

# Live News And Notes Of Interest To Sportsmen

## THE PRINCIPAL SIGNERS OF TREATY THAT ENDED BASEBALL'S GREAT WAR



The game has triumphed. Baseball as a sport has defeated baseball as a business. The dollar sign has been banished from the diamond by the simple in chief, Mr. "Fan." And if the club owners of the partially reconstructed American and National leagues read carefully the handwriting on the wall in future they will keep the box office far removed from the field. To quote from Rudyard Kipling, "Never the twain shall meet," for baseball as a sport is popular, but baseball as a business is not. This has been proved to the satisfaction of more than one testering bank. For two years an effort was made to supplant the sport with the business. The result was disastrous to all concerned. Those financially interested lost money. The "fans" had ideas slanted. Here worship, one of the things upon which the popularity of baseball was built, was tossed rudely overboard, and the sport side of baseball was overshadowed and almost lost by the greedy quest for the dollar manifested by players and club owners alike. But all that is now but a nightmare of the dim colored past. Years have been declared and signed by "Sam" Johnson, president of the American League; John K. Tener, president of the National League; "Garry" Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission; James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League; Charles Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Federal League Club; Harry F. Sinclair, chairman of the Newark Federal League Club; Edward G. Barrow, president of the International League; John H. Farrell, president of the National Association of Minor Leagues; and Thomas Chivington, president of the American Association.

## MANY BASEBALL MEN HAVE PASSED AWAY DURING 1915

Many prominent figures in the baseball world have been removed by death during the year now drawing to a close. League presidents, club owners, managers, umpires and players both active and retired, are included in the list of victims of the Grim Reaper.

The death of Albert G. Spalding, which occurred in September at his home in California, came as a shock to the baseball-loving public to whom he was intimately and, as a sportsman, lovingly known. In a way, "Al" Spalding was the "Father of Baseball," as it is played professionally. In his youth he was known as the greatest baseball pitcher of his day. Later, as manager and magnate, he exercised his genius and executive ability in averting the disasters of all sorts that threatened organized baseball in its earlier tribulations.

Andrew Freedman, former owner of the New York National League club, died at his home in that city a few weeks ago. Mr. Freedman was owner of the Giants before the late John T. Brush came into control of the club and for several years his name was a familiar one in baseball circles.

Robert B. Ward, who died at New Rochelle on Oct. 18, was a leading figure in the Federal league and president of the Brooklyn club at the time of his death.



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## Bringing Up Father



## HARRY SINCLAIR LOCAL TO BUY GIANTS IS THE REPORT

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—It is reported from an authentic source that the New York Giants will be sold to Harry S. Sinclair, the millionaire oil man, for the highest price ever paid for a big league club before the year is out. Harry N. Hempstead, the principal stockholder of the New York club, was seen in conference with Mr. Sinclair before the peace delegates went into session and it was said that the purchase price had practically been agreed upon. If the deal goes through Manager McGraw will be retained as the Giants' leader next season. For some time now, Sinclair has been quietly negotiating for the purchase of the New York Nationals. About a month ago he met Mr. Hempstead in New York and made a proposition to the president of the Giants to take the team off his shoulders for the small sum of \$1,000,000. Mr. Hempstead at that time declined to accept the offer, stating to Mr. Sinclair that before any business of this nature could be transacted the other stockholders in the club would have to be consulted. President Hempstead laid the matter before the other stockholders of the club and, it is understood, all were willing to sell out to the oil man. But the price was raised from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. Sinclair declined to buy the Giants at this figure, but offered \$1,250,000 for the club and players. This held up the deal temporarily because Sinclair refused to raise his ante, while the New York club insisted upon the \$1,500,000. However, as mentioned above, the figures were graciously agreed upon at a recent conference.

## BOWLING YESTERDAY

Last night on Black's alleys in the City League the Sweepers captured four points from the C. P. R. team. The following are the individual scores:

Sweepers.	
Mellveen	83 96 112 291 97
Gambin	115 87 105 307 102 1-3
McDonald	88 84 89 259 86 1-3
Harrison	88 106 115 309 103
Sullivan	88 108 77 273 91
467 483 509 1459	
C. P. R.	
Stevens	103 90 102 235 98 1-3
McGovern	79 72 87 238 79 1-3
Elliott	75 87 84 256 85 1-3
McIntyre	112 98 120 330 110
455 441 482 1378	

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