

MORAN'S MEN HAVE HAD A SUCCESSFUL TRIP, GAINING ON LEAGUE-LEADING DODGERS

PHILLIES' GREAT COME-BACK SURPRISES CRITICS, AND TEAM NOW IS FAVORITE FOR FLAG

Alexander's Brilliant Pitching and Clever Team Play of Champions Cause Rival Managers to Change Opinion

WHEN the Phillies departed for the West there was a feeling among the fans that Moran's champions were likely to be eliminated from the pennant race before they returned to this city.

Instead of going to pieces in the West, the Phils came back with a vengeance, winning 7 out of 12 games, and with Brooklyn skidding rapidly, it would not be surprising if the champions aren't in first place before another week has passed.

It is reasonably certain that Moran's men will hit better in the closing days of the race, with the majority of the games scheduled at home, and with better hitting from one or two men who were breaking up games this time a year ago.

Alexander has proved beyond doubt that he is just as good, and perhaps a trifle better, than he was at this time last season.

Alexander Pitching Wonderful Ball

AFTER being beaten in Boston, Alexander pitched the opening game of the Western trip in St. Louis and won a great pitchers' battle with Lee Meadows by the score of 1 to 6.

The value of working Alexander in the opening game of each series, as advocated in these columns when Moran departed from his old custom, was brought out stronger in the first game of the series with both Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

In four games in the West Alexander has allowed one run in 36 innings, that being due to an error, and has been found for 15 hits, an average of less than four to a game.

The presence of "Chief" Bender on the pitching staff has enabled Moran to keep Alexander out of the "bull pen," which, in baseball parlance, means the warming-up pit, and he is stronger than ever before at this time.

Hughes and Pfeffer Are Slowing Down

UNLESS Dick Rudolph can round into shape, the Phils' most dangerous contender will be weakened almost 25 per cent. Rudolph is absolutely necessary to the Braves at this time, as Tom Hughes is at last showing the effect of the daily relief duty grind he has been subjected to.

Jeff Pfeffer, the star of the Brooklyn staff, also is showing signs of overwork, although this giant needs only a few days' rest to bring him back.

It behooves Manager Moran to get Chalmers or Mayer working as they should or to place this pair of 1915 dependables on the shelf for the rest of the season, as too many games have been lost already because Moran insists on sending them to the mound in hopes that they might get away with a lucky victory.

Mack Made Some Progress on Disastrous Home Stand

THE Athletics close a disastrous home stand today, having won only two games; but it cannot be said that the time has been wasted, as Mack has made some progress in his reconstruction plans.

The greatest disappointment has been Lawry; but this youngster is ill and really should not have been sent into the game. The highly touted Maine lad has played well in the field and showed wonderful speed.

No doubt the fans have marveled at the number of infield hits made by opposing teams recently, when the ball was cleanly handled, and the infielder apparently had made a fast play.

American League Western Teams Shy of Mark

ALL of the American League teams excepting Washington have appeared here in order, and while none have experienced a great deal of trouble in defeating the Mackmen, some looked much better than others.

As a team, the Yankees looked better than any other which appeared here on the present home stand; but since Donovan's team left this city it has been crippled badly and, from present indications, is going to have a hard time staying in the race until the injured stars return to the game.

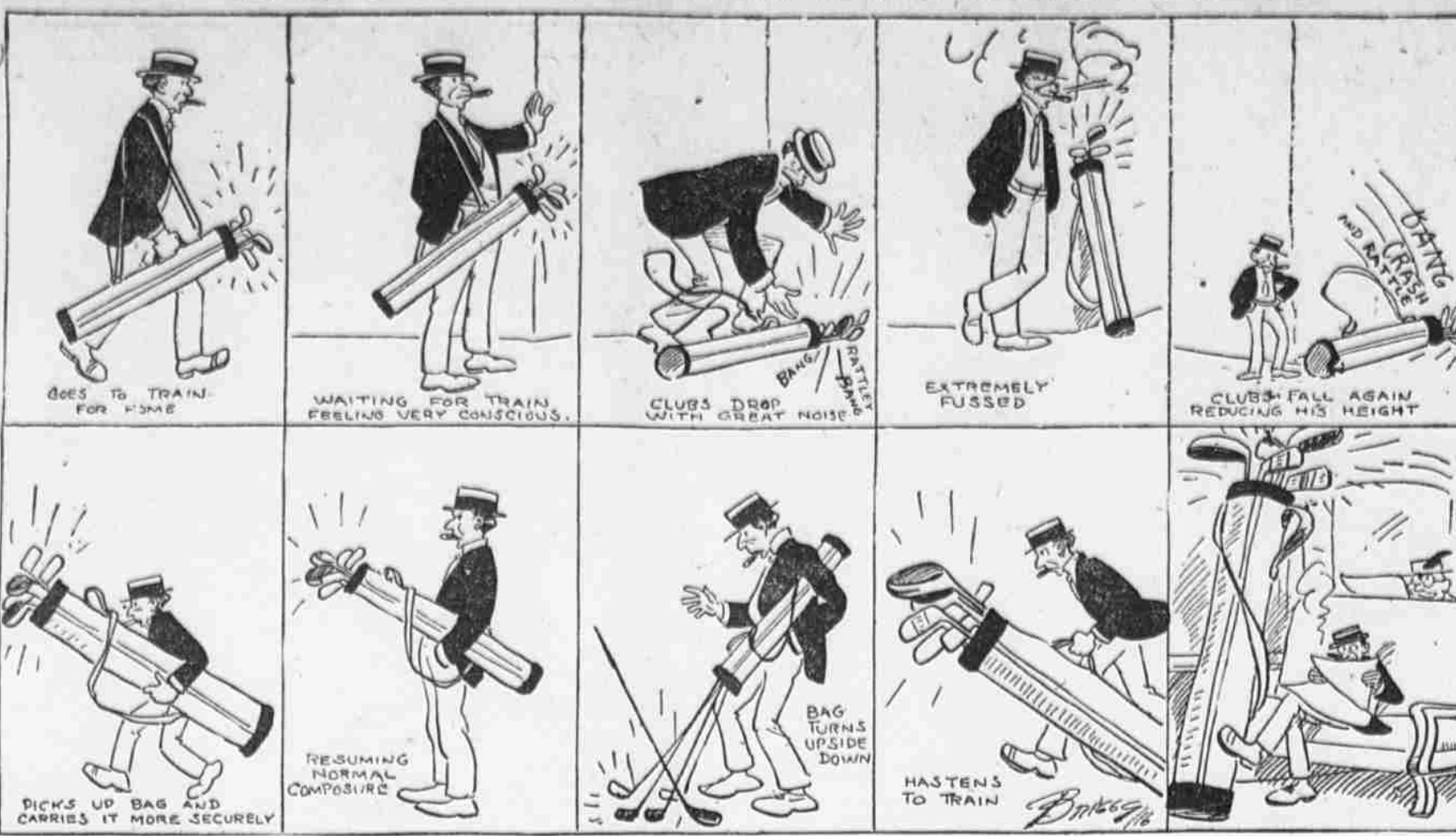
Even without Speaker, the Red Sox have that wonderful balance which, coupled with wonderful pitching, is going to be an important factor in the closing days of the race.

Morton's Injury Eliminates Cleveland

CLEVELAND has not made much of an impression on the local fans in the present series. The team appears to lack ginger and its pitching staff has been shot to pieces through the injury to Guy Morton.

Morton may be able to go to the mound and pitch a few good games now and then, but he is pitching very much as Chalmers did when his arm was in bad shape, and Guy has that the snap to his curve ball.

MOVIE OF A MAN TAKING HOME HIS FIRST GOLF OUTFIT



GEORGE CHANEY AND KILBANE TO MEET FOR TITLE

Featherweight Bout Will Be Staged at Cedar Point to a Decision

DATE SET LABOR DAY

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

The Kilbane-Chaney bout for the featherweight championship of the world is on again. After it had slumbered peacefully for a couple of months, stepped Matt Hinkle, the intrepid referee and president of the American Boxing Association, dug down deep in his jeans.

There is nothing phony about the offer, for Hinkle has the money, and is ready to put it up as soon as the boxers affix their John Hancock to the articles of agreement.

To a Decision

Hinkle has selected the site for the big bout. It will be held at Cedar Point, O., the famous summer resort outside of Sandusky, about 60 miles from Cleveland.

Reject Dougherty's Offer

After the Baltimore scrap fell through, Jimmy Dougherty burst in on the scene with a \$10,000 offer for a 16-round bout in Leipsville.

MATTY TO LEAD REDS THROUGH SEASON OF 1918

Terms for Three-Year Contract Are Not Made Public

CINCINNATI, O., July 22.—Christy Mathewson, who was obtained by Cincinnati in a trade with the New York Giants for Charlie Herzog and Wade Killefer, has signed a contract here to manage the Cincinnati club for the rest of this season and that of 1917-18.

Mathewson signed the contract after a short conference with President August Herrmann, of the local club.

Eddie Mahan to Lead Wilson League

NEW YORK, July 22.—Eddie Mahan, athletic star of Harvard University, will lead the Wilson League in the presidential campaign, Democratic League in the national campaign.

PUTTING IS DEADLY SHOT AND COUNTS MOST IN GOLF

By GRANTLAND RICE

"I HAVE seen it stated," said Jerry Travis recently, "that the second shot—the mashie or the iron approach to the green—is the most important shot in golf."

"I'll tell you why I figure this. Ability to putt well and to control a short chip shot not only cuts away many strokes, but it also adds greatly to the confidence of the long game and the second shot as well.

The double effect

"Good putting works in this fashion," continued the ex-open and ex-amateur champion, who will soon go after his old title at Merion.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Frankie Conway, of the 11th Ward, is expected to sign, but it is thought that he will not do so until the summer of 1917.

McGOVERN TRIMS FLYNN

Richmond Boxer Finds Kensingtonian Easy Game

Young McGovern, Richmond's candidate for the bantamweight boxing championship, scored a victory over Leo Flynn in the main attraction at the Cambria A. C. show last night.

Levinson Handles Ashe With Ease

NEW YORK, July 22.—Barney Levinson had a comparatively easy time outboxing George Ashe, the Philadelphia, at Brown's Far Rockaway Club last night.

Chinese Ball Players Win Again

YORK, Pa., July 22.—The Chinese University of Pennsylvania, a narrow seven-victory over Granville Park here yesterday, score 8 to 2. The Chinese' first run was made in the third on a circuit hit by Guan.

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GRAND CIRCUIT ENDS WITH NEW MARKS HUNG UP

Russell Boy and Single G Show Form in Record-Smashing

SEASON'S TIMES ARE MADE

CLEVELAND, O., July 22.—All season's and two world's records went by the boards in the free-for-all pace on the final day of the North Randall Grand Circuit races.

It was by all odds the greatest speed exhibition in the history of the Grand Circuit, and in only the special match race between Directum I and Willam was the time even approached.

The world's records were: The fastest three heats ever paced, the three heats averaging 2:00 2/3-100. The fastest second and third heats ever paced by the same horse, averaging 2:01.

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