

Support Believes Fans' Comment Prevented Yankee-Brown Trade

HUGGINS IN ST. LOUIS Colonel Jacob Ruppert, of the New York American League Baseball club, believes the panning which President...

"I was greatly disappointed at our inability to put that Siler-Pratt-Lavan deal over," said Ruppert. "It would have been a great exchange for the Yankees."

"I believe we could have made the big trade but for the fact that the two Philadelphia owners for disposing of such players as Alexander, Killefer, Strunk, Schanz and Bush, Siler is perhaps the best ball player in St. Louis ever had, and Ball at the moment feared the criticism which might be leveled at him if he let Siler go, especially after what happened to the Philadelphia club owner."

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On the Raising of Our Alexander

From St. Louis yesterday came the announcement that Huggins had been in another conference with Business Manager Quinn, of the Browns, on the subject of Derrell Pratt. Quinn said after the conference that Huggins had made him a tentative offer for Pratt, but that the player Huggins offered in exchange was not the player the St. Louis club was after.

WEEGHMAN ON HUNT FOR NEW PLAYERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 22—Hej, you big league managers, look up your star players and throw the key away. Charlie Weeghman is loose again. The Cub boss had disappeared today and was understood to have taken his homestead with him.

Rumor had him variously reported as headed in the direction of Brooklyn, Cincinnati or St. Louis, which would suggest that Zach Wheat, Casey Stengel, Henne Bohne or Roger Hornsby might be his objective.

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Scheffer Lauds 'Nit Cage Star' Basketball Dean Praises the Work of Kennedy, Ambulance Forward

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"Confucius, their great moralist, said that it was better to play a real criminal free than to slay an innocent man," I said. "The Prussians seem to think that it is better to kill a dozen innocent babies than to let one man suspected of guilt escape. Yet the Prussians call themselves Christians."

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A PHILADELPHIAN ON NEW YORK The First Adequate Treatment of the Artistic Side of the City

New York had to wait for adequate treatment, not as a center of business but as one of the great artistic cities of the world, until a Philadelphiaian was ready to undertake the work. Miss Helen W. Henderson's "A Letter in New York" is one of the most delightful books ever written about any city in Europe or America. It could not have been written fifty years ago or even twenty-five years ago for the reason that many of the beautiful and artistic things which Miss Henderson describes and appraises were not created then.

"The work of destruction will have to be done very soon if it is to be done at all for the Chinese are awake," said I. "And there are nations which will exert their utmost to prevent the partition of China. Their attention is just now occupied with their own young men. But whatever happens no young man who wishes to get in touch with the richest field awaiting cultivation can afford to remain ignorant of China. He should read all he can get hold of, both about the political history and about the social and intellectual development of the country. He will need to read widely if he is to understand the subject. Mr. Bell's book will serve as an introduction to the subject, for it is a popular exposition of it. Then he might read Professor Parker's history of the Republic of China, which will give him a good ground work in the main facts of the country's ancient and modern history. W. J. Cennell's 'Historical Development of Religion in China' would supplement the other two books very well. It is more than a history of Chinese religions. It is a brief study in the development of Chinese intellectual life as manifested in religious expression. Mr. Cennell, who has lived long in China, finds the Chinese broad-minded and tolerant. They do not dogmatize on matters about which it is impossible to have positive knowledge and they accept in different moods the different systems of morals and religion developed or adopted in China. Mr. Cennell finds them an intensely religious people. His book will give the westerner a better view of the people than that which is commonly held."

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Irwin Russell in a New Dress

Although Irwin Russell lived only twenty-six years and has been dead more than a third of a century, he is not forgotten. His "Christmas Night in the Quarters" has long been a classic. It is one of the best poems of its kind in the language, fine because of its poetic quality and finer still because of its broad humanity. The prayer of Brudner Brown at the opening of the bigger drama has been committed to memory by many a young man, and the words of the men who do not usually find prayer books profitable reading. Here is the most famous stanza:

"Remember, master—mind' dis now—in kin' is 'pebble' on the spirit what we seek. An' 'is' a riddle frame of mine' we'se woe to 'dinner' an' 'sin'."

"But they cannot suggest for the reason that there are not enough of them," said I. "I ran across this interesting story of the walls of Hangchow in Archie Bell's entertaining book called 'The Spirit of China.' This book is what set me to thinking about the Chinese. Mr. Bell describes a tour starting at Hong Kong, with a side trip to Canton and Macao. Thence he went to Shanghai by a coastwise steamer. From Shanghai he made a trip by houseboat to Hangchow. His boat had a cabin, stateroom, bathroom, kitchen and servants' quarters. He hired it with seven servants for four dollars a day and lived luxuriously. Then he went by steamer up the Yangtze-Kiang to Hankow, the great commercial city in the center of China. He passed the iron mines along the river from which the Japanese are taking iron ore in sixty per cent quantities. He has an introduction to the Japanese extending their influence in the great valley of the Yangtze, the control of which commercial statesmen have said will confer on the nation possessing it the future control of the world."

"What is that?" from Dr. McFabre. "It is said that the nation which controls the Yangtze valley will control the world," said I. "The Yangtze is the greatest river in the world, greater than the Amazon. It runs through a fertile country, rich in minerals. It contains a large and industrious population awaiting the direction of modern business men. The resources and the labor are there. Japan knows it. Germany knows it. France and England know it."

"The serious student ought to read Professor Parker's recently revised history of China along with Mr. Bell's book. Mr. Parker is an expert. He is professor of Chinese at the Victoria University in Manchester, was formerly a British consul in China and was for a time adviser to the Burma Government on China affairs. His history was first written in 1902. The new edition is revised and brought up to February of the present year. He traces the history, diplomacy and commerce of China from the earliest times and discusses incidentally the character of the people and the development of law and religion. It was he who quoted the remark of Confucius about letting a criminal escape in preference to punishing an innocent man, which I repeated a little while ago. You will find in the book facts which will help you to a better understanding of the relative destructiveness of the present war. Men are saying that God has abandoned the earth because he is permitted so many million men to be killed and wounded, as though nothing of the kind had ever before happened. Professor Parker reminds us that during the Taiping rebellion in China, which began in 1850 and ended in 1865, at least 40,000,000 people lost their lives. The provinces which suffered the most during that rebellion have not yet recovered the population they lost then. You and I, Owen, may say that the Taiping rebellion does not count in the list of great human catastrophes because only heathen Chinese suffered. But Doctor McFabre must disagree with us, for a man is a man, according to his democratic belief, no matter what the color of his skin, or his manner of worshipping the powers."

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What Sid Says

As much to the point as its title, "Sid Says" is a compact compilation of the snappy, epigrammatic writings of John W. Siddall, editor in chief of the American Magazine. Mr. Siddall has already won his place among contemporary writers by a distinctive style, at once humorous, incisive and devoted to the big and the bold. His style is clear, his wit is sharp, and his sense of humor is keen. He writes with a mastery of words and a command of facts. His book is a collection of his best work, and it is a volume that every reader of the American Magazine should have on his shelves. It is a volume that will give you a new perspective on the world and a new appreciation of the art of writing. It is a volume that will give you a new perspective on the world and a new appreciation of the art of writing. It is a volume that will give you a new perspective on the world and a new appreciation of the art of writing.

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