

BIG BILL'S DREADNOUGHTS READY TO SINK PITT'S CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES ON SATURDAY

HOLLENBACK WILL AID PENN WHEN SYRACUSE MEETS PITT ON GRIDIRON NEXT SATURDAY

Both Teams Will Feel Effects of Hard Battle, and Warner's Men May Not Be in Shape for Red and Blue Combat on October 28

BIG BILL HOLLENBACK and his mastodontic eleven from Syracuse now occupy the spotlight in the football world. For two weeks the gang of gridiron warriors has been ruing all opposition, running up tremendous scores and treating the foe in that kind and gentle manner that made General Villa famous. In other words, the opposing players were lucky to get out alive, for they were outclassed from the start. In the first game against Ohio University—not Ohio State, as was first supposed—Syracuse won by the close score of 75 to 0. Last Saturday Franklin and Marshall wandered into the town up in New York State and finished only 40 points behind. Next Saturday Hollenback's huskies will clash with the University of Pittsburgh, and if we are not mistaken one of the greatest games in the history of football will be played. Therefore, Large William takes his bow before the public.

It is said by football officials and innocent spectators who witnessed Syracuse in action that the team looks like the reception committee of the piano movers' union when it takes the field. Captain Fate White, with his six feet six inches of bone and muscle, towers above the others, who range from a paltry six feet to six feet four inches in height. The weights run up to only 275 pounds and the center tries averages 236. Newberry, the speedy halfback, tips the beam at only 200, but he probably will put on weight before the season is over. In all, it is a terrible gang of dreadnoughts, and unless something happens, like running into a wreck or something, the future opponents will have that same calm, restful feeling before entering the game as a guy about to walk the plank.

Big Bill Unconsciously Aids Penn

NOW we must drag in Mr. Hollenback once more. Bill, you know, is a loyal Pennsylvanian, a great pal of Bob Fowlwell's, and last winter ran second in the race for head coach of the Red and Blue. Fowlwell was appointed, but Bill was not annoyed. He just turned around and got himself another job, which looks to be the best after all. Before he left for Syracuse, however, Hollenback told Fowlwell that he would do everything in his power to help his Alma Mater on the football field, and his chance has come, unolicited. It is just a strange twist of fate, and now Bill unconsciously will deliver the goods. Take a look at the dope:

Next Saturday Syracuse plays Pittsburgh and a hard game is looked for. No matter how this battle turns out, both Pitt and Syracuse will know that they have been in a football game, and the chances are that the players on both sides will be used up and feel the effects of a severe combat. This is to be expected, but the aftermath brings in Bob Fowlwell and the Red and Blue. You know Penn plays Pitt on the following Saturday, and if Glenn Warner's men go through a strenuous session they might not be so good in the game on October 28.

Neither Side Will Break the Rules

THIS does not mean that Syracuse will deliberately try to injure the Pitt players. In the first place, neither team plays that kind of football; and in the second place, the officials would not let them get away with it. Syracuse will play hard, aggressive football, however, and Pitt will do the same. Then the teams which appear on the schedules will reap the benefits—if any—on the following Saturday. There is no doubt that Syracuse will help Penn considerably next Saturday, and would do so whether Hollenback were coaching or not. But Bill has stepped in and might as well get all that is coming to him.

Then, on November 4, Syracuse will put on a battle with Dartmouth at Springfield, Mass. This, too, will be a rip snorter between two husky teams, and again both elevens will feel the effects of a hard game. Penn will profit from this battle, as she meets Dartmouth on the following Saturday, November 11, and will have the edge. Thus Big Bill assumes the role of Good Samaritan for the Red and Blue and gets the job without a single rehearsal. He will help Penn—only he won't know it.

Magnates Trying to Shift Blame Upon Players

EVIDENTLY there has been some sort of a conference between a number of baseball magnates, as all the stories sent out from New York, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis tell us of two major league teams interviewing a "certain magnate" appear to coincide, but they do not ring as true as Ban Johnson's sensational announcement that he intended to clean house and would not consent to another year's series under the conditions that existed this fall.

The magnates appear to have changed their tune and now declare that the greediness of the players has caused all their trouble. They blame the players for the increased prices and other methods of squeezing the public. They assert that during the war with the Federal League the players held them up for such large salaries that it became necessary to raise the prices to break even and they favor cutting the salaries all around "in order to give the fans a square deal."

This all sounds very good, but now Ban Johnson comes along with a statement that every club in the American League made money, and plenty of it, excepting the Athletics, whereas "the certain magnates" have been quoted to the effect that the majority of major league teams lost money. According to this we must believe that all but one of the National League teams lost money, if Johnson's statement that seven American League clubs made money, is correct.

It looks very much like the ancient pastime of "passing the buck," with the magnates trying to shift the blame upon the players for their own mistakes. The players were not responsible for the baseball war and should not be blamed because they took advantage of an opportunity to better their conditions. There were many who made the dollar mark their idol, and we hope they are the ones to suffer; but the magnates have no one to blame but themselves, and the wall about losing money does not ring true in view of the fact that both races were so close that four cities in each league drew well enough at all times to protect the clubs that would have lost money under ordinary conditions.

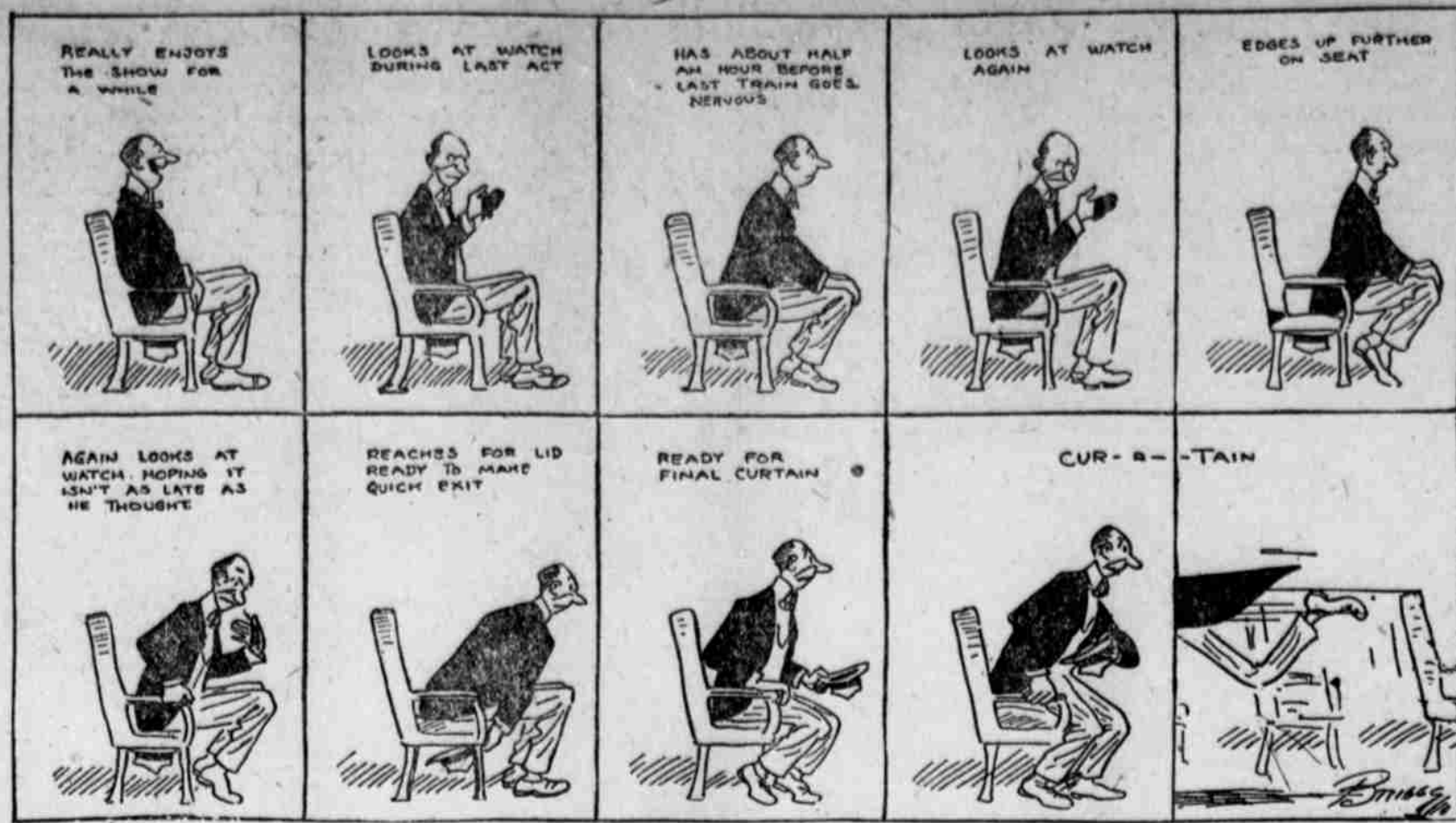
One baseball magnate says that he favors cutting the prices of the world's series tickets, but that he regrets that the players' receipts will be cut down so much. As a general thing when players win a pennant for a magnate they draw enormous crowds and enrich the club to such an extent that we should think that the magnates could well afford to sacrifice their share, while we never could see why the National Commission should take such a large rake-off.

Charley Ebbets wants only \$2,000,000 for his franchise and insists that it is a bargain. About \$500,000 would be a large price for the Dodgers, and Ebbets could not expect more, excepting the usual price for good will. Ebbets evidently wants \$1,500,000 for the good will the Brooklyn fans do not feel toward him or the club. If Ebbets retains his franchise he probably will find out just what the good will is worth after his exhibition of mistreating the public that has supported him so loyally for years.

In Boston they claim that Percy Haughton was induced to offer his services to the Harvard football team because he found himself decidedly unpopular when he deserted the Crimson when he was needed most. Boston scribes do not hesitate to call him a fair weather coach. They claim that Haughton could not have been induced to quit under any conditions when he had a Brickley and a Mahan around whom the offense could be built, but that soon as Boles and Gilman were lost to the team, he realized that Harvard's prospects were not bright. It now is up to Haughton to prove that he made the material instead of the material making him.

Pitt surely had a narrow escape at the hands of the Navy, and it looks very much as if Warner's powerful team is not in the same form as at this time a year ago. It is possible, however, that Warner is not uncovering his play as early as he did in 1915, and has unpleasant surprises stored up for Syracuse and Penn. Even allowing for Pitt covering up its play, the Midshipmen proved beyond doubt that they have one of the strongest teams that has represented the Naval Academy in years.

MOVIE OF A COMMUTER ENJOYING A GOOD SHOW



HARRY LE GORE LOOKS LIKE BEST ALL-AROUND BACKFIELD PLAYER ON EASTERN GRIDIRON

Surrounded by Strong Supporting Cast, Yale Sensation Should Supplant Mahan and Barrett in Football Circles This Season

By GRANTLAND RICE

Soon there comes a deadly quiet. To the campus, dull and dreary; Ended then the raucous riot. Of the frenzied college cheer; But a brooding pall will hover And the laurel turn to moss. When the halfback tackles Horace And is thrown back for a loss.

Now the fullback rushes gaily Through the thickest of the fray; As he dashes under steam; But he shudders at the future, With his system all a-sorech, Where the feintive elder Pitts Does a war dance on his sock.

Where the quarterback now dashes Through the thickest of the fray; You may shudder at the clashes Of the foemen in the fray; Though you think the game is brutal, As a passing it will fall To the agony that follows When Catulus takes the ball.

The All-Star Back

WITH the passing in turn of Thorpe, Brickley, Hardwick, Mahan and Barrett, the best all-around backfield star of the Eastern span this season looks to be Harry Le Gore of Yale.

Le Gore should reach great heights this season. He not only has fine speed and great power, but also most of the tricks of the backfield trade. Few can use the straight-arm with more telling effect, and when this play isn't in order his side-stepping, dodging qualities will meet the occasion.

Le Gore never has had the team before to show anywhere near his top form. Mahan, on a weak eleven, would have been good, but hardly great. A back may be an fleet and swift as the autumn wind, but if he is called before he starts his speed goes for nothing.

Le Gore has a far better team around him than he had two years ago; and before



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