

CARRIGAN'S TEAM BEGINS FINAL DRIVE FOR FLAG WITH A NO-HIT, NO-RUN, GAME

BRILLIANT PITCHING WILL GIVE BOSTON RED SOX ANOTHER VICTORY IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Absence of Barry a Severe Blow, But It Can Be Offset by High Grade Hurling on Part of Dutch Leonard and George Foster

IF THE Red Sox win the pennant this season, it will be due to extraordinary pitching. Whether they will get it is a question that is worrying Boston fans into sleeplessness.

Leonard's work has not been of the highest order this campaign until yesterday, when he pitched a remarkable no-hit no-run game against the St. Louis Browns.

If Leonard and Foster can hurl as well during the remaining weeks of the season as they did in 1915 and other twirlers go along at an average clip, the Fenwaymen would win even without the services of Jack Barry.

In a nutshell, the American League race narrows down to this—is any one club going to make a great sprint at the finish? If not, the Red Sox should win.

Phillies Will Be Made or Broken in Brooklyn Series TOMORROW afternoon the Phillies meet Brooklyn in a series which is to be the making or breaking of the Moranan for 1916.

Unfortunately, Moran's pitchers, with the exception of Alexander and Rixey, have been a distinct disappointment this season. It was supposed that Demaree, Chalmers, Bender and McQuillan would be able to hold up their end of the hurling.

The absence of Bert Niehoff from the game has hurt the Phillies too, not only in actual games lost, but in the confidence felt by the members of the team. Dugy is an smart player, but his hitting is far below that of Niehoff and his fielding is not as good as the man for whom he has been substituting.

Zimmerman's Transfer Did Not Hurt Game

IF HEINE ZIMMERMAN had been traded or sold to the Dodgers, Boston or the Phillies, there would probably have been a mighty wail from the other two clubs.

As it is, the Giants have the hard-hitting infielder and as they have no chance to win the flag in the National League this season, the game has been done no harm.

If John McGraw is able to get along well with Zimmerman the Giants will be greatly benefited in 1917, but if the reverse is true it would have been better for the New York club never to have made the deal in which they lost Larry Doyle.

Odds on Philadelphia Golfers Pick Up

PHILADELPHIANS are slowly but surely creeping up in the favor of the gathering which is now getting fairly numerous at the Merion golf links, where the national championship will be played beginning Monday.

Two weeks ago not a local player was conceded a chance to get anywhere in the tournament, but there are now bets laid almost every day that some one or other of the local favorites will find a place as far along as the semifinals, or that one will at least upset a good man before he is beaten.

The increase in favor is due mostly to an increased respect for the Merion course. It had been widely touted in various sections as a course of nice sloping lawn, beautiful greens, many deep but not dangerous traps, and other golf scenery that was in no way harmful to the expert.

The locals on the other hand have all played the course many times, most of them are going at top form, and they look very good when stacked up alongside the desperate strangers to the course.

The bets against the locals are still very long for the most part, but there is now real money being laid that a local will win, something that no one would have predicted a month ago.

McLoughlin's Service Has Lost Its Sting

MAURICE E. McLOUGHLIN, the famous California Comet, who two years ago was hailed as the world's greatest lawn tennis player, will not win the thirty-sixth annual tennis championship of these United States.

"Mac's" service has lost its sting, else how could Johnston and Griffin have broken through it an even half dozen times in four sets? His ground strokes are also bad.

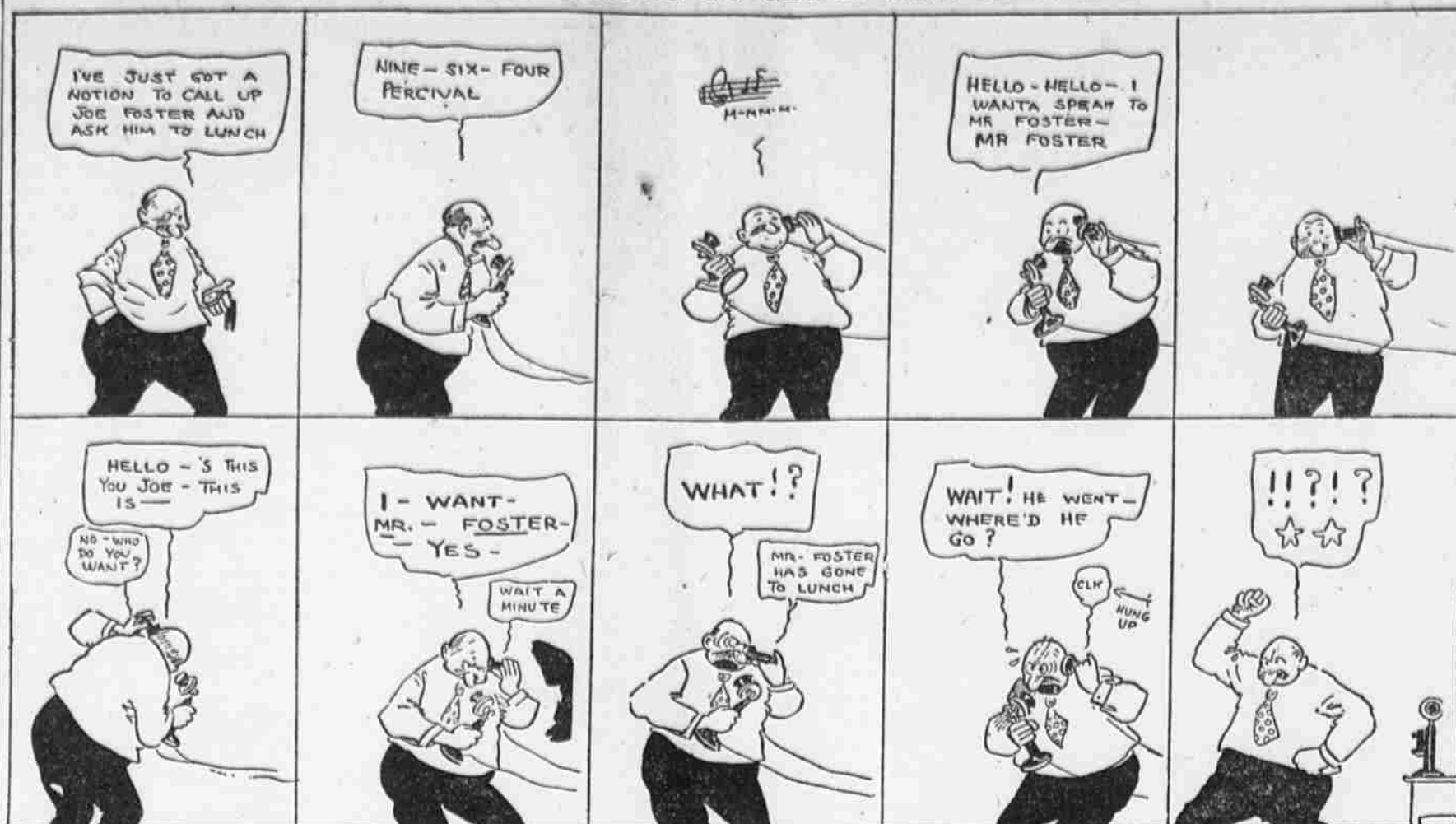
Last year it was evident that McLoughlin was slipping, but this year it is the opinion of some five or six thousand players and fans that he has slipped.

McLoughlin cannot expect to have his service taken six times in four sets, earn less than two points a game and still come out ahead of a field which today includes such players as R. Norris Williams, 2d, Clarence James Griffin, Willis E. Davis, William M. Johnston, George M. Church, R. Lindley Murray and Karl H. Behr, as well as a host of others.

The defeat of Ichiza Kumagai, the Japanese champion, who recently won from W. M. Johnston at Newport, by George M. Church, has boosted the stock of the ex-Princeton man many per cent. There are experts who now believe that Church is to emerge the national champion. He has improved more than any other player in America during the last year, and indeed it would not be surprising to see him win the tournament at Forest Hills, although he has a hard task ahead of him.

The Athletics yesterday played poorly, and mainly because they did not have any confidence in Sheehan, who started in the box. Whenever a team has no confidence in the hurler it is a safe bet that they are going to play a very poor game. That is what the Athletics did, anyway.

MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO GET A MAN ON THE PHONE



WALSH GOES TO CARRIGAN'S CLUB IN HALEY TRADE

Athletics' Outfielder May Have Chance to Get in on World's Series Pie

EXPECT DON BROWN

Jimmy Walsh, outfielder of the Athletics and one of the few remaining members of the famous pennant-winning machine of the American League, has been released by the Boston Red Sox and will report to Manager Carrigan today.

Walsh will report to Boston just in time to be eligible to play in the world's series if the Red Sox win the American League pennant. He was to have been released earlier, but Mack expected Don Brown, the young outfielder from Harrisburg, to report this week, which the latter failed to do.

It is not likely now that Brown will remain with the Mackmen very long when he does report, for Manager Mack does not care to handle players who have to be forced to report. Brown was formerly owned by the Yankees, who sent him to Harrisburg. Brown asserts New York owes him some salary and demands that Mack make good the money before he will report.

PAT MORAN, NOW FEARING BRAVES, TO CHANGE PLANS

Leader of Champs Believes Brooklyn Will Not Hold Up Much Longer

DODGERS HERE TOMORROW

BY CHANDLER D. RICHTER

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 31.—Manager Moran, of the Phillies, is inclined to believe that the Braves are likely to be the team that will be battling the champions for the National League pennant within a few weeks, and he is thinking seriously of changing his plan of working his pitchers against Brooklyn in the series starting in Philadelphia tomorrow.

According to a plan mapped out by Moran on Sunday, Alexander and Rixey were to have pitched tomorrow's double-header against the Dodgers, and the same pair would face Robinson's team again on Monday (Labor Day), with either Al Demaree or Erskine Mayer hurling on Saturday.

Here is the way the board of strategy figures out the plan of battle for the important series with the Brooklyn and Boston. Alexander and Rixey are to be sent at the Dodgers in the twin bill tomorrow. If both games are won, Mayer or Oeschger will be sent against the Dodgers on Saturday. In case the Saturday game is lost, Alexander will pitch the morning game on Monday, with Demaree hurling the afternoon game in case Alexander wins in the morning.

Have Chance For Four In this way Phil will be assured three victories, have a splendid chance to make it four out of five, as Demaree is almost unbeatable when the center-field bleachers are crowded, and the batsmen cannot hit his fast ball with such a background. That is why Demaree always is on the mound in the second game of a double-header and on Saturday, whenever it is possible for Moran to manipulate his staff accordingly.

This plan, depending entirely upon the breaks, would enable Moran to use Rixey in the opening game of the series with the Braves, and to send Alexander in for the second game, coming back with Rixey on Thursday. Of course if the Phillies should be upset by the Dodgers and lose two of the first three games, it would spoil Moran's plan, as it would be necessary to come back with Alexander and Rixey on Monday.

If Alexander and Rixey are sent against the Dodgers twice, it will leave the pitching staff in poor shape for the start of the series with the Braves. Moran is confident, however, that the Phils will get the jump on Brooklyn, and he will be able to save one of his stars for the first game against the Braves.

Facing the Test Moran and his men realize that they are facing the supreme test. If they can beat Brooklyn and Boston, they probably will win the pennant, whereas, if they fall down in either series nothing but a sensational finish can put the champions back in the race.

Yesterday's defeat in Chicago caused the Phils to lose their first series in the West in two years, seven of the thirteen games being lost. It was an unprofitable trip, as the Phils should have won a large percentage of the games and gained on the leaders.

Al Demaree pitched grand ball, barring one inning, but Jimmy Lavender, was unbeatable, with the Cubs pulling sensational fielding plays. The champions got only three hits, and without a lot of luck, a ball team cannot win games on this paltry number.

One little play turned the whole game. It happened when Cooper batted the left-field bleachers just as Zeider's drive had lodged squarely in his hands. Cooper made a great try and probably would have held the ball if he had not bumped the wall. The ball bounded out of his hands and Zeider got a double. Flack sacrificed and Mann followed with a single, scoring Zeider. Mann was out trying to stretch his hit into a double, but Sater and Williams doubled, the former scoring. Barring this inning neither team had much of a chance to score.

Sensational fielding by Paekert and Williams featured the game.

JOE BUSH, NOT EDDIE PLANK, NOW IS THE LEADING HERO OF 1916 CAMPAIGN, CLAIMS RICE

Gettysburg Veteran Is Marvel Beyond Debate, But Mack Star's No-Hit Game Is Merely Crowning Incident to Wonderful Year

BY GRANTLAND RICE

A FEW days ago we figured that Edward A. Plank, the Gettysburg Guide, was the leading hero of the 1916 campaign.

We are beginning to indulge in a faint gray hunch that we were wrong. Plank is one of the game's wonders, a marvel beyond all debate. But we doubt very much if even Plank has quite reached the heroic heights attained by Joe Bush, who has come as close to a Miracle Season as any pitcher we have ever known.

An Entire Pitching Staff You have heard of pitchers before who have won 30 or 40 games. But how often have you heard of one pitcher turning in over half the victories run up by an entire club through an entire season?

Not very often. We recall no case at this writing, but Bush has this opportunity ahead. So far he has won 14 games, or more than the rest of the staff put together. And in winning these games Bush was called upon to use an abnormal amount of stuff, as the Mackian record might indicate. The fact that he was able to turn in a no-hit game is merely a crowning incident to a wonderful year—all the more wonderful when you figure what the Mackmen have done with other good pitchers in the box. The work that Bush has done this season, if it had been used for a first division club, would have made him the leading winner in the American League—on a par with Alexander in the National.

As it is, only eight other pitchers have won more games, and these all have been with clubs well up in the race.

Concerning Fred Merkle Whenever Fred Merkle finishes, there is always this one fact to fall back on that stamps him as a marvel—

Just eight years ago he came through with a play that cost his club the championship. At that moment and long thereafter he was the most bitterly assailed ballplayer in the span of the game.

But since that date Merkle has played in over 1000 games with the same club and has been a vital factor in three pennant years.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Returns of the Johnny Dundee-Joe Welling bout in New York were unanimous in declaring the former a winner on points, but as to whether he had won the knock-out punch, there was a wide variance of opinion.

As a waterweight, Sammy Robleson, new Brooklyn boxer, has lost the 142-pounders sitting on the floor rubbing his jaws. Last season Robby weakened himself getting down to 135 pounds, thereby doing his pitching powers an injustice.

Two New York glovemen, who will demonstrate their respective wares in Philly shortly, are scheduled for matches in Gotham tonight. They are Irish Patsy Cline and Larry Hansen. The former meets Young Rector, while Larry will endeavor to lambast George Yolk, a sailor.

Rumor has it that when Willie Meehan, the Fat Boy from Frisco, returns here he will be loaded after by a Philadelphian. It is said Meehan has been negotiating with Sam Jacobs to go the heavyweight's boxing. Willie boxes Bill Slocum, after having won 11 bouts since his return to the coast, at Portland, Ore., last May.

Jimmy McCabe was only a slip of a kid when he started boxing. He gradually has improved and is now a contender for the title. He is believed to be prepared to go after big game. If McCabe can beat Al Johnson Monday night at the Olympia it will be a big boost for him, but he has a hard job on his hands.

Although Whittier Fitzgerald, of West Philly, has been following a lead in the local amateur competitions he will have to be better than ever to keep up with the top tier at the Washington Sports Club tomorrow night. Tucker is a great little battler and a real fox in the ring.

Gene Delmont has about 300 miles of traveling before him. Baby Reynolds will take him from Philadelphia to Chicago for a mix with Eddie Kansas Saturday night and then back to Evans-

Johnny Dundee Beats Welling

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Johnny Dundee, of this city, outboxed Joe Welling, of Chicago, in eight rounds of their 10-round bout here last night.

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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—WHAT KIND WAS HE, EUSTACIUS, A PEARL DIVER?

