

ALEXANDER AND KILLIFER BOUGHT BY CHICAGO CUBS

Eighty Thousand Dollars and Young Battery Is Turned Over to Philadelphia by Weeghman.

BASEBALL FANS SET AGOG

Purchaser Still Has \$100,000 to Pay Out for Players, but Is Protecting Against Draft.

By H. C. Hamilton

New York, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—War time economies and calamity howlers in baseball drew a simultaneous slap in the eye today, when it became known that Grover Cleveland Alexander and William Killifer had been sold to the Chicago National league club for an unnamed price, said to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Catcher Dilhoefer and Pitcher Mike Prendergast were thrown in by the Cubs for good measure. Alexander, star of stars in the older major league circuit, has spent his entire career as a big leaguer with the Phillies. He has been a star of the first magnitude ever since he broke in. Killifer, while not rated the best catcher in the game, has always been considered a high class performer. The pair has constituted one of the greatest batteries in baseball.

Still Has \$100,000 Left

Charles Weeghman, president of the Cubs, still has \$100,000 of the \$200,000 he brought with him to spend for ball-players. If his record as a spender continues for the remainder of the season, he will have duplicated the feat of his rival Charles Comiskey, in purchasing a team capable of winning a pennant. Weeghman and Branch Rickey, despite reports that have been flitting around, have been seen together frequently since the seasons opened. It has been rumored that an offer of \$50,000 would be made for Roger Hornsby by shortstop of the Cubs. Barney Dreyfuss has sent word in a round-about way to Weeghman that Al Mammarino is on the market. Dreyfuss, however, prefers to take players and cash in exchange for his twisting star.

May Awaken Others

Weeghman's move in handing over the tremendous sum may serve as an incentive to other club owners to begin transfers that will awaken more interest in baseball. The deal was tied by a string that provides for enlistment by the players. Both are within the draft age. Governor John Tener also put over a big deal in baseball when he announced his reelection for a period of one year. Tener will remain as inactive head of the circuit. Most of the work will fall directly on John Heydler, veteran secretary of the league.

Ten Minor Leagues To Start Next Year

New York, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—At least ten minor leagues will start the next season, according to a statement made by John H. Farrell, secretary of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

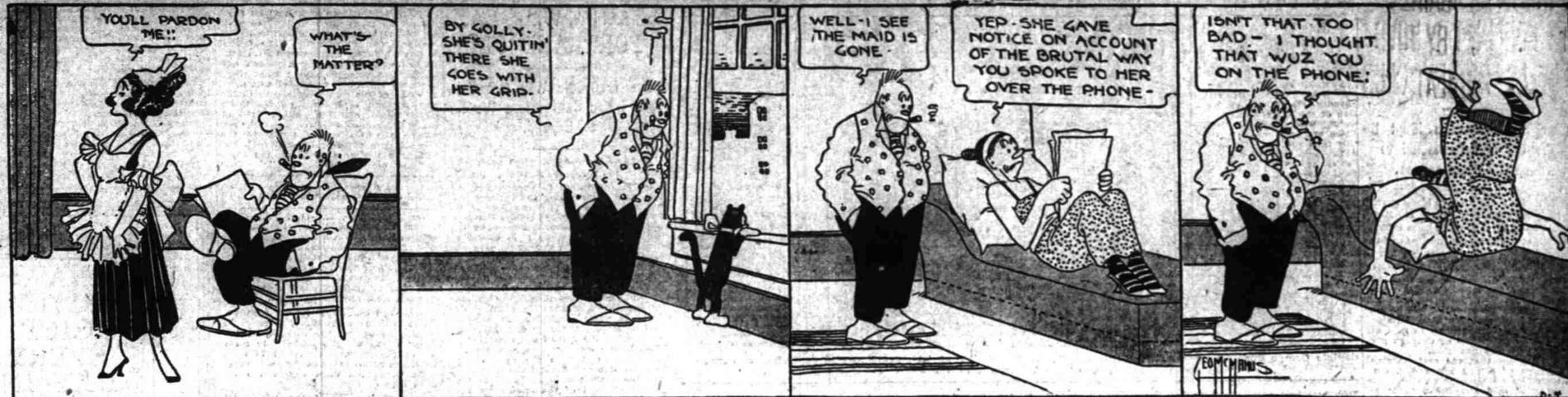
"Some of our leagues, especially those in the south and west, had a very good season last summer, notwithstanding war conditions. In view of that, they naturally feel they are safe in starting the next season," said Secretary Farrell. Farrell announced the form of contract which minor leaguers will be asked to sign next spring. A clause that reserves players in the event that the league is forced to suspend is included in the contract. The clause is void unless the club in the league plays at least one half of the schedule. The clause is binding only during the period of the war.

Farrell announced that clubs would not have to tender their contracts to players in the national army in order to hold title to them. Leagues of low classification, which may play only Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, will be protected from infringement on their territory. These decisions are in accord with steps taken at Louisville when the leagues met and appointed a committee to take them up.

Soldier Pugs Will Meet

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—What boxing fans say will be the best card arranged in many weeks is scheduled at Dreamland arena tonight when Ed Petroskey, a one time near champion middleweight, meets Sergeant George Prosser of Camp Kearny in four rounds. Petroskey is now a member of the marines here. Dutch Crowder of the naval training station and George Peltinger, a classy lightweight from Oakland, now at Camp Kearny, will clash.

BRINGING UP FATHER



JUNIOR MOGULS GATHERING FOR CHICAGO SOIREE

War Time Policies of Circuit Will Be Evolved at Meeting.

By Luther A. Huston

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—American league magnates are assembled in Chicago today awaiting the start of the annual midwinter meeting of that circuit, which will convene this afternoon. The main business meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the league directors at noon.

Today's meeting looms as one of the most complete ever seen by the league, inasmuch as the wartime policies of the circuit will be evolved at it. Although no startling reforms are expected, discussion of measures of economies are certain to consume a large part of the time.

Reduction to Be Announced

Reduction of players' salaries, although not a matter for the league to act upon officially, undoubtedly will be discussed freely. Many magnates are openly in favor of paying their players less and declare the players must be willing to sacrifice if baseball is to be kept going. A smaller player limit also probably will be the outcome of the meeting. Some magnates favor the carrying of 18 men but others want more players, and a limit of 22 men seems to be about the average favored by a majority of the magnates.

Magnates Are Gathering

Among the magnates on hand for the meeting are Comiskey of the White Sox, Dunn of Cleveland, Clark Griffith of the Washington club, Manager Lee Fohl of Cleveland and Manager Clarence Rowland of the White Sox. Other magnates are expected in today.

Clark Griffith Said Today

Clark Griffith said today he had no more intention of selling Walter Johnson and Eddie Ainsmith than he has of buying the White Sox.

Joe Tinker of the Columbus American

association club also is here to pick up a player or two from the big league magnates if he can.

Leifield to Pitch for Browns

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 12.—Lettie Leifield, former National league twirler, has been signed by the St. Louis Americans for the 1918 season. Leifield played with St. Paul last season and in 1916 pitched for the San Francisco Coast league team.

Wagner Is Commerce Captain

Hettie Wagner, the big fullback of the Commerce football team, has been elected captain of the 1918 squad. During the 1917 season, Wagner was the most consistent ground gainer for Commerce.

Dreadnaughts Lose First Game

The Dreadnaughts lost their first game of the National league twirler season Monday night to the Destroyers by the score of 4 to 1. Roller's goal shooting and the guarding of Humphrey and Gould featured the contest.

Parkway Quintet Wins Again

The South Parkway basketball quintet defeated the Sandy high school team at Sandy Monday night by the score of 56 to 9.

HIGHEST PRICED BATTERY IN BASEBALL HISTORY



Grover Cleveland Alexander, on the left, and William Killifer, the great Philadelphia National league club battery, who were purchased by the Chicago Nationals yesterday for \$80,000, and a young Cub battery, Prendergast and Dilhoefer.

MOOSE'S SEVEN GIVES BEATING TO TOBIN CROWD

Seven Hundred Fans Witness Benefit Hockey Game for Co. B.

Scoring seven goals in the final period, Moose Johnson's aggregation of puck chasers defeated Charley Tobin's septet Tuesday night in the Company B, Third Oregon, benefit game, 10 goals to 7. The contest was full of sensational playing, especially in the third period, when both teams traveled at top speed.

The feature of the game was the goal scoring ability of Charles Uklia, who netted the puck three times. Barbour also scored several times for the winners, while Tommy Dundersdale put in one half of the goals scored by the defeated team.

The line-up and summary:

Moose Johnson, Goal, Gray; Barbour (Captain), Point, Paree; Uklia, Left Point, Hillman; Uklia, Right Point, G. Tobin; Uklia, Center, Dundersdale; Uklia, Left Wing, (Capt.) C. Tobin; Uklia, Right Wing, (Capt.) C. Tobin; Uklia, Left Wing, (Capt.) C. Tobin; Uklia, Right Wing, (Capt.) C. Tobin.

Football Champions in Other Sports Aggies Take Up Basket and Mat Games

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 12.—Members of the Aggie varsity football squad, filled with high spirits since the victory over Oregon Thanksgiving Day, have been unable to forsake the athletic life, and have gone into other fields of sport in order to work off their surplus energy.

Newman, Reardon, Gurley, Eakin, Robinson and Hubbard are all trying out for places on the varsity basketball team, and stand a good chance of making places on it. Ray and Bissett are the only members of last year's five who are back, and consequently there are three places which must be filled before the season opens. Chance of having a basketball team composed entirely of football stars is very probable, as the gridiron men are in fine condition, and will only be deprived of places by the very best of the other available material.

Cline Is Backed to Stay With Leonard

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Benny Leonard, the world's lightweight champion, arrived here today for his six round bout at the Olympia A. C. tonight with Irish Paty Cline of New York.

The bout is the best attraction to be staged here since the Leonard-Killbane fight, and owing to Cline's recent string of sensational victories is expected to draw a capacity house. Leonard is favored as the winner, but Cline has many admirers who are backing him to stay the limit.

By George McManus

John Ruskin Cigar 5¢ advertisement featuring a box of cigars and the text: 'A box of John Ruskin Cigars to your soldier boy at camp will be appreciated. HART CIGAR CO., Distributors, Portland.'

Invite Army to Gun Club Members Plan for Season

With the Everding Park traps among the best in the country, members of the Portland Gun club discussed ways and means of bringing the organization more prominently before the public at their annual meeting Tuesday night in the Imperial hotel. The club, located 11 miles east of Portland, has the best trap houses and shooting stands in the country and its club house and grounds rank with the best.

Caretaker Is Complimented

In the absence of President John G. Clemons and Harry A. Follock, W. C. Bristol was elected chairman of the evening. A vote of thanks was tendered W. R. Bliese, caretaker of the club, for the splendid work he has accomplished.

Downs Club President

Arthur K. Downs, a new member of the club, was unanimously named president of the club to succeed Mr. Clemons. Downs is an enthusiastic sportsman and hopes to make the coming year one of the most successful in the club's history.

Practice Is Limited

In view of the war time conditions, the club went on record as limiting practice shoots to 50 targets to be thrown in two events of 15 birds each and one event of 20 birds. Plans for the coming season were mapped out and a motion to apply for the state shoot was adopted.

Tener Will Go With Nationals to "Chi"

New York, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—With John Kinley Tener re-elected as its president for a period of one year, the National league today settled down to clean up the business which remains on its slate.

Goodland Wins Billiard Game

S. H. Goodland won the first game in the finals of the three cushion billiard tournament at the Waldorf by defeating George Warren last night. Goodland's handicap was 25 and Warren's 32 and the scores were 25 and 25. Tonight Merk will play Both, both with a handicap of 24. Merk holds the record in the preliminary of winning seven straight games, and Both has won five.

Aggie Co-Eds Given Swimming Emblems

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 11.—Nine co-eds, Zeta Bush, Franckia Eakin, Bertha Fisher, Frieda Spitzbart, Mabel Loring, Ruth Peaslee, Ruth Stewart, Dorothy Pernot and Jean Kelly are to be awarded swimming pins for the season of 1916-17.

Frankie Sullivan Gets Draw

Houlihan, Wash., Dec. 17.—Frankie Sullivan of Los Angeles took the fight to Frankie Sanders, the clever New Jersey bantamweight, now at Camp Lewis, in the latter part of a ten round fight here last night at the Moose smoker and secured a draw. Sanders' ring generalship saved himself from severe punishment in the last round and he assimilated a whole lot at that. The preliminary between Jack Labelle of Minneapolis and Johnny Carey of San Francisco was a draw. Carey was floored in the third but recovered.

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Advertisement for Real Gravelly's Chewing Plug. Features an illustration of an elephant and the text: 'Real GRAVELLY'S Chewing Plug. Costs more per pound to buy than ordinary plug but lasts per week to chew. A Little Chew of Gravelly Lasts a Long While. The Good Gravelly Taste lasts, too. A 10¢ POUCH IS PROOF OF IT. P.O. Box 100, Astoria, Ore. Gravelly's Chewing Plug Co. Astoria, Ore.'