch Blanket of Snow Soldiers Are Defeated.

ONLY 200 SEE 13-6 GAME

In Well-Played Contest, Sensational Runs and Tackles Are Registered, Columbia Boys Getting 2 Touchdowns First Period.

On a frozen field, with a two-inch blanket of snow, the Columbia Park football team, 1914 and 1915 champions of the Inter-City Football League, closed its 1915 season by defeating the Vancouver Soldiers, of Vancouver, Wash., 13 to 6, on Multnomah field yesterday afternoon.

Because of the freezing weather but a few more than 200 braved the elements and were on hand to witness the struggle. It was a well-played contest and sensational runs and tackles were registered to enliven the situation.

Two touchdowns and one goal kick were recorded by the Parkers in the first period, but after that they could not threaten. The Soldiers put across their points in the third canto and just before the game was called the ball rested on the winners' 22-yard line, with the Soldiers going strong. A "bonehead" play on the part of one of the Soldiers deprived them of making another touchdown and possibly tying the count.

"Moo" Murphy, of Columbia, punted and while the pigskin was in the air the whistle was blown to end the game. Instead of completing the play, the Columbia Park athletes started for the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club dressing-rooms and because of this the man with the ball walked off the field. He had all kinds of opportunity of running for a touchdown, because of the actions of the Columbia aggregation, but he stopped in his tracks and the game ended 13 to 6.

Because of the weather Lieutenant Benedict was unable to play with the Soldiers. Captain Ted Murphy was out of the lineup for the winners. The lineup:

Columbia (13).		Soldiers (6).
O. Knapp	C.	Walker
Knapp	L. G.	Stone
Fuller	R. T.	Thomas
Cowie	R. E.	Caspin
C. Curry	L. G.	Hopkin
Waiste	L. T.	Woods
J. Murphy	L. E.	Garlow
E. Murphy	Q.	Captain Lyons
Duley	R. H.	Mismavage
Watts	L. H.	St. Clair
Yost	F.	Moss

Officials—Grover Francis, Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, referee; George Philbrook, Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, umpire; Fred Lackaff, Washington Athletic Club, of Vancouver, Wash., linesman; A. C. Stubbing and Sergeant Howden, timers.

Scores—"Murphy" Waiste and "Pop" Yost each one touchdown for Columbia Park in first quarter, Duley kicked goal; St. Clair, of Soldiers, one touchdown in third period. Finals, Columbia Park 13, Soldiers 6.

Substitutions—Hoffis for Hopkin, Pease for Hoffis, Bumhold for Lyons, Roach for Stone, Hall for Duley, Bigelow for Crowe, Yost for C. Curry, Otterson for Yost, Munson for Waiste.

Time of quarters—15 minutes each.

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PROBLEM NO. 138.
By G. W. Hanson.
BLACK MEN, 1, 5, 8.

WHITE MEN, 14, 29; King 7.
White to play and win.

PROBLEM NO. 137.
By Max Dalsen.
Black, kings, 15, 22. White, 12, 20, 28. Black to play and draw. (This same position I saw on the board at the clubrooms and white won.—E. B. Alexander.

PROBLEM NO. 138.
By J. A. Kear, Sr.
Black, 4; king, 7. White, 12; king, 9. Black to move and draw.

PROBLEM NO. 139.
Came across it in Arizona.—E. B. Alexander.
Black, 2; king, 7, 22. White, 12; kings, 11, 28. Black to move and win.

PROBLEM OR END GAME NO. 140.
By N. Sanfield.
Black, 12, 15; kings, 18, 23. White, 20, 21; kings, 2, 28. White to play and draw.
Solution to problem 131—Black 1, 3, 5, king 10. White, 12, 13, 17, king 16. White to play and draw:

1)16-17	23-18	14-18	17-21
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2)11-16	*)18-14	18-22	21-17
3) 6- 2	31-16	5)10-15	19-23
	16-19	14-18	6)17-14
	2- 7	16-11	7) 7- 2
	19-23	18-14	8)22-17
	7-11	11-7	2- 7

15-18	28-32		
23-19	7-11	27-24	31-10
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Drawn. 14- 7 Drawn. 32-27 Drawn. 15-18 Drawn. 22-26 21-19 20-29 25-24 30-26 Drawn. 15-10 Drawn. 9- 6 11-27 27-32 Drawn. 18-14 Drawn. 23-18 Drawn. 6- 2 Drawn. 14-18 Drawn. 18-15 Drawn. 14-18 Drawn. 0- 6 27-23 22-26 Drawn. 26-30 Drawn. 18-11 Drawn. 19-24 Drawn. 24-28 Drawn. 28-32 Drawn. 32-27 Drawn. 15-18 Drawn. 9-14 Drawn. 18-15 Drawn. 14-18 Drawn. 6-15 Drawn. 18-14 Drawn. 10-19 Drawn. 14-18 Drawn. 19-24 Drawn. 18-15