

STAGE MONEY
IN PLAYER DEALS

Col. Huston Says Many Reported Prices Greatly Exaggerated.

New York, Dec. 25.—If one were to believe implicitly what the club owners of both major leagues say, it is estimated that they have expended more than \$1,000,000 since 1920 for minor league stars.

Of this great sum the bulk went to the Pacific Coast, the American Association and the International League.

The following is a list of players purchased from the minor leagues and the prices paid for them:

Pacific Coast League.

Kamm, San Francisco, by White Sox, \$100,000.

O'Connell, San Francisco, by Giants, \$75,000.

Hale, of Portland, by Athletics, \$75,000.

May of the Vernon Club, by Yankees, \$50,000.

Statz and Aldridge, by the Los Angeles Club to Cubs, \$40,000.

Pilletto and Johnson of Portland to Detroit, \$30,000.

Sheely, E. Johnson and Mulligan, Salt Lake, to White Sox, \$30,000.

Coveney of San Francisco and Pinnell, Oakland, by Reds, \$20,000.

Blue, Portland, to Detroit, \$15,000.

Bohne, Seattle, by Reds, \$10,000.

Maisel, Portland, by Cubs, \$10,000.

Lapan of Los Angeles, by Washington, \$10,000.

Bassler of Los Angeles, by Detroit, \$10,000.

Cunningham of Seattle, by Giants, \$10,000.

Couch of San Francisco, by Reds, \$10,000.

O'Doul of San Francisco, by Yankees, \$10,000.

American Association.

Danforth of Columbus, by the Browns, \$20,000.

Hargrave of St. Paul, by the Reds, \$10,000.

Shinnery of Indianapolis, by Giants, \$10,000.

E. Miller of St. Paul, by the Yankees, \$10,000.

Mostil of Milwaukee, by the White Sox, \$10,000.

Hauser with Milwaukee, by Athletics, \$10,000.

International League.

Bentley of Baltimore, by the Giants, \$10,000.

Pothergill of Rochester, by Detroit, \$10,000.

Mueller, Syracuse, by Cardinals, \$10,000.

Writts of Rochester, by the Cubs, \$10,000.

Although there is close to one million dollars represented here that the owners say they paid the A. A. leagues, yet less than half of this amount was actually paid. For instance, if the highest price was paid as \$50,000 the minor league club probably received \$20,000 and say three players estimated to be worth \$10,000 each.

Col. T. L. Huston, who recently sold his half interest of the Yankees to Jacob Ruppert, in speaking of the purchasing of the high priced, tried minor league stars, said: "It is greatly overdone and exaggerated. The Yankees never purchased any untried stars at fabulous prices. We bought Ruth, Mays, Bush, Hoyt, Sam James and Scott, but we knew what we were buying."

"We have had many opportunities to get minor league stars at high prices," went on the distinguished retired soldier magnate, "but I never used them. There was one time we offered Jimmy O'Connell, now with the Giants, for \$55,000, but he refused. Paying big money for minor league stars is hazardous," continued the colonel. "Most of these high prices I think you will find are false."

It is rumored by many close to the inside workings of baseball clubs that Charles Comiskey paid \$140,000 in cash and the rest in players for William Kamm. Hale, it is said, cost Mack \$25,000 cash and players, while Bentley brought \$25,000 and O'Connell \$50,000, plus players.

McCLARYS STILL LEAD

Fraternal Carpentel League Provides Fans With Good Games.

McClarys are still leading the City Fraternal Carpentel League with Pine Grove, No. 2, a close second. The following are the results of the games played on Wednesday, Dec. 20:

St. George's Society, No. 1, 60, Court Middlesex 61.

Court Welcome 37, Court Defiance 46.

McClary's Foundry 39, St. Andrew 51.

Letter-Carriers 52, Pine Grove 51.

Pigeon Club 50, C. 49.

Court Scipio 100, London Box 101.

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McClary's Foundry . . . 7 1 659 375

St. George's . . . 7 2 622 777

Forest City . . . 7 3 617 756

Court Middlesex, C.O.F. . . 6 3 621 666

Pigeon Club . . . 6 3 607 666

St. George's Society . . . 6 3 621 666

C. G. P. C. . . . 4 2 388 564

St. George's Society . . . 4 3 528 563

Court Defiance . . . 4 3 510 563

St. Andrew's Society . . . 4 3 410 509

St. David's Men's Club . . . 2 5 401 489

G. W. V. A. . . . 2 5 401 489

Court Scipio, C.O.F. . . . 2 5 401 489

Forest Orient . . . 2 5 401 489

London Box Welfare . . . 2 5 401 489

Letter-Carriers . . . 2 5 401 489

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FALCONS ASSUME LEAD BY BEATING SELKIRK

Winnipeg, Dec. 25.—Falcons assumed the leadership of the Manitoba Hockey League by handling the Selkirk aggregation a 2 to 0 trimming here this afternoon. As the score would indicate, a battle royal took place in which tight defense play ruled over effective combination and goal getting.

FREEDMAN WINS EASILY OVER BOBBY BARRETT

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—Sailor Freedman of Chicago won decisively over Bobby Barrett of the Clifton Heights, Penn., in the principal eight-round bout at a Christmas Day card here. Freedman weighed 135 and Barrett 139½ pounds.

PT. ARTHUR SIX WINS IN PENER WITH FT. WILLIAM

Port Arthur, Dec. 25.—The Port Arthur hockey team today took the ending game of the Manitoba League with Port William by a score of 6 to 2.

REGINA CAPITOLS WIN.

Regina, Dec. 25.—The Regina Capitals, league champions, broke the tie for second place in the Western Canada League tonight by defeating the Calgary Tigers by 6 to 1 in a league fixture. They are now only three points behind the leading Edmonton Eskimos for the leadership.



\$9600 LIMOUSINE COVERS IT IN 5 1/2 HOURS

WEEK ENDS WHERE LIGHTS BURN BRIGHTLY

HOME AGAIN HE CHOPS WOOD

AND PLAYS WITH THE BABY

AND BOWLS TO REDUCE WAIST LINE

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SENIOR O.H.A. RACE
OPENS WEDNESDAY

Argonauts Will Play University of Toronto in Opening Game.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—The O. H. A. season will commence Wednesday night, when the strengthened Argonaut team takes on the University of Toronto aggregation in a game that should pack the arena to its capacity.

Despite the fact that they were beaten by the University of Toronto in the opening game of the O. H. A., Argonauts will start the long grind as favorites to retain the championship. On form alone they should win the title.

At the present time Kitchener looms up as a dangerous opponent for Argonauts or any other aggregation, but the Green and White veterans have a habit of showing to advantage in the early games and then fading away to nothing when the real test arrives.

Some of the Kitchener players are getting past the age where they are effective and can stand the pace, but the management hopes to be able to secure some of the younger players. Kitchener to help the veterans over the rocky spots.

REPORT NAPS HOT

Baseball produces many peculiar antics.

In 1920 Jim Bagby was the ace of the pitching staff of the Cleveland team.

In its fight for the pennant, Bagby was the big noise winning 31 games—a most remarkable feat.

McKinnon won the pennant in the National League, southpaw Sherrod Smith did his share to make possible the victory of the Dodgers.

In the world series staged between the two teams, next to Coveleskie, Smith was the best pitcher.

At his first start Smith beat Cleveland, 2 to 1, allowing only three hits.

Jim Bagby won him a two-run margin in the opening inning, which proved enough to win.

Two years have passed and how the mighty have fallen.

Near the close of the 1922 season Bagby was asked to pitch for the Cleveland team.

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LITTLE CHILDREN
PERISH IN FLAMES

Two Little Tots in Battle Creek Suffocated As Home Burns.

PARENTS REACH SAFETY

Flames Break Out Soon After Christmas Arrangements Are Made.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 26.—Death instead of Santa Claus crept into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ward at 3 a.m. today.

The flames broke out at 3 a.m., an hour after the parents had seen to it that everything was ready for the visit of Santa Claus.

The children, William and Barbara, were sound asleep in their little room on the second floor.

The parents slept on the first floor. Awakened by the flames, they rushed to the second floor and found the children in their beds.

The children were not in their beds, and believing they had escaped, Watts again rushed through the dense smoke and downstairs to safety.

Later, firemen found the children dead from suffocation in the bathroom, where they had run in fright and shut the door.

The fire started in the basement from an undetermined origin.

BLAZE DAMAGES BRANTFORD SHOP

Causes Loss of \$1,000 To McDonald Company's Storeroom.

FIGHT SAVES BUILDING

Several Other Shops Suffer As Water Seeps Through Wall.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 26.—Fire broke out in the electrical store-room of the McDonald Electric Company at noon today, resulting in damage of about \$1,000.

Through the quick response of the local fire department the building, a three-story structure, was saved when the fire was confined to the second floor.

The lower floor, which is occupied by the Bradley Machine Company, suffered from water, but the damage is not known.

The shop of J. P. Ryan, printer, suffered slightly from water, the water seeping through the walls into the paper. The loss if covered by insurance.

The building is owned by J. T. Wallace.

Some three years ago the building was nearly gutted by a mysterious fire which started while the staff of the Ryan Printing Company was away to lunch. The plant, a number of presses and all the stock was lost.

VIOLENT GALES SWEEP ATLANTIC

Celtic Arrives At Queenstown Badly Damaged After Rough Passage.

Queenstown, Dec. 26.—Reports accumulate of the violence of the gale which has prevailed in the Atlantic.

The Celtic, which arrived Saturday, reports that she was obliged to heave to for six hours on Friday. She lost lifeboats and suffered considerable damage to her decks.

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