

YANKEES' HARD SCHEDULE WITH CLEVELAND AND DETROIT IS THE REAL TEST

DONOVAN'S STRONG PITCHING STAFF WILL HAVE CHANCE TO SHOW STRENGTH THIS WEEK

Double-Headers With Indians Today and Tomorrow and Three Games in Two Days With Tigers Real Test for Yankees

WE HAVE with us today the beginning of the well-known mid-season crucial week in the American League. It was to have begun yesterday, but rain prevented. As far as the Athletics are concerned, there is little to say. They do not figure in the race. The New York Yankees, Cleveland, Detroit and the Red Sox are the clubs whose victories and defeats will be followed closely by fandom throughout the country because of their direct bearing on the ultimate standing of the clubs in Ban Johnson's circuit.

Of these clubs, the Yankees are attracting the most attention. In the first place the flying Donovanites have the most difficult schedule ahead for the remainder of the week encountered by any club this year. They are scheduled for another double-header with the Indians after today, only to follow that terrific grind with three games with Detroit on Friday and Saturday. Furthermore, the Yankees have not been doing as well at home as they have abroad and this, combined with the stiff week's schedule, may cause a slight fissure to develop under the strain.

On the other hand, the pitching staff of the Yankees is going far better than those of either Cleveland or Detroit. In Ray Caldwell, Fisher, Keating, Shawkey, Cullop and Morgridge, Wild Bill has a corps of hurlers who ought to outpitch the Tiger and Indian twirlers at least at the ratio of three to two.

Frank Baker, inspired by the presence of his two rivals, Ty Cobb and Speaker, during the remaining days of the week, should come to the fore with his big stick and drive in enough runs to allow his pitching pals to work easily, something they must do to get through successfully the epidemic of double-headers.

Yankees Fear the Star Visiting Clubmen

ALTHOUGH Mr. Donovan and his folks trust their pitchers a long way, they realize no one can stem the tide of base hits when Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker get their clotting eyes trimmed for action. It is against these two players that the Yankees will work hardest, for a temporary slump on the part of either is likely to mean more victories for the New Yorkers and an increased lead for the 1916 flag.

Donovan himself and his players may not be particularly desirous of having such a stiff schedule this week, but it is safe to say Captain Huston and his financial conferees are rejoicing in the comforting thoughts of big crowds, which mean a constant ticking of the turnstiles.

The many postponements during the early days of the season were a blessing for the New York club owners. At the time these games were called off on account of bad weather the Yankees had not shown anything worthy of particular note. But now, leading the league, they are drawing big crowds and the almost daily double attractions are putting silver into the coffers so fast that even Baker's salary can be paid on time.

Eddie Collins Always Had Trouble in Chicago

TO THOSE who know a little of the workings of the Athletics in the palmy days of 1913 and 1914 it is not surprising that Eddie Collins has fallen down in his hitting in Chicago. There never was a time, even when Eddie was at the top of his game, that he was able to do his best slugging at Comiskey Park. This was true of all the members of the Athletic Club.

Just why this should have been the case, none of the Athletics ever was able to explain satisfactorily. It appeared that some could not see the pitched balls well because of the glare from the fine stone around the diamond, while others declared that the background made it exceedingly difficult for a visiting player to get his eye on a pitched ball.

At any rate, Eddie Collins never could hit well on the South Side. He fell last year to .323 from .344 in 1914. The last averages showed that the former White Elephant second sacker was hitting only .258, the worst showing that he ever made in the big show.

Any one who believes that Collins is not giving his best efforts to the Chicago fans and to Manager Rowland does not know him. Collins does his utmost in every game, whether it is in a world's series or an exhibition game. He was one of the few Athletic players who never tried to dodge an exhibition contest, a habit which J. Franklin Baker developed to its highest point of efficiency—or inefficiency as one cares to view it.

Daubert Has Kept Dodgers at Top

THE sensational playing of Jake Daubert around the first bag is one of the several reasons for the great showing of the Dodgers this year. Jacob has risen to heights this season greater than ever before. He has been making stops and throws that have brought gasps of amazement from even the most blasé fans.

The other Dodger infielders are none too accurate in their pegging. But it makes no difference. They do not need to be with Jake on first. High or low, wide or straight at him, Jake manages to grab the ball. He digs them out of the real estate or leaps six feet into the air. He sears them with his gloved mitt while his body is stretched out to its full limit or he grabs them with the un-gloved palm.

Many times since the season began Daubert's uncanny skill in snaring the wild heave has saved a game for the Brooklynites. Times without number he has grabbed atrocious flings and killed off runners going to first. Just how many rallies Daubert has checked or how many runs he has choked off for the Dodger foes is something that no one can tell with any degree of accuracy. But they have been many in number.

They Are Loath to Give Up the Game

RUBE OLDRING's decision to play with the New York Yankees is no surprise, in spite of the fact that Rube recently made his third annual statement that he was through with baseball. Rube always has said that he wished to quit the game when he was at the pinnacle of his career, and not drag on until he finally was stunted to the minors.

But Captain Huston no doubt had something very inducing in the way of salary to offer the Rube. This, combined with the excellent chance of his being able to cut on the world's series pie of 1916, undoubtedly led the Jersey farmer to reverse his decision to retire.

Oldring still has a number of years of good baseball in his system and may be a valuable acquisition to the New York club. His knowledge of American League batemen from an outsider's viewpoint will strengthen materially the defensive power of the team, and his hitting should be good enough throughout the remainder of the season to justify any amount that Huston pays him.

Tennis Improving in the Far East

THE Japanese lawn tennis champions, Mikami and Kumagai, who are entered in the New York State tournament at Utica, have something to relate of the game in the Far East. They state that although tennis was begun in Japan 25 years ago, it is only during the last three or four years that serious attention has been paid to its development.

These players came to this country primarily not to win honors, but to learn the style of play of the foremost American experts. Both of the Orientals are very skilful and exceedingly fast, but they seldom have had the opportunity to play with men better than themselves. This, naturally, put an end to their development at home, for it is only by watching other styles and playing with more skilful players that a man is able to make any headway in improving his game.

The Japanese champions are handicapped in their play here because of the fact that the ball used in Japan is larger and softer than the one used in America, England, France, Germany and Australia. However, after they have become "acclimated" to our "pill," it is not unlikely that they will be able to give a splendid account of themselves.

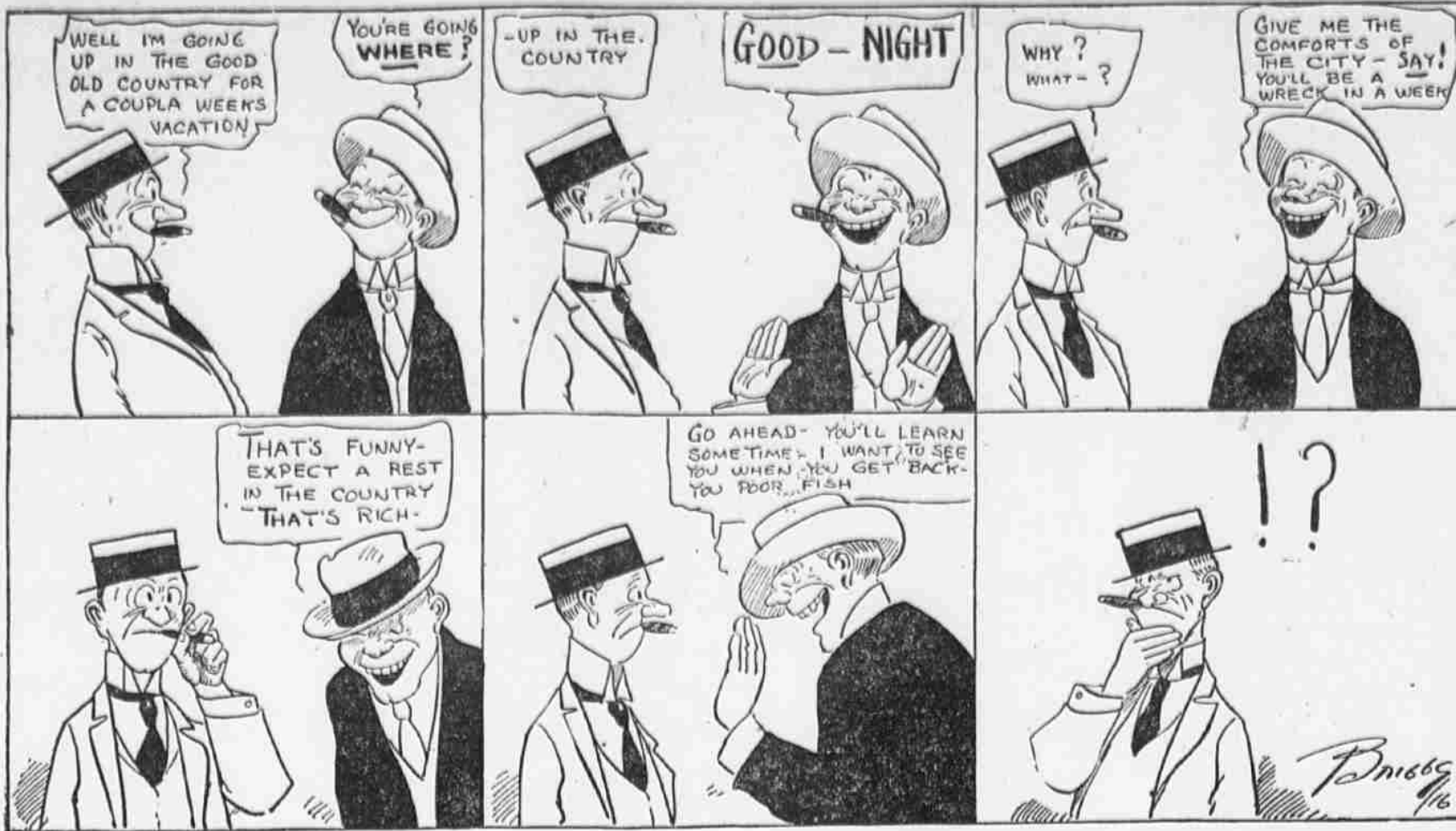
It will be remembered that these Japs sprang suddenly into prominence some weeks ago when they won the Far Eastern doubles from Ward Dawson and Clarence Griffin, two high-grade players from the Pacific coast.

Captain Neil Mathews, of the Pennsylvania football team of 1916, is summing in Chicago. He writes that he is keeping in fine physical condition and that he will be ready for the first call by Coach Bob Fowlwell. Mathews always has managed to be in good shape and now with the captaincy of the Red and Blue on his hands he is likely to show the West Philadelphia patrons that he is a real leader and a real player.

Philadelphians believe that Jack Kelly will make a great showing when he rows in Duluth on August 11. It is possible that Kelly may meet Bob Dibble again. This race should be the feature of the many events which are to take place under the direction of Ten Eyck.

Captain Koenig, of the Deutschland, avers that he and Charley Durborow are the only two amphibians extant who could have turned the trick of slipping through the British blockade.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



MAMAUX THOUGH MEMBER OF LOSING CLUB, PLACED FEW NOTCHES BEYOND THE FIELD

Alex, Coveleskie, Johnson and Cullop Have Done Well, But Season's Best Work Has Been Accomplished by Pirate Star

By GRANTLAND RICE

A Political Hunch
Somehow the thought has struck me, though perhaps a foolish notion, that no matter who is chosen when the big day rolls around, no matter whom the populace, from ocean unto ocean, pick to be the nation's leader—with the lucky winner crowned—

If Wilson is elected—
If C. Hughes is rejected,
Or if the "vice and versa" proposition wins the land—
I'd like to play the hunch I've got
With all the long green bunch I've got
We'll still be doing business at the same old stand.

I take no stock in war cries that are prejudiced and partisan;
As "Wilson is an enemy to even honest wealth";
Or "C. Hughes is the deadly foe of every tolling artisan,"
A menace to the country and a blight upon its health;
If C. Hughes is the chosen one
And Wilson is the frozen one,
No matter which of these two is the lucky one to land,
I rather think this nation
Will survive the conflagration
And we'll still be doing business at the same old stand.

THERE always is a time when affairs get so tautly drawn that something is bound to bend, if not to break.
That point now is about reached in this American League razzle-dazzle, which has tied the dope into true lovers' knots, beyond any computation.
Starting this present week, Detroit, in sixth place, was just six games back of New York, in first place. When a margin of six games only separates six ball clubs after nearly three months' play, the folly of prediction is apparent to the naked and unblinded orb. A six-game margin can be wiped away in two or three weeks without any abnormal upset. It is simple enough to sit down and select favorites, but the cold and pallid figures show well enough that the turning point is not yet in sight where any one or two clubs can be plastered with the olive and picked as the select.

The Best Pitching
"Has Alexander, Coveleskie, Johnson or Cullop done the best pitching of the year?" writes A. L. F.
In spite of his defeat on Saturday, the season's best box work has been accomplished by Al Mamaux, the Pittsburgh Phenom, who is several notches beyond the field. Exhibiting his wares with a ball club that has been down deep in the rut all year, Mamaux has won 13 games and lost only four.

This record would be fine enough with a winning club. But through upon a losing machine, it is a mark without any close rivalry in sight.
The Mackian Invictus
Out of the blight that covers us,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
We thank whatever power there be
There is no drop below eighth hole.
Bardovill Dave Robertson, the Giant outfielder, has slipped on by the \$50 mark and is well beyond the field. Robertson has two fine ingredients for batting success—he can hit the ball and he can move from the plate to first base faster than any man in the game, not barring Ty Cobb.

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FREEZE-OUT OF DARTMOUTH PLANNED BY NEW ENGLANDERS

Amherst, Williams and Wesleyan May Hold Triangular Track Meet

There have been rumblings of discontent in New England colleges for several years because of the continued success of Dartmouth in the New England intercollegiate track and field championships. Dartmouth has not been defeated in these games for a dozen years or more and the smaller New England colleges are tired of being out-classed by the Hanover lads. The main trouble is in finding some institution that will start the breaking away from the New England I. C. A. A.

From unofficial sources we learn that an effort is being made to form a triangular association comprised of Williams, Wesleyan and Amherst, and if such a thing comes to pass this meet will take place on the same day as the New England championships. This will mean the loosening of the ties as far as Williams, Wesleyan and Amherst are concerned and will pave the way for other withdrawals.

The four leading batemen of baseball come from Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina and Texas. The era of reconstruction evidently is over. The carpet-baggers have given away to the three-baggers for good.

As Lee Fohl figures the situation: "It's a long strain that knows no cracking."
Leaving brotherly affection aside, we don't blame Harry Coveleskie for not desiring to toil against his brother Stanley. The younger Pole now is on top in the averages.

Everywhere—Why?

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—CONNIE SHOULD TRY THE WATER LEAGUE, TOM, FOR SOME PITCHERS

