PHILADELPHIA FANS

Rumored That Mike Kelly Will Succeed Gavvy as Manager of National League Club

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By SPICK HALL TREPORTS from Kansas City are true, the Phillies will have a pensat-winning manager next season. The new leader, according to the unconfermed story from the scene of the late bloodless baseball war, is Mike Kelly, 1920 manager of the St. Paul club, winners of the American Association

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It has been impossible to verify the report that Gavvy Cravath is to be released, because he is basking in the sunshine of his beloved California, and President Baker is taking part in the receedings in Kansas City. Business fanager Bill Shettsline has been so busy polishing up the fire engine at Glenolden that he can't take out time for an interview. Hence the matter will stand until President Baker returns or makes a statement in the middle west.

When Cravath left here in October he sade no mention of severing his consection with the club, which, however, means nothing. The Phillies had a poor mason this year, finishing on the same lowly floor as the Athletics in the American League, so it is highly probable that the Philly officials want a new leader.

At any rate his resignation caused bollahevism to spread in the ranks of the club.

Threaten Strike

On July 8, 1919, the day that Cravath was named manager, a general strike of the players was threatened as a protest against Coombs' resignation. However, all of the members of the club eventually went out on the field except

Gavvy began his managerial career with the Phillies on July 8, 1919, when the club was in the midst of a series with the Chicago Cubs. He succeeded John Kennebunk Coombs, one of the gratest huriers the game has ever men. John, after being released by Connie Mack, along with Chief Charles Bender and Eddie Plank, after the disagtrous world's series of 1914 on which the Athletics were trimmed in four straight games by the Boston Braves, finally landed in Brooklyn. There he did some great twirling but eventually had to quit because of an injury that he received in the world's series with the Glants in 1911. When Pat Moran was released as manager of the Phillies after the season of 1918, Coombs was named pilot.

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However, all of the members of the club eventually went out on the field except Gene Packard and Harry Pearce. Frank Woodward, after taking part in practice before the Cubs game, left the field and these players, with Coombs, sat in the centerfield bleachers that day.

Cravath was popular with the players and finally harmony was restored. But Gavvy couldn't stop the toboggan. The Phillies slid to the bottom and stayed there, finishing fifty-one points below St. Louis in 1919.

In 1920 the club was switched around. Art Fletcher came over from New York and Davy Bancroft went to the members of the club spank.

At the beginning of the 1919 season the Phillies went well but suddenly took a terrible slump, from which they seemed destined never to recover. Coombs decided to resign and his offer to quit was accepted. According to some of the Philly players, he was



GAVVY CRAVATH

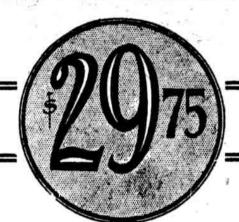
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Until the advent of Babe Ruth, Cravath, was the most talked of home run hitter in the major leagues. He made his 100th circuit swat June 18, 1918. At that time Sam Thompson, of the old Detroit club; Roger Connor, of the Giants; Ed Delehanty and Hans Wagner were the only players to reach the century mark in cracking out four-timers, and it took Hans 21 years to pile up that number.

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Gavey admits to thirty-nine summers. Like all native sons he says they don't have any winters on the Pacific coast. The subterranean journey of the Phillies during his regime has put a lot of gray hairs in Gavey's wise old head, but he is still capable of "bustin' that ol" apple," as he expressed it.

If Gavey goes, his-loss will be felt more than that of any player that ever



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