

## THIRD LEAGUE NEEDED TO JAR MAGNATES

By Tip Wright.

Organized baseball is about to be reprimanded. A tired public hails the advent of a third major league or an "outlaw" league, if you will, with joy, hoping to kick the baseball trust on its shin, hard enough to leave a dent.

Last fall, big league magnates were as complacent as a man who has lighted a pipe in the wind. Now they're as touchy as a bachelor girl when asked to tell her age—under oath. Mention "outlaw" ball in the presence of one of them—and then duck.

But the public is ripe for a new condition of things and if the promoters of the new league have the money and make a success of the venture, no one will be more gleeful than the chap who pays 25 cents for a seat in the bleachers.

Organized baseball, or baseball trust enjoyed a monopoly too long and grew arrogant. The straw that proved just too heavy for the fans was the thick coat of whitewash so artistically applied to the scalping scandal of that fine little mob of kalsominers, the national commission.

Right now the independent promoters have a splendid chance to launch another league and gain support. The National league was a fossil when the American league was organized and war followed. The same condition exists today and another league, with the resulting war, will revive flagging interest.

A new league will be a boon. It

will widen the field and admit classy youngsters who are now unrecognized, or who need the stimulus of a job in fast company to bring out what is in them; it will mean big salaries to star players and increased interest in the public.

But the best result will come from parring the supreme cock-suredness out of the National and American leaguers, who now rule through the national commission, in a high handed manner and permit such things as the recent scalping scandal to be passed over without even a reprimand.

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### IN THE LIMELIGHT

It keeps one busy telling about the Smiths in congress, so many of them, you know

and such busy little bees they are. For instance, there is John M. C. Smith, M. C., of Michigan, a new member. Here's his record: Born in Ireland, emigrated, American farm hand, painter, mason, lawyer, alderman, prosecuting attorney, manufacturer, bank president, farmer, stock raiser and congressman. That just goes to show what a Smith can do when he doesn't frivol away his time under a spreading chestnut tree.



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Nobody seems ambitious to pass a post-mortem examination.