

THE MAN WHO IS EAGER TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE NEVER HESITATES TO CONFESS IGNORANCE

Ball Stirs Up Scandal  
In St. Louis Brownies

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## BAN JOHNSON MUST NOW SETTLE ROW AMONG BROWNIES

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.  
Ban Johnson has more trouble on his hands. No sooner does he clean up the Baltimore rumor situation than an outburst comes from another sector. Now it's in St. Louis, where Phil Ball, the new president of the Brownies, openly accuses his players of quitting in the face of the Chicago enemy, thus besmirching the claims of the White Sox to being the best club in the American League.

Without a doubt, Ban will be right on the job. He will never allow this to run too far, for it would make his league look ridiculous, and the boss of baseball never endures that. Fans everywhere, however, are watching the situation along the Mississippi, for it is most important. About ten weeks ago the first scandal appeared in the camp of the Brownies. Frank Baker, the Yankees' third baseman, was charged with tampering with Allen Sothoron and one or two other Brownies. It was said that he counseled them to jump the team and sign up with the Upland team, of the Delaware County League, an independent organization in Pennsylvania.

**Baker Is Exonerated.**  
The exoneration of Baker was as speedy as his accusation was startling. Ban Johnson leaped to his task immediately, demanded explanations from Baker, and visited St. Louis to listen to the Brownies themselves. Baker's delay in filing his answer caused a slight flurry, but when it arrived at Ban's office, backed by a sworn affidavit from Paddy Baumann, who heard the whole affair, it was convincing.

With Baker found innocent, it developed that some of the Brownies had spread the tale for the purpose of coaxing more money out of the St. Louis club. They were dissatisfied with conditions and were willing to talk about their troubles. Allen Sothoron had inquired of Baker concerning conditions in the Delaware County League, where Baker had played for a season with the Upland club before joining the Yankees. The big third baseman had advised Sothoron to stay right where he was, showing him that it would be the greatest folly to jump organized baseball for the bush stuff.

Apparently the dissatisfaction continued in the camp of the Brownies. Fielder Jones has ever been known as a biting cutting driver of men, and he has been living up to his reputation since becoming manager of the St. Louis club. Phil Ball, who was a Federal League magnate before the death of the independent organization, comes forward now with most serious charges. Reaffirming the appointment of Fielder Jones as the team's manager, he charges his players collectively with "laying down," claiming that they were willing to be sold or traded to other clubs.

"Those fellows are all wrong when they think they can do that with me," says President Ball, "and I am determined to stay right here and be made to give their best efforts for Jones, who will remain at the head of the team."

**Ball Makes a Mistake.**  
Undoubtedly Ball is in deadly earnest. He may believe his players to be quitting, but he might better have conferred with Ban Johnson than with the Chicago scribes, who hastened to tell the world all about it.

It is most unfortunate that this outburst came right at the close of the Chicago series, for many fans, not knowing the real inside of the national game, may believe that the White Sox have been given their victories over the Brownies this year. Fifteen out of twenty-one games with the Browns have been wins for the White Sox, and now they are all tainted in the minds of many foolish fans.

Ban Johnson may issue a statement, or he may not, but he will waste no time in settling this bad situation.

## The Fadeaway - - - By Hal Coffman



"Here YOU go, FRITZ," says the United States soldier. It's the "fadeaway" for Fritz. With accuracy and precision born on the baseball fields of America Uncle Sam's soldiers are going to hurl bombs right into the German trenches. Every small boy knows of Christy Mathewson. He's a baseball institution. His "fadeaway" ball is a baseball classic. Uncle Sam's athletes are best. The history of past Olympic games shows this. They will make the best soldiers. They will win this war. Those thousands of athletic youngsters,

the cream of American manhood, will go into training camps, and then "over there." With the same spirit gained from battles on the baseball diamond and football gridiron, they will perform their training stunts. They want a chance to deliver in the "pinch." They want a chance to throw Fritz the "fadeaway." They will get it. Where brains, brawn, skill, nerve, and fight are concerned Uncle Sam has always won international contests. His keen-eyed, hatchet-faced young athletes will win this, the greatest of all.

## FOOTBALL TO LOSE SERVICES OF MANY LOCAL OFFICIALS

Football officials in Washington are more than doing their bit. A glance at the men registered from this city in service shows that the football men have been more than generous in coming forward for Uncle Sam.

Two men who were in the navy before the war are Commander E. E. Land and Lieutenant Shaffroth. These men have had added duties imposed upon them since the football season of last year and it is doubtful if they will be able to do any gridiron work this fall.

When the call came for men for service Kortricht Church registered with Dr. Ryan Devereaux for the ambulance service. Later he was transferred and is now at Occoquan, Va., and is a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

Dr. John E. Hegarty, another well known football official, is now a lieutenant in the United States navy. Hegarty officiated in several games here last season.

Hunter McGuire, well known as an official in many big games here last year, as well as the high school football regular, is a lieutenant in the regular army and is to be stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

Thomas Kirby, another well known football man and official, is registered in the officers' training camp at Fort Myer.

### WOULD MEET WILLARD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—With a match against Fred Fulton promised the winner, Frank Moran and Gunboat Smith will meet in a ten-round bout here tonight at the St. Nicholas rink. The big battlers have been in training for three weeks and both are predicting a victory by knock-out.

## 'RED' TORKLESON LOOKS LIKE COMING TWIRLER

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 7.—"Red" Torkleson looks like a coming star for the Indians. If he can continue to pitch ball as he did yesterday in defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates, he will shortly become one of Lee Fohl's regulars.

The youngster was sent against the National Leaguers for a trial, and he delivered the goods in fine style. But for a passed ball, he would have shut out the Pirates. He had a wild pitch and failed to fan anybody, but he walked only one and gave the enemy but six hits. He had plenty of speed and a fair curve ball.

Torkleson was obtained from the Marshalltown, Iowa, club, after the Washington scouts had turned him down.

## BARRY REFUSES TO QUIT BEFORE CAMPAIGN ENDS

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7.—"I don't see why everybody figures the Red Sox out of the running just because we are six-and-a-half games behind the White Sox," said Manager Barry today. "We have a month to play yet and most of our games will be at home. Everybody knows the kind of ball we play at Fenway Park, and we've got a lot more to play, make no mistake about that."

"The Boston club has not kept quite as close to the White Sox as I figured a month ago, but they have done most of their gaining by playing double-headers or Sunday games. The Yankees games surprised us, but that's all. We have had very few double-bills and don't play on Sunday in the East. We're far from out of this race."

Every member of the champions echoes the statement by Barry and the club will put up a hard fight before allowing the pennant to go to Chicago.

## LEADERS OUGHT TO MAINTAIN BERTHS THOUGH ON ROAD

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Though the league-leading White Sox and Giants must finish the season on the road, there is little indication today that they will encounter serious obstacles on the pathway to "Cinerville."

The Western teams in the National League have been comparatively easy for the Giants all season, and, at least, the men of McGraw should do as well in the West as the Phillies.

Having checked the ambitions of the Phillies in the series being played here, the Giants will wind up their at-home stay with the Dodgers, and should leave for the West with a lead of at least eight games—a lead which will be absolutely safe.

A break in the schedule of the White Sox, which will give their pitchers a rest of four days during mid-September, is looked upon by baseball men here as a strong point in their favor. The four-day lay-off from September 10 to 13, inclusive, should prime Rowland's hurlers for a short series at Detroit before they invade the East, and they should be prepared to sweep down the home stretch at a fast gait.

The fact that most of the teams will be trying out many recruits during the last two weeks of the race, thereby breaking up smooth-working combinations, is another point in favor of the leaders.

### SMITH WILL CATCH.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 7.—The Reds have a new catcher, J. H. Smith, from Fort Wayne, in the Central League. He showed up yesterday, and will be given a trial tomorrow, when the Matty tribe comes home.

## CARDINALS TO TACKLE CLARENDON TEAM AGAIN

The Cardinals will journey to Clarendon Sunday to tackle the league-leading Alexandria County A. A. nine. Once before this season, and for the first time in the history of Cardinal-Clarendon clashes, the Cardinals won on the Clarendon field. Risdon, who turned the trick for the Cardinals, will oppose Herpeberger.

The Athletics and Hex A. C. teams will play at Columbia Park, Fifteenth and H streets northeast, at 2:15 p. m.

## ROSEDALE LEAGUE NINE IS PICKED TO LAND HONORS

Maroons and Truxtons will be stacked up against each other today in what is expected to be the last of the championship baseball games at Union Station grounds.

The 11 to-6 win scored by Maroons on Wednesday is expected to give the Rosedale Leaguers the edge in today's battle. A win for the Maroons will give them the undisputed title for the city championship and the right to meet Richmond's nominee if there is an intercity championship series. The Truxtons have tied up twice with the Maroons, and have been given an unmerciful beating by the Maroons. Today's game is expected to close up the series, as Maroons are being counted upon to win.

In the event that the Truxtons are victorious, they will have to play off another game with General Office, of the Terminal R. & Y. M. C. A. League. This game was postponed. Gauza, Hurd, and Woodward will umpire the contest today. Amateur Association officials are expected to be on hand.

## TWO MORE GAMES TODAY FOR GRIFFS AND YANKS

Two more games are booked for the Georgia avenue ball yard today, the curtain-raiser coming at 1:45, very likely with Walter Johnson on the slab for the home boys. Two will also be played tomorrow, thus leaving one game unplayed by these clubs for the season. Yesterday's rain killed that one forever and forever.

The Griffins are determined to get a strangle hold on fifth place, and their easiest way is to slay the Yanks each and every day. Today ought to be a good day for it.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS.

AMERICAN.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	39	47	.454
Boston	29	59	.328
Cleveland	23	69	.250
Detroit	26	68	.279
New York	29	62	.319
WASHINGTON	24	62	.286
St. Louis	21	55	.275
Philadelphia	41	59	.329

### NATIONAL.

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	41	42	.494
Philadelphia	39	54	.420
St. Louis	39	52	.432
Cincinnati	34	57	.369
Chicago	36	47	.435
Brooklyn	30	54	.353
Boston	31	58	.345
Pittsburgh	31	53	.364

### MONAWKS GO OUT.

With "Dumps" Turner as coach and "Hobby" O'Meara as captain, the Monawks A. C. football team will get out Sunday morning for practice.

## SUBURBAN CIRCUIT NEARS CLOSING OF SEASON'S MATCHES

With several postponed matches still on the books, Suburban League racqueturs will take their "bats" into conflict tomorrow afternoon in the next to the last scheduled engagement.

The Suburban League race has been narrowed down to a fight between Racquet Club and Princeton Heights, the latter leading the league by a one-match margin.

There appears to be little to choose between the two clubs. Three meetings between them have failed to show any marked superiority. In the first match of the season between these contestants Racquet won five out of seven matches.

Coming back later for the return engagement, Princeton won six out of seven from Racquet. The teams were matched up in a special session, the winner to represent the league in the city title tournament, although the league race was not completed.

In that engagement Racquet took five out of nine matches, the final set being a 10-8 affair. The summary of all matches shows Princeton leading by 12 to 11, just the margin gained in the league. Racquet has won eight double matches to five for Princeton, while Princeton has taken seven singles to five for Racquet.

Tomorrow's engagements will find Princeton playing Homead, while Racquet is facing Home Club. The Home Club men may spring a surprise on Racquet if Robert Candor is in line in the singles engagements. Bureau of Standards plays Euclid and Petworth is up against Argyle.

### BIG LEAGUE BIFFERS.

	A.	B.	H.	T.	B.	Avg.
Cravath, Phils.	2	1	2	1	1.00	
Griffin, Athletics	1	1	2	1	1.00	
Zimmerman, Giants	4	1	2	1	.75	
Nichols, Phils.	4	1	2	1	.75	
Harpold, Giants	1	1	2	1	.64	
Hernoff, Phils.	4	1	2	1	.64	
Morphy, Cards	1	1	2	1	.64	
Bush, Tigers	6	1	2	1	.60	

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