STORIES ABOUT EDDIE COLLINS PROVE TO BE FICTION—OTHER NEWS OF SPORTDO

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM FROM THE SPORT SEAS

Detroit Writer Invents Story That Collins Was Glad to Leave Mack's Team—New York's Claim on Eddie Not Supported by Club Owners.

Introducing the Winter League

The overwordy winter league is full of deep duplicity;
Its members are a cunning crew; a blatant lot, withal,
Who never seem to know fatigue, whose goal is big publicity,
Whose stock in trade is merely talk and unremitting gall.

Get the Army, Too

About the best thing emanating from West Philadelphia for many a day is the idea of a Penn-West Point football game. Franklin Field got its first real football crowd last season when the Navy game was played. A clash each year between the Red and Blue and one or the other branches of "The Service" is sure to draw.

Just a Query

Why—this, of course, is extremely ironic—don't the Phillies and the Athletics trade, sell or otherwise dispose of some of their star players?

And a Fence Around It

What a pleasurable fall 1915's will be if Connie Mack goes right out there and wins the pennant and the world's championship. New York will put forth enough alibi to provide reading of a sort for all the winter. And the lean leader will be hailed as:

Oh, the dreams that come unbidden,
And the hope that gives them birth!
Could we read the future, hidden
To us now, we'd own the earth.

Think It Over

Are you in favor of publicity of baseball salaries? We will not commit ourselves, but it might help to clarify the atmosphere somewhat. For instance, when a so-called star just out of the bush, getting about a hundred a month, muffed a fly, he wouldn't get anything like the panning he gets now when the estimates of his salary range anywhere from $1000 to $7000. A year, of course.

That's Over

Lo, in the news of yesterday.
We see at last they've sold the Yanks;
And all we've power left to say,
Is thanks.

Get a Lawyer

We feel the need of legal assistance. Have or have not the fans of the United States a case against the French Republic for refusing to permit Lil' Ahtha Johnsing to join their army so he could go out and get shot? Always providing, of course, that the press agent or other persons responsible for the story that Jack tried to enlist was not fabricating.

The Writer, Not Collins, Guilty

The efforts of some sporting writers to construct "stories" from material gathered from the surrounding atmosphere indicate two things: First that the writer not only has a glaring disregard for the truth but that he is even willing to injure the standing of a person in a community for the sake of putting over a fake "story." The dispatch which came from Detroit purporting to give a portion of Eddie Collins' letter to Eddie Cicotte was false from start to finish. Eddie Collins wrote to Eddie Cicotte thanking the White Sox pitcher for sending him (Collins) a message of congratulation when he was sold to Comiskey. But he did not say in that letter that he was glad to be away from Mack's team. He did not intimate that he wanted to leave Philadelphia because the fans were not appreciative. Cicotte no doubt, in an unguarded moment, dropped the information in the presence of a quack sporting writer that he had received a letter from Collins. That writer took it upon himself to write a quotation which contained not one iota of truth. It made the fans of Philadelphia who have always been loyal to Collins angry and no matter what is stated later there will always be some people here who believe that Collins wrote that letter and who will be his enemies. And all because some one writing a story in Detroit has regard neither for truth nor for the feelings of an individual. Such a person, if his identity were known, should be barred in the future from writing anything whatever. Any man who attempts to enter the field of sport writing should at least stand on his merits and not try to advance his personal cause by unfair, underhand, despicable means.

The Same Old Story

Once again—for the thousandth or more time—New York has blazed the trail to the goal of real journalism, according to Metropolitan ideals. These ideals consist in giving the public a good yarn whether it is based on facts or fancy. It is a great system for space writers. It gives them unlimited opportunities, and stimulates their imagination beyond belief. The latest, but unfortunately we fear not the last, story of this character came out yesterday, when it was stated Eddie Collins would play with the New York Yankees. The reasons given were that Collins was needed as a drawing card; that he was bought by Comiskey in Chicago for the sole purpose of offsetting Walter Johnson, who at that time was supposed to be a member of the Chicago Federal League Club. When Johnson jumped back to Washington, so the story goes, Comiskey wanted to get rid of Collins, and after Rupert and Huston had bought the Yankees they agreed to take him.

But—

Connie Mack says the story is absurd.

Eddie Collins says that he will play with Chicago.

Comiskey says there is no truth in the story.

Rupert and Huston deny that Collins will be a Yankee.

So there you are.

Oh! Merry Days to Come!

Comiskey has signed a Chinese player, as we all know. Can you imagine this Mr. Akana coming to the bat for the first time and facing one of those hollible umpires? His act with a grimly dispositioned umpire might be imagined as follows:

"Stur-r-ike!" "Ow, wowee! Wattee malia you? You all time givee ploor Chinee worst from ittee! Way outsidee, way outsidee!"

"Keep your face closed, yuh yellow peril, or I'll chase you. Stur-rike tuh!"

"Bhrgia! Thief! Ploch-climbee! How muchee them fella payee you? One piece chop-chop, handee halfee dolla? No can do! Lobber! Lobber!"

"Coat yuh five fer them crool words, yuh washee-washee! Stur-rike three! You're out!"

"Big stealum glame allee same keggee! He catchee you topside ball plark, me kicke ivoly head all quickee!"

"Git outta th' park! Move on, now!"

"Oh, blazee! Me goee, but me tellee you toptop chopchop suey gong onethingee first! You dlam lotten!"

Why Not Here?

Boxing in the State of New York earned $32,000 last year. It was all accumulated under the commission idea. What do I hear you say?

Cupid Lands Knockout

Salvatore Scimeca, pugilistically known as Al Schumacher, who recently fought Eddie McAndrews at the Olympia Athletic Association, has had a clean knockout scored against him, the first in his career. Dan Cupid is the possessor of the wallop. Al, who is a student of medicine at the University of Maryland, met, wooed and won Miss Elsie D. Roof, of Bremen, Germany, a fellow-student in the dental branch at the same institution, and they were married yesterday in Baltimore. To say we wish them a life of wedded bliss is putting it mildly.

Was Mr. Wright, All Right!

This is a true story of baseball and golf that interests tennis players because its hero is George Wright, whom many lovers of the game believe to be the stepfather, if not the real father, of American lawn tennis.

Wright was playing a round at golf with the veteran tennis player, J. Parmly Paret, at the Columbia Country Club links in Washington some years ago. As they came up to the last hole they found two strangers on a bench near the tee watching the play. Said one to his friend, quite audibly, as he saw George step up to drive:

"Why, that man's the perfect image of George Wright, the old baseball player."

Just then Wright drove off a long true ball.

"And he drives like Wright used to bat, too," the stranger added.

Amused at the "mistake," George winked, and Paret asked the speaker:

"Who was this George Wright you are speaking of?"

"Have you never heard of George Wright, the greatest man who ever threw a baseball? Why, he was one of the original Providence team, 'way back 30 years ago. There's never been another ball player in the country since as good as he was, I can tell you. Why, he could pitch, and bat and run bases better than any of these players you see on the diamond today."

"Did you know Wright?" asked the genuine George.

"Did I know him? Well, I guess I ought to know him after playing three years on the same team with him," replied the stranger. "Wright was our pitcher, Smith was our catcher," and he went on to name the whole team, ending, "and I played right field."

"What's your name?" asked Wright.

"Ford," was the reply.

Paret had driven off by this time and the two started on. Paret looked appealingly at the veteran ball player, but George shook his head and modestly went on without allowing the stranger to know who he was.

"Why didn't you let me tell him?" asked Paret, after they were out of earshot.

"Because he was lying," said George, who was always a great lover of pure truth. "I knew every man well who ever played on the Providence team, and that fellow was not one of them. Besides, that was all 30 years ago, and he didn't look a day over 40. He must have been a little boy when I was playing baseball.

"But the funniest part of it was that he named every player right until he came to right field; but no man named Ford ever played that position."

And to this day, unless he reads these lines, that man does not know that he was talking to the real George Wright all the time.

"Ridiculous," Says Comiskey

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, was interviewed over the long-distance telephone in Excelsior Springs, Mo., last night about the reported sale of Eddie Collins to the Yankees. "You may say for me," said Comiskey, "that this report is absurd and ridiculous. I would not think of letting Collins go for twice what I paid for him. As a matter of fact, I am in the market myself for a few more players of like ability."

Yankees' Owners Deny Rumor

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Captain Huston and Manager Bill Donovan last night denied the rumor that Eddie Collins had been procured to play second base for the Yankees. Captain Huston said that the transfer of the stock of the New York Club to Colonel Ruppert and himself would probably be made Saturday, and that Collins in no way has been considered in the deal for the club.

KELLY POOL—THE LAST ONE ALIVE

TWO GOOD FIGHT SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT

Quaker City and Nonpareil Clubs Have Good Bouts.

Local flatic followers have the pick of two well-balanced shows scheduled for tonight. In the final set-to at the Nonpareil A. C., Kensington avenue and Ontario street, Howard Truesdale and Harry Greb will meet in an intercity match, while the star event at the Quaker City A. A., 26th and Dauphin streets, will present Tommy Carey and Paddy Bedley.

The Nonpareil program follows:

First bout—Willie Kane, Newark, vs. Young McGovern, Port Richmond.

Second bout—Frank McManus, Boston, vs. Danny McCabe, Kensington.

Third bout—Danny Murphy, 17th Ward, vs. Danny Dougherty, Port Richmond.

Semiwind-up — Young Billy Donovan, Kensington, vs. Joe Welsh, Southwark.

Wind-up—Harry Greb, Pittsburgh, vs. Howard Truesdale, Kensington.

The Quaker City card follows:

First bout—Tommy Crapston, Tioga, vs. Joe Phelan, Kensington.

Second bout—Leo Tracey, Tioga, vs. Ty Cobb, Southwark.

Third bout—Reddy Holt, Kensington, vs. Terry Martin, New England.

Semiwind-up — Johnny Krause, Nicetown, vs. Jimmy Murphy, West Philadelphia.

Windup—Tommy Carey, Nicetown, vs. Paddy Hedley, North Penn.

Stinger Earns Draw

Before a packed house at the Broadway Athletic Club last night Micky Gallagher and Lew Stinger boxed six fast rounds to a draw. Cap Wilson, of New York, and Eddie Hart boxed the best semiwind-up witnessed at the club since the start of the season.

In the other bouts Sydney Burns defeated Jimmy Ryan; Young O'Brien earned the decision over Johnny Cooney, and Tommy Livingstone won from Joe O'Keefe.

O'Toole Outclasses Dennion

HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 8.—Tommy O'Toole, of Plymouth, completely outclassed Gene Dennion, of New York, in a bantamweight fight here last night, the bout being stopped by the chief of police in the eleventh session of what was to have been a 20-round battle, because Dennion was showing signs of distress. Dennion was substituted for Young O'Leary, of New York, who was suffering from an injury.

Clarke and Kurtz Draw

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 8.—Jackie Clarke, of Fall River, and Dave Kurtz, of Newark, fought a hot ten-round draw before the Keystone Athletic Club here last night. Clarke shaded Kurtz. Young Reilly beat Pa Moy and Kid Bernhard knocked out Young Martin. Spike Sullivan stopped Tommy Howell.

Sheridan to Fight Daniels

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Mickey Sheridan, former lightweight, who is now in the welter class, will fight ten rounds with Dave Daniels, January 22, at Flint, Mich. Mickey may meet Chick Marlowe in Toledo later.

Cioni Breaks Rink Record

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 8.—Roland Cioni, roller-skating champion of the world, broke the track record here last night when he skated two miles on a 22-lap track in 7:12. He defeated Linn Crouthamel by two feet. Willie Blackburn, of New York city, was third, and Billy Yale, of New Haven, was fourth.

Swarthmore to Meet Lebanon

The Swarthmore basketball team opens the season on its home floor this evening, with Lebanon Valley College as its opponent. Lebanon Valley is stronger than usual this year, as shown by the low score that they held the strong Lehigh team to recently.

Adams Trial Next Week

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Platt Adams, the Olympic athlete, will be given an opportunity next Wednesday night to disprove the charges of professionalism made against him last week.

BIG MEET JANUARY 16

Third Regiment Will Hold Indoor Games at Armory.

The Third Regiment Athletic Association will hold a set of indoor games on Saturday evening, January 16, and the following events will be on the program:

First event—50-yard dash (handicap).
Second event—300-yard dash (novice).
Third event—440-yard dash (handicap).
Fourth event—880-yard run (handicap).
Fifth event — Standing broad jump (handicap).
Sixth event—Running high jump (handicap).
Seventh event—Tug of war (intercompany).
Eighth event—Wall scaling (intercompany).
Ninth event—One-mile run (handicap).
Tenth event—One-mile relay (handicap).
Eleventh event—Equipment race (2 laps, scratch (intercompany).

Federals Preparing Plans

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 8.—Affidavits in support of contentions made in the anti-trust suit recently filed in the United States Court at Chicago by the Federal League against so-called "organized" baseball were to be made here at the Federal League conference which began yesterday. According to E. E. Gates, counsel for the new league, the Indianapolis meeting was called in order to obtain added evidence in substantiation of the general bill of complaint prepared by the Federals against the older organizations. The conference is expected to continue for several days.

Dooin Must Get Money

Charlie Herzog, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, is on the trail of "Red" Dooin. Herzog wants the Phillies' ex-manager to do some backstopping for him. Dooin said last night that he had not heard or seen the Reds' manager, but if they do not make a better offer than the salary mentioned by President Baker when talking of a trade, Dooin will not journey to Redtown.

Baseball Men Outdoors

The University of Pennsylvania baseball candidates had their first outdoor practice of the year yesterday afternoon. Taking advantage of the balmy weather, Coach Roy Thomas led his entire squad of a dozen pitchers and catchers out on the field, and they worked out there for nearly an hour.

Claim "Hold Up" Game

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A man in close touch with International League affairs declared yesterday that Richmond and Syracuse are trying to "hold up" the big class A organization before it will be allowed to establish clubs in those cities. That is the alleged cause of all the delay in announcement of the expected circuit charges.

Farewell Party for Collins

Several of Eddie Collins' former teammates journeyed to Lansdowne last night and gave a farewell surprise party to the departing second baseman. Among those attending the affair last night at the Collins residence were Harry Davis, Jack Lapp, Chief Bender, Johnny Green, Bob Shawkey and Herb Pennock.

Burns Will Not Jump

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 8.—George Burns, the star outfielder of the Giants, who is spending the winter at his home in this city, where he conducts a cigar store and billiard parlor, has turned down an offer made by Manager Joe Tinker, of the Chifeds, to become a member of that club.

Phillies Will Not Get Whitted

MACON, Ga., Jan. 8.—George Stallings, manager of the Boston Nationals, last night denied reports that George Whitted, the Braves' fielder, would be transferred to the Philadelphia Nationals in exchange for Sherwood Magee.

They Never Sleep

Any time New York fails to squeeze a little advertising out of anything, from the arrival of a 'Frisco drummer to the sale of Eddie Collins its a sure sign the big town's press agents are napping. In which there is a hint for other cities.

CAMDEN MEETS GREYSTOCK

Leaders and Tail-enders Will Class in Southwark Tonight.

Camden, the leaders in the Eastern Basketball League, will play Greystock, the tail-end team tonight at Cooper Battalion Hall, 23d and Christian streets. The Camden five will remain in the lead if Greystock is returned a winner tonight.

Jasper edged up in the fight for the Eastern League basketball pennant by defeating Trenton last night in a most exciting game at Nonpareil Hall by a 27 to 26 score. The victory placed the Jewels within a game and a half of Reading for third place, two games behind De Neri for second and two games and a half to the rear of Camden, the present leaders.

It was announced before the game that Trenton had released the veteran Al Cooper.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Camden	12	7	.632	Jasper	10	9	.526
De Neri	13	8	.619	Trenton	8	13	.381
Reading	12	8	.600	Greystock	4	14	.222

BASKETBALL BESULTS

Eastern League—Jasper, 27; Trenton, 26.

First Regiment League—Company A, 19; Company B, 11.

Downington, 31; Parkesburg, 30.

Brotherhood League — Lyndenhurst, 37; Prince of Peace, 17.

Lutheran League—St. Michael's, 41; Bethlehem, 14; Advent, 39; Mt. Airy, Germantown, 34.

Midget League—St. Elizabeth, 19; Parkway, 17; Warwick, 23; Viola, 8.

Northeast League — Stetson Mission, 32; Trinity, 17.

Cross Continent Auto Race

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A coast-to-coast automobile race for a $5000 wager was arranged here today between Raoul Lemat, well known in New York sporting circles, and Stanley James, a former Washington newspaper man. Both are attending the auto show.

The men will start from New York next Saturday over the Lincoln highway route to Kansas City and thence over the Santa Fe route. The race will be decided on actual running time.

Wider Investigating Powers Sought

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—A new bylaw to permit investigation of any charge of professionalism is to be sought at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association in New York, according to Frank L. Woodward, of Denver, president of the Western Golf Association and nominee for president of the United States Association. Mr. Woodward and Silas H. Strawn and W. A. Alexander left last night for New York to attend the meeting.

Riley Wins by Two Points

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 8.—William Riley, of Chicago, defeated W. B. Cullen, of this city, 50 to 48, in 105 innings, in an Interstate Three-Cushion Billiard League match here last night.

Championship Tourney Here

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The national class A 18.2 balkline amateur billiard championship tournament will be held at the Union League Club, Philadelphia, beginning Monday, March 1.

Cochran Outplays Sutton

FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 8.—Welker Cochran defeated George Sutton, 300 to 208, in a Champion Billiard Players' League match last night. Averages and high runs: Cochran, 23 1-13, 55. Sutton, 15 8-13, 91.

Penn Trackmen Report

One hundred and fifty men answered Captain Donald Pithian Lippincott's first call for track candidates yesterday afternoon at the University of Pennsylvania. All of the men will start work immediately on the indoor track under the south stand.

Caldwell Confirms Report

KANE, Pa., Jan. 8.—The report from New York that Pitcher Ray Caldwell, who had signed a contract with the Buffalo Federals, had decided to return to the New York Americans, has been confirmed by the pitcher, who stated that he had mailed his signed contract to New York headquarters last night.

CAPTAIN MAHAN ILL

Leader of Harvard Eleven Is Suffering From Grip

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 8.—Captain Edward H. Mahan, of the 1915 Harvard football team, is at his home in Natick on account of illness. Mahan has the grip, and when he hurriedly left Harvard he was threatened with pneumonia, but he is now reported as being out of serious danger.

The all-America halfback returned to Cambridge Monday morning after having spent the Christmas recess visiting friends in New York. He registered with the other college students and attended one of his early morning classes, after which he was attacked by illness. The college physician, whom he visited, advised him to go home, and he at once departed for Natick.

Tom Enwright, captain of last fall's Harvard freshman football team, has once again come back to Harvard. Enwright was operated upon for appendicitis the latter part of December, and after his release from the Des Brisay Hospital, went to his home in Fall River, where he rested during the Christmas recess. Because of his operation, Enwright will abstain from spring sports this year and will not be a candidate for a place on the freshman baseball team. The operation on Enwright was most successful, and he has the assurance of the physicians that he will be able to play football on the varsity eleven in the fall.

Travis Wins on Home Green

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 8.—Opportunity gurely smiled on Chisholm Beach, of Fox Hills, in yesterday's second round of match play in the annual midwinter golf tournament, but the fair goddess passed unrecognized, and Walter J. Travis, of Garden City, added another brilliant victory to his long list.

New York vs. Philadelphia

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Although racquets and court tennis will lack international flavor this year, the sports will bring out a high quality of play. In addition to the national championships in singles and doubles there will be a series of intercity matches and probably a professional court tennis match for the championship of the United States.

Date Set for Race

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 8.—The triangular varsity crew race between Yale, Cornwell and Princeton, at Princeton, will be rowed May 15, according to an announcement at Yale yesterday.

Plan Catholic Indoor Meet

Athletic officials of the La Salle College, Villanova Prep., Catholic High School and St. Joseph's College met last night at the former place of learning for the purpose of arranging an indoor track meet within the near future.

COLLINS MAKES SWEEPING DENIAL OF ALLEGATIO

Eddie Did Not Say He W... Glad to Get Away F... Mack's Team—Will P... With White Sox.

Why pick on Eddie Collins?

Everybody seems to be doing it. ... In the past two days Eddie has been accused of denouncing Philadelphia, the athletic baseball club and Connie Mack, on top of which he has been sentenced, according to a story emanating from New York, the home of false reports, to ... Rupert's Yankees. Neither of the stories has any foundation. Collins made no statement, nor did he write any ... letter as the one which was given ... coming from Eddie Cicotte in ... Furthermore, Eddie will play with the Chicago White Sox and not with the Polo Ground comedians in 1915.

When asked about the letter he is ... to Eddie Cicotte, in which he was supposed to have shown excessive delight at leaving here, Collins replied: "I ... did not write anything of the kind to Cicotte nor did I ever say any ... I don't believe, either, that Eddie ... ever said that I wrote him ... which was published. Just after the ... was put through for me to go to ... I got a wire from Cicotte congratulating me on being a member of the White ... team. I wrote him a letter in reply to his wire and here is the letter, which is the only one I have written to ... any one else about the matter."

After making these remarks he showed a copy of the letter he sent to Cicotte, one of Rowland's star hurlers. The letter follows:

"Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1914.

"Dear Eddie:

"I have just received your wire of congratulation and say that I greatly appreciate it. I am glad that the members of the club feel as they do about the ... We ought to have a good club next season, and I am sure that we will be in the running for the pennant. ... thanking you, I am, sincerely yours,

"EDDIE COLLINS."

The above letter is quite different from the one which Collins was erroneously supposed to have written to Eddie Cicotte. In the dispatch from Detroit a copy of Collins' alleged communication was published and said: "Here is one that I have been waiting to say, I am glad to be away from Mack's team. I say sincerely and of all the cities of ... American League I prefer Chicago ... fans are loyal there. A player's mind of a day are overlooked because it is known that a man is doing his best. I always wanted to play in Chicago ... that I am with the team I am going to give my best efforts."

The disparity between the real letter and the one which was sent out by Detroit is evidence that Eddie did not make a remark which might be construed as a knock against the Athletics. ... will ever have a kindly feeling for Philadelphia and Philadelphians no matter where organized baseball may send him.

As far as playing with New York is concerned, Collins stated that he had never heard of such a thing. "I don't know anything about it until you told me," said Eddie. Add to this the denial of the present owners of the New York Yankees and that of Comiskey and ... find that again a story made of whole cloth has been manufactured in New York city. Collins will play with Chicago and with no other club.

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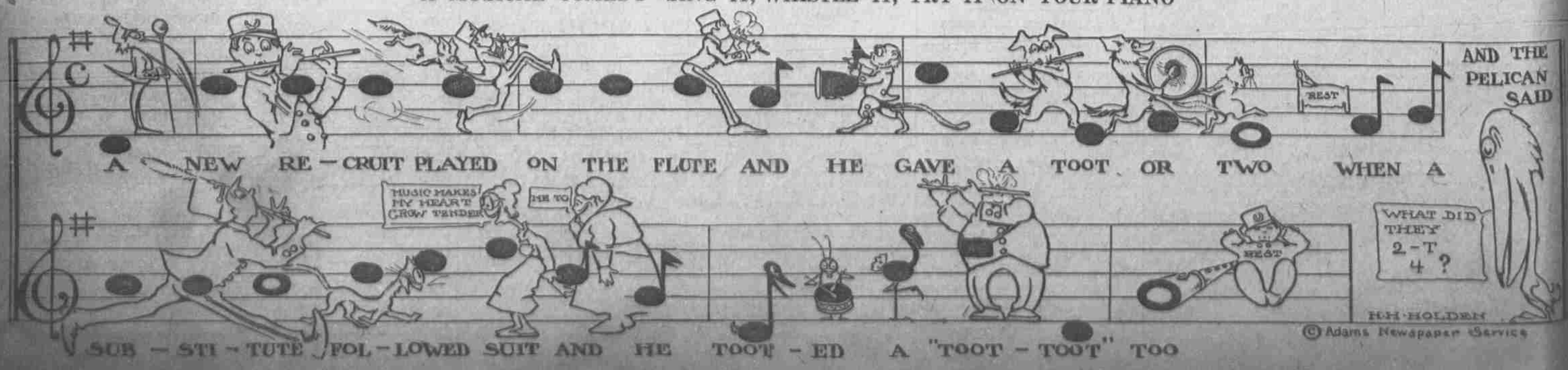
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