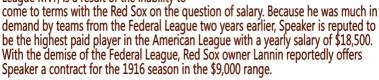
On This Date

April 8,1916

Cleveland Indians Vice President Robert McRoy announces that the club has purchased star outfielder **Tris Speaker** from the Boston Red Sox. Red Sox manager Bill Carrigan says that his team will receive an undisclosed amount of money and two players, pitcher S.P. "Sad Sam" Jones and another to chosen later.

The player to be named later turns out to be minor league infielder Fred Thomas, who is coming off a .265, 11-home run season with the New Orleans Pelicans of the Southern (A) Association.

The trade of Speaker, nicknamed "The Grey Eagle" and the 1912 American League MVP, is a result of the inability to



While not disclosing the actual amount, Cleveland Indians president James C. Dunn says, "We paid more money for Speaker than the Chicago Americans paid for Eddie Collins or the New York Americans paid for J. Franklin Baker."

Speaker will go to hit over .350 in ten of his eleven years with Cleveland. In his first year (1916) with the Indians, he snaps Ty Cobb's unprecented streak of nine straight American League batting titles by besting the "Georgia Peach" by 15 points (.386-to-.371).