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RACE FOR NATIONAL PENNANT BEGINS TODAY - WESTERN TEAMS WADE THE EAST FOR FIRST TIME

Philadelphia Clashes With Phils and Should Make Game Interesting for Moran's Men - Athletics Depart for Mound City - Open Tomorrow

The race for the National League pennant begins today, when the invaders of the West clash with the representatives of the East in the first important game of the year. Tomorrow the American League will find out where it stands in the race for the title.

The season started it was predicted that the East, as of yore, would win the pennant-winning teams. The Giants were picked to win the Teaser with the Red Sox and the Yankees favorites for the other.

Western clubs are in the better shape, as they have not encountered such terrible weather and more games have been played. This has helped the pitchers considerably and their curves and slants should worry the defenders of the East.

Cardinals Will Make Phils Hustle in Four-Game Series

MILLER HUGGINS and his reconstructed Cardinals will be with us today, and it is a cinch that they will make things interesting for the home-town boys. The Cardinals are not in the best of shape and will experience some difficulty in putting their bats across St. Louis.

As for the Phils, they are facing quite a handicap. After regaining their stride in winning five in a row, they encountered frigid weather and rain, which threw them off their stride and seriously affected the pitching staff.

It would not be at all surprising to see St. Louis take the first couple of games. The visitors are going good and have not yet experienced the rigors of the North.

Pittsburgh, With Weakest Team in Years, Meets Braves

It is generally accepted notion that the Pirates are about the weakest team that ever had the temerity to venture upon a major league campaign, and their standing bears out this belief.

About a week ago the story came out. The Cubs were after a certain pitcher and before the deal was closed he learned that the Giants also had put in their bid.

Perhaps Weeghman has something up his sleeve to spring later on, but he will have to spring it soon if he is to be taken seriously.

Athletics Will Show True Strength in Western Tour

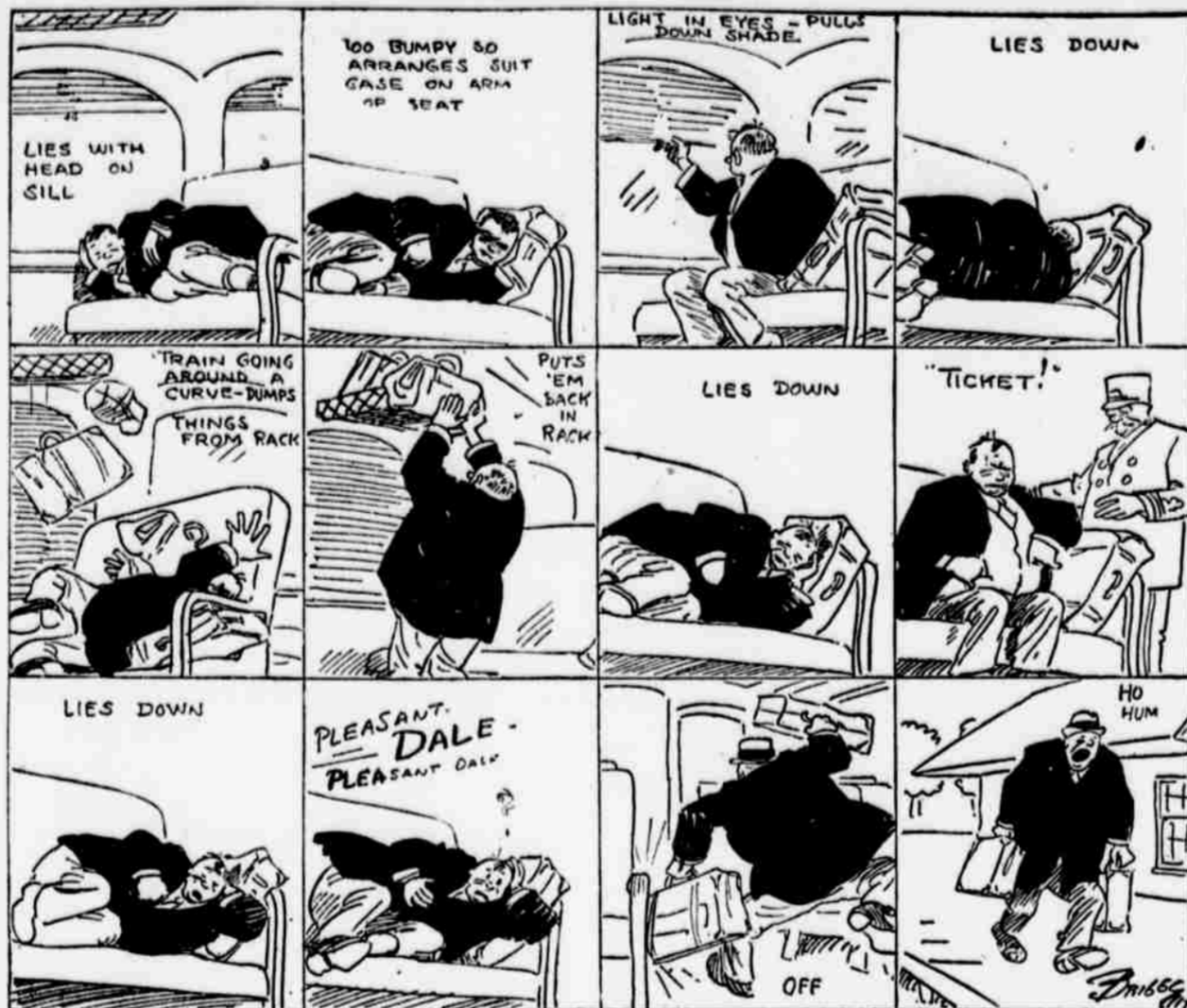
ARNOLD shipped his gang of maulers to St. Louis last night, where it will begin the western invasion tomorrow. The team will be away until May 28, and that time we will know just how good the 1917 edition really is.

AS a crime to lose that game to the Yanks yesterday. Several opportunities to score were tossed away and the breaks all went against them.

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MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO SLEEP IN A DAY COACH



HOW TO PLAY GOLF

By CHARLES "CHICK" EVANS

IN GOLF, as in every other game demanding skill, beginning right is of the utmost importance. It fitsly illustrates the old saying, that a good beginning is half the battle.



CHICK EVANS.

It hardly seems necessary to say that if one builds an edifice that one hopes will endure the foundation must be carefully laid with due regard to the laws that govern the construction of good buildings.

Wrong Start Fatal The poor swings, the indifferent stances, all the faults in fact of a wholly unorthodox game, frequently are due to a wrong start.

Faulty Work Wastes Labor It is because I have wasted many precious hours undoing faulty work that I try to emphasize the importance of starting right.

FATE OF BOXING IN N. Y. NOW IS IN THE BALANCE

ALBANY, N. Y., May 8.—Reluctantly yielding to the importunities of Governor Whitman, to whose wishes he has yielded on the local option bill, Senator Brown, leader in the Senate, paved the way last night for the repeal of the Frawley boxing law.

At a conference of the Republican Senators, twenty-one members, including Brown, voted to put through the repeal bill. Only seven Senators stood out against the Governor.

While the twenty-one Senators who voted in the conference are not enough to pass the measure, Senator Brown is said to count on obtaining united party support for the bill.

JACK M'INNIS KEEPS UP DAILY SLUGGING

Mack's First Baseman Has Made One Bingle in Every Game Played to Date

"Stuffy" M'innis' record for hitting safely in consecutive games is still unbroken. The Athletics' first baseman made his regular daily hit yesterday, making seventeen games in a row that he had made at least one single.

The order of the batting leaders in the National League is slightly changed as a result of yesterday's campaigning.

In the American League Speaker is still in front, but with a reduced batting average. Slater improved his standing, and now is only twelve points behind the Cleveland slugger.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Player, Club, G, A, B, R, H, Ave. Rows include Reusch, Burns, Cravath.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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SWIFT-WORKING, SMART-THINKING ATHLETE GETS THE CALL IN ALL DEPARTMENTS OF SPORT GAME

Frigid and Soggy Weather Conditions Fail to Furnish Outlet for the Genial Dope of the Early Ball Season

By GRANTLAND RICE

ONCE in a while the slow, deliberate type of athlete is a star. But this is far from being the general rule. On the average the star is a fast worker, with few false actions, with no undue waste, with nervous tension not permitted to grow through an extended delay.

There Are Pitchers In baseball the fastest working pitcher has ever been seen was that of Christy Mathewson.

When Matty worked, as a rule, you could figure the span of the game from an hour and thirty minutes to an hour and forty minutes.

Games are delayed and held up by slow pitching more than by any other factor. And when the stars are pitching there is always less delay, with few exceptions.

In Golf Very few of the great golfers belong to the deliberative, lagging type. Traversi, Cullis and Evans step up, hit the ball and move along.

Careful play is all very well enough, but too much deliberation kills impetus. The slow golfer is very rarely a good player. Alexander Smith, twice open champion, plays like a streak.

Winter League Stuff Baseball has been too badly frozen since opening day to give the genial dope any logical outlet.

With Joe Jackson under .240, Eddie Collins around .230, Frank Baker way off and other stars far out of gear, several weeks may follow before the depressed athletes get going at normal speed.

Detroit, with a team batting average of .202, is a joke. A club that numbers Cobb, Veach, Crawford and Heilman belongs around .260.

Figures compiled in the presence of cold

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Advertisement for Ripwood collars: RIPWOOD For warm days and comfort! 15 cent Collars. EARL & WILSON.

Large advertisement for Velvet Joe tobacco featuring a woman character 'Mother Nature' and a man 'Velvet Joe'. Text includes 'A MIGHTY good doctor says to me once: "When it comes to curin' folks, Nature is the real M. D.—I'm only her assistant." That's the way I feel about curin' tobacco.' and 'Scat! I'm saving this for VELVET!'.

Advertisement for races: RACES. Baltimore & Ohio. National League Park. Phillies vs. St. Louis. Game at 1 P. M.