

HERZOG PICKS PHILS TO WIN WORLD'S SERIES—"THE BULL MOOSE OF THE BLEACHERS"

PHILLIES WILL WIN WORLD'S SERIES OVER ANY TEAM, DECLARES HERZOG

"Best Club in Either League," Says Cincinnati Manager, Who Is Off to "Put Boston Out of the Race"—Cravath Pronounced Greatest Hitter in the Game

Manager Herzog, of the Cincinnati Reds, declares that the Phillies will win the National League pennant. When the Reds were in this city a month ago Herzog said he expected to see the Phillies crack, but he has changed his mind. He now says that Moran's club is going faster than any in the league, and that at present is decidedly the best team in the league.

Like many other players and managers in the National League, Herzog just could not help feeling that it was impossible for a Philly team to keep going until the finish, after the sad showing in other years, when pennant prospects were bright until the race was half over. After having the mad dash of his own team stopped so decisively here, Herzog says his eyes were opened to the great ability of Moran's team.

Alexander and Rixey Towers of Strength to Phils

Not only does Herzog think that the Phillies will win the pennant, but he also believes that they will win the world's series, regardless of what team they meet in the classic. Alexander is unbeatable when the stake is large, and Herzog also says that Rixey will be a hard man to beat.

The Phillies' greatest asset is Cravath, according to Herzog, who declares that "Clouting Cactus" is the greatest hitter he has ever seen.

"He is the only player," says Herzog, "who should be passed without a runner on the bases, if but one runner separates the Phils from their opponents." In making this statement Herzog says he probably will be criticised by some of the other major league leaders, who argue that it is a 50-to-1 shot that a player will not hit for a home run, but Herzog declares that the odds are so small with Cravath at the plate in a close game that he prefers to take a chance on Luderus at any time, even though the Philly first baseman has a better average than Cravath.

Herzog at Last Sees the Light

"I was a long time waking up to the fact that the Phillies have a great ball team, but I can see it now," said Herzog, before the Reds departed for Boston last night. "You can bet all you have that the Phillies will win the pennant, and if they do the American League champions are due for a trimming. No team could beat this Alexander in a short series if he gets any help at all from the rest of the pitching staff, and he will get it this fall."

"Of course, if Mayer can continue to pitch as he did against us Thursday, he will be Alexander's running mate, but don't overlook Rixey. He is a far better pitcher than is generally believed, and he is improving all the time. I look to see Rixey in his greatest form in the closing stages of the race, and when he is right he is a wonder."

Declares Stock Has Clinched Third Base Job

"The rest of the team? Just let me tell you that it is 50 per cent. stronger than even the home fans here believe. It is the best balanced team in the league and is the only one with no weak curve ball hitters, except Byrne, and he will get back in the game regularly. I knew that Stock would get in there somehow, and they won't get him out. He is not only a good hitter and a fine base runner, but he has the greatest pair of hands that I ever saw for a third baseman. He may not be as graceful as Byrne in the field, but he will get many hard hit balls that would be impossible for another player because of his wonderfully strong and clever hands."

Cravath Regarded as Greatest Hitter in the Game

"And this Cravath! Every time I hear his name mentioned I feel sick. He is the greatest hitter of them all. He is the only player I ever saw who is worthy of a pass without a runner on base if the Phillies' opponents have a lead of one run. The more I tied. He has no weakness, I have not seen much of Cobb or Crawford, but I have played against Speaker in a world's series, and know that he can be fooled, but Cravath cannot. He may fall at times or strike out in a pinch but that is not because he is fooled. He can't be fooled, because he can murder a curve ball."

"This is a rare trait, as even our greatest sluggers show a weakness for curve balls if they are in the hole. Luderus is also a fine curve ball hitter; but I will order Cravath passed any time to take a chance on Luderus."

We Will Put Boston Out of the Race—Herzog

"There is more power to that team than you think. They are not the fastest team in the league on the bases, but they use pretty good judgment and are willing to take chances. Boston is the only team with a chance to beat the Phillies, and we are going up there now to put them out of the race."

Whitted Predicts Pennant for the Phils

Manager Moran, like Connie Mack, is playing things safe and guarding against overconfidence. He does not want to talk about the pennant and does not want any of his men to think about that just yet, but there is one member of the team who is dead certain that the Phillies will win out. That individual is George Whitted, the peppery and hustling outfielder.

Whitted is a b. player whose wonderful disposition and spirit make him by far a more valuable man to a team than many men who are his superiors in individual ability. He does not know what it means to give up, and has more confidence than any other player on the Philly team. When Whitted was traded by Boston he told Stallings that he was going from one pennant winner to another. This remark amused Stallings and the fans throughout the country, for that matter, but Whitted is now enjoying a little laugh.

Boston the Only Team to Be Feared

Several weeks ago Whitted said that the Phillies looked every bit as good to him as any team in the league, while yesterday he declared that the team would win the pennant because there was not another team in the league the equal of Moran's hustling band.

"I don't see how they can stop us. We have a better ball team than any one imagines. The boys are hustling all the time and playing to win every game and not worrying about the future, but you can bet we all have a pretty strong idea that the Phillies are going to win," said Whitted.

"Boston is the team that I have been watching, but its pitching staff is not strong enough to beat us. Our staff is going great, and that makes a difference. Look at the way James, Rudolph and Tyler carried us along in Boston last year. Two or three runs could win day after day, and the opposition were shut out in the majority of the games."

Phillies' Hitting Expected to Be Winning Factor

"In one series against Pittsburgh the Pirates scored in but one inning in five games. We handed them the two runs they made that afternoon. Perhaps the Philly staff has not had any individual series as good as that, but we have a great staff and a better team than the Braves were last year. Several teams have higher batting averages than the Phillies, but there is none in the league that has so many dangerous hitters. All things considered, I can't see any club that can catch us now, unless we run into a terrible streak of bad luck or injuries."

Boston Now 4 1/2 Games Behind

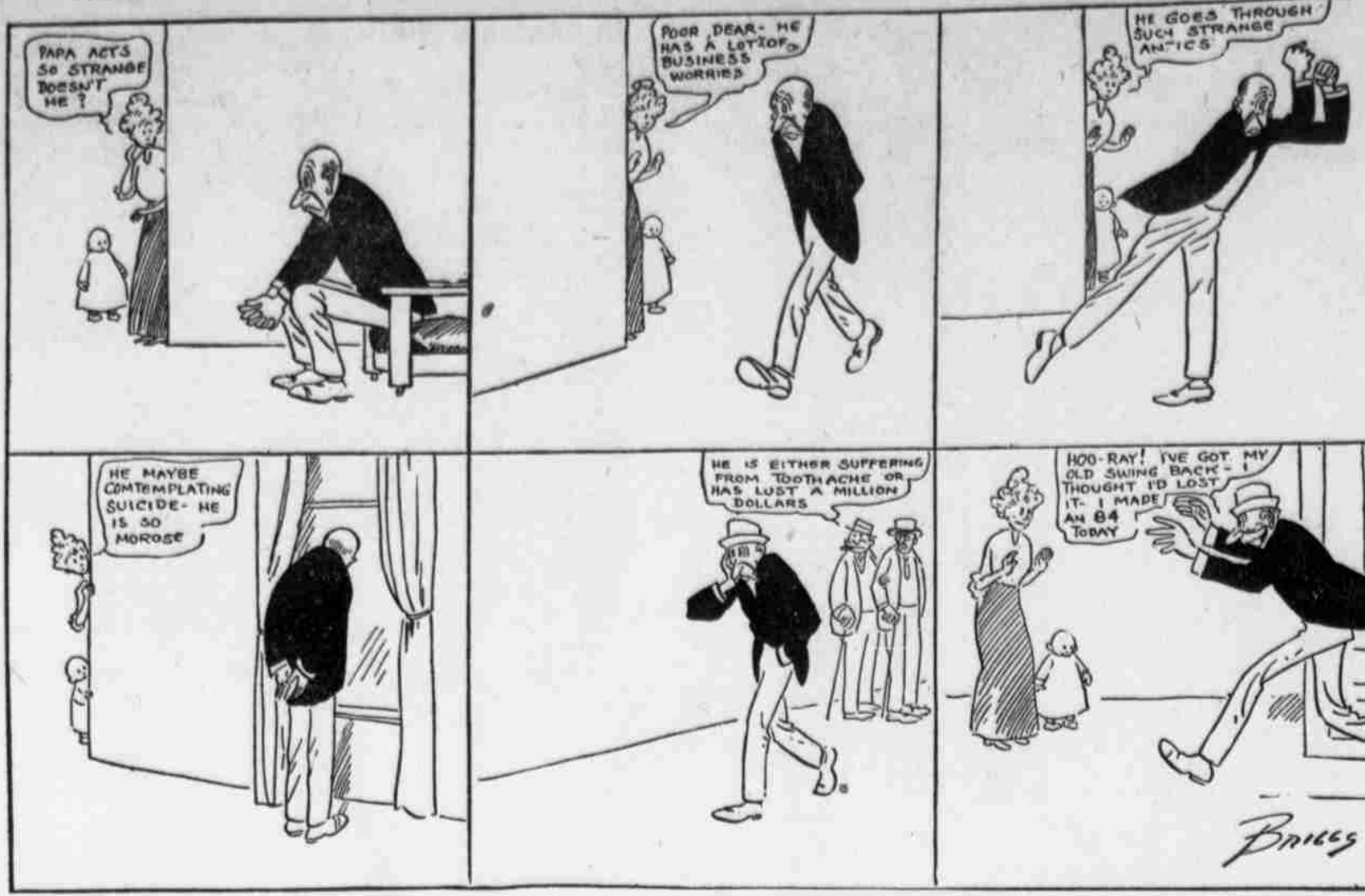
While the Phillies were winning their fourth in a row from the Reds, the Cardinals were handing the Dodgers another defeat, which increased the Phillies' lead to three and a half games.

More important from a Philly standpoint was the defeat of the Braves by the Cubs in the second game of a double-header. Boston has been playing great ball, and that is the team that is feared by the Phillies.

The Braves are now four and a half games behind the Phils, and are due to have trouble with the Reds, who will do everything in their power to trip the champions, as it is said that bad feeling exists between players of the two teams.

For once George Whitted fell down on the squeeze play. He bunted into McKenry's hands with three runners on the bases all in action. McKenry had no trouble tossing to Grob, doubling Paskert. Had Whitted managed to keep the ball on the ground there would have been some excitement, as Luderus, who was on first, had passed second as McKenry wound up, while Paskert was at the plate with Cravath right at his heels.

WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR STROKE—THAT IS SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT



"TIN" EARS AT END IN BOXING CIRCLES REPORT FROM WEST

Seattle, Wash., Physician Discovers Method of Treating Banged-up Hearing Organ, Obliterating Injury

PUGILISTIC POTPOURRI

The cauliflower, or "tin" ear, used as "caric of admission" to fight clubs by third and fourth rate boxers, is about to be no more. Reports received from Seattle, Wash., state that a local physician had discovered a method of treating damaged ears without leaving the member swollen. The idea is to drain the tissues and then attach a plaster cap until they knit together again, obliterating all trace of injury.

Few boxers who have appeared in ring battles have escaped disfigurement in this way. In a number of instances have been actually made deaf by the peculiar swelling caused by repeated pounding on the ear. Some of the leading boxers in the world, including the clearest defensive artists in the game—Fred Welsh, Jack Britton and Mike Gibbons—carry marks of their trade.

Packey McFarland and Johnny Kilbane are two of the very few who do not sport "tin" ears.

If Billy Bevan really has championship class he will have a good opportunity to display his form against the O'Donnell semi to the Jack Dillon-Sallor Grande fight at the Olympia Monday night. O'Donnell is a rugged fellow and can take the heat.

Negotiations are on for a match between Jim Coffey and Jack Keating at the Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn. Keating started training at Billy Boxer's gym today.

Willie Baker, who started boxing about two years ago in sensational form, will get back into harness at the Broadway Club's opening of the regular season next Thursday night. He will be opposed to Henry Hauber.

Fight managers are fighting over Jimmy Fryer. Two handlers of boxers are endeavoring to get bouts for him.

Twentieth Ward fight fans are anxious to see Charley Rear get into the local limelight this year. He wants fights with Benny Kaufman, Harry Smith and Eddie Moran.

Eddie O'Keefe should have little trouble outboxing, outlasting and outlasting Jimmy Taylor at the Douglas Tuesday night. Moe Greenbaum is confident Ed can whip all contenders for Kid Williams' crown.

Following his match with Nate Jackson of Denver Labor Day, Pete Herman, of New Orleans, will leave for Philadelphia. He may appear in the all-bantam show at Olympia September 13.

An offer was made Jack Hanlon for Louisiana to meet Jimmy Blate for 15 rounds in Baltimore, but Hanlon says he will not allow Louis to show in the Oriole City until after a bout with Kid Williams.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

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THE BULL MOOSE OF THE BLEACHERS Downward Path of Aloysius Reagan—The Bull Moose Deserts the Bleachers—And Gets His Revenge in a Strange New Way

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The head waiter of the Albermarle, "and don't make the mistake of taking me for a Frenchman, because if you do you'll go away feet first—in the wagon."

Aloysius tramped the streets and wondered if he was losing his mind. He had not been conscious of giving offense, yet one by one these patrons had turned up to accuse him. Who were they? What was their quarrel with him that he should be hounded so relentlessly?

In time he found another position. Aloysius was slipping down the ladder fast by this time, and even a short-order house was not to be despised. He hustled steaks and chops from morning until night, accepted 10-cent tips without turning up his nose, and in his rare intervals of leisure wondered if this could really be the same man who had once been called the best waiter in the Metropolitan Grill.

In the meantime the Bantams went on the road, and the ball park was empty for one entire month. When the team returned Aloysius secured an afternoon off, and the first voice which was lifted in greeting was the below of the Bull Moose. This time there was vitriol under Aloysius' tongue. He knew the difference between a fancied grievance and a real grudge against fate, and it showed in the outpouring of his wrath against society in general and ball players in particular.

"I guess we'll have to look this fellow up again and put the roller skates under him," said Alderleeve. "Lenny can find out where he's working."

Three days afterward the short-order house dispensed with Reagan's services. He had engaged in a fist fight with a customer who accused him of "holding out" thirty cents in change—and that customer was Andy Anderson.

"Do you deny that you swore at my friend here because he said the coffee was cold?"

"The training of 30 years availed not in this crisis. The shell of obsequious politeness, already cracked, dropped from Reagan at this monstrous charge. He raved and used language which amply sustained the original indictment."

"You see," said Mulholland to Henri, "the man is violently abusive. I should say that he is insane and not accountable. Come, gentlemen, I regret that you should have been subjected to this annoyance."

Ten minutes afterward Aloysius Reagan crept out at the back door of the Metropolitan Grill, but Aloysius was not in a position to pick and choose. The damaged Henri, foregoing police-court publicity, had used the underground wireless against him, and the head waiters of all the best houses gave Aloysius the frozen glare when he presented himself.

Four nights later Aloysius was again waiting the streets, talking to himself. History had repeated itself. Three patrons of the Albermarle had reported him to the management—one alleging negligence, one drunkenness, and a third impertinence.

"So I guess you'd better travel," said the head waiter of the Albermarle, "and don't make the mistake of taking me for a Frenchman, because if you do you'll go away feet first—in the wagon."

"What's the meaning of it?" thought Aloysius. "Is it a conspiracy? Or am I going crazy?"

The next afternoon the anvil chorus on the bleachers lacked a conductor. Aloysius Reagan was hunting a new job. At the end of three days he found one. The Albermarle Cafe was not strictly first class, and the tips were not so generous as at the Metropolitan Grill, but Aloysius was not in a position to pick and choose. The damaged Henri, foregoing police-court publicity, had used the underground wireless against him, and the head waiters of all the best houses gave Aloysius the frozen glare when he presented himself.

"JACKSON GIVEN AWAY" TO BALK FEDS," TINKER Chiefed Manager Declares Cleveland Club Is in Financial Straits MANY 'JUMPS' PREDICTED Failure to Pay Salaries Given as Cause of Pending Disruption of Club

That the American League is in a bad way financially has been the prevalent opinion of baseball men throughout the country, and it has been known for some time that the Cleveland Club could hardly hope to finish the season without aid from the other owners. But if accusations by Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federals, are true, the league is in even worse shape than is generally believed.

Tinker declares that Joe Jackson, one of the greatest outfielders in the game, was given to the Chicago team and not sold for an enormous sum, as reported. At the time the sale was made Tinker was negotiating for Jackson's signature to a long-term Federal League contract, and he says that the deal was made to save the slugging outfielder from the Federal League.

A Philadelphian who returned last night from the Grand American Trapping shooting handicap in Chicago, and whose veracity can scarcely be doubted, declares that he met Weeghman, Tinker and Jackson in Chicago, and the inside story of the entire case, which has been more or less of a mystery to the baseball fans, was clearly explained.

BEHIND WITH SALARIES It was generally understood that Jackson owned a "ironclad" contract which could not be broken and the fans throughout the country were amazed at Tinker's efforts to sign him; but the Chiefed manager declares that the Cleveland Club broke the contract by failing to pay its players for seven weeks and that Jackson's whereabouts are still unexplained and he therefore free agents in the eyes of the law.

It has been known for some time that Owner Charles Somers, of Cleveland, was in financial difficulties, but it was thought that the other American League owners would come to the aid of Somers, who virtually supported the entire American League in 1914, as Ward has been doing for the Federals.

Manager Tinker's version of the Jackson case explains many things that heretofore have puzzled the baseball fans. He could not understand why the Indians, who were in need of good men, should almost give away one of the greatest players in the game. According to Tinker, Somers begged Comiskey to take over the club for nothing if he would let the Cleveland Club in its straits.

JACKSON ALMOST PERSUADED "I received a wire from a player of the Cleveland team telling me that he was open to do business with the Federal League, because he and almost every other member of the Cleveland team were free agents, because the club had violated its contract," said Tinker. "As soon as I received the wire I boarded a train for Cleveland to sign Jackson."

"I met Jackson and he virtually accepted my terms, but he had already been transferred to the White Sox. I foolishly took a chance and watched the Cleveland game from the bleachers, and somebody else had signed him out. After a mad dash all arrangements to meet Jackson at the railroad station in a small town outside Cleveland, although Jackson's wife objected to leaving Cleveland."

He waited two hours for Jackson to appear, but when he failed I began to get suspicious and went back to Cleveland, where I heard the whole story of the transfer of Jackson to Chicago."

"This is how it came about: Somers called up Comiskey on the long-distance telephone and told him that we were open to have Jackson by night, and he would be taken within the next 10 days."

"Although Somers made the American League possible, there is not a single magnate who will go to his aid, and affairs in Johnson's league are in by far worse shape than any one imagines. We have received letters from many American Leaguers who know that they cannot get new contracts calling for large salaries because the clubs have not the money, and you can bet we will have many of them when their contracts expire this fall."

Owner Weeghman told the Philadelphian just about the same version of the Jackson case, while the outfielder himself is said to have made a "break" which corroborates the story.

Yesterday President Johnson visited Cleveland, and James McGill, owner of the Denver Club, of the Western League, and the Indianapolis Club, of the American Association, and the rumor was circulated that the Cleveland franchise would be sold to John J. McGraw, of New York, however, if the club is not sold it is likely that McGill will advance money to Somers to enable the club to pay its players their back salary.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Bermuda's champion cricket team, the eleven of the Somerset Cricket Club of Somerset, winner of the Bermuda cup, has arrived in New York, bent upon playing a series of matches in New York, Philadelphia and New England within the few weeks it will remain here. These games will lend an international flavor to the season's programme here, which otherwise would have been entirely absent in consequence of the war.

The party, including the manager and umpire, was just 13 strong, and was made up as follows: H. Knight, captain; J. T. Tucker, manager; H. Green, umpire; Captain A. Smith, of the Bermuda militia; J. H. Place, E. Trotter, W. F. Pitt, E. Paynter and J. Swan.

The first match of the series will be played at Lenox Oval on September 4 and 6 against an eleven of the Spartan Field Club, under whose auspices a trip was arranged. On September 11, at the same place, the visitors will encounter a team which will be made by the Columbia Oval Cricket Club. Another two days' match is planned for September 15 and 17 against a combined team representing New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Meantime the West Indians will visit Philadelphia, Boston and Fall River.

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—YES, LOUIE, HE HANDLED THIS CHANCE WITHOUT THE SEMBLANCE OF A BOOT

