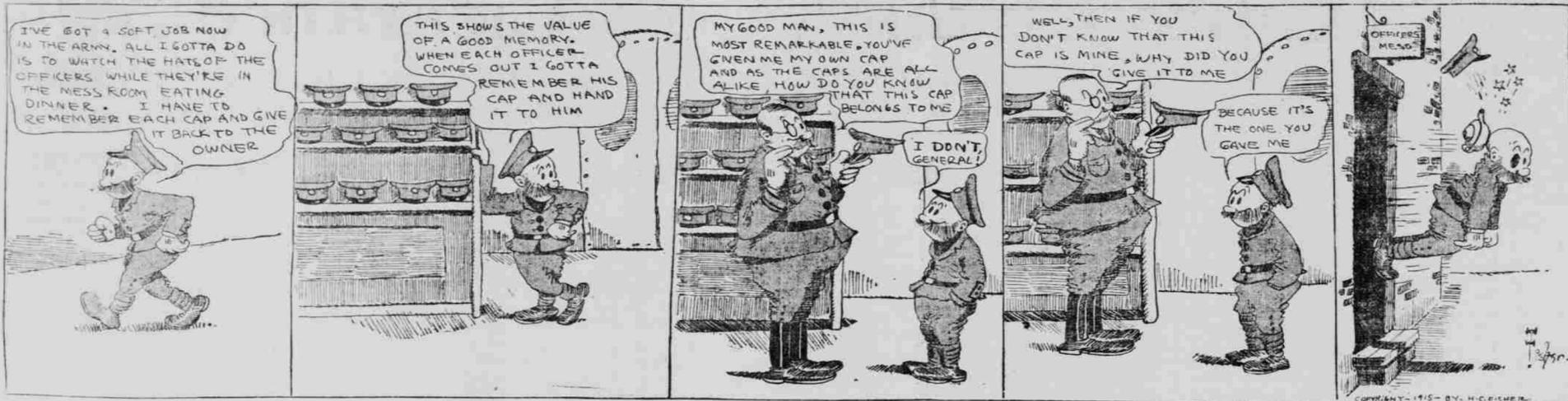


MUTT & JEFF—Of course, Jeff couldn't vouch for the General's honesty

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dence in Chicago. He was joined by his wife and four children who came from Los Angeles.

FLOYD COX HIGH MAN.

First Official Shoot of Topeka Rifle Team Held Wednesday Night.

The first real shoot of the Topeka Rifle club team in the national tournament was held Wednesday night at the club's indoor range at 715 Kansas avenue. Floyd C. Cox led the team with a score of 86 out of a possible 100. William Pettit was second with 92.

The unofficial scores that have been sent to the war department at Washington for the official O. K. were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes names like Floyd C. Cox, William Pettit, J. M. Bickel, etc.

The official score of the team will be posted at the rifle club indoor range in the basement at 715 Kansas avenue, where practice shoots will be held Thursday and Friday night of this week.

Next Wednesday night the team will hold another official shoot.

Savage Will Meet Weiners.

New York, Dec. 23.—New articles have been signed for a fight between Charlie Weiners and Jim Savage. The fight will be held at the Pioneer A. C. on December 30. Savage and Weiners were matched to box at the Pioneer A. C. last Friday night, but Weiners claimed he was ill and asked for a postponement three days before the date set for the battle.

To Defend Title With \$10,000.

New York, Dec. 23.—Bobby McLean, Chicago's professional skater, will defend his title as champion after Christmas, backed by a bank roll of \$10,000, to defend his five world's records on the ice, according to a letter received here.

MONRO GOES TO FRANCE

General Murray Replaces Commander at Dardanelles; Monro Succeeds Haig With British Army.

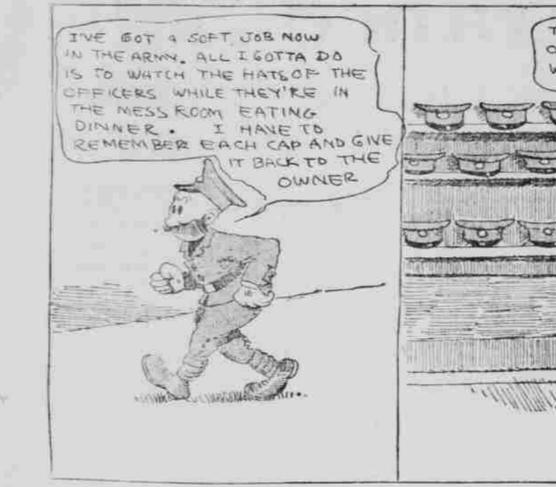
London, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro, as British commander at the Dardanelles.

Sir Charles Monro has been appointed in command of the first British army in France, in succession to Sir Douglas Haig.

The official announcement follows: General Sir Douglas Haig having assumed command of the British forces in France and Flanders, General Sir Charles Monro will succeed him in command of the First army.

Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Murray, chief of the imperial general staff, will succeed Sir Charles Monro. Lieutenant General Sir William Robertson, new chief of the general staff in France will become chief of the imperial general staff, with the temporary rank of general with Major General R. Whigham as his deputy.

Major General L. Kirgell, now assistant to the chief of the imperial general staff, will become chief of the general staff of Sir Douglas Haig.



Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere. BY 'CLUG'

Baseball Peace Pact Signed By Magnates

WAR IS NO MORE

All Federal League Clubs Are To Be Disbanded.

The Outlaw Magnates Will Buy Into Other Leagues.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 23.—Probably the most disastrous war that the baseball game has ever experienced came to a close here Wednesday night, when a treaty of peace between the Federal league and both parties to the national baseball agreement, better known as organized baseball, was signed.

The agreement gives immunity to all men who have jumped their contracts from both the major and minor leagues of organized baseball, as well as all other Federal league players. All of them have been reinstated or made eligible to organized baseball.

That there will be a wild scramble for some few of the best of the Federal league players was clearly indicated by a provision in the treaty that the Federal league, as a league, and which, insofar as actual baseball playing is concerned, ceased to exist, will assume all of the contracts of Federal league players.

O. B. Makes Plans. Organized baseball today began to make plans for the 1916 season following the successful termination of

NATIONALS WILL BOYCOTT FEDERAL LEAGUE PLAYERS?

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23.—Schuyler B. Britton, owner of the St. Louis Nationals, when told of the consummation of peace between the Federal league and organized baseball said he would "not touch a single Federal league player," and that it was his belief no National league club would accept a player formerly of the Federal league.

tribution of players will be made but the Federal league which is to assume all of the contracts of players of that organization will probably sell the desirable men to the highest bidder.

Chicago Made Feds. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Numerous lawsuits over the claims of players, financial tangles, tempting offers to the stars of organized baseball and a maze of bewildering developments are written on the pages of history of the Federal league which today has passed out of existence.

Chicago men, Chicago capital and two of the best known players that ever wore a Chicago uniform are chiefly responsible for making the Federal league, James A. Gilmore, president of the organization, and C. H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago club, developed the organization.

The league was formed in 1913 by John T. Powers and six clubs composed the circuit—Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Covington.

When President Gilmore succeeded Powers the Covington, Ky., club was transferred to Kansas City and the six clubs which wound up the 1913 season furnished the nucleus of the organization which waged war against organized baseball for two years.

The biggest surprise of the Federalists was sprung in December, 1913, when President Gilmore announced the signing of "Tinker" as manager of the Chicago club and Brown as manager of St. Louis.

League Expanded. The league was expanded to include eight cities. Attracting salaries offered the stars of organized baseball and scores of them joined the invaders. Men of wealth in Pittsburg, St. Louis, Brooklyn and other cities were interested in the league and costly ball parks were constructed early in the season of 1914.

The season ended with a series for the championship between Indianapolis and Chicago, Indianapolis winning. Before the start of 1915 season the Indianapolis franchise was switched to Newark and Kansas City, after a bitter court fight retained its club which league officials had threatened to place in the east. Early last January the league attacked organized baseball as a violator of the Sherman anti-trust law. Suit was filed before Judge Landis in the United States district court in Chicago and the proceedings dragged for nearly a week. Judge Landis deferred his decision and has not handed down an opinion. The suit, according to plans, will be withdrawn.

Overtures for peace started in 1914 but did not progress until the close of last season which was disastrous to ball clubs in every part of the country. Bad weather was partly responsible for the heavy losses to club owners. The peace proposals reached a climax only recently when the Federal league announced its plan to build a park in New York city and launch a team there next spring.

Hungate Defeats F. Scott. In the second block of the pocket billiard tournament at the Stag, played Wednesday night, F. Scott was defeated by Hungate by the score of 50 to 23. Tonight C. Cloud and A. Hendricks will punch the ivories against each other.

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

Roy Allen contributes the following peace poem, but don't tell Henry Ford:

Who Pays the Price: Some years ago war was declared, The Majors laughed, the Outlaws snarled; The Feds sent spies into O. B.'s ranks, The Feds got stars, the Majors "thanks."

This gave the outlaw league a start, It also broke Ban Johnson's heart. The Majors were expressed a blank They even lost their Eddie Plank.

They now say they think war ain't nice, They beg for peace at any price.

No more will big league owners wail, "I have to spend all of my 'kale' To keep my men with stubborn heads From jumping over to the Feds."

No more will owners on their knees Beg them to stay and "not jump please." No more can they go out at nights, And be in crap games, bars and fights.

No more can they when it is hot Play sick and get to leave the lot; They now must sweat in words precise They're strong for peace at any price.

The Hawk will fly away in shame, And the dove will coo over the baseball game. There will be no place for the guy who jumps, Unless he leaps upon the "ump."

The Player will play, or he'll get the can, And the owner 'll get the dough from the fan.

Who wins the pennant, Braves or Reds. They then won't have to play the Feds. And those who won't get their world's series alien Will say, "You bet, we have paid the price."

Matty McIntyre, who piloted the Lincoln Tigers last season is reported to be one of the latest applicants for the job of managing the Savages next season. Savage says he has not heard from Matty.

Matty also is said to be keeping a close touch on the Denver situation, with the idea that he may land Coffey's old job.

Again "Pinky" Beals reiterates that he probably will not play basketball after the holidays. "Pinky" explains that he was only out for the class games.

"Cy" Sherman, of the Lincoln Star, doubts that Coach Oicott, of K. U., discovered a second Chamberlain in the recent class games at the Jayhawk school.

Cy says: "A second Chamberlain, eh? We don't believe it. Candidly, there is no such animal in the football managerie as the counterpart of the wonderful Nebraskaan."

Can it be possible that George Tebeau is contemplating a swap that will give him the St. Joe Drummers and Jack Holland the K. C. Blues?

A movement is on foot at New York university to put athletics on the most advanced scale that can be found in any university in the east. The plan is to give men credit towards graduation for work done in athletics.

Such a move undoubtedly would

have a tendency to induce men to devote more time to athletic endeavor. But is proficiency in some athletic line really an indication of an educated man? It is said that some of the greatest football stars of a few years back could hardly read or write.

Harry Vardon says that golf proves a more searching test of nerve and temperament than any other game in the world. Probably Vardon never played seven and a half, flinch or blind man's bluff.

Washeda university, of Japan, is planning to send a baseball team to the United States next summer. The Feds might at least keep one team together to play them.

Authorities at Syracuse university are endeavoring to establish the three-year rule. A committee has been appointed to revise the eligibility rules, and this is one of the principal revisions contemplated.

And now they are trying to play indoor football in Chicago. They will be playing it on the ice next.

Ring Lardner, writing in the Chicago Tribune, takes a healthy crack at the faculty members of the big nine who insist that football is not played with the idea of winning games, but with the idea of giving exercise to students and of building them up physically.

Says Ring: "One team has a player named Peach. The team is inferior in strength, but owing to the efforts of Peach manages to hold the other team even during the first three periods. Peach is very tired, to continue to play will not benefit him physically. But Peach, very tired, is

a more valuable man in the game than Prunes or Lemons, his substitutes. Prunes and Lemons are kept on the sidelines, though they are full of pep and achine for exercise. Moreover, to send them into the game for a little while would increase the athletic interest of both."

But, continues Ring, to remove Peach would almost certainly mean eleventh hour defeat. Peach is allowed to remain in to the end. And a few weeks later the sporting writer learns that the coach, who left Peach in to escape defeat, disregarding the real function of athletics, has been engaged for another year.

All of which is intended to show that if the faculty authorities of the universities and colleges do not want their teams to play to win they should employ coaches who would not strive for this end and who would get as many men out for the teams as possible and give all a chance to get into the games, regardless of their ability.

Pennsy Schedule Announced. Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The University of Pennsylvania football schedule for 1916 calls for nine games, the smallest number in years. The only changes are dropping of Albright college and the substitution of Swarthmore college for Annapolis Naval academy. The schedule includes:

October 21, Pennsylvania State at Philadelphia.

November 11, Michigan at Ann Arbor.

November 30, Cornell at Philadelphia.

Willard to Live in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 23.—Jesse Willard, heavyweight champion pugilist, decided today to establish permanent resi-



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THE RULES OF THE RING ARE QUAIN, QUEER THINGS

Those prize fighting rules surely are quaint young things, to wit:—Kid Williams was disqualified for fouling Johnny Ertle and technically lost the championship—yet he continued to hold it. Frankie Burns touched Williams to a twenty-round draw a week or so ago, demonstrating that he is as good as Williams—but Williams remains the champion.

Second—Willie Ritchie, Charlie White and others have clearly outpointed Freddie Welsh, but Welsh retains the championship because those fights occurred in no-decision states.

Third—Jim Coffey knocked out Gunboat Smith and Smith won on points from Jess Willard in twenty rounds. Coffey wants to fight Willard in New York city and launch a team there next spring.

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