

PLACE THE BASEBALL WAR LEVY WHERE IT REALLY BELONGS—STICK IT ON THE UMPIRES

ALEXANDER VANQUISHES CARDINALS AND PUTS CRIMP INTO THE WESTERN INVASION; ALLOWS BUT FOUR HITS

Premier Pitcher Also Stages Sensational Fielding Play Which Prevents Score—Phils Loaf on Base Lines and Fail to Run Out Hits

THE Phils accomplished something when they defeated St. Louis yesterday, notwithstanding the closeness of the score. They walloped a team which has startled the National League and set such a hot pace in the West that the Giants were in danger of losing their footing place at the top of the official standing.

But it was a glorious victory for the Phils; it was even more glorious for Grover C. Alexander. The big twirler was in wonderful shape and pitched his best game this year. Only four hits were made off him, two of them being rather fluky and coming in one inning.

Then Alex asserted himself. Rogers Hornsby, the best hitter on the club, stroled up to the plate and was handed three balls on the outside which he failed to hit.

AT THAT, Alexander would have had a hard time of it if Bill Klem hadn't been behind the plate. Bill is one of the best umpires in the league on balls and strikes, and he called them right.

Phils Are Slow in Running Out Hits

THERE was considerable loafing on the bases yesterday, and it seemed as if most of it was done between the home plate and first base. In the third inning Bancroft hit one to Betzel at second and was so slow in getting down that Betzel has time to fumble the ball, kick it around and retire the runner.

Cravath also felled well, accepting three difficult chances without a miss. The others did well on the defense, Bancroft's error being the only one to mar a perfect day.

THIS one play took a lot of life out of the Cardinals, for they realized that Alexander was a wonderful fielder as well as a pitcher. They acted differently after that and, save in the fourth inning, never had a chance to score.

Athletics Lose First Game to the Crippled Browns

JUST because Frank Thrasher was slow in fielding Ernie Johnson's single in the eighth inning St. Louis scored a run and defeated the Athletics in the first game of the series yesterday. It was a tough game to lose, especially now that the club is resting in last place, and Connie has no desire to stay there.

The Browns did not put their strongest team in the field. George Sisler, the leading batsman of the league, has a sprained thumb, and Del Pratt, the regular second-sacker, is suffering from a broken bone in his right wrist.

CONNIE'S men are not disheartened and will go at the enemy harder than ever today. Noyes is slated to do mound duty and will oppose Earl Hamilton.

Connie Mack Patriarch of Major League Pilots

CONNIE MACK is the patriarch of the pilots in the big leagues. Jack Barry, his pupil, is the junior member of the managerial organization. The average age of the big league pilots is forty-two, and as Connie boasts of fifty-four years upon earth he is found to be the oldest.

Moran, Mitchell, Donovan, Callahan, Connie Mack and Robinson are the products of the Bay State, while Pennsylvania is responsible for Jennings, Mathewson, Jones and Fohl. Stallings is a native of Georgia.

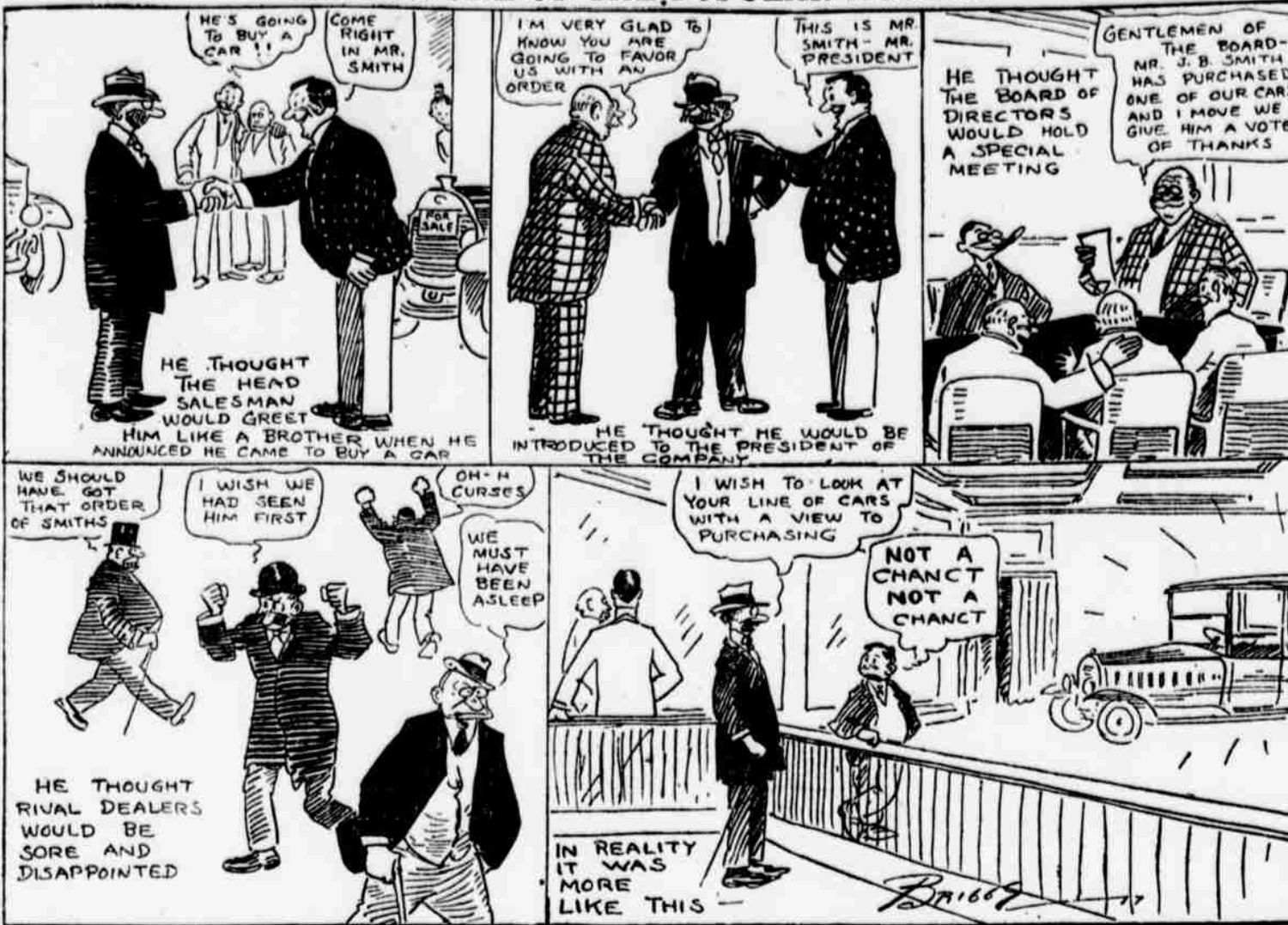
WHAT punishment could be considered severe enough to equal Pitcher Davenport's feat of stopping our "Stuffy's" record of consecutive hits per game? We might venture a half-hearted wish that he never earns a no-hit game, but we can't even do that, because Dave pitched a no-hit game against the Chicago Federals in 1915.

Swarthmore Is Proper Opponent for Straw Hat Day

AFTER shifting several dates and shuffling up a few colleges, Penn finally has selected an opponent for the belated straw hat day baseball game. At first it was Harvard, then Brown and now it is Swarthmore College.

PENN need not travel far for suitable opponents on the athletic field. In the western part of the State the University of Pittsburgh holds forth and the teams there cannot be sneered at.

BUYING ONE OF THE POPULAR MODELS



WALTER JOHNSON IS SLIPPING OR THE BIG FELLOW HAS FALLEN AGAINST AWFUL BAD LUCK BARRIER

In Any Event, Present Season's Start Is Poorest Encountered by the Idaho Howitzer Since Entering Fast Baseball Society

By GRANTLAND RICE A Song of the Trench

Today we work or fight or dream, But who thinks of Tomorrow? Today we see the sunlight stream, But who will see Tomorrow? Time was we saw years speed away, Or months drift by in idle play, But now life only means Today, For who will know Tomorrow?

It may be Fate will yield the bliss Of knowing a Tomorrow; But only dreamers think of this, O look to a Tomorrow; Today is quite enough to sight The flame that flares above the fight Where life is like the candle light That never knows Tomorrow.

IT MAY be that one Walter Johnson is drifting back. So far as the record travels in the way of results he has bumped against the toughest spring start of his career.

But this might be considered, also. In two of his defeats Johnson allowed but two hits. In still another game he was shut out. Figure from this just what chance the Idaho howitzer had of beating back untemper Fate.

John L. and Jess W. Can any one imagine John Lawrence Sullivan when he was at the top being invited to such a benefit as that given to French sailors the other night—and then refusing to come?

Yet there are those who wonder why old John L. was a popular idol and why it is that Jess Willard is a drab outfit against a dull gray sky. Willard was to be the feature of this entertainment. He failed to appear. If he had a reason, he failed to give it out.

Which is an excellent tip-off on the fight game today as handed out by its leading exponent.

The In-Bad Association Prizefight promoters. Wrestlers. Second division managers after July. The guy who missed the Kaiser.

The Western Test The highly efficient Red Sox are now facing their first extreme test along the third lap of three pennants in a row.

But there are evidences of rougher days along western highways. Facing Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and St. Louis in succession while the latter are entrenched behind home ramparts is another matter.

The Red Sox have always done well in the West. Most of their pennant winning tactics were employed upon western fields. Last September they reached the front by cutting the souls out of Chicago and Detroit, even with Barry missing.

must do the work. And the West can only do it by offering 100 per cent resistance.

Pittsburgh isn't missing Wagner any more than Germany would miss the Kaiser. Anyway, the odds are that Jess Willard could be enticed to a big benefit given for Jess Willard.

There are faster men in baseball than Ty Cobb, but they don't get where they are going to quite as soon.

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STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER OPEN SEASON TOMORROW

The Strawbridge & Clothier baseball team will open the 1917 season tomorrow, playing the strong Towanda Club on the grounds, Sixty-third and Walnut streets, Towanda has been playing very consistent ball, having recently defeated the Jenkintown team of the Montgomery County League.

FRAWLEY BOXING LAW IN NEW YORK KILLED NOV. 15

ALBANY, May 11.—Boxing in New York under the protection and direction of the Frawley law permitting ten-round no decision contests will come to an end November 15 next. Boxing, it is expected, will continue in a desultory fashion under the old system of putting on bouts before "members" of "clubs," but the days of the big, well-patronized bouts are numbered.

NORTH STAR III IS OUT OF BIG KENTUCKY DERBY

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 11.—North Star III, one of A. K. Macomber's entries for the famous turf classic, the Kentucky Derby,

which will be run at Churchill Downs tomorrow, will not start. The colt had been picked by many experts as the probable winner of the race, but he has suffered a bowed tendon, and for that reason will be unable to go to the post.

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