In One of the Biggest Cash Transactions in History of Baseball Phillies Sell Their Star Battery to Chicago

$50,000 IS PAID FOR ALEXANDER AND KILLEFER

Phillies Sell One of Greatest Pitchers in History of Game to Cubs.

PART OF PENNANT DRIVE

Weeghman Offers Like Sum for Hornsby—Gives Up a Minor Battery.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, one of the greatest pitchers in the history of baseball, and William Killefer, catcher, yesterday were purchased by the Chicago club of the National League from the Philadelphia team of the same organization. Although Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago club, refused to divulge the exact sum involved, he declared that it was one of the biggest cash transactions in the history of baseball. From a source close to William F. Baker, president of the Philadelphia club, it was learned that $50,000 had changed hands in the deal. In addition to the cash consideration the Philadelphia club got Mike Prendergast, a pitcher, and William Dilhoefer, a catcher.

Weeghman asserted that the deal was only the first of a series whereby he hoped to convert the Chicago team into a formidable aspirant for the pennant. "We have $250,000 to spend in the acquisition of players," said Weeghman. "I am ready to give $50,000 to the St. Louis club for Rogers Hornsby, and am willing to make a big offer for Max Carey, outfielder of the Pittsburg team. I had been angling for Alexander for some time, but I never expected to pay the sum which Mr. Baker demanded for his star battery. However, we had to have Alexander and Killefer, so I just signed that check, even if it did take my breath away."

From a financial standpoint the Alexander-Killefer deal shares the top position with the sales of Eddie Collins and Tris Speaker. Collins came to the White Sox from the Athletics after the world's series of 1914 for $50,000, while the Cleveland club paid a like sum to the Boston Americans for Speaker after the world's series of 1915.

One of the Greatest Pitchers.

Several years ago the Yankees paid $37,500 to the Athletics for Frank Baker. An even bigger cash consideration was involved in the purchase by the Giants of Benny Kauff, Bill Rariden and Fred Anderson from Harry Sinclair of the Federal League. The Giants paid $35,000 for Kauff and something like $10,000 more for the battery.

In Alexander the Cubs get one of the most remarkable pitchers who ever put over a strike. He came to Philadelphia in 1910, having been drafted from Syracuse of the New York State League. He cost the club only $500—the draft price. In his seven years of service in the National League the big right hander has worked in 329 games, has won 190 and lost 85, for a percentage of .683. He has recorded practically every accomplishment a pitcher could record. He has pitched a no hit game, has pitched six one hit games, twice has pitched a double header and won both games.

In 1915 Alexander pitched four one hit, no run contests—a record unequalled in modern baseball and attained in the olden days only by Matty Kilroy, the left hander. Alexander also has pitched a club to a pennant, for it was his work that gave the Phillies their flag in 1915. In 1916 Alexander established a record by scoring sixteen shutouts. Control always has been one of his great assets and he has a record of approximately five strikeouts per game for the seven years with the Phillies. He has been highly successful against all teams except New York, which has beaten him more often than he has scored over the Giants.

Started in 1908.

Alexander will be 31 years old on February 26. He was born at Elba, Neb., and spends his winters there. The pitcher weighs 180 pounds in condition and stands 6 feet 1 inch in height. He made his entry into professional baseball with Central City, Neb., in 1908, and the following season saw him with Galesburg of the Illinois-Missouri League. He won 15 and lost 8 games that year and was drafted by Indianapolis of the American Association. Alexander opened the season of 1910 with the Hoosiers, but did not remain with them through the first fortnight, for on April 30 he was released under option to Syracuse.

With the Salt City club he won 29 games and lost 14 and soon attracted the attention of major league scouts. In the draft the Phillies, then under Charley Dooin, got the prize. Alexander made good right from the start in the National League and in time became the closest rival of Matty and Walter Johnson for the top honors of the modern era and in fact, of all time in baseball. Alexander's record with the Phillies follows:

Year.	G.	C.G.	B.H.	B.B.	H.B.	S.O.	W.	L.	Ave.
1911	48	31	285	129	8	227	28	13	.683
1912	46	26	249	107	6	195	19	17	.525
1913	47	22	283	75	3	139	22	8	.733
1914	46	32	257	76	11	214	27	12	.643
1915	49	36	254	64	10	241	31	10	.756
1916	46	38	223	90	10	167	33	12	.733
1917	45	34	240	54	11	198	30	13	.698
	329	220	2105	595	59	1401	190	85	.683

Get Leading Catcher.

Killefer, who goes with Alexander to Chicago, last season was the best catcher in the National League. He will be 32 years old next April 13. Killefer came to the Phillies from Buffalo of the Eastern League in 1911. He got his first baseball experience at St. Edward's College, and in 1907 broke into the professional game with Kalamazoo and Jackson of the Southern Michigan League.

In 1909 he went to Austin of the Texas League, and at the end of that season came to San Francisco of the Pacific Coast League. He went back to Houston of the Texas League, but came up once more with the St. Louis Nationals in 1909. In 1911 the Cardinals sent him to Buffalo. In the majors he generally has hit around the .240 mark.

Prendergast, who goes to the Phillies, is a right hander, who came to the Cubs with other Chicago Federal League heirlooms acquired by the Cubs when Weeghman purchased that club. Dilhoefer is only a fair catcher, who has been going back and forth between Chicago and Milwaukee of the American Association.

ANOTHER FOR MAUPOME.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Pierre Maupome defeated Hugh Heal of Toledo to-night in the interstate billiard tourney, 50 to 41, in ninety-five innings. It was the longest league game of the season. The large number of innings resulted from the game resorted to by Heal. Heal introduced several new safeties and spread far more "oil" than usual. Maupome's high run was 41 and Heal's 8.

Tener Is Reelected, but Relieved of Routine Work

Chosen Leader of National League After Assured He Can Assume Duties as President of Permanent Highways Corporation.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

John Kinley Tener, president of the National League, caused consternation among his club owners yesterday afternoon when he informed them at the league's annual meeting in the Waldorf that he had been elected president of the Permanent Highways Corporation and that beginning with the new year he would devote practically his entire time to his new duties.

Tener informed the National League club owners that he could accept reelection to the presidency of the league on only one condition—that he be given free rein to devote as much time as he needs to his new position and that he be relieved of all the detail work connected with the executive department of the National League.

Should the league care to retain his services under these conditions Tener agreed to give the league such time as he could spare from his other duties, accept the full responsibility of the president and make decisions on all questions of importance. At Tener's own request he suggested that if he be reelected under those terms it be only for a one year period.

Tener's statement came like a bolt from a clear sky, as it had been generally understood that Tener had accepted the league's invitation to become a candidate for reelection, the only question being the length of his new contract.

Tener Is Reelected.

The league magnates were stumped for a few moments, but agreed to all of Tener's conditions and reelected him for a one year period.

How long this condition of affairs will prove satisfactory remains to be seen. Tener says he has left it up to the league to terminate his new contract whenever it deems it advisable.

Tener now holds the National League presidency under the same conditions as he did when he first was elected to office while serving his last year as Governor of Pennsylvania. At the time Secretary-Treasurer John Heydler was the practical head of the league, Tener only attending league meetings, National Commission meetings and the world's series.

Heydler will again take over the task of running the league, assigning umpires, writing letters and attending to all other routine matters. Tener, however, will inflict penalties on players who require discipline.

Heydler Again Secretary.

It is likely that a policy of retrenchment and the gloomy outlook of baseball, had something to do with Tener's determination to get into a new sphere of activity. It is known that the new contract offered Tener did not call for as much money as the one tendered him four years ago, when he carried the prestige of Governor of Pennsylvania. The league also was unwilling to renew the clause in Tener's contract, which enabled him to carry a baseball secretary with title of "secretary to the president." Tener himself says the question of salary was immaterial and had nothing to do with the question.

Secretary-Treasurer John A. Heydler was reelected for a period of four years.

After going through routine matters, such as adopting reports of the president, treasurer and board of directors, the National League voted unanimously in favor of holding a joint meeting with the American League in Chicago or Cleveland at the end of the present meeting of the National League. It is now proposed to hold this meeting next Friday.

August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, addressed the league on the necessity of holding this meeting and said he issued a call for a joint meeting after there was a genuine demand for such a joint conference from the individual club owners of both leagues.

President Tener spoke on the same subject, saying he deemed such a meeting advisable and that the only position he ever took in regard to such a meeting which differed from Herrmann was the date of the meeting.

Tener and Herrmann were requested by the league to get into communication with the American League as to a suitable date and place to hold the meeting. It was suggested that in view of the manner in which the railroads were tied up it might be more satisfactory to hold this meeting in Cleveland. Whatever happens the National League will wind up its business to-day.

No questions of importance will be touched at this meeting, it was announced yesterday. THE SUN predicted as much in yesterday's paper. The question of the length of the schedule, player limit, salary reductions, war taxes, &c., have all been left over for the joint meeting with the American League.

Pennant Awarded to Giants.

The league meeting was preceded by a meeting of the board of directors, who also held a routine meeting. The pennant for 1917 was awarded to the New York club, and the directors also voted to continue the pension annually paid to Mrs. Mary Pulliam Johnson, the invalid sister of former President Harry Pulliam. The pending suit of the Baltimore Federal League directors also again was hashed up and the plans to combat it discussed.

The National League voted to resume its meeting at 10 o'clock this morning.

Those present at the meeting were Charles H. Ebbets, Brooklyn; Percy Haughton, Arthur S. Wise, Walter Hapgood, Boston; Charles Weeghman, Walter Craighead, Chicago; August Herrmann, Cincinnati; Harry N. Hempstead, N. Ashley Lloyd, John Foster, New York; William Baker, Charles Ruch, Philadelphia; Barney Dreyfuss, Pittsburg; Branch Rickey, James C. Jones, Lon Hocker, St. Louis.

Matty May Land Marquard.

Christy Mathewson, manager of the Reds, hopes to land Rube Marquard for the Cincinnati club before the meeting is over. Matty talked the matter over with Uncle Hobby and Charley Ebbets last night. With the Chicago club greatly strengthened, Matty would like to bolster his pitching staff with another experienced twirler.

The Brooklyn club would like to obtain a player for Marquard. Though the Rube got into a jam with Ebbets last fall on the question of playing semi-pro baseball, the Flatbush owner does not see his way clear to release any more pitchers. Ebbets already has lost Cadore and Miljus in the draft, and Pfeffer and Smith probably will be in the service before the first of next season.

Weeghman also is trying to make a deal with Ebbets. It is understood the deal involves one of the Brooklyn outfielders, Stengel or Wheat.

Herrmann Hopes for Compromise.

If Garry Herrmann is unable to put through his plan for an eighteen player limit he hopes to get the big league to compromise on nineteen players. "We carried only nineteen players on our team last season and we generally gave a pretty good account of ourselves. I am sure that a great majority of our owners favor a smaller limit, whether McGraw and the New York club like it or not. I also know the American League favors a smaller limit."

The baseball colony around the Waldorf corridors took on many new members yesterday. All of the National League managers were on the scene with the exception of Hugo Bezdek of Pittsburg, also Jack Hendricks, who soon hopes to be in St. Louis.

Among the ball players who took in the meeting were Charley Stengel and Otto Miller of the Brooklyns, Dick Rudolph of the Braves, Sherry Magee of the Reds, Charley Herzog of the Giants, Bob Shawkey and Duke Farrell of the Yankees, Joe Wagner, former Giant and Red; Bill Donovan, late Yankee manager; Fred Jacklitsch, Brave coach; John Farrell, secretary of the National Association, and Bill Byron, the singing umpire.

LEWIS'S HEAD LOCK EXHAUSTS LINOW

Cossack Wrestler Is Almost Knocked Out in Long Tussle.

In one of the roughest battles ever seen on a wrestling mat Strangler Lewis last night defeated Ivan Linow after 1 hour and 16 minutes of desperate work at the Lexington Theatre. Linow was compelled to yield through the punishing effects of Lewis's headlock. The Cossack was on the floor, unable to extricate his head from the Strangler's hold.

Lewis clamped the dreaded head lock on the Cossack several times, but Linow invariably broke it. In getting out of one head lock the Cossack took a head scissors on Lewis and made it very uncomfortable for the Kentuckian before he escaped from it.

As a result of the punishing head lock both of Linow's ears were soon puffed up in true cauliflower style.

After wrestling an hour Lewis took another of his favorite head holds and held it for three minutes before Linow wrenched his head loose and got on his feet. But he reeled about the stage from the effects of the punishment, and Lewis, taking another head hold, threw his man to the floor and was holding him in a vice when he surrendered. Time, 1:16:40.

Fred Pilakoff, the veteran Finn, made short work of Soldier Leavitt, putting the trooper's shoulders to the mat with an arm and body hold in 9:02.

Karl Pospisil, the big Bohemian, and John Freberg, Swede, engaged in a hard fought bout of twenty minutes to a draw.

COL. RUPPERT IN CHICAGO.

Arrives With Huggins for American League Meeting.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The American League will hold its annual meeting here to-day. Among those who arrived for the conclave to-day was the delegation from the New York Yankees—President Jacob Ruppert, Manager Miller Huggins and Business Manager Harry Sparrow. President Ruppert came over from French Lick, Ind., where he had been spending a two weeks vacation.

Both Ruppert and Miller Huggins admitted they were ready to make any deals possible which might strengthen their club. Ruppert said he still was anxious to acquire Derrell Pratt, the St. Louis second baseman, and has hopes he may land this valuable player before the meeting is over.

LEIFIELD FOR BROWNS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 11.—Business Manager B. Quinn of the St. Louis American League club, announced today that "Lefty" Leifield had been signed to pitch for the Browns next season. Leifield pitched for the St. Paul American Association team last season and before that was a National League veteran, having pitched for Pittsburg.

VICTORY FOR SHOEMAKER.

J. Howard Shoemaker last night defeated Joseph Concannon in a keenly contested pocket billiard match at Maurice Daly's rooms by a score of 125 to 114. Shoemaker had a high run of 24 and Concannon's best string was one better than his opponent's. Both scratched once. To-night George Burns, the New York Giants' left fielder, will oppose Alfred de Oro in a pocket billiard match.

GIANTS ELECT OFFICERS.

Hempstead Again Chosen President of New York Club.

The National Exhibition Company, operating the New York Giants, held its annual meeting in Jersey City yesterday morning and reelected officers and directors for the ensuing year. The president's reports showed that the club again had been fortunate in making a fine profit in a war year when other clubs were having a hard struggle to make both ends meet.

The officers and directors reelected were as follows:

Harry N. Hempstead, president; Cornelius J. Sullivan, vice-president; N. Ashley Lloyd, treasurer, and John B. Foster, secretary. The following board of directors was also appointed: H. N. Hempstead, Cornelius J. Sullivan, James Foster, John A. Whalen, Frank Stevens, Jonas Monheimer and N. Ashley Lloyd.

WAITE HELPS NAVAL RESERVES

His Work Enables Sailors to Beat Crescent Five, [illegible] to 28.

A field goal in the last few minutes of play by Capt. Waite, former Colgate basketball star but now playing for the Second Naval Reserve team of Brooklyn, enabled his team to win its third straight victory of the season and defeat the Crescent A. C. quintet last night on the Half Moon court by 30 to 28. De Marse, a former Penn State star, also played well for the sailor boys. De Marse bagged five field goals. The lineup:

Naval Militia (30).		Crescent A. C. (28).
Waite	Left forward	Kinney
Palmer	Right forward	Nicklas
De Marse	Centre	Calder
Conley	Right guard	Colton
Hunt	Left guard	Kirkman

Field goals—Waite, 4; Palmer, De Marse, 5; Hunt, 2; Nicklas, 5; Austin, Calder, 2; Kirkman. Goals from foul—Waite, 6; Calder, 4. Substitute—Austin for Kinney. Referee—Mr. Goade. Poly Prep. Time of halves—20 minutes.

BASKETBALL AT ST. JOHN'S.

St. John's College basketball team will open its season to-night when the Brooklynites will oppose the Cathedral College quintet from Manhattan. The game will be played in Brooklyn on St. John's court.

BARROW'S LEAGUE THROWS UP SPONGE

Only Two Clubs Willing to Continue—Barrow's Salary Cut $5,000.

As predicted yesterday in THE SUN, the International League went to smash at its annual meeting at the Hotel Imperial yesterday. The International League voted to postpone the wake until February 12, but this date has merely been set in the hope that peace may be declared between now and that date.

The real seriousness of the International League situation developed early, when the league declared that the Buffalo franchise had been forfeited by the former owners. Their liabilities are $18,000 for unpaid salaries to players and manager, unpaid league dues and unpaid club guarantees.

Joseph Lannin, former owner of the Boston Red Sox, who holds 200 of the 360 shares of stock in the Buffalo club, says he will pay the players and Manager Pat Donovan, but then he will tightly draw together his purse strings.

On the question as to how many clubs were willing to take the field next season only Toronto and Baltimore replied in the affirmative. Both of these clubs are anxious to continue, but they are a poor minority. It is strange that Toronto, which has been in war territory during four years, is the most anxious to keep the league intact.

Clubs Unwilling to Continue.

The Providence, Richmond and Rochester clubs announce that they are unwilling to continue, and it is doubtful if any of these clubs would stick even if a majority vote favored a 1918 campaign.

Both Newark and Montreal announced that they were on the fence and were willing to go with the majority, but Montreal is very cool on the proposition, and Lichtenheim does not deny that he would be pretty well satisfied if the league voted to disband for the war.

A further indication of the weakness of the league was revealed in the wholesale salary cut administered upon President-Secretary-Treasury Barrow, whose salary was reduced from $7,500 to $2,500 a year. It might be added that this vote was not unanimous.

Only a week ago Barrow was in Buffalo trying to hold the tattered bits of the Buffalo club together, but said at this time it is next to impossible to interest a business man in baseball.

Barrow has taken his cut in salary to heart, especially after the struggle he has made for four years to keep the league afloat and to steer it through the agitated seas the International has been forced to navigate.

Frazee in a Rage.

It was said at the International League meeting that Barrow has been offered the presidency of the Boston Red Sox by President Johnson of the American League. Barrow denied that Johnson had made him such an offer, saying Johnson would not be in a position to make him such an offer. However, he says he has a proposition under consideration by which he hopes to remain in baseball. This proposition is believed to be business manager of the Boston Red Sox.

Before leaving for the annual meeting of the American League, which will be held in Chicago to-day, Harry Frazee, president of the Boston Americans, warmly denied reports that Barrow would become president of his club or that he would be connected with it in any capacity.

Frazee said if any one is to appoint any officers in his club Frazee would do the appointing himself, and that he intended to let the American League know how he felt about the continual interference with the internal affairs of his club.

Resents Interference.

That Johnson and other American League men are anxious to get Frazee out of the league is certain, but the Boston owner has been informed about their design and resents it. He went out to Chicago in far from a harmonious frame of mind.

In the event that the International League suspends such action will make all of its players free agents. These players will become free agents automatically if no contracts are tendered them by the first of next March. However, the International League territory will be protected for the period of the war by a special dispensation of the National Association, which is enabling leagues which suspend because of the war to hold on to their territory.

LEADING CYCLISTS IN SPRINT TITLE RACES

Kramer May Regain Crown in Garden To-night.

The world's sprint championship will be decided to-night in Madison Square Garden, where a cycling carnival will hold the boards, and in which the foremost professional and amateur riders will compete. Topping the all star card of events is a four cornered sprint match in four heats at one mile, for the indoor title and a purse of $2,000. This race will bring together the greatest sprinters of a generation—Frank Kramer, champion for sixteen consecutive years; Alfred Goullet, winner of the six day race; Arthur Spencer, the national title holder, and Francesco Verri, the Italian speed king.

These four and a score of the other leading professionals will compete in two other races, a half mile handicap and ten mile open. Such stars as Oscar Egg, Pete Drobach, Al Grenda, Bob Spears, Eddie Madden, Eddie Root and Frank Corry will be among the starters in these events. There will also be a motor pace championship race at five miles, the competitors being Egg, Clarence Carmen, George Wiley, Victor Linart and Vincent Madonna.

Three races have been provided for the leading amateurs—half mile handicap, one mile and five mile open. John Stachle, who has held the national championship for two years, will start in all of these contests. The twenty-four hour motor paced team race will start in the Garden at 10 o'clock Friday night. A series of amateur races and a professional sprint match will precede the start. Schreyer and Holden will perform their specialties on Friday and Saturday nights.

PIONEER S. C. STAGES BOUTS.

No Police Interference Under Club Membership Plan.

The Pioneer Sporting Club last night staged its first boxing show under the new membership plan and was not interfered with by the police. In the star bout of ten rounds Augie Ratner won all the way from Frankie Carbone of Brooklyn. Ratner had the better of every round and had his man in a bad way in the sixth session. K. O. Joe Daly whipped K. O. Circus in six rounds and George Brown won from Young Marino in another six round contest.

In a wrestling match Young Mundy and Butcher Boy of Rochester battled for fifteen minutes without either gaining a fall.

YALE CLUB SCORES VICTORY AT SQUASH

Defeats Crescent A. C. Team in Class B Tournament by 4 Matches to 1.

Squash players representing the Yale Club began their season yesterday afternoon with a clean cut victory. They defeated the members of the Crescent Athletic Club in the opening of the Class B section of the Metropolitan League series by 4 matches to 1.

The matches were played on the Yale Club courts and furnished five stirring contests. In the first George Cruise of Yale defeated Thomas Sturgis of the Crescents after a stubborn battle at 6—15, 15—4, 15—9. In the next match H. R. Stearn of Yale had little difficulty in disposing of W. Bouck of the New Moon organization. The score was 15—11 and 15—5.

R. Grannis proved too much for M. Sterling in the third match and won after three hard games by 15—8, 9—15 and 18—15. The fourth went to S. M. Blodgett. He defeated Y. Pendraf in straight games at 15—11 and 15—3. In the final match J. A. Veitor trounced H. G. Treiss, 15—5 and 15—4.

George Cruise, Yale Club, defeated Thomas Sturgis, Crescent A. C., 6—15, 15—4, 15—9; H. R. Stern, Yale, defeated W. Bouck, Crescent A. C., 15—11, 15—5; R. Grannis, Yale, defeated M. Sterling, Crescent A. C., 15—8, 9—15, 18—15; S. M. Blodgett, Yale, defeated Y. Pendraf, Crescent A. C., 15—11, 15—3; J. A. Veitor, Crescent A. C., defeated H. G. Triess, Yale, 15—5, 15—4.

SULLIVAN VICTOR IN CITY A. C. BOUTS

Union Settlement Lad Stops Scanlon in Second Round.

James Sullivan of the Union Settlement A. C., the metropolitan 135 pound champion, last night carried off the honors in the 145 pound class of the preliminaries in the City Athletic Club's amateur boxing tournament. He stopped H. Scanlon in two rounds. Seventeen bouts will be contested in the finals on Thursday night. The summaries:

108 Pound Class, Trials—S. Sieger, Rutgers Gymnasium, defeated J. Seidman, Rutgers Gymnasium, 3 rounds, judges' decision; F. Eisenstadt, unattached, defeated F. Goldschmidt, Clark House A. A., 2 rounds, judges' decision; W. Pomerance, Rutgers Gymnasium, defeated L. Sebrinsky, unattached, 3 rounds, judges' decision; D. Kamins, Clark House A. A., defeated B. Bernstein, Union Settlement A. C., 3 rounds, judges' decision. Second Trial—Sieger defeated J. Gold, University Settlement A. C., 3 rounds, judges' decision.

118 Pound Class—M. Schwartz, University Settlement A. C., defeated H. Mahle, Clark House A. A., 3 rounds, judges' decision; L. Levy, Clark House, defeated B. Rothman, Rutgers Gymnasium, 1 round, stopped by referee; D. Dickinson, Union Settlement, defeated I. Goldman, Mohawk A. C., 2 rounds, stopped by referee; P. Richman, Clark House A. A., defeated J. Lowenstein, unattached, 3 rounds, stopped by referee; T. J. Blessing, West Harlem Catholic Club, defeated P. Dolan, Union Settlement A. C., 1 round, stopped by referee.

135 Pound Class—S. Markberg, unattached, defeated J. Bandening, Union Settlement A. C., 1 round, stopped by referee; J. Sullivan, Trinity Club, defeated D. Rosenberg, unattached, 3 rounds, judges' decision.

145 Pound Class—J. Sullivan, Union Settlement A. C., defeated H. Scanlon, unattached, 2 rounds, stopped by referee.

LEVINSKY AND MADDEN DRAW.

Battler Does Not Exert Himself in Bout in Boston.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 11.—Aided and abetted by Tex O'Rourke, former trainer of Jess Willard, Bartley Madden of New York drew in twelve rounds with Battling Levinsky to-night.

Levinsky didn't exert himself but he outpointed Madden from the outset to the finish. In fact he couldn't do anything else. Madden proved even a bigger joke as a star boxer than Wild Burt Kenny. In the last round Levinsky and Madden dropped their leads and began pummelling one another about the body like a pair of burlesquers who were closing their act.

LEONARD IN TITLE BOUT.

Meets Cline in Philadelphia To-night.

Two lightweight boxers developed in Harlem, one the champion of the class, the other a formidable challenger for the title, will meet to-night in the ring of the Olympia Athletic Association, in the City of Brotherly Love, and engage in a six round boxing contest for the championship of the world.

Benny Leonard, who wears the lightweight crown with more grace and confidence than any preceding champion, will face Irish Patsy Cline and endeavor to prevent that aggressive youngster from clutching the sceptre of supremacy and mounting the throne of pugilistic autocracy.

The meeting between these masters of boxing science should be productive of one of the best encounters in the history of the lightweight division. No cleverer boxers ever fought for the honors of the class, and it is questionable if two such brilliant performers ever met in a joust for the championship.

WAR TIME CLAUSE EXPLAINED.

Players Held in Reserve in the Event Minor League Suspends.

Secretary Farrell of the National Association of Minor Baseball Leagues announced yesterday the wording of a clause which is to be part of the "war-time" players' contracts as approved by the committee appointed at the annual meeting of the association in Louisville November 12. The clause follows:

"The player agrees to abide by the reservation clause in this contract in the event that the club or league of which the club is a part is forced to suspend operations on account of war conditions.

"This clause is void unless the club and the league plays at least one-half of its originally adopted scheduled playing season.

"This clause is binding only during the period of the war. It is the ruling that it will not be necessary to tender contracts to players in the National Army in order to retain title to their services."

BIG SCORE BY SETON HALL.

Defeats St. Francis Basketball Team, 77 to 27.

Seton Hall's basketball team swamped St. Francis College five last night at South Orange. The score was 77 to 27. Summers of Seton Hall was the star of the game. He made fourteen baskets. The lineup:

St. Francis (27).		Seton Hall (77).
Sweeney	Right forward	Igoe
Murray	Left forward	Brennan
Ryan	Centre	Meehan
Stone	Left guard	Summers
Smith	Right guard	McCarthy

Goals—For St. Francis: Sweeney, 4; Murray, 5; Ryan, 5; Stone, 2. For Seton Hall: Igoe, 11; Brennan, 4; Meehan, 4; Gillen, Summers, 14; McCarthy, Cummings, 3. Foule—For St. Francis: Stone, 3. For Seton Hall: Meehan. Substitutes—Gillen for Meehan, Cummings for McCarthy.

HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORT

By DANIEL.

IN selling Grover Alexander and Bill Killefer to the Cubs William F. Baker yesterday disposed of the Philadelphia club of the National League. In accepting $50,000 for the star pitcher and his battery mate Baker depreciated the value of his club by at least $100,000. In various quarters last night there was a disposition to place the sum involved in the sale at anything from $80,000 to $100,000, but on the very best of authority it can be said that no more than $50,000 exchanged hands. Without Alexander and Killefer, last season the league's leading performers in their respective positions, the Phillies are reduced to a weak and colorless mass that cannot be reckoned with as better than a second division outfit.

The going of the battery will hurt the Philadelphia club not only on the field but is bound to deal it a terrific blow at the box office. The fans of the Quaker City cannot be expected to accept the sale with complacency. Alexander is a product of the Philadelphia club. He rose to top heights under an ownership other than Baker's, and Philadelphians have come to regard him as a fixture, the period of whose presence on the team was limited only by the period of his effectiveness. Baker has put the club in a position similar to that in which the Athletics found themselves after the sale of Collins, Baker and Barry—and that certainly was no enviable one, take it from whatever angle you desire.

Baker Tells Why He Sold His Stars.

Baker's move appears to have been a misguided one from the standpoint of playing strength, sentiment and business. However, there is a chance that eventually he will find himself justified in the last named of the trio of considerations. Nobody knows what the coming season may have in store for professional baseball. The Philadelphia club may find that $50,000 is a far more potent and satisfying possession than Alexander and Killefer.

Baker himself last night attempted to justify the sale from a business standpoint. "It is a business matter pure and simple with me," said the Phillies' owner. "Alexander is more than 30 now. He has been in the majors seven seasons and undoubtedly is slipping. It is true that he won thirty games last summer, but five of the victories came after New York already had won the pennant. There's another question to take into consideration. Alexander has a contract which calls for an annual salary of $12,000. That sum is more than the club can afford, especially in a war year.

Alexander Subject to Army Draft.

"Then again, you must remember that Alexander is subject to the army draft. I believe that Killefer is in a similar situation. I sold Killefer because at the end of last season he told me that he no longer cared to play for us. I did not want to keep him under those circumstances. Of course, I know I will be criticised in Philadelphia for my action, but the fact is that with our stars, and the club fighting hard for the pennant, we got nothing like the support we merited last season. I understand that Prendergast and Dilhoefer, whom we acquired in the deal, are capable players and should make good under Moran."

Baker intimated that Alexander had not kept in the best of condition last season. He looks for a little resentment next summer, but is sure that before long the club will rehabilitate itself. He figures that last summer the fans began to return to Connie Mack and that they will come back to the Phillies. But has the Philadelphia club of the National League a master reorganizer of the Mack type?

When McGraw, Robbie and Keister Brought $13,000.

A war year, and $50,000 is paid for two baseball players! Rather a far cry from the day when the old Baltimore club sold John McGraw, Wilbert Robinson and Billy Keister—a great trio in those days—to the St. Louis club for $15,000. At that time the deal was regarded as the last word in baseball extravagance. That same year—1900, with the reduction of the National League from a twelve to an eight club circuit—Pittsburg gave $25,000 and five players, one of whom was Jack Chesbro, for fourteen men of the Louisville club.

In more recent years we have had the famous purchase of Marty O'Toole by Pittsburg for $22,500, the Collins and Speaker deals, each involving $50,000, and the Giants' purchase of Kauff, Rariden and Anderson for approximately $45,000. W. F. Baker seems to be right—baseball is much more of a business than it is a sentimental venture.

Hendricks Still Hopes to Lead Cardinals.

Jack Hendricks got here yesterday, still very much imbued with a desire to become the manager of the St. Louis Nationals. Hendricks declared that while it was true that he had an option on the Indianapolis club the sale of the team to the parties represented by him would not mean his continued connection with the Hoosiers.

"On the contrary," said Hendricks, "if the men for whom I have obtained the option get the club I will be free to go with Branch Rickey. The option has twenty days to run. If the club is not sold I suppose I still will have that $15,000 club over my head. One thing is sure. The next minor league contract I will have to sign will be so worded that I will not be kept from advancing myself should a chance be offered me."

Richmond Head Denies His Club Has Quit.

Just where the International League stands not even its club owners know for a certainty. The outlook for its opening the season is as dark as the inside of your vest pocket. Ed Barrow announced at the end of yesterday's session that several clubs, Richmond included, were not willing to resume operations. Immediately afterward we met B. W. Wilson, president of the Richmond club. "I hear that Barrow said that Richmond did not want to continue," said Wilson. "As far as I know Richmond is ready to open the season. Why, this morning Barrow came to me and asked me to sell the Richmond franchise for what we paid for it, and I refused point blank to sell out. I understand they want to put the franchise in a nearby city. But we will stick by the guns."

When Jack Dunn was told that Barrow had announced that if the league opened next season it would return to the old one umpire system the Baltimore manager declared, "We never decided that. We never even spoke about umpires." Evidently all was not sweet at that session. Whatever transpired at the meeting yesterday, the reduction of Barrow's salary included, was arranged at a meeting of five owners at the Belmont the night before. In view of the fact that if it had not been for Barrow the league would have gone up in smoke long ago some of the owners leave themselves open to being labelled as ingrates.

Woodstone Wins Handicap at Jefferson Parish Track

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—Woodstone, the four-year-old gelding owned by M. Shea, won the Oriole Handicap, feature of the programme at Jefferson Parish Park, this afternoon. Guided by little George Walls, the apprentice lad of Brooklyn, the son of Rock Sand ran one of the best races of his career and defeated a quartet of high class handicap horses over the one mile route in clever fashion. Golderest Boy finished second and Dick Williams was third. The summaries:

First Race—Two-year-olds; purse, $400; claiming; 5½ furlongs—Oriental Girl, 102 (Johnson), 15 to 1, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, first; H. C. Basch, 111 (F. Robinson), 7 to 5, 3 to 5 and 1 to 5, second; Miss Filley, 102 (Goodwin), 15 to 1, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:09 1-5. John Hyner, Patriotic Mary, Miss Agnes, Near, Bill Hunley, Gleam, Gilligan, Breezy, Parlor Maid, Waco Boy, Ivan Mist and My Gracie also ran.

Second Race—Three-year-olds; purse, $400; claiming, 6 furlongs—Counterblast, 110 (J. Collins), 4 to 1, 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, first; Napoleon, 111 (McAtee), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; Little Cottage, 110 (Robinson), 15 to 1, 6 to 1 and 3 to 2, third. Time, 1:16. Words o' Wisdom, Miss Girl, Alexander, Medding Miss and Innocent Inez also ran.

Third Race—Three-year-olds; purse, $400; claiming, 6 furlongs—Felicidad, 105 (Kelsay), 7 to 5, 1 to 2 and 1 to 5, first; Ben Hampson, 109 (Bolton), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Night Cap, 102 (Erickson), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:15. Durward Roberts, Homan, Do Right, Dahlia and Juvenile also ran.

Fourth Race—The Oriole Handicap; purse, $600; for all ages; 1 mile—Woodstone, 108 (Walls), 7 to 10 and 1 to 5, won; Golderest Boy, 104 (Johnson), 3 to 1, 4 to 5 and 1 to 5, second; Dick Williams, 114 (M. Garner), 9 to 5, 4 to 5 and out, third. Time, 1:42 4-5. Hauberk and Poiroma also ran.

Fifth Race—Three-year-olds and up; purse, $500; claiming; 1 1-16 miles—Hayden, 102 (M. Garner), 12 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Thornwood, 107 (Erickson), 2 to 1, 4 to 5 and 2 to 5, second; Little Bigger, 101 (Johnson), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, third. Time, 1:53. Requiram, Disturber, Executor, Virginia W., Slumberer, Col. McNab and Evelyn V. also ran.

Sixth Race—Three-year-olds and upward; purse, $500, claiming, 1 1-16 miles—Handful, 107 (Ward), 7 to 2, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, won; Egmont, 112 (Erickson), 4 to 1, 8 to 5 and 6 to 10, second; Cruces, 104 (Martin), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:52 3-5. Eddie T., Conflagration, Petlar, Sentinel and Baby Rasch also ran.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

First Race—Purse $400, claiming, maiden two year-olds, six furlongs: (9): Sayeth, 110; *Iris T., 102; El Capitania, 110; *Shandon, 109; Dempsey, 112; Beautiful Kathryn, 109; Honey Suckle, 107; *Hasty Mabel, 102; Duets, 109.

Second Race—Purse $500, claiming, three-year-olds and upward, one mile and a sixteenth (7): Medford Boy, 110; Peach Blossom, 102; *Florren II., 102; Tours, 100; Lynn, 110; Baby Rasch, 101; *Little Alta, 102.

Third Race—Purse $400, claiming, three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs (6): Paw, 115; Pilsen, 119; Star of Pearl, 115; Glorine, 112; Harvest King, 126; Bars and Stars, 113; Top o' The Morning, 128; Adelid, 118; Orderly, 121.

Fourth Race—Purse $500, claiming, four-year-olds and upward, one mile and a quarter (8): Copper King, 112; Amulet, 98; Cliff Field, 109; Gold Color, 108; Malheur, 106; Thanksgiving, 116; Stanley S., 98; Bertodano, 111.

Fifth Race—Purse $500, claiming, three-year-olds and upward, one mile and a sixteenth (7): Stonehenge, 105; *Lewis Opper, 100; Copperlown, 110; Sentinel, 105; Harwood, 110; Billie Baker, 110; *Slumberer, 105.

Sixth Race—Purse $500, claiming, three-year-olds and upward, one mile and a sixteenth (7): Sam Slick, 111; Requiram, 107; Inquieta, 107; *Freda Johnson, 102; Tactless, 107; *