

ATHLETICS DOWN TO WORK IN JACKSONVILLE—OTHER NEWS OF THE SPORTS WORLD

LEONARD BEATS ROBIDEAU IN FURIOUS BATTLE AT OLYMPIA; "SHORT TIMING" IS CHARGED

Billy Gibson Says Last Round Is 15 Seconds Shy and Young Riot Is Staged

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. A young riot was put on as an added attraction to the show at the Olympia A. A. last night, after Benny Leonard had all but finished Sam Robideau in a hard six-round bout.

Robideau was in a bad way, and he was ready to give up. He was hit by a right hand which landed on his forehead, and he was hit again by a left hand which landed on his nose.

But It Was Exciting! Perhaps the round was short and then again, perhaps it was not. As stated above, it seemed short, but it must be remembered that the round was exciting.

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Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Benny Leonard defeated Sam Robideau, Eddie May won from Buck Fleming, Alie Kabanoff beat George Binktopf, Young Welmer outpointed Stanley Ketchel, Frankie Clark bested Willie Fitzerald, and Benny Leonard knocked out Frankie Killee in the first.

NEW YORK—Johnny White won from Young Zulu Kid, Eddie Walters defeated Kid Taylor, Carey Phelan outpointed Tommy Houck, Tommy Toubner beat Willie Jones.

CINCINNATI—George Chaney outpointed Billy Raboin, Eddie May won from Buck Fleming, Alie Kabanoff beat George Binktopf, Young Welmer outpointed Stanley Ketchel, Frankie Clark bested Willie Fitzerald, and Benny Leonard knocked out Frankie Killee in the first.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—Young Britt drew with Fatsy Brannigan. L. Hank defeated K. O. Sullivan, Willie Franklin knocked out Kid Kirk in the first, Tommy Doran shaded Young Smith, and Sam McLean drew with Ben Rittenhouse.

COLUMBUS—Johnny Griffiths won from Willie Bennett, N. Y.—Jimmy Coffey defeated Johnny Maris.

MEMPHIS—Gus Christy and George Chis drew.

PHILADELPHIA—Jack Britton defeated K. O. Brennan.

swung and caught Benny on the jaw, Benny almost toppled over, but he clinched and adopted defensive tactics until the bell.

Then came the sixth, with all of its trimmings. Robideau was all in, ready to drop, when an excited second began throwing water on him, which is against the rules.

Brother Charles Performs. Before the bout, Benny was the busiest little person in the place. He witnessed the three bouts preceding the windup and assisted Brother Charles when he placed a typical Leonardian wallop on one Frankie Killee's chin and allowed him to sleep peacefully after one minute and twenty seconds of the first stanza.

One of the largest crowds of the season attended the show, which was good from beginning to end. Long before the doors opened, the place was packed with people for the clubhouse and the police were called to keep them in line.

Winner of 15-Round Match Tonight to Be Middleweight Champion of State. Middleweight champion of Pennsylvania will be added to the moniker of the winner of the Jack McCarron-Joe Borrell 15-round match, scheduled in Norristown tonight.

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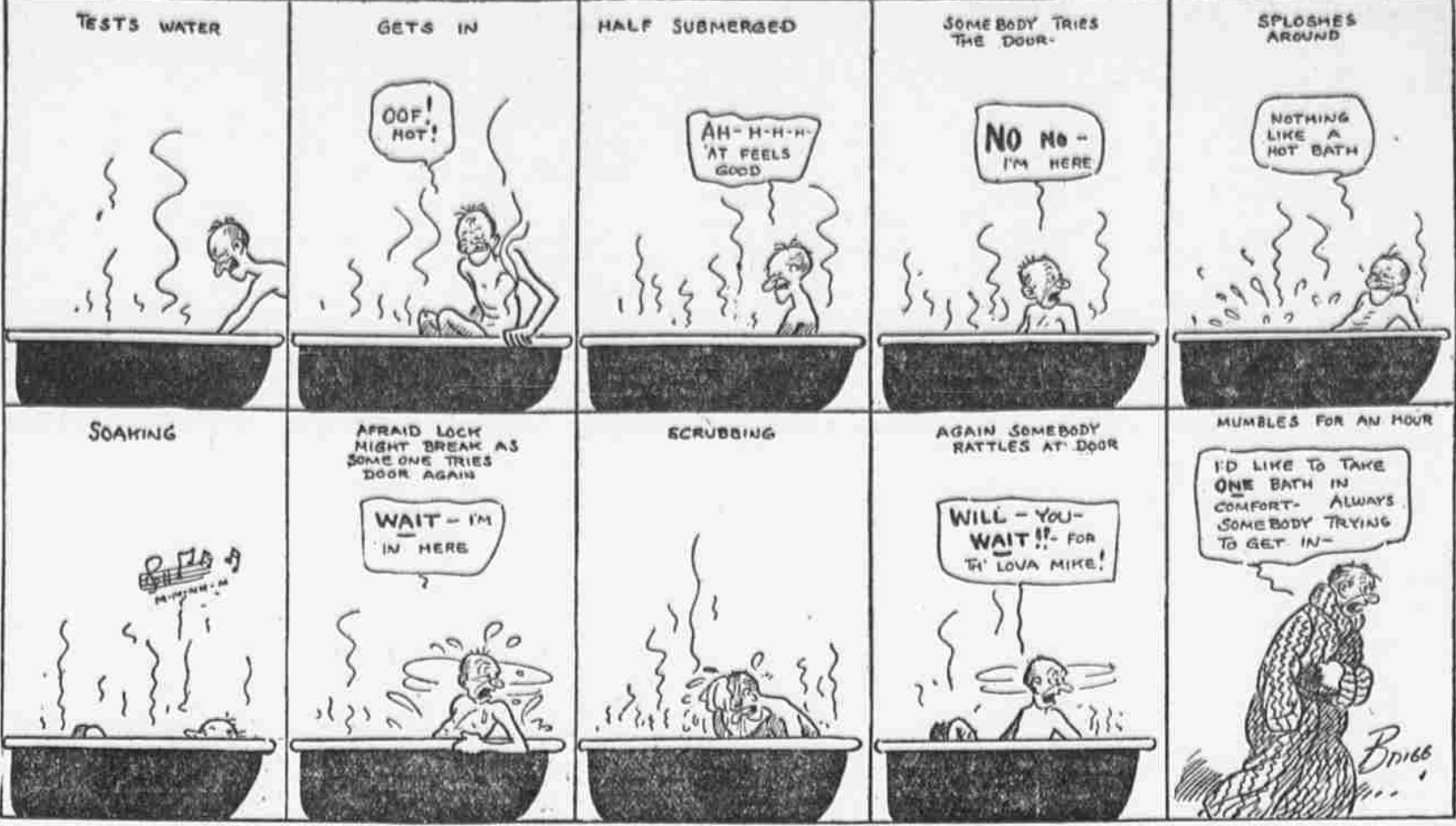
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MOVIE OF A MAN TAKING A BATH



KING LAMENESS HOLDS FORTH IN CAMP OF ATHLETIC TEAM

Youngsters Are Stiff Today After Strenuous Drill by Mack and Thomas—Jack Nabors Looks Good for This Season

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 14.—There was a surprising number of stiff arms and lame backs in the Mack camp when the squad assembled for morning practice today.

A pick-up game was played yesterday afternoon, with the battery men switched about. The object of the game was to give the twirlers an opportunity to handle the ball a great deal.

Not only would Schang worry the pitcher more by continually swinging at the ball late when he is batting left-handed, but the infield also would be upset. Schang is remarkably fast and the infield would be forced to play fairly close to get him at first on slow bouncers.

The catchers butted particularly hard in yesterday's practice, but it is discounted by the fact that the pitchers were not trying to put anything on the ball. Meyers, who has been the talk of the camp, certainly hits fast-ball pitches finely, and his weakness must be a curve ball.

Several will be slow rounding in form as a result, but when they are ready for duty they will not fall through lack of knowledge.

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As Manager Mack agrees, the pitching problem will gradually solve itself to a certain extent after the men have been shown just what is expected. It will be a case of the survival of the fittest and Connie anticipates little trouble in making his final selection of hurlers.

He said this morning that he did not intend to carry more than three catchers, as he wants to hold 10 pitchers for at least a month after the season opens.

With catcher buyers showing wonderful form for this time of the year, it looks very much as if Perkins and Murphy will fight it out for the other position.

Perkins is light and Murphy is smart, which gives them a chance to hold their own in the camp.

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FUN MAKERS GREAT AID TO BASEBALL PLAYERS AND CLUB

Rice Declares He Would Sign Altrock, Steve Evans or Schaefer if He Were Manager of a Team

By GRANTLAND RICE

IF WE ever owned a ball club—which I won't—the first official act would be to sign one of the three men, if they were available at the time.

These are the three greatest latter day fun makers of baseball. Not that baseball is a frivolous, frothy sort of sport. It isn't. It is a profession serious enough to take care of the livelihood of over 10,000 men and to furnish recreation to over 15,000,000 men, women and children.

But it is the strain of the game, the tenaciousness of it at critical moments, that makes the presence of a fun maker or a strain breaker worth while.

McGraw's Foresight. No one has ever yet accused John J. McGraw of treating baseball in a slipshod fashion, of regarding his game as unimportant.

Very definitely. Enter Schaefer, exuding an atmosphere of geniality and good humor. Some funny quip follows—some high-class piece of mimicry, and a laugh follows.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEAGUE OPENS MAY 6

R. W. Maxwell, Sports Editor of the Evening Ledger, President of Circuit

Robert W. Maxwell, sports editor of the Evening Ledger, is now a baseball mogul. The magnates of the Montgomery County League met and decided that the bigger the president the bigger the league, hence their obvious and proper selection of an official head.

The others to be associated with Maxwell in conducting the intricate affairs of this organization will be Charles E. Price, Bethayres, vice president; Charles A. B. Hatzel, Fort Washington, secretary; John Hauser, Glenside, treasurer.

President Maxwell has decided that Saturday, May 6, is a perfect day on which to open the league. September 15 is the date of closing.

Maxwell, who is well known throughout the country as a football official and writer, is also an expert on the well-known national pastime. He will conduct the affairs of the league during the season, and as a baseball player although the organization will remain independent of National Commission control.

The town is to be represented in the circuit are Ambler, La Mott, Willow Grove, Glenside, Jenkintown, North Wales, Fort Washington and Bethayres.

Lipton Hopes to Sail in 1917. LONDON, March 14.—Sir Thomas Lipton, of the Yacht Club, states that he hopes to sail in the America's Cup race next year.

Braves Sign Ed Ruelbach. BOSTON, March 14.—Pitcher Ed Ruelbach, of the former Club and Federal League, has been signed by the Boston Braves.

depressing things about is certain to help lift or help break the strain which follows. And yet, with all this, Schaefer takes baseball seriously and is as sore over a home club defeat as any other member of the squad.

But one or two Schaefers mixed in would settle the atmosphere and prevent war.

Not New. The fun-maker on the ball field is no new institution. In the old days the business of being a king was even more serious than it is now in normal times.

With eight or ten Peds planning to break up his league and unhorse him on sight, so, to keep from going stale, one of the first things a king did, according to the comic operas and poets, was to hire, rent or sublet a jester.

It was the business of the jester to array himself in cap and bells and the rest of it and jerk japeries or bat out bean pots until the jaded monarch was holding his sides with merry laughter.

Jester to the King was a considerable job in the old days, and the Jester frequently was also the wisest and saddest man at court. It is no easy task to entice the guffaw at so much per guf.

HERE is an exceptional opportunity to get \$1.25 Baseballs FREE for your games this season.

THOUSANDS OF BRAND-NEW BASEBALLS EXACTLY LIKE THOSE USED IN THE BIG LEAGUE GAMES will be given away in the next few months.

Apply at Room 230, PUBLIC LEDGER BUILDING. Out-of-town nines should address Room 230 by mail.

By C. A. VOIGHT

PETEY—Petey's Going to Be the Hero or He Won't Play

