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FEDERALS TO MAKE TEST ON KILLIFER

Will Go to Courts to Force Him to Keep Federal Contract.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Catcher William Killifer will not even start the season with the Philadelphia Nationals, prophesied E. E. Gates, commander of the Federal League's legal forces. "We can prevent him from playing ball anywhere but with the Chicago Federals."

Mr. Gates arrived from Indianapolis equipped with a number of court decisions involving ball players' contracts and the reserve clause. These findings, he said, made plain the Federals' right to sign players and at the same time gave them prior right to a player's service in a case like that of Killifer.

Ward Miller, outfielder of the Chicago Nationals, signed with Manager "Minner" Brown, of the St. Louis Federals. Brown also discussed terms, it was said, with "Hank" Simon, Pittsburgh, catcher.

Arthur Irwin, representing Frank Farrell of the New York Americans, arrived and was supposed to have offered a contract to Ed. Sweeney, the Yankee catcher, good enough to outdo the bid recently made him by the Federals. Rollie Zeider, also a Yankee, came up from his Indiana home for a conference with Irwin, but said he had not signed. Whether he was considering a Federal contract he would not say, though he visited the Federal office.

It was said last night that neither Ed. Sweeney nor Zeider had signed contracts, though negotiations are not off.

Organized baseball scored a point in the war for players by announcing that Pitcher Lelievre had signed with the Cleveland Americans. This announcement was officially confirmed.

The growing strength of the Federal League was discussed at the meeting of the American Association, but no formal action was taken to combat the encroachments of the new league. If any discussion of George Tebeau's player pool proposition came up no announcement was made of it.

President Chivington said no

change in the make-up of the league was expected, in spite of reports that the Toledo franchise would be transferred to Cincinnati as a war measure against the Federal League.

It was learned late last night that the Federal League leaders will meet in Columbus next Monday to confer with the Cincinnati people, who want a franchise.

Hendrix is Flirting.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 23.—Claude Hendrix, a pitcher for the Pittsburgh Nationals, returned here last night from Chicago, where he discussed terms with Manager Tinker. He said he would sign a Federal League contract as soon as it arrived.

"I haven't signed yet," said Hendrix, "but we agreed on terms. I have been promised a big increase over my National League contract."

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Hockey Gossip

In a Metropolitan League game played last night at Richmond Hill, the home team lost to Newmarket by 12 to 0.

Heffernan will not be ready to play in Tuesday night's game against the Argonauts, and the T. R. and A. A. Jack Brown was injured in the Bank league game on Thursday night, but in all probability will be in his place on Tuesday. The champions play an exhibition game in Kingston to-night against the Queen's University team.

The Ontario and the Ontario are carded for the Arena to-night. Joe Hall will accompany the team and play against the locals. Much interest is being manifested in the game, for the leadership of the N. H. A. at Ottawa. With a game being played before them and the results of the Ottawa battle being flashed on the electric scoreboard, the fans in Toronto are in for a big night.

BERLIN TROUNCES GUELPH O.A.C., 13-1

Soloman Plays Star Game, Scoring Six Goals in the Final Period.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—In a slow listless fixture in the intermediate series Berlin last night defeated the Guelph O. A. C., 13 to 1. The first half was very slow, but the second half Berlin worked a little harder. Soloman scored six goals in this period. Fraser received a nasty three-inch gash over the left eye half a minute before half time. Again he was injured in the second half and was off for a short time.

BELLEVILLE 3; PETERBORO 2.

BELLEVILLE, Jan. 24.—Peterboro intermediates were defeated last night by Belleville in a most sensational game of the season by the score of 3 to 2, in overtime.

BRANTFORD 7; ST. THOMAS 2.

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 24.—Brantford intermediates defeated the locals in a scheduled game last night by the score of 7 to 2. The score at half time was 5 to 2. The ice was soft and the game lacked interest.

ST. MARYS 3; GODERICH 5.

ST. MARYS, Jan. 24.—St. Marys put a crimp in the Goderich inter-league aspirations towards the group honors when they defeated the visitors by the score of 5 to 3. The score at half time was St. Marys 3; Goderich 2. Only five penalties were handed out by Referee Kinder, of Preston.

INGERSOLL 7; INGERSOLL 5.

INGERSOLL, Jan. 24.—Pars won last night's intermediate O. H. A. game by a score of 7 to 5. They took the lead early in the first half and were never headed. Dillon, Ingersoll's defense player, was out of the game with an injured shoulder, and Petrie replaced Ruppel on left wing. The ice in temperature softened the ice and part of the game was played in an inch of slush. The halftime score was 3 to 1. At one stage the score was 6 to 3, but a last minute spurt netted the locals two goals.

HOCKEY BRIEFLY.

Last Night's Results.

O. H. A. Senior.

St. Michael's 9; Toronto University 0.

O. H. A. Intermediate.

London 10; Woodstock 4.

Berlin 13; Guelph O. A. C. 1.

Dunville 6; Port Colborne 6.

Welland 5; Niagara Falls H. C. 0.

Cobourg 9; Bowmanville 5.

Paris 7; Ingersoll 5.

Brantford 7; St. Thomas 2.

Belleville 3; Peterboro 2.

O. H. A. Junior.

Woodstock 14; Paris 3.

Kingston 6; Peterboro 2.

Guelph Vics 9; Waterloo 1.

Coldwater 7; Waubesa 4.

Kingston 7; Picton 6.

Upper Canada 2; St. Andrews 1.

Northern League.

Hanover 7; Walkerton 4.

Listowel 9; Milverton 4.

Cheesley 3; Wiarton 2.

Wingham 6; Harriston 2.

Elmira 15; Linwood 2.

Mount Forest 6; Palmerston 4.

Ch. League.

Askin Street juniors 4; Wellington Street 1.

Dundas Street seniors 9; Talbot St. 2.

St. James' juniors 11; Adelaide St. 1.

To-night's Schedule—N. H. A.

Quebec at Ottawa.

Torontos at Ottawa.

Canadians at Wanderers.

O. H. A.

Toronto C. C. at Simcoes.

Brampton at Toronto University.

Interprovincial.

St. Patricks at Laurende.

Sherbrooke at Grand Mere.

The New York Yankees have signed Charles Rose, a pitcher from the Texas League. Pilot Chance noted the effective work of Rose during the 1913 season and induced him to join the Yankees last fall. He will report in the spring.

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BASEBALL NOTES

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Catcher McCabe who will be given a trial with the St. Louis Cardinals next spring, hails from a little jerry water town, in Missouri. McCabe started his base ball career with a troupe of barnstormers and so deep was the impression made that the big league scouts grabbed him. He is said to be reliable, thrifty and an intelligent player.

The Cleveland Naps have signed Pitcher Matt Hynes, who was drafted by the Portland Pacific Coast Club from the Canadian League. Hynes pitched a no-hit game against Vancouver last season.

Harry Wolter, center fielder for the New York Yankees, has been released to Indianapolis of the American Association. Wolter goes in part payment for Lester Channell, the slugging outfielder from the Denver Western League Club.

The Sacramento Club of the Pacific Coast League has traded Outfielder Jimmy Lewis for Catcher Hannah from the North-western League. Manager Wolterton also has purchased Pitcher Mike Cann from Kansas City of the American Association.

Guy Cooper has been secured by the New York Yankees via the draft from the Petersburg Virginia League Club. Cooper is said to be a reliable pitcher, hurling in 24 games last season, winning 16 and losing five contests. He hit for 360 in 37 conflicts.

Manager Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators, has sent Pitcher "Slim" Love to the Los Angeles Club of the Pacific Coast League. Slim stands 6 feet, 7 inches and Griff contended that the high altitude out West would benefit his curves better than the smoky streets of a busy metropolis.

Outfielder Hauger of the Waterbury Club has been sold to the Evansville Central League Club. Manager Lee Folt of Waterbury accuses the player of indifference and on several occasions during the 1913 season, Hauger was temporarily suspended.

Absentee Landlordism in Mexico

Although Mexico is a land of immense natural wealth, Mexicans are very poor, because, says James Middleton, "while the educated Mexicans have been busy making political speeches in high hats and frock coats foreign capitalists, American and European, have quietly taken possession of their country." Thus we have fifteen million people living in comparative poverty in what Humboldt called "the storehouse of the world," because their country in reality belongs to outsiders. Describing in The World's Work for January the details of what he calls "probably the most remarkable case of absentee landlordism in history," Mr. Middleton writes:

"The Mexicans can play at war and revolution in their own country and do little harm to anything they actually own themselves. They can tear up railroads, burn bridges, flood the mines, destroy factories and mercantile establishments and yet harm no one. Outside of the baronial families for the most part undeveloped—and a small minority of the mercantile and educated classes, the average citizen is an Indian, either of pure blood or a half-breed, whose capital consists of a pair of cotton trousers, a cotton shirt, a gaudy blanket thrown over his shoulder, and an abode but into which he huddles his wife and children. The authorities differ as to the proportion between these two classes; the literate, hand-to-mouth element, however, probably represents not far from 10,000,000 of the total 15,000,000.

"Whatever the average Mexican does, he touches elbows with the capitalist foreigner. In a railroad journey he rides in an American train, hauled by American locomotives in charge of an American engineer. In every large town he rides in an American trolley-car; if he can read, he does so frequently under electric lights or gas installed by foreign capital. The oil for his lamps and other purposes comes from his own country, but it is owned and pumped out by American or English enterprise. He deposits his money, when he has any, usually in Banks which are owned by foreigners, particularly Frenchmen. Even the greatest sources of the nation's wealth, the mines, have practically passed out of the hands of Mexicans. The Mexican miner of the present time is a man who works as a day-laborer in mines or smelters controlled by foreigners.

And of this foreign interest in Mexico, the largest part—variously estimated at from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000—is American. Industri-

ally and financially considered, says Mr. Middleton, the real capital of Mexico is not Mexico City, but New York. No where we are told, does the elimination of Mexicans appear so strikingly as in the control of mining, Mexico's greatest industry; here again Americans dominate large areas:

"Figures published in the Mexican Year Book, place the total capital employed in the Mexican mining industry at \$647,000,000. Of this \$500,000,000 is said to be American, \$87,000,000 English, and \$29,000,000 Mexican.

MOUNT FOREST WINS 6-4.