

# FEDERAL LEAGUE SUIT AGAIN SIGNING OF LAJOIE BY MACK AFFORD FANS GOSSIP-FEARS

## MORSELS DRAWN FROM THE SPORTING POTPOURRI

Major League Leaders Ridicule Efforts of Federals to Have National Commission Declared Null and Void.  
Suit Filed Before Judge Landis.

**B. Johnson, Press Agent**  
New and unassuming Ban, that clever, entertaining Ban, is hunting at the Federals the shaft of ridicule; because they call the majors "trust," and ask the U. S. A. to bust and otherwise maltreat the leagues in manner cold and cruel.

Ban says they seek to advertise: How good of Ban to put us wise! To end the controversy and to spoil the Federals' sweet dream.

How good—but Ban's aware—Or is it that he doesn't care?—By telling all about that suit he's helping out their scheme?

**A Point of Information**  
Will some one kindly step forward and explain why the University of Pennsylvania has to go to the New York Alumni to raise \$500 for its crew?

**Beg Pardon, but—**  
Were it not for our little rule That puns and such like make, We'd say that baseball's heavenly Because it's full of stars.

**What Will the Year Bring Forth?**  
The new year's launched on its way, The old has slipped beyond the veil; This history now who won the bay, The records show who copped the kale; Forgotten is the roost, the wall; The bird of grouch is on the wing; The year is speeding under sail; What champ of champions will it bring?

The year that stretches just ahead Gives all a chance for gold and fame; The year behind's forever dead; Get in the rush and play the game; Now is the time to push the claim; To climb from out the lower rows; The year holds out its praise and blame; Who'll win or lose, nobody knows.

**Don't Be Angry, Wojah**  
Twombly having been named in a proposed Cincinnati-Cub twade, we tremble to think what will happen if Wojah Bweshaan gets luvited over some twifle oth and twies to take a wio out of him. Wojah is wepohated to have an iwascible twempwament, and if his twongue got twisted like ouhs has his twouns of twage woud sound exwecutwingly twidwulous.

**May He Add to Their Might**  
It appears the Feds had an eye out for the Main chance. They've signed Fletcher Miles Main, heretofore of Detroit.

**Or Hand't You?**  
Of course, you have noticed that the Englishman who doesn't know the first thing about baseball despises the game utterly. And, by the same token, that the man who knows nothing of golf doesn't like it, and tennis and baseball and soccer and so on ad infinitum, which is some foreign language for continuously, "Take it away, I hate the game."

**So doth the stranger loudly flout it; I will not hark to its boasters' claim; I do not care to know about it."**

## MEREDITH CASE A PUZZLE

Whether "Ted" Meredith is eligible to run for Pennsylvania and the Meadowbrook Club on the same night is the question which will now have to be solved by the Amateur Athletic Union officials. Opinions on the point differ. President Alfred J. Lill, of the A. A. U., has insisted the point against Meredith and will work to have him disqualified at the Boston Athletic Association games next month if Meredith attempts to run for Penn. President Lill asserts Meredith by virtue of having represented the Meadowbrook Club in open games of the A. A. U. this winter is not eligible to run for the varsity in open competition. So far the A. A. U. rule on this point is clear. President Lill is right on this point. However, he says Meredith will not be permitted to compete for the local institution on the same night that he represents the Meadowbrook in a different matter. This interpretation of the rule, in the opinion of the writer, is that Meredith may compete for both organizations on the same night if he cares. That is, one of the races must be a closed one. For example, the two-mile relay race at the B. A. A. games has been advertised clearly as one "closed" to colleges. Therefore, Meredith is permitted by amateur law to go into that race—a closed one—represent his varsity, and then later, if he cares to, wear the colors of the Meadowbrook. As a matter of fact, "Ted" has said he does not intend to run two races that night, and thus the matter ends so far as he is concerned. The A. A. U. has the point to settle. The meaning of the rule is a bit ambiguous and it will be well if the Legislation Committee clarify it. It is just another of those puzzles which has given the Officials' Club of Philadelphia a chance to display its talent. Let's hear from some of the Officials' Club members on this point.

## "All About I"

There's a new series of articles being attributed to "Jess" Willard, a cow-puncher, who is scheduled to act as a punching bag for one "Jack" Johnson. They are entitled "All About I." He has manufactured more alibis than any fighter in the world, and the fight has not taken place yet. Here's only one sample: "If I suffer defeat at the hands of Jack Johnson, no one ever will hear a chirp out of me. Then and there I will be through the fighting games. Evidently friend Willard is looking for the worst. There is one bet

he overlooked: he didn't name his favorite undertaker."

**Spotlatch Fights Back**  
"Johnny" Spotlatch, who is well known in local ring circles as manager of "Tommy" Howell, sent in quite a lengthy letter today emphatically denying that he had given up Howell, or that Howell had thrown him "over." Spotlatch asserts that he and Howell are just as thick as ever, and any one who attempts to assume charge of Howell will find a tough proposition on his hands. So there!

**Connie Makes a Hit**  
The acquisition of Larry Lajoie by the Athletics looks to be another stroke of Mackinac genius. Naturally, after disposing of Eddie Collins, Connie Mack needed another second baseman. It was generally supposed by those supposed to be in close touch with the Athletics that Billy Kopf wouldn't be the man for the place. But Mack, despite the repeated stories to the effect that Lajoie was not to be had, decided that the Red Sox would not be the only club to which Lajoie's services were available.

A technical expert of the second-base position, there is not a man in the country, not even the brilliant Eddie Collins, who can show more knowledge than Lajoie. This fact not only insures the Athletics a second baseman extraordinary for 1915, but for the years to come, because, like Harry Davis, Larry is ready to take a year's rest from the game, and willing to teach his understudy all he knows about the playing of his position and a little more on the side. Therefore, when Larry has finished with his playing career with the Athletics he will have developed some one able to take his place just as Harry Davis developed Melinda, Stuffy McInnis. Larry's under study is sure to be Billy Kopf, and that youngster has learned all of the details of the game from a man of Lajoie's experience, he will be qualified to take his place with the best of them.

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## ANTI-TRUST BOMB FIRED BY FEDS IS LATEST SURPRISE

Is Considered Biggest Move Yet Made in Great Baseball War Now Being Waged by Rich Magnates.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.  
Charging organized baseball with being a combination, conspiracy and monopoly in restraint of trade, the Federal League filed suit in the United States Court before Judge Keneaw Landis yesterday, asking that the National Commission be dissolved. The suit was filed in the name of the "Federal League of Professional Baseball Clubs" against the "National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, August Herrmann, Bancroft B. Johnson, John K. Tener et al."

The suit was filed through the law firm of Myer, Lurie, and the latter being the attorney of the Federal League, in the petition for a dissolution of the organized interests the Federals explain that "at all times heretofore the supply of expert baseball players has been limited to the demand of the various major leagues," and that such demand must be supplied from minor league ranks. Under the national agreement, the plaintiff asserts, players in the Federal League are not permitted to leave their contracts without the consent of the National Commission, which is a violation of the Sherman law.

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## DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE PORTRAITS?

The fiery-eyed young man who is pictured on the left is a man whose name is known in practically every country of the civilized world. Maybe at first glance you do not recognize the great and mighty "Muggsy" McGraw, now leader of the New York Giants. When this photograph was taken years ago, "Muggsy" was struggling along with his future course undetermined. On the right we have a recent photograph of Manager John McGraw, still plain "Muggsy" to many, the seasoned veteran and one of the craftiest leaders of baseball teams in the world.

## SIGNING OF LAJOIE BIG THING FOR FANS

It Is Believed Verrill Will Work Wonder With Crippled Machine.  
With the Federal League driving in a new wedge against organized baseball by trying to dissolve the National Commission through legal procedure, Connie Mack, of the Athletics, is expected to sign Lajoie to his team. The Philadelphia National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, August Herrmann, Bancroft B. Johnson, John K. Tener et al."

## HERZOG FAILS TO APPEAR

Deal for Charlie Dooin Now Indefinitely Postponed.  
Manager Charles Herzog, of the Cincinnati Reds, did not make an appearance at the Philadelphia National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, August Herrmann, Bancroft B. Johnson, John K. Tener et al."

## COLLINS GLAD TO BE AWAY

Letter Sent to Eddie Cicotte Conveys Such News.  
DETROIT, Jan. 6.—Eddie Collins, in a letter to Pittsburgh Eddie Cicotte, of the White Sox, says he is glad to get away from Philadelphia. The letter was sent to Cicotte by a messenger, and Collins says he is glad to get away from Philadelphia.

**Wingo Signs With Reds**  
CINCINNATI, Jan. 6.—According to a dispatch received last night from Atlanta, Ga., Wingo has signed a contract with the Cincinnati Reds. Wingo is a catcher and is expected to play for the Reds.

**Sloufords to Train at Havana**  
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—The St. Louis Federal League baseball team will go into training at Havana, Cuba, next month, according to an announcement made last night.

**Wolverton in Role of Manager**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Harry Wolverton, former manager of the Chicago Cubs, has been appointed manager of the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast League, to succeed Del Howard, former first baseman of the Chicago Cubs.

**Meadowbrooks to Race January 14**  
The Meadowbrook A. A. of this city will put a strong team in the one-mile club relay at the games of the Milwaukee A. A. on January 14. Such stars as Meredith, Lippincott, Lockwood, Keady and Hertz are eligible to play for the Meadowbrook.

**Sport Writers to Dine**  
At a meeting held yesterday afternoon in the Pen and Pencil Club of the officers of the Young Writers' Association, with President James C. Baumbarger in the chair, it was decided to have the month's annual sporting writers' banquet on Wednesday, February 10.

**Jack Dalton Takes a Jump**  
BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Jack Dalton, of the Brooklyn National League team, today signed a contract to play with the Buffalo Bisons. Dalton was just now out of leading batsman honors last season by Jake Daubert.

**Dr. McCarthy Track Coach**  
MEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 6.—The appointment of Dr. William T. McCarthy, of Arlington, as coach of the Tufts College track team was announced yesterday.

**Postpone Havana Race Meet**  
HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 6.—The Havana race meet, originally scheduled to open on January 7, has been postponed until January 14.

## WHAT LAJOIE THINKS OF REJOINING ATHLETICS

By NAPOLEON LAJOIE  
CLEVELAND, Jan. 6.—It was just 12:15 p. m. yesterday when Frank told me he wanted me on his club. At 12:16 I was a member of his club. I'm delighted over the deal. I hate to leave Cleveland. I have spent the happiest hours of my life in Cleveland. The people of Cleveland have been generous and good to me, though I feel that it for the interest of every one concerned for me to go to Philadelphia, yet it hurts a trifle to think of leaving Cleveland.

I go with only good wishes for those whom I am leaving. There are no hard feelings between myself and any one on the Cleveland Club, even though there have been decided differences of opinion on many subjects in late years. In all sincerity I wish that the Cleveland Club is as successful as I hope to be, and that if our club, meaning the Athletics, does well, the pennant, that the Cleveland team will.

The thought of returning to the city where I secured my real start in life gives me some satisfaction. There is no place to which I would rather go. In fact, Philadelphia, Boston and New York are the only cities in the country to which I would have consented to go.

## NEW YORK A. C. MAY WITHDRAW FROM A. A. U.

Officers Are Disgruntled at Treatment—Will Be Settled Today.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Matthew P. Halpin, chairman of the Athletic Committee of the New York Athletic Club, said last night that he would call a meeting of the committee of the club for a period of six months, and would himself propose a resolution that the New York A. C. withdraw from the Amateur Athletic Union.

This decision was reached in Madison Square Garden, where Chairman Halpin had received definite word from J. W. Stumpf, chairman of the Registration Committee of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, that the half dozen swimmers who had entered the swimming race of the Sportsmen's Show in the Garden stood suspended for competing in last night's race, a 50-yard handicap.

When Halpin heard from outsiders that the suspension was in force, his words were: "Then we quit, but I want to know what the committee is doing. I want to know what the committee is doing. I want to know what the committee is doing."

**RE-ELECT PEROT**  
Robinson Lee Perot was re-elected to the position of graduate manager of Penn Athletics at A. A. Meeting.

**BOB LAYFIELD DYING**  
Injured Football Player, According to Doctors, Cannot Live.  
BALTIMORE, Jan. 6.—Bob Layfield, the Johns Hopkins football player, who was injured during the game with the University of Maryland, is dying.

**Biff-Booth Bout Best**  
NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 6.—There was no excitement during the wind-up at the Fairmount Athletic Club, where the Biff-Booth bout was held last night.

**Amateur Boxers Ready**  
Owing to the large number of entries in the boxing tournament of the Philadelphia City Theatre the boys in the 115-pound division will not be able to start tonight as the 115-pounders will be given their chance next Wednesday night.

**Jim Corbett Manager Now**  
TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 6.—James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion and present vaudeville star, has branched out as a local manager. He is now managing the local heavyweight, who, the champion believes, will harvest the "White Horse" crop.

**Nelson Talks Again**  
Battling Nelson, who is in New York preparing for a vaudeville act after quitting January 15, has said he is anxious to meet the time for the first time.

**Levinaky To Meet Keating**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Battling Levinaky and Jack Keating meet at the Federal A. C. tonight.

**Jack Toland Winner**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Jack Toland shouldered Terry Mitchell in a fast 10-round bout at the Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn, last night.

**McGoorty in Good Shape**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Eddie McGoorty, who will fight Billy Murphy Friday night in Milwaukee, today tipped the scales at 120 pounds. He has posted \$100 weight forfeit.

**Elect Lucy Commodore**  
John A. Lucy, formerly commodore of the Island Heights Yacht Club, was elected commodore of the Yachtmen's Club last night.

**Offers Territorial Rights**  
RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 6.—Territorial rights in Richmond, Va., were offered last night by directors of the Virginia Baseball League for the sum of \$1000.

## SQUASH RACQUETS SHOULD HOLD OWN IN TODAY'S GAME

Racquet Club Picked to Win From Germantown Team.  
B—Merion Also Likely to Taste a Bitter Defeat.

It is not at all likely that there be any upsets in the interclub racquet matches today, as all stronger clubs meet the weaker. In meeting Germantown, Team B, of the Racquet Club, the Racquet Club will be able to retain the lead it obtained last week by defeating Overbrook by matches to none. On that occasion, H. T. Huhn was missing from the Racquet Club team, but against stronger Germantown team today it is probable that no chances will be taken and that he will make his first appearance of the season. With the Racquet Club captain, Jennings, Hutchinson, Archer playing, the team will indeed be formidable one. The teams will be listed from Germantown to Racquet Club as follows:

RACQUET CLUB.	GERMANTOWN.
W. H. Huhn	S. M. Peacock
D. B. Jennings	R. Bradley
D. B. Hutchinson	W. P. Newhall
L. C. Water	R. F. Reeves
W. J. Stevenson	H. M. Tilden
P. A. Newhall	H. S. Wierman
M. L. Newhall	M. L. Newhall
R. F. White	R. F. White
G. B. White	G. B. White
W. K. Muller	A. B. Miller
H. M. Tilden	C. Clay

**OVERBROOK TEAM A.**  
C. S. Rogers  
L. Lee  
W. F. Johnson  
E. H. LeBoutillier  
F. A. Hays  
F. Banes

**MAUPOME BEATS SUBSTITUT**  
Cap Riley in Place of C. Morin, Gmard Billiard Little Practice.

Owing to the severe illness of his partner, C. Morin, the leader in the interclub billiard match, Maupome was unable to meet Pierre Maupome, the local representative, in a league match scheduled to be held in this city at Allinger's Academy last night.

"Cap" Riley, another expert of the city, who is substituting for Morin in the league match, was Maupome's opponent, and the match resulted in a walkover for the Maupome team, who ran out in 66 innings, 50 to 0.

**Defiance Goes to Junk Heap**  
Defiance, the yacht built by the French syndicate as an American Cup defender, was the end of her brief career. Her owner, Commander E. W. Clark, of the Philadelphia Corinthian Yacht Club, has ordered her to be sold for scrap.

**C. Y. M. N. U. Out in Cold**  
Official notification was sent to every member of the Amateur Athletic Union in the United States, informing them that the C. Y. M. N. U. was out of the game.

**Sutton May Succeed Smith**  
NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 6.—Larry Sutton, of the Brooklyn National League team, is mentioned as the probable successor of Smith as manager of the team.

**Travis Golf Leader**  
PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 6.—Elihu Travis, of the Pinehurst Golf and Country Club, is the leader in the golf tournament.

**Brother of Amos Strunk Dies**  
HARRY S. STRUNK, brother of Amos Strunk, died Sunday night, Jan. 4, at his home, 1033 North 22nd street, of a complication of diseases which kept him bedfast for the last ten months.

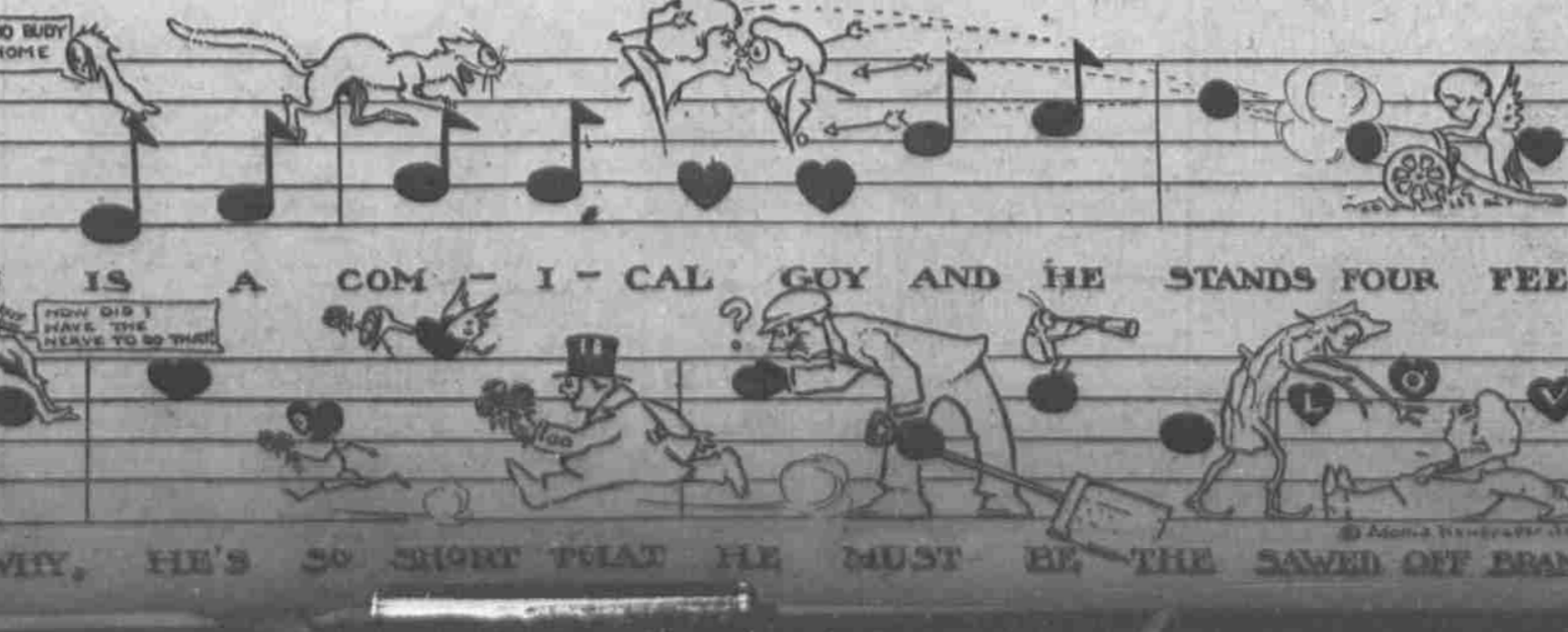
**Sullivan Fights Drouillard**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Joe Sullivan, manager of Jimmy Anderson, expects to come to the city for the first time in his career when Jimmy engages in a ten-round battle with Sullivan in the Madison Square Garden.

**Rohdeau May Surprise White**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Charles White, who fought Freddie Walz in New York, January 5, as his best effort in years, is expected to fight Rohdeau in Philadelphia, January 14, but expects to win easily. Rohdeau is expected to win easily, but he is expected to win easily.

**Harry Grant Late Entry**  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 6.—Only a few minutes before the entry list for the \$10,000 prize for the first time in his career when Harry Grant entered his English submission, with himself as driver.

**Operate On Grenda**  
NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 6.—Alfred Grenda, Australian cyclist, underwent an operation yesterday at the Presbyterian Hospital in this city.

## A MUSICAL COMEDY SING IT, WHISTLE IT, TRY IT ON YOUR PIANO



AND THE PELICAN SAID  
HE'S A SAWED OFF  
ALL RIGHT  
HE'S ONLY TWO FEET IN  
HIS STOCKINGS