

MIKE DOOLAN, PHILLY NATIONAL STAR, SAYS HE HAS SIGNED WITH BALTIMORE FEDS

New York, March 7.—Mike Doolan of the Philadelphia Nationals, star defensive shortstop of the National League, today announced he had signed with the Baltimore Federal League team.

This was in direct contradiction to earlier reports that Doolan had agreed to remain in the Quaker camp.

"I have signed with the Baltimore Federals," said Doolan positively to newspapermen. "There is not the slightest chance of me backing out."

Mike refused to give the terms of his new contract, but it is understood to cover a period of three years.

President Gilmore of the Feds carried the war into the enemy's camp this afternoon by moving his headquarters from the Hotel Knickerbocker to the Waldorf-Astoria, where the organized baseball magnates have their stronghold.

Signing Doolan gave Gilmore confidence, and he started a vigorous campaign to land Egan of Brooklyn and Magee and Wingo of the Cardinals. He was well stocked with ammunition in the shape of regular money.

President Tener and Charles P. Taft did an "Alphonse and Gaston" regarding the sale of the Chicago Cubs. Tener refused to discuss the matter, saying it was up to Taft, and the latter likewise refused to talk, saying the statement should come from Tener.

Baseball men crowding the Waldorf were astounded at the news that Doolan had hopped to the Federals. This morning President Baker of the Phillies gave out a positive statement that the star shortfielder would wear a Quaker uniform in the coming campaign, and the matter was believed settled.

The loss of Doolan upsets whatever chance the Phillies had left to make a strong showing in the im-

pending National League pennant race.

He is the fourth star definitely landed by the third circuit from the Philly camp, and there is still a chance that Killifer will be forced to live up to the terms of the contract he signed with Charley Weeghman and Joe Tinker.

No longer will Philly fans see the crack defensive work of Otto Knabe and Doolan around second base. Both are with the Baltimore Feds, Knabe as manager.

With the herculean task of rebuilding his infield ahead, Red Dooin will be lucky to finish in the first division of the league this season.

—o—o— AND THEN SUPPOSE THEY BOTH FIND HER—SOMETHIN' DOIN'

Indianapolis, Ind., March 7.—Two married men have asked the police here to find their "wife." Neither man knows that the other has asked police aid. By comparing photographs the police decided today that both men are looking for the same woman. She is Mrs. Annie Conroy, or Mrs. Annie Lawson.

T. W. Conroy, who said he was married in a justice of the peace's office in Muncie, Ind., asked the police six weeks ago to find her. Urban R. Lawson of this city asked them today to find her. Conroy, who is a traveling clairvoyant, said that Mrs. Conroy left him because she did not like to travel, saying that she would go to her home in a Terre Haute suburb.

The police theory is that Annie married both men and that she is now seeking further adventure.

—o—o— FIRE DESTROYS THEATER

Fire of unknown origin partly destroyed the Oakland Theater, 31st and Cottage Grove avenue, early today at a loss of \$15,000. Fire Attorney Johnson is conducting an investigation.