# NEWS AND COMMENT GATHERED FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD OF SPORTS

"HOME RUN" BAKER TO PLAY WITH YANKEES NEXT YEAR

Athletics' Slugger Says He Is Considering New Proposition Made by New York

Declares Story That He Will Play With Chicago White Sox in 1916 Is Only a Nice "Pipe Dream"

The Chicago yarn is a pipe dream." That is what Frank Baker said over the distance phone today when naked shat there was to the story that he had prepted terms with the White Sox. "I are not seen or talked to any representsire of the Chicago club and don't exget to. I expect to play ball in the merican League again and am now esidering an offer from New York." A bosom friend of Charley Comiskey, eant of the White Sox, gave out a patement in New York yesterday to the seet that Baker had accepted terms with things for the coming season and inimaled that the contract already had en signed. This announcement created gifts a stir in the baseball world in view of the fact that it was generally believed the fact that it was generally believed that he would play with the Yankees next serion, as stated exclusively in the Dranko Lundin long before the meeting between Secretary Huston and Man-

Donovan, at Wilmington, two weeks At that meeting the New Yorkers tried At that meeting the New Yorkers tried induce Baker to sign with the Yankees, at he asked a sum by far larger than Husten was willing to pay. After hearing Baker's demands, Husten and Donsma returned to New York on the next

min.
Two days later, a Federal League agent effered Baker a three-year contract at \$2.00 a yar, with a bonus of \$10,000 for signing his contract. Baker admits that he was tempted to sign the papers, but after having the Fede' check in his hand, he returned it, saying that he would have the matter over.

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Baker then says he received a long distance phone call that Donovan was on his way to Trappe to talk terms with him. The meeting was held without any publicity. The former Mackman admits that he has received a proposition which was better than that first offered by the Tankees, and one that he is thinking over without the same of the same o

The famous slugger says he would like to play in New York, but satisfactory terms must be made or he would remain is retirement so far as major league baseball was concerned.

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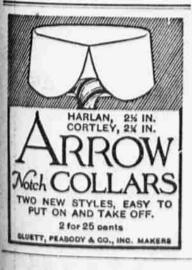
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I don't know where anybody got an lea that I was going to play with Chicago because I have not even heard a word in connection with a trade of that set," said Baker. "Somebody had a pipe dream. I have not met any representative from Comiskey, did not know that he had one and am not expecting to do becomes with that team. hear with that team.

There not heard anything about Chicas from Connie Mack, and there is nothing to the yarn. I met Captain Hagon and, Bill Denovan, of the Yanicet at Wilmington two weeks ago and ber talked business with me. However, I mess I wanted too much, because they ment back to New York without coming to any agreement.

"A few days after that a Federal Leaguer came down to Trappe and of-fered me a great proposition, but I faully decided to wait a while before siming with any one. They assured me that my contract with the Athletics for 1916 was not binding, but I have decided "Shortly afterward I received a long-datance phone call telling me Bill Dono-van was on his way to see me. For once I had a meeting with a baseball man without the fact becoming public. Dono-van offered me an excellent proposition, which I am seriously thinking about.

INDUCEMENTS MUST BE GOOD. "My position, however, is just as it was a year ago. I am willing and want to get back into the game, but I am not oming back unless my terms are met. 160n't need to play ball for a living any more, but I love the game and am willing to come back. The inducements must be sood, though, or I will do just as I dd last summer—stay home four days a week and play independent ball on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

"I see that out of town papers have been saying that I am all in and credited



### Developments of Day in Frank Baker Case

WHAT DAME RUMOR SAYS Frank Baker will not go to the Yankers. He will play with the White

Sox next season.
WHAT CHARLES COMISKEY SAYS
"I'd like to get Baker, but it would take some persuasion to get his release from Connie Mack. I haven't discussed the matter with Mack since the season

WHAT CONNIE MACK SAYS "The report that Baker will play with the White Sox next year is news to me. I have heard nothing about it." WHAT FRANK BAKER SAYS
"The Chicago yarn is a pipe dream. I
am considering an offer to play with
the New York Americans."

me with a batting average more than 100 points lower than I bit in the Delaware athle County League. Well just wait and see ing. 'Bake' hit that ball if I come back, I Ch

am always in great shape and will be just as good as ever."
"I know nothing about a deal whereby Frank Baker will play with the Chicago Frank Baker will play with the Chicago White Sox this season," said Connie Mack this morning when he was called up on the phone. "It's all new to me." When informed a friend of Charley Comiskey had given out a statement in New York that the Home Run King would don a White Sox uniform with Eddie Collins, Connie continued, "Yes, this is the first I heard of it," and laughed.

INTRODUCING "BOSOM FRIEND." The "bosom friend" of Comiskey who did not want his identity to be disclosed gave out such a convincing "pipe dream" in New York that it was taken for granted that Baker was lost to the Yankees, and loud protests against making the American League race one-sided were voiced by the press in New York today. Here's the yarn handed out by the "bosom friend":

These conferences between Baker and the Yankees and between J. Franklin and the Federal League are a huge joke to one on the inside. Home Run Baker will be with our Sox as sure as spring comes. It is all cut and dried. I do not believe that even Ban Johnson is wise to the inside play. But I know that Connie Mack and the Old Roman thoroughly understand each other. "The matter has gone so far that Baker

has practically accepted terms with Chi-cago. It was for this very reason that the Maryland farmer named terms to Captain Huston and Bill Donovan that would have scared off any one.

HE LIKES CHICAGO. "Baker has a natural preference for Chicago, His feammate of the old Ath-

letic days, Eddie Collins, is there. No club could better Comiskey's terms in the matter of salary. And with the White Sox Baker figures he is reasonably sure of a share of next fall's world's series "With Connie Mack it is a question of

business rather than sentiment. Comis-key is willing to pay \$50,000 for Baker's release. New York would not pay more than half that sum. If Baker saw Fed-eral League agents of late, you may be sure it was for the sole purpose of mask-ing the designs of Connie Mack and Charles A. Comiskey, The Old Roman is out for the 1916 pennant, even if he has to spend a fortune to buy it."

GRENDA LEADS BIKERS

Six-day Racers Riding in Record-Breaking Form

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, Dec. 10.—Eleven teams were bunched for the lead at the 199th hour, 1 p. m. today, and had covered 2157 miles and 4 laps. Sullican and Anderson were 6 laps behind. Grenda was leading. The former record was 2133 miles, made by Goullet and Grenda in 1914.

The leading riders were 24 miles and 4

### **GERMANTOWN'S** ATHLETIC TEAMS ARE SUCCESSFUL

High School Football, Cross-country and Soccer Squads Make Good

HAVE BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Germantown High School is making rapid strides in athletics, and will in time take its place with Central High, Northeast, Southern and West Philadelphia High Schools in interschool competitions. In the season of football, seccer and cross-country, the Germantown athletes made a very commendable show-

Charles Rockey, who took charge of the cross-country runners, turned out a very strong team considering the material available at the school. The work of Walter C. White and Harold G. Black featured Germantown's activity in the hill-and-hale runs, and the "White and Black" pair, as they were called, frequently led the field in first and sec-ond place. Hedges, Randall, Hewitt, Cal-houn and Trautwein were members of the team.

Ceach Philip G. Lewis, physical direc-tor of the school, had charge of the football team, and the Green and White squad made an excellent showing. The team was light, and the players much younger than their opponents in all the games played, yet they played brilliantly and finished a very successful season. West Philadelphia second lost to the Manheim team, 23 to 6, and Southern High second team lost by a score of ern High second team lost by a score of

21 to 6, On the Germantown squad were Mc-Devitt, Hausser, Busby, McKarahar, On the Germantown squad were McDevitt, Hausser, Busby, McKarahar,
Young, Henshaw, Cowdrick, Butler, Captain Maneely, Wooley, Gonover, Craig,
Meehan, Young and Longstreet, Willlam McKarahar was elected captain of
the 1916 team. He is a junior at the
school and played centre as well as in
the backfield. Germantown High also
played a prominent part in the Fresh
men Leaving championship series, as it men League championship series, as it held West Philadelphia High School, winners of the title, to a scoreless tie,

In soccer, the Germantown High School In soccer, the Germantown High School players have experienced a most successful season. They did not participate in the first team Interscholastic League games, but remained in the second team league. In this league they won the title with a perfect record. West Philadelphia High School was defeated in two games and Northeast and Central High also lest suggest. also lost games.

also lost games.

No faculty coach was available for the soccer players, and Burnett, former Northeast high star, now a sophomore at Germantown, took up these duties. He was hurt in one of the early games, receiving a bad bruise on the hip, but this did not prevent him from instructing the players, and it was due to his persistent efforts that a winning aggregation was turned out. gation was turned out.

Germantown expects to be in the big Germantown expects to be in the Dis-league next year, and as the men this acason were as large and strong physi-cally as any in the Interscholastic League, they should make a strong bid for the title in 1916. On the soccer team were Yogel, Wanamaker, Driscoll, Keegan, Bean, Fisher, D. Savage, Curran, Brumback and Rhoades.

Scholastic feetball teams in and around this city have furnished many college captains, not only at Pennsylvania, but at Harvird and Princeton. The captains, not only at Pennsylvania, but at Cornell, Harvard and Princeton. The report that Paul H. Taylor, former Camden High School football and basketball star, had been elected captain of the Lafayette College football team for next season was not overlooked by the local scholastic partisans. Taylor, it will be remembered, was an all-scholastic star at Camden High.

CHICAGO CUBS MAY BE SOLD AT NATIONAL LEAGUE MEETING

Federals Dickering to Purchase Windy

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Charles P. Taft, owner of the Chicago Cubs, and President John K. Tener, of the National League, held a lengthy conference at the league's headquarters here yesterday. While no details of the conference were made public, and Fresident Tener declined to discuss his talk with the owner of the Cubs, it was generally believed that Mr. Taft is now ready to dispose of his stock in the Chicago Nationals at a

that Mr. Taft is now ready to dispose of his stock in the Chicago Nationals at a reasonable figure.

The club will undoubtedly be sold at the meeting of the National League, which will take place at the Waidorf-Astoria on next Tuesday afternoon. It was rumored today that one of the big money men behind the Federals is dickering for the purchase of the Cubs.

#### MORAN AND BAKER TO MEET AT NATIONAL LEAGUE MEETING

Pat May Sign Contract to Lead Daisies Again Next Year

BOSTON, Dec. 9 .-- A noise like the filling of a fountain pen was heard up in the wilds of Fitchburg, and shortly after-ward it was announced that Pat Moran, the man that pushed "Miracle Man" Stallings out of the limelight, was to be-take himself to New York, where he will meet with President William F. Baker, of the Phillies.

Pat is expected to leave Fitchburg for New York Sunday night, and will attend the meeting of the National League mag-nates and managers there next week. The Phillies' manager is expected to have something to say about a contract to manage the Phillies next season.

Grandstand Builder After Club

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Cd.EVELAND, O. Dee, 10 - William J. Hunkin, president of the Hunkin-Conkey Construction Company of Cleveland, may be the
next owner of the Cleveland American League
basehall club, negotiations for the sale of
which are being conducted here. Hunkin refused to either affirm or deny a report that
he is after the club. Neither would President
lan B. Joinson, of the American League, who
ta here on the deal, say whether Hunkin is a
prospective buyer.

### SOUTHWARK C. C. RUN HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Five-mile Handicap Street Race Scheduled Tomorrow Called Off Indefinitely

Southwark Catholic Club officials have postponed their annual 5-mile handicap street race scheduled tomorrow afternoon. A future date has not been set, but those in touch with the situation believe the big event will be staged some time in January. The race is always an important one in Philadelphia.

Secretary Herman Meyer, of the Middle Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, has announced two important street runs for Philadelphia. Christinas Day the Port Ilichimond Business Men's Association will stage a 5-mile run in which a liberal set of trophies will be awarded. The next affair is set for New Year's Day and will be under the auspices of the Theodore Starr Club, \* \* \*

Y. M. C. A. athletes of the city are now training for the big international track and field most. West Branch will be one of the first organizations to stage events of this nature. Next Weinselbey Physical Director Taxis has arranged to hold the high joins and shot-builting contests. In the international meet averages for team count, Representatives of America, Canada, China and ober countries will put in a bid. Last year the West Branch team won the Penherivania champlombip and tailed high in the international competition.

Navy's Football Dates

## FICKLE FORTUNE **GAVE GREYSTOCK** ANOTHER VICTORY

Churchmen Outplayed, but McWilliams' Lucky Boot Proved Deciding Factor

READING HERE TONIGHT

Dame Fortune really decided last night's Eastern League game at Nonparell Hall between the league-leading Greystock five and the Jasper quintet. The fickle goddess was in her element, and each time she appeared on the scene she smiled on the Gray's Ferry boys, who won out by a margin of two points and a count of

Jasper's close guarding held Greystock to four field goals and one of the four was tainted, while Jasper got five. Early in the second half McWilliams and Sedran, fighting for the ball, collided and fell. The former stabbed blindly at the ball with his feet, connected with it, and it shot straight at Sugarman. "Sugy" passed to Pilot Wilson, under the basket, a goal resulting.

Another break was in the foul tessing. Wilson had 25 chances and shot 17, but by actual count six of them either rolled along the iron support, hit the back-board and went through the net or else ran around the rim for several seconds before dropping through.

Sedran and Schmeelk, who are delegated to throw fouls for Jasper, differ greatly from the other foul tossers in the Eastern League. Adams, Sears, Fogarty et al., have occasional off nights, while the Jasper men have occasional nights when they are on. Only once since the start of the season has the man who made the first try continued to throw throughout the game. This was in Jas-

per's first game at Camden. Last night Schmeelk started, but after missing the first one gave way to Sedran, who shot seven out of nine in the first half. In the second half he got but six out of 18. The only sensational play of the game was Friedman's fleid goal within 5 minutes of the final gong. The ball was passed to him under the Greystock basket, and after dribbling the length of the floor he shot it through with one hand while Sugarman hung on the other.

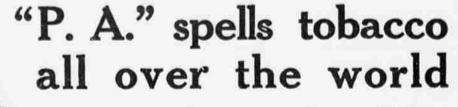
Still another break for Greystock was in Schmeelk's first field goal, which was disallowed by Referce Brennan, the shot having been made an instant after he had blown his whistle for a foul.

Cross scored Greystock's only field goal in the first half, a long one, three-fourths the length of the floor. The half ended with Greystock leading, 14-11. Cavanaugh made his third field goal of the season in the first 10 minutes of the game, largue? Jasper's goals went to Fox, 2; Schmeelk, Cavanaugh and Friedman, and Grey-stock's to Cross, 2; Wilson and Sugar-

Reading makes its first appearance of the season at Cooper Hall, 23d and Christian streets, tonight. It was Reading which stopped Jasper's winning streak last week, and the Bears are primed to hand the fast-flying Greyatock bunch their second defeat of the season. Greystock will take the floor with last night's lineup intact. The only uncertainty about the makeup of the Bears is whether or not Beggs plays forward inst-ad of Bogsio. Reading still is dickering for "Haps" Benfer, the Albright College star. It is reported that Benfer is willing to play professional ball, but that he wants the Reading franchise and the hall the team playsin, as well as half the town, before playsi n, as well as half the town, before signing up.

Manager imbrose Dudley, of De Neri, emphatically denies that Kinkald is to be traded for Jimmy Brown, of Camden. Furthermore, he declares that such a swap was never even considered.

The Greystock Reserves, who played the preliminary game at Cooper Hall before Major Halley insisted they finish before 9 o'clock, which they refused to do, will play the St. Rita's five at St. Rita's Hall, Broad and Federal streets, this evening. Another Greystock Reserves team will play the preliminary game at Cooper Hall.



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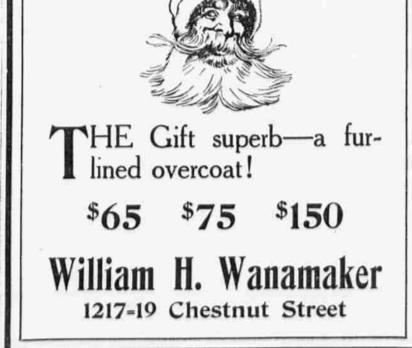
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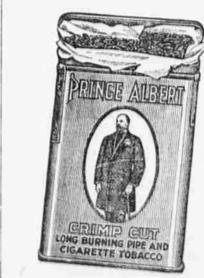
Here's the latest member of the "old-time jimmy-pipers" club. It's a fine likeness of John E. Bach, 101 years old, of Newark, N. J. He has been a pipe smoker for 80 years. Mr. Bach, who enjoys his smokes every day, gives this idea of a long life: "Smoke all you want, est all you want, sleep all you want, est all you want, sleep all you want est don't worsy!" Cut out lamenting for that old jimmy pipe stored away in the rafters; stop fretting about how you'd like to roll 'em, but you dassn't. Men, you can lay your

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