

VAN LOAN'S "FOOLISH AS A FOX"—PHILLIES PREPARE FOR CLASH WITH BOSTON BRAVES

FORTUNE SMILES ON PHILLIES; REST BEFORE CRUCIAL SERIES

Lay Off Just in Nick of Time, as Pitchers Are Weakening and Whole Team Is in Batting Slump—Athletics Hit Hard, But Hits Fail to Count.

Fortune smiles on the Phillies. Just when it seemed that the team had gone stale the freak schedule, which gives the Phillies a good rest before the all-important series with the Braves, comes to their rescue.

Phillies Must Stop Rush of Brooklyn Dodgers

While the Phillies are still in their slump, the Dodgers and Pirates apparently have regained the form that made both dangerous contenders a few weeks ago, and Brooklyn is now less than a game behind Moran's men.

Athletics Whale the Ball, But Hits Fail to Count

The Athletics yesterday made 16 hits off Jim Scott, but could tally only four runs, and another game was lost. The Mackmen have been hitting hard during the entire home stand, but the inability to hit with men on bases and the failure of several players to take two bases on a single make it necessary for the Athletics to register three hits to a run.

White Sox Return to Early Season Batting Form

On the other hand, the White Sox made their hits count, and probably could have tallied more had they not eased up and taken needless chances on the bases. It was the first time that the White Sox have batted in their early season form since the Eastern trip started, and Manager Rowland said after the game that he was now convinced that the Sox would get back into the lead on the coming home stand.

Bressler, as Usual, Makes a Sorry Showing

Rube Bressler had another chance on the mound, and, as usual, his performance was just a trifle worse than the previous one. The big southpaw, who looked like a world beater in 1914, apparently has lost confidence in himself, and instead of improving has less snap to his curve ball than he had a year ago.

Amos Strunk "Shows Up" Eddie Murphy

There was more brilliant fielding in yesterday's game than in any previous contest at Shibe Park this season, but it was partly lost on the fans, who were so disgusted with the poor pitching, Amos Strunk made several brilliant plays in right and made Eddie Murphy look like a selling player right in Murphy's favorite field.

Local Fans Don't Like Umpire Baiting

"Philadelphia has always been known as the squarrest city in the land toward visiting players, and its baseball writers always have condemned local players for being abusive toward umpires. They know that the fans and papers will not stand for this sort of stuff in this city."

Bancroft, the Philly shortstop, was amazed when almost every paper in the city criticized him for kicking himself out of a game a few weeks ago. Like most other players who come here from other cities, Bancroft could not understand why the scribes did not roast the umpire and "whitewash" him as is done in other cities.

Twilight League Game Should Be Declared Forfeited

The EVENING LEDGER has been asked to settle a dispute regarding forfeiture of a ball game. The case is stated in this manner: "In a Twilight League game recently one team was short two men and was forced to play two not eligible in order to protect their franchise.

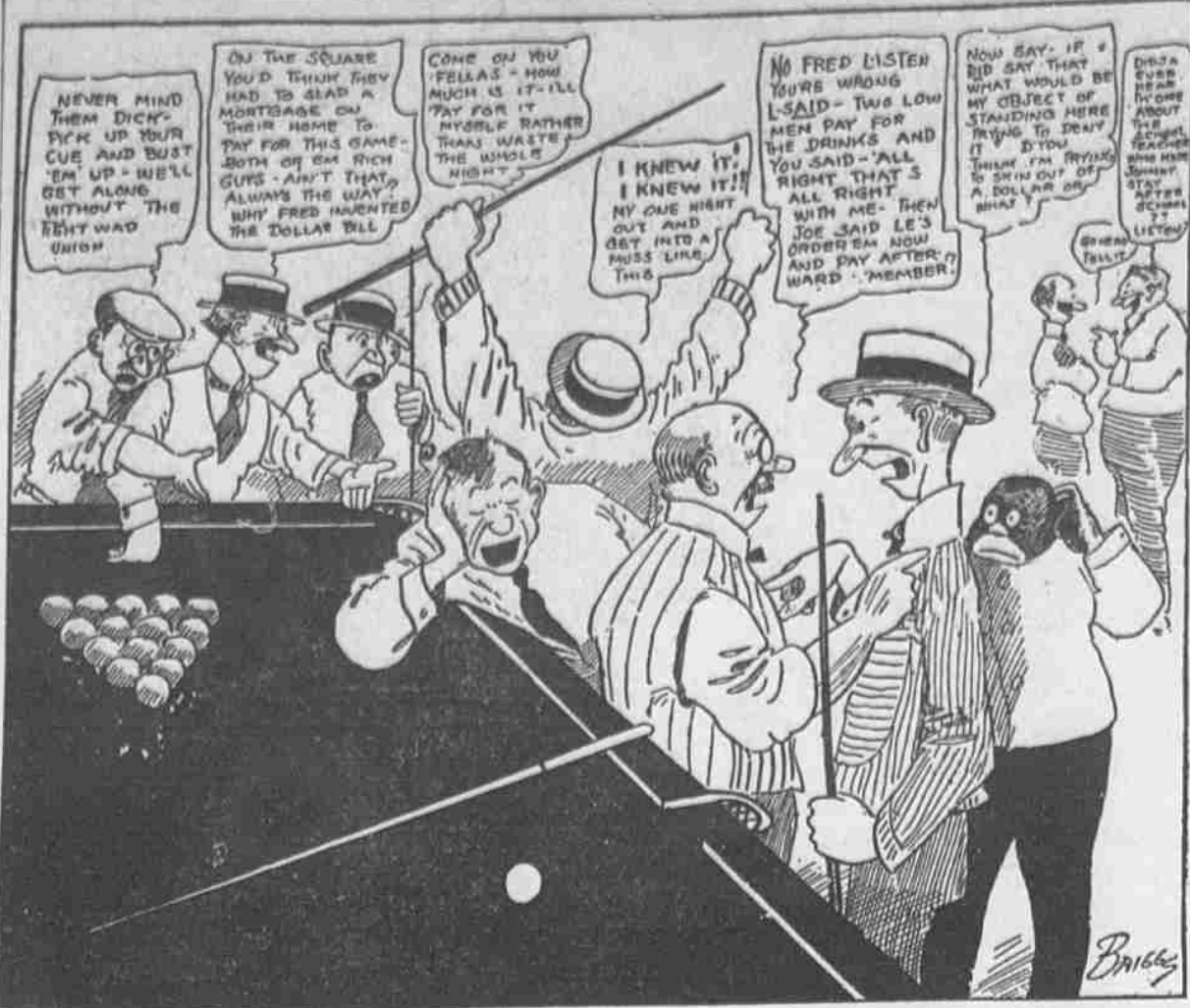
Coast Officials Have Bungled Meet

The Panama Exposition games were advertised as the greatest in the history of track athletics in this country and certainly drew enough of the stars to have made the affair a success, but the miserable manner in which the western branch of the Amateur Athletic Union has handled the meet has made it a joke.

Washington Senators Show Signs of New Life

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KELLY—ARGUING ABOUT THE CHECK



FOOLISH AS A FOX

Mr. Merry Will Have His Little Joke—The Dude Arrive Home and Mr. Ziegler Arrives Later—and Major Boots Joins the Team

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN The World's Most Famous Writer of Baseball Fiction.

John Henry Merry, manager of the Dudes, is accused by a stranger who says his name is Abner Abercrombie Ziegler. Mr. Ziegler is the tallest man on record, with an inhuman, horse-like face. Merry is a good sport, and invites him to sit down. Ziegler confesses that he has never played ball, but says he dreamed that he had played a game and it was his turn to bat.



"Yes, yes," interrupted Merry, "but he is in the derision of you get here?" "Well, Mr. Merry," said the man in uniform, "I don't rightly know myself. You were to catch the first train if I could, the first one, I did it, but they made me get off. I explained to 'em all that I was just for two days, but I had other dreams that was in a freight car in Ohio—I had another dream that I was to meet you here and pitch baseball for you, and you would win. I saw the very plain, Mr. Merry. You would win if it was here."

KNIGHT SLEEVE MOTOR WAS CAUSE OF INVENTION BOOM

Incentive Given to New Automobile Engine Ideas by Genius "Without Honor in His Own Country." New Automobile Map of Jersey Issued

When the Knight sleeve valve motor was first taken up and standardized by a British maker it provoked a tremendous boom in invention and experiment with gasoline engines having sleeve, piston or rotary valves. It is safe to predict that the adoption of the Knight motor for a car which will be produced in large quantities is sure to have a similar effect.

What man would try to ride a bicycle weighing 100 pounds? Surely, only a crazy man, and yet many a gasoline motor is being asked to do something equally absurd. The motor does it because it is strong enough, but it does it only at the cost of more fuel, oil and tires than would be used to carry a lighter load.

A very comprehensive map of motor routes between Philadelphia and the north and central Jersey coast has just been completed and issued by the Automobile Club of Philadelphia. It gives the latest information on all important routes and details of the shore boulevard. This is the third of a series of maps giving detailed routes of boom all directions from Philadelphia.

The horn trap in Pennsylvania was given a hard blow by a decision of Judge Johnson in the Dauphin County Court at Harrisburg last week when a verdict of guilty was set aside and a verdict of not guilty ordered by the Court.

Efforts to avoid the usual route to Wilmington through Chester, on account of the activity of the police on the Chester pike, have been unsuccessful. The alternate route by way of Media is five miles longer and is in poor shape. E. E. Hogie, in the pending car of the Automobile Club of Philadelphia, went over both of the routes on Friday and declares emphatically in favor of Chester.

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FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE AMBITION OF WALLACE, LAW STUDENT-BATTLER

Brooklyn Boxer Believes He Has Ability to Annex World's Laurels Held by Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland

Edward Wallace, Esq., attorney-at-law, Brooklyn, N. Y., hopes to awaken upon another day not many moons to come with added laurels in his possession. The little Brooklynite, who is paying his law-studying tuition through prowess of his padded fists, believes he will be in a position to add "Featherweight Champion of the World" to his cards.

Four six-round bouts, instead of four, six, eight and 10-section scraps, will be the attraction at the Palace A. C. Gymnasium, this season. Frank "Pop" O'Brien has been signed as a matchmaker. The first show will be held September 7.

Back home from a vacation up the State, little Harry Smith is prepared to meet Louisiana, Lew Tander and Joey O'Donnell.

Lee D'Arcy, Australian middleweight, who knocked out Eddie McGoorty, is but 20 years of age. He has been boxing since 1912. From all indications the antipodean is the best middleweight developed since the days of Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Dempsey and Stanley Ketchel.

GOLF BY MOONLIGHT, NEW STUNT OF ATLANTA PLAYERS

POINT BREEZE PARK MOTODROME THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 8:30 P. M. 20-mile Special Match Race CARMAN vs. WILEY

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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—HE DOESN'T DO IT OFTEN, LOUIE, BUT HOW'D YOU LIKE TO BE BEANED BY WALT JOHNSON?

