

TINKER COST BASEBALL \$4,000,000 HIS "JUMP" STARTED LEAGUE WAR

If Tinker Had Not Come in at Just the Right Time, the Federals Would Probably Have Died Natural Death Long Ago; Other Stars Followed Him to Feds, and Great Era of Bidding for Players Came.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Joe Tinker cost organized baseball and Federal League magnates a sum close to \$4,000,000—and Joe knows nothing.

Had it not been for Tinker's action in jumping to the Feds in the winter of 1915 the Federal League probably would have died a year or so ago—and it would have died before it cost the magnates millions of dollars.

As long as baseball has Tinker will be remembered as the players' greatest benefactor and also as the costliest player that ever trod upon a baseball diamond.

Of course, if you wish to go back to the start of things you can place the blame for the existence of the Federal League upon Messrs. Ebbets and Herrmann, who gumped up things so horribly during their negotiations that Tinker got his chance to jump.

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Tinker ended the 1915 season as manager of Herrmann's Reds. Garry, however, was tired of him and wanted to sell him. Ebbets wanted to buy.

Some sort of deal was finally put through in the barroom of the Waldorf to the accompaniment of popping cork.

The price was \$25,000, Herrmann to get \$10,000 and Tinker to be given the other \$15,000 as a sort of bonus. But Ebbets didn't pass the \$10,000 along to Tinker right away.

Charles yearned for publicity. He had received quite a bit of it when he agreed to pay \$25,000 for Tinker, which, at that time, was a record figure.

Others Ape Tinker. No one had paid much attention to the Federal League up to that time. But Tinker's jump gained nation-wide prominence.

chance by quitting organized baseball they could do likewise, provided of course, that they, too, got fancy contracts.

Tinker's jump to the Feds not only influenced other stars to jump, but it also smoothed the magnate-finding campaign of James A. Gilmore. Up to that time Gilmore was confronted with a real task in trying to interest capital.

Then the War Began. And then the baseball war began in earnest. The Feds bid high for the diamond stars of organized baseball and organized baseball, in its efforts to hold its players, outbid the Feds in many cases.

An average increase of around \$2000 per year was paid for the 15 clubs in the organized majors to about 150 ball players. Practically all of these boosts were for a three year period.

In addition to this, the organized baseball magnates suffered big losses in 1914 and 1915 due to loss of patronage, due partly to the war. The total decrease in the receipts National and American leagues for 1914 and 1915, attributable solely to the war that Tinker really started was close to \$400,000.

These figures show that the loss to organized baseball, due to the war, was close to \$1,000,000. The losses of the Federal League magnates probably reach a similar figure. They may go beyond.

Four minor leagues, as a whole, lost at least \$1,000,000 because of the war. Four million dollars at a conservative estimate, is what Joe Tinker did to the minor leagues.

The Church League rooters were treated to two royal games of basketball at the "Y" gym Friday evening. The scores were a trifle one-sided, but the play was of the fastest, hardest order and there were thrills for all.

The Episcopalians proved their right to the title of "speed merchants" as their general allround work continually brought the rooters to their feet. It might be said, in justice to their opponents, the First Methodists, that the latter were shy one or two good players but even with their very strongest five the class of the boys in green would have been too much for them.

Westminster's Win. In the second match, the Westminsterers proved a hard nut to crack and, in fact, refused to be cracked as they took the lead, the First Baptists into camp to the tune of 25 to 2. The Schumacher family started for the Westminsterers, the "Big One" making 18 points and the "Little One" 14. The "Little One" also made a good record as a foul shooter, six of his points coming out of seven foul tries.

League Standings. Won Lost Pct. Episcopalians 2 0 1.000 First Baptists 2 1 .667 Westminsterers 2 2 .500 Calvary Baptists 2 2 .500 Mexican Male 2 2 .500 First Presbyterians 2 2 .500 First Christians 2 2 .500 First Methodists 2 2 .500

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NEW YORK has always been known as the greatest "sucker" town in the country and the "wrestling matches" that are now being pulled off there would indicate that the outthames are still far from being educated in sport.

WHILE daily reports are issued in New York to the effect that the Giants will or will not be sold, the Cleveland club of the American League remains a drug on the market.

COMMENT has been made upon the sportsmanship which marked the play in the army championship football game here on New Year's day and it is to be regretted that the same spirit of sportsmanship, so evident on the field, was not in evidence in the business arrangements.

RACES

Table listing race results for the 4th day, Sunday, Jan. 16. Includes entries for Juezt Jockey Club and various race types like 'First race-Selling' and 'Second race-Selling'.

FELDMANS showed wonderful improvement in their City league basketball game on Wednesday night and the prediction has been freely made that they will make the Cactus five really "step some" in tonight's game at the "Y".

TENNIS players who plan to take part in the mid-winter tennis tournament at the El Paso Country club next week are advised to get their entries in early.

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ONESTAR DIETZ, the great indian coach of the Washington State college football team, has certainly been able to capitalize his silk hat and Prince Albert coaching costume.

JOHN J. McCLOSKEY is already at work on his plans for the new Rio Grande league and is meeting with very fair support.

JOHN FALSKEN writes from Kansas City that he has already picked his team which will represent Albuquerque in the new league next season.

BOB EDGREN, sporting editor of the New York World, says the true qualification for a "wrestler" in New York is to have a big fellow stand on a mat four feet square.

TRACK MEETS WILL BE MANY

A. A. U. Receives Scores of Applications for Permits For Sport Contests.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Reports received at the national headquarters of the Amateur Athletic Union in this city indicate a remarkable season of activity on both indoor and outdoor tracks during the coming year.

Among the more important meets with the date and place for the holding of the contests are the following: Illinois A. U. Indoor, Chicago, Jan. 28; Illinois A. U. Indoor, New York, Jan. 28; Junior A. U. Championship, Indoor, New York, Jan. 29; Boston A. U. Indoor, Boston, Feb. 5; Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Feb. 12; Georgetown University, Indoor, Washington, Feb. 19; Intercollegiate A. A. U. Indoor, New York, March 4; open air meet New Orleans, March 5 and 12; Middle Western conference, Indoor, Evanston, Ill., March 13; Illinois A. U. Championship, Indoor, New York, March 15; Missouri A. A. U. Indoor, St. Louis, March 18.

Following these meets and a host of minor games will come the dual outdoor track contests between the college teams of all parts of the states. April, May and the early portion of June will witness hundreds of these dual and triangular competitions all leading up to the final championship games of the various sections of the country.

DE ORO DEFENDS BILLIARD TITLE

Boston, Mass., Jan. 15.—Alfredo de Oro, successfully defended his title as world champion in the billiard championship by winning from Lloyd Jevne, of Los Angeles, by a score of 159 to 133 Friday night. The California challenger, however, made a brilliant sport in the final inning, was only eight points behind de Oro.

FELDMANS WILL PLAY CLUB MEN

Cactus Unlikely to Have a Snap in Game at the "Y" Tonight.

Tonight's games in the City basketball league at the "Y" M. C. A. should be well worth attending. When the season opened the Feldmans took the floor without their regular team, but they showed their class in this week in the game with the rejuvenated Millers.

The second game should also be a dandy. Last Saturday night the School of Mines showed class against the High school and that contest was one of the best of the season.

The attendance showed a big improvement last week and a still better crowd is looked for this evening.

EPISCOPALIANS STILL WINNING

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