SINCLAIR MAY JUMP TO AMERICAN LEAGUE AND PURCHASE CLEVELAND BALL CLUB

SALE OF MAGEE TO YANKS BLOW TO NATIONAL LEAGUE; SINCLAIR MAY QUIT GAME

Oil Man Believed to Have Given Up Hope of Purchasing Giants and May Cast Lot With American Circuit

THE sale of Lee Magee, star player and former manager of the Brooklyn Federal League team, to the New York American League club means that Harry Sinclair, millionaire backer of the Feds, either has decided to retire from baseball or will cast his lot with the American League. That Sinclair has given up hope of buying the New York Glants is evident,

It is the object of President Ban Johnson and virtually every other American League magnate to strengthen the New York club, and, while Sinclair could use Magee to advantage if he bought an American League franchise, it also is possible that Johnson requested him to turn over the brilliant youngster to Bill Donovan before he negotiated for a franchise.

May Purchase Cleveland Franchise

Ban Johnson and the magnates of his league would like nothing better than to have Sinclair purchase the Cleveland franchise, and it is likely be will enter the field of prospective buyers if he has not decided to retire from the game. Sinclair wanted the New York Giants, but the owners have placed such an impossible price on the stock that it is likely they will continue to own the team for years to come unless they drop their price.

Sinclair, looked upon as an easy mark until the peace meeting, proved a harder man to deal with than the New York owners anticipated. They set a price of \$1,250,000 on the club until they found that Sinclair was so anxious to buy. They immediately added \$150,000 to the price, but found that Sinclair would not bid up to the million mark. Sinclair declares that baseball franchises are selling for far more than they are worth, and he does not intend to throw his money away. In this contention Sinclair is supported by many veterans of the game.

Sinclair Still Owns Fed Stars

Many of the Federal League stars still are the property of Sinclair, and if he wishes to buy the Cleveland franchise for \$525,000 he will be able to play a great team on the field without Lee Magee. The Cleveland club must have a winning team or the franchise is not worth very much; but with the Federal League stars in its line-up, the Indians might prove a big money maker as long as they stay up in the race,

The National League passed up a wonderful opportunity to strengthen by not taking steps when the peace negotiations were agreed upon in not taking care of Sinclair, if only for the players he could turn over to it. It would have been possible for the league to have arranged for the sale of a team to Sinclair before the magnates suddenly started placing prohibitive figures on their stock.

Why Is a Tennis Amateur?

The United States National Lawn Tennis Association in the latest organization to be troubled with the amateur question. Virtually every other branch of amateur athletics has seen fit to thoroughly investigate the standing of some of its stellar participants, but it was thought that tennis was one sport which would entirely escape the unnecessary and foolish publicity given these investigations.

The amateur code will be abused by a certain class of athletes as long tigations is injurious to the sport. The Natonal Tennis Association intends KILLEFER'S ARM to investigate the standing of Maurice McLoughlin and Tom Bundy, as several clubs have asked that this pair of stars be declared professionals because they are proprietors of a sporting goods store.

Honest and Legitimate Business

If McLoughlin and Bundy are declared professionals for working in an honest and legitimate business, in preference to living off their tennis reputations, then it is only a question of time before amateur athletics are Phillies' Star Catcher Will in a bad way. William Johnston, the new national champion, was employed by a sporting goods firm at the time he won his title, and the suspension of McLoughlin and Bundy would mean that Johnston also would be declared a professional.

The eligibility code for tennis players will be the main issue in the coming meeting of the National Association, and it is believed that the game will either continue to flourish without needless legislation and invesfigations, or will be governed in such a manner that only the wealthy can compete in championship events, as is the case in England. Experts believe there will be no compromise on the question.

Local Independent Players Will Have Chance in New League

Al Lawson, the organizer of the new Atlantic League of baseball clubs, Charles H. Spencer, dean of the college, is one of the greatest organizers of leagues in the history of the game, whose treatment enabled Mordeoni Brown. and is recognized by veterans as one of the shrewdest and best-posted men famous pitcher of the Cubs and later of baseball. Lawson's statement that the exploiting of the financial end of baseball would ruin the game in time is approved by have charge of the case, men who have been connected with the national pastime since its incep-

Feeder for Major Leagues

The Atlantic League also should prove a great feeder for the major end high-class minor leagues, as it is the intention of the magnates of the next Atlantic League to secure most of their talent from Philadelphia and this kept him out of the game for and vicinity. There are more good independent players in this city and in sed vicinity. There are more good independent players in this city and in about a month and prevented his par-nearby towns than any other section of the United States. Many promis- ticipating in the world's series. He tried log lads have falled to get an opportunity to make good, but they will have a chance next spring if Lawson and his associates go through with their orighal plans, formulated at the first meeting of the association in this city

May Revive Class Games at Penn

University of Pennsylvania students are to be congratulated if they act favorably upon the advice of the Undergraduate Committee as suggested by the EVENING LEDGER and revive the entire series of freshman-sophomore athletic contests as a substitute for the tragic bowl fight. Furthermore, they should adopt the recommendation of President Geyelin of the Athletic Association, and let that body draw up rules and supervise the various sports. The need of some such body to draw up rules and provide schedules is imperative. Otherwise, the natural indifference of the officers of the two lower classes will prevent the revival of these sports.

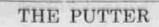
One hour after he had signed a three-year contract to coach Syracuse's football team Bill Hollenback received a telegram from Graduate Manager of Athletics Strond of the University of California from Columbus, O., asking him going treatment at his hands not to sign until he had talked with him. Stroud was en route to Philadelphia to select California's next coach,

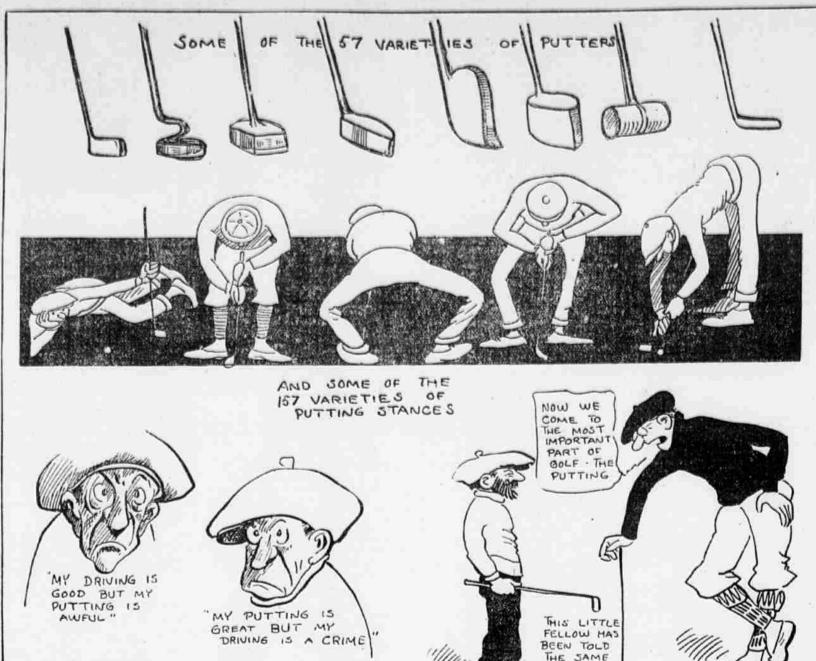
Jimmy Jackson, manager of the Wichita team of the Western League claims that the Phillies offered him a pitcher who was with the team last Prominent Speakers, Entertainers and season for Catcher Gray. "Cap" Neal, Philly scout, denied this, saying that he merely asked Jackson a few questions about the youngster. Gray is the youngster who made such a great impression in the East last spring when he was catching for Notre Dame. He is looked upon as the best young catcher developed in the Western League in several seasons. Jackson says he refused to talk trade because he believes Gray will bring a high price next fall.

The most interesting thing in connection with the proposed battle between Jess Willard and Frunk Moran is the expert opinious given on the probable outcome by many prominent pugilists who have never seen either man in action.

If the suit entered by James Foster, the builder, against the Philadelphia National Lengue Club had been tried before the present Grand Jury, an interesting situation would present itself. Charley Dooin, deposed manager, is serving on the jury, while Horace Pogel, former president, will prob-

George Phair, the Chicago scribe, breaks in with the following: "While they do not bear the alignment resemblance to anything like that, we presome some wicked wreigh will call them the Percies"





IN BAD SHAPE; MAY NOT PLAY

A GOLFER IS NEVER

WHOLLY SATISFIED.

Undergo Treatment in Los Angeles Osteopathic College

INJURED LAST FALL

Bill Killefer, the star Philly catcher, will undergo esteopathic treatment for his | sylvania track team, was the here. arm at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at Los Angeles, Dr. | at Mercersburg Academy. He had won the St. Louis Feds, to "come back" will

Doctor Spencer made this announcement today at the convention of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Association at the Hoici Adelphia. He said that Killefer made arrangements to go to Los Angeles on the occasion of a visit to Chicago from his ionne at Paw Paw, Mich., when he met Ductor Spencer,

re ciallists both here and in the West and failed to get relief. "Bonesetter" Reese, of Youngstown, O., who has cured scores of ballplayers, falled to help the big catcher. His injury is to the nerves running from his right shoulder to his neck. It has affected his throwing to such an extent that his arm is virtually useless for this. Fans all over the country are greatly interested in the chances of Killefer's recovering, because it is admitted that he would be a tower of strength to the Phillies in this year's

pennant fight. It is believed that his absence from the line-up hurt the Phil-lies' chances in the last world series. Doctor Spencer is an ardent "fan" and took an interest in Killefer's case at once. He has helped many ballplayers once. He has beined many baliplayers back to the game. Among these is Mor-decai Brown, who became famous as a pitcher of the old Cub machine, and later played in the outlaw league. Ed Walsh, of the Chicago Americans, is also under-

VETERAN ATHLETES PLAN BANQUET AT MAJESTIC

Dancing on Program The eighth annual banquet of the Veteran Athletes' Association is scheduled to

take place at the liotel Majestic on Wed-nezday evening, January 25, at 6.30 o'clock, it was amounced today by Eu-neue C. Honniwell, president of the aso-The dianer will be preceded by

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The directors in charace of arrangements have also announced that addresses will be made by the Hon. O. B. Dickinson, Judge of the United States District Court; the Hon. John P. Coanelly, City Solicitor; Captain R. L. Bussell, commandant of the League Island Navy Vard; Carlton E. Davis, E.sq. chief of the Bureau of Water; Judge W. W. Perter; the Hon. William C. Sproul, State Senator of Delaware County; Mr. George M. Graham, Sports Editor of the North American; Mr. Rubert G. Folwell, coach of the Univer-Robert G. Folwell, coach of the Univer-sity of Pennsylvania football team and Mr. Clarence P. Wynns, president of the Acro Club of America.

PATRIOTISM THE POWER THAT GAVE MEREDITH HIS START

"Ted" Did Not Fall for the Old Tricks of Mel Sheppard in Race That Won Him Fame

PATRIOTISM is seldem thought of as the motive power in athletics, but it was a prime factor in one of the greatest middle distance races on record. The event was the combination 800-metres and half-nile run at the Olympic Games in Stockholm in 1912, and Ted Meredith, the present captain of the University of Penn-

At that time Mcredith who a student a good deal of fame by running a quarter mile in 48 4-5 seconds and a half mile in 1:55 4-5. But the old-timers were sure that his inexperience would be fatal to him at Stockholm. When the runners toed the mark for the final heat of this event, it was the consensus of opinion that the fight would be between Mel. Sheppard, Ira Davenport and Hans Braun of Germany, with Meredith, the schoolboy, a possible contender. Sheppard jumped into the front at the

start and took the noie, followed by Meredith and Braun, Sheppard was up to his old trick of setting a killing page at the start, then to gradually slow in order that his phenomenal might beat the field at the finish. had beaten Meredith with these tactica once before and the Merceraburg boy was waiting for him. Meredith moved up determined to take the pace the mo-ment sheppard slowed down. With two such men as Meredith and Braun at his shoulder Sheppard did not dare to slacken speed with the result that he continued to set the pace and made the first quarter



THING

ABOUT THE BRASSIE

terms with the two Americans. "I may be beaten by an American," said Meredith to himself, "but never by a for-

eigner"
With this he dug in his spikes for one supreme effort. It took him past Sheppard and caused Braun to collapse. Merein the phenomenal time of 52 seconds.

The men remained in this order until 75 yards from home. Meredith never supposed that he had a chance to win, and, as he said afterward, was satisfied so long as the winner was an American.

But suddenly Shenpard began to the dith won the race, struck the 800-maters tape in L517-10, and the half-mile in L225, both world records. Of course, Meredith was a great runner, but his sturdy Amer-

NEWS FROM THE BOWLING ALLEYS

titil; Knex get his curve ball working and hanged out 210 in the first game for the White Elephants against Algonyulu. The latter wor two games from the league leaders.

A lig crowd turned cut for the Cupin League games on Terminal Alleys last night. Not-citic-tancing two defects in these games with the Jaintal Press quintat, the Engraving force managed to retain first peritor. Kleineleha's 20s in the last game for the winners was the best attric game for the vinners was the best attric game across being rather post. Examina Leigher its three straint games to Composition, their access being rather post, Simesen was high in the first game with 165. In the recount know Webber led the newspaper retirementatives with 187, while his 131 across was the highest for his found in the flant game.

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BASEBALL IS DROPPED BY MUHLENBERG

Diamond of Up-State College Is Cut Up and Finances Are Poor

CAGE PLAYERS QUIT

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 15.—Athlete authorities at Muhlenberz College as nounced yesterday that baseball, when made its appearance at Muhlenberz the seasons ago, will be abandoned this spray on account of the lack of undergradual interest and the unsuitable condition at the diamond, which is dug up, due to its laying of steam pipes.

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It is believed, however, that the national pastime will not be dropped permanently. Although the field will ast be in condition for three or four months the athletic coffers must be belatered as before the sport is resumed. Finance are not in a vary flourishing condition as account of the poor football seasons at 1914 and 1915.

Basketball Men Out

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It was also made public by the atheus authorities that Ben Hubbard and Guerney Afflerbach, forwards on the basks ball team, have turned in their suits and will not play any future games with the quintet. As these men comprised to best pair of forwards that ever represented Muhlenberg College, their services will be greatly missed. Hubbard is said to have been declared professional by the college authorities for playing on the Plymouth quintet, an up-State organization. Afferbach, who was married at this time last year, is said to have promised his wife that he will resign from sports.

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The vacancies made by this pair leave openings on the team for Fitzgerald and Everett, two of last year's scrubs. Fitzgerald is a Philadelphian and a former student of the Northeast High School. Witmer, a baseball player, will contine as guard with Gaston, the team's high scorer. Due to the deadlock in the attempt to elect a captain at the close of last season, Bill Ritter, an all-around athlete, has been acting leader and holding down the centre position. ing down the centre position.

Five games remain to be played-Rutgers, Albright, Bucknell, Gettysburg and
Lebanon Valley-four of which are at
home. The wind-up of the season will
come at the end of February, and canddates will be called out immediately for
track. The reason for shortening the
season is to do away with the conflict
with the track team and to avoid the
cage men going stale, as in former years
when a long schedule was in vogue.

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The Muhlenberg track schedule was made public this week by Graduats Manager Albert Fasig. It calls for the following meets: April 22, interclass contests; April 29, Penn relays; May 13, Middle Atlantic intercollegiate meet at New York University; May 20, Lehigh at Allentown: May 27, Dickinson at Carlisis; June 7, Lebanon Valley at Allentown.

This will be the first year that Lehigh has been scheduled to meet Muhlenberg on the track, and the meet is attracting has been scheduled to meet Muhlenbers on the track, and the meet is attracting lots of interest here. Lebanon Valley is the attraction for alumni day, which is a big day for athletics at the coilege.

Good Relay Material

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Much is expected from the relay team, which will be picked from Steel, Taylor, Weber, Tice, McGovern, Heuer and Firsgerald. All these men are fast quarter milers, and a light for places will result. There is also a wealth of material for the sprints. Weber, captain of the tracteam, who tied the Muhlenberg record for the 100 yards last year; Taylor and McGovern, formerly of Allentown and Hethlehem preparatory schools; Tice, of last season's team, and Steel, the last man in college last year, are still availman in college last year, are still avail-

In the distance events Heuer, Hartman and Fitzgerald will take care of the mile and half mile, while two good dis-tance runners have been unearthed in the class. Although no hurdlers from last season's team remain in college, there are a few men who can be developed to give a creditable showing in this event. Hubbard is relied upon for the high jump Wahl and Brubaker for the pole vault. Devereux for the hammer throw and shot-put and Gaston, who broke the col-lege record last year, for the discus.

AMERICAN LEAGUE SOCCER Boys' Club and Rangers Play at Stenton Athletic Club In the only American League game scheduled for this afternoon the Rangers

All the officers were re-elected except Percy R. Pyne, 2d, of Princeton, N. J., treasurer, who declined another term. Competition for the championship tour-

tional open championship event to the Minishada Club, of Minneapolis, for June

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 15,-Dr. Al Sharpe was elected to represent Cornell on the Football Rules Committee at a meeting of the Cornell major sports council last night. It was decided to retain the presnight. It was decided to retain the pres-ent football coaching staff, consisting of Doctor Sharpe, head coach, and Dan Reed and Ray Van Orman has assistant coaches. The council awarded "C's" to three ad-ditional members of last year's baseball team, J. J. Regan, G. M. O'Connell and Whitney.

To Improve Cape May Field

MERION CLUB GETS NATIONAL GOLF MEETING

Open Championship Event Will Be Held in Minneapolis June 27 to 30

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

The Merion Cricket Club at Haverford has been awarded the national amateur golf championship tournament for 1915. This decision was reached yesterday at the annual meeting of the National Golf Association which was in session yester-day in Chicago.

For many months the devotees of golf in Philadelphia have been laying plans to get this event along with the national tennis championship, Several well-known local clubmen went to Chicago to attend the meeting and did their work so well that when it came to vote on the question the Merion club won the event

Many votes were cast for the Kent Country Club, of Grand Rapids, and the Country Club, of Detroit, but each withdrew in favor of the Minikahdah Club The woman's national championship tournament went to the Belmont Springs Country Club, of Boston. Other bidders for the event polled only a few votes. At the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association tonight the fol-lowing officers were elected: President, Frank L. Woodward, Denver;

first vice president, Howard Perrin, Philnest vice president, Howard Perrin, Philadelphia; second vice president, John Reld, Jr., New York; secretary, Howard F, Whitney, New York; treasurer, F, S. Wheeler, New York; Executive Committee, M. J. Crosby, Boston; Walter B, Smith, Chicago; Dr. W. S. Harban, Washington, D. C., and John S. Sweeney, Detroit.

nament of the Western Golf Association was narrowed down to two contenderathe Midlothian Club, of Chicago, and the Delmonte Club, of California—when the delegates met here today for the annual convention and election of officers. Call-fornians planned a strong fight on the ruling of the association against amateurs accepting transportation. The Delmonte Club places its hopes of obtaining the tourney on offering to pay expenses of The national body has avarded the na

SHARPE ON RULES BODY

Football Coach Is Elected to Represent Cornell at Meeting

CAPE MAY, N. J., Jan. 15.—The City Com-missioners have ordered the city supplying to but to until the fasted 1 Park in first-clars shape for the New York State League feating that are expected here early in April.

Dartmouth to Meet Old Foe

will be at home to Kensington Boys' Club, at the Stenton Athletic Club grounds, 34th and Westmoreland streets. The contest should be quite an interest-

ing one, although the sloys' Club should win in spite of the fact that they will be

Dirika M. N. H. Jan. 15.—Dartmouth and New Hampshire Colleges are to renew attested relations after a long interval. Coursell of New Hampshire, amounted so right that he had signed an agreement of Dartmouth for a football game next fall, the first between the two elevers in ten year tember 23. JAN 15th Annual 81915



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ANOTHER GREAT BOUT National A. C. National A. Johnny Kilbane vs. Frankie Conifrey World's Champion Latret Sensation

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