

SILK HAT HARRY'S DIVORCE SUIT

Drawn for The Bee by Tad



Judgments

It is to be presumed that the sale of Lee Means and Benny Kauff by Harry Sinclair means that the Oklahoma oil magnate will not purchase the New York Giants. It was previously understood that Sinclair held Kauff and Means in reserve to strengthen the club he was able to buy. As both of these players have been sold to the Gotham club it is apparent Sinclair will not buy in the big city. And it is doubtful if Sinclair will continue in base ball at all, as above the only major league franchise on the market is the Cleveland affair, which Sinclair probably would refuse, as Sinclair is a good business man and the Cleveland franchise is a speculation, to say the least.

FOURNIER IS SOX MYSTERY

Pants Rowland Finds It a Problem What to Do with French Boy Who Slugs Three-Sackers.

BUT JACQUES CANNOT FIELD

For the last two years White Sox base ball fans have had arguments regarding the ability of Jack Fournier, the sturdy and heavy hitting French boy of Comiskey's squad of warriors. They all agree that he can hit and they all agree that he is a poor fielder, and the argument starts when some one says the Sox would be better off to keep him out of the game except as a pinch hitter.

As a matter of fact, Manager Rowland has faced the same problem and tried it both ways, and indications are that he will face it again next spring and perhaps try both ways again. The fans like Fournier because he always shows a fighting spirit and they know he is trying desperately to win the ball game and, at the same time, increase his batting average.

After many stories had been printed exploiting the batting prowess of Fournier and deploring his weakness in the field, the young player grew self-conscious and for a time last season was nervous that his fielding became even worse. In fact, so bad that finally he was taken out so that he might gain peace of mind.

There was one day that the French boy had a comeback, for things went quite the reverse. The team was playing in Philadelphia and Jack Fournier went to bat four times and got rary a blow. He fanned twice and popped up a couple of weak flies and as a batter looked fit only for a class D league.

After the players had returned to their hotel and had eaten dinner Jack strolled out in front, where a bunch of his mates were gathered. Taking a position near them he addressed the following remark to an imaginary companion:

"Do you know Mr. Jacques Fournier of the White Sox? He's a great fellow and you ought to meet him. He's a rotten fielder, but he sure can hit that ball."

Perhaps there never was a ball player who loved to see more than does Fournier. When he is hitting in his regular stride he is gay and happy as a school boy. But if he gets into a slump and goes a couple of three days without a blow, it is unpleasant to be in his company.

Once last spring the Sox were engaged in a four days' session against the Tigers in Detroit and Fournier went hitless for the first three days. When the fourth day arrived he was all unstrung and any one who crossed him was in danger of being punched in the jaw. Three times that afternoon he went to bat and failed to land the ball to safe ground. Finally the fourth time up he hit one on the nose right over second base, as pretty a line drive as one would care to see.

Big Story Spoiled

The Sox left Detroit that night for St. Louis and after the train was well under way Fournier joined a group of war scribers in the smoking compartment.

"Well, fellows," he said, "I nearly had a great story for you to send to the Chicago papers. That blow I got the last time up spoiled it. When I hit the ball the plate that time I had made up my mind that if I didn't get a hit I would end it all tonight by diving through the car window after the train got up speed. I'm sorry I had to disappoint you on the story."

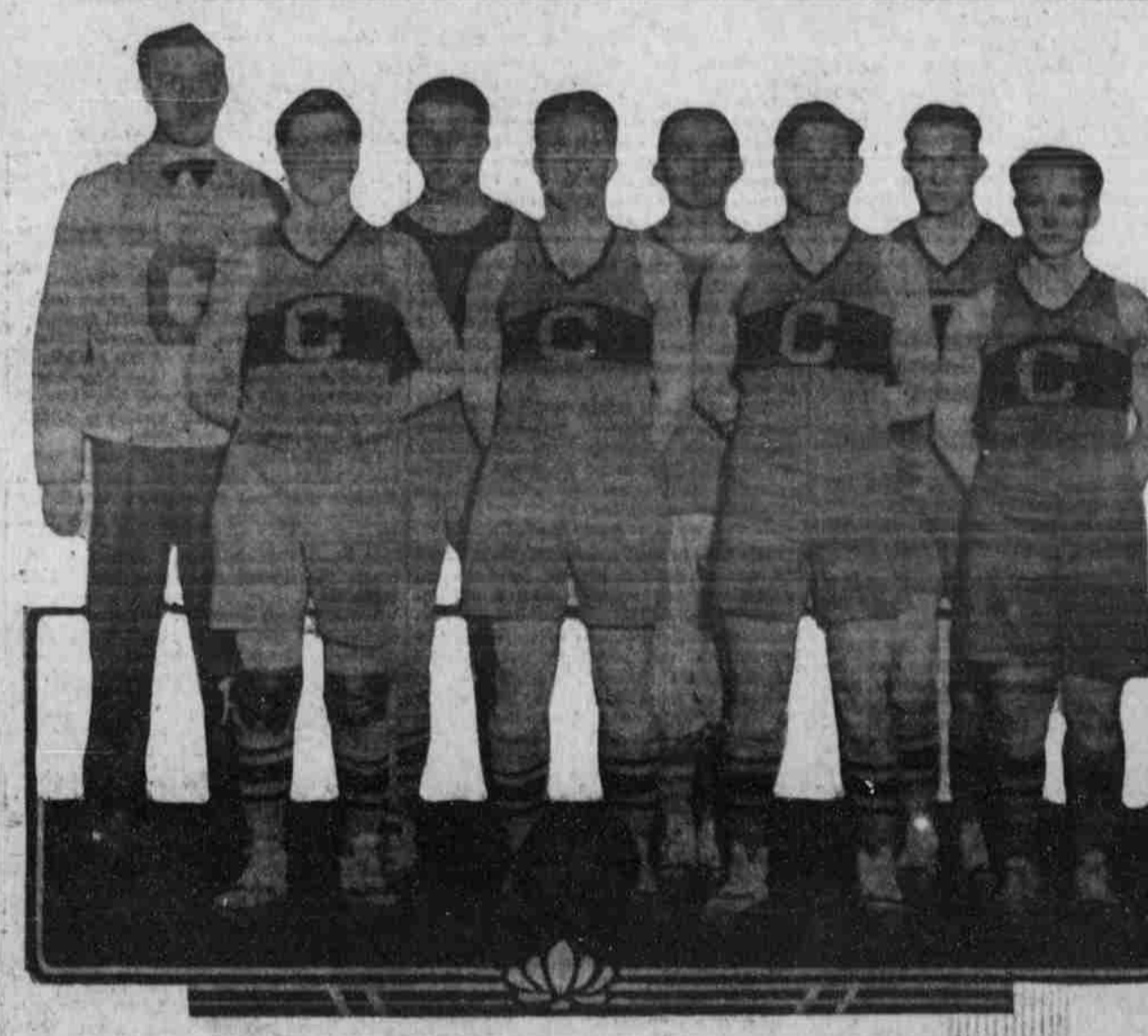
"When the war broke out in Europe..."

Scrappy Bill Joyce has become head scout for the Browns per appointment by Fielder Jones. Scrappy Bill during the Freedman regime in the National League years ago, made a reputation as an umpire batter that ever Johnny Evers, Muggsy McGraw and Heine Zim must bow before.

The amateur question has finally started a rumble in golf ranks. The dispute over amateurism appears to be destined for a life as long as Methuselah's with less chance for death than the biblical patriarch.

In the fight to promote a Willard-Moran bill and incidentally line the champion's coffers with large sums of American coin of the realm, it is noted that Jack Curley lands with the upper hand.

BASKET BALL TOSSEYS OF ORETE HIGH SCHOOL—Front row, left to right: Leonard Frundell, Lester Frundell (captain), Clarence Frundell, Ben Bilbourn. Back row: Squires (coach), Oldyn Kacer, Frank Diedla, William Ellis. Not a smoker or chawer or drinker on the team.



NO DECISIONS FOR GOTHAM

New York Ring Followers Disappointed Because Commission Refuses to Permit Decisions.

ONE BAD FEATURE TO VERDICTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Many local ring followers were disappointed when it became known that the boxing commission had decided not to experiment with referees' decisions. Perhaps the boxing solons showed good judgment, for it can not be denied that often where decisions and gambling have flourished boxing has been smothered to death.

MACK AND STALLINGS ARE STILL ENEMIES

Though the Athletics and Braves will meet in an exhibition game at Jacksonville in March, it does not mean that Connie Mack and George Stallings have made up.

HARRISBURG TO RETURN TO NEW YORK STATE LOOP

Harrisburg, Pa., will go back to class B ball if efforts of the magnates there are successful. After a disastrous season in the International league, operating with the Newark franchise, the Harrisburg club owners last week decided to apply for a place in the New York State league.

COMMISS NOT TO DISSOLVE

Report from Philadelphia that Governing Body of Base Ball Will Break Up Proves False.

COMMISSION IS MUCH NEEDED

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The report emanating from Philadelphia to the effect that the National commission is to be dissolved appears to have little real value. Such a rumor was circulated some time ago, but when base ball conditions are understood it can readily be appreciated that Organized Base Ball without some such body as the National commission would cease to be Organized Base Ball.

ABERG CHALLENGES STECHER

Who is this guy Joe Stecher that he should come in here and say he's a champion? Where is Dodge, Neb.? Never heard of the place. "I'll show this guy Stecher up. I'll take him on. I'll challenge him."

RED SOX BUY A TWIRLER

NAMED BADER FROM BUFFS The Boston Red Sox have purchased Pletcher Lon Bader from the Buffalo International club.

HOLD BIG BOUT IN SPRING

Willard-Moran Fight Will Not Be Staged Until Open-Air Arena is Available.

MORAN WANTS A GUARANTEE

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—It is probable that the proposed Willard-Moran match will not be held until late in the spring when the weather will permit an open air fight. Word comes from Willard that he will not be ready to enter the ring until May, and under no circumstances will he agree to battle in March as proposed.

HOME RUN BAKER LOSES OUT

Famous Four-Bank Cloutier Was Offered Eight Thousand a Year and Big Bonus by Feds. These morning sounds that have filled the air recently are not the distant rumblings of an active volcano—they merely are cries of anguish that escape Home Run Frank Baker whenever he thinks of the might-have-been.

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"NOTICE TO FANS" Marty Krug, the Manager of the Omaha Base Ball Club of 1916, has taken over the management of the Ak-Sar-Ben Billiard Parlors at Sixteenth and Howard streets, in the Her Grand Basement.

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