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PERTINENT COMMENT On Happenings in Sportdom

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Ban Johnson has confirmed the deal which places the stock of the Boston club, formerly held by McAleer and McRoy, into the hands of Joseph J. Lannin. It would probably be interesting to know all the details of this transaction. The fact that McAleer is making the world tour with the Giants and Sox and has not been in touch with the details of the deal has caused no end of speculation.

Just before McAleer left on his present trip he was quoted as saying that he would retain his interest in the Boston club. In fact, it was hinted that he would retain his interest in the Boston club of Boston and control the club. No sooner had McAleer gone abroad, however, than the negotiations for his and McRoy's stock were opened with Lannin. Something like \$200,000 was involved, and it would naturally be supposed that inasmuch as this represents about everything which McAleer possessed, he would have been on hand when the deal was made.

It is understood that much of the stock which McAleer was supposed to have secured was on borrowed money and this stock was never turned over to him, being held for security for the loan. This stock, together with the shares which McRoy held, when pooled with the Taylor interests would be sufficient to give Lannin the controlling interest. McAleer is said to return here in March, at which time there is a good chance of the details of the deal becoming public property.

The action of the members of the Philadelphia American League team in deserting the Players' Fraternity, because they considered the demands of the organization as an injustice to their manager, is but another tribute to the fact that the remarkable influence over his players.

It is questionable if there is another instance in baseball history where players have stood by a manager as have the members of the Athletics. Ball players as a rule never desert their manager, but in the case of the Athletics, they have stood by him to the point where they have been asked to desert him.

That the addition of a hard-hitting outfielder would be a great asset to the team has been for the past two years must be a fact. It is only recently that Carpenter has been improved over last season for the reason that he will have a stronger pitching staff.

Griffith has gone into a new field for the player he wants. There are few instances on record where an American League club has secured playing material from the rival league. The chances are against such a deal being made, but Griffith thinks it is worth trying, because he realizes that he has a 300 hitter added to his staff.

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ATHLETICS BOLT

Don't Like Players' Fraternity Demands and Quit Body.

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NEW YORK, December 8.—A bombshell was thrown into the ranks of the Base Ball Players' Fraternity yesterday when it became known that the world's championship Athletics, a body that had practically deserted the organization in its struggle to obtain numerous concessions from the major and minor leagues. It was learned that the Athletics, all of whom are members of the fraternity, had refused point blank to subscribe their names to the list of seventeen demands drafted by David L. Fultz, president of the fraternity.

When the Athletics became members of the fraternity they made it clear that if the organization attempted to carry out a plan that might prove detrimental to the interests of their manager, Connie Mack, they would not endorse it. When Fultz's list of demands therefore was sent to the Athletics recently the players turned it down on the ground that they had no grievances and that it would be grossly unfair to Mack to assume a hostile stand.

Team Stands Firm. There was no exception to the rule. Every member of the world's champions stood firm, thereby showing the remarkable influence that Mack exerts over his players. With the Athletics opposed to the fraternity's present attitude toward organized base ball it is believed that many players will follow suit. The other major league clubs will decide soon to return to their old employers.

There are many kickers in the ranks of the players who have backed up Fultz in his demands, but there are also other men who are satisfied with present conditions and have merely joined the team to avoid serious friction with their teammates. The fraternity's demands will be passed upon formally at today's session of the National League at the Waldorf-Astoria, and if the matter is disposed of quickly it is likely possible that the national commission will meet here tomorrow to take final action, instead of postponing deliberations until the annual meeting in Cincinnati next month. It was said yesterday that President Johnson of the American League, who is expected to be in the city tomorrow, will be ready for business tomorrow, the seventeen demands will be disposed of finally.

To Refuse Some Demands. It is predicted that a majority of the demands will be granted, but that the requests involving the reserve rule and the sale of players from major to minor leagues will be turned down summarily. That will put the case squarely up to President Fultz and the leaders of the fraternity.

The major league clubs do not fear collusion between the fraternity and the Federal League. In fact, men prominently identified with the organization have predicted that the Federal League would find it impossible to establish clubs in Cleveland, Baltimore and Baltimore. The fact that the so-called outsiders might achieve partial success in Kansas City and Indianapolis, where the American Association has clubs, but for a whole sale raid on the major and minor leagues for playing talent, leading base ball men declare that the Federal club could not raise a sufficient amount of money to induce players to leave their old clubs.

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