

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 banker of the Feds, either has decided to retire from baseball or will cast his lot with the American League.

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 he will enter the field of prospective buyers if he has not decided to retire from the game.

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 got a price of \$1,250,000 on the club until they found that Sinclair was so anxious to buy.

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 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.

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 as it is in effect, and authorities should realize that publicity of such investigations is injurious to the sport.

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 in a bad way.

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 investigations, or will be governed in such a manner that only the wealthy can compete in championship events.

Local Independent Players Will Have Chance in New League

Al Lawson, the organizer of the new Atlantic League of baseball clubs, is one of the greatest organizers of leagues in the history of the game, and is recognized by veterans as one of the shrewdest and best-posted men ever connected with baseball.

Feeder for Major Leagues

The Atlantic League also should prove a great feeder for the major and high-class minor leagues, as it is the intention of the magnates of the new Atlantic League to secure most of their talent from Philadelphia and vicinity.

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.

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 Stroud of the University of California from Columbus, O.

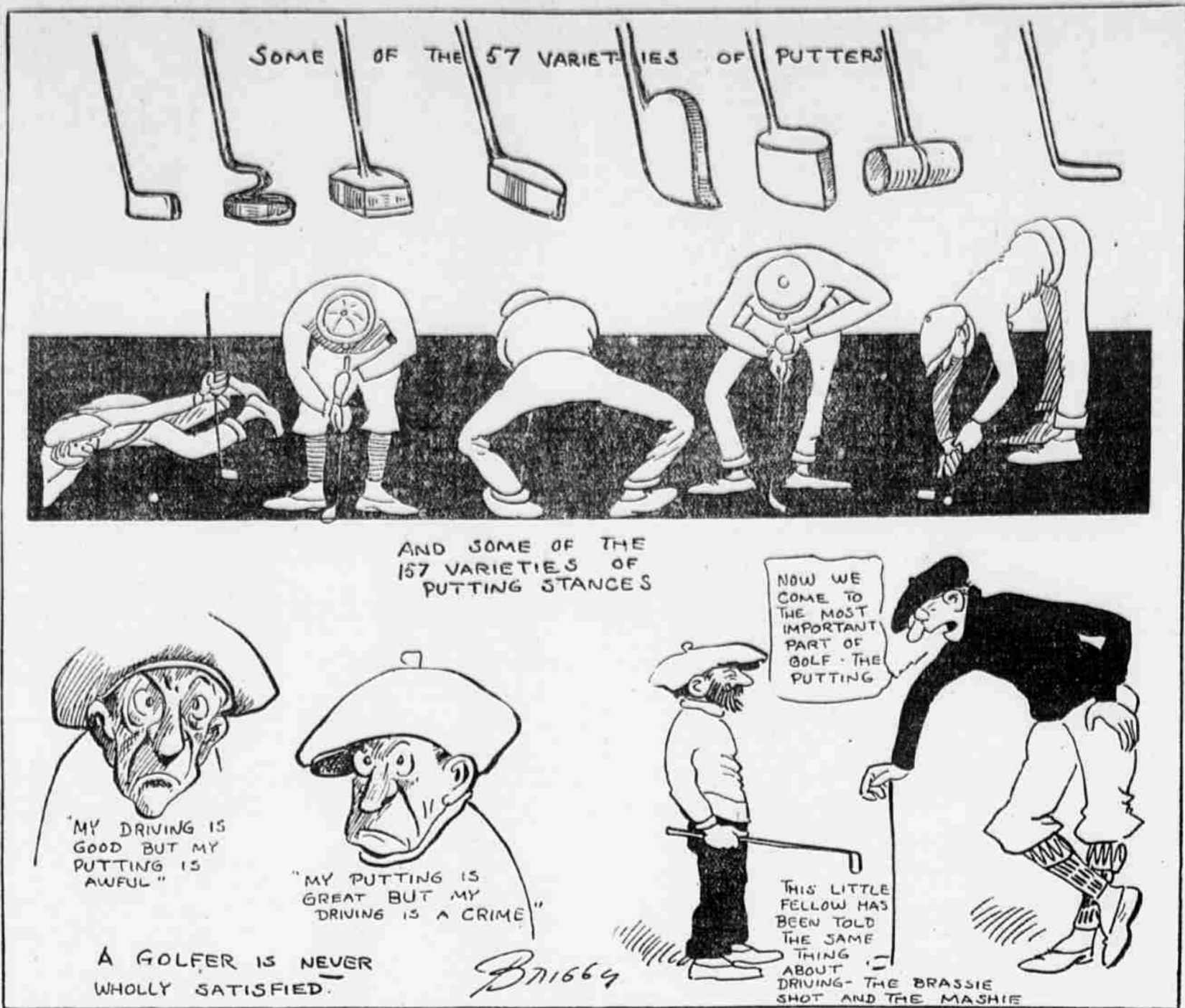
Jimmy Jackson, manager of the Wichita team of the Western League, claims that the Phillies offered him a pitcher who was with the team last season for Catcher Gray. "Cup" Neal, Philly scout, denied this, saying that he merely asked Jackson a few questions about the youngster.

The most interesting thing in connection with the proposed battle between Jess Willard and Frank Moran is the expert opinions 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 League Club had been tried before the present Grand Jury, an interesting situation would present itself.

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

THE PUTTER



BASEBALL IS DROPPED BY MUHLENBERG

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

CAGE PLAYERS QUIT

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 15.—Athletic authorities at Muhlenberg College announced yesterday that baseball, which had been dropped by the college several seasons ago, will be abandoned this spring.

It is believed, however, that the national pastime will not be dropped permanently. Although the field will be in condition for three or four months, the athletic coffers must be bolstered up before the sport is resumed.

The vacancies made by this pair leave openings on the team for Fitzgerald and Everett, two of last year's scrubs. Fitzgerald is a Philadelphiaian and a former student of the Northeast High School.

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 candidates will be called out immediately for election to elect a captain at the close of the season.

KILLEFER'S ARM IN BAD SHAPE; MAY NOT PLAY

Phillies' Star Catcher Will Undergo Treatment in Los Angeles Osteopathic College

INJURED LAST FALL

Bill Killefer, the star Philly catcher, will undergo osteopathic treatment for his arm at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at Los Angeles.

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 seldom thought of as the motive power in athletics, but it was a prime factor in one of the greatest middle distance races on record.

NEWS FROM THE BOWLING ALLEYS

New nine topped the high-score rolling on the Quaker City League last night. The team consisted of the following:...

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 1916.

AMERICAN LEAGUE SOCCER

Boys' Club and Rangers Play at Stenton Athletic Club

In the only American League game scheduled for this afternoon the Rangers will play at home to Kilmington Boys' Club at the Stenton Athletic Club grounds.

Dartmouth to Meet Old Foe

SHARPE ON RULES BODY

To Improve Cape May Field

Another Great Bout

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—"THAT WHICH A MAN SOWETH, ETC."—WHAT COULD SOME OF OUR PUGS HAVE PLANTED?

