Harry Sinclair Should Be Oily Enough to Make a Very Good Auctioneer

No Player Limit for the Cubs and Browns

These Clubs To Be Exempt from Provision Governing Others Next Year.

CLAUSE INSERTED IN THE PEACE TREATY

Purpose Lies in Furnishing Opportunity for Chicago and St. Louis to Get Rid of Players.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—The Chicago club in the National League and the St. Louis club in the American League will be exempt until the year 1917 from that provision, under which organized baseball is now working, limiting the number of players of each team on May 20 of each year.

This is part of the baseball peace agreement that was signed here last night, according to August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission.

Mr. Herrmann made this announcement to-night when told that Harry F. Sinclair, one of the Federal League peace conferees, had stated that there would be no player limit in baseball next year.

In the National League the number of players limited to a team is twenty-one, while in the American League the limit is fixed at twenty-five.

"Owing to the combination and amalgamation of two clubs in the Federal League to a club in the National and one in the American League, we consider it unjust to ask these clubs to dispose of what would naturally be considered a large number of players," said Mr. Herrmann.

"I cannot say accurately," he added, "but I estimate that with the Chicago Cubs absorbing the Chicago Federals and the St. Louis Browns taking in the St. Louis Federals, each of these clubs has close to fifty players at the present time.

"It would be unjust to ask them to dispose of such a large number as would be necessary in order to cut down to the limit under which organized baseball is now working; therefore we gave them until 1917 to dispose of the surplus players."

When asked if any or all clubs in the major leagues would be exempt from the limit or the rule would be abrogated until 1917, Mr. Herrmann said, "Absolutely no." Continuing, he added:

"The other fourteen teams of the major leagues will go along in the same manner and observe the limit. In so far as I know, there is no movement on foot to do away with the limit rule. In the opinion of all baseball men it is an excellent provision, but circumstances made it necessary to give the new prospective owners of the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Browns a fair chance to dispose of their surplus players."

John K. Tener, president of the National League; Captain Huston, of the Yankees, and Charles H. Ebbets, of the Brooklyn club, left this afternoon for New York.

Several conferences between these men and August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, were held to-day, but at the conclusion of each the statement was made that there was nothing to announce.

It is probable, however, that a large number of the men who have been in town to attend the peace meeting will return here on January 3, when the National Commission holds its annual meeting. The committee appointed to thrash out the differences between the Federal and International leagues will also meet here at that time, while the day following, January 4, is the date set for Charles P. Taft to return from his hunting trip in Texas, and it is not improbable that the negotiations looking toward the acquisition of the Chicago Cubs by Charles Weeghman will be begun tnd possibly ended on that day.

Sinclair Says He Owns Benny Kauff

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Harry F. Sinclair, the Oklahoma oil magnate, owns Ben Kauff, outfielder, and Lee Magee, second baseman, both stars on the Brooklyn Federal League team last season, it was learned here to-day.

The information came from Mr. Sinclair himself, who now places the players on the market. It had been the understanding that they belonged to the Wards, owners of the Brooklyn Tip Tops.

Mr. Sinclair said he acquired the two players this winter.

"I have them for sale," he said. "They can be had by the St. Louis Americans if Phil Ball wants to pay the price. It isn't steep, considering the class of the players involved."

Plenty of Bids for Former Players in Federal League

Chicago, Dec. 23.—There are eighty-four players under contract to clubs which were members of the Federal League, and already bids for forty of them have been made by American and National League clubs, according to James A. Gilmore and Charles Weeghman, who returned to-day from the peace meeting in Cincinnati.

Minor League clubs which have claims on players who left their ranks for the Feds will have an opportunity to buy the men who fail to find places in the majors, acording to Mr. Gilmore. In a few of these cases it is possible the owners of the Federal League will have to supply part of the contract salaries.

So far as known no deals for players have been arranged, and reports that Kauff, Magee and others had been awarded to one team or another were denied.

Mr. Weeghman insisted to-day that he would buy the Cubs and move them to the North Side, despite stories here and elsewhere that there was a hitch in the deal. He confirmed a story that his agreement with Charles P. Taft, providing for his purchase of the major portion of the stock, extended indefinitely or until peace was agreed to.

Referring to spring training quarters, Mr. Weeghman said:

"There is nothing binding about the Federals training at Shreveport, La. We had planned to train there, but there was no agreement to do so. I understand there is a contract requiring the Cubs to do spring training at Tampa, Fla. If that is true the contract will be fulfilled."

It was likely, Mr. Weeghman said, that the nick name of Cubs would be retained.

Joe Tinker, who is in a hospital here, was informed over the telephone of the successful termination of the peace meeting and of the announcement that he would be manager of the combined Whales and Cubs. He was not permitted, however, to discuss his plans.

These two offers are in answer to the published report that the National League owners have agreed not to take any Federal League players."

Mr. Sinclair declined to go into detail as to how he acquired Kauff, Magee and Anderson, or how he happened to have the Kansas City, Newark and Buffalo players on his hands. He denied, however, that he was the liquidating agent of the Federal League.

"When all the provisions of the agreement are carried out," Sinclair said, "I shall have retired from baseball, so far as having any financial interest in a club is concerned. I have been in the game one year and have been considered the money bag of the Federal League, but let me tell you the money I lost in the venture is hardly worth mentioning. To place the Federal League losses in the millions is a joke. I am going out of baseball because there doesn't seem to be a place in it for me and I don't want to break down any doors.

"I am leaving baseball," he continued, "with the impression that organized baseball has been much fairer to the players than the public seems to believe and I think that in the future the lot of the players will be better than it was before the coming of the Federal League."

It was announced that the re-organization of the St. Louis Americans will be left to Fielder Jones, now manager of the St. Louis Feds; that the Newark Federal League part has been leased by Mr. Sinclair to a holding company composed of National and American League directors, and that Ed Gwinner, owner of the Pittsburgh Feds, is still negotiating for the Cleveland Americans.

SINCLAIR SAYS HE IS OUT OF BASEBALL

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—The St. Louis Americans have not yet been turned over to Phil Ball and Otto Stifel, but the formal transfer will take place to-morrow.

Robert L. Hodges will continue as president until the money is paid over. The amount has not yet been stated.

Mr. Sinclair to-day characterized as ridiculous reports that the baseball war cost the Federal League backers $3,000,000.

Speaking on other matters he said: "You can say that the owners of the Cincinnati Reds yesterday offered me $5,000 for Moseley, the Newark pitcher, and that the owner of another National League club offered me $15,000 for Magee. Moseley will go to Cincinnati as soon as I get the $5,000.

"Magee, however, is worth more money than $15,000 in my estimation, and he will not go for that figure.

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By BRIGGS

COLUMBIA CREWS TO ALTER PLANS

Will Go to Poughkeepsie Early Because Big Race Date Is Advanced.

With the official announcements by Cornell and Pennsylvania that they prefer June 17, 1916, as the date for the intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie, it would appear that only the formality of putting the question to a vote of the board of stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association remains.

The selection of the June date in preference to July 1, the alternative named by the stewards, will necessitate a complete overhauling of the usual programme carried out at Columbia. In other years the Columbia squad has left for Poughkeepsie on the morning of commencement day, always the first Wednesday in June, and has spent practically the entire month in quarters. In 1916, however, the Columbia commencement comes on June 7, later than usual, and with the regatta only ten days later it is probable that arrangements will be made to have the crew leave for the regatta course at least two weeks before that date.

This would make it necessary to have the final examinations for the oarsmen in quarters, something the Columbian faculty has not been called upon to do; but with the precedent set by the Cornell and Pennsylvania faculties those in charge of rowing on Morningside Heights feel certain that the university authorities will make the necessary arrangements. Columbia in the past has found it necessary to have a longer period of practice on the Hudson, at Poughkeepsie, than any of the other crews because of the poor water conditions at Edgewater. Rice has done most of his heavy work at Poughkeepsie, and to confine him to eight rowing days in which to whip his crew into condition would be impractical in the extreme.

Examinations have always been regarded with respect by Rice, and in the past he has discontinued rowing altogether in the two weeks in May that the final tests have been held. To do so this year, however, would probably disrupt the crew, and Rice, for one, would prefer to have the oarsmen leave for Poughkeepsie on the eve of the examinations and combine their rowing and their final tests. The quarters at Poughkeepsie are ideally arranged for holding examinations, and faculty approval would probably not be hard to gain. With the necessary consent obtained the Columbia squad would probably leave for Highland on May 22 or thereabouts.

Taft Says Cubs' Sale Must Wait

Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 23.—Joseph Garretson, of Cincinnati, a member of Charles P. Taft's hunting party, with headquarters at the Taft ranch, near here, to-night telegraphed Charles Weeghman, of the Chicago Federals, at Mr. Taft's request, as follows:

"Mr. Taft is unwilling to make any further statement regarding the transfer of the Chicago National League team. Nothing relative to the Cubs will be done until Mr. Taft's return to Cincinnati, on January 6."

"It is probable that the Taft party will leave here on January 1 for the North.

Bits of Baseball Chatter Heard on Winter Diamond

When all arrangements have been completed for the disposition of ball players in the Federal League Dick Carroll, once a high grade pitcher in the International League and more recently business manager of the Brooklyn Federal League team, will not be left clicking his heels on the outside. Carroll was an active worker for the Feds, and was responsible for no fewer than thirty-seven players joining the Gilmore circuit. Dick never signed a contract with Brooklyn; he had a verbal agreement with the late Robert B. Ward, and now finds himself in a peculiar position. He is a sort of a stranger in No Man's Land.

James A. Gilmore, however, is not the type of man to forget the services of a faithful worker. He has given assurances that Dick will be placed in a good position with one of the clubs; in all probability either the Cubs or Browns.

Billy Murray insists that for real diplomacy Chris von der Ahe, one time owner of the St. Louis Browns, was the master of the world. One season, when things were breaking badly for the club, Chris called a meeting in the clubhouse before a game. He embarked upon a lengthy oration on how ball players should train. "Der trouble mit dees club," said Chris, "iss too many beer trinkers. Too much sousing at night. I vouldn't mention no names, but Kid Gleason, vatch out for yourself."

It was about that time when trouble threatened between the National and Eastern leagues. A general meeting was called and grounds for a compromise were discussed. Chris got the floor after repeated efforts to catch the chairman's eye and said in his own quaint way: "Gentlemen, bitterly am I opposed to a compromise. A compromise is something when you win you lose."

Bill Donovan says that he has heard nothing official of his deposition as manager of the Yankees in favor of Roger Bresnahan. It may be that Roger will be released from the Cubs and assisted to purchase the Cleveland club of the American Association, which he will move to Toledo. It was said at the meeting at the Waldorf that this course would be followed.

"John J. McGraw is the greatest manager in the world, and I will prove it in a simple way," said a fan yesterday. "His ball club finished in the cellar last summer, and I haven't heard any one knock him." This fan must have spent most of his life in Cincinnati, the original home of the anvil chorus.

A Federal League player said yesterday that if George Johnson would train a bit more carefully he would be one of the greatest pitchers in the game. "He has everything," said the player.

When the final comparison of base runners is made John Montgomery Ward, the famous pitcher and shortstop of the old Giants, will come in for some consideration. Johnnie hit only .260, or thereabouts, but he says that he has stolen more than seventy-five bases in a season. That isn't bad at all.

Chicago Alumni Host to Brown Eleven

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Brown University football players, en route to Pasadena, Cal., for a game on New Year's Day with Washington State College, rested here to-day and were guests of the local alumni of the Providence institution.

This afternoon the team went to Evanston for signal drill on the field of Northwestern University. The Eastern men are to resume their journey this evening.

C. C. N. Y. and Yale Fives Meet To-night

The C. C. N. Y. five will meet Yale in the City College gymnasium to-night. The visitors will probably line up as follows:

Forwards—Weiner and Olsen; centre, Baker or Garfield; guards, Kinney and Captain Taft.

HOMMEY SHADES CROSS IN BOUT

Leach Stalls, for Small Crowd Makes Box Fighting a Poor Business.

By IGOE.

Leach Cross fought one of his justly celebrated stalling fights at the Harlem Sporting Club last night against Packey Hommey. If execution is to be considered at all, Hommey deserved the credit, for he scored oftener and chased Leach from bell to bell during ten rounds of a disappointing fight.

Brother Sam Wallach whispered an excuse for Leach's listless showing, saying brother Louis had hurt his hand on Wolgast's head in the same ring just a few nights previous. Cross did favor that right hand a bit, too. He used it on Hommey's body toward the end, instead of resorting to his famous attack for the head during the closing rounds of a bout. Hommey outboxed Leachie easily. He made Leach miss time after time, and when he set sail after the dentist he made the East Sider cover up more than he has in years. There was little of Christmas cheer in the house for either man. There was exactly $325.00 in the till. The state got $24.35, Cross $113.75 and Hommey $75.15.

For a time it looked as if those who had made the pilgrimage to the barber's club would not see the fight. Packey Hommey and his manager, Harry Lenny, after agreeing to box for 25 per cent of the house, demanded $500 as their bit before they would fight when they looked the small house over.

At this juncture Chairman Wenck of the Boxing Commission called the rebels aside and said: "This bout was arranged for your especial benefit, Hommey, and if you do not go through with your agreement to fight Cross for 25 per cent of this house I will suspend you every six months as long as I remain in office. I will not stand for any holdup." Hommey then decided to fight.

Cross was perfectly willing to go on. The commissioners had ordered him to fight for 35 per cent of the gate receipts. When they came into the ring, very late, the crowd did not know how close it had come to missing the main mill. Just at the point when a fight seemed out of the question a villager approached the ticket window and asked for a $5 ticket. John the Barber told him the fight was off. A moment later Hommey said he would perform for the small gathering of customers and John the Barber let a roar out of him that sounded like a wail from the jungle.

"What! The fight on? I just turned away a fellow with a $5 bill." With that John rushed out into the midnight air to head off the stranger before he could get to the subway. John was still missing when the last round was being fought.

STUYVESANT BOYS SPEEDY IN WATER

Finish First in Every Race with Commercial Lads.

The Stuyvesant High School swimmers found little opposition in defeating the Commercial High School in a dual swim at the West Sixtieth Street baths yesterday by a score of 28 points to 8. Only four events were held, owing to the illness of a number of the Commercial boys. Stuyvesant took all four first places. Several Stuyvesant boys who hold city championships did not compete against the Brooklyn boys.

Tommy Ruddy, a nephew of Joe Ruddy, the veteran of the New York Athletic Club, captured the century swim in handy fashion. He made use of a fast crawl stroke that carried him into a good lead on the second lap, and was never dangerously threatened thereafter. Earl Smith, of Commercial, finished a good second. Ruddy was timed in 1:03, which is only two-fifths of a second behind the schoolboy record.

40-yard swim—Won by Garrigus, Stuyvesant; Cook, Commercial, second; Du Brul, Stuyvesant, third. Time, 0:21.5-5.

100-yard swim—Won by Ruddy, Stuyvesant; Smith, Commercial, second; Sinclair, Stuyvesant, third. Time, 1:03.

Plunge for distance—Won by Stickle, Stuyvesant, with 54 feet; Linder, Stuyvesant, with 44 feet, second; Smith, Commercial, with 40 feet, third.

Dive for form—Won by Linder, Stuyvesant, with 29½ points; Cagner, Stuyvesant, with 28 points, second; Smith, Commercial, with 24 points, third.

Point score—Stuyvesant High School, 28; Commercial High School, 8.

BOTHNER DEFEATS PIERRE LE COLOSSE

Monster French Wrestler Easy Prey for Former Champion.

A handicap of almost 200 pounds did not daunt George Bothner, the former American champion, and he beat Pierre Le Colosse, the 390-pound Frenchman, in their bout to a finish at the international wrestling tournament at the Manhattan Opera House last night. The men wrestled at catch-as-catch-can, and Bothner accomplished his task in quicker time than many had expected. With Le Colosse helpless in the grip of a scissor hold, which Bothner had secured with his legs, the fall was gained in 18:41.

Sulo Heoonpaa, Finland, defeated H. Kamerek, Bohemia, with a side roll in 12:15. Ivan Linow, Russia, and the Masked Marvel wrestled twenty minutes to a draw. H. Johnson, Sweden, defeated H. Feurst, Germany, in 12:46 with a body hold. Ed. Lewis, America, and John McGrath, America, wrestled twenty minutes to a draw. George Bothner, America, defeated P. Le Colosse with a body scissor in 18:41. W. Bebner, Germany, defeated H. Bohm, Germany, in 3:45 with a body hold. F. Hasley, America, and H. Lundin, Germany, wrestled twenty minutes to a draw.

Personal Touches Here and There in Boxing

By IGOE

Henry Irslinger, the man who found Tommy McCarty out in the wilds of Montana, has unearthed another heavyweight. This newcomer is only 6 feet 7 inches high. He has grown so round-shouldered ducking the stars that the disarrangement of the Milky Way might be charged to him.

Irslinger says that "vonce dis feller comes into der rink dot he iss going to knock all der heavyvaights rightdt down on der floor."

Louis Bodie is the Montana giant's name, and reports from the mining districts say that he was the champion in and around the diggings. Henry claims that his man is the tallest that ever entered upon the peaceful occupation of a professional pugilist. Six foot seven!

Henry, that bird has a long way to fall if fellows like Moran, Coffey, the Gunner and Al Reich should ever nick him on the chin. However, Heinrich, there is always room for more. If there wasn't, what do you think Leo Parsifal Flynn would find in the game to interest himself? Trot out your fancy man, H. There are plenty of good men and true who will send him back again.

There is no record of Sam Fitzpatrick ever having taken onto himself a grouch until yesterday. Sam strode up and down the Great White Way delivering a bitter tirade against the State Comptroller's office, the boxing commissioners and any one who had a hand in extracting 7½ per cent of poor Kid Lavigne's testimonial money.

The state deducted $58 from the money so cheerfully paid at the door by those who remembered the once great fistic warrior. Chairman Wenck said that it simply had to be. It was the law, and there was no way out of it. Something ought to be done about refunding that money to the little Saginaw veteran. There was no actual fighting at his benefit, everybody volunteering their services in honor of the man who helped to make ring history. "If that's the law," snorted Fitzpatrick, "then the law is a horrible thing."

Frank Moran is giving the Times Square newsies a Christmas dinner on Sunday out at Dal Hawkins's, where he is training for Coffey. Fifty of the little fellows will sit down to a turkey dinner as the guests of the big Pittsburgher. Maxie Landow, king of that hustling crowd, said that Sunday, the day after Christmas, was selected because his subjects had to be on the job around the square on Christmas, that being "handout day" on the part of their customers.

The newsies will leave their stamping ground in ten sightseeing 'buses, and the advance on the turkey and cranberry sauce will begin. The boys made up a pool the night that Moran knocked out Coffey, and they cleaned up handsomely. Part of the money won will be spent in buying a present for Moran. Maxie won't tell what it is, but the tip is out that it is a silver horseshoe designed especially to fit inside Moran's glove when he meets Coffey on January 7.

As a rule, amateur champions fail when they take up the game of boxing in a professional way. Not so with Allie Nack, the ex-amateur featherweight champion. Allie has won all seven of his first big league fights.

Dan Morgan stands right up on his hind legs and proclaims Battling Levinsky the light-heavyweight champion of the world. Dan speaketh thusly: "My boy has beaten Coffey, Dillon, McMahon, Porky Flynn, Jack Geyer, Weinert, Gunboat Smith and Bob Moha.

"I want to have Willard meet him in a limited bout from one round to forty-five. Levinsky tells me himself that he will surely beat the big cowboy if they meet. If he can't beat Moran he will retire for good. He is the greatest heavyweight in the ring to-day. If you don't think so, ask Jim Corbett.

"Jim went up to Cowler, you know, after Levinsky fought at the Olympic Club and said: 'Don't mind a little thing like a whipping from this fellow, Tom. You've just been out there fighting the brainiest man in the ring today.' So I claim that championship at least."

"I've been censured for letting Battling Levinsky fight every night in the week for small purses," said Dan Morgan last night, "but why shouldn't I let him box that often? He improves all the time, never gets hit and has stored away $22,000 in a Bridgeport bank for himself. Do you know that he is making more money than any heavyweight fighter in the world? You can't count Willard's 101 Ranch money in on that. I'm talking about the men who fight for what they get.

"There's Coffey, or Moran, or Reich. They fight every few months or so. They get a little more for each bout, but the Battler is going night and day, and when the earnings of the heavyweights go into the old addition column you'll find that Levinsky makes more than any of them, even though he does fight for small purses. He's satisfied to grow rich that way, so why should little Dannie worry?"

Representatives of Moran and Coffey will meet Jimmy Johnston on Monday and post $500 for each to guarantee their appearance at the Garden on January 7. Coffey is back at the grind, doing his work at Croton Lake. The big Irishman was snowed in for a few days, but the warm weather has made it possible for him to resume his road work.

Ted Lewis, who fights Willie Ritchie at the Garden next Tuesday night, is willing to wager $100 against $1,000 that he knocks the American out. Willie is very apt to take up that bet himself. Ritchie has never been knocked out in all his career, and the chances are that he won't believe that a light hitter like Ted Lewis could accomplish it.

Boxing Bouts of the Week

SATURDAY (AFTERNOON).

Vanderbilt A. C.—Wee Wee Barton and Young Hicks.

Broadway Sporting Club—Battling Levinsky and Jim Flynn.

Fairmont A. C.—Clarry Marshall and Mike McCabe, Eddie Moy and Pete Hartley, Tommy Touhey and Eddie Campi.

Queensbury A. C.—Johnny Klein and Buddy Eichler.

New Polo A. C.—Eddie Smith and Paul Doyle.

Clermont A. C.—Young Ahearn and Zulu Kid.

SATURDAY (EVENING).

Pioneer Sporting Club—Seven ten-round bouts.

WILLARD TALKS OF A BIG BOUT HERE

Says He Will Meet Winner of the Coffey-Moran Contest.

Jess Willard, trailed by Tom Jones, backed into town last night, and Jones immediately announced that Willard stood ready to meet the winner of the Coffey-Moran bout at Madison Square Garden, on March 17, if Jimmy Johnston promised to pay the guarantee offered Willard before the first Coffey and Moran fight. At that time Johnston was supposed to have offered $30,000 for a fight in which Willard and Moran or Willard and Coffey would be contenders.

It was Johnson's idea to give Willard $20,000 of that purse and the remainder to the man who won in the elimination contest. Willard and his manager insisted on the whole purse for themselves. Johnson then said he would add $5,000 to the original offer. There was plenty of talk but no real signing. Jones departed for the South to arrange for the Fulton-Willard fight and he has remained silent on the subject of Jess appearing before a New York audience ever since.

Although Jones didn't say as much it is pretty certain that he will not demand $30,000 for a ten-round indoor contest. Those close to the Willard syndicate feel sure that Big Jess will agree to cut down his price when the real drawing power of ten-round contest is talked over.

Kilbane Will Sample K. O. Chaney's Sleep Producer

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, and George Chaney, of Baltimore, will battle fifteen rounds for the title in Baltimore March 17. Arrangements for the match were settled here to-night and articles will be signed to-morrow. Billy Rocap, of Philadelphia, was agreed upon as referee. Kilbane's terms of $5,500, with privileges of 40 per cent of the gate receipts, were accepted by Chaney. The weight will be 122 pounds, ringside.

MERRY SCRAMBLE FOR FED PLAYERS FOLLOWS PEACE

Club Owners Stubbing Their Toes in Rush to "Market."

GENE MOSLEY GOES TO CINCINNATI REDS

Huston and McGraw Chief Bidders for Pick of Gilmore's Players.

By FRANK O'NEILL.

After all, everything depends upon the point of view. Time there was, and not so long ago, when the owners of clubs in the National and American leagues, not forgetting Ed Barrow's International organization, cried: "Death to the Federal League! Blacklist the players of the Federal League."

But a treaty of peace has been signed in Cincinnati and all men have become brothers in baseball. The Federal League has passed, to be sure, but the players, at least those of greatest skill and ability, will be cared for and brought to the family table.

"I wouldn't let a Federal League ball player work on my club." This was the slogan of the O. B. owners by and large. But that was while those same ball players were performing for the cohorts of James A. Gilmore. Now, however, since the same athletes have received their immunity bath the club owners are stubbing their toes rushing to bid for their services.

There were somewhat more than eighty men bound by steel-shod contracts to the Feds and somewhat more than sixty of these are now earnestly sought by organized baseball. Truly, all things in this world change, and nowhere more quickly or completely than in baseball.

There are rumors galore, and rumors of rumored rumors, but only one sale has been officially announced. Gene Moseley, the young star of the Newark Federals, has been sold to the Cincinnati Reds. Moseley was formerly with the Boston Red Sox, but deserted to the Federal League in 1914. He played with the Indianapolis team, which won the pennant, and when the franchise of the Hoosier club was transferred to Newark Moseley came along with the team. He was fairly successful with Newark last year. Pitching in 267 2-3 innings of thirty-eight games, he parcelled out 226 hits to 970 batters and gave ninety-four bases on balls. The material thus furnished was turned into sixty-three earned runs. He struck out 138 batters. He was ranked second among the Newark pitchers, Ed Reulback leading him.

This sale is merely the forerunner of many to follow. There is not a club in either major league which has no bid for one or more of the leading lights of the now defunct organization. Harry F. Sinclair, owner of the Newark team, has assumed the responsibility for the contracts of those players who were working under non-breakable agreements, and he has announced that he will dispose of the men to the highest bidder. He is already besieged with offers for the services of Kauff, Lee Magee, George Anderson, Eddie Rousch, Al Scheer, Vince Campbell, Bert Whaling and others.

Among the leading bidders for the pick of the material are Captain Til Huston, part owner of the Yankees, and John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants. Both these men will make strenuous efforts to bolster up their teams, and expense will be a minor consideration.

Captain Huston has announced his intention to buy Lee Magee if such a thing is possible. He also is hot on the trail of Rousch and Scheer, while Bert Whaling, Fred Anderson, Cy Falkenberg and Campbell would be more than welcome.

In bidding for the Federal stars Huston is not losing sight of J. Franklin Baker for a moment. The captain will arrive in this city this morning at 9:45 o'clock, and after attending to some urgent business will hike right out to Philadelphia with Wild Bill Donovan to go into conference with Connie Mack and Baker. Huston may secure the Trappe fence buster at a much smaller price than was originally asked for him this winter. There are many other men on whom the genial captain has cast his eyes.

The Yankees are clamoring for outfielders and pitchers, for in those departments they are weakest. If Magee lands on the American League team in this city he will probably be played in the outfield. He ranged about the outer gardens for the St. Louis Cardinals, and was at least as proficient there as at second base.

The acquisition of Scheer, Campbell, Rousch or Campbell would add needed strength to the Yankee outfield. With Hughie High, Gilhooley and any of the aforementioned men the Yankees would have an outfield which would rank with the best. Magee would be a most acceptable addition to the infield, too. Bert Whaling is a catcher of first rank, and the Yankees need a catcher.

There may be a clash between the Giants and the Yankees over some of the players, for McGraw is known to be after Magee and several other men wanted by Huston. Benny Kauff, of course, is the object of first search by the leader of the Giants. He is prepared to bid high for this prize. Pitchers, and more pitchers, is the cry of McGraw. Jeff Tesreau stood up while the rest of the staff crumpled last season. This coming season he may not stand alone.

McGraw has gone over the men when he may be able to purchase with a fine-tooth comb, and Harry N. Hempstead will not stint him. Frank Allen, Baron Knetzer, George Johnson, Jim Bluejacket and others may hear the call to report at Marlin on March 1.

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