

STALLINGS BELIEVES THAT BRAVES ARE CLASS OF LEAGUE AND WILL SURELY WIN PENNANT

PERFECT HARMONY PREVAILS IN RANKS OF BOSTON BRAVES, SAYS MANAGER STALLINGS

Rumor That Friction Exists Among Players Is Branded as a Fake—Fighting Leader Says Team Will Soon Climb to Top

A FEW days ago the Detroit Free Press printed a story under a Boston date line to the effect that there was friction in the ranks of the Braves.

Stallings is not the mildest-mannered man under any conditions, but what he said yesterday would not look very well in print. Between ravings this is about the sum and substance of what Stallings had to say: "There is not a grain of truth to the yarn, and you can't tell me that it originated in Boston, because everybody up there knows better."

"There is not a team in either league in which greater harmony prevails, and the Braves are pulling together better than ever before. Did they play on Friday or Saturday as if they were not pulling together? Well, I guess not. Just watch them today. We have not been hitting, and that is why we are not out in front."

"If we had been able to average even eight hits to a game for the last six weeks we would be 15 games in front. The pitching and defense have been as good as in 1914, and the team is just starting to find its punch. We were going too good in the spring, and suffered a natural reaction, but watch us go now. That yarn is nothing but a fake of the rank order, and every player on my team, and the scribes traveling with the team, will bear me out."

Rumors Don't Worry Braves

IF THE story was written in hopes of stirring up trouble, it will fall in its purpose. None of my players pay any attention to things of that sort. The more the fans and scribes 'ride' them the better they play. That is why the Braves are a great team. They will improve as the race progresses, and play better ball in the stretch, which is more than I can say for one or two other teams.

"And about Hughes using the 'emery ball' or some other freak delivery—there is nothing in it. I know a lot of ball players are sure that he has some trick, because they never saw a pitcher with so much 'stuff' as Tom has this season. He always had it, though. He had it when he was with Rochester, and that is why I picked him up. I knew what he could do because I had watched him in the International League for several seasons."

"If Hughes was as strong as Alexander, Johnson and a few other stars, he would outclass them. I am not exaggerating a bit when I say he is the greatest pitcher in the game. You might say that he pitched a greater number of innings than any man in the National League, barring Alexander, last season. Well, that does not necessarily mean that he is strong. Hughes pitched in many games, but only a few innings in the majority."

"There are some pitchers who can pitch three or four innings a day, and never feel the strain, but when you ask them to pitch nine today and go back for nine more two days later, they fall. Hughes is a pitcher of that type. If I could afford to pitch him just one full game a week, he would never lose, but as it is I must send him in day after day to save games for other fellows. He has more work on the ball than any other pitcher in the game, and it is natural. He is not using the 'emery ball' or any other freak delivery."

Hughes Really Is a Wonderful Pitcher

AS STALLINGS walked out of the Philly Park after the game, he said, "What did I tell you, and what do you think of Hughes now?"

We admitted that he was a wonderful pitcher, and so did 12,000 fans who saw the lanky veteran twice go to the relief of a faltering teammate, and by brilliant pitching save both games of the double header with the Phillies, after Boston had taken the lead. It was Hughes' third appearance on the mound in three days, and in each game he had the Phillies completely at his mercy. Unfortunately for Hughes, he is credited with only one of the victories, Reulbach being given one and Ragan the other, according to the present scoring rules.

On Saturday Hughes relieved Ragan, and held the Phillies in check for the last five innings, enabling the Braves to hold their early lead. As Boston was ahead when Hughes entered the game, the victory was given to Ragan, who would surely have been relieved if he had been allowed to finish the game. In the first game yesterday he beaten Reulbach, but as Boston had taken the lead in the first half of the inning, the victory was credited to the latter.

If it had not been for a wild throw by Catcher Gowdy, in trying to catch Stock off third on a double steal Hughes would not have received credit for the second victory, either. This wild throw enabled the Phillies to tie the score, and started Hughes out on even terms with McQuillan, who relieved Mayer. Hughes held the Phillies in check for the rest of the game, and when the Braves scored four runs in the 10th inning, this remarkable pitcher at last got credited with a victory.

Defeats Sore Disappointment to Moran

THE double defeat was a bitter disappointment to Manager Moran and his players, and also came as a great surprise. The Phils believed that the Braves had "no punch" to speak of, and as Hughes, the only pitcher feared by Moran's men, had been on the mound for five innings on Saturday, the champions believed that they would surely win one game, with an excellent chance to take both.

On the brand of ball played yesterday, the Phillies will have little chance to beat the Braves, and it really is surprising that the two games were so close. Eppa Rixey's grand pitching, until two men had been retired in the eighth inning of the first game, enabled the Phils to hold a 1-to-0 lead, despite the fact that Ed Reulbach was twirling even better than the Philly southpaw.

After Fitzpatrick had singled, sending home the tying run, Manager Moran pulled Rixey from the game, Bender being substituted with Magee due to hit. This was done, despite the fact that the ex-Philly outfielder had not made a hit off Rixey in three trips to the plate. It proved a poor move, as Magee smashed the ball into left for a single, scoring Maranville and Fitzpatrick with the winning runs. While the Braves added two more runs in the ninth at the expense of Joe Oeschger, they were not needed, as Hughes held the Phils in check.

Miserable Fielding Marred the Second Game

THE second game was a farce, and only a great batting rally prevented the champions from being shown up badly. The fielding of both teams was decidedly off form, but the Philly misplays were more costly, and also were made on easier chances than those of the Braves. Four of the five runs made by the Phils were tallied in the sixth inning, and all were due to costly misplays by Catcher Traggner and First Baseman Konechty.

The final run was due to Gowdy's wild throw. In the other innings the Phils had little chance to score, and really were lucky to carry the Braves along for 10 innings. Six errors were charged against the champions, and they made almost as many of omission, such as throwing the ball to the wrong base, passed balls, etc. The last pair of errors paved the way for the Boston victory.

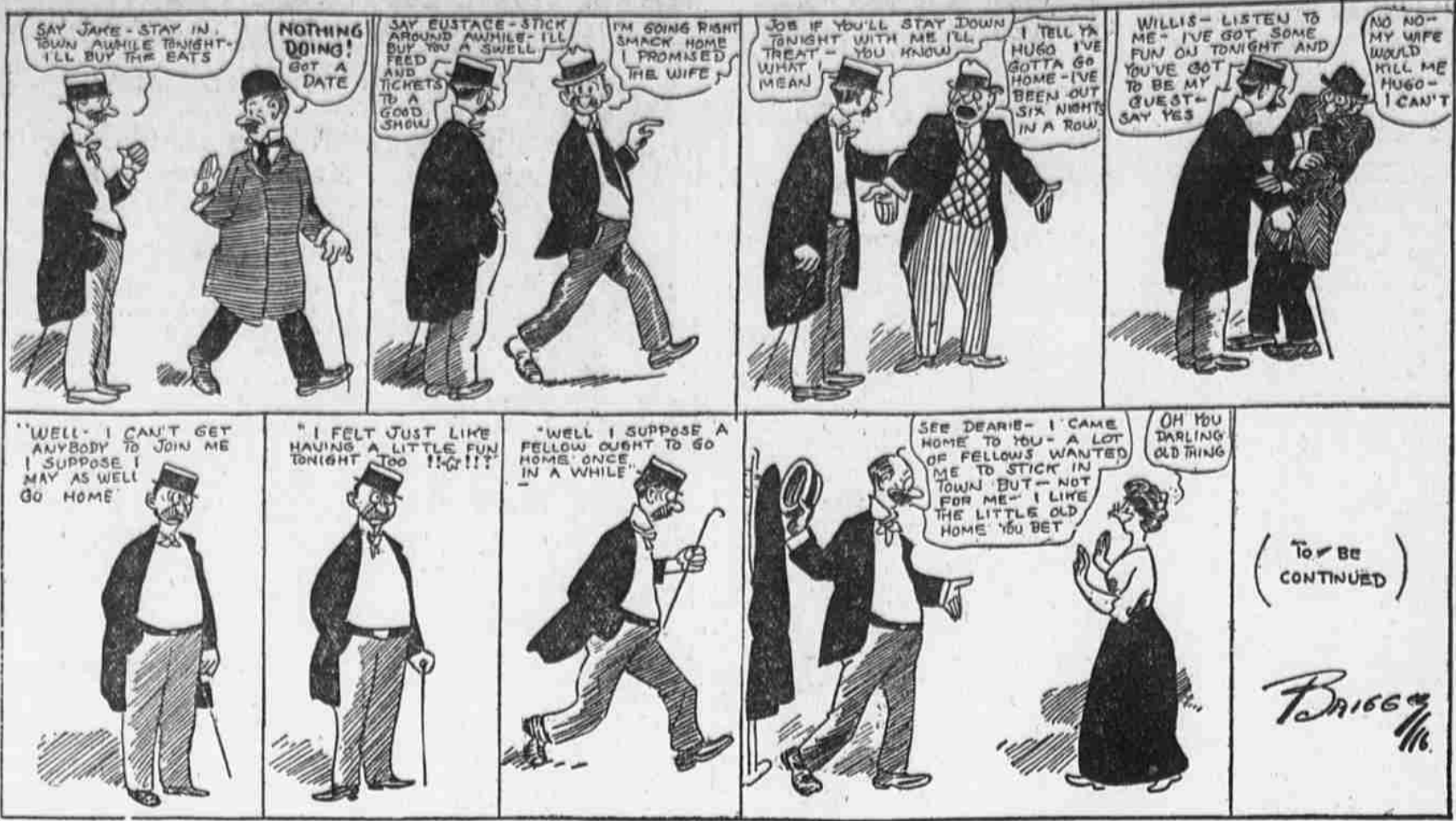
Four of the first five batters to face McQuillan in the 10th inning reached first base, though none of them hit the ball out of the infield. Bancroft started the trouble by making an error which permitted Smith to reach first. He took second on a passed ball, and was sacrificed to third by Snodgrass. Gowdy was purposely passed, and Tyler, who batted in place of Hughes, was hit by a pitched ball, filling the bases. McQuillan then made a wild throw to the plate, after making a splendid stop of Maranville's tap. McQuillan went to pieces at this stage, and Evers and Magee followed with singles, bringing the total up to four unearned runs.

It was rather odd that Magee should have made the hit that defeated Bender. The last time Magee batted against the Indian he was struck on the wrist with a fast ball. The wrist was broken, and the brilliant outfielder was forced to remain out of the game for six weeks. Magee had his revenge, but Bender still has the edge, as Magee's absence from the game cost the Braves many games.

Stallings outgassed Moran in the eighth inning, and caused the Philly boss to weaken his team without gaining the advantage expected. With Nehf, a southpaw, on the mound, Moran sent Whitted in to bat in place of Luderus. As the two previous batters had hit safely it seemed certain that Nehf would be pulled out of the game anyway, but Moran decided to take a chance on Whitted. As soon as Whitted was announced as the batter, Hughes replaced Nehf, and fanned Whitted and Cooper.

Philadelphia rapidly is taking the lead in aquatics. In addition to having a champion distance swimmer in Charles Durborow, another sprint champion is Miss Olga Dorfner. The Quaker City now lays claim to having the most versatile swimmer of the present in John B. Kelly, of the Vesper Club. Kelly's feat of taking part in four victories in one regatta is a record. His quartet of wins last Saturday brought his total of victories for the season up to eight.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



YALE HOPES TO OPEN GRIDIRON SEASON NEXT FALL THAT WON'T BE QUITE SO CRIMSON-TAINTED

By GRANTLAND RICE

YALE is looking for a new start against Harvard next fall—and Yale needs it. The Crimson triumph has been about as complete this season as a triumph can be. On land and water Yale has found no balm left in her Gilead of yore. The New London episode was the concluding wallop. The sole chance for any Eli buoyancy now remains in the hope that Tad Jones, Mike Sweeney and Cupid Black may open a new regime next fall that will not be quite as crimson-tinted as the one that has just come to a close.

Showing Again the Uncertainty, Etc.

There were no blazing headlines nor un-couth cheers around last winter when it was announced that the Yanks had purchased Nick Cullip, the Fed southpaw. The comment thereon was well-nigh inaudible. Yet today Nick is the sole pitcher in either big league who has not been beaten. He has put his wares on display against almost every club in the circuit, but no one has yet broken down his guard.

Cullip has what Hughie Jennings says is enough, and that is everything. He has a blast of speed and one of the quickest drops in the profession. His control is flawless, and few wiser pitchers ever faced the menacing mace. He isn't likely to go through the season unbeaten, but when he loses, the odds are 11 to 2 that it will not be his fault.

Alexander vs. Johnson

Nineteen-sixteen so far belongs to Grover Cleveland Alexander above his great rival, Walter Johnson. The Philly premier has won 13 games and lost 3 for an average of .812. He is on his way to one of the greatest years he ever has known—and he has known his share of the great ones. Walter Johnson has been up against a tougher break. The Idaho Blizzard has

won 11 games and lost 7, which is only average pitching. But in 1913 Johnson won 24 games and lost only 7, which shows an unusual lapse in his case. The big star still is a great pitcher. But so far 1916 doesn't give promise of being one of his finest years.

One Answer

Why all this jubilee about When Dillon meets Moran? Why all this bully hip-hoo-ray Amid the fighting clan? The answer is a simple one: Bereft of any trick, For Dillon has the wallop and Moran has got the kick.

It may be that Dillon will upset Moran and land most of the glory. But in the bleak law of the game it isn't very often that a good little man can beat a good big one.

"The evil that men do lives after them," wrote Shakespeare, who, as he wrote it, probably was still sore at some outsider's rank muff with the winning run on third.

Poems You May Care For

A Troop of the Guard, By HERMAN HAGEDORN, Jr. There's a trampling of hoofs in the busy street; There's a clanking of sabres on floor and stair; There's a sound of restless, hurrying feet, Of voices that whisper, of lips that entreat,

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Will they live, will they die, will they strive, will they dare? The houses are paroled, Raps flutter gay, For a troop of the Guard rides forth today.

Oh, the troopers will ride and their hearts will leap, When it's shoulder to shoulder and friend to friend— But it's some to the pinnacle—some to the deep— And some in the glow of their strength to sleep.

But for all it's a fight to the tale's far end; And it's each to his post, nor turn nor away, When a troop of the Guard rides forth today.

The dawn is upon us, the pale light speeds, To the zenith with glamour and golden darts;

On, up! Boot and saddle! Give spurs to your steeds! There's a city beleaguered that cries for men's deeds With the pain of the world in its cavernous heart. Ours be the triumph! Humanity calls!

Life's not a dream in the clover! On to the walls, on to the walls, On to the walls, and over!

Further Proof Being— The five long puts we saw go down Hold a forgotten tryst, As we recall, with many a frown, The short one that we missed.

"If Alexander ever slips badly," begins a contemporary, as he soliloquizes on the Philly outlook. Quite so. Butthehellifittisheath'talpping.

Lewis Wins Fifty-Mile Auto Race

DES MOINES, Ia., June 27.—Dave Lewis in Crawford special won the 50-mile automobile race on the Speedway track yesterday. He was preceded for the honors by Hughie Hughes, in a Devin special; Ralph Mulford, in a Hudson super-six; and Frank Gavin, in his Sunbeam racer. Lewis averaged about 90 miles an hour. He came from behind after the 20th lap and gradually overhauled the leaders. His time for the distance was 34:08.39.

PEOPLE'S ANNUAL REGATTA HAS 63 ENTRIES ON LIST

Sixteen Races to Be Held on Schuylkill River July 4

AD MEN HAVE PROGRAM

That 63 entries and 16 races will make up the program of the Peoples' Regatta to be rowed over the national course on the Schuylkill River Tuesday, July 4, was made known at a meeting of the Schuylkill Regatta Association at the Commodore Hotel last night. Entries were received from virtually all the Philadelphia clubs and others from New York, Detroit and elsewhere.

The stewards were disappointed at a message received from James Ten Eyck, son of the Syracuse tator, who is coach of the Duluth Boat Club, of Duluth, Minn. Ten Eyck said that on account of the majority of his seniors being members of the National Guard he would be unable to present a crew for July 4, although he expected to develop others to take their place for the championships to be rowed at Duluth in August.

According to the schedule announced last night, the first race will begin at 2 o'clock and the remaining 15 each quarter of an hour after. By this arrangement the regatta will come to a close at quarter of 4. An additional entry is expected to arrive shortly from the Washington Boat Club. Entries also closed for the Ad Men's regatta to be held in conjunction with the river pageant on Thursday night. Only three races will make up this, however, as other events, such as a fireworks display, will consume most of the time.

Tenney Comes Back; Hits in Pinch NEWARK, N. J., June 27.—Fred Tenney came back. For the first time in five years his name appeared in the box score today. Tenney went in as a pinch hitter for the Newark team and delivered with a star single to center.

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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—THE BOSTON AD MEN WERE THERE, TOO, HUGH, DELIGHTED WITH THE BRAVES' DOUBLE SLAUGHTER

A series of comic panels depicting a scene at a movie theater. The text in the panels includes: 'WELL BOYS, TO CELEBRATE THE AD MENS CONVENTION I WENT TO THE BALL GAME YESTER-DAY.', 'A MAN WAS WHITE-WASHING THE HOME-PLATE WHEN I ARRIVED. SO I SAID TO MY FRIEND, "I WONDER WHAT THAT PLATE IS MADE OF?" HE SAID, "RUBBER." AND I DID BY-GUM!', 'I WALKED RIGHT UP AND LOOKED RIGHT DOWN AT IT. A MAN TAPPED ME ON THE SHOULDER AND SAID, "HEY, PARDNER, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO WALK AROUND HERE!" SO I STOOD STILL', 'THEN HE GOT MAD AND YOWLED, "GOWAN, CLEAR OFF!" HIS BROW LOOKED CLOUDY, SO I CLEARED OFF IF I DIDN'T MY NAME WOULD BE MUD!', 'AS I WAS LEAVING THE FIELD, A PLAYER CAME RUNNING TOWARD ME A HOLLERING, "I GOT IT! BUT HE DIDN'T—I GOT IT—RIGHT ON THE DOME!", 'JUST AS I GOT SEATED A PLAYER SLID INTO 2ND AND THE "UMP" YELLED "SAFE!" THE PLAYER DIDN'T LOOK SAFE, NEITHER DID THE UMPIRE. HE GOT OUT WHEN THE POP BOTTLES AND CUSHIONS CAME HIS WAY—SOME JUDGEMENT!', 'HE SAW HE WASN'T RIGHT, SO HE LEFT! AND SO DID I. WELL BOYS' CHEER UP! THIS IS THE END.', 'BUT BEFORE I GO, I WILL PRESENT EACH ONE OF YOU WITH MY PHOTO-GRAPH HERE. YOU ARE TAKE ONE YOUR WELLS'.