VETERAN ORIOLES MAY LEAVE NEST

ADKINS WANTED AS MANAGER OF READING CLUB.

GETTMAN'S FATE UNCERTAIN

Retention of Heavy-hitting Outfielder by Baltimore Depends Upon Answer to Letter Asking Condition of Knee He Injured Last Season—Catcher Bill Bergen Buys a Farm Near Worcester, Mass.—Manager Dunn Talks.

Within a few days Baltimore fans will know whether or not Outfielder Jake Gettman and Pitcher Doc Adkins are to wear Oriole uniforms the coming season. Oakland, of the Pacific Coast League, is said to want Jake for the outfield, and Reading, of the Tri-State League, is dead anxious to get Addie for manager.

Gettman's future in baseball hangs entirely upon the knee cap he twisted when he slid into the home plate last August after having hoofed it around to third on one of his lusty wallops to right center. The Baltimore and Oakland clubs both want to know the condition of Jake's knee. The Western club has not made an offer to Jack Dunn for Gettman, but Harry Wolverton, the manager, is quoted as saying that he would like to add the Oriole to his list of outfielders providing Jake's leg has mended properly. When Wolverton was manager of Newark he saw Jake play many times, and knows his ability with the old club.

Writes Gettman Letter.

Dunnie will not make up his mind about retaining Jake until he receives an answer from a letter he mailed to the outfielder asking the condition of the wobbly knee. The local magnate had not intended to send the outfielder a contract until he made known his condition, but changed his mind, and mailed the paper last Wednesday. Local fans who admire Gettman for his batting are fearful that the fact that he is no longer a youngster will make his case similar to that of Danny Murphy, of the Athletics, who was forced to retire from the game for the same cause.

Yesterday came a report from Reading that the owner of the Baltimore Club is planning to make the Tri-State League town a farm for his youngsters, and install Doc Adkins as manager. Further than that, he expected to have a talk on baseball matters with Addie as soon as the latter recovers from his attack of the grippe. Dunn would not discuss the announcement from Reading.

Want Adkins Badly.

The following came over the wire from the Pennsylvania town:

"Business Manager Jacob Weitzel, of the Reading Club, had expected to know by tonight whether or not Doc Adkins would be the next manager of the local club, but at a late hour no word had been received from Baltimore.

"Dunn, owner of the Baltimore Club, had a long talk with Weitzel at the meeting of the Tri-State League last week and secured an option on the position for Adkins. Local fans are awaiting news from Baltimore with interest, as it is not known whether the veteran pitcher will take the job. Should Adkins accept the managership Reading fans expect a winning club, as Dunn has promised to send all his extra men here.

"Another applicant for the place is Monte Cross, also a former Oriole. He will likely be named should Doc Adkins decline."

Has Faith in Pitchers.

The local magnate has a world of confidence in his present pitching staff. So sure is he that the hurlers he has will not blow up in the spring with a loud report, as did Dygert and several other stars last season, that he is actually turning down pitchers. To repay Dunn for sending them Infielder Scotty Cameron last June, the owners of the Hamilton Club, of the Canadian League, are willing to let the Orioles take Pitcher Billy Rose South and retain him if he shows the necessary stuff. Dunn will not take him. Cameron, by the way, looks like one of those ball players who flash up for a season and then sizzle out as a penny firecracker. In 1910 he was the sensation of the Canadian League, earning the "rep" of being the Ty Cobb of that circuit. He led in hitting, running and nearly everything else on the calendar. The Birds drafted him. Refusing to report here in the spring because he desired to finish a course at law, he appeared on the scene in June. With him came a bad leg, and during his few days as an Oriole Cameron showed no indications of hitting, running or fielding ability. Back to the Canadian League he traveled. The fans up there hailed his return with delight, but a study of the records for the year shows he was as much a disappointment to them as he was to the Baltimore public. He batted but little over .250 and didn't steal enough bases to keep himself warm in chilly Canada.

Great Mound Quartet.

Of his reason for releasing Pitchers Ostendorf and Schuyler and refusing others, Manager Dunn says: "In Danforth, Shawkey, Roth and Banker I expect to have the greatest quartet of young pitchers in the league. The first three got the necessary experience last season and should be ripe for their best work this year. Rube Vickers should also have a better year, and with the many other recruits, I am anything but worried about the staff. Last year I depended entirely upon veterans, and they failed me."

Doc Adkins may be made manager of a farm for young Orioles, but Catcher Bill Bergen is owner of a real farm. The big Oriole has just purchased a fine piece of property near Worcester, Mass. Bergen denies any intention of quitting baseball at once to become a farmer, declaring his purchase is for the purpose of leading the simple life when he has outlived his usefulness on the diamond. Says Bill: "I have bought a farm, but, unless I change my mind at the last minute, will go south with the Birds. Believe Dunnie will have his team right up in the race, as Dave Danforth, Bob Shawkey and Dave Roth should develop into the best trio of young pitchers in the league."

York Club Changes Hands.

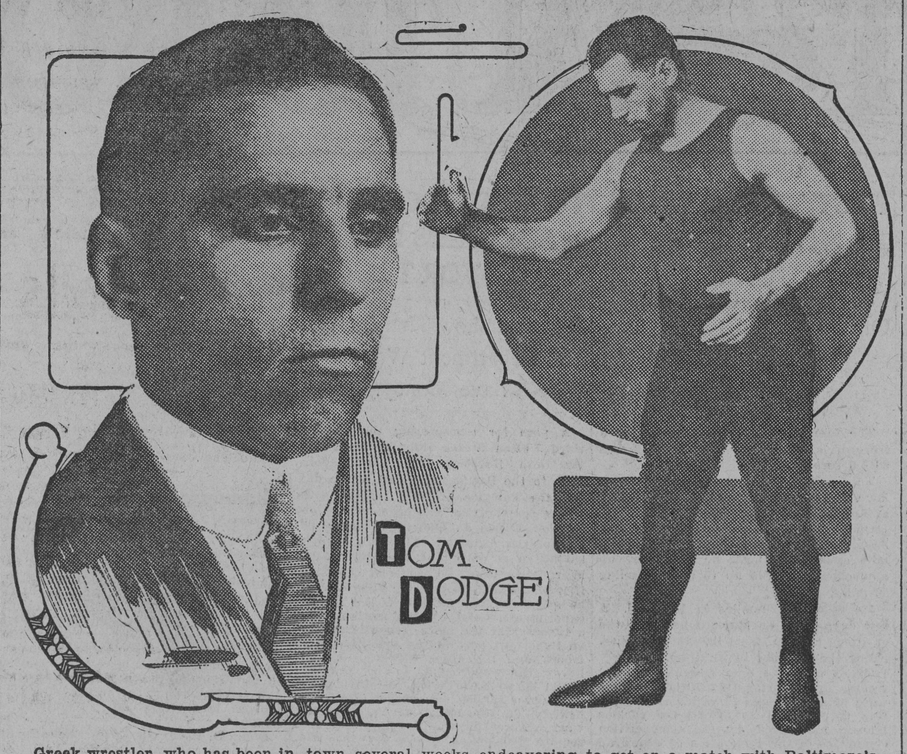
Special Dispatch to The American.

York, Pa., January 11.—At a meeting yesterday the York Athletic Association owners of the York Tristate Baseball Club, sold out to a new organization. Steps were taken immediately to assure this city of a winning ball team for next season. It is said that H. S. Schmidt will succeed. H. K. Free as president; Eli Z. Zim will continue as treasurer, and a new secretary will be chosen to succeed Charles H. Sieker. George W. Heckert will be in full charge of the team as manager. He already has his plans mapped out for the coming season. He has received offers for First Baseman Dick Kauffman and Outfielder Jimmy Clark. Pitcher Lefty Lloyd is wanted by Troy, of the New York State League The new organization will be a stock association.

Former Famous Oarsman Dead.

New York, January 11.—Jasper Goodwin, stroke of the famous University four in 1878, which won the only crew race ever taken by Americans at Henley, died at his home here today. He was 62 years old. Death was due to general breakdown.

ASPIRES TO WIN AMERICUS' CROWN



Greek wrestler, who has been in town several weeks endeavoring to get on a match with Baltimore's great wrestler for the light-heavyweight championship. He has an excellent reputation and is ready to grapple whenever the titleholder says the word. Dodge claims the local skilled mat artist is sidestepping him.

CHUBBY MURPHY TALKING AGAIN

JUST LISTEN TO OWNER OF CHICAGO CUBS.

Speaking of High-priced Managers Makes Him Sore, and He Rises to State That Should Evers Bring His Team Home Near the Front He Will Draw More Money Than Chance.

Chicago, January 11.—Charles W. Murphy, owner of the Cubs, waxed irate tonight over the list of the highest paid managers, with particular reference to Frank Chance and then declared that if the Cubs finished first, second or third next season Johnny Evers will draw a bigger salary than Chance, McGraw, Mack or any of them.

"I also am convinced Evers will finish first, second or third," he added.

Toronto, January 11.—Manager Joe Kelley, of the Toronto Ball Club, arrived at noon yesterday from Baltimore to confer with President McCaffery regarding contracts for the players.

Mr. Kelley said that he had completed all his arrangements for the Southern training trip, leaving Baltimore on March 16. Contracts will be sent to the following 21 players:

Pitchers—Rudolph, Maxwell, Lush, Mueller, Kubat, Herbert, Hearn, Gaspar.

Catchers—Graham, Bemis, Curtis, Trout.

Infielders—Jordan, McConnell, Isaacs, Holly, Bradley, Fitzpatrick.

Outfielders—O'Hara, Shaw, Northern.

Mr. Kelley said that Rudolph and Jordan had permission to do business with major league clubs, but so far as he knew they had done nothing as yet. Joe has spent a fine winter and is looking the picture of health.

Chicago January 11.—Jimmy Johnston, who made a record for base stealing in the Southern League last season, has signified his intention of signing a contract to play with the Chicago White Sox in 1913. Johnston will be no stranger to the White Sox. He took the training trip to Texas with the Sox in 1911.

Jimmy Ryan, who was a star with Captain Anson several years ago, is out to land a job as scout for the Chicago Cubs.

Pitcher Ralph Swett, of Fall River, Mass., has been signed by the Kewanee Club of the Central Association. A pitcher with that name has no fear of hot weather.

According to Manager Jimmy Callahan no anti-drink clause is inserted in the White Sox contracts. Nothing like that in the Sox family, asserts Jim. Let the Cubs do it.

Manager Joe Tinker, of the Cincinnati Reds, has great faith in the "come back" of Pitcher Mordecai Brown, and believes that the Miner will deliver the goods next season.

Charley Buelow, the old Cleveland player, who has been out of the game several years, says that he is still there as a pastimer and wants a trial with the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) team.

There seems to be trouble ahead for President McAleer, of the Champion Red Sox. Only two regular members of his team—Yerkes and Cady—have so far affixed their monaker to 1913 contracts.

For the second time in his baseball career Tommy McMillan has slipped from the big show back to the minors. Both the Cincinnati Reds and the Yankees have tried him out, but for some reason or other Tommy wouldn't stick.

Newark, N. J., January 11.—Manager Harry Smith, of Newark, will leave Newark Monday night to go to his home, at Masillon, O., for a brief spell, following which he will visit George Bell, at Academy Corners, to try to get Bell's signature. Smith will then go to Hot Springs for a workout of a fortnight. It has not been decided whether he will return here to take the first batch of batterymen to Savannah or whether he will go direct from Hot Springs, Ark., to Savannah. The latter trip, made by railroad, will be much shorter.

Chicago, January 11.—Should Manager Chance's health permit it, he will be seen on first base this season for New York in place of that remarkable athlete, Hal Chase. Chance has no reason to believe his health will prevent, for he feels as well as ever he did.

There is no stipulation in the contract with Owner Frank Farrell that the new manager must take an active part in the game, but he has given the magnate his assurance that if he is able to play he will do so. He doesn't mean to crowd Chase out of his job. The present initial sacker is scheduled to cover second.

Chance is determined to come back. It is his purpose to prove he is still as competent to play the position as he was three or four years ago. If he once starts, he will go through the entire season, providing his health doesn't force him to call Chase.

Long Larry McLean, who is to be given another chance by Manager Huggins, of the St. Louis Cardinals, is no stranger to the Mound City. It was in St. Louis that McLean started his big league career almost 10 years ago as a member of the team to which he now returns. During the season of 1903 the St. Louis Club traded Mordecai Brown and Catcher Jack O'Neil to Chicago for Brakeman Jack Taylor and McLean, who was then a kid and had never been heard of in fast company. Larry remained with the Cardinals for a little more than a season and then dropped back to the minors. Cincinnati picked him up two years later after he had made a fine record with the Portland team of the Pacific Coast League.

Outfielder Jack Johnston, who was with the Giants last spring and also the year before, gets his third major league trial as a member of the St. Louis Browns. McGraw released Johnston to the Toronto Club last April, but Jack finished the season with the Montgomery team of the Southern League. Johnny Dobbs, the former Brooklyn outfielder, managed the Montgomery team and recommended Johnston to George Stovall.

Mike Donlin has acquired a lengthy title during his 12 years as a big leaguer. He now subscribes himself "ex-Oriole, ex-Cardinal, ex-Giant, ex-Rustler and ex-Pirate." Mike has missed only Chicago and Brooklyn.

TAKES ISSUE WITH JOHNSON

Griffith Does Not Agree in Change of Scoring Pitchers' Averages.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, January 11.—No less a baseball authority than old Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Senators, takes issue with Ban Johnson on the change in the method of scoring averages of pitchers advocated by Johnson. This scheme is not a new one. It has been agitated for several years, and next season it will be put into effect so far as the American League is concerned, because President Johnson has so decreed.

Instead of keeping averages of the slabmen according to the number of games won and lost, Johnson says every pitcher in his league in the future will be rated according to the number of hits made off him and the number of bases on balls he issues.

Griffith was the leading pitcher of the country for many years and should be regarded as one of the very best judges of the right and wrong of the change. He says it is an incentive for a pitcher to work harder if he is to get credit for the victory, and for the same reason he will work harder to avoid defeat.

"Give me the pitcher that is not after the game and doesn't care how many hits are being made every inning or how many earned runs are being sent across the plate—one who is out to win, many runs or few, many hits or few," is the way Griffith expresses it.

THINKS WELL OF THE CUBS

Manager Johnny Evers Differs from the Opinions of Critics.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, January 11.—In a statement given out the other day Johnny Evers, the new manager of the Cubs, makes a caustic answer to the experts who say his team is not likely to improve under his management. Here is Johnny's rebuttal:

"It makes me laugh to see the way some of the so-called experts absolutely disregard the Cubs when making their predictions as to how the National League clubs will finish the race in 1913. I am sure my boys will make a much better showing than they did last year—in fact, I am confident that they will be contenders for the pennant from first to last.

"I expect to have four men in good shape for box work by April 10. Lavender and Richie, I am sure, will be better than ever, while Reulbach and Leifield, two veterans, can be depended upon to be in shape. At first I will have Vic Saier, and he's some kid on that bag; at second will be seen yours truly, while at third will be Heinie Zimmerman, the country's greatest. Tinker's place at short stop will be well taken care of, for I have Red Corridon, the former Tiger; Al. Bridwell, the veteran from Boston, and Art Phelan, the ex-Red, to groom for the job.

"The outfield, with Schulte and Mitchell, the ex-Red, as certainties, and Goode, Williams, Clymer, Kinsley and several others to fill the other berth, will be stronger than in 1912.

"Furthermore, with Tinker out of it, absolute harmony will prevail."

Uniforms for the Cubs.

Chicago, January 11.—Manager John Evers, of the Chicago National League Club, has contracted for the uniforms to be worn by his players during the coming year. The pencil stripes will not be seen on the home uniforms, which will be pure white. The road togs will be dark blue.

On the breasts of the home uniforms the word Cubs will appear in blue letters, and the same word in white letters will appear on the traveling suits. Plain blue military sweaters will go with both uniforms.

Evers has ordered two of the white uniforms for himself. He says that now he is manager he will try to dignify the position by appearing at all times in a spotless suit.

Kramer to Race Abroad.

New York, January 11.—Frank L. Kramer, of Newark, the American champion cyclist, sailed today for Europe. He has signed for a series of match races with the speediest European riders. The races will take place in Paris.

TRAINING SEASON IS NEAR AT HAND

CAMPS OF CLUBS SOON TO BE PITCHED IN SOUTH.

Early Spring Doings of New Phenoms Will Soon Begin to Trickle Over the Telegraph Wires to Anxious Fans—White Sox to Go All the Way to Paso Robles, Cal.—Where Others Train.

BY MONTY.

Just a few more weeks remain now before the chant of the baseball choristers turns from "he predicted today" to "Rube went five innings of the practice game," and so on, through the whole gamut of when Bill turned in for the night and how Pugs really has his batting eye again. For, lo and behold, the Spring Training Season of 1913 soon will be upon us. Then "a bas le forecast," and "so long rumors." There will be something real to hold the conversation of the fanatics.

Spring training this year will be the same old prelude to the big wars, with one lone difference. The farthest apart camps will be farther apart than any in the past. From the western coast of the continent where the waves of the Pacific caress the shores of California, to sunny Bermuda out in the tropical stretches of the Atlantic will be the gap spanned by the bivouaked clans. Between the extremes, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina, Louisiana, Missouri and even Indiana will be able to boast of a share of the preseason conditioning.

The westernmost pitching of tents will be at Paso Robles, California, where the Chicago White Sox will take up their temporary abode. In regard to that extreme the expanse of territory covered will be unchanged, for the White Sox have been there before. But Bermuda is a newcomer on the list of preparation points for major clubs.

Skeeters There Last Year.

The Jersey City team of the International League was there last year, and the beneficial results shown in its early prime condition moved the New York Highlanders to consider. Arthur Irwin's trip of inspection decided it. So the band of Frank Chance will cavort about the cricket field at the Bermudan metropolis, Hamilton.

The Gotham American League entry is far from the only team changing its headquarters. The National League has the Brooklyns, Cardinals, Bostons, Cubs and Reds appearing in strange localities, while other American League clubs besides the Highlanders that will go to new camps are the Tigers, Browns and Naps—nine altogether in the two leagues, or more than half. The standpatters of the National are the Giants, Phillies, and Pirates, and of the Americans the Red Sox, Athletics, White Sox and Senators.

The latest team to decide where it will work out is Brooklyn. The Dodgers will forsake Hot Springs, Ark., in favor of Augusta, Ga., following a tour of the South by Manager Dahlen. Two teams are moving to Florida—the Cubs and the Cleveland Naps. The latter give up their camp at Mobile to the Cincinnati Reds of Joe Tinker and go to Pensacola, Fla. The Reds are deserting Columbus, Ga., where Brooklyn will train this year. The Boston Nationals move to Athens, Ga., from Columbus in the same state. The St. Louis Browns are to visit Waco, Tex., while the Cardinals are not likely to travel farther from home than Memphis, Tenn. The Detroit Tigers desert Monroe, La., because of poor housing accommodations and travel to Gulfport, in the same state.

Hot Springs Gets Topliners.

Hot Springs, the Monte Carlo of Arkansas, again gets a pair of first-caliber teams—the Pirates and Red Sox. The Pittsburghers now have a diamond of their own in that city, but before visiting it will enjoy a few days of baths at West Baden, Ind. Texas also will see two topliners in the Giants and Athletics. The former will be at Marlin and the latter at San Antonio. The Phillies will train at Southern Pines, N. C., again and the Senators once more at Charlottesville, Va.

The earliest start of all will be made by the National League champions. McGraw has ordered all of the Giant pitchers and his youngsters to report on February 15. That McGraw's plan is good, at least when applied to his own men, is shown by the big lead they acquired early in last year's race. Some of the other teams will not begin work until nearly a month later, or the second week of March, but the majority of the bunch will get busy about March 1.

Hiltons Sign Players.

The Hiltons added two more men to their list of players in George Donhauser, a catcher, and William Hessman, a pitcher. Both have good reputations and should strengthen the team greatly. The following are the players: Catchers, Donhauser, Ruth and Lawrence; pitchers, Deck, Griggs and Hessman; infielders, Schmuckler, Asiler, Smith and Codd; outfielders, Codd, Brusak, Sauers, Johns and Biemiller. All 18-year-old teams wanting games address Manager H. Berman, 1927 East Baltimore street.

WONDERFUL RECORD OF LARRY LAJOIE

HAS ROUNDED OUT EIGHTEEN YEARS ON DIAMOND.

A STAR THAT IS FADING

Great Second-sacker Is Slowing Up Perceptibly, but There Is No Danger of the Naps Sacrificing Him for Younger Blood Yet Awhile—The National Game's Most Graceful Fielder—His Mighty Swinging of the Warclub.

BY W. J. MACBETH.

Napoleon (Larry) Lajoie. Born Woonsocket, R. I., September 5, 1875. Height 6 feet 1 inch, weight 195 pounds.

	Pos	Games.	Batting Aver.	Fielding Aver.
1896—Fall River, N. E.	of.	20	.429	.931
1896—Phila. National.	1b.	33	.331	.935
1897—Phila. National.	1b.-cf.	126	.336	.984-60
1898—Phila. National.	2b.	147	.328	.947
1899—Phila. National.	2b.	72	.379	.937
1900—Phila. National.	2b.	102	.356	.390
1901—Phila. American	2b.	131	.62[illegible]	.963
1902—Cleveland.....	2b.	87	.369	.974
1903—Cleveland.....	2b.	126	.355	.957
1904—Cleveland.....	2b-ss.	140	.381	.958-31
1905—Cleveland.....	2b.	65	.329	.991
1906—Cleveland.....	2b-3b.	152	.355	.973-23
1907—Cleveland.....	2b.	137	.239	.969
1908—Cleveland.....	2b.	157	.289	.984
1909—Cleveland.....	2b.	128	.320	.959
1910—Cleveland.....	2b.	159	.384	.956
1911—Cleveland.....	1b-2b.	90	.365	.990-48
1912—Cleveland.....	1b-2b.	117	.368	.984-59

The assertion that this age of baseball is one of speed goes unchallenged. We had irrefutable evidence of it a very short time ago when Pittsburgh cut loose from Mike Donlin. Now comes a rumbling from the Middle West that Cleveland is to sacrifice its great king, Larry Lajoie. Next thing we know of the Hans Wagners and Sam Crawfords will be getting the hook because they fall off a pace or two in sprinting form.

Fred Clarke was evidently justified in sending Donlin to Philadelphia even though Mike hit away above .300 in 1912. Mike is slow and decrepit, too, in a way. But for Cleveland to pass up the great Lajoie sounds too foolish to attract attention. Why that young fellow Lajoie is just beginning to find himself in the big tent. And do you think for a minute the Cleveland club does not realize this? Do you think the Cleveland club would dare to sell such a favorite even if it wished to do so? Do you think that Lajoie would consent to be bartered like a bush leaguer after 17 years in the big ring?

There are a few questions that furnish food for sound reflection. Larry Lajoie has slowed up undoubtedly during the past 17 years, but he is far from being any sort of derelict. Last year he played 117 games and hit for the remarkable average of .368. Under those circumstances, having enjoyed one of the very best seasons of his brilliant career, it is very unlikely that Cleveland would consent to part with Lajoie at any price. He has become a Forest City institution.

Many of Lajoie's friends would like to see him transferred to some other club, especially one which has some chance for the pennant. For the big Frenchman has never yet figured on a winning team or shared any of the spoils of a world's series. Wagner, Crawford, Cobb, Donlin and all this wonderful veteran's contemporaries of the old and modern schools have had their share of the big glory and big gravy. Several times Larry has come close, most notably in 1908, when he managed the Blues. That year Cleveland, Detroit and the White Sox fought such a finish that the pennant was not decided until the very last day.

Worst Season of Career.

The sad part of the affair from a Cleveland standpoint was that Lajoie, that year, when his services were so badly needed, had the worst season of his big-league career. Larry played in every game, but he batted only .289 and fielded far below his standard. Only one other time in his life did the big Frenchman fail to rap .300 or better. In 1907 he fell shy of the coveted notch by only one point.

Lajoie broke into fast company when he was 21 years of age. He had fairly broken up the New England League as a member of the Fall River team when the Phillies netted him. He played five seasons for the Quakers, hitting as high as .379 and never lower than .328. In 1901, during the war between the major leagues Lajoie, with a bunch of his teammates, jumped to the rival Athletics. That was the best season of his career, for in 131 games he banged away at a .422 clip. The Phillies in the meantime went to the courts and secured an injunction to prevent the "deserters" appearing with the Athletics. It was finally decided by the courts that Lajoie and his pals had no right to play in Pennsylvania with any club other than the Phillies. For this reason Lajoie was sent to Cleveland, the Naps assuming his war-time contract.

Lajoie had been in Cleveland for the past 11 years. He managed the team for five years, throwing up the job in 1909, after a pennant possibility took a bad cropper. Immediately he resigned and Lajoie's own game improved. The past three seasons he appears to have been as fit as ever. Lajoie has always been a great honor and a credit to the sport, but he inadvertently figured in a breath of scandal in 1910. That year he and Ty Cobb were fighting tooth and nail for the league batting leadership, as an automobile was involved as a prize.

Figured in Scandal.

In the last game of the season in St. Louis Red Corridon, the player recently sent from Detroit to the Chicago Cubs, in order that Frank Chance might come to the Hilltop, played away back on the grass at third every time Lajoie came up. Larry each time beat out a bunt. He got five hits in as many trips to the plate. But the conduct of Third Baseman Corridon and some of the Browns was so palpably favorable to Lajoie that Ban Johnson held an investigation. It was believed that Lajoie had beaten Cobb for the honors. But when Ban announced his official averages Ty was ahead of Larry a fractional point, .385 to .384. Ban fixed it up so that each got an auto and there were no hard feelings.

Lajoie has always been one of the most graceful players the game ever knew. No play ever looked hard for him. A finished fielder, he was a lion on defense. His offensive charm laid in his great batting eye, for Lajoie was never noted as a speed demon. He used to be pretty fast, you know, but never a Cobb or a Josh Devore. If Larry had been speedy he'd have made the world forget all about Ty Cobb's performances with the ash.

Lajoie is a free hitter, like Hans Wagner. He is just such another kind of player, except that he is the direct opposite in everything but effectiveness. Hans is awkward and clumsy in his maneuvers, even if he is sure as death; Lajoie is all grace and poise. But both of them are deadly swatters and as liable to pick a pitcher out for a home run as to single off one right in the "groove."

It does not seem that Cleveland could ever part with Lajoie, so long as he is able to stand up with the aid of a crutch. That .368 he clouted in 1912 assures him some big league berth for some time to come. But if Larry ever does leave Cleveland let us hope he hooks up with a real ball club. It would be interesting to see just what this grand old fencebreaker would do in the blue-ribbon classic of the sport.

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LARRY LAJOIE TO BE YANKEE

DEAL TO LAND GREAT HITTER IN NEW YORK.

Many Scoff at the Thought of the Cleveland Americans Parting With Frenchman, but After the Chance Deal, Wise Students of Game Believe Another Startling Trade Is Not Unlikely.

BY SAM CRANE.

The American League, through its leader, President Ban Johnson, was largely instrumental in inducing Frank Chance to sign a contract for three years to manage the Yankees.

This is not taking any credit away from Frank Farrell, who was the prime mover in engineering the big and historical deal. It was Farrell's liberality and sportsmanship that has invariably shown when chances were to be taken that he considered worth the odds, that secured the ex-Cub manager's name to a Yankee contract.

Johnson's foresight that has been proverbial for successful results when American League affairs have been at stake, was called into the negotiations as was also President Comiskey, of the White Sox.

Possibly it was by reason of Johnson's and Comiskey's longer acquaintance and friendship with Chance that caused those two prominent American League officials to take a hand in the negotiations, but it is more probable that there was another many cornered deal, whereby the new manager and also Owner Farrel was assured that the Yankees would be strengthened by certain star players that would warrant Farrel in agreeing to pay Chance "the biggest salary ever paid a baseball manager."

Lajoie to Be a Yankee.

It will be remembered that when the P. L. was hemming and hawing about the grave danger his crop of oranges was in on account of frost, there were reports emanating from Cleveland that Napoleon Lajoie might have his salary reduced and if the great second baseman "kicked," he might be disposed of by sale or trade.

I look for Lajoie to be a Yankee the coming season.

Just how such another important deal that will strengthen the Yankees, is beyond me, but not to the one's who had the Chance arrangements in charge. When baseball magnates get their wise heads together and mean business, they usually find some way around, no matter how intricate or complicated, to get successful results.

President Johnson was determined to have his organization make a front in New York city. It is where the money is and has been for the National League, ever since the sport has been on a solid foundation in the metropolis. The big city, with its big attendance and resultant gate receipts, has pulled the older league out of many deep holes and established baseball on the present popular and paying foundation that it now enjoys.

For various reasons the Yankees have not been the drawing card in New York that the New York Giants have been, and consequently American League clubs that have visited were not enabled to line their strong boxes with overmuch New York coin. Not nearly as much anyhow as National League clubs secured by playing the Giants on the Polo Grounds.

All sorts of plans and schemes were thought of and tried, to enable the American Leaguers to get a paying slice of the valuable New York patronage. Managers who had shown ability enough to retain their positions, according to fans' ideas, were unceremoniously released and their jobs given to popular Yankee players (at the time), who were fondly hoped to stem the tide of defeat and resurrect lost prestige and patronage. But affairs on the hilltop went from bad to worse, until the disastrous climax under Manager Wolverton of last season found the Yankees in the cellar.

This was the blow that got the American League magnates to get their wise nodles together and figure the New York situation from every angle. They were in as dire a quandary as ever until Charley Murphy took it into his at times rather erratic brain to ask waivers on his manager, Frank Chance.

Charlie Comisky is deservedly popular in Chicago. He caters to the people who patronize baseball—the friends who have made him a millionaire and enabled him to erect one of the biggest baseball plants in the country.

Murphy Blundered.

Murphy, Comiskey's rival in Chicago, on the other hand, appeared to have the "public be d—d" idea and unfortunately failed to remember or to appreciate the fact that the Windy City baseball public had given him millions from a shoestring. Murphy outagonized his clientage, and the belittling of Chance was "the blow that killed father" (Murphy).

Quick to take advantage of this, Johnson and Comiskey saw a ray of light on the New York situation and it was grasped at like a straw by a drowning man. They saw that by the American League taking up the discarded Chance, Murphy would be made still more unpopular, and lines were laid to reach that end.

The Tinker deal to manage the Cincinnati Reds bobbed up, too, at just the proper time to further the ends of the American League's "three wise men"—Johnson, Farrell and Comiskey—and what the Chicago newspapers did not say about Murphy blocking Tinker from securing a managerial job "in his old age," was a caution.

President Garry Herrmann wanted Joe Tinker, and no one else, to manage his team. Murphy was in none too good odor with his fellow magnates of the National League on account of the Horace Fogel incident, and I should not be surprised if certain things were told Murphy that he might go the way of Fogel—unless.

Anyhow, Tinker signed a contract to manage the Reds; the Cubs were given a sop in the shape of players, and Murphy may have been made to imagine that he had regained his popularity in Chicago.

But that proposed "Chance Day" in Chicago that will be on tap when the Yankees play their first game in Chicago under the management of Chance goes to show that the feeling is not dead to draw insidious comparisons between the Cubs' president and his ex-manager.

The gentlemen who pulled off the deal, Farrell, Johnson and Comiskey, whereby Chance becomes the Yankee's leader, have shown themselves consummate baseball diplomats. It was the biggest, and bids fair to be the most important trade for expected results that the national game has ever produced. It was entirely legitimate and above board, too, because the National League officials, who appeared to be so willing to promote good feeling among the two leagues, went into it with their eyes wide open.

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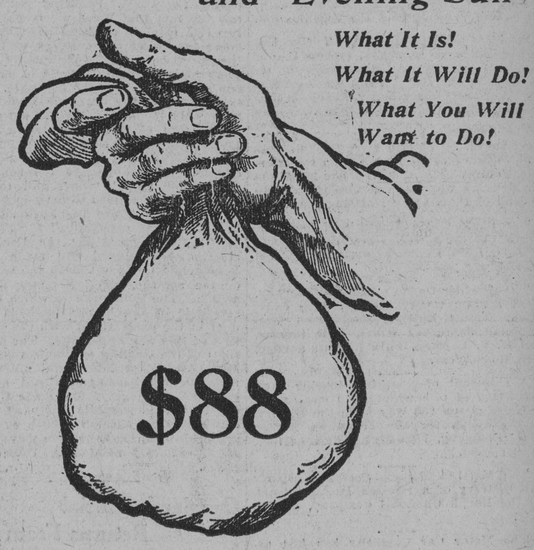

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