

Ruppert Says That Gedeon Will Remain a Yankee---Griff Sends Evidence

NEW YORK MAGNATES THINK GEDEON WILL REMAIN WITH YANKS

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Joe Gedeon seems certain to remain with the New York Yankees. Manager Griffith has forwarded his evidence in the case to President Ruppert, owner of the Yankees, but this is expected to have little effect. Colonel Ruppert, owner of the Yankees, talked yesterday with Johnson over the long-distance and, according to an official statement from the New York club, was informed that the deal bringing Gedeon to the metropolis was perfectly regular and would stand.

MAKES A SECRET AGREEMENT.

The National Commission is said to have made a secret agreement at the time the peace articles were signed to allow all major league clubs first chance to purchase back those players who had deserted them for the Fed. but had not played in any games. Under this agreement, the Washington club was allowed to buy Gedeon. He was offered to Manager Griffith, the only stipulation being that the Washington club take over the Federal League contract. This ran for three years at a salary increasing yearly.

Manager Griffith refused to consider this case, resting wholly on his prior claim to the player. Upon Griffith's refusal to pay the price asked, Gedeon's name was added to the list of Federal League assets, and when Herman Schaefer tipped the Yankees to Gedeon's value, he was purchased by Colonel Ruppert. Now the New York club announces that the money has been paid over to Sinclair for Gedeon and that, on Ban Johnson's word, there is no chance for any other club to obtain him.

To add joy to the occasion, Gedeon has wired the New York club that he will be delighted to report for practice. The "California Catamount" usually realizes that he won't have to visit Charlottesville, Va., this spring, and just can't help from chuckling. If there's one place in the United States distasteful to Gedeon, it is Charlottesville. He has termed it "just a mere mudhole."

Though Manager Griffith has threatened to take his case to the courts, it is doubtful if he will do that far. What Ban Johnson says goes in the National League. If Ban decides that Griff lost claim to Gedeon when he declined to assume the Federal League contract, the player will be found with the Yankees.

President John K. Tener, of the National League, is going to make an attempt to have President Woodrow Wilson attend the fortieth birthday celebration of the American Association in New York, February 9. Tener believes that this would be a ten-strike for the nation's Chief Magistrate in an appeal for popularity.

Ban Johnson is quoted as the authority for the statement that the New York Yankees have paid \$40,000 for Leo Magee, Nick Cullop, and Joe Gedeon. Magee cost Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston a cool \$25,000, while \$15,000 was passed over for Cullop and Gedeon.

In the case of Magee, the money probably is well spent. Cullop, too, may deliver the goods. He was not much of a twirler with the Indians, wildness being his principal sin, but last year he curved the ball like a snake and rapidly. Joe Gedeon is a most promising young player, and may make good, but in his case he has yet to show. In these deals, the Yankees are taking most chances with Gedeon.

Reb Russell, said to be the hero of "You know me, Al," has signed with the White Sox. Russell was in poor condition last year, and so failed to star for Rowley. He was, however, in good shape when worked regularly, and is expected to shine in 1916 as he did in 1914.

Col. Bob Hedges, who invested \$50,000 in baseball and in fourteen years drew out \$242,000, may return to the national game as owner of the Kansas City club in the American Association. George Tebeau announces that he will sell his franchise, and Hedges is considering making an offer.

In lieu of paying Breannan his two years' salary, Charlie Weegman is going to aid the Cubs' former manager to purchase the Cleveland American Association franchise and transfer it to Toledo. Weegman is handling all negotiations with the Indians' committee in charge of Charlie's affairs, and is also conferring with Ban Johnson.

Fleider Jones says that a baseball star can still shine at the age of forty. He is thinking of "Uncle Cy" Young, Bobby Wallace, Honus Wagner, Tommy Leach, Eddie Plank, and Sam Crawford. These fellows admit their age. Most major leaguers never miss the twenty-ninth milestone in their conversation.

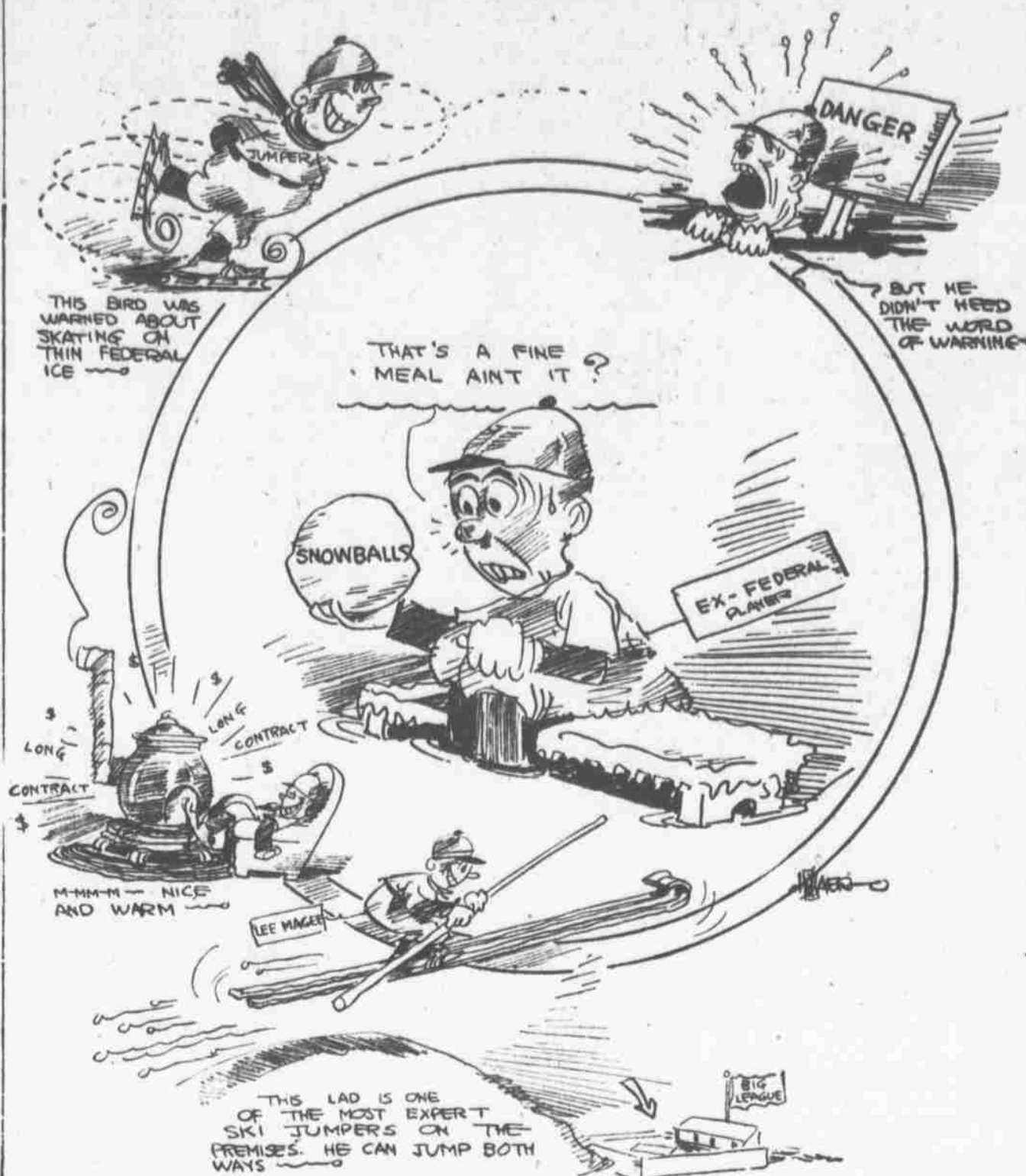
At the meeting of the International League in New York, there were a bunch of former big league stars looking for jobs as managers. Matty McIntyre, Tommy Leach, Joe Birmingham, Heinie Wagner, Harry McCormick, and Al Schallert were in the small army that descended upon the moguls.

George Stovall, the Federal League firebrand, denounces his rights. He says nobody can sell him. "I'm one of the principal stockholders in the Kansas City club myself," comments Stovall. "And I don't see where a rival club owner has any right to sell me for his own profit. My contract calls for managing the club next season, but there isn't any club, and I therefore am in no position to serve Kansas City. Neither is that club in any shape to pay me for my services, so it looks as if the only thing I can do is get out and hustle for a job in organized baseball. If I can't catch on in the majors I will be satisfied with managing in the minors."

I have been informed by President Gilmore that I am the property of the Kansas City club and must deal with them. Therefore, this is a matter strictly between Kansas City and myself. I got them their ball club for less than a fourth what it cost other managers to recruit players, and in addition, obtained a lot of players for other Federal teams. The least they can do in justice to me is let me go and I'll find a place for myself elsewhere.

Why, one of my men signed by me only a few weeks ago—Johnson, of the Coast League—was sold for \$10,000 recently and I didn't get a cent of it, although I put through the signing of him alone. And, furthermore, I dug

MOUNTAIN GOAT PLAYERS



NEWARK IS WITHOUT ITS BASEBALL CLUB

However, Ed Barrow Expects to Shift Jersey City Team At Next Meeting.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—As matters now stand in the International League meeting here, Newark has no representation in organized baseball. However, Jersey City's International franchise will be transferred to Newark. The Richmond franchise was transferred to Baltimore, and Newark was left out in the cold. President Ed Barrow probably will engineer the Jersey City transfer at the next meeting, February 9. There are several interests ready to buy, and the "Skeeters" owners are ready to sell, it is said.

It also developed that President Charles Ebbets, of the Brooklyn National League club, has filed a \$74,000 claim against the Newark franchise.

President Barrow replied that no such thing existed, and that, anyhow, Ebbets and McKeevers did not live up to their financial contract on the Newark franchise, and turned over their interest to George Solomon and E. H. Medeiros for nothing. This, in baseball law, Barrow claims, constitutes a sale, and deprives Ebbets of any interest in the big minor league.

J. J. Lannin has sold the Providence club to W. H. Dwyer, Providence real estate man and former owner of the club when it was in the Eastern League, for \$30,000.

The Cardinals players, whose franchise has been transferred to Richmond, will be sold to pay the Harrisburg stockholders.

President Barrow conferred privately with the veteran national outfielder, Tommy Leach, who is expected to manage an International team. Matty McIntyre, former Detroit Tiger outfielder, is said to want a managerial job with Barrow.

Player-Piano Makes Boxers Hustle More

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Kid Howard Carr, fight impresario, has installed a player-piano in his gym to stimulate action in fighters. Ad Wolgast tried it out and put the Bee on three ambitious youths.

THINKS STAR'S LIFE SHOULD REACH 40

Average, However, for Professionals, He Believes, Is Only Five or Six Years.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—"The life of the average ball player is, I believe, not more than five or six years," said Eddie Jones, yesterday. "But the life of a star is something better than fifteen years. Stars endure because, to be a star, you must take proper care of yourself."

"However, there aren't many stars. You easily can count 'em among the present-day crop. But if you go back a few years you'll find that Wagner, Leach, Mathewson, Wallace, Plank, Crawford, and others I cannot mention just now, were as good as thirty-five as they were when they broke in."

"Take Eddie Plank, for instance. It's forty-one, but he was as good last year as it ever was. That isn't an extravagant statement. It's fact. He had as much stuff in the pinch last year as he ever had in his life, and I think he will have it again next season."

"But Plank has a peculiar style. They may be onto him in the American League, and the going may be rough, but I don't anticipate such a result. I rely a great deal on Plank, because I know he knows how to pitch. He's always thinking, and persons who think usually get by."

KREUTER IS MATED TO MEET WALLACE

Matched For 600 Points At Grand Central Palace For Three Days' Play.

Those billiard votaries who have been clamoring for a lengthy series between the champion of the District, Walter Wallace and Burton Manik's boy wonder, Louis Kreuter, of New York, are to be satisfied this week as Morris Cafritz has mated them for a 600-point match which will cover a period of three weeks.

Beginning tomorrow night, the pocket billiardists will divide the series into three games to 200 points each, the finale being scheduled for Friday night. These two players have been hurling numerous challenges at each other since Kreuter's last appearance here, and it has been the sincere desire of a host of Washington fans to see them compete in a longer match.

TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Already may be heard in the land the roars of the ball player failing to "get his just demands." In New York Benny Kauff, who admits he is in a class with Ty Cobb, declines to play with the Giants at the salary offered him. In Cincinnati Fred Toney appeals to the fans through the newspapers for his "rightful salary." Manager McGraw, of the Giants, turns a deaf ear to Kauff and refuses to be interviewed. Garry Herrmann, of the Reds, tells Toney that he'll "play for \$4,000 or not play at all." Great stuff. Here's a bet they'll both lose. Kauff will lose because, unless he plays with the Giants he won't play at all, and Manager McGraw is well accustomed to handling refractory players. Toney will lose because the fans have tired of the player and his salary squabbles, anyway. If Herrmann won't give him \$4,000, he won't get \$4,000, that's all. Those who know McGraw are already chuckling over what is going to happen to this well-headed Kauff this spring. Kauff is in danger of talking himself out of baseball. During the off season some of his stuff may be considered good advertising, and so McGraw interposes not a word. But wait till the call to arms sounds and see how often Kauff will be allowed to get away with his stuff. If he starts any of his fancy performances, either on or off the field, he'll find himself suddenly thrown and saddled. McGraw is a far bigger baseball man than Kauff ever will be. Kauff is going to discover this, too, before many weeks. Once more the manager is in charge of the game. Watch for results on every team in the big show, yes, and in the little ones.

The Griffmen will go into the 1916 pennant race with a decided weakness at second base, if Ray Morgan is ordered to hold down the keystone. It would be far better to have Eddie Foster there and some one else at third base, even Hank Shanks, than to have Foster at third and Morgan at second. Considering only performances in the field and at bat, Morgan has been a most decided failure with the Washington club. Manager Griffith likes to think of that famous seventeen straight and how Morgan hit around 400. Well, maybe he did then, but he never has hit .300 any other time. He never has shown any signs of repeating that .400 stunt, either. This is no time to say that Morgan may improve by taking care of his physical being. He has been with the team since Clark Griffith took charge of it. In all of those four seasons he has never resembled a really high class second baseman. Possibly he was playing out of position, but the fact remains that he is no second baseman that should be with a pennant winner. If the Griffmen are to be in the hunt for the pennant, they must get another second baseman, or play Foster there and get a third sacker who can hit the pill harder than Shanks did in 1915. Washington will not be content with make-shifts. It wants the real thing. Ray Morgan does not class with the real thing. Proof? Every club in the American League has waived on him.

They still insist that Fred Fulton, the Minnesota giant, is entitled to a bout with Jess Willard for the world's championship, if it can be decided in ten rounds before a New York crowd. If Fulton is given the chance to meet Willard in April, the sporting writers of the metropolis will be falling down on their jobs if they boost the show. New Orleans, a city in which the fans know something about the boxing game, would not endure the match. How can New York? Many have failed to see a real champion in Willard. Where does Fulton come in?

They had a football coach in St. Louis last fall who accused some football writers of "stealing his signals and giving them to the enemy." Of course, with the average football writer unable to do this, if he would, the charge was most ridiculous. However, Coach Keogan, at St. Louis University, barred the scribes from all further practice and St. Louis University lost a lot of good advertising. Then this same chap was quoted as saying that Dr. Harry Williams had told him that he (Williams) would go to Yale to succeed Frank Hinkley. One St. Louis paper wired Williams and a denial was forthcoming. Georgetown went out there and slammed St. Louis University all around the field, winning in the rain by a score of 90 to 0. Now Coach Keogan has resigned voluntarily. But before he could get out of town, a St. Louis paper wired Minnesota University, where Keogan was supposed to have played, asking for information of him. The reply was that his name did not figure on the football rolls for the past thirty years. Well, Keogan has gone now, far away from St. Louis, but he'll probably think twice and count fifty before he gets busy with the football scribes again.

Basketball has never flourished in the Capital as it has this season. Every lad you meet is talking basketball. With so many good quints in action, there is little wonder that the boys are interested, but if the game hadn't been well supported, the teams would not have been so successful. It is too bad that track and field sports are not equally successful, for they are much to be preferred to basketball as an exercise.

Skaters Will Meet Again On Wednesday

Because of alleged fouling, the roller skating race between Hub Lowrey, Ber- tie Emmett, George Dorsey, Billy Engle, and Carroll Donnelly, at the Central Coliseum last night was called "no race." It will be repeated without the fouling on Wednesday night. The distance is to be two miles.

Tragressor Will Have Another Trial In 1916

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—For a third time, Walter Tragressor will have a trout with the Boston Braves when he reports at Miami for spring training. He has signed a contract for a catcher's berth. After his second trout last year he was turned over to the Jersey City club of the International League, where he had a good season and is rated as much improved.

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Sweeney Will Coach.

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—William Sweeney, formerly of the Boston National and Chicago National League teams, was named as coach of the Boston College baseball team here today.

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