

Live Sporting News and Notes

HE DENIES GIANTS ARE ON THE MARKET

New York, Jan. 12.—Emphatic denial was made yesterday afternoon that there was any possibility of the Giants being sold—that is, at the present time. Harry N. Hempstead said that all the stuff that had been printed about the disposal of the National League baseball club in this city was pure fiction. As far as Harry F. Sinclair was concerned, he added to this by saying that he was not in the market for the team, and James Gaffney uttered the same opinion. Mr. Sinclair, however, intimated that he would not be adverse to taking over the Giants if the price were one that would suit him, and Mr. Gaffney said that he could be persuaded to take an interest in the Giants if Mr. Sinclair should be willing to come into partnership with him.

Mr. Gaffney said that he had made no offer nor had any offer been made to him, while Mr. Sinclair added that he had done nothing further in the negotiations toward the purchase than what he had already attempted. Mr. Sinclair intimated that the price asked was out of the question, and, in spite of the fact that he had been called the "angel" of the Federal League, and perhaps was, he very likely learned a lesson and is not going into the "angel" business again.

The statement given out at the National League headquarters yesterday was the following:

"From many different quarters comes the statement that the control of the New York Giants is about to pass from present owners to several different interests. I would like to state that neither Mr. Gaffney nor any of his representatives has ever approached me regarding the purchase of the New York club."

"It has been a number of weeks since Mr. Sinclair has taken this subject up with me, therefore the public may be assured that so far as I know no sale of the Giants is pending."

"The citizens of New York city have more than appreciated my efforts. I have no thought of being tired of baseball, as has been suggested. Furthermore, there are no differences between Mr. McGraw and myself."

H. N. HEMPSTEAD, President New York Baseball Club.

In a way this statement does not say that the Giants are not for sale, it merely says that no one has asked to purchase the club at the present time. There is nothing in it to assert that the club would not be sold if the right price could be agreed upon by the interested parties.

NOTES OF THE DIAMOND.

The management of the Philadelphia Nationals announces that Mattison, pitcher, has been sold outright to the Syracuse New York State League team.

The Louisville American Association Baseball Club's proposed training trip to Florida has been called off. With the return of the Louisville's group leader from Sanford, Fla., with the report that the grounds there were inadequate, it was decided to train in Tennessee, probably near Nashville.

"Heine" Wagner, shortstop, has been given his unconditional release by the Boston American League team. Wagner had been with the Red Sox since 1906, but in recent years had been used only as a substitute.

By a vote of 62 to 36 the faculty of the University of Wisconsin decided that baseball should be retained. The proposal to do away with this sport was made by a conference of the Wisconsin faculty recently.

Harry Smith, formerly manager of the Newark (N. J.) club of the International League, has been chosen manager of the Wheeling team of the Central League.

WIRED GOTCH AN OFFER.

"Jack" Outley and Harry Pollok yesterday wired Frank Gotch an offer of \$15,000 to wrestle "Joe" Stecher. They have already signed articles.

WILLARD AND MORAN SIGN UP FOR MARCH 3RD

New York, Jan. 12.—Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, and Frank Moran have been matched to meet here March 3rd for a purse of \$45,000.

Announcement of this was made today by Tex Richard, who promoted the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Reno, and who, with Samuel McCracken, are promoting the Willard-Moran fight.

The preliminary agreement for the bout has been signed and Jack Curley, one of Willard's managers, is in Chicago today with the final articles of agreement, which Willard is expected to sign.

Moran is here and is understood to have signed all necessary papers.

The bout will be for ten rounds, as the New York State laws prohibit a match of greater duration. No decision has been made as to the place where the fight will be held, although Richard said that if proper arrangements can be made it will probably be staged in Madison Square Garden.

PLEASED AT THE SALE.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—President Tener of the National baseball league says he was greatly pleased that Percy Haughton had become associated with the league through the purchase of the Boston club.

"He has had so much experience in athletics both as a player and coach, and has had such a remarkable record that he ought to be a good leader in baseball," said Mr. Tener. "So long as the Boston club was on the market, I am highly pleased it has passed into the hands of Mr. Haughton and his associates."

"While I regret the passing of Mr. Gaffney, I must say the addition of Mr. Haughton will further strengthen the organization."

SALE SURPRISES EVERS.

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Johnny Evers, captain of the Boston Braves, expressed surprise when informed at his home here that the team had changed hands. He said that he least expected such news.

"I am sorry," said Captain Evers, "that Mr. Gaffney has severed his connection with the club, as he was one of my most loyal friends. Percy Haughton, however, is a thorough sportsman and I have no doubt that he will strive to give patrons of the game just as high a class of sport as did Mr. Gaffney."

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

Last night on Black's alleys in the City League the Sweeps took three points from the Elks. The scores follow:

Sweeps	Elks
Fosha 92 89 84 265 88 1-3	Gambin 96 94 92 282 94
Jenkins 87 88 88 263 87 2-3	Ferguson 84 96 88 278 92 2-3
Sullivan 119 97 83 299 99 2-3	
478 464 443 1387	
Elks	
Cooper 87 87 90 274 91 1-3	Bullie 89 92 106 287 96 2-3
Corbett 115 87 96 298 99 1-3	Nase 77 101 78 256 85 1-3
Stanton 86 94 81 261 87	
464 461 451 1376	

The Nationals and Wanderers play tonight.

TORONTO'S FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON


Toronto, Jan. 12.—After six attempis, the Toronto N. H. A. team broke into the win column, when they defeated Ottawa tonight, 1 to 0. It was the first appearance locally of the Ottawa team, last year's champions.

MYSTERIOUS BILLY SMITH.

"Mysterious Billy" Smith, who was one of the greatest welterweights in the history of the game, arrived in Boston Tuesday looking well and hearty. A week ago he tried to make a comeback in Portland, Or., and went the six rounds, the limit of the bout. Smith says that he discovered Tow Corbett, now under the wing of Jim Corbett.

Smith says he is through with the game, as his legs are not as strong as of yore. He weighs 200 pounds. He plans to go to Alaska, where his brother is superintendent of a large mine. Smith came East to make a visit to relatives in Lynn, Tuesday night he was at the Armory A. A. and met a number of old friends.

[Smith is a native of St. John.]



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Fredericton.

A. S. White, Sussex; R. B. Stewart, New Glasgow, N. B.; Joshua Peira, Moncton, N. B.; A. P. Smith, Boston, Mass.; F. B. Cummings, Cambridge, Mass.; J. F. Dickinson, Woodstock, N. B.; R. M. Desmond, Dawson City; J. H. Barry, Fredericton, N. B.; O. H. McNeil, St. George; F. W. Durnall, Sussex, N. B.; Miss Winifred R. McDonald, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; A. R. Wetmore, Fredericton, N. B.; Mrs. J. C. Melvin and daughter, Compoer, Alaska; R. Carter, Halifax, N. B.; Hugh R. Lawrence, St. George; S. V. Skillea, St. Martin; C. W. Redmond, Moncton, N. B.; John Walker, Glasgow, Scotland; Mrs. W. Titus, Sussex, N. B.; Joseph Bell, Grand Falls; H. H. Morehouse, Moncton, N. B.; Miss Margorie Morehouse, Moncton, N. B.


St. John.

Miss Rita Brantley, New York; Miss Dism, Grand Falls; Sarah Jones, Norway; S. A. Schindler, Boston; James O'Brien, Montreal; Robert Johnson, Sussex, N. B.; M. A. McLean, Toronto; W. F. Lynott, St. George; A. M. Oulton, Moncton, N. B.; Austin Taylor, Montreal.

STAY OF EXECUTION FOR

MATHEW A. SCHMIDT.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 12.—Mathew A. Schmidt, convicted of murder two weeks ago in connection with the dynamiting of the Times building five years ago, was sentenced today to life imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary. A stay of execution was granted Schmidt until January 24th to give his attorneys time to present an appeal.



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LATEST

CLOSING LETTER OF N. Y. MARKET BY E. & C. RANDOLPH

(McDUGALL & COWAN.)

New York, Jan. 12.—The covering of shorts caused a sharp rally in the market a little after midday but there after the movement of prices was irregular and slightly reactionary. The advance brought a renewal of selling but not on a large scale and speculators who had sold out their holdings in the early stage of the decline began to take on their lines again. This kind of buying cannot help the market to any extent and it may put stocks back into as weak a technical position as they had been in before the decline.

A rally in C. R. U. was partly due to the report that the company had obtained an order for \$3,500,000 worth of shells, and that another, amounting to \$7,000,000 is under negotiation. More is being heard of this subject of war business than at any time for several weeks past, but it will not prove the strong factor in advancing the market that it was last fall, when exaggerated reports on the subject brought in a rush of buying orders. There have been no new developments in the Copper trade, but there is said to be foreign inquiry for a large amount of the metal.

Sales, 710,237. Bonds, \$7,150,000.

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January Phases of the Moon.					
New Moon	3th	0h	45m	a.m.	
First Quarter	11th	11h	38m	a.m.	
Full Moon	20th	4h	23m	a.m.	
Last Quarter	27th	8h	35m	p.m.	
13th	8.07	4.59	6.09	18.41	0.03 12.32
14th	8.07	5.00	7.08	19.39	1.02 13.34
15th	8.06	5.01	8.05	20.35	2.02 14.32
16th	8.05	5.03	8.56	21.28	3.00 15.25
17th	8.04	5.05	9.45	22.16	3.52 16.12
18th	8.03	5.06	10.28	22.57	4.36 16.55

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1916.
Str. Oceana, 3153, Milne, Baltimore.
Str. Chaudiere, 2504, Willard, Demerara, West Indies and Bermuda, Wm. Thomson & Co, mails, pass and general cargo.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boston, Jan 10.—Cld: Schs Quetay, Belliveau Cove, N. S.; Cora May, St. John, N. B.; Col. G. E. Baker, from St. George, N. B., for Norwalk.

Portland, Me, Jan 10.—Arr: Str. Coruma, Sydney, C. B.; Schs William D. Marvel, St. George, N. B., for Norwalk, Conn.; Cora M. Boston for St. John, N. B.; Flora Gordon, Rockland.

Boothbay Harbor, Jan 10.—Arr: Sch. James L. Maloy, Stockton for Boston.

New York, Jan 10.—Sld: Schs Leora M. Thurlow, Eastport; H. H. Chamberlain, Lubec.

Vineyard Haven, Jan 10.—Sld: Schs J. Holmes Birdall, eastern port; Mincola, Yarmouth, N. S.

MARINE NOTES.

VESSELS PURCHASED.

Halifax Recorder: The American barque Normandy, which arrived here a few weeks ago from England, has been purchased by G. A. Moulton and associates of Halifax. Reported price \$5,000. The Normandy is now preparing to load cargo of motor cars at Halifax for Australia. Moulton-Bisset, Ltd., are her agents.

The steamers Lady of Gaspere and Harry E. Packer have also been purchased by G. A. Moulton, H. McC. Hart and other Halifax parties, for it is stated \$55,000 and \$60,000 respectively. Both of these ships will load cargo here for European ports.

THE FLORA CONDON READY.

The three-masted schooner Flora Condon, which was badly damaged, three months ago by being run into by the steamer Governor Cobb in Portland, Me. harbor, has completed repairs at Rockland and is now at Portland where she will re-load her cargo of lumber for New York. The accident was a particularly expensive one, for the owners of the schooner, as in addition to the cost of repairs, which they had to stand, additional expenses including wharfage, etc., footed up quite an amount.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that the light on South West Ledge, Brier Island, automatic gas and whistling buoy has been reported not burning. Will be relighted as soon as possible.

L. C. CHESLEY,
Agent Marine and Fisheries Dept.
St. John, N. B., Jan. 12, 1916.