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New Chicago Leader Includes Cy Williams and Karl Adams in Trading Stock, Much to the Amazement of Fans

THE publication of the names of the 33 players Manager Joe Tinker of the Cubs will place on the market brought forth a storm of protest from Chicago fans. Included in the list were Cy Williams, the sensational young outfielder; Karl Adams, one of the most promising young pitchers in the country, and two Southern League recruits, Hogg, a southpaw pitcher, and Pete Allison, an outfielder, both highly recommended.

Tinker got in wrong with the fans and scribes of Cincinnati when he managed the Reds by exercising snap judgment on players he had seen little of and who afterward developed into stars with other teams, and he appears to be making the same mistake in his second trial as a National League manager.

Tinker could not have created a greater sensation if he had placed Vic Salor on the market than he caused by placing Williams' name on the list of undesirables. In his two seasons in the major leagues Williams has developed wonderfully, and in the opinion of local fans and the majority of National League players, is the greatest young outfielder picked up by a National League team in years.

Tinker Releasing Men He Has Not Seen in Action

Evidently Tinker is being very badly advised, as he could not have seen Williams or any other member of the Cubs in action more than half a dozen times in the last two seasons, and the least he could have done would have been to take all the Cub regulars to the training camp and give each one a fair chance to make good.

It is almost unbelievable that Tinker would place young Karl Adams on the market before he had given him a thorough trial. In both his appearances in this city last year the lank youngster had the Phillies at his mercy and all other teams found him unhittable when his control was good. He looked like the best young hurler in the league, barring Al Mamaux, of Pittsburgh.

That Tinker has unlimited confidence in his Federal Leaguers is apparent when he retains such pitchers as McConnell, who is 35 years of age and who failed to make good in three American League trials, Prendergast, Black and Mordecai Brown in preference to Humphries, Pierce and Phil Douglas. The latter is a wonder when in shape and apparently learned his lesson last year. Pierce and Humphries were leading pitchers of the league in 1914, but went bad last year when Bresnahan overworked them in the early part of the season.

Local Fans Would Like to See Phils Get Williams and Adams

Another surprise was the retention of Rollie Zeider, a highly touted player who failed miserably in the American League, in preference to Art Phelan, a hard hitter who will play good ball for a manager who is not continually "riding" him. All things considered, it looks very much as if Tinker had made a fatal mistake in his first move as manager of the reconstructed Cubs.

Nothing would please the local fans better than to have Manager Moran make a deal for Williams and Adams. Playing in the Philly Park Williams would probably give Cravath and Luderus a stiff fight for the long-distance hitting honors, while it would be almost impossible to drop a fly ball safe inside the park with Paskert and Williams playing in left and center. With a clever coach like Moran to handle him, Adams would soon be one of the leading pitchers of the country, and young Hogg would also fit in well.

Local Managers Made Wise Move in Not Playing Series Here

The managers of the Athletics and Phillies made a wise move in deciding to play all the spring series games between the National and American teams of this city in the South. The games command little attention from the fans when played in this city and serve only to take the edge off the opening of the championship season. The games prove nothing and the fans refuse to enthrone over the Interleague series as they did a few years ago.

It is a good idea to play the games in the Southern cities, as the contests are usually far more interesting in the South, where the weather is generally warm enough to enable the players to cut loose more than they care to here in early April. It is hoped that the usual fall freeze also will be discarded in case neither team is the winner of the pennant.

Many Attended Major League Games

Those who write of the terrible falling off in attendance in baseball in 1915 can hardly produce figures to prove their case. As a matter of fact, major league baseball was attended last season by a greater number of persons than during any previous season since 1909, which was the banner year in the history of the game. That more clubs did not make money is due to the increase of the expenses, and the fact that the Feds drew just enough people to cause the National and American League clubs to fall slightly behind their usual marks.

According to the figures given out, the total attendance at National League games last season was 3,235,400, and at the American League contests 2,664,400, or a grand total of 6,199,800. In 1909 the total attendance of the two leagues was 7,378,108, or 1,178,808 more than last season, but it must be considered that this was the game's greatest year and also that the Feds drew close to a million people, which makes the margin still smaller.

The profits of the magnates in 1909 were enormous and last season would have been just as profitable with the player limit rule in force had it not been for the fact that the magnates lost their heads when the Feds started raiding and loaded up with long-term contracts calling for salaries all out of proportion. With peace restored to the game and business conditions better there is no reason why the new year should not be the greatest in the history of the game in every respect.

O. B. Magnate Boosts Federal League

The baseball magnate is a changeable individual. Any one who dared boost a Federal League player or anything connected with Gilmore's league last year was in disfavor. Things have changed greatly, as a Western scribe will testify. This scribe, who was a loyal booster of organized ball and a harsh critic of all players who left the fold for the Feds, wrote an article in which he advocated barring the players who jumped organized ball.

Imagine his surprise when he received the following letter from an organized ball magnate who was hit fairly hard by the Feds:

"You must know that the so-called loyalty of eight out of ten of the players who stayed with Organized Ball was a purchased loyalty. As a matter of fact, if you will recall the history of baseball for the past two years, the great percentage of players who stayed with their clubs did so only because they had succeeded, through threats of jumping, in sand-bagging their employers out of salaries all out of proportion to their real worth or what the club owner really could be justified in paying under ordinary conditions. You take an attitude not warranted by conditions when you make a plea for the 'loyal' player. Wherein should he receive greater consideration than the fellow who had nerve enough to jump?"

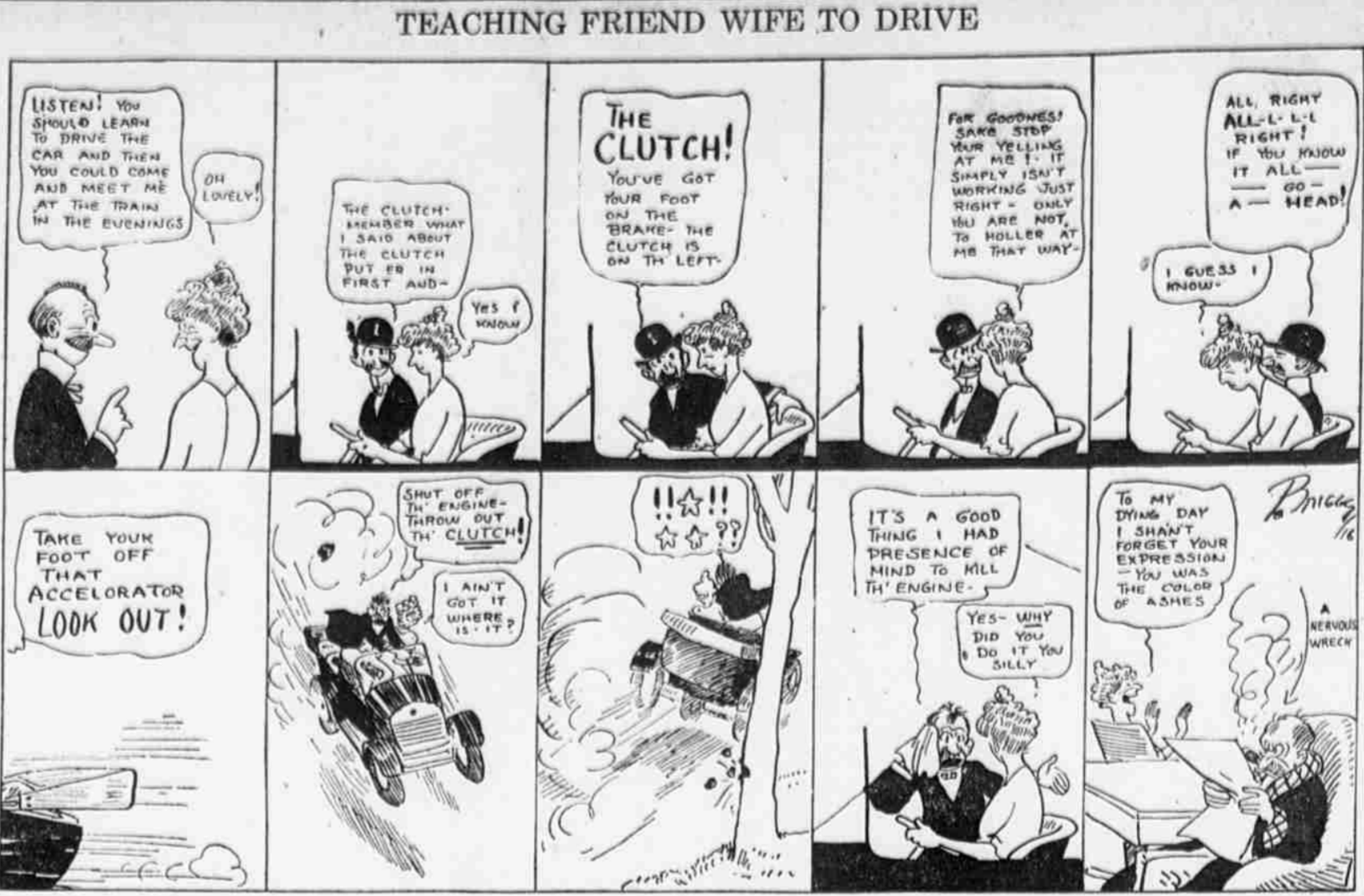
The magnate has the situation sized up pretty well and there is no doubt a lot of truth in what he writes. The letter shows clearly just what the magnates, because almost all agree with the man who wrote the letter, think of the ball players. It presages a rough road for the ball player when the game returns to its normal condition.

Two Shortfielders "Better Than Bancroft"

The baseball fans will watch with interest the work of Ernie Johnson at short for the Browns and Ray Corhan at the same position for the Cardinals next season. These two young men were in the Pacific Coast League with Dave Bancroft and scouts were almost unanimous in the opinion that both were better than the wonderful Philly infielder. The only scout who thought much of Bancroft was Neal, of the Phillies, who picked him up. Johnson was with the St. Louis Feds last season and was considered a marvel. If either he or Corhan is better than Bancroft we are anxious to see them in action.

Johnson Prevents the Sam Agnew Deal

President Johnson of the American League has called off the deal which would have sent Sam Agnew to the Red Sox from the Browns. In declaring that Agnew must return to the Browns, President Johnson severely criticized former owner Hedges of St. Louis for making the sale to the Red Sox when he knew the club would not be his property within a short space of time. It appears that there was a secret understanding between Ball, the new owner, and Sam Johnson, whereby Hedges was not to buy, sell or trade any players until the peace agreement had been signed or turned down.



VETERAN SOCCER TEAM COMPOSED OF YOUNGSTERS

Leaders of Second Division of Allied League Going at Fast Clip

SPALDING WITH P. R. R.

Any one who has not seen the Veteran A. A., leaders of the second division of the Allied League, in action, might think that this club is composed of old players. Such is not the case, however. The club was graduated from the third division last year to the second division and the majority of its members are connected with the Kensington Boys' Club and work under the direction of Lewis Speller. There were a few old players on the team when Manager "Jappy" Campbell assumed command at the start, but at the present time the veterans are very young players. Everything points to their winning the championship of the second division this season and they will assuredly make their presence felt in the Amateur Cup Competition.

Ascension of the United League, turned up at 25 and Clearfield streets on Saturday with only 30 men. Bob Hamilton, late of Norristown, volunteered his services and he scored two goals. His name is now on the regular list of members of the club. Manager Youngjohns is in quest of more such volunteers.

The transportation department of the Pennsylvania Railroad has zotter the services of Dick Spalding, of the Diston Club. The fact that he has played with Diston in the American League will probably prevent him from playing with the team. However, as a coach he can do much to push the team to the top of the railroad league. The league consists of 12 teams, representing teams and all games are played on the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. field. This and the Industrial League are the latest arrivals in the soccer system.

The management of the Putnam and Wanderers teams were criticized because they did not play their scheduled game at 3d street and Lehigh avenue on Saturday. Among the players was given as one reason, but as a matter of fact part of the fence surrounding the ground had been blown down earlier in the week and it had not been put up again.

Not much credit has been given the Kensington Boys' Club for the showing they are making in the American League this season. True their standing is not very high, but they are playing well with a team that did not make even a respectable showing in the first division of the Allied League last season. When the American League took them into the field little was expected of them. They have, however, surprised their most ardent admirers and it is to be hoped that this old club will regain the reputation it held a few years ago when it was unbeatable in the old Interstate League. It is unfortunate that the team cannot get two of their old men, Jim Scott and Pat Robinson, who are on the reserve list of the Diston Club.

As Manager Plenderleith found the work of managing both Puritan teams too strenuous he has resigned as manager of the second team and will make every effort to raise the first team to a higher position in the first division of the Allied League. Al Thomson will take charge of the second team.

The Putnam team, champions of the first division of the Allied League, and Feitoville, champions of the United League, want to play for the amateur championship of Philadelphia. The Wanderers, Falls and Viasome will have something to say about the matter when the amateur cup competition takes place. Secretary Brearley is receiving many applications from teams willing to take a chance in the competition.

There is some talk of a local competition somewhat on the lines of that now being played in New York city with much success. Teams composed of Englishmen, Scotsmen, Irishmen and Americans would compete in a cup competition and without question such a tourney would be looked upon with much favor.

DICK HARTE DECLARES THAT HAUGHTON IS NOT LIKELY TO COACH CRIMSON'S 1916 TEAM

Harvard's All-round Athlete Says, However, Love of Game and Harvard May Induce Him to Return



"DICK HARTE, HARVARD"

THAT there is a strong feeling that Percy Haughton, the great coach of the Harvard football eleven and the most consistently successful football tutor in the country in recent years, will not return to coach the Crimson eleven next fall is admitted by one of the best players who wore the Crimson last fall, Richard Harte, Jr., of this city, son of the former Director of Health in this city. Harvard's best all-around athlete and the end who was responsible for the victories over Yale and Princeton last fall, is the Harvard man who expressed doubt as to whether the Harvard coach would return.

Harte, who was in the city over the New Year holiday with McKillop, a star back, and Amory, a substitute on the Crimson eleven, told the Evening Ledger that everybody at Cambridge is in doubt as to just what Haughton intends doing, but that there is a well-grounded fear that he may not come back.

"We are counting upon his love of football and Harvard," said Harte. "He has not announced that he will not return. The stories to that effect have come from people who are well acquainted with him, but he says nothing. However, in the past he has been the first to spike such stories. However, if the wish is father to the action, he will return, for every loyal Harvard man is pulling for him to return. "Only those who have worked with Mr. Haughton can appreciate what his loss would mean to Harvard. He is not only a wonderful coach, but he is also admired by every Harvard football man, and he can get the utmost results from his material. If Haughton goes Harvard will lose a man who will be difficult to replace. You see he has built up a wonderful system."

"Yes, our games last year were proof of that. The amazing amount of detail which he teaches a football squad can hardly be appreciated from the sidelines."

Cards of Instruction
Harte was asked whether Watson, the brilliant little Harvard quarterback, actually had in his pocket his football trousers in which he carried instruction cards. "Yes, Watson did have a pocket in his football trousers and it contained cards upon which were written signs and certain instructive points that he needed occasionally to refresh his memory. You know, Harvard had an amazing number of plays to carry last season, and a great variety of shift formations."

"It was information upon these points that he carried in his pocket and which he used occasionally to refresh his mind. Of course, it was somewhat hazardous, as the pockets might have been ripped off, but then, the memoranda would have been unintelligible. This just shows one of the many ways in which Haughton carried out the details of his work. Watson was a brilliant all-around quarterback at school and when he entered Harvard, but Houghton merely used him as a field general."

"The death of Tom Shevlin was almost as big a blow to Harvard as to Yale. We all admired him, and had the greatest amount of respect for the man and his ability. When he jumped in last fall you may be sure we counted upon a mighty stiff one. The only thing that prevented was that the material couldn't hold out."

Out of Hockey
"I will not play hockey this winter, nor will I go into tennis in the spring, or handle the weights with the track team. I have still another year to go and I must save myself and my time. For this reason I will devote all my spare time to baseball in the spring."

Harte is probably the best all-around athlete in any of the colleges today. He played football for the first time last fall, having been prevented before by parental objection. He easily made an end and his brilliant work was instrumental in winning at least three games. He defeated Springfield Training School single-handed, and his brilliant handling of a forward pass made possible the victory

CHANEY-KILBANE BOUT WILL PROVE SOUTHPAW CLASS

Match to Determine Whether Left-hander Can Make Good

TENDLER SHOWS WELL

Whether it is possible for a boxer who stands with his wrong foot and arm foremost can make good will be determined when George Chaney, Baltimore's southpaw knocked-out artist, tackles Johnny Kilbane in their proposed championship battle in March. There never has been a really great fighter who violated the elementary rule that the left must be used for leading purposes and the right to follow up when an opening is made.

Philadelphia, at the present time, has a boxer who stands with his right hand extended, and despite this fact has yet to meet defeat. Newsboy Lew Tendler is the lad referred to. He has been boxing for almost two years, and in this time he has showed to advantage against some good buntams, including Young Diggins, Louisiana, Battling Reddy, Willie Brown, Willie Mack and Young Jack Toland, who also is a left-handed hitter.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS
Henry Hauber, of Fairmount, will endeavor to "come back" after "Hen" was knocked out by Matt Wells in a championship argument when he tackled Matt Wells in Boston tonight. The contest is scheduled for 12 rounds.

Charley White will make his first ring appearance since he gave up the task of coaching Fred Welsh into a championship argument when he tackled Matt Wells in Boston tonight. The contest is scheduled for 12 rounds.

Bantamweights here may find a new stumbling block in their path in the person of Young Santow of Cincinnati. His clean-cut victory over John McLeod stamps him as a bantam who probably will cut a wide swath in local fight circles.

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N. C. A. A. REFUSES TO ENFORCE ITS TRACK RULINGS

Failure to Follow Code of Measurements Has Cheated the Record Book

PENN - HARVARD RUN

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

The National Collegiate Athletic Association emphasized one of the strong weaknesses of its organization last week when it declined to enforce its Track and Field Committee to insist that members of the association measure their running tracks 12 inches in accordance with the Olympic A. U. and Intercollegiate rules. The N. C. A. A. is not about to enforce its own rules. It merely suggests.

Frank Castleman, the old Colgate athlete and former intercollegiate hurdle champion, is chairman of the Track and Field Committee. In making his committee unable to compel or induce some of its members to measure their tracks in accordance with the new rules, the name, about, but finally decided to let it pass for another year.

The result of this failure to act will invalidate for the intercollegiate and A. U. books all distance records made on tracks measured 12 inches from the pole. Individual colleges may put their records on their own books, but they cannot be accepted by any of the national bodies.

Records made under such conditions are not fair in any sense. In a mile run there is a difference of nearly 12 yards in tracks measured 12 and 15 inches from the pole. And a man who is able to lug the pole, as some runners do, will save even more than this. The association, however, should not permit its members to continue cheating the record books. There may be some rules which it is not advisable to enforce upon enforcing, but this is not one of them. It is impossible for the small colleges to find it impossible to reconstruct their tracks in accordance with the new rules, but it would be easy enough to change the starting and finishing posts so that the full distance will be run.

Harvard and Pennsylvania relay runners have started work for a one-mile race at Hartford, Conn., on February 21, which should be the feature event of the indoor season. Last year the victorious career of the Harvard quartet was checked by the Quaker stars on this same track. The Pennsylvania men repeated their triumph in the big relay carnival at Franklin Field, when they made a new world's record.

This year Harvard has three members of that famous quartet. Pennsylvania has lost Don Lippincott and is not likely to be quite as strong. The Harvard team a year ago consisted of Wilcox, Bingham, Diggins, and Lippincott. Lippincott's place will probably be taken by McConnell, a world's champion 40-yard hurdler, who has done the quarter in .50 flat. Both Wilcox and Bingham should be faster than ever.

Meredith, Lockwood and Kaufman will be the nucleus of the Pennsylvania team. They are not likely to have lost any of their speed. The fourth man will probably be Lennor or Dorsey. Both are good for close to 59 seconds outdoors. Lennor is perhaps the better man indoors. A year ago Lippincott had just recovered from a pulled tendon and Coach Orton refused to let him do more than swing through his relay. Under the circumstances either Lennor or Dorsey should contribute a little more speed to the team than Lippincott did.

Tinker Will Sell Players

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The Pittsburgh National League manager, Calhoun, has opened negotiations for some of the players on the list of the Chicago National League. Calhoun said he wanted a pitcher, catcher, outfielder and infielder. "I'll after the transfer of the Cubs to President Weismann, which is expected to take place later this week, no definite deal will be suggested by Manager Tinker."

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