

# TRIS SPEAKER PROBABLY WANTED FOR MANAGER OF INDIANS IF LEE FOHL FAILS

## SPEAKER DEAL PROVES THAT MAGNATES HAVE FORGOTTEN VOW TO STOP TALKING MONEY

### Owners Lose Excellent Chance to Use Player as Object Lesson If They Intend to Cut Salaries in Future

THE dissolution of the Federal League has not cured the baseball magnates of extravagance, nor has it brought about the cutting of the salaries of the players as predicted. To prove this one needs only to point to the deal which sent Tris Speaker, one of the greatest stars of the national game, to the Cleveland American League team from Boston.

Baseball experts agree that the financial end of the game was talked of too much by the magnates, and that the tales of enormous salaries and profits were responsible for the invasion of the Federal League. When the peace agreement was signed between organized ball and the Federal League the magnates vowed that never again would they talk of the players' salaries or the money paid for the release of players.

Apparently, the fact that the Federal League no longer exists and indications pointing to the greatest season the game has ever enjoyed has caused some of the magnates to forget their vow and they are again allowing their enthusiasm to run away with their better judgment.

Many of the wisest magnates in the game declare that Speaker is worth all the money paid for his release, but there are a few facts in connection with the trade which make one doubt the wisdom of the move. The first mistake was made in allowing Speaker to report at the training camp after making a rule that no player would be permitted to join his team until he had signed his contract.

### Speaker Should Not Have Been Allowed to Report

Other players were brought into line by the threat of suspension if they did not report, but it did no good in Speaker's case, and he was still a holdout when the Red Sox started training. The famous outfielder insisted that he would not play with the Red Sox until his salary demands were met. Owner Joe Lannin refused to consider the figure named by Speaker, but foolishly allowed the star to report at the training camp because he thought his star would attract large crowds at the exhibition games of the Red Sox.

This mistake in breaking a rule—supposed to be ironclad—spoiled whatever chance the Red Sox had to get him in line at President Lannin's figure. It impressed upon Speaker his great value to the team and made him even more obstinate. Manager Carrigan believed that Speaker would be easy to get in line once peace was made there, but Tris fooled him.

Once peace was made there has been a great deal of talk about what the magnates were going to do to the salary of the player when the long-term contracts expire. It has been said that the majority would be cut almost one-half, but if the attempt made to bring Speaker into line is an example of the policy which the magnates intend to carry out, the player is going to continue to hold the upper hand.

The Cleveland owners boast that they paid a greater price for Speaker than the White Sox gave for Collins. Perhaps this statement may please the fans in Cleveland and give them greater confidence in the new owners. They will feel that a real attempt is being made to give the city a high-class team and that money will not be spared in doing it, but it will have a bad effect on other players.

### Speaker Probably Is Wanted to Manage Indians

The release of Speaker was not purchased merely to have him play center field for the Indians. Most likely the new owners want him to manage the team next year and perhaps before. If Lee Fohl fails to make good right from the jump, paying \$50,000, which is the estimated purchase price, for a player 32 years of age is a rather risky proposition, and it is doubtful if the deal would have been made unless the Cleveland owners intend to make him manager.

Every one in baseball is willing to admit that Speaker was a wonderful player with the Red Sox, but will he prove as much value to a ball-team? One player sometimes makes a team, but more often a team makes the individual, as its wonderful strength and system enables the player to stand out as a star.

There are numerous instances of star players of strong teams going completely to pieces when they were sent to a ball-team. Some players are great winners but poor losers, and while few fans expect Speaker to fall down this season, it is a safe bet that he will not be the star he was when flanked by Lewis and Hooper in the Boston outfield.

### General Work May Fall Off

It also is possible that his batting average will suffer, as pitchers will be better able to concentrate their efforts and save their reserve power for Speaker when he is in the Indians' batting order, whereas a pitcher facing the Red Sox found no soft spots. It also is likely that he will lose many hits because the Indians have not perfected the hit and run play, a play which gave Speaker many safeties as a member of the Red Sox.

Speaker will be carrying that heavy handicap of having the fans expect too much of him. The enormous purchase price and the star's wonderful reputation undoubtedly will lead the Cleveland fans to believe that he can put them in the pennant race. Perhaps he will, but unless the team has improved at a marvellous clip since its last appearance in this city, the fans will be doomed to disappointment, and it will take more than a Speaker to put them in the fight.

The purchase price of \$50,000 (if this is really the figure) recalls some of the other "diamond beauties" the majority of whom failed to give their purchasers their money's worth. The first bit of baseball extravagance was the purchase of Kelly and Clarkson by Boston. Both men played brilliantly for Boston, but the fans expected more and were never fully satisfied.

### Some Costly Minor League Purchases

The war between the American and National Leagues started the magnates throwing money away again, but after that there was a lull until the Giants purchased Rube Marquard's release from Indianapolis for \$11,000. For two years Marquard was a disappointment, the handicap of being boosted too much having held him back. Marquard eventually got going and was worth several times the amount expended.

Connie Mack then tried his hand at purchasing a minor leaguer for a record price. This was entirely out of Connie's line, as he usually developed his own recruits. He bought "Lefty" Russell from Baltimore for \$10,000 and also gave Dunn a number of players. After winning a shutout victory in his debut in the fall of 1915, Russell shot his bolt and never registered another victory for the Mackmen.

Pittsburgh broke all records when it paid \$22,500 for Marty O'Toole, the St. Paul phenom, who proved a lemon. This cured the magnates until the Federal League was launched. In the meantime, the White Sox had purchased Ray Schalk and Larry Chappelle from Milwaukee. Schalk cost \$12,000 and was worth several times the amount, but Chappelle, who brought his owners \$18,000, was a frost with the White Sox, but apparently is coming back strong with Cleveland this season.

### Work of "Fed" Players Will Be Followed Closely

The work of the Federal League players will be of particular interest this season. The enormous prices paid for Frank Baker, Eddie Collins and a few other recognized stars did not appear to be such a risky venture, as these players had proved beyond a doubt that they were stars, but it is different with Benny Kauff, Lee Magee, Roush, Davenport and others.

For every person who strongly boosts each Federal League one will find two who are inclined to "roast" them. If they fail to make good, more than one manager will have a hard time explaining to his owner just what qualities a young player needs to make good. Too much will be expected of all and they will be under a great handicap at the start of the season.

Greystock, Eastern League basketball champions, will have a distinct advantage in their game with the Crescent club, of Paterson, N. J., when the two teams meet at Cooper Battalion Hall Friday night to decide what they claim is the world's championship.

Greystock won the first game at Cooper Hall, but lost the second at Paterson. In the first game Eastern League rules governed the play, while in the second the Interstate code was employed. On Friday the first half will be played under Eastern League rules, while the second 20-minute period will be played by the visitors' rules.

Playing on their home floor, the Eastern Leaguers will have a decided advantage, regardless of the fact that both teams will be given a chance to play under their own respective rules. Greystock should win by a good margin.

Those who think the Red Sox got nothing of value excepting money for Tris Speaker are likely to be very much surprised when Sam Jones, the pitcher turned over to Carrigan, strikes his stride. Jones' record with Cleveland would not lead one to believe that he is a very good pitcher, but with the Red Sox behind him it would not be surprising if he proved just as strong as Shore and Foster, Boston's two right-handed stars.

The death of "Wild Bob" Burman was a great shock to his many friends in this city. Burman was undoubtedly one of the greatest racing drivers in the world. His death recalls the large list of famous pilots who have lost their lives in races within the last two years.

## BOSTON OR YANKS, BUT NOT INDIANS, INSISTS SPEAKER

### Star Red Sox Outfielder Declines to Play With Cleveland Club

### TO MEET LANNIN TODAY

BOSTON, April 10.—Tris Speaker, the star outfielder, who has been sold by the Boston Americans to the Cleveland club for a price reported to be \$35,000, this morning declared that under no consideration would he join the Clevelanders.

"If it cannot be the Red Sox, then I insist that I be sent to New York, out of the question to expect me to go to Cleveland. I want to stay in Boston. I know that the fans here will agree with me that this is the best place for me, but I cannot remain with the Red Sox. The Yankees would be my second choice." Speaker also declared that if he were forced to leave Boston he would demand part of the purchase price.

"The news that I was sold to Cleveland came like a bolt out of the sky to me," said Speaker. "My wishes were not ascertained in the deal, and I was sold like a slave. There is much talk over my going to New York. If I had been traded or sold to the New York team it would not have been so bad, but to virtually force me to go to Cleveland, which is one of the weakest teams on the circuit, is a blow that hurts. If Lannin wanted to get rid of me he should have allowed me to go to New York."

"This deal was a complete surprise to me," said Speaker. "As I understood it, Lannin and I had practically agreed upon terms. After talking with him on Friday I figured that our deal was practically fixed up and that there was no longer anything between me and my continuance as a member of the Red Sox. The signing of a contract. As a matter of fact, all was settled last Friday and we decided to compromise."

"I realize the difference now. I shall see Lannin this forenoon and demand an explanation. I have not signed any contract with the Cleveland club yet, although I believe that as far as I am concerned the Boston club no longer has me on its list. Whether I shall go to Cleveland remains to be seen. As I said, everything depends upon my interview with Lannin."

Speaker's refusal to go to Cleveland puts a new aspect on the deal whereby Boston was reported to have got \$35,000 for the Red Sox outfielder. It is a blow to the Red Sox, and a blow of indignation all over Boston today. The fans want Speaker to remain here, where he is a great favorite. If he is sent away the transfer will prove costly to the club. Stories that Lannin was ready to sell out were given great credence today.

### WILLARD-JOHNSON PICTURES

### Barred Fight Films, Imported by Camera, Shown in New York

NEW YORK, April 10.—The first exhibition of the pictures of the championship fight between Jess Willard and Jack Johnson ever given in this country took place yesterday before a gathering which included many men well known in connection with the boxing game here. The pictures were taken in Cuba on April 5, 1915, but on account of the Federal law prohibiting fight pictures being brought into this country the films have never been seen here. A new and unusual method was employed to get the pictures here. Last week the pictures were shown in a tent at House Point, a few miles north of the Canadian border. A moving picture camera near hand, but on American soil, caught the pictures as they were being shown. All of the 24 rounds were taken by the same method.

Today the film company will begin to transfer the films into New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Eventually they will be photographed across state lines in every part of the United States—unless, of course, the Federal Government should stop it.

### Foil Competition Here

Fencing matches are scheduled at Herrmann's Physical Training Institute Friday night. The Eastern Pennsylvania Division of the Amateur Fencers' League of America and the women's fencing contest for the Edith Evans Trophy are scheduled.

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## WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



### Road Drivers Elect Officers

E. Clifford Durrell was re-elected secretary and James Lallo, treasurer of the Road Drivers' Association at a meeting of the directors of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association were made. For president, George M. Young and Peter P. Carney, vice president, William E. Nolan and James W. (Gandy) Gandy, secretary, James H. Stewart, board of governors, five to be elected: M. S. Nagle, William George S. Graham, Thomas D. Richter, Alexander H. Brooke, Ross E. Kaufmann, S. O. Grayley, J. G. Carl, H. Forre Lewis, Walter F. Egan, Herbert Jansen, William G. Weart, William Brandt, Joseph Cunningham, Charles A. McCrex, Lawrence McCrossin, H. C. Pike and James J. Connor.

### Sports Writers Hold Session

The following nominations for candidates for officers and members of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association were made: For president, George M. Young and Peter P. Carney, vice president, William E. Nolan and James W. (Gandy) Gandy, secretary, James H. Stewart, board of governors, five to be elected: M. S. Nagle, William George S. Graham, Thomas D. Richter, Alexander H. Brooke, Ross E. Kaufmann, S. O. Grayley, J. G. Carl, H. Forre Lewis, Walter F. Egan, Herbert Jansen, William G. Weart, William Brandt, Joseph Cunningham, Charles A. McCrex, Lawrence McCrossin, H. C. Pike and James J. Connor.

### Tiger Freshman Football Dates

PRINCETON, N. J., April 10.—The schedule of games arranged for the Princeton freshman football team next fall has been announced as follows: October 7, 1920 vs. Hill, at Paterson; 14, 1920 vs. Mercersburg, at Mercersburg; 21, 1920 vs. Lawrenceville, at Lawrenceville; 28, 1920 vs. Pottsville Institute, at Hightstown; 29, 1920 vs. Exeter, at Exeter; November 4, 1920 vs. Hamilton Institute, at Princeton; 11, 1920 vs. Yale, at Princeton.

### Penn Five to Be Banqueted

The splendid work of Penn's basketball team, which in spite of misfortune earlier in the season managed to tie for first place and then snatch the championship from Princeton by a post-season game, has so thrilled the Veteran Athletes' Association that a meeting of the directors, held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the president, Judge Eugene C. Bunnell, it was unanimously decided to tender a banquet to the team, coach and manager at the Hotel Waldorf on April 26. The team, through Captain McNeil, has already manifested its acceptance of the invitation.

### Wilmington Race Plans Changed

WILMINGTON, Del., April 10.—The Delaware Horse Association will abandon its usual race meet in July and substitute short races for good purses on June 15 and 17.

## Summary of Baseball Games Played Yesterday

AT ST. LOUIS—	R. H. E.
Credinals ...	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3 10 2
Browns ...	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—3 5 1
Meadows, Hallee and Gumbel; Weiland, Crandall, McCabe and Hartley.	
AT INDIANAPOLIS—	R. H. E.
Pittsburgh ...	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 0 2
Indianapolis ...	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—4 4 0
Cooper and Miller, summits; Dawson and Aldridge, Gossett and Schang.	
AT KANSAS CITY—	R. H. E.
Detroit ...	2 1 0 2 0 0 0 0—8 7 0
St. Louis ...	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3 2 2
James, Covaleski, Erickson and Starnes; Hummer, Coersham, Gardner and Hartgrave.	
AT MINNEAPOLIS—	R. H. E.
Chicago ...	2 1 0 1 0 0 0 0—3 11 0
St. Paul ...	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3 6 3
Leitch, Danforth and Schalk; Hopper, Smet and Owens.	
AT LOUISVILLE—	R. H. E.
Chicago ...	0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0—3 9 3
Louisville ...	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3 2 2
McConnell, Pizer and Archer, Northrup, Tague and B. Williams and LaLange.	
AT TOPEKA, Kan.—	R. H. E.
Detroit ...	12 11 6
McConnell, Marshall and McKee; Lannin, Smet, Sander, Yoss and Snow, Weiland.	
AT BALTIMORE—	R. H. E.
Athlete, Yanigans-Baltimore, canceled.	
AT CINCINNATI—	R. H. E.
Cincinnati-Cleveland, postponed, wet grounds.	

## Tie in Record Pole Vault

CHICAGO, April 10.—The new world's indoor record in the pole vault, made jointly by Percy Graham and Edward Kosciuszko in the Central A. A. U.'s annual indoor meet Saturday night, came after a struggle between the two for the championship that lasted well into Sunday morning. Kosciuszko, a working boy, who wears the colors of the Illinois Athletic Club, was first to break the tie at the new mark, 12 feet 10 1/2 inches, but Graham also surmounted it on his first trial.

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## KENTUCKY FUTURITY GETS RECORD FOR ENTRY LIST

### Last Year's Program Is Beaten by Almost 100 Nominations

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 10.—The Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association has announced that the Kentucky Futurity for foals of 1916 had received almost 100 more nominations than last year, viz., 323. These have been entered by 265 individual nominators, headed by the Patches Wilkes stock farm, Lexington, Ky., with an even 100 mares.

The States contributing the bulk of the entries is of especial interest and a total of same is included in the report and appears below. Kentucky maintains her lead in this respect by a wide margin with 213 mares, leading New York, with over 200; New York enters 130; they are followed by Massachusetts, Ohio and Illinois with 80, 64 and 52, respectively. Thirty-two States and Canada are embraced in the table, the remainder of which follows: Pennsylvania, 48; Virginia, 39; Indiana, 27; Tennessee, 25; Wisconsin, 24; Michigan, 23; Nebraska, 12; Alabama, 8; Canada, 7; Iowa, 7; Maryland, 6; Oklahoma, 2; Texas, 5; Connecticut, 5; Missouri, 4; Georgia, 3; Kansas, 3; New Jersey, 2; West Virginia, 2; New Hampshire, 2; Louisiana, 2; District of Columbia, 2; Minnesota, 2; Maine, 2; Oregon, 1; South Dakota, 1; Mississippi, 1; Illinois, 1; Utah, 1; Colorado, 1; California, 1.

## Cards Win St. Louis Title

### The Final Standings

Cardinals	W. P. C.
Browns	4 4 2 500

ST. LOUIS, April 10.—The Cardinals defeated the Browns here yesterday, 2 to 4, thereby winning the spring series from the American Leagues, four games to one. Carl Weiland was driven over the mound in the sixth, when the Cardinals pounded him for six hits and four runs. Crandall was no improvement.

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