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McGRAW NAMES 3 GIANT FIXTURES

Willing to Trade Any Man
Excepting Young, Frisch
and Jackson.

"I am ready to trade nearly everybody on the Giants, with the exception of Ross Young, Frankie Frisch and Travis Jackson, if I can be shown that I could strengthen my club." This was the reply of John J. McGraw when asked what he intended to do this winter toward an effort to regain the world championship which the Yankees wrested from the National League titleholders last month.

"I have formulated no concrete plans as yet in my campaign to make the Giants a better and more consistent club," said McGraw. "I am going to give plenty of attention to the problem on my way across the Atlantic and on my way home. I will sail for Europe in company with Mrs. McGraw and Hughes Jennings and Mrs. Jennings on the 18th. I will have plenty of time and opportunity to cogitate and confer with Hughes while we are on the high seas."

"How about the reports about Hornsby?" I asked. "It is true that you sent Dick Kinsella to Sam Braden last week with a proposition looking toward a trade."

Mac did not care to say whether he had sent Kinsella to St. Louis or not. But he did declare that he still would welcome Hornsby to New York. "I am ready to talk business with Rickey and

Bradren if they are ready to let Hornsby go," replied McGraw. "However, the New York club would not give anything like what it would have given for the second baseman two or three years ago. I will not make any cash offer for Hornsby. If St. Louis wants to take players for the infielder let Rickey speak up. Several years ago I offered \$250,000 for Hornsby, with the proviso that St. Louis was to get another \$50,000 if we won the pennant. The Giants finished second that season, but with Hornsby they would have won the championship.

"Now things are different. I don't need Hornsby so much. Besides, he is thirty years old now and, what's more serious, he has developed a bad leg. Injuries of that sort hang on. Look what a bad leg did to Heinie Groh, who, by the way, is one of the greatest ball players who ever handled a grounder. Groh played through the 1922 season with a double hernia. No other man would have done that. He's going to a hospital soon and have that injury attended to."

"Yes, I would take Hornsby for players. But not at anything like the terms we once offered. He's still a wonderful player and a wonderful hitter and would be a great hit with the fans at the Polo Grounds."

"Young, Frisch and Jackson are fixtures with the Giants because Young, Frisch and Jackson won the pennant for us this year," continued Mac. "If it hadn't been for this kid Jackson being able to step right in and make up, first for the absence of Groh and then for the loss of Bancroft, the Reds would have walked in with the pennant. Next season Jackson ought to de-

velop into one of the most valuable players in the league. He's a coming star, and no mistake. Young and Frisch played hard, game baseball all the way, and nothing I could say as a tribute to them would be extravagant praise."

"I note that you have not excluded Kelly from your trading material. Would you let him go?" I asked.

"Well, who's any better than Kelly?" Mack came back. "Yes, I would trade him, but whom could I get? I like Bot-tomley of the Cardinals, but as I look along the line Kelly seems to be good enough. He had his greatest season in the field. He fell down in batting, but that was due to his Japanese trip with Irish Meusel and Casey Stengel. They went stale and they were not right physically all season on account of the effects of the trip to the Orient. They will not go again. There is something in the vegetables in Japan which hurts a westerner."

Looks to O'Connell.

"I am counting on the Japanese travelers to get their punch back in 1924. Incidentally, I am counting a lot on Jimmy O'Connell. He did not show much this year because he never was fit physically. It takes a year for a ball player to get over the effects of typhoid fever, which knocked O'Connell over last winter. Then, when we came home, he suffered an attack of influenza. O'Connell is going to make a great ball player in spite of the poor showing he made this year."

"Of course, you saw in the world series that you needed more and better pitching. You saw it during the season too. What are you going to do about it?" I queried.

"What can I do about it?" McGraw replied with a smile. "I do need pitchers, but where are you going to get them? No, I am not going to buy Lefty

Groves of the Orioles. I have abandoned that deal. After looking the southpaw over in the little world series, I came to the conclusion that he was not a great pitcher—and that Jack Dunn wanted heaps and heaps too much money for Groves. Groves knows nothing about pitching. He has a fast ball and uses nothing else. That would not do in the National League."

"Why, you would be surprised to know how little pitchers know when they come up. I had to take Bentley in hand and teach him from the ground up. In five years in Baltimore nobody ever told him how to pitch to any particular batter. He too came here with a fast one and worked it to death. Next season Bentley is going to be a much improved hurler."

McGraw's word that he has passed up Groves is particularly interesting in view of the fact that Ed Barrow told me the other day that the Yankees had abandoned the deal for Joe Boley, the great shortstop of the Orioles. Dunn has held his stars too long. Report had it that McGraw had bought Groves for \$80,000 and that the Yankees had paid more than \$100,000 for Boley.

After dismissing the Groves affair McGraw said: "I am counting a lot on a young man by the name of Mahin, whom I have bought from Wichita for \$17,000. I hear that he is ready. I think that Watson will be a better pitcher next season, after he has had his tonsils cut out. They are infected and have impaired his physical condition. If there are any pitches of class to be got we will go get them."

Mac does not know just yet where the Giants will train. It looks as if they might go to Florida. He has abandoned San Antonio definitely. "We want to get into new territory, play new cities this spring," he said. "The Giants trained in Florida at Gainesville in 1919, the year they abandoned Marlin, Tex."

In conclusion McGraw said: "Don't believe stories that I am ready to retire as manager. My hat is still very much in the ring. I want at least one more world championship."

ST. JOHN BOY SUCCEEDS.

Many friends in St. John will be pleased to learn of the success which has been achieved by Kennedy Mac-nell, son of Mrs. L. G. Macnell, of this city. Mr. Macnell has been for four years in the employ of the Hood Rubber Company in Watertown, Mass., and he has recently been promoted to a responsible position in the Philadelphia branch. Before his departure from Watertown his associates in the office staff of that branch presented him a handsome club bag.

DIES AT 103.

Dover, N. J., Nov. 7.—Michael Kieran, 103 years old, died on Sunday in his home on Prospect street. He was born in Ireland in 1820 and came to this country seventy years ago. He lived most of his last 70 years in Dover, where, until his retirement 20 years ago, he was employed by the Lackawanna Railroad, which pensioned him for life. He is survived by several married children.

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WELL CHIEF I'M BACK

BACK? WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'BACK'—I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D BE BACK

MUTT AND JEFF—YES, BOYS, IT LOOKS LIKE A COLD, COLD WINTER

By "BUD" FISHER



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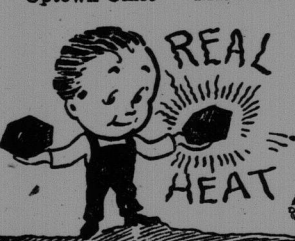
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