

SPORT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT LIVE BALL STARS

Boston, Dec. 29.—Sherwood Magee, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Philadelphia Nationals, was traded to the Boston Braves yesterday for players and money, and later he signed a Boston contract for the seasons of 1915 and 1916.

Pres. James E. Gaffney sent this piece of news over the telephone from New York yesterday. He would not name the players whom Boston will give, saying that the information will be given out later in Boston after the meeting of the club's directors.

Pres. Gaffney and Manager Stallings became interested in Magee during the recent league meeting in New York, and Pres. Gaffney stuck close to Pres. Baker of the Philadelphia club until he carried through the deal yesterday.

Magee gave out a statement while in New York, saying that he was done with the Philadelphia club and would like to play in either New York or Boston. Manager John McGraw of the Giants had Magee as a guest during the meeting, and was very eager to secure the Quaker player, but it now appears that the Gaffney-Stallings combination beat out the Little Napoleon for the prize, just as it coached the Braves into the home stretch last season.

Not a Hit Outside of Boston. The result is that the Braves are strengthened at a time when the baseball magnates were in hope that the Giants would win out, as New York has always proved a meat ticket for the National League, which is more than ever in need of a liberal rakeoff.

The Philadelphia Nationals refused to meet the demands of several of their players, going from bad to worse, and the chances are that they will also lose Hans Lobert, who wants to come to the Braves. Manager Moran wanted to hold Magee, but the Quaker said that he was done with the Baker crowd, and last Wednesday he spent the afternoon with Federal League agents in Baltimore. But he has agreed to play for the Braves, and to meet Pres. Gaffney in New York yesterday.

Pres. Baker, feeling that he must do something to save the player to his league, planned a deal with Pres. Gaffney, the details of which will have to be kept quiet until the players named in the transaction have agreed to the transfer. This will give the Quakers a few necessary players for moderate salaries, while Magee will pull down about \$6,000 a year and have a fine chance to get in the big money of the World's Series.

Gaffney May Also Get Lobert. It is understood that Pres. Gaffney still has Pres. Baker under his hypnotic influence, and may yet land Lobert for the Braves. It is doubtful if this would strengthen the champions, with men like Smith and DeLoach now filling the bill in grand style at third.

Pres. Gaffney has made one thing plain. When there is a chance to get a real star ball player he is equal to the task, and in securing Sherwood Magee he has made a play only a little short of the sensational deal of last season, whereby he landed Johnnie Shert.

The deal for Magee may develop a bitter feeling between John McGraw and George Stallings, but Magee will strengthen the Braves' outfield for he is one of the best men in the game today and a willing worker who makes friends of the fans and has always stood strong with the ball players.

Something About Magee. Sherwood R. Magee was born at Clarendon, Penn., August 6, 1884, and is therefore more than 30 years of age. He was with the Allentown, Penn., Club a part of 1903. There he attracted attention by his natural hitting ability, and was signed for the Philadelphia Nationals. He has been a regular member of the team up to the time he was disposed of to the Boston club.

He stands 5 feet 10 inches in height and weighs 175 pounds. He hits and throws right-handed and can play the infield as well as the outfield. He is regarded as one of the heaviest hitters in fast company. In 1907 he finished second to Wagner in the National league as a batsman with an average of .328, and really led the league in 1910 with an average of .331, but was deprived of the nominal honor by a pitcher who played only a few games.

Last season Magee hit for .314, making 15 home runs. He made a good showing at short and first base, playing the base for an average of .370

GIBBONS, THE CLEVEREST BOXER SINCE DAYS OF STANLEY KETCHEL

Max Blumenthal, Al Reich's manager, has a mighty good opinion of Mike Gibbons, whose brilliant middleweight record stamps him as one of the best of the world as seen in recent years. So far that matter has Bob Edgren, who writes of Mike in this wise:

It's a long time since we've had a cover a middleweight fighter as Mike Gibbons. The only thing that we don't know about in Mike's case is the extent of his courage. He hasn't been in danger of a knockout in any of his fights. The only man who could make him hop around on the defensive was Eddie McGoorty. Mike met Eddie shortly after McGoorty had knocked out both Dave Smith, champion of Australia, and Jack Harrison, champion of England, in half a dozen punches each. He knew that McGoorty had the punch of a fast heavyweight—and Mike surely used caution on that occasion. It was only in the last round that he turned loose all his fighting power, and showed what he might have been able to do if he had tried in time.

Gibbons is the only middleweight in sight now who could follow Stanley Ketchel's example and fight heavyweights. While not the furiously aggressive fighter that Ketchel was, by any means, he might have as good a chance as Ketchel because of his remarkable skill.

A Real Middleweight. He is the only real middleweight we've seen lately who knew a feint from a marshmallow. Mike feints all the time—feints with his head, his hands, his body, his knees, his feet. He doesn't hop and skip about like a Freddy Welsh, wasting twice as much energy in dancing as he uses up fighting. Every movement of Mike Gibbons means something and has its purpose. He makes his men give the opening he wants, and then drives a blow through to exactly the spot he wants to hit. And he can hit hard—like a heavyweight. His punch isn't exactly like McGoorty's crusher, although he can land a clean knockout on occasion. He hits constantly, and all of his blows join in producing a dazing, jarring effect. When his opponent tries to clinch he is especially effective. He twists around and pokes through blows that no other fighter ever thought of. Each hook

and jab and cuff has a jar in it. Young Mike Donovan was beaten by Gibbons' short, jarring blows rather than by the few hard hooks he landed.

Mike has the chief standby of the clever boxer—a great left jab. But he lands it with more of a "kick" than any of the others. It keeps his rival's head bobbing back nearly to his shoulder blades.

While he usually "fights the head," in boxing parlance, he hits at the body when he wants to make an opening by bringing his man's guard low. To drop that guard is fatal, for Gibbons can hit equally hard at all angles and is always ready.

Has Perfect Defense. One of the finest things about his boxing is the perfect defense he has in his ability to avoid well-directed blows. Mike has one of the quickest eyes in the world—or rather two of them. He sees a punch start, automatically calculates its reach and direction, and moves head or body just enough to avoid it. Usually, he dodges a blow without moving his feet—a specialty of that former great fighter, Young Griffo, of Australia. Griffo used to make bets that he could stand on a handkerchief and avoid blows for three minutes without shifting his footing. Unless against a top-notch boxer, Gibbons could undoubtedly do the same thing, especially if he was at liberty to hit back.

When Mike first came to New York he was a strong, wiry youngster, half developed. Boxing has broadened his shoulders, covered his back with a mass of well-trained muscles, and enlarged his arms, neck and chest. He is a powerful man for his weight, which, like Tommy Ryan's, when he was champion, in several pounds under the weight limit of the middleweight class. And he knows how to use his strength.

If he goes on fighting as well as he did against Donovan, Mike is going to run out of middleweight opponents in a very short time. Without a doubt he's the king of his class in short bouts. Whether he can fight twenty rounds as well remains to be seen when he tries to convince the western middleweights like Clabby and Chip, that he's a real champion. Ten round bouts, of course, don't decide championship discussions except in the event of a knockout.

IMPROVED THE PLAYERS BATTING EYES

A comparison of the averages for 1914 and 1913 shows that most of the major league players who jumped to the Federal League last winter are doing improved hitting in the independent league over the figures earned while with the organized baseball leagues. This is not true of all of the players, several of whom entered a slump soon after joining the Federals. The following averages for 1914 as compared with the same player's hitting in the big leagues in 1913 tell the tale:

	Fed.	Nat.	Am.
Chase	.354	.267	.267
Yerkes	.333	.267	.267
Yerkes	.312	.266	.266
Laporte	.311	.250	.250
Murphy	.311	.322	.322
Oakes	.311	.293	.293
Hoffman	.291	.229	.229
Wilson	.287	.190	.190
Zinn	.277	.297	.297
Zelder	.263	.246	.246
Tinker	.259	.317	.317
Engle	.259	.290	.290
Doolan	.245	.218	.218
Rariden	.236	.236	.236
Bridwell	.236	.236	.236
Knaebe	.228	.293	.293
M. Brown	.225	.204	.204
Dolan	.223	.232	.232
Hendrix	.223	.273	.273
Suges	.212	.254	.254
Sutton	.200	.109	.109
Falkenberg	.160	.119	.119
Camnitz	.148	.133	.133
Ford	.139	.162	.162
Groom	.126	.163	.163

and at shortstop for an average of .334—a remarkable showing for an outfielder.

What was more interesting, Magee displayed great loyalty to his club by playing out of position regardless of injuring his record.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

Last night on Black's alleys in the City league the Tigers took three of the four wins in the Rambler.

	Rambler.
Emery	.82 88 83-253 84 1.3
Jordan	.79 89 86-264 88 1.3
Beattie	.92 94 98-294 94 2.3
Covey	.95 103 98-296 98 2.3
Wilson	.90 97 86-273 91

438 481 451 1370
Tigers.
McDonald .79 109 93-281 93 2.3
Gilmour .77 83 74-234 78
Belyea .114 86 101-301 100 1.3
Moore .85 96 81-272 80 2.3
Cosgrove .97 102 108-300 102 1.3
452 476 467 1395
Bert Gilmour won the daily roll-off with a score of 118.

HALIFAX BASKET BALL TEAM COMING

The basket ball team of the Nova Scotia Technical College, Halifax, will be in St. John on New Year's Day and will on that evening play against the senior Y. M. C. A. team here. The Halifax players are said to be in fine condition and have been playing together for several seasons. The local players have held the championship of New Brunswick and have a combination that should give a good exhibition. The game will start at 8.30 and there will be a game between two ladies' teams from the city.

POWER BOAT WITH AEROPLANE MOTOR.



Following experiments made on Lake Keuka last summer, Glenn H. Curtiss, of aeroplane fame, has built on the Pacific coast a fast motor boat fitted with an aeroplane motor. The craft's dimensions make her long and comfortable, as well as seaworthy, according to the builder. Her length is twenty feet.

The radical difference between this and other motor boats, as claimed, is that the light aeroplane motor will drive the craft as fast as other boats that require double the power of the Curtiss boat, the heavier motors necessitating heavier hulls. Another point made is that the engine, being compact, gives more space in the boat. She carries eight persons and is designed to combine speed and comfort. The motor is of ninety horse power. Several duplicates will be built in the East the coming spring and may contest in races. The boat shown in the illustration is the only one so far constructed and is in Santiago Bay. When loaded to her capacity—eight passengers—the plan is across the bay at a forty mile clip, which was regarded as an unusual performance, considering her load, small power and dimensions.

Mr. Curtiss has been experimenting for a year or more on this type of motor boat, and it is said that he has others in contemplation that are expected to develop more speed without sacrificing comfort.

PRINCIPAL SPORTING RECORDS OF YEAR 1914

Motor Cycling

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1—Erwin G. Baker of Philadelphia, broke the hour record for motor cycles on the Phoenix track, covering sixty-six miles, 1.660 yards.

Bakersfield, Cal., Mar. 15—In the motor cycle races held here two records were broken and one equalled for races on a one mile circular dirt track. Glen Stokes of Los Angeles, covered ten miles in 8:06.55; rode 60.5 miles in one hour, and made a mile in 1:46.25 from a flying start.

Brighton Beach, N. Y., June 14—Bobby Walther of Atlanta, won the thirty mile motor paced race in 38:39.15.

Brighton Beach, N. Y., June 24—Leon Didier, French motor paced champion, broke the record for thirty miles. His time was 36:39.12.

Savannah, Ga., July 5—L. G. Buckner, a Savannah boy, broke the world's record in the 10 mile motor cycle race held here, covering the distance in ninety minutes.

St. Louis, Mo., July 16—The world's record for a one mile competition race on a dirt track was broken here by Ray Crestovitch of Chicago, who circled the track in 46.35 seconds.

Brighton Beach, N. Y., Aug. 2—Clarence Carman of Jamaica on a cycle won the feature race, a motor paced event—in three heats, at ten miles each. Carman incidentally broke the record for ten miles in the last heat, his time being 11:35.25.

Boston, Sept. 14—Bobbie Walther beat all former records for speed in one hour motor paced racing when he defeated Clarence Carman, former American champion, riding forty-four miles and one lap in the hour.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 4—John A. McNeal of Minneapolis, lowered the world's mile motor cycle record to 35.25 seconds.

Boating Matters.

London, Eng., Mar. 28—The Cambridge University crew won the Oxford in the annual eight-oared race from Putney to Mortlake on the Thames. The distance, four miles and a quarter, was covered in 20.23.

New London, Conn., June 19—By a margin of four inches, Yale won the "Varsity" four-mile eight-oared race on the Thames river in 21.16.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 26—The annual four-mile eight-oared "Varsity" race on the Hudson river was taken by the Columbia "Varsity" eight in 19.37.45, with Pennsylvania and Cornell second and third respectively.

Henley-on-Thames, Eng., July 4—The second Harvard eight won the Grand Challenge cup in the Henley regatta, defeating the crew of the Union Boat Club of Boston. Harvard's time was 7 min. 20 sec. This is the first time that the famous trophy has been won by American oarsmen.

Singapore, S. E. Asia, July 10—The Diamond

Sculls by beating C. M. Stuart of England.

London, Eng., Sept. 7—Ernest Barry, English holder of the sculling title, defeated James Paddon, the Australian sculler, in the Thames sculling championship course, for the world's sculling title and stake of \$5,000.

Tennis Doings. New York City, March 19—Miss Marie Wagner of New York, retained her title as national woman indoor tennis champion by defeating Mrs. G. N. Beard, of Chicago, in the final round of the tournament. The scores were: 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

Mrs. S. F. Weaver and Miss Clara Cassel defeated Mrs. Frederick Schmitz and Mrs. Marshall McLean for double championship honors.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 13—Jay Gould, American amateur court tennis champion, won the open championship of the world from George F. Covey, of England, the professional title-holder.

Boston, Mass., April 18—Jay Gould and W. H. T. Huhn, of Philadelphia, successfully defended their title of national court tennis doubles champions by defeating George R. Fearing, Jr., and C. T. Russell in the final match of the championship contest.

JOE SHUGRUE OUTFOUGHT CHARLIE WHITE

New York, Dec. 29—Joe Shugrue of Jersey City outfoight Charlie White of Chicago in a ten round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight. Shugrue had the better of seven rounds.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Royal

D. L. Buckley, Newcastle; Robt. Dyar, Cocagne; Mrs. A. J. Trinsley, Moncton; O. S. Crockett, Fredericton; B. F. Smith, Florenceville; R. B. Stewart and party, Perth; A. W. Meahan, St. Andrews; A. G. Raymond, Boston; C. W. Allen, Halifax; J. R. Douglas, Amherst; H. A. Stevens, Carleton Place; F. Robertson, A. C. LaBelle, J. H. Duffley, W. J. Gillan, Montreal; R. B. Barker, Ottawa; J. C. O'Connor, Toronto; A. S. White, Sussex; W. E. Barnes, Moncton; W. F. Plant, Newton, Mass.; Geo. Kalls, New York; J. H. Ingersoll, St. Catharines; H. L. Watkins, N. Y.; P. A. Landry, Dorchester; D. Townsend, River Glade.

CONNIE MACK, DIAMOND PATRIARCH, 52 YEARS OLD

With his fame a trifle tarnished by the decisive defeats inflicted by the Miracle Man's bellicose Braves on the historic battlefields of Philadelphia and Boston, General Cornelius McGillicuddy celebrated his fifty-second birthday on Dec. 23rd. It is a safe bet that the patriarch of the diamond isn't worrying any about the future, in spite of the rout of his forces by the Bostonians and the fact that, for reasons best known to himself, he has had to turn loose his trio of veteran pitchers, Plank, Bender and Coombs. Mack's genius lies in the development of youngsters, and in Bush, Shawkey, Bresler, Pennock and Wyckoff he has a staff of twirlers who may be able to hold for the Athletics the commanding position in the American league which has been theirs for so many years. Connie's machine isn't a total wreck, even minus Collins.

Cornelius McGillicuddy—but everybody, man and boy, calls him Connie Mack—was born December 23, 1862, in East Brookfield, Mass. His first major league experience was with the Emerald Isle. After graduating from high school, Connie went to work in a shoe factory. His father died when Connie was a lad, and he had to support his mother and a large family of brothers and sisters. In his infrequent hours of leisure he played baseball and developed into a good catcher.

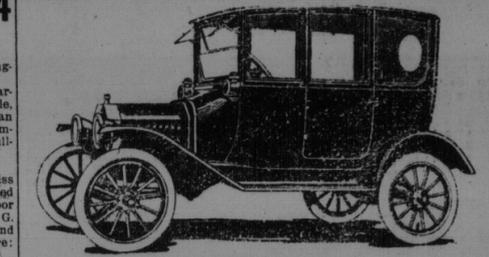
At 21 he was offered a job with the Meriden, Conn., club. The next season he was with Hartford, where his work as a backstop attracted wide attention. In 1887 he broke into the big show with Washington. He remained with the Senators until 1890, when he joined Buffalo and, the following season, was sold to Pittsburg.

From 1894 to 1896 he was manager of the Pirates, which twice finished

in seventh place under Connie's direction. He left Pittsburg in 1896 and became manager of the Milwaukee team, and it was with the Brewers that he first began to display that managerial genius which has made him "the sage of baseball." In 1900 Ben Johnson launched the American league, and Connie was the pilot of the Milwaukee club in the new circuit. The Brewers finished second that autumn, which was Connie's last year as an active ball player. Since then, as pilot of the Athletics, he has conducted his campaign from the bench.

In 1901, when the American league invaded Philadelphia with Connie at the helm, the Athletics finished fourth. The next year he grabbed the pennant of the infant circuit. In 1903 his club finished second, and in 1904 slumped to fifth place. Another flag was hoisted over the Athletic park in 1905. In the next four years Connie's army finished fourth, second, sixth and second, respectively. In 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1914 the Mackian forces were again pennant winners. By capturing the sixth American league flag this year Connie broke all records for the major circuits. McGraw has copped five flags for New York; Frank Selee, five for Boston, and Adrian Anson five for Chicago. Ned Hanlon annexed three pennants for Baltimore and two for Brooklyn. Charley Comiskey captured four flags for the St. Louis club of the old American association and one for the Chicago Americans.

Many fans believe that the tall tutor's days as a leader of world's champions are over, but that is a long way from being a safe betting proposition. At that, it would help the game if Connie's club could be weakened to the point where the American league race would be less of a foregone conclusion.



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