

C. Webb shows himself to be a clever gent. He usually buries the sparkling bits at the foot of his letters, and you have to wade through the first part to get to them.

He writes:

"As Gov. Tener says, the objects of the Federal League promoters are purely commercialistic—they hope to make some money out of baseball—not to elevate nor improve the national game."

This information is startling and appalling. Whaddye know about those mercenary Federal Leaguers. Trying to make money out of baseball! Don't they know that the magnates now in the game are tottering along on shaky bank accounts.

Even if the game was a money maker, they should be ashamed to come into the fray for such stuff as money. If they were going to uplift the game, like some of the National magnates have done, there might be some hope for them. But they are not high-minded angels. No, sir; they are just ordinary business men.

Murphy is not nearly so black as he has been painted. He doesn't deserve all the bolts shot at him, but he certainly will not gain in favor by writing such empty stuff as was contained in the last letter.

The news that Leach has signed with the Cubs will not be a blow to the Feds. They never expected to land Tommy. Several days ago dispatches were printed to the effect that Leach was to manage the Fed team in Pittsburgh. At that time boosters of the new circuit stated they were not fishing for Leach, and only knew what they had read in the newspapers.

Therefore, it would not be fair to say the Feds had fallen down here. They have been making absolutely good on all their claims so far.

Manager Tinker sent terms to Walter Johnson and Joe Wood, the two pitching stars of the American League. Both replied the the letters,

saying they had signed for next year, and thanked Joe for the offer.

President Barney Drayfuss of the Pirates says he has secured the promises of Konetchy, Viox, Mitchell and Harmon to put their names to Pittsburgh contracts for 1914.

Toe Tinker, manager of the local Feds, and Otto Knabe, pilot of the Baltimore club, are both on shopping tours through the country, seeking to pick up stars for their teams. Knabe is centering his efforts on landing Runt Walsh, formerly utility man with the Phillies, and Enos Kirkpatrick, utility infielder of the Brooklyn Nationals.

There is no certainty that King Cole has signed a Chicago Fed contract. Officials of the local club refuse to make a definite statement, but admit that Cole has been flirting close to the jumping mark.

The University of Chicago Magazine in its current number carries a criticism of Coach Alonzo Stagg because he does not call on graduates to assist in the coaching. The complaint is made that he does not ask these graduates for ideas on how to train his football elevens. Probably if Stagg called in outside aid he could win two Conference championships a season. He seems to be doing very well by himself.

Giants defeated the Sox, 4 to 3, in 11 innings at Melbourne. The Sox trimmed a local team, 16 to 3. The teams moved on to Adelaide.

Jack Johnson, sometime prize-fighter, says he will fight Gunboat Smith if he is given \$30,000. If the Gunboat will promise to slaughter the smoke a purse will be raised.

Three new world's swimming records were hung up today, the result of the showing made in the Central A. A. U. swimming championships last night by Harry Hebner and Perry McGillivray, who mere members of the American Olympic team at the Stockholm games.

Hebner won the 220 yard swim in 2:21, beating the old record of 2:25.