## SILK HAT HARRY'S DIVORCE SUIT

## Drawn for The Bee by Tad



## Judgments

Is to be presumed that the sale of Lee Magee and Benny Kauff by Harry Sinclair means that the Oklathe New York Giants. It was previously understood that Sinclair held Kauff and Mance in reserve to strengthen the club he was able to buy. As both of those players have been sold to the and heavy hitting French boy of Comisaffair, which sinculs probably would refuse, as Sincisir is a good business man and the Cleveland franchise is a speculation, to say the least. It has been asserted that the oil man offered \$1,2 0,000 for 62 per cent interest in the Giants, but that President Hemphill demanded and additional \$200,000, which Sinclair refused to ray, and therefore dropped negotia-It would seem on the surface \$1,300,000 is a riginal qualy high figure for a little over half of the Gotham stock, and that Hemphi'l made a sad mistake in refusing the offer. Perchance Hemphill sized Sinclair up as easy—easterners have that defusion regarding westerners-and sport through hid through, and base ball Peace of mind. is sadly in need of such men. Sincialit would be a valuable asset to the senior magnates as a clars.

ceeded Jake Stant as manager saw fit ond for a force play and completed was a Stahl adherent and was therefore made Hal Chase Jealous. in disrepute with Carrigan, who selzed the first opportunity to let him out. Yerkes signed with the Pittsburgh Federals and last year with the Smoky City nine hit 386 for the season and played a great fielding same and made a record himself on the paths. In the peace shuffle Yerkes was overlooked by most of the major managers, but Tinker, who says Yerkes is a star, stepped in and bought him. The bare fact that Tinker says Yerkes is a good player is an indication that he is far from a poor one and perchance Joseph instead of committing an error merely proved himself a smarter leader than most of the present incumbents. The approaching season

The approuncement that Frank Gotch. retired wrestling champion, will travel with a circus as a feature attraction this year occasions mild astonishment among devotees of the padded mat game, Gotch refused to come out of his retirement to meet Stecher, but now he will gather in a few hundred dollars a week and meet all corners with a sideshow. Some of the to land the ball to safe ground. Finally Jim Gaffney and that he means to have understanding of wrestlers and their methods-a seemingly impossible achievement to those who stand on the outside and attempt to reason out the logic of startling maneuvers of wrestlers and wreatling managers-express the opinion that Gotch's advent to the circus game is a two-feld training and publicity stunt. It is said Gotch will get back into shape by this method and will also receive un- a great story for you to send to the Chilimited publicity which will greatly enchance the gate receipts in case the retired champ essays a come-back and meets some of the wrestlers now chasing the clusive dellar.

dition to the National league. Percy is an idol in Boston, where he has coached and led to victory seven, Harvard gridiron slevens. There is not a more popular man in Massachusetts and the entire because of their regard for the great foot ball mentor. It will mean bigger attendance in Boston and that will not only prove profitable to the Boston club, but to the visiting clubs as well. Braves have been good drawing cards in Beantown since George Stallings led the should come in here and asy he's a what crowded Aberg out of the spotlight crew to a world's championship and they champion? will be even more so now.

scout for the Browns per appointment him on. I'll challenge him. by Fielder Jones. Scrappy Bill during "It will take me less than ten minutes the Freedman regime in the National to throw this bird; that's how good I am league years ago, made a reputation as I don't care how good he is. an umpire bafter that ever Johnny Evers, Muggsy McGraw and Heine Zim must

The amateur question has finally started a rumpus in golf ranks. The dis- trouble." pute over amateurism appears to be destined for a life as long as Methus- tione of war are the result of the com- four or five ribs via the scissors process. elah's with less chance for death than bined efforts of Mister Axel Aberg, who the biblical patriarch.

coffers with large sums of American Gotham, and his press agent. Curiey lands with the upper hand.

### FOURNIER IS SOX MYSTERY

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

oma oil magnate will not purchase 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 Gotham dubs it is suparent Sinclair will key's squad of warriors. They all agree not buy in the big city. And it is doubt- that he can hit and they all agree that ful if Sinclair will continue in base ball he is a poor fielder, and the argument at all, as about the only major league starts when some one says the Sox would be better off to keep him out of the same except as a pinch hitter.

As a matter of fact, Manager Rowa matter of fact, Manager Rowtried 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-conthought he could get two loaves fastead scious and for a time last season was of a whole loaf, but missed his mark. It so nervous that his fielding became even is to be respected that the Tulsa citizen worse, in fact, so bad that finally be will not remain in base ball. He is a was taken out so that he might gain

There was one day hat the French boy had a comeback, for things went league and would do much to overcome quite the reverse. The team was playthe animosity the fan now holds toward ing in Philadelphia and Jack Fournier went to bat lour times and got nary a blow. He fanned twice and popped up a couple of weak flies and as a batter The purchase of Steve Yerkes by Joe R couple of weak flies and as a batter linker for \$6,500 was more or less of a surprise to base bull cans. There is condiscussion as to whether ton. He nabbed several wild throws to Tinker a bij was a wise one. Yerkes first base some of them necessarily with was the here of the 1812 world's series one hand. He scooped a hot grounder which was captured by the B ston Red and pegged a runner out at the plate Sox, but in 1914 Bill Carrigan, who suc. and he stabled a roller, shot to secto release him unconditionally. It was double play at first. At all times he hansaid at the time, however, that Yorkes died himself in a way that would have

Loves His Hits.

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 pill." Perhaps there never was a ball player who loved a base hit more than does

Fournier. When he is hitting in his regular stride he's as gay and happy as a school boy. But if he gets into a slump and goes a couple or 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 ir 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 falled right over second base, as pretty a line drive as one would care to see.

Rig 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 scribes in the smoking compartment. "Well, fellows," he said, "I nearly had

mind that if I didn't get a hit I would car window after the train got up speed.

When the war broke out in Europe Federals closing out there.

BASKET BALL TOSSERS OF CRETE HIGH SCHOOL-Front row, left to right: Leonard Frundell, Lester Frundell (captain), Clarence Frundell, Ben Bilhourn. Back row: Squires (coach), Oldyn Kacer, Frank Diedla, William Ellis. Not a smoker or chewer or drinker on the team.



Fournier's mates on the White Sox joxingly rebuked him for not quitting base ball and going at once to help the French lick the Germans.

"I'd like to go," declared Fournier. "It wouldn't scare me a bit to be in one of those trenches and take pot shots at the Germans whenever they dared to show their heads. I wouldn't have the least bit of fear when those shells were break- ONE BAD FEATURE TO VERDICTS COMMISSION IS MUCH NEEDED ing around me, either. If one ever hit me, I wouldn't know it anyway. There's only one thing about war I don't like. The first time they ever gave the order to charge bayonets, that's when I would

### MACK AND STALLINGS ARE STILL ENEMIES

Though the Athletics and Braves will neet in an exhibition game at Jacksonville in March, it does not mean that Connie Mack and George Stallings have made Connie says he made the date with the fourth time up he hit one on the nose nothing to do with Stallings. However, down in Jacksonville they are arranging a little peace banquet at which it is intended Mack and Stallings shall shake

### HARRISBURG TO RETURN TO NEW YORK STATE LOOP

Harrisburg, Pa., will go back to class cago papers. That blow I got the last B ball if efforts of the magnates there time up spoiled it. When I walked up to are successful. After a disastrous season the plate that time I had made up my in the International league, operating with the Newark franchise, the Harrisend it all tonight by diving through the burg club owners last week decided to apply for a place in the New York State Percy Haughton will be a powerful ad- I'm sorry I had to disappoint you on the league. The Newark franchise will return to its old home as a result of the

## man in Massachusetts and the entire Aberg Challenges Stecher for \$10,000--at Graeco-Roman Style

"Where is Dodge, Neb.? Never heard of the place. Scrappy Bill Joyce has become head "Till show this guy Stecher up. I'll take

"And I've got 10,000 perfectly good

American dollars receivable for customs, taxes and public dues, that I'll risk that I can best him. "Let him wrestle me if he's looking for

These and a few more modest declara-

coin of the realm, it is noted that Jack Mr. Abery is very much wroth at the out here at catch-as-catch-can and they'll interest taken in Stecher, who has just hold an inquest over him.

"Who is this guy Joe Stecher that he arrived in the east. Stecher has som and the tempermental Axel is peevish ever it. Thus the sudden belligerency. But, ah, what is this? Here is the key to the situation. Here is the reason for Mister Aberg's bellicose greeting to the Nebraska boy.

Mister Aberg stipulates that this \$10,000 guarantee-to-throw-him-in-a-minute ffair be Grasco-Roman style. Grasco-Roman style, he it known, prohibits the use of leg holds, et cetera.

No wonder Aberg challenges Stepher. There are a whole lot of punks in the world who would take a chance with Stecher if they knew they were in no danger of suddenly becoming deprived of Mr. Aberg is a foxy gent, he will is now doing a Gil Anderson through the get a lot of publicity out of his loophole pocketbooks of unsuspecting New York challenge of Stecher, and you've got to In the fight to promote a Willard-Moran wreating fans by virtue of headlining give him credit. But some day he'll run mill and incidentally line the champion's the perpetual tournament now on in up against Stecher or Earl Caddock or Charley Peters or some of these chaps

## DECISIONS FOR GOTHAM COMMISH NOT TO DISSOLVE

New York Ring Followers Disap- Report from Philadelphia that Govpointed Because Commission Refuses to Permit Decisions.

followers were disappointed when it be-came 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.

Yet there are places where decisions are allowed and the game gets along well enough. Nor is any of them under the rule of a state commission, armed with the necessary authority to suppress the objectionable element. Decisions never have been tried under commission rule, and there was a good deal of curicalty in the proposed experiment. In view of the fact that it would have been an easy matter to go back to the old order of things if all did not work as well as expected, the calamity howlers might have waited until they had

some reason for objection. There is only one sound objection to decisions and that is that they encourage betting. Betting and scandal go hand-inhand. If the commission had decided to possible that everything would have worked well unless those wno have been so enthusiastically predicting scandal, would have deliberately sought to manufacture some, in order to show that they were true prophets. That is where the real danger lay. There are many persons who object to decisions from purely selfish motives, and, no doubt, they would have done all they could to stir up trouble

in order to have the rule wiped out. The argument that it is unfair to ask a champion to risk his title in ten rounds is not a sound one. Bouts of that length are the rule, longer battles are the rare exceptions. Twenty-round battles have practically passed out and the ten-round imit has come to stay. That is the distance here in New York, which is the center of the boxing game. Why should this great state and many others be forced to depend on happenings in outof-the-way corners of the country? boxers obtain the greater part of their ncomes here, and it would be no ustice to force them to conform to the onditions that obtain here.

There is far too much sympathy wasted on champions. They invariably consult only their own interests, and when these they let the sport go hang. There is not one who has not made a comfortable ortune out of the game, and could not have done so well in other lines of en-

### RED SOX BUY A TWIRLER NAMED BADER FROM BUFFS

The Boaton Red Sox have purchased Pitcher Lon Bader from the Buffalo International club.

erning Body of Base Ball Will Break Up Proves False.

NEW YORK, Jan. M .- The report ema nating 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 hall 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. For this reason, if for no other, it seems that the National commission will continue to do business at the same stand.

Organized Base Ball would never of its own accord dissolve the National commission. Should it be ordered to do so by the courts that, of course, would be an entirely different matter, and whether the courts would look upon it as something which should be dissolved for any violation of the Sherman anti-trust law is something that we are not in a posttion to voice an opinion on. That there is little chance of the courts rendering any such decision is apparent. The action brought against Organized Base Ball by the vederal league is in stau quo go through with the plan, it is quite and will be withdrawn by the Federal league in the near future. A decision in this case would not then be given, and as the only action pending it seems that if the National commission were to be dissolved it would be at the instigation of Organized Base Ball itself.

> Majora Would Be Independent. In such an event the National and American leagues would operate more independently than they do at the present ime. All of the rules which form the coundation of Organized Base Ball would no longer be in operation, and there would be no final base ball court of appeals to which cases between minor and major league clubs and between clubs and players, etc., could be carried for

The strength of Organized Base Ball is garbed in the cloak of authority worn by the National commission and it is decidedly unlikely that Organized Base Ball is contemplating throwing aside any uch protecting cloak.

When the National and American leagues buried the hatchet and decided to swing together wise base ball generals. I want you just to try this treatment—that's all—just try it.

That's my only argument. dictated the forming of the National commission, composed of the presidents of clash with the best interests of the sport | the two leagues and a chairman to be elected by the two presidents. Its formation was the link which united their strength and made them so formidable. Had it not been for the National com-

task for the Federal league to have dis rupted major league base ball, for it wi the National commission which bom together the American and Nation leagues. The old adage, "United we stand, divided we fall," has a prominent Post Office. place in base ball.

### HOLD BIG BOUT IN SPRING HOME RUN BAKER LOSES OUT

Staged Until Open-Air Arena is Available.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.-It is probable that the proposed Willard-Moran match the air recently are not the distant rum-will not be held until late in the spring blings of an active volcano—they merely when the weather will permit an open are cries of angulah that escape air fight. Word comes from Willard that Run Frank Baker whenever he think of he will not be ready to enter the ring until the might-have-been.
May, and under no circumstances will he Just a few brief ; agree to battle in March as proposed.

The difficulty of obtaining a closed arena large enough for a match of such importance is another reason for delay. Talk of running the bout in some small hall and charging \$100 for every ticket is a joke on the face of it. There is too much boxing going on these days at popular prices for any such scheme to be

There are plenty of open air arenas papable of seating enough people to take in the \$45,000 that is to go to the boxers and leave enough over to pay the promoters for their trouble, and it would not be necessary to raise the prices above the average rate. Ebbets field in Brocklyn would be an excellent place to hold the big battle and it is not unlikely that this arena will be the one selected.

Moran said that the money end was satisfactory to him, but that one or two other matters had to be settled before he would sign articles. He probably will demand that a big forfeit be posted to guarantee that the bout will be held. He has many profitable matches in sight and cannot afford to be tied up for the rest of the winter season unless sure there will be no slip-up.

Moran Is Chesty.

"We don't have to fight Willard, you know," he said, using the plural pronoun in order to take in his manager. "There are plenty of matches for me that will pay well just now, I don't want a long he will have to go back at any sort of delay, for boxing only draws well in the salary the club owners decide to pay him. ter and I've got to get mine while

naw the moving pictures of the Havanna in the future, aren't going to get all they battle when I was in England. I looked are worth. And you must rem them over several times and I have a that Baker is in bad with his owners. pretty good idea of what he's got. That | Can you blame the home run king for

on the chin hard enough."

Willard-Moran Fight Will Not Be Famous Four-Sack Clouter Was Offered Eight Thousand a Year and Big Bonus by Feds.

MORAN WANTS A GUARANTEE NO CHANCE TO GET IT NOW

These meaning sounds that have filled the air recently are not the distant rum-

Just a few brief mouths ago Frankie was approached by Federal agants, who spoke to him thusly:

'Come and join us. We will give you \$10,000 as a cash bonus and we'll give you an ironciad three-year contract calling for \$5,000 a year."

"Honestly, will you?" queried Frankle.
"Just to show you that we mean businoss," spoke up James A. Gilmora, "I
hand you herewith ten \$1,000 bills and I
place before you a contract stating that we will pay you \$3,000 per year and guarantes the payment."

And Gilmore did that very thing.

Baker fondled the yellowbacks in a loving way. He hemmed and he hawed.

He started to say, "All right I'll sign," several times, but always his tongue seemed to refuse to form the words. Finally he spluttered:

"It's a swell offer, gents, but I can't take it. I'm still under contract with Connie Mack and some day I may want to get back with him: Furthermore, you can offer me a job for only three years. After that I may be out in the world."
"But," interposed Gümere, "we offer you \$34,000 for those three years. That's as much as you'd earn in organized base

ball in six years." But Baker threw down the Federal offer; he said he would like to take the matter up again next spring-meaning the spring of 1916.

And now the Feds are dead. If Baker wants to go back into Organised base ball hood of \$3,500 a year. Oh, yes, Buker "No. I never saw Willard fight, but I is worth more than that-but ball players

talk of him being invincible is all rot. the means that escape him when he recei-Any man will go down when he gets hit lects what he did-passed up an effer of the moans that escape him when he recol-\$54,000 for three years?

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