Money, It Appears, Means Nothing to the Federals

FEDS BOUGHT GROUNDS WITH EYES WIDE OPEN

Ball Park Will Be Built in Backyard of Site, Says Gilmore.

GRANDSTAND WILL COST $475,000

Contractors from Various Parts of the Country Are Submitting Their Bids.

"The ball grounds of the New York Federal League baseball club will be built in the backyard of the site purchased by us on Monday. It will occupy only a portion of the territory we have purchased, but it will be the largest amusement park in this country." This was the statement of James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, to the baseball writers yesterday afternoon. "We went into this proposition with our eyes wide open," he continued. "We knew what we were doing every second of the time, and the whole proposition was figured out with every possibility considered carefully.

"The statement that the grounds were secured contingent upon the closing of 145th and 144th Streets is too ridiculous to be refuted. It is on a par with the rumor that we do not actually control the grounds, but are kidding," said Gilmore. "You may say for me that we have bought all but a few plots of ground, which are tied up for the time being. On these, however, we have secured the necessary option and everything is in readiness for the order to build. This order will be issued by January 15 or January 20, and the stands will be ready for use by the time the New York team is scheduled to play on its home field.

"The New York Federal League club has not paid $1,250,000 for a mere ball park. It has acquired property for that sum, and will make whatever use of that ground which seems most advisable after leaving sufficient area for the construction of the park. That particular portion of the ground on which the ball grounds will be built cost us considerably less than $800,000, the sum for which the Yankees said they could buy it.

"As for the tremendous cost for maintenance, we will solve that problem without great difficulty. The apartment houses on Lenox Avenue will be left just as they are. There is a garage on the grounds which is doing a thriving business, and this will be moved to another site. Nothing of value will be destroyed. The rental of these houses will defray a great portion of the expense in keeping up the grounds.

"The overhead charges, which have been pointed out by some people as prohibitive, will not be so terrible, after all. The Yankees have said that they had it hard to live with a rental of $55,000 for the Polo Grounds. I have pointed out that our grounds to be used for the ball yard cost us less than $800,000. At that figure the interest at 5 per cent would amount to $40,000, which is materially less than the rental paid by the Yankees, and one is this to be reckoned with. The Yanks could stay on the Polo Grounds longer and they would not own it. The rental would be a dead loss. We will be paying off the debt on our park, and at the end we are sure of something tangible.

"Property uptown is increasing in value all the time, and in ten years this plot will increase to half again its present value. We have nothing whatever to fear in this matter.

"But this is not all. We intend to cut a new thoroughfare running north and south, about 200 feet east of Lenox Avenue. This will extend from 142d to 145d Street, will skip a block, and will be cut from 144th to 145th Street, forming a "T" shaped arrangement. We will erect a row of shop buildings along this zone, if you care to call it zone, and the rents of these will also aid in maintaining the park. This street will be sixty feet wide, and we will offer it to the city as a means of overcoming any slight inconveniences which might arise from the closing of 145d and 144th Streets.

"The construction of the stands will not be as expensive as many believe. We can erect a grandstand for approximately $475,000. It will be the last word in construction. Not a post will obstruct the view of the fans; it will be of such shape that all fans will be able to follow every detail of the play and be close enough to identify the players."

"Who will be the manager of the club, and who are the backers?" Mr Gilmore was asked. He smiled easily and answered: "I will be ready to tell you all about that in a little while. Oh, say, several weeks. I may make it sort of a Christmas present for you and the fans.

"This much is certain. New York will have a good, strong team. The Kansas City franchise will be transferred here, but there will probably be changes in the men. All we need is a winning team and we will get the patronage. We will spare no effort to get the winning team. It seems out of the nature of things that if our team is in the race, and we are playing the game, that the fans will ride past our park to go to another."

Contractors all over the country are submitting bids on the new grounds, it was learned yesterday. It was whispered that James A. Gaffney, owner of the Boston Braves, was one of them, but, of course, no confirmation of this could be obtained. It is fair to assume, however, that if Gaffney can underbid the other contractors he will receive preference. Gilmore is strictly neutral when it comes to saving money.

It was learned, too, that Gilmore likes George Stovall as a manager, and it is possible that "The Firebrand" will guide the destinies of the new team. The negotiations for closing the streets are well under way.

The Sportlight

by Grantland Rice

Feeling that the football season was entirely too short, as interest was greater this fall than ever before, we decided to put on one more big battle before the curtain blew for the last time or the whistle was rung down.

With this end in fairly plain view we got Hurry-up Yost, coach of Michigan and a former Yale captain, to pick us an All-Michigan and an All-Yale eleven to meet at Madison Square Garden in a benefit game for Andy Carnegie, who is now down to his last $30,000,000.

The Line-up.

The two elevens lined up as follows, the selections being absolutely authentic:

Michigan.		Yale.
Schulz	Centre.	Corbin
Benbrook	Right Guard.	Heffelfinger
McGugin	Left Guard.	Glass
Maddock	Right Tackle.	Kinney
Curtis	Left Tackle.	Bloomer
Redden	Right End.	Shevlin
H. Hammond	Left End.	Kilpatrick
Weeks	Quarterback.	Rockwell
Heston	Right Halfback.	Philbin
Craig	Left Halfback.	Chadwick
T. Hammond	Fullback.	Coy

(Note—It is needless to say that only those still living were picked for this game, played immediately after the one promoted by old Doc Lardner, the celebrated Ringer.)

The Battle.

Michigan won the toss, and promptly at 2 p. m. Coy kicked off to Heston. The burly back came smashing onward ten yards before he was fiercely tackled by Shevlin and Kilpatrick together.

On the first play Weeks sent Heston around Yale's right end, where there was no one in the way except Shevlin. No gain. On the next play Craig whirled out around left end, where there wasn't a soul left except Kilpatrick. No gain.

Hammond then punted to Rockwell, who was thrown heavily by Redden, Benbrook and Schulz.

Play by Play.

On the first play Rockwell sent Coy hurtling through centre. The only thing that stopped Coy was 246 pounds of Germany Schulz. When the two collided the spectators thought a mine had been exploded at midfield. As it was, the game had to be stopped until a portion of the field had been replaced.

Philbin tried to slip outside of tackle, but there wasn't any outside. Curtis (242 pounds) lifted him up and was trying to pick his teeth with the Yale star, when the officials intervened and penalized Michigan ten yards for unnecessary impoliteness.

On the next play Heffelfinger and Schulz became involved in a personal argument, and it took the summer camp from Plattsburg and 400 cops thirty-two minutes to quell the stirring debate.

The Finish.

At the end of the game the ball was at midfield. The score was as follows: Michigan, 0; Yale, 0. Ground gained by rushing—By Yale, 1¼ yards; by Michigan, 5 feet.

Against Harvard.

If these two elevens can be gotten together again to decide the draw, the winner will be matched against an All-Harvard eleven. This eleven hasn't been quite picked to date, but most of them have. Nourse will play centre, Pennock right guard and Ham Fish right tackle. The ends will be Campbell and Hardwick. Daly will play quarter, with Dibblee and Brickley for the two halves, and Mahan will play fullback. This game will be played for the benefit of those who bought Bethlehem Steel between 40 and 50.

Rubaiyat of the Gridiron.

Come, fill the cup to the winter's snow,
Four hundred all-star aggregation's throw;
The football dope is going out of date,
And cheerfully we mutter, "Let 'er go!"

In the meanwhile, how about Nelson Metcalf, of Columbia, who started with material that hadn't seen a football in ten years and never lost a game? Columbia never overwhelmed the strongest elevens in the world, but Metcalf's team knew a lot of sound football at the finish.

Half Strides.

Much in sport that is charged to brain and skill is merely knack that has come without reason and no great amount of intelligent practice.

Any dub can star once in a while; but it is the star who only dubs once in a while.

In the midst of all this football chatter, now on the verge of waning swiftly from the day's gossip, along comes old Honus Wagner leading the shortstops, well beyond Maranville and Bancroft, supposed to be his main successors. But how can any one succeed a king who hasn't abdicated?

The Season's Main Feature.

What was the greatest individual performance of the recent football campaign? Mahan's feat of scoring 29 points against Yale? Yost, of Michigan, doesn't think so. The Wolverine expert says By all odds the greatest exhibition was Shiverick's kicking against Harvard. "Here was a man not supposed to be any part of a star kicker," says Yost, "and when Barrett is hurt and the championship test is on, he gives not only the greatest punting exhibitions of the year, but one of the greatest ever seen. In that game he kicked as well against the wind as Mahan did with it at his back, winning a championship by his work."

Entries for the Peace Ship.

Suggested by J. J. McGraw—Umpire Bill Byron.

By Yale—Percy D. Haughton.

By Princeton—Thomas Shevlin.

By Ban Johnson—James Gilmore.

Even Further.

Sir: Harry Sinclair has $25,000,000 at least. Why shouldn't he spend $1,800,000 if he feels like going that far to establish what he considers a principle?

FED FAN.

He has our permission and hearty co-operating in the disbursing of the entire $25,000,000 if it so pleases.

We have always found it to be a tough assignment to worry over how the other fellow was spending his kale.

King William IV.
V·O·P
Scotch Whisky
Received highest Award of Merit and Gold Medal at San Francisco

BID FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Three Clubs Want to Hold Western Amateur and Olympic Fixtures.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Three clubs are seeking the 1916 Western amateur golf championship, it was announced to-day, bids having been received from the Del Monte Golf and Country Club, of Del Monte, Cal.; the Midlothian Club, of Blue Island, Ill., and the Omaha Country Club. The bids include the Olympic cup competitions. Only one bidder—the Hinsdale (Ill.) Golf Club—was recorded for the junior championship. The tournaments will be awarded at the annual meeting of the association, which will be held in Chicago on January 15, the day following the United States Golf Association meeting, to be held here also.

PACIFIC COAST SEKS TO HOLD GOLF TOURNEY

Del Monte Club Offers to Furnish Special Train for Amateur Tilt.

Offering to run a special train from Chicago to the Pacific Coast, the California Golf Association, for the first time in history, yesterday formally applied for the privilege of holding the Western amateur championship. The association makes its appeal in behalf of the Del Monte Golf and Country Club, and the special train idea is with a view to encouraging Middle Western players to make the trip.

This action presages the time when California will seek the national tournaments, and as a result has more than passing interest. In fact, many writers have been predicting for several years the time when California, or rather the Pacific Coast, would seek national meetings.

It was as a representative of Del Monte that Macdonald Smith, last year's metropolitan open champion, won the Western open title, and since that time golf has been growing at a rapid rate in that section. All through the Pacific Coast territory courses are springing up like mushrooms, and there are those who venture the opinion that it will be only a short while when that vicinity will be a veritable mine of links.

The advent of California in the championship field, although only in a Western way, follows closely the election of Frank L. Woodward, of Denver, to the presidency of the United States Golf Association.

Following is the letter of application to George F. Henneberry, secretary of the Western Golf Association:

"We believe that if the amateur championship (Western) were held in California it would greatly stimulate the interest in golf, and it would be a marked development in the progress of the game in the West. California now has sixteen clubs that are members of the Western Golf Association. While this is but a limited number, we believe that the greatest field for the natural growth of the game in the future lies in the large states in the West and Southwest, where the population is ever on the increase. Practically all the clubs on the Pacific Coast would be desirous of becoming members of the Western Golf Association if they could receive the benefit of holding your amateur championship in their district.

"The Western Golf Association has a world-wide reputation for being progressive and acting with broad views on any question which makes for the betterment of the sport. We feel that an early recognition of the possibilities arousing new interest in golf in this section of your territory would redound to the credit of the association as well as bring into being many new clubs which are not now contemplated.

"The California Golf Association realizes that the large majority of the players in your championship have, of necessity, been from the Central States, and that to attend a tournament at Del Monte or any other California course would entail upon them an expensive railway trip.

"In order to equalize this most important item, the California Golf Association would be much pleased to receive your permission to place at the disposal of your directors a special train to run from Chicago to Del Monte and return. We shall be pleased to furnish a train to accommodate from 100 to 150 players. This, we believe, would provide for all who have the slightest hope of qualifying for this championship. The matter of selecting or determining who are to make this trip as the guests of the California Golf Assocation we shall be only too pleased to leave to your board of directors.

"In regard to the course, we beg to say that Del Monte has turf fairways, putting greens and all other attributes of a championship course. It has been highly praised by John D. Cady, a former president of your association, and by many members of clubs belonging to the W. G. A.

"Should the award of the Western amateur championship be made to the Del Monte Golf and Country Club the California Golf Association will assure you that suitable rates will be made at hotels and bungalows of the vicinity for the accommodation of all those who may attend the tournament.

"We hope that California may be the recipient of your favor, and beg to assure you that we will be much pleased to do all that we can to make the tournament a success and your visit a pleasant one."

WATER ON SIDE IN GOLF POOL GAME

Scribes Pay Many Visits to This Hazard at John Doyle's.

The new game of golf pool, as revised by John Doyle, was played for the first time on the winter course of the Newspapermen's Golf Club at Doyle's Academy, in West Forty-second Street, yesterday. Two new courses were utilized, both having been freshly rolled, with the brooks, ponds, ditches and all other hazards. Several qualifying rounds were played. The first match brought together Harry Cashman and Frank O'Connell, the former winning through consistent playing by a score of 71 to 98. Arthur Robinson then defeated Joe Millard by a score of 76 to 128. Joe was off form, particularly in his putting, and exhausted many a "12" on the short iron holes. Bozeman Bulger won from Sid Mercer at 82 to 96.

There was quite a hubbub at the conclusion of this game, as several of the judges were of the opinion that Mercer was not fully extended. The referee called Doyle's attention to Mercer's big score and the latter readily agreed with the judges, as Mercer, in practice on the day before, came through with a 66. It is almost a certainty that the humorous scribe will be a scratch man in the tournament.

Bill Wathey turned in the best card of the day when he defeated Harry Haines by a score of 68 to 119.

This afternoon Grantland Rice will cross cues with Walter Trumbull. The latter is confident of winning, as he has been practising mashie shots at Southampton for the last week. The schedule also calls for T. A. Dorgan vs. Dan Lyons, Bill Hicks vs. Will Farnsworth, Harry Martin vs. Fred Van Ness and Al. Hedley vs. W. J. McBeth.

Baseball Player Badly Hurt.

Wilkes-Barre, Penn., Nov. 30.—Andrew Konnick, of this city, who played shortstop for the Frankfort (Ky.) Southern League baseball team last season and who led the league in batting, was so seriously injured to-day that he will probably be out of the game forever. He was struck by a car while at work in a mine, and physicians say an injury sustained to his back will probably be permanent.

Konnick was to have joined the Syracuse team of the New York State League next season.

CHANGES MADE IN THE SQUASH RULES

Back to Old Order of Things in National Tourney.

The new squash rules that governed the recent invitation scratch tournament of the Columbia Club, have been found unpopular, and were dropped yesterday from future championship tournaments by the executive committee of the National Squash Tennis Association.

It appears that the committee made a canvass of the clubs from which players were entered, and all were practically unanimous in asking a return to the old rules of 15 points, with the winner to be decided in three games.

M. L. Cornell, secretary of the association, announced that the principal objection of the players was to the rule which compelled the server, after making twenty points, to make his next point on his own service. This was considered too much of an advantage for the opposing player, as he can pick up aces whether made on service or against the server. In a number of cases, the man who had counted his twentieth point would, in the course of a match, have made half a dozen aces against the server, before he would score a point on his own service.

The old rules, it was announced, would govern the play in the national handicap tournament which will begin on the Yale Club courts on next Saturday afternoon.

THE YALE CLUB STARTS SQUASH SEASON RIGHT

Wins All Five Matches in Meeting with Heights Casino Team.

The Yale Club squash team opened the tournament for the Class B interclub championship of the Metropolitan Association with victories in five of the matches against the Heights Casino, of Brooklyn, played on the former's courts yesterday. As this is the first year Yale has taken up the sport seriously, the auspicious start against the strong Brooklyn team was considered a worthy performance.

Three of the matches were forced to three games, with the Yale representatives pulling out ahead after losing the opening match. John F. Stillman, brother of Dr. Alfred Stillman, the former national champion, played a fast game in defeating Frank L. Page. The latter allowed Stillman only one ace in the first game, but the tide then turned, with Stillman playing hard and clever squash and winning the next two games by the scores of 19—16, 15—10. A. C. Corey, the old Yale athlete, defeated Michael F. Toerge after a poor start.

The scores follow:

Intercluh class B tournament (Yale vs. Heights Casino): W. H. Robinson, Yale, defeated R. Carlin, Heights Casino, 15—9, 15—11; Livingston Platt, Yale, defeated J. Truesdale, Heights Casino, 15—13, 15—2; E. R. Hudson, Yale, defeated F. Bell, Heights Casino, 15—5, 15—12, 15—7; J. F. Stillman, Yale, defeated Frank L. Page, Heights Casino, 7—15, 19—16, 15—10; A. C. Corey, Yale, defeated Michael F. Toerge, Heights Casino, 9—15, 15—4, 15—8.

Final points—Yale Club, 5; Heights Casino, 0.

Interclub Class B tournament (Columbia Club vs. Princeton Club): H. Todd, Princeton, defeated I. H. Cornell, Columbia, 15—12, 15—10, 15—11; Stephen Colston, Princeton, defeated R. Ely, Princeton, 10—15, 15—12, 15—10; R. L. Strobridge, Columbia, defeated Dr. H. R. Marsh, Princeton, 15—10, 15—13; Charles Graham, Princeton, defeated A. C. Scott, Columbia, 10—15, 15—12, 15—7; R. E. Thurber, Columbia, defeated R. Forsythe, Princeton, 9—15, 15—8, 15—11.

Final points—Columbia Club, 3; Princeton Club, 2.

WATER JUMP IS ABOLISHED

Senior 'Cross-Country Runners to Escape Icy Plunge.

Competitors in the senior Metropolitan Association 'cross-country championship run over the Van Cortlandt Park course on Saturday will not have to take the water jump. This was decided at a meeting of the committee, of which John J. Deignan is chairman, held at the St. Bartholomew Athletic Club last night.

Rumors were flying thick and fast recently that the fourteen-foot water jump was to be restored by the committee, but this was denied by Mr. Deignan. Protests against restoring the jump have been received from the Irish-American Athletic Club and the Millrose Athletic Association, whose coaches had threatened to withdraw their teams if "Carter's Pond" was to remain.

Four clubs—the Irish-American, New York, Millrose and Yonkers Young Men's Christian Association—have entered teams. The winged flat team, composed of Hannes Kolehmainen, Tom Barden, E. F. Peck, a Bloomfield High School student; Pat Flynn, Frank Zuna, George Messler, William Fogel and Arthur Fogel, is the favorite. F. E. Marshall, Smart Set Athletic Club, is the only individual entry.

OLD BOTHNER FOILS LINOW

Veteran, Outweighed By Fifty Pounds, Holds Burly Russian to a Draw.

George Bothner, nearing the half-century mark in years, opposed Ivan Linow, the Russian cossack, in a special catch-as-catch can bout at the international wrestling tournament at the Manhattan Opera House last night, and frustated the plans of the cossack to throw him in twenty-five minutes.

Bothner was totally exhausted and panting heavily from his efforts. He was outweighed by fifty pounds, and permitted his rival to take the aggressive. During the last two minutes of the bout Bothner secured a chancery with his legs and a half-Nelson on Linow, and had the latter in great peril, but was too exhausted to press his advantage.

In the other bouts, Alex Aberg and Charles Cutler, the American, wrestled to a twenty-minute draw. Pierre La Colosse walked off the mat in his scheduled finish match with Demitrius Tafalos after 30 minutes and 58 seconds of wrestling. Helmar Johnson threw H. Ernst in 6 minutes 54 seconds with a head in chancery and armlock.

Cochran Wins at Billiards.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 30.—Welker Cochran, who was defeated only by William Hoppe in the recent New York billiard tournament, defeated Fred Burnham, of Hartford, at the Wooster Academy to-night by a score of 300 to 17, making an average of 42 6-7 and a high run of 86 at 18.2 balkline.

PRODUCE AND GRAIN PRICES

Wheat Market Shows Reactionary Trend—Corn Is Lower.

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New York, November 30, 1915.

WHEAT.

Wheat was feverish, and after an early advance of ⅝@⅞c prices developed a reactionary tendency and at the close of the day were ⅞c net lower.

The situation in Canada was a little less complicated than appeared on Monday and operations were resumed in Winnipeg for December and May, although trading was not allowed in November. A good export demand developed for American wheat and sales were reported of about a million bushels, comprised of durums and American springs as well as hard winter wheat to Gulf ports.

A few scattered lots of Manitoba wheat were offered, comprised of lots which were afloat on the lakes and had not been included in the wheat recently transferred by Canada, but as a rule shippers were not disposed to make offers under present conditions.

It was evident that the trade at large was very undecided regarding the status of the whole wheat position in America, and it was the prevailing opinion that it would take some time for the market to recover from such a radical and unprecedented action as that recently enacted by Canada. Irregular factors have lost their force and the situation will have to be established by the slow process of commercial operations between buyers and sellers.

In the local cash market Nov 1 durum wheat was quoted at $1.35, f o b New York, and No 1 Northern Duluth, $1.39½, c i f Buffalo.

CORN.

Underlying conditions in the corn market were not particularly changed and receipts at primary points were moderate, but the market developed an easier tone and at the close of the day values were ⅞c net lower. Longs seemed disposed to liquidate, possibly due to fears that the technical position had become weak as a result of the recent active buying, and there were also some operators who seemed to be anticipating a larger movement, notwithstanding the reports that farmers are holding. In the local cash market No 2 yellow corn was quoted at 89½c, prompt shipment.

OATS.

The oats market was moderately active and easier under liquidation prompted by the decline in corn and oats, which apparently offset reports that about a million bushels have been sold for export in the last two days. The local cash market was easy. No 2 white quoted at 44½@45c, No 4 white, 43@44½c; ordinary to fancy clipped, 41@47½c, all elevator.

RYE.

Market quiet; No 2 Western, $1.92, c i f New York.

NEW YORK PRICES.

	Close.	Yesterday.
Wheat:		
December	1.14	1.14½
May	1.14	1.14½

CHICAGO PRICES.

Wheat:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	1.06½	1.06½	1.04½	1.05	1.05⅝
May	1.08¼	1.08¼	1.07¼	1.07⅞	1.08⅛
Corn:					
December	.64½	.64⅝	.64	.64	.64⅝
May	.68⅞	.69	.68¼	.68½	.69⅛
Oats:					
December	.41⅝	.41⅝	.41	.41¼	.41⅞
May	.44	.44¼	.43½	.43⅝	.44⅝

FLOUR AND MEAL.

There was only a quiet routine trade in flour, as deliveries are still slow, and the market felt the influence of the nervousness in wheat. There was some export inquiry in evidence, but it was difficult to make sales owing to uncertainties regarding freights. The following prices for wood are quoted on the New York Produce Exchange: Spring patents, $5.40@$5.80; spring clears, $5@$5.15; winter patents, $5.40@$5.80; winter straights, $5.10@$5.40; winter clears, $4.60@$4.80; kansas straights, $5.10@$5.40; kansas clears, $4.60@$4.80; city patents, $6.25@$6.75; city clears, $5.75@$6.25; rye flour, $4.75@$5.60; buckwheat flour, $3.75@$3.90 per 100 lbs. RYE FLOUR—Quoted fairly in good demand at $5@$5.25, choice to fancy. $4.65@$4.85; COMMON—Steady; sales, $3@$3.25. BAG MEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.60; coarse, $1.45. FEED—City, steady; bran, bulk, $22@$23.50; heavy middlings do, $23@$24; flour middlings do, $27@$28; red dog do, $30@$31; rye feed, $29@$30; mill feed, $23@$24.50; flour middlings do, $26@$27