# AMERICAN LEAGUE RACE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED GREATLY BY ADDITION OF FEDERALS

### CAMPAIGN IN JOHNSON'S CIRCUIT MAY BE AFFECTED SOMEWHAT BY FEDERALS

Dope on 1916 Race, However, Not Likely to Be Completely Upset as in National League

WHEN the Federal League announced its intention to fight the National and American Leagues by taking star players of both, it happened to be the senior league which was made the target because of a peculiar combination of circumstances that caused several stars of Tener's league to be dissatisfied. The signing of Joe Tinker after Charley Ebbetts had falled to come to terms with the former, who had been pronounced a failure as the manager of the Reds, was the first real blow struck at organized ball.

Then came the rumors of trades and of managerial changes which caused Otto Knabe to become disappointed at not being made the leader of the Reds, Gerry Herrmann having selected Charley Herzog. The Feds had no trouble inducing Knabe to Jump. The two new leaders of the Feds had played in the National League for years and then knew little of American League players. Naturally, they started signing National Leaguers.

#### National League Players Given First Choice

It has often been said that the Feds got such a large number of National pastimers because the object of the independents was to break up the senior league or steal the stars from the first division teams in order to make the race one-sided. However, it was really the selection of National Leaguers as first managers and scouts after the expansion which caused the uneven system of raiding.

This really proved a good thing for the National, and was no doubt responsible for the closeness of the pennant race in 1914 and again in 1915. It will prove equally beneficial when the stars return, as all teams will be strengthened alike. While but few real stars who are now considered worth fighting for were taken from the American League, some of the youngsters who were property of teams in Johnson's circuit may completely upset the dope in 1916.

Locally, return of Fed players to the American League team does not excite much interest, as the only men lost to the Athletics through desertion to teams of the independent league were Eddie Plank, Chief Bender and Byron Houck. Bender and Houck failed to pitch up to form and were unconditionally released, while Manager Mack is not likely to make a bid for Plank's services regardless of the fact that the wonderful southpaw could be got without much effort or expense.

#### Plank May Go to St. Louis Browns

In case Plank is not wanted by Mack, he will be switched to the St. Louis Browns, who will consolidate with the St. Louis Feds, according to present arrangements. If Plank should land with the Browns, he may play an important part in the pennant race. The usual tailenders are going to benefit to such an extent by the consolidation that it probably will put them

St. Louis had a strong team on paper, and no less than six men are likely to hustle regulars of the Browns' 1915 team, while two or three can be counted upon as certain regulars. They are Tobin, a young outfielder; Borton, a much-improved first baseman, and Ernie Johnson, a more promising looking shortstop than Johnny Lavan.

This is not taking into consideration Eddle Plank, Dave Davenport, Ward Miller, Pete Vaughn, Bob Groom, Grover Hartley and Chapman. The latter A is an unusually clever catcher, but it is likely he will be claimed by either Detroit or Washington. These teams had placed drafts with the National Commission at the time Chapman jumped.

The consolidation of these teams also will mean that Fielder Jones, who present arrangements. The enthusiasts piloted the White Sox to a world's championship victory over the "Peerless met recently at Electric Storage Battery Cubs" of 1906, will be made manager. This should be the best thing that Company, 19th street and Allegheny avehas occurred in years for the American League in St. Louis.

Kansas City has Nick Cullop, who probably will be claimed by Washington; Main, an improved pitcher, who jumped Detroit; Brown, a young catcher, who will go to Cleveland, and Manager George Stovall, who is said to be in wrong with President Ban Johnson.

#### Hal Chase May Be on "Blacklist"

Buffalo also has four players who might be in demand. One of them, Pitcher Anderson, who will go to New York, is looked upon as a great prospect. The other players are Krapp, owned by Cleveland; Ehmke, Pacific coast sensation, who jumped after being purchased by Washington, and Hal Chase, who may be placed under the unwritten "blacklist," despite the claim that all players will be reinstated.

The Chifeds will turn back George McConnell, one of the leading pitchers of the league; Rankin Johnson and Black, both twirlers. McConnell will go to New York, while Johnson and Black may be traded to Cleveland. Johnson jumped a few days after he had been traded to Cleveland along with Coumbe for Vean Gregg

But two Brooklyn players jumped American League reserve clauses, while none of the Baltimore Terrapins belong to teams of Johnson's league. The Brookfed players are Finis Wilson, who jumped New Orleans after having been purchased by Cleveland, and Upham, the lanky pitcher, who left the

The crop of Fed players who go to the American League, if there is room. is inferior to those received by the National League, but they may play an important part in the pennant race if any of the younger element develop

#### Pitt Believes Evening Ledger Helped It Get Penn Game

One of the most influential athletic officials at the University of Pittsburgh declares that the EVENING LEDGER did more to influence the University of Pennsylvania to schedule the Penn-Pitt football game next fall at Pittsburgh than all arguments the western Pennsylvanians could advance to the

The scheduling of this football game in Pittsburgh will prove the greatest financial stroke a football committee at Pennsylvania has ever made. In the days when Penn played Harvard, the stands at Cambridge and Franklin Field could not accommodate so large a crowd as can be taken care of at Forbes Field, and it is safe to predict that the Penn-Pitt game next fall will draw close to 40,000 spectators.

Harry F. Sinclair has become infatuated with baseball to such an extent that he is not satisfied with buying major league franchises, but has agreed to buy the Tulsa franchise of the Western Association. Sinclair will finance the club until the present owners are able to raise money enough to take the franchise off his hands.

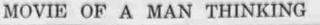
Sinclair's home is in Tulsa, and the man who has played such an important part in the baseball war between the Feds and organized ball wants to be sure there will be a ball team at home when he takes his usual midsummer trip to the oil fields to look after his business interests. If Sinclair continues on the same lines he is due to be the most popular magnate in the game, as he apparently cares little for personal gain in his baseball dealings, which is a rare trait in the present day.

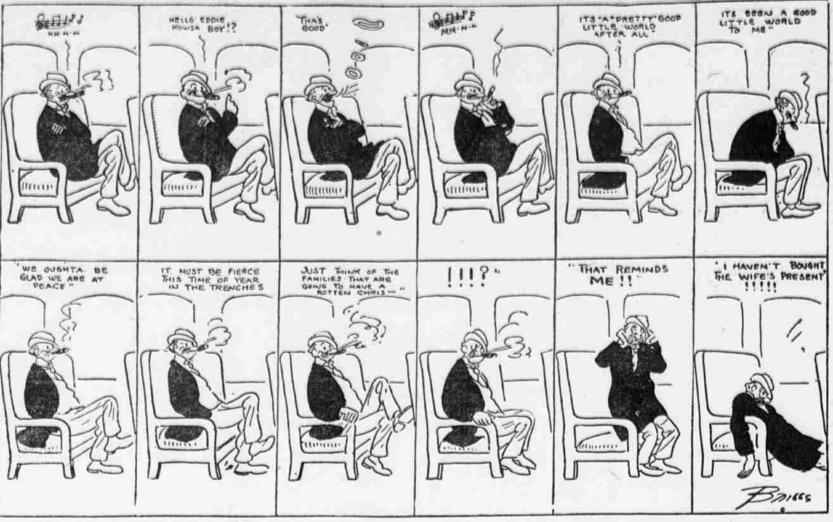
That Pittsburgh is advancing as rapidly in other departments of athletics as well as at football was proven by the sensational victory of Dave Flint's team over the Yale five, intercollegiate basketball champions of 1914-15. Yale had a veteran team and expected little trouble with Pitt.

The Vincome-McClure football game, which will be played on Strawbridge & Ciothier's field on New Year's Day, has the football enthusiasts of Southwest and West Philadelphia excited. The Vincome team, which has been practicing on a lot and beneath the electric lights at 54th and Locust streets, has secured the P. R. R. gymnasium for its signal practice. It is said that both teams are trying to corral college stars for this game.

Al Sharpe was bitterly disappointed at the defeat of the Cornell five at the hands of Princeton, as the Ithacans had every regular from the powerful 1914-15 team on the floor. Next season Sharpe loses every first string basketball man, and had hoped for an intercollegiate championship with the veteran

The Michigan Aggies next season will have a difficult proposition in front of them in selecting a coach who can fill the shoes of John F. Macklin. While Macklin has not handed in his resignation officially, he has given the faculty to understand that he will not accept the position again. Macklin is a former football player of the University of Pennsylvania





### INDUSTRIAL MEN TO PLAY SOCCER **JANUARY 8, 1916**

First Games of Newly Formed League Will Bring Together Lively Elevens

TEN - TEAM CIRCUIT

Industrial Soccer League contests will be started January 8, 1916, according to nue, and elected officers as follows for the ensuing year:

President - W. Cadwallader, Electric torage Battery Company.

Vice president — S. S. Eichle, Lupton

Secretary — W. Goodwin, Cresson-Mor-ris Company. Treasurer - Thomas Scott, Hohlfeld

ompany. The constitution and a set of by-laws will be adopted at a meeting of the organizers this evening at Electric Storage Battery Company. Notices have been sent out by the secretary calling attenon to tonight's session. There are three berths open for local manufacturing teams, and it is believed the 10-team cir-

cuit will be completed tonight. At this time there are seven squads

Cresson-Morris Company.

Western Electric Company. American Pulley Company. Hobifeld Company. Margerison Company.

Lupton Company. Thomas J. Garrity, of the Electric Thomas J. Garrity, of the Electric Storage Battery Company, who con-ceived the idea of an industrial soccer league, and who worked hard to bring it about, is clated today. In a statement he said: "I am delighted that the league is at last underway. It has been hard work to arrange the details, but they were carried through with dispatch, Next year the league season will begin at an early date, and a big schedule for the year made out. This time it is rather late, but it will give us a chance to corany faults in organization that

#### WEST PHILLY BOYS AWARDED LETTERS

Freshman Championship Eleven Given Honorary "W." Track Men Receive Letters

Athletic Association officials of the West Philadelphia High School awarded honors to the successful athletes this

Prof. P. G. Lewis, of the Germantown High School, chairman of the Freshman Football Committee of the High Schools of Philadelphia, was on hand and pre-sented the banner emblematic of the championship to the Speedboys' Freshy team. This eleven has had a remarkable Four straight years they won the title.

Herbert Hughes, supervisor of athletics at the West Philadelphia High School, awarded the letters, "A. W. A.'s" and the numerals to the Westend's success-ful athletes. Professor Hughes complimented the boys for their great show of team spirit.

The prospects for a very successful Freshy football team and a fine crosscountry squad next year are very bright. With the exception of Captain Harmer, of the distance squad, all the men will return next term.

The awards: Freshman eleven-Captain Groot, Gavin. McIntyre, Davis, Bourne, Kresge, Custer, Reese, McCallister, Giasgow, Rohn, Abra-hams, Coivin and Palmer.

Namis, Covin and Falmer.
Varsity cross country team — Mearkle,
Irwin, Wilson, Lilley, Williams, Harper
and Captain Harmer.
Cross country "A. W. H."—Craig,
Hearn, Drasher, Swassford and Street.
Numerals — Edmondson Smith and
Leisher.

### VOLLEY IN LAWN TENNIS PURELY OFFENSIVE STROKE

Main Points to Be Considered in Developing This Phase of Game Explained by Tilden

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2d

always shift your weight on to the cor-

If there is time, for the forehand velley

the left foot should be in front of the right, with the weight on the right foot; while for the backhand volley the foot-

work is reversed and the right foot is in

front of the left, while the weight is on the left foot. In both cases the weight shifts very little in making the shot.

Where there is not time to change, re-

member the rule. The weight should be on the shot, not away from it. In other words, for the forehand volley it should be on the right foot and for the back-

hand voiley on the left foot. Thus there is no tendency to pull away from the ball, but the body remains in position to

The deep, fast volley. This is usually made straight and should be used as the foundation of the volley game. Play this volley when the other man is

watching for the short shot and is inside

feet. Volley deep whenever you see a chance of getting the other man at his

feet, for even if he makes his return it forces him out of position and upsets his

only safe way to play men like Wallace

only safe way to play men like walface Johnson, Armstrong, Pearson, Swayne and other exponents of the steady back court game. This shot should be made with very little pace and placed at a most acute angle. The sharper the angle acquired in stop volleying the better the shot is, for even if covered it opens the court to the next shot.

He careful in making this shot not to

from the net, or in other words just close

enough to the net that you can volley on the full and are not forced to play a "trap" or "pickup" shot.

Now comes the important question of which part of the court parallel to the

net to play. The answer depends entirely

on your own shot that you have followed

Thus to sum up the volley: Pirst. It is purely attack, an offensive

Second. Hold the racquet tight at all

mes and volley with stiff wrist.
Third. It is little swing and no "top."
Fourth. Do not chop your volley.
Fifth. Footwork, when there is not time

to change feet have weight on the foot nearest the ball. Sixth. Deep volley should be fast and

venth. "Stop" volley should be soft

There are several styles of volleys:

Technique of Shot

play the shot either way.

a fast shot.

court to the next shot.

Court Position

In taking up the next two strokes, namely, the volley and overhead, the first thing to get clearly in mind is that these shots are purely offensive, or attacking shots, and never, under any circumstances, de-

fensive shots. When considering tennis from the tech-nical standpoint, the game resolves itself into one of pure at-tack and defense, and the volley and overhead, or the "net game," as it is term-ed, is to tennis what the German 42-centlmeter guns are to

W. T. TILDEN, 2d their attack.
All volley shots should be made with the idea of winning the point, not merely returning the ball, because a mere short return opens both side lines to your opponent for his passing shot.

There are certain things about making a olley that must be understood at once First, hold the racquet tight and volley with stiff wrist. More volleys are missed because of the racquet slipping in the hand than for any other reason except taking the eye off the ball.

The volley is made up of a very different combination from the strokes. It has very little swing and no "top." One reason Molla Bjurstedt cannot volley is because her whole game is made up of free swings with plenty of top. The result is she cannot volley and in comparison with her last court game, her volley game is absolutely second rate.

The volley should be made with very nearly a flat racquet face, stiff wrist and very short swing. Let the other man's shot put the speed in your volley while you attend entirely to depth and direction. Do not chop down on your volley shot but bring your bat into the ball In other words, do not make the angle between the flight of the ball and the flight of the racquet nearly a right angle, try to make it nearly a straight line. An excellent example of this style volley is Craig Biddle, of Philadelphia.

The only volley to chop successfully is the forehand cross court volley from near the righthand side line. This can



HE'S FIFTY-THREE TODAY Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, is celebrating his 53d anniversary today. Connie was born in Brookfield, Mass., and there begun his baseball career.

## MANY STARS TO PLAY FOOTBALL **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Battle Betwen Vincome and McClure's Will Be a Hard Struggle

INTEREST IN DARBY placement of the weight than actual po-sition of the feet, since often you have not time to change your feet. You can

When McClure and Vincome clash on New Year's day for the independent football champlonship of Philadelphia and Delaware Counties each team will have in its line-up many players that won prominence on college gridirons.

Besides Norman McKissick, the former Swarthmore quarterback, who played this season with McClure, the Darby team will have "Dutch" Forst, this season one of the leading players with Villanova College. Manager McClure said today that Forst will take the place of Johnnie Hughes, the former Penn athlete, who will be unable to return from his home in Masachusetts in time for the game. When McClure and Vincome clash on

game.

Interest in Darby

Interest in the coming game is so rampant in Darby that Manager McClure will trp to put on the field the strongest eleven that ever represented the club. He is keeping under cover several well-known players and will not divulge their names until a few days before the game. Vincome, McClure's opponent, has already lined up Mills of Bonent, has Swartz, of Lafayette, and Scott Smith. this season a star lineman on Bill Hollenback's Pennsylvania Military Academy

style of play. The deep volley should be Raised the Money The "stop" volley. This shot is the most effective form of breaking up a back court game. It is practically the

When arrangements were finally con-cluded for the game, supporters of the McClure team at once raised nearly \$100 to defray expenses, and contributions are still coming in. Manager McClure said today that practice for his team will start in the gymnasium of the McClure Club this evening, and again on next Tuesday and Thursday nights and New Year's morning. After the last workout the players will partake of a light lunch and depart for the grounds at 62d and Walnut streets.

Arrangements are being made by th volley soft to mid-court, since that only Darby fans for an automobile parade on the afternoon of the game. Delaware County garage owners have offered the lays you open to your opponent's passing shot. It will be seen as a general rule then, that it is safest to volley deep and straight and last, to "stop" volley play soft and short and cross. The question of position and the volley is most important and should be conuse of enough cars to convey the players and officials of the club, while the re-mainder of the cortege will be made up of private machines. In this parade will be the Norwood brass band, conducted sidered carefully by all who intend to develop this game. Faulty position will ruln the best volley game ever developed. As a general rule play from 8 to 12 feet

Boxing Champion Wins

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—John Gaddi, of the St. Hartholomew A. C., 138-pound metropolita boxing champion, gained the judges decisioner A. Kauffman, of the Trinity Club, the national champion, last night at the Creacer A. C., in three rounds. The snai bout in the 120-pound class went to J. Maloney of Philadelphia, on a decision of the judges, P. Vatian of Boston, being his victim.

Butler Fordham Captain

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—James T. Butler, of Wilmington, Del., will captain the Fortham University eleven next season. Butler, who played fullback this season, has been a member of the Marcon varsity for three years. He is a senior, and will enter the Fortham Medical School next fail. Jack Conkiln, the veteran end, and Matty Golden, the quarterback, were in the running. Remember that as a rule the last return is the straight return while the cross court must be slower to hold in court. In following in on service to either court do not come into the middle of the court do not come into the middle of the court, but come in about eight feet from the side line or less, and cover the straight shot. Especially is this true of the wide breaking service to the left (second) court. An example of covering this service is the way R. N. Williams, 2d, comes in on his. He comes to about three feet of the side line and six feet from the net.

Jess to Train in Havana

CHICAGO. Dec. 23.— The same old lucky Havana camp," said Jess Williard today when asked what his plans were for training for the Fred Fulton match, to be staged in New Orieans, March & Manascer Jones left for New York last night to attend to some contracts relative to a circus engagement of the champion next summer.

NEW YORK. Dec. 23.—Tom Cowler, Jin Corbott's heavyweight protege, hit from ever angle in his 10-round victory over Pork Flynn Flynn managed to siay, but his man occupation was blocking Cowler's wallops withis law.

Kohlemainen Married

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Hannes Kohlemains the Pinnish long-distance runner, will not more matrimony interfere with his plans run in the senior cross-country chamitonshi hers, January 8. The famous Pinn was me ried last night to Miss Aima Johnson, 20. New York.

seventh. Stop votey should be sort and short and cresscourt.

Eighth. Position: About 8 to 12 from net and cover the straight shot. About one-third of court for straight and two-thirds for crosscourt.

Ninth. Following in service, use the rule above. Philadelphia Midget League Parkway defeated Cambris by the score of 56 to 5 and Originus won from Viola by 15 to 5 in the Philadelphia Midget League games played last night at the Philadelphia Boye Ciub. My next article will be on the Overhead.

## MAJOR LEAGUE SCOUTS PURSUE FEDERAL STARS

On Heels of Baseball Peace Comes Scramble for "Outlaw" Players

PACT IS DULY SIGNED

Leading Features of Baseball Agreement

The peace agreement between erganized baseball and the Federal League signed in Cincinnati pro-

That all Federal League players are made eligible to play in organbaseball.

That the Federal League assumes all contracts of its clubs as a league and not as individual clubs.

That Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals will purchase the Chicago club of the National League from Charles P. Taft.

That Philip Ball, of St. Louis, will purchase the St. Louis club of the American League,

That the Ward interests in the

Brooklyn Federal League club will be reimbursed to the extent of \$400,000, in 20 yearly payments, the National and American League assuming this burden.

That all suits now pending in the courts will be withdrawn. The full text of the agreement will not be made public at this time,

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.-The beys are out of the trenches. Not only that but the erstwhile warring magnates have shaken hands all around and have goes home. The baseball war is over.

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Magnates, scouts and jon-hunting players and managers today engaged in he wildest scramble in the history of the game. Gumshoe agents buttonholed desirable players and offered them terms, while other scouts scurried around for the cream of the Federal League's playing timber. The redistribution of players was expected to bump a horde of ball-players off the payroll, and even a number of managers were scanning the "help wanted" columns for employment.

Roger Bresnahan leaned toward Toledo in the American Association, according to gossip. Branch Rickey's next job was a choice of several openings, but with the amalgamation of the St. Louis Feds and Browns under the ownership of Phil Ball, who will buy the Browns, Fielder Jenes was certain to get the helm.

Two major league clubs, the Cubs of Chicago and the St. Louis Browns, will change hands, according to the conclusing announcement of the peace meeting here. Charles Weegham, the Chicago sandwich king, will buy the Cubs from Charles P. Taft and retain Joe Tinker w

Players who leaped from the mism to the Feds were granted amnest a blanket form by the agreement. The manager. Feds, as a league, assume responsible for all contracts made by clubs in the "outlaw" circuit.

Only a brief paragraph in the official document dealt with the Ward conveyersy in Brooklyn. The Wards spati \$400,000 boosting the Federal League. The statement said the Brooklynites would be reimbursed. It was learned, however, that the National and American Leagues as constituted after the declaration of 1 act, will take on the burden of paying the Wards the \$400,000. Payments will be at the rate of \$20,000 a year.

Though the meeting smoothed out the major troubles, there remains an In-ternational League howl to be hushed. Jack Dunn, exiled from Baltimore with his International League troupe by the Feds' invasion, stood up in class and roared for his place in Maryland. This matter will be adjusted later.

### WEST PHILA. LEAGUE STAGES CLOSE RACE

Amateur Basketball Organization Makes Shift in Playing Schedule-Other Notes

The West Philadelphia Amateur Basketball League, practically the only active league in West Philadelphia at the present time, has changed its playing nights to Tuesday instead of Saturday. The league is composed of Chesnar, West Phillies, Marquette, Columbus C. C. Victrix C. C. and Alpha Club, is president of the league; H. A. Dalton, of Marquette, is vice president; Harry Conway, of West Phillies, treasurer, and Charies H. Mitchell, of Chesnar, is secretar, All games are played at Charlton Hall, 56th street and Wyalusing avenue, At the present time it appears as if teans are evenly matched and it looks as if there is going to be some race for the cup offered to the winer of the league.

First-class teams in or out of the city of

The Randolph Indians would like it arrange games with any fifth and sixth class man away and offering full expenses for each act. Address Harry Borish, 510 Lombard diest.

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