Wards Return Rube Marquard to Giants

Feds Also Heap Coals of Fire on Head of Harry Hempstead.

BIG PITCHER SURE TO BE TRADED NOW

Latest Escapade Not Likely to Endear Him to Fans—Salary Only Obstacle.

By HEYWOOD BROUN.

Robert B. Ward seems intent upon ruining the Giants. He returned "Rube" Marquard yesterday to the New York National League Baseball Club. The only string to Mr. Ward's Christmas gift was the proviso that the owner of the Giants should prove to him that Marquard was bound to organized ball by contract. H. T. Brewer, secretary to Mr. Ward, gave out the statement in the form of a letter to Mr. Hempstead.

According to Mr. Brewer, "Rube" Marquard has admitted that he made a mistake when he signed an affidavit declaring himself a free agent. The authorities of the Brookfed team are just about convinced that Marquard is tightly bound to the Giants. In a measure Mr. Ward's action in the case is intended to heap coals of fire on the head of Harry Hempstead.

The owner of the Tip Tops declares in his statement concerning the Marquard case that the stand taken by the Federal League club is in "direct controversion" to the policy pursued by the Giants in wresting Ritter, a pitcher, away from the Feds.

Mr. Ward asserts that Ritter signed a contract with the Tip Tops, and that the Giants, taking advantage of the fact that the player was a few days less than twenty-one years old, induced him to break his contract and sign with New York.

"Our purpose," says Mr. Ward, "in writing this letter is to advance the cause of honest baseball."

Marquard drew $1,500 in advance money from the Feds when he signed with the Tip Tops, but Mr. Ward will not press any action against Marquard for the return of this sum. The pitcher's lawyer has promised to see that the money is returned to the Brooklyn Federal League club, and Mr. Ward cannot see how his baseball interest would profit in any way by the punishment of Marquard.

John B. Foster, secretary of the Giants, said last night that Mr. Hempstead had not yet received Mr. Ward's letter and that the New York National League club would prefer not to make any reply for the present.

It is safe to assume that Marquard will be traded as soon as possible. Never a popular player, his latest escapade will hardly tend to endear him to the fans, and if he remains in New York he is certain to be hard ridden by the rooters. Marquard went through a long siege of press and public criticism in his early career and he is not anxious to have the experience again.

The only obstacle in the way of a deal for Marquard is the fact that he is bound to a long term contract which calls for a salary which may be a bit higher than any other club in the National League would care to assume. Some of the clubs in the circuit, notably Philadelphia and Brooklyn, are so hard up for pitchers that they may overlook this drawback.

The famous leap of Marquard occurred on December 4, or rather that was the day on which the news of his defection was given to the public. According to the statement of the Wards, the pitcher called them up and asked for a contract. He made an affidavit that he was not bound to the Giants. Final action in the matter was deferred for two days, at the end of which time Marquard returned and signed a contract which called for a salary depending on the proportion of games won.

It is understood that Marquard's leap was induced by the fact that he had asked for an advance from the Giants and became angry when the money was not forthcoming immediately.

Now that the Giants have Marquard the eternal Goldbergian query arises, "What are they gonna do with him?"

The letter of Mr. Ward to Mr. Hempstead is as follows:

Mr. Harry N. Hempstead, president, New York National League Baseball Club.

Dear Sir: It has been brought to our attention through the public press that the National Exhibition Company and the New York National League Baseball Club claim to have a player's contract with Mr. R. W. Marquard, calling for his services for the years 1915 and 1916.

If these claims can be substantiated to our satisfaction, the Federal League Baseball Club, of Brooklyn, is willing to consider with Mr. Marquard a cancellation of the contract he made with us.

The facts in connection with our transaction are as follows: On Wednesday, December 2, the writer was called to the telephone and on answering was informed that Mr. Marquard desired an interview. He was told that I had an appointment downtown at 1 o'clock, to which he replied that he would be at my office about 11 o'clock.

He was announced in due time and stated that he was under contract with your club for the year 1914, that the contract had expired, and that he was free to make a new contract. He was asked for a copy of his contract with you and replied that he did not have one in his possession.

After discussing the matter for some time we advised him to go home and think it over for a couple of days. This he did, and returned again on Friday, December 4. We then talked the matter over further, drew up a contract in triplicate and handed him a copy for reading.

He did so very carefully and was then asked if he understood it thoroughly. He replied that he did, whereupon we called in a notary public and he signed his name in three different places, including the affidavit, which, by the way, is included in the majority of Federal League contracts, for the reason that we want to know the status of a player before signing him to a contract.

This action on our part is in direct controversion with your action in the Ritter case. We are prepared to show you the contract entered into by Mr. William Ritter with the Federal League Baseball Club, of Brooklyn, which contract antedates your contract by several days, you knowing full well that he had contracted with us.

It is an open question whether—by securing his father's approval to his contract—the New York National Baseball Club or Ritter's father did not condone a wrong, and the fact that he did does not make it right.

That Ritter had been farmed out by your club does not enter into the case—the New York Baseball Club had no contract with Ritter at the time of his signing with the Federal League Baseball Club, of Brooklyn.

Our purpose in writing this letter is to advance the cause of honest baseball. Very truly yours.

FEDERAL LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB, OF BROOKLYN, INC.,
R. B. WARD, President.

Realism Claims Another Victim

There is such a thing as carrying stage realism too far, and that is what "Rabbit" Maranville has done. George Stallings, Hank Gowdy, Mike Donlin, Marty McHale and Dick Rudolph completed exacting theatrical seasons without injury. It might be said that they did not even crack a smile. But Maranville's act is different. He has a temperament and a sprained right leg. The one is consequent to the other.

The accident occurred in Lewiston, Me., this week. Maranville began with two songs, and no one, not even the singer, was harmed. Then he told funny stories. A dance followed. Last in the act was a recounting by Maranville of some of the most thrilling plays in the world's series.

In illustrating just how he stole second base at a critical moment the "Rabbit" hurled himself feet foremost toward the footlights, and so good was the slide that he went all the way over into the orchestra. For the rest of his engagement he will confine himself to ballads and funny stories.

LIVELY TILTS ON ALLEYS

New York A. C. Bowlers Get a Clean Sweep in Series.

Four series were rolled in the Athletic Bowling League last night, Roseville taking two from Elizabeth, on the alleys of the former; New York, at home, making a clean sweep; Jersey City taking the odd at Columbia, and Newark Bay dropping three to Passaic on its own alleys.

Individually, Fred Gerdes, on the alleys of the New York Athletic Club, was the best performer. Always a dangerous man and a capable bowler, he is never to be held lightly, as shown by his average of 212. Dr. John H. Breen, recently nominated for the N. Y. A. C. captaincy, coached the team from the side lines.

The scores follow:

ROSEVILLE.				ELIZABETH.			
Wood	190	203	222	Potter	187	226	203
Grover	158	190	165	Notte	149	177	157
Negley	175	190	200	Kling	165	162	139
Moffatt	186	219	180	Hegeman	253	204	211
Van Ness	181	244	175	Clause	172	200	210
Totals	864	1037	953	Totals	927	969	920
NEW YORK.				MONTCLAIR.			
Roberts	218	164	208	Engle	186	204	179
Adams	172	175	135	Thompson	182	156	165
Scannell	187	178	147	Sorrell	199	199	161
Gerdes	234	204	190	Smith	217	178	145
Ciute	178	156	139	Lockwood	182	149	148
Totals	989	917	849	Totals	917	877	793
JERSEY CITY.				COLUMBIAN.			
Miller	208	167	171	Blackley	201	170	218
Packer	199	205	267	Reddy	175	146	185
Garrison	148	178	149	Downs	154	172	181
Lamster	196	190	151	Lee	181	228	203
Brundage	195	201	202	Haff	175	166	181
Totals	946	941	940	Totals	884	882	965
PASSAIC.				NEWARK BAY.			
Bonita	149	177	197	Vreeland	179	141	184
Elston	179	256	200	Miller	182	179	159
Austin	189	176	161	Mettam	168	190	191
Ball	181	168	169	Bischof	145	196	157
Sontar	224	165	174	Griffith	159	196	145
Totals	913	922	892	Totals	833	902	836

PRACTICE FOR TIGERS

Fordham Basketball Team Beaten with Little Effort.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 9.—Princeton found Fordham almost too easy for good practice in basket ball to-night and won by a score of 32 to 7.

The game was a poor exhibition of basketball, even by the victors, for they had almost unlimited opportunities for scoring, and blundered repeatedly. During the first half Fordham never located the Tiger basket, while Princeton scored a poor 17 points on opportunities for twice as many.

Haas, who has been moved up to forward from guard during the last three days, featured the Tiger working early in the second half. The second Princeton team was substituted, but the game was still too one-sided for interest.

Fordham could not score against the second five.

STILL AT LOGGERHEADS

International League Men Talk on Circuit Changes.

The International League met yesterday, but adjourned after hearing the report of its committee on circuit changes which had been in consultation with the National Commission.

The league will meet again to-day and will go on meeting until the plans to shift the Baltimore and Jersey City clubs have been settled.

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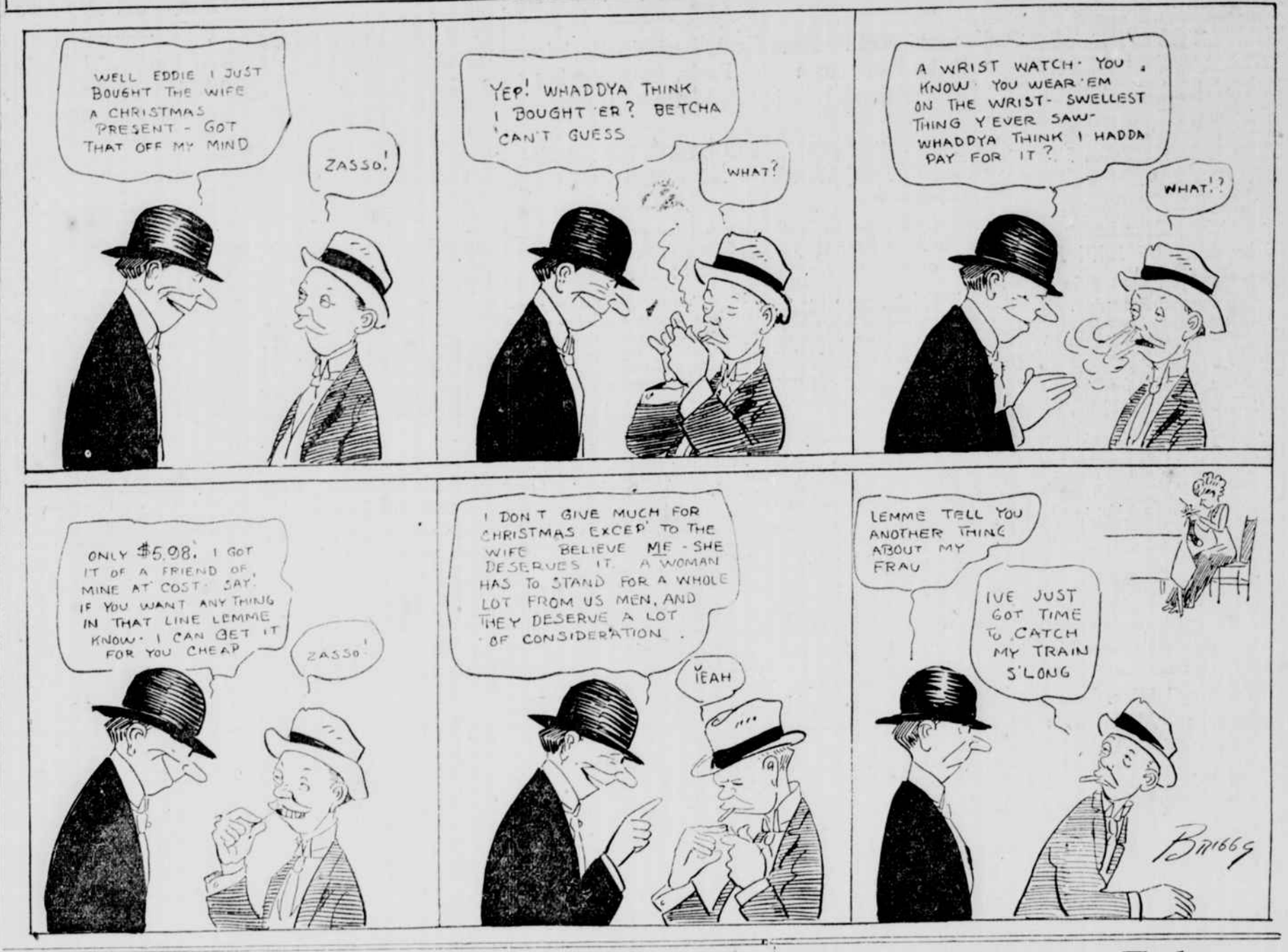

GOODY! GOODY! RUBE HAS RETURNED

RICHARD MARQUARD.

Jersey City Finds a Defender in Stallings

Says He Could Build Up a Money Making Team in a Short Time if Out of a Job.

Lots of harsh things have been said about Jersey City and its baseball fans in the past, but Skeeterville yesterday found a stanch defender in George Stallings, leader of the world's champion Braves.

"If I were out of a job right now," said the Miracle Man at the Waldorf, "I would go over to Jersey City, take hold of the club there, build a new park near the tube station, get some real ballplayers and start making money. They may say what they like about Jersey City, but, properly handled, it is one of the best minor league towns in the country.

"It has a large field of fans to choose from, and with a ball park within reasonable hailing distance a good number of fans in this city would cross the river on Sundays to see the International Leaguers perform."

It is by no means certain that Syracuse will get the Jersey City franchise in the International League. It was learned yesterday that unexpected opposition to the plan has been developed, and it is quite likely that the club owners in the Barrow circuit may yet have to look for another field for the Jersey franchise.

Roger Bresnahan, manager of the Cubs, is trying to land Frank O'Rourke, the former shortstop of the Yankees and Braves. O'Rourke hit over .300 and put up a great game in the field for the Wilkes-Barre club of the State League last season.

Not a single International League club has signed its manager for 1915.

Now we know why Larry McLean is so popular with the baseball writers. They always know just where to find him. "Make mine the same."

Walter Arlington Latham, comedian-coach-umpire, sprinkled some of his ready wit over the Alley.

Jimmy Casey, former Cub and Brooklyn third baseman, is now Detroit's leading painless tooth extractor.

Charlie Dooin, one of baseball's leading vaudevillians, is spending his first winter in many moons off the stage. Charlie feels that after managing the Phillies for five years he is entitled to a good rest, and he is taking it, too.

The umpires are fighting shy of the baseball convention. The third day of the meeting has passed and not a single plutocrat of the diamond has appeared at the Waldorf.

The gossips now have it that Mike Donlin received his unconditional release from the Giants to give him an opportunity to negotiate for the management of a minor league club. If Sir Michael fails to land it is believed he may be back on McGraw's payroll next season.

Dave Driscoll, who made his second trip to Porto Rico last spring with a picked American team, reports that the game is making great progress there. Driscoll is lining up his players for another trip to Porto Rico next spring.

Jack Coombs Now Made Free Agent

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—Jack Coombs, the Philadelphia American League pitcher, received his unconditional release from the Athletic club to-day. Coombs was injured while pitching in a world's series game against the New York Giants in 1911, and since then has done but little work on the mound.

Recently Connie Mack asked waivers on Coombs, Plank and Bender. The latter two pitchers have signed Federal League contracts.

YALE TO ROW QUAKERS

Races Arranged for First and Second Eights on Schuylkill.

New Haven, Dec. 9.—Yale crews will row University of Pennsylvania on the Schuylkill on April 3, according to a university announcement here to-day.

The plan is to send the first and second 'varsity eights to Philadelphia for races over a course one and a half miles in length. From the Yale point of view the races will furnish an idea of the material available for developing an eight to meet Harvard on the Thames River.

THREE UPSETS ON THE SQUASH COURTS

Handicaps Help Parker, Appel and Stern in Their Matches.

Three virtual scratch players were eliminated in the fourth round of the national handicap squash tournament which was continued on the courts of the Columbia University Club, at its Gramercy Park clubhouse, yesterday.

Prescott Parker, of the Montclair Athletic Club; J. W. Appel, representing the Harvard Club, and K. C. Stern, a Princeton Club player, reached the semi-final bracket. All three contestants have big handicaps. W. T. Mills, another Montclair Athletic Club player, won his way into the round before the final on Tuesday.

In spite of the allowance of his opponent, R. E. T. Riggs, the Heights Casino player, who was handicapped at 1-hand, put up a stubborn fight before being beaten, after three games, by J. W. Appel, who had a generous handicap of 1-hand plus 5-aces. Riggs played brilliantly in taking the first game, at 10—15, working the low corners of the court. Appel, however, played stronger in the second set, which he won rather easily, at 15—7. The third game was a hair raising affair, with Riggs slowly picking up on his opponent, and at one time being on even terms. Appel's handicap aided him in the final plays, and he won by 15—13.

E. du Pont Irving, of the Harvard Club, a scratch competitor, winner of the recent scratch tournament at the Heights Casino, was defeated easily by Prescott Parker, of the Montclair Athletic Club, who had the limit handicap of 2-hands plus 5-aces. Although Irving always forced his rival hard to gain a point, the handicap proved too steep. The scores were 15—7, 15—6.

Rudolph Goepel, the Heights Casino champion, another scratch entrant, faced K. C. Stern, of the Princeton Club, rated as a 2-hand plus 5-aces player, but was defeated in two straight games, in less than twelve minutes of play. The scores were 15—7, 15—7.

The summary follows:

Fourth round—P. Parker, Montclair Athletic Club (2-hands plus 5-aces), defeated E. du Pont Irving, Harvard Club (scratch), 15—7, 15—6; J. W. Appel, Harvard Club (1-hand plus 5-aces), defeated R. E. T. Riggs, Heights Casino (1-hand), 10—15, 15—7, 15—13; K. C. Stern, Princeton Club (2-hands plus 5-aces), defeated Rudolph Goepel, Heights Casino (scratch), 15—7, 15—7.

P. S. A. L. Board Rules Boughton Is a "Pro"

Charles Boughton, the Central High School of Newark distance champion, who several days ago asked the local Public Schools Athletic League for a ruling on his case of alleged professionalism, has forfeited his amateur status in the eyes of the league, according to a decision announced yesterday. The Newark athlete acted as a play leader with the Essex County Park system, of Newark, during the last summer, for which he admitted receiving pay, although he was not required to coach or train athletes.

Russell Chicago Eleven's Capt.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—"Pete" Russell, quarterback, was elected captain of the 1915 University of Chicago football team here to-day. He succeeds Paul des Jardien.

Many Helpful Suggestions in Selecting Your Gift Books NEXT SATURDAY IN The Tribune

National League Takes Pity on Weaker Teams

Clubs May Not Withdraw Waivers Once Asked, Is Resolution.

HERRMANN TELLS OF TALK WITH WEEGHMAN

Famous Dispute Over $15,000 Paid for Joe Tinker To Be Compromised.

The National League has taken pity on the weak clubs. At the meeting yesterday a resolution was introduced that hereafter a club may not withdraw waivers on a player once they have been asked. This resolution will be voted upon when the league resumes its session this morning. It probably will be passed. In other years the waiver has been used not infrequently as a threat to discipline a refractory player. Often, too, the effort has been made to ship a promising youngster to a minor league club for further seasoning. If the attempt to get the player by the other clubs was unsuccessful the waivers were promptly withdrawn.

A discussion also was held in which the league owners urged one another to show a greater spirit of co-operation than has been manifest in the past.

August Herrmann reported to the league the conversations which he had had with Charles Weegham as to the possible basis on which peace might be made. John Heydler explained that it was generally understood by the league that Mr. Herrmann acted simply as an individual.

Herrmann, Baker and Britton were appointed to serve as a committee on changes in the league constitution. John K. Tener, president of the league, hopes to finish the meting to-day.

The famous $15,000 dispute between Charles H. Ebbets and August Herrmann concerning the return of the money paid by the Brooklyn manager for Tinker will be compromised. The two men have discussed the matter and have decided that they can come to an agreement without taking the matter up to the board of directors.

The National Commission consulted yesterday morning with a committee from the International League in regard to changes in the circuit, but no decision was announced.

Arthur Devlin, once hailed as the greatest third baseman in the country when he played with the New York Giants, signed a contract yesterday to manage the Denver club, of the Western League. Devlin succeeds Jack Coffey, the former Fordham player, who will play with the Pirates.

Fred Clarke, who has managed the Pirates for years and years, signed a contract yesterday to stick to the job for another season.

The proposition for a longer world's series will find little favor among the National League owners. August Herrmann, who owns the Reds and is therefore vitally interested in the world's series, declared that the present arrangement was ideal. Harry Hempstead, owner of the Giants, took the same stand.

Charlie Dooin, who is on the baseball fence just now, declared yesterday that he was not going to make terms with any one until his ten days' notice to the Phillies takes effect. Dooin will be a free agent to-day. The former manager of the Phillies says he would like to stay in organized baseball and will not demand as large a salary as he would from the Federals.

Miller Huggins, who wants a catcher badly, had a long consultation with Dooin yesterday, but apparently they could not come to terms. Sherwood Magee has been making threats to kick over the traces, but up to a late hour last night he was still in the National League.

Harry McCormick, the pinch hitter, has an enormous diamond ring, which he received from the fans of Chattanooga.

Henry Fabian, the original turtle back diamond builder, is back in town, but is not disturbing the Polo Grounds to any extent just now.

George Wiltse owns the brightest overcoat in the National League.

Larry McLean wants to be a manager. Like charity, management should begin at home.

Dave Fultz says "Rube" Marquard has made no attempt to square himself with the Players' Fraternity.

The Players' Fraternity has made several demands upon the National Commission, but the nature of these has not been made public yet by either side.

Fans who think that Connie Mack is the gloomiest man in the world ought to take a glance at Jack Dunn, who owns the Baltimore International League team.

If Colonel Ruppert buys the Yankees he may in time build a home for the club on a big plot of land which he owns between 136th and 138th sts., in Lenox av.

Roger Bresnahan held conferences with almost every manager in the National League yesterday, but denied that he had any trades in mind.

The National Commission met last night, but had nothing to give out at the close of its meeting.

A report that the Athletics had been sold to a syndicate was promptly denied by Ban Johnson.

Miller Huggins, manager of the Cardinals, is trying to arrange a deal for Sherwood Magee, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Phillies.

COLLINS TO TAKE PLACE OF CALLAHAN

Report That Latter Will Be Made Vice-President of the White Sox.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Reports were published here to-day from an "authentic source" that Eddie Collins, whom Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago American League club, purchased from the Philadelphia Athletics yesterday, would succeed James J. Callahan as manager of the White Sox.

Callahan, according to reports, is to be made vice-president of the club. President Comiskey, it is understood, has been eager for some time to be relieved of the responsibilities of conducting the business end of the club. He is known to have a warm personal regard for Callahan and a high opinion of his executive and business ability.

Although not in active service all the time, Callahan has been engaged in professional baseball for twenty-one years. He has been manager of the Chicago club since 1912.

MACK CONTENT WITH HIS LOT IN PHILADELPHIA

Denies Flatly Offers to Manage the American League Team Here.

SALE OF YANKEES STILL HANGS FIRE

Colonel Ruppert Still in French Lick and Silent, but the Rumors Abound.

Connie Mack will not manage the Yankees next season. From Philadelphia came word from Mack yesterday that no proposition had been made to him. Further than that, he declared that he would not accept an offer if it should be made.

Ban Johnson added his denial to that of the Philadelphia manager.

Any move to get Connie Mack in New York would require an elaborate deal, for the lean tactician is more than manager of the Athletics. He has bought stock in the club steadily and persistently, and his holdings now total almost half of the entire stock. Moreover, Mack has big real estate interests in Philadelphia and is the director in a bank there. It would take some uprooting to get him away from Quakertown.

The present time would not seem unduly propitious for a sale of Philadelphia stock. Mack is too good a business man to dispose of his holdings during a bear depression. Well informed baseball men united yesterday in predicting that the Athletics would have a much more profitable financial season in 1915 than in 1914. The lack of attendance in Philadelphia last season was due to the fact that the club was entirely too good. Mack's team romped home. The machine-like precision of the infield was not an attraction, but a deterrent to the fans. The play of the Athletics was much too certain.

Of course, the team has been weakened, but there are a good many baseball critics who consider that even as the club stands now it should be rated as the favorite for the American League pennant of 1915. But, of course, victory could come only after a bitter fight with the Red Sox, and probably the rejuvenated White Sox.

In spite of the denials of Connie Mack there is a growing belief that friction in the club was responsible for the sale of Collins. It has been pointed out that Mack might have received almost as much money for "Home Run" Baker and weakened his club less in playing strength. Men familiar with the situation in Philadephia say that Collins and most of the other Athletics were hardly on speaking terms last year.

The sale of the Yankees still hangs fire, although it is regarded as almost certain that Farrell and Devery will be bought out before the season begins. This is indicated by the fact that Ban Johnson has been the principal figure in the negotiations for the sale of the club. Captain Tillinghast Huston was at the Waldorf for just a moment yesterday, and reported no new developments in the dickering for the club.

Colonel Ruppert is still in French Lick and is maintaining an impenetrable silence. It was reported yesterday that the chief barrier to the deal lay not in the question of terms between purchaser and owner, but in a dispute between the prospective purchaser and the New York National League baseball club regarding the rent to be paid for the use of the Polo Grounds. It is understood that Mr. Hempstead has no objection to granting a long lease to the Yankees for the use of the Polo Grounds, but that his terms are $80,000 a year. The rent of the Yankees last year was $55,000.

On the other hand, a rumor just as worthy, but entirely contradictory, set forth that already a tentative agreement had been reached in regard to the rent. According to this story Ban Johnson has arranged a two years' lease on the Polo Grounds for the Yankees.

An early rumor that the sale of the Yankees to Colonel Ruppert had been completed by a compromise on a purchase price of $450,000 was denied by Ban Johnson, who said that negotiations were stationary. It is reported that if Colonel Ruppert completes the purchase Edward G. Barrow, president of the International League, will be installed as president of the club.

MACK SAYS HE'LL STICK TO ATHLETICS

Well Satisfied with Philadelphia and Making Plans for Next Year.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—"I won't leave Philadelphia," said Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics here to-day when his attention was called to a report that he might manage the New York American League baseball team next year.

"I am well satisfied here," he added, "and I am laying plans for the 1915 season. I may have to build up a new team, but I have done that before. It may be a little harder work than the last team I built up, but I will have a team that will be in the 1915 race all the time."

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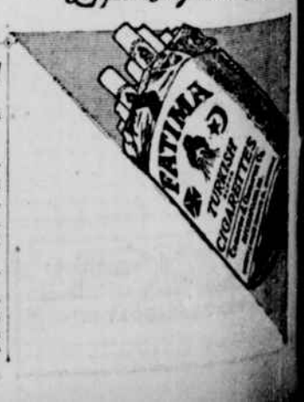

JOHNSON IN FATAL ROW

Bystander Shot When Indian Pitcher Is Arrested.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 8.—A bystander was shot and seriously injured at Winnebago, Iowa, to-day when Justice of the Peace Colligan tried to arrest "Chief" Johnson, Indian baseball pitcher of the Federal League.

Johnson was accused of being disorderly.

The Indian was felled by a blow over the head from Colligan's revolver. The weapon was discharged and Herman Blome, an onlooker, dropped with a bullet in his abdomen.